

Hurdles 1sov, Avondale Handicap 3sovs, Chevalier Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Railway Handicap 1sov, Titirangi Welter Handicap 1sov.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Waikumete Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Welter Handicap 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 2sovs, Mount Eden Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Dominion Handicap 1sov, Mount Roskill Handicap 1sov, Waitakereti Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

MONDAY APRIL 13 (ON OR ABOUT).

HANDICAPS.—Maiden Plate Handicap, Juvenile Handicap, Oakley Handicap, Handicap Maiden Hurdles, Avondale Handicap, Chevalier Steeplechase Handicap, Railway Handicap, Titirangi Welter Handicap.

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HARRY H. HAYR, Secretary.

FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB.

EASTER MEETING, MONDAY AND TUESDAY, APRIL 13 AND 14, 1914.

FIRST DAY,

MONDAY APRIL 13, 1914.

- 1. WAIATA HACK of 100sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a race exceeding 30sovs in value at time of starting. Weight, 8.0. Nom. 1 sov, accept. 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

SECOND DAY,

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1914.

- 1. AWAHURI HACK WELTER (HANDICAP) of 100sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs out of the stake. Min. weight, 7.7. Nom. 1sov, accept. 1 sov. Seven furlongs.

PENALTIES.

FLAT RACES.—The winner of any flat race exceeding 30sovs in value after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb, and of every additional race a further penalty of 6lb.

HURDLE RACES.—The winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb in the hurdle races, and for every additional race 7lb extra.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES, WITH AMOUNTS TO BE TRANSMITTED THEREWITH.

N.B.—All Entries, Nominations and Acceptances close at the Secretary's Office, MacArthur Street, Feilding, at 8.30 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

NOMINATIONS.—Waiata Hack 1sov, Mangaone Stakes 1sov, Kawa Kawa Hurdles 1sov, Taonui Hack Hurdles 1sov, Feilding Cup 1sov, Onepuhi Hack Welter 1sov, Ongo Hack 1sov, Halcombe Welter 1sov, Denbigh Stakes 1sov, Awahuri Hack Welter 1sov, Kimbolton Hurdles 1sov, Oroua Hack Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 1sov, Rewa Hack Handicap 1sov, Maiden Scurry 1sov, Makino Welter 1sov.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4.

ACCEPTANCES.—Waiata Hack 1sov, Mangaone Stakes 3sovs, Kawa Kawa Hurdles 2sovs, Taonui Hack Hurdles 1sov, Feilding Cup 5sovs, Onepuhi Hack Welter 1sov, Ongo Hack 1sov, Halcombe Welter 2sovs. Also for Maiden Scurry (Second Day) 1sov.

ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's Events as under will close on the night of the First Day's Races, with the Secretary, at his Office, Feilding, at 9 p.m.:

Denbigh Stakes 2sovs, Awahuri Hack Welter 1sov, Kimbolton Hurdles 2sovs, Oroua Hack Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 4sovs, Rewa Hack Handicap 1sov, Makino Welter 2sovs.

HANDICAPS will be declared as follows:—First Day, Saturday, March 28; Second Day, Monday, April 13.

N.B.—The Committee reserve the right to alter the dates of entry, acceptance, etc., prior to closing, also the dates on which handicaps appear, should they deem fit to do so.

EDMD. GOODBEHERE, Secretary.

MASTERTON RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING,

To be held on the Masterton Racecourse Opaki on

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

APRIL 2 AND 3, 1914.

FIRST DAY,

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1914.

- 1. MAIDEN HACK RACE (Weight-for-age) of 75sovs; second horse 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stakes. Entry 30s. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY,

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1914.

- 1. GRANDSTAND HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stakes. Nomination 20s, acceptance 30s. Seven furlongs.

8. ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 85 sovs; second horse 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stakes. Nomination 20s, acceptance 20s. Five furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events (except the Maiden Hack Race) close with the Secretary at his office, Queen-street, Masterton, on FRIDAY, March 6, 1914, at 10 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the First Day's Races will be declared on MONDAY, March 16, 1914, and for the Second Day's Races at the Secretary's Office, Masterton, on THURSDAY, April 2, 1914, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day's Races and Entries for the Maiden Hack Race close with the Secretary at his Office, Queen-street, Masterton, on FRIDAY, March 27, 1914, at 10 p.m., and for the Second Day's Races on THURSDAY, April 2, 1914, at 9 p.m.

A. HATHAWAY, Secretary.

DANNEVIRKE RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

To be held on the Club's Course, Tamaki, ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MARCH 4 and 5, 1914.

FIRST DAY,

- 1. MAIDEN PLATE of 55sovs; second 10sovs, and third 5sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race at time of starting. Weight, 8.0. Entry 30s. Four furlongs and a-half.

SECOND DAY,

- 1. HACK SCURRY of 65sovs; second 10 sovs, third 5sovs from stake. For horses that have not won a flat race at time of starting. Weight, 8.10. Entry 30s. Five furlongs.

NOMINATIONS close with the exception of Maiden and Scurry, with the Secretary on SAT. Feb. 7, 1914, at 9 p.m. WEIGHTS for the First Day, February 14, for Second Day night of First Day's Races, about 8.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day's Races also ENTRIES for the Maiden and Scurry, close with the Sec., Dannevirke, on FEB. 17, at 9 p.m. For Second Day's Races, night of First Day's Races, at 9.30 p.m.

ROBERT TAKLE, Secretary, P.O. Box 55, Dannevirke

RANGITIKEI RACING CLUB.

BULLS.

To be held on the Bulls Racecourse on WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MARCH 25 AND 26, 1914.

PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY,

To start at 12 noon.

- 1. SCOTT MEMORIAL HANDICAP (Open) of 100sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs from the stake. Nom. 1sov, accept. 1sov. Six furlongs.

5. RANGITIKEI CUP (Open), a Handicap of 170sovs; second 15sovs, third 5sovs from the stake. Min. 1sov, accept. 2sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

6. PUKENUI WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 75sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs from the stake. Min. weight, 8.0. Nom. 1sov, accept. 1sov. Seven furlongs.

7. PAREWANUI WELTER HANDICAP (Open) of 100sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs from the stake. Min. weight, 8.0. Nom. 1sov, accept. 1 sov. One mile and 100 yards.

8. NGATIAPA HACK HANDICAP of 70 sovs; second 10sovs from the stake. Nom. 1sov, accept 1sov. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY,

To start at 12 noon.

- 1. CLIFTON HANDICAP (Open) of 90 sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs from the stake. Nom. 1sov, accept. 1sov. Five furlongs.

NOMINATIONS for All Events, including the Maiden Hack Handicap, close TUESDAY, Feb. 24, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS First Day's Events, including Maiden Hack Handicap Race, declared MONDAY, March 16, and for the Second Day's Events at the Office of the Club at 7.30 p.m. on the Evening of the First Day's Races.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day's Events, including Maiden Hack Handicap, will close with the Secretary at the Office of the Club, Bulls, on FRIDAY, March 20, and for the Second Day's Events on the Evening of the First Day's Races.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any race after the declaration of Weights may be re-handicapped by the handicapper.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- 1. Description, age, pedigree and name of trainers must accompany all Nominations.

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FIRST DAY,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st, 1914.

IMPROVERS' TROT HANDICAP (Saddle) of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. For horses that have not won at better than 2.36 to the mile. Limit, 4.9. Nomination 25s, acceptance 30s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

MANGERE HANDICAP (Harness) of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. For horses that have not won at better than 2.32

to the mile. Limit, 4min. Nomination 25s, acceptance 30s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP (Harness) of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.50. Nomination 2½sovs, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, two miles.

EASTER HANDICAP (Saddle) of 115 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 5.54. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, two miles.

HOBSON HANDICAP (Harness) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 3.45. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 1½sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

STEWARDS' TROT HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Limit, 3.56. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 2½sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

CORNWALL HANDICAP (Saddle) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.22. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 2½sovs. Distance, one mile.

MARCONI HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.30. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 1½sovs. Distance, one mile.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4th, 1914.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP TROT (Harness) of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5 sovs each from the stake. For horses that have not won at better than 2.36 to the mile. Limit, 4.9. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Nomination 25s, acceptance 30s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

MANUKAU HANDICAP (Saddle) of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. For horses that have not won at better than 2.32 to the mile. Limit, 4min. Nomination 25s, acceptance 30s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

LIVERPOOL HANDICAP (Harness) of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.50. Nomination 2½sovs, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, two miles.

AUTUMN HANDICAP (Saddle) of 115 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.54. Nomination 1½ sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, two miles.

ADAMS' MEMORIAL HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 3.45. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 1½sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

HILL TROT HANDICAP (Harness) of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Limit, 5.6. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, two miles.

BARN HANDICAP (Harness) of 175 sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 3min. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

FAREWELL HANDICAP (Saddle) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.30. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 1½sovs. Distance, one mile.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1914.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES AND HANDICAPS.

FRIDAY, 20th MARCH, at 9 p.m.
NOMINATIONS for All Events close.

FRIDAY, 27th MARCH, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day close.

THURSDAY, 2nd APRIL, at 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES for the Second Day close.

MONDAY, 23rd MARCH.
HANDICAPS for the First Day appear.

THURSDAY, 2nd APRIL.
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Waiuku—Saturday, 21st.
Kaihu—Saturday, 21st.
Henderson—Monday, 23rd.
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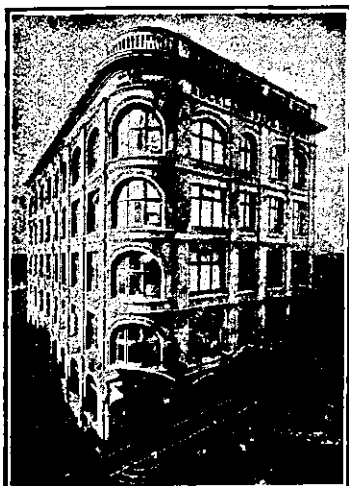
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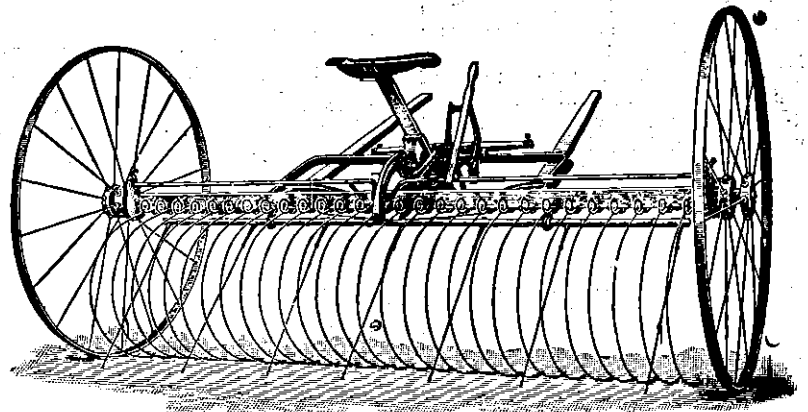
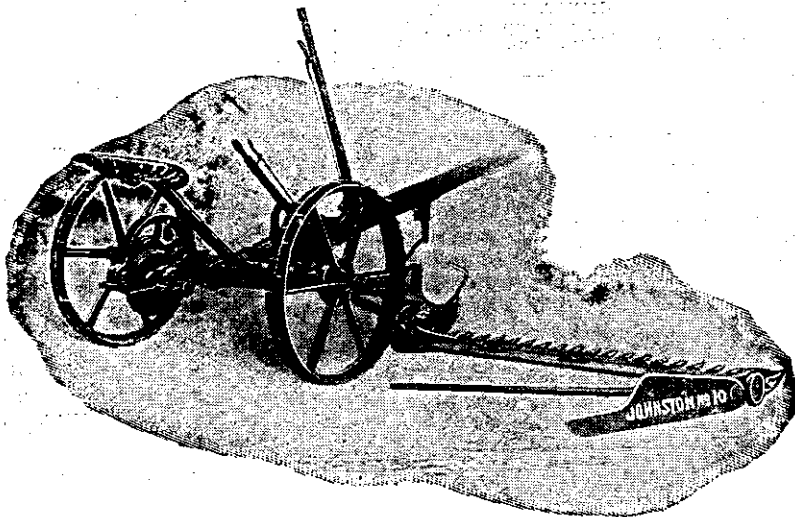
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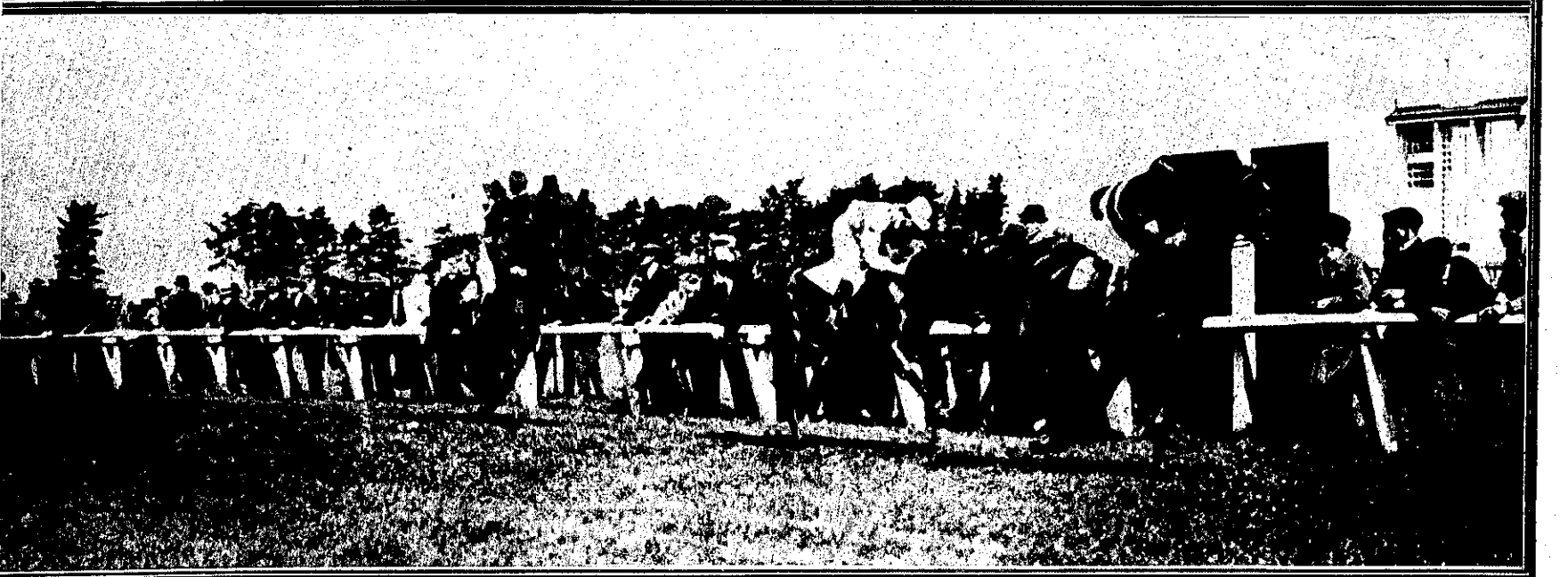
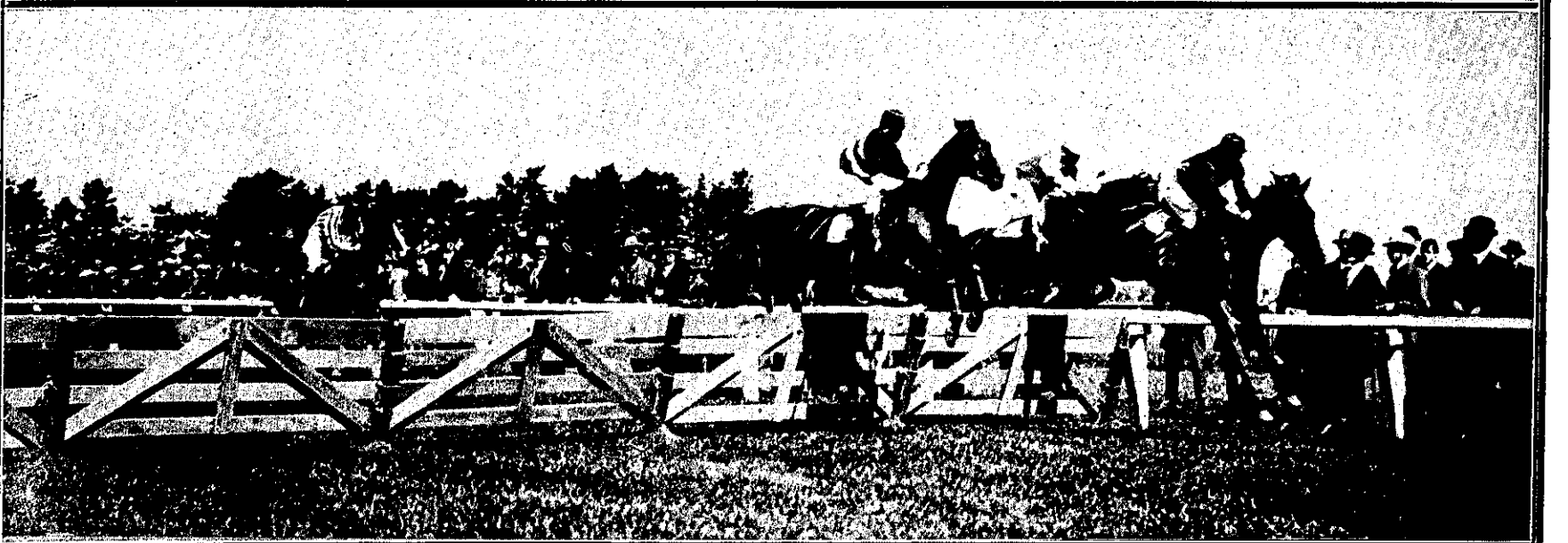
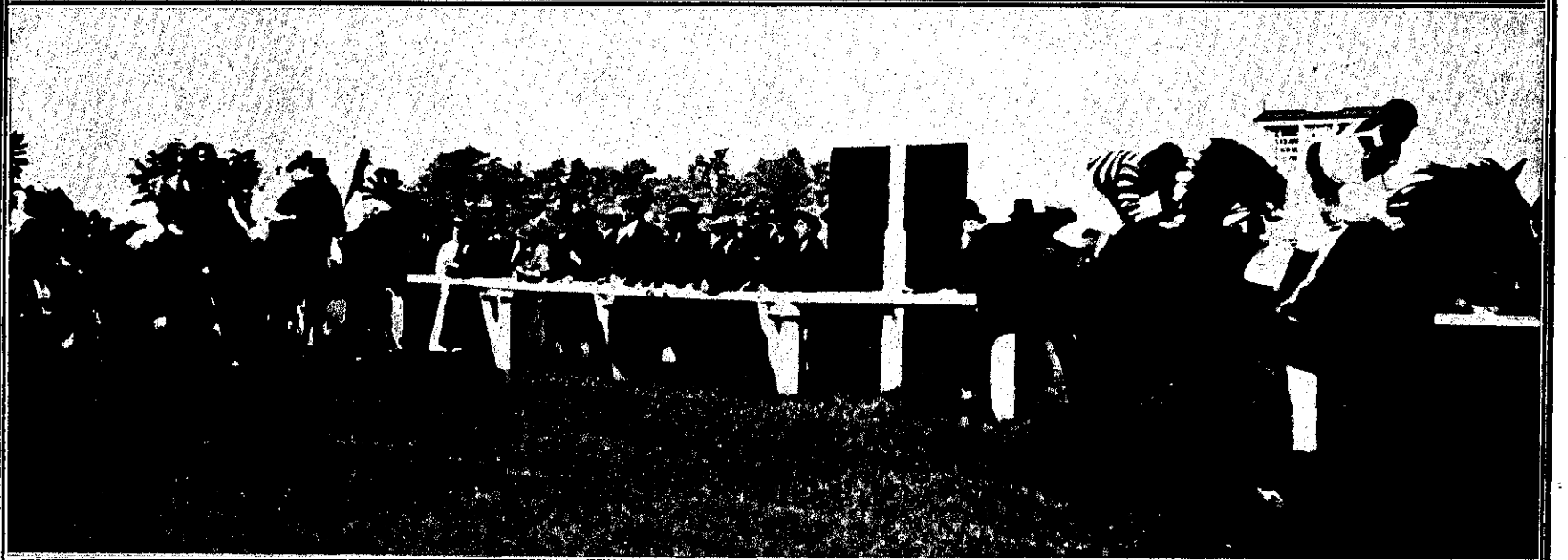
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THE WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.



THE OPENING EVENT, THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP (8½ FURLONGS)—EXPECT (A. Oliver), on outside, defeats GUIDING WAY (H. Young) by a neck, with MERRY FRANK third.
PRINCESS MOUTOA (R. BERRY) WINS THE PETRE HACK HANDICAP (SIX FURLONGS) FROM ARATIATIA (A. OLIVER).
RUFFY (A. McFlynn) leading ST. GATE (W. D. Young) and ARUAKE (E. Murtagh) over the hurdle in the straight the first time in the Tayforth Hack Hurdle Race.
THE FINISH OF THE TAYFORTH HACK HURDLE RACE (1¼ MILES)—ARUAKE (E. Murtagh) wins from ST. GATE (W. D. Young) and RUFFY (A. McFlynn).

THE CLUBMAN.

The Wanganui Jockey Club is one of the very old ones in New Zealand. It is one of the most progressive and popular, and it can be said has been run on sound business lines from first to last, as during a period of nearly forty years only the most capable men have been conducting its affairs. It has been fortunate in having good secretaries all along, and the officials, stewards, committeemen and others concerned in the management have all worked hard to make the meetings what they have become. Some have been long associated with the club, and the president (Mr. E. A. Campbell) and vice-president (Mr. H. A. Harrison) almost from its inception, while more than one of the committee have been almost as long in office. The old as well as the younger members feel proud of the position the club has attained, and they have reason to feel highly satisfied with the result of the meeting which has just been concluded from a business and social side. Quite a number of the best-known horse-owners were present from different parts of the Dominion, though several were missed from their wonted places. Visitors from North and South were there in force, and the meeting was as interprovincial as ever, or would have been had there been a few more horses. The fields were not so large on Saturday as they were last year, and as they only averaged the same on the opening day for once in a way were not so large as might have been expected, which is somewhat hard to account for, as there are plenty of horses nominated for the meetings held on the West Coast of the North Island, and the Wanganui Jockey Club received a very good first response from owners. There are other meetings not far off, and it is possible that there were a few frightened away by visiting horses, and are being held in reserve for the Rangitiki and other meetings, where it may be possible, or thought possible, to win races easier than on the Metropolitan Club's course. Be this as it may, there is one matter for congratulation. The Wanganui Cup, the most valuable stake, attracted the best field in point number and quality, and this, too, notwithstanding the distance extends to a mile and three-quarters. The Wanganui Jockey Club has never gone in for four and five furlong helter-skelters, but has kept to middle-distance and long-distance races for horses over two years old, and in this respect has been an example to many other clubs which, in order to secure large entries, have had a large number of sprint events on their programmes. Despite the falling off in the fields on the concluding day of the meeting, its general success was satisfactory, and in this fact the executive, secretary, and other officials have to be congratulated.

The Wanganui meeting did not pass without some unsatisfactory features. The riding of more than one horseman was questioned, and possibly stipendiary steward Mr. McMahon had his suspicions about more than he called upon for explanations. It certainly looked as though several horses were being kept for another day or meeting, and they were not the horses of the battling brigade either. The form was too bad to be true in a few instances at least, and it really did appear to onlookers that the man on top, the one with the last say, was not putting forward his best efforts to win or get even one or other of the three prizes which accompanied each stake. It seems incredible that such things should happen in these days, when stipendiary stewards and other stewards are told off to act with vigilance, and are there to see that the public get a square deal. It would seem that riders are prepared to take risks still. Some of the displays were anything but artistic, and the owners and trainers would be by no means pleased were their horses handled in the same way every time, and though possibly in no way responsible for what happened could not complain at their riders being carpeted and given some wholesome advice. The riding of one horseman in particular at the Wanganui meeting was, to say

the least, not up to his best form. The press representatives are not told of all the enquiries that take place on our racecourses, but they can sometimes see things done that could not well escape the attention of the stewards.

There were questions under the consideration of the Wanganui Jockey Club on Thursday relative to the ownership of certain horses that competed during the day, and as to whether they were properly qualified under the rules of racing. One was as to the ownership of Guiding Way, who has been racing all this season, and who finished second in the opening event, the Stewards' Handicap, and the other as to whether The Rover, who won the Westmere Handicap Hurdle Race, should have been allowed to start without certain registrations being officially announced, that gelding having been disqualified some time ago together with a former lessee. The present owner or lessee, Mr. W. G. Trask, claimed to have a properly registered lease. Whether everything was not quite in order we do not know, nor are we just now concerned, but what does seem strange is that these surprises should have been sprung upon the

St. Evelyn, who was got by St. Leger, and this colt had very much of St. Leger in his contour and colour. A filly by Signor from that very fine-looking mare Oriana, who took innumerable prizes in the show rings of the Dominion, and for good looks and substance should take the place of her dam after she has done racing, made 235 guineas, and another very fine filly, by the same horse from Simonia, dam of Denis Orme, was sold for 100 guineas for breeding purposes, though it is possible she may race. Unfortunately, she got one of her legs badly injured, and this detracted from her selling qualities, otherwise she would have commanded a big price. The filly from Carissima by Signor and the colt from Nightingale were each sold at prices probably well within their value, but altogether the average was satisfactory to the vendor, who, however, does his yearlings well and gives them a fair start in life. Another Wanganui studmaster, who did not meet with the encouragement he deserved, however, is Mr. George Currie, whose yearlings are well cared for. For several seasons he has tried the Australian market, and this year will have a larger contingent than usual. They are nine in number, and five are by King Rufus, three by Harrow, and one by imported Marble Arch.

field's class. He was at no time in the betting, and was really a chance mount so far as Emmerson was concerned. The disqualification of Tyrrel, the trainer of the gelding, was also removed. As a rule the saying "Where there's smoke there's fire" holds good, but in this instance keen judges who were present at the meeting and saw the race were at a loss to account for the finding of the stewards, who would appear to have been unfortunate in arriving at the verdict they did. Emmerson may, in the opinion of the stipendiary official, have ridden an unsatisfactory race, but unsatisfactory riding is not uncommon, and the best of horsemen are sometimes at fault, and stipendiary stewards can also form wrong conclusions. We have had instances of this brought home to us, and there is reason to believe that some fines have been imposed wrongly, even during the short time the stipendiary stewards have been in the service of the Racing Conference in New Zealand. That innocent persons should be punished is very much to be deplored, and while stewards of meetings must show all respect for the opinions of their stipendiary officers they should be men capable of using their own judgment and knowledge as well, and if they cannot do this they have no right to sit on cases which are of so much consequence to others.



MR. A. R. DURRANT, owner of the Wanganui Cup winner, Sinapis, with the handsome trophy presented by MR. W. DUNCAN, who is also shown in the picture.

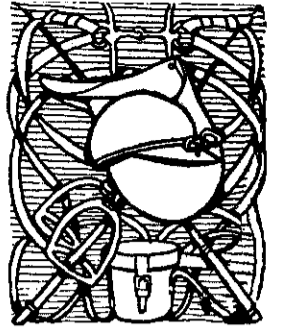
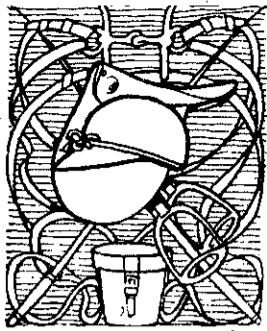
public one after another just as they were expecting to collect their dividends. It was annoying to them at the time, and the club took the proper course of paying out in each instance, but what we point out is that these matters should have been enquired into before the races were run. Someone knew or suspected that everything was not in order, and should have brought these matters under the notice of the stewards at the earliest possible moment, and the points involved could have been cleared up before the horses were permitted to start. The onus of proof that all was right would have been thrown on the owners had objections been raised and enquiries sought before 10.30 a.m. on the day.

The sale of yearlings bred at the Bushy Park Estate of Mr. Frank Moore, of Wanganui, was one of the features of race week. There were only five lots disposed of, and a very neat, taking chestnut colt by imported Bezonian from Evangeline made 325 guineas, at which price, for one of his appearance and quality, he could not be considered dear. Evangeline was got by Hotchkiss from

Five are colts, two each by King Rufus and Harrow, and one by Marble Arch. They are from the best of matrons, most of which have left winners or are from excellent winning families. Mr. Moore has patronised the best sires in New Zealand, and in the coming season will send a number of his mares to be mated with horses in different studs, while Signor will be given further chances at Bushy Park, having so far put forward some striking advertisements for his owner and those who have mated mares with the son of Pilgrim's Progress and Ma Mia Rosetta.

The appeal of the New Zealand lightweight, Emmerson, to the Australian Jockey Club against his recent disqualification has, we are informed by cable, been upheld. It was not generally believed by those acquainted with Emmerson, and who knew that he was on the point of leaving Australia to return to New Zealand, that he had been guilty of pulling the horse Strathfield, who is said to be anything but a good one, and was not at all fancied for the race in which he was beaten. It was contended by Emmerson's friends and by the sporting writers for the various papers that there was really nothing to be gained by stopping a horse of Strath-

A shrinkage in the totalisator returns in France of £280,000 last season has been announced. This is merely an indication that money was not so plentiful, or at least that is the generally accepted view of the matter. The totalisator may be a capital barometer. It has been held to be so in New Zealand, but here in times when money has been tight and the rate of interest has been higher than for a long time previously, the totalisator returns have gone on increasing. The close of the present season will show that it has exceeded very considerably all others since the automaton betting machines were introduced into the Dominion. Every meeting, with one or two exceptions, has shown a more or less substantial increase. With the racing and trotting clubs it has been the same. The totalisator turnover has increased only slightly with a very few, very largely with others, and with some to the extent of from 50 per cent. to even as much as 100 per cent. It will thus be judged that the season now so well advanced will, from a club point of view, be highly successful, since the revenue of these institutions will have benefitted so largely. In a growing country like New Zealand, where racing is the chief sport of the people, it need not be wondered at that speculation has reached to such an extent, but there are many who are already beginning to wonder when high-water mark will be reached and how long it may be before a reaction may be experienced, such as has at times been experienced in the country where the totalisator was first introduced. That was not so very long before we had it first in the Dominion. For over a third of a century it has been in use in New Zealand, and the returns have been increasing all the time, and most of the time in leaps and bounds. The prosperity of the people, and the fact that they have been educated to its use more and more and to waiting for the day to make their investments has been largely responsible for this, but the improved facilities for doing business have materially helped, and, indeed, the clubs that are most up-to-date in this respect have been doing best. It is surprising even now to hear of money being shut out, but it is said that at the Wanganui meeting on Thursday last investors were frequently too late, and that the windows were shut punctually, and that the receiving of money was in no case permitted after the advertised time for closing, otherwise the investments on the totalisator would have reached larger proportions. It is in order to cope with the increasing business that up-to-date machines are necessary, and that the staffs required to handle the money and sell tickets have had to be increased, but it will always be the same with investors. A proportion will always be late, no matter what the facilities.



RACING NOTES

RACING CALENDAR.

FIXTURES.

March 4, 5—Dannevirke Racing Club
 March 5—Akaroa County Racing Club
 March 6, 7—Hawke's Bay J.C.
 March 7, 9—Te Aroha Jockey Club
 March 11, 12—Nelson Jockey Club
 March 13, 14—Napier Park R.C.
 March 14, 17—Ohinemuri Jockey Club
 March 17—Opunake Racing Club
 April 1, 2—Southland Racing Club
 April 2, 3—Masterton Racing Club
 April 11—Tuapeka County Jockey Club
 April 11, 13—Beaumont Jockey Club
 April 11, 13—Auckland Racing Club
 April 13—Waipukurau Jockey Club
 April 13—Kumara Racing Club
 April 13, 14—Canterbury Jockey Club
 April 13, 14—Feilding Jockey Club
 April 13, 14—Riverton Racing Club
 April 15—Westland Racing Club
 April 22—Reefton Jockey Club

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

Nominations for the Brighton Hurdles, Easter Handicap, St. George's Handicap, and Autumn Steeplechase, to be decided at the Auckland R.C.'s autumn meeting, close with the secretary, Mr. J. F. Hartland, on Friday, March 6, by 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events at the Masterton R.C. autumn meeting (except the Maiden Hack Race) close with the secretary on Friday, March 6, at 10 p.m.

Nominations are due for the Feilding Jockey Club's autumn meeting on March 20th for all events. The Feilding Cup is worth 500sovs, the Mangaone Stakes 300sovs, the Easter Handicap 300sovs, and Denbigh Stakes 200sovs, and no race is of less value than 100sovs. In each case the nomination is 1sov.

MEGAPHONE, CARBINE, ABERCORN.

The following appears in the "Answers to Correspondents" column of the "Sydney Mail":—

Megaphone.—"Old Horse" (Blackall, Q.): Megaphone was only a half-bred, unless his breeding in the Stud Book is wrong. His sire, Newbold, and his dam, Sound, were both half-breds. Megaphone was unquestionably a racing freak, and perhaps you know that his brother Newbolt was also a smashing galloper, and possibly would have been as good as Megaphone had he been tried down south; but he never raced this side of Townsville. I saw him make a hack of Ben Bolt at w.f.a., yet down here, among the best, Ben Bolt won the Caulfield Cup, and successfully carried 9st. 5lb. in the Doncaster Handicap, beating such a mare as The Queen, who carried by 7st. 10lb.

Carbine and Abercorn.—W.G.B. (Rappville): In my opinion, Abercorn was the better stayer of the pair, and, with the exception of First King, possibly the best long-distance horse Australia has raised. He could run farther at top speed than any horse I ever saw or heard of. Carbine was much speedier than Abercorn, and could always chop him for pace at the end of a moderately run race. He twice beat Abercorn over three miles in slow time, when the pace was only on over the last mile. Both were wonderful horses, and for certain the best we have ever known. The superior of the pair, after all, is merely a matter of opinion. Murillo can hardly be described as an imported horse, for the reason of having been foaled in Australia. Gozo, Lochiel, Russley, and Murillo are frequently described as imported horses. They were sired in England and foaled in Australasia, consequently are Australians. Murillo started in four races, beginning in the Debutant Stakes, in which he was beaten a head by Scotland, and was third with top weight in the Gwyn Nursery at Caulfield. He won the Maribyrnong Plate, and on Cup day carried top weight and won the V.R.C. Nursery. He won £1614 in stakes.

There are probably some people who will subscribe to the opinion expressed in the above that Abercorn was a better stayer than Carbine, though he did not prove it. Lochiel and Russley were both foaled in New Zealand, so can hardly be described as Australians.

BRITAIN'S HORSE EXPORTS.

According to an official report issued by the Board of Agriculture, 1503 stallions, 20,353 mares and 45,073 geldings were exported from Great Britain last year. Over two-thirds of the total were valued at less than £10 per head, i.e., 18,517 at less than £5, and 27,059 at £5 and less than £10. The greater proportion of these went to Belgium and the Netherlands. These countries and France appear also to have been the best customers for horses of higher values, the other chief destinations being Denmark, Germany, United States, Canada, and South Africa. Among the countries taking horses of highest average value were Austria-Hungary, which took 26 at an average of £665; Australia, 216, at an average of £306; and New Zealand, 44, at an average of £283. The Greek, Japanese, German, French and Russian Governments bought up all the light horses they could lay their hands upon.

ALWAYS SECOND.

Many years ago in Victoria there was a solidly built chestnut gelding called Happy Jack. He was a son of Ladykirk, and, according to the Sydney "Stock and Station Journal,"

His owner had backed him well, and was glad to divide, fearing that he might get back to his old habit of running second. Lots of horses would win races if the winning post could be shifted. Their hearts fall them when the crowd is reached. Others take heart and show their gameness.

RUSSIA AND THE THOROUGHBRED.

The Russian Empire owns the largest number of horses under one Government in the world. Since the Crimean war Russia has been one of England's best customers for the thoroughbred. When the Crimean disturbance was on, the hackney and other light harness breeds were not popular with Englishmen as saddle horses, either on the road, in the ranks, or for pleasure. The English gentleman preferred a three-quarter thoroughbred horse, and English officers tried to get their chargers as nearly thoroughbred as possible: while the remount departments went for a similar class for the light cavalry. The heavy cavalry rode a bigger horse, with a strong dash of the Clydesdale in it, because of the tremendous weights they were compelled to carry; but subsequently it was proved that the lighter horse of

at faro, remarked: "An' ter think that everybody in our village used ter say kyarus is a waste o' time!"

THE LIVERPOOL GRAND NATIONAL.

The value of the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase has been increased this year to 4000sovs., including a trophy valued at 125sovs. The cost of starting is 35sovs. The entries were taken just before the last mail left, and number 62, as against 63 last year. The horses engaged include King George's representative, Tweifth Lancer, who is trained at Royston by P. Whitaker. There is a probability of both the King and Queen visiting Liverpool as the guests of Lord Derby to see the race run on March 27. The late King Edward (when Prince of Wales) won the Grand National with Ambush II. Covercoat and Irish Mail, first and second last year, have again been entered, and so has the French horse Lutteur III, the winner in 1909. It was cabled a little time back that raidum had been successfully used to bring Lutteur III. back to soundness.

A CAPITAL IDEA.

The Adelaide Racing Club has hit upon a capital idea, one which should



LORD LIVERPOOL, MR. W. DOWNIE-STEWART (MAYOR OF DUNEDIN) AND SIR G. McLEAN (PRESIDENT) AT THE DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S RECENT MEETING.

was a remarkable equine in so far that he seemed to be able to run second in almost any company, but would get no further forward even in a low-class hack race. First of all he ran at little bush meetings. He usually put in a wonderful run at the finish, and this at once suggested to those who did not know him that if his rider had made an earlier run he would have won easily. It was on an occasion of the kind mentioned that Happy Jack attracted the attention of the late Mr. Robert Howie, an astute judge. This trainer of Derby, Cup and National winners purchased Happy Jack at a price that seemed little more than a quarter of his value; but the best of training and the assistance of a crack horseman failed to lure the son of Ladykirk out of his habit of running second. It seemed that the horse could gallop fast enough, but that when he had outpaced all but one horse he reckoned his mission was fulfilled. Happy Jack was the two ends of a mystery.

There have been lots of horses noted for running into second place. Tupaki, an Auckland horse, was always capable of leading his fields, but invariably found one too good for him at the finish. He could get six furlongs or a mile, but as the winning post was neared he would just manage to let something come and lead him past it. He was sold to go to Australia. A four-furlong race was sorted out for him. His new owner backed him, and he succeeded in making a dead-heat of the event.

breeding handled the weight as well and went at faster speed. The Russians saw the advantage of the thoroughbred during that war, and have been buying heavily for over 50 years; but never, perhaps, did they come out of their shell to such an extent as at the last December sales, when M. Mantacheff, from the icy empire, expended over £50,000 in thoroughbreds, and after the sales made Mr. A. W. Cox an offer of 55,000 guineas for Lemberg. This great price (a record) was refused. Lemberg won £41,694 on the turf, and is a half-brother to Bayardo, a son of Bay Donau—also the property of his breeder, Mr. Cox, who is frequently described as an Australian, but he is not. He is an Englishman who saw service as a jackeroo at Lake Dick, near Broken Hill, and acquired an original share in Broken Hill through winning a game of euchre. That original share made him a millionaire, and the luck that attended him in the desert stuck to him in bright green England, whither he returned and became the owner of Eager, one of the best horses in England. Subsequently he bred Lemberg and Bayardo. Lemberg (10) is by Cyllene by Galicia, by Galopin from Isoletta, by Isonomy from a Muncaster mare, Lady Muncaster, a descendant of Queen Mary. Mr. Cox may have spent his life out in the red sand but for that game of euchre. He can echo that religiously reared American, who, after winning a pile

of assistance to owners in securing riders on the day of the meeting. On each race day the committee will place in the jockeys' room a printed slip, divided into columns, so that owners can, in a brief form, show what they want, as they can state the name of the horse a rider is needed for, and in another column pencil the stall where the owner can be seen. The scheme is simple, as all that an owner need do is to walk into the jockeys' room and jot down his requirements, and no doubt many boys will be on the alert to interview owners when they enter the quarters of the riders.

A STEEPLECHASING INCIDENT.

The following appeared in the London cables to the Sydney "Sun":—

An exciting incident marked the finish of the Steeplechase at Kempton Park recently. Coming up to the last jump the favourite (Mr. Ismay's Kenia) had a lead of Oakley. Kenia blundered, and shot the jockey (Pigott) from the saddle, but he clung to his mount's neck, and scrambling back into his seat, won the race. The failure of Oakley's rider to take advantage of the accident and overhaul the stumbling Kenia led the stewards to hold an inquiry. It was ascertained that Oakley had jumped clumsily, causing his rider to lose the stirrups, so that he was unable to profit by the opportunity which Kenia's blunder offered.

TURF TOPICS.

Coroneted is to be tried over country, and if he keeps sound should make a 'chaser all right.

A. Oliver has taken to riding trotting horses, and was in evidence at the Wanganui Trotting Club's meeting this week.

"Milroy" calls Mr. John Corlett, editor of "Pink 'Un," the doyer of the sporting press, and a prince among turf writers.

W. Price, the well-known horseman, only recovered from a serious internal trouble a couple of days before the Wanganui meeting.

Mr. Harry Weal, of Te Awamutu, has a chestnut gelding by Medallion—Espingle that may shortly be put in 'o commission.

Soldier and Golborne, on Thursday, ran round the inner grass track at top. The former came in in front, but still looks a bit jaded.

Ovation, who is nominated at the Te Aroha Annual meeting, has been kept going since the south meeting, doing nothing against the watch, but good, useful work.

Last week Obdurate put in a couple of sprinting bouts on the inner grass at Ellerslie, and the country racing seems to have given the Obligado—Sweet Alice gelding a little more confidence.

Last week some schooling work took place at Ellerslie. E. J. Rae had Master Regal and Golden Grain schooled with the assistance of Merrimax. The former pair shaped fairly well for raw material.

The Bay of Plenty meeting came off on Saturday in ideal weather, and a good attendance was recorded, but some of the returned visitors say money was scarce.

Jolie Fille, Lady Lynette and Kotiripo accounted for two-third of the programme at the Bay of Plenty meeting on Saturday, the other races going to Gordon, Bell and Succession.

McKinnon, the hurdle rider, who got a spill off Dogger Bank at the South Auckland meeting, is about again, and intends schooling some horses this week at Ellerslie.

Miss Sabretache, the maiden hurdler in E. J. Rae's stable, had a turn over the small sticks, jumping a bit wildly, but afterwards settled down better over the big schooling battens.

The Wairiki—Little Mabel horse, Master Wairiki, will not be put into active work till next spring. The horse is still in the Waikato.

The astute Ike Earnshaw, the Sydney owner-trainer, no doubt parted with a small fortune when he sold the brilliant Radnor. Mr. E. P. Mackay paid a fair price for the son of Earlston—Buletta, but has been well paid by the speculation.

The stake money at the Otahuhu T.C. meeting was well distributed. No less than 15 owners all came in for various amounts, the biggest winners being Messrs. Richards and Weston.

St. Fire, a son of St. Flames, won a race at Woodthorpe on the 23rd, the same day that his relative Rajah won at Warwick Farm. St. Fire is claimed to be out of a Gillie Callum mare, who must have been fairly old indeed when she produced him.

J. McHugh has his team at Ellerslie again. The team consists of First Wairiki, who looks well, the two-year-old Manukau, a three-year-old colt just broken in, by Wairiki—Miss Rose, and a good sort of a four-year-old by Wairiki—Bot Fly. The last-named mare has already done a little schooling over timber, fencing fairly well.

Sydney-trained horses seem to have a lien on the Caulfield Futurity Stakes. They have now won this event no less than six times, the last being won by Brattle (Maltster—Astron), with Cider second and another Waler, Royal Laddie, dead-heated for third place.

Dorando has been used for running in horses at Wanganui, and is now in good form to do work in view of the winter meetings.

J. O'Shea, though once or twice unlucky, rode some fine races at Wanganui.

Deeley rode a couple of winners at Wanganui that would have been losers in less capable hands.

Allegation broke down on the morning following the first day of the Wanganui meeting.

The 100-guinea cup presented by Mr. W. McA. Duncan as a trophy with

the Wanganui Cup stake is a particularly nice one.

Gravitation, who has sired a lot of well-grown, promising young horses in the Wanganui district, is to be taken to Australia this month to be sold. Two of his progeny have won over there. They are three-year-olds, the oldest of his gets.

The 'chaser Glenmore is working, and is voted better now than at any time in his career.

In Aruake, winner of the two hack hurdle races at the Wanganui meeting, the Stewards' Handicap winner of 1898 (Chasseur), has a useful representative.

The Newcastle J.C. (N.S.W.) are favourable to the totalisator, as voiced by their chairman, Mr. J. O'Mara, at the annual meeting recently.

May Match, for which Mr. A. Hook, a N.S.W. sportsman, gave 710gns. in England recently, captured a couple of races at a picnic meeting at Walcha (N.S.W.). A rather costly animal for this class of sport.

The Armidale (N.S.W.) Hospital has benefited to the extent of £1517 16s.—and with the subsidy totals £2255—by race meetings promoted by Mr. J. B. Fitzgerald, of that township, since 1907. Truly, charity commences at home.

Five mares in succession have accounted for the Wanganui Cup. No such thing has happened in connection with any important race in New Zealand since or before Clogs, Spade Guinea, Friendship, Leorina and Hilda won the Auckland Easter Handicap in successive seasons. The Rangitikei Cup, an old-established race, was won by Fair Helen, Flora, Elsa, Flora McDonald and Maritana. The distance was 2½ miles then.

The Jackson Stakes was won by Emperor, who is the second of the gets of Charlemagne II. to win the race. Mr. Greenwood has won it outright twice and had a half interest in Vice-Admiral, who beat his two-year-old Pierene in 1911. This year he claimed first and second. What a bargain Emperor would have proved at 500 guineas after the Wellington Cup meeting. Four-year-olds have won the race four times, three-year-olds three times, two-year-olds four times. Achilles won at four, five and six years old. Emperor is the first gelding to succeed.

Sea Pink, after Tiresome and Bronze fell on the second day at Wanganui, narrowly missed falling too, and their mishap may have cost him the race. He was last in the Cup pretty well all the way over the last six furlongs.

Bandeira, by Royal Artillery—Curfew Bell, broke down at Wanganui in the Jackson Stakes, and will be sold for stud purposes. A big, fine horse.

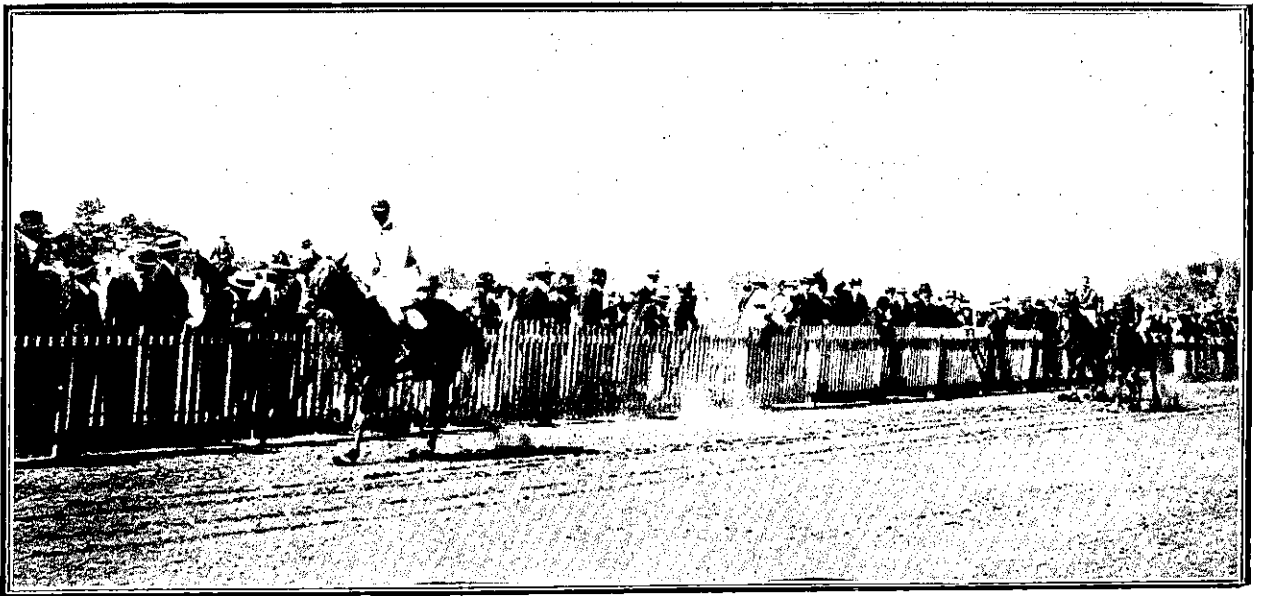
Ringform, erroneously returned as from Parera in the Wanganui race-card, is a good sort of colt from Ringdove (imported), by Boniform, and will pay his way in time.

Bercola looks well, but galloped and jumped like a back number in his only engagement over hurdles at Wanganui. It would pay best to keep him at 'chasing.

Fields at Wanganui averaged fewer than usual, just over eight per race, but speculation left the club with nearly £5000 more money put through in the way of investments.

It may not be generally known that a racecourse detective has amongst other duties the keeping off racecourses persons in default to clubs for nominations and acceptances on the forfeit list.

Reputation was running on at the end of the Jackson Stakes, but he commenced slowly, as he usually



LIEUTENANT (McNae) wins the Ascot Handicap (1½ miles) at the Otahuhu Trotting Club's meeting on Saturday. KITTY'S TUX (R. Hall), on outside, defeats GWELLO (H. Hendrickson) for second honours.

Prior to winning the Newmarket Handicap, Iownit, in a rough up with Captain White, defeated the Captain at the end of a seven-furlong gallop in 1.31½ on the sand at Flemington.

The New Zealand-bred colt Beau Sout is again doing good track work at Randwick, being slackened out every fast morning at headquarters, and will probably be seen out at the A.J.C. autumn fixture.

The ex-Australian rider F. Bullock has received a retainer of £2500 for his services for riding next flat-racing season in England.

City Tattersall's Club, Sydney, N.S.W., made a profit on the year of £2841 11s., after paying for improvements and law expenses, which cost £906.

The local woolbrokers have failed to declare a dividend for some time on their S.P. investments, and some of the older and more suspicious members of the board think that there is an "influence at work."

At the autumn yearling sales which take place in April next at Sydney, N.S.W., probably there will be nearly 700 babies catalogued for sale.

Bon Ton was not seen at his best at Wanganui.

Some horses are more pink one day than on another.

Sir Solo needs a distance to suit him. Wanganui running indicates this.

Canute over-reached and nearly fell in his first engagement at Wanganui at the start, and could not get quite with his field again. He looked a cert next day, and duly materialised.

Historiette has at last won a hack race. Deeley got more from her than Campbell, who, however, rode a very good race on her the first day at Wanganui.

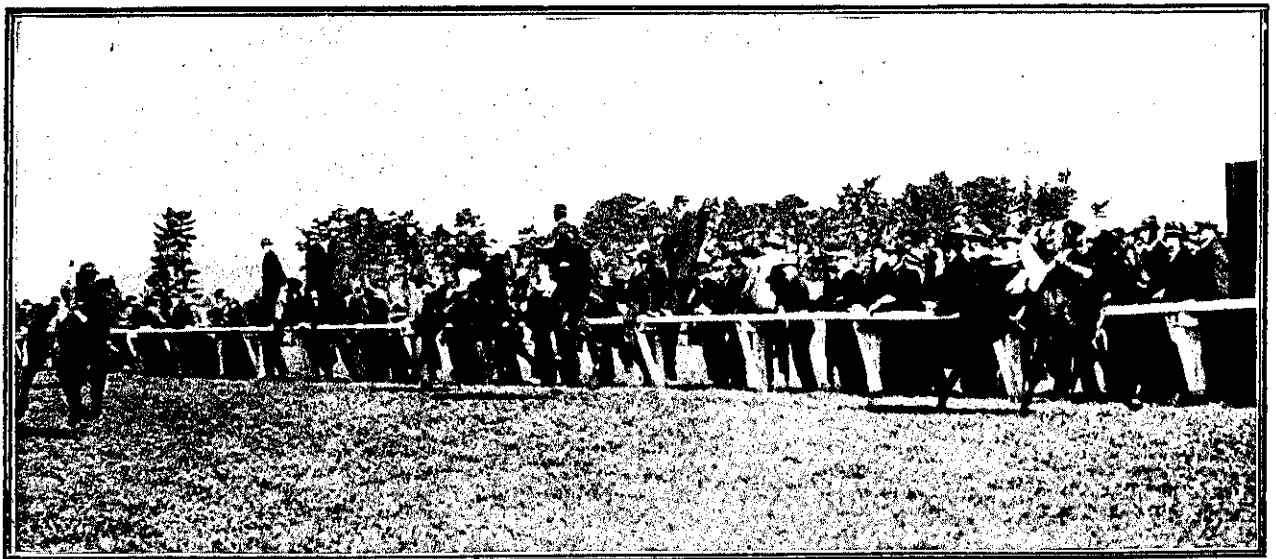
It is part of the duty of stipendiary stewards to ascertain whether the entries of horses are made strictly in accordance with rules.

Berry is keeping his place at the head of the list of winning horsemen. Wanganui saw him in good form.

The Rover was sold by his breeder, Mr. Donald Fraser, for a tenner. It should be explained that it was to an owner who gave him fifty pounds for another previously, which met with an accident.

does, which is against him for short races, and he will need to fill out to fill the eye as a Derby colt, though he should prove as good as anything of his age we have racing just now.

Owners who allow their trainers to put up novices to do their riding when they can get proficient horsemen usually pay the penalty in some way. One way is by losing races, and another by incurring the displeasure of the public, if nothing worse. It may yet become a duty of the stipendiary stewards to order things otherwise. One trainer was called over the coals for giving an apprentice a ride recently when it was thought the importance of the occasion should have suggested the best available material. We are with the stipendiary here, but apprentices must be given opportunities, too, and especially those that have reached the useful race-riding stage and who help the trainers to get their horses fit. The carpet-bag brigade includes many good men, but it includes some that could be done without.



BRADAMANTE (N. Goddard) winning the Juvenile Handicap (five furlongs) from RINGFORM (G. Clark) and RENCONTRE (T. Humphries), at Wanganui.

ELLERSLIE TRACK NOTES.

Things are still very quiet at Ellerslie, and with the exception of the Te Aroha and Paeroa-engaged horses the others are doing easy pace work.

On Tuesday, Tangawai (Lindsay) spurted the last five of six furlongs on the inner grass in 1.7 2-5.

Dogger Bank, looking well, put in a couple of sand circuits with Greenwood in the saddle.

Maui Nina, making a great noise, spurted four furlongs on the inner grass in 51 2-5sec., beating a companion.

Ovation, who has 7.8 in the Te Aroha Cup, put in medium pace work, sprinting home on the tan with La Reina and another, moving freely.

J. McHugh's quartette, Manukau, First Wariki, and two untried Wariki—Botfly and Miss Rose fillies, put in useful toll.

Overtime was sprinted, but made a noise and did not relish his task.

Maxwell put in a couple of easy-pace laps on the sand rink. He is carrying a lot of beef.

Lady Elgiva and Chasm started on the grass for a six-furlong flutter, but the latter was pulled up after going a few furlongs, bleeding from the nose. The former ran a shade under 1.18 for the spin.

Brookfield, Miss Lavonia, and Butterworth's filly finished in order on the grass in 1.17 4-5.

Worcester, getting a little the best of the start, squeezed home in front of Devastation, completing a sand grass in 51sec.

Prophet sprinted half-a-mile on the circuit in 1.59 4-5.

Spalish strode round the grass, brushing home over the last few furlongs. This horse is well.

Taru Kino, with Lindsay in the saddle, defeated two others in slow time over half-a-mile.

Pupura and Gloy had a round-up over a few furlongs on the grass in this order.

Fleet Arrow, with Tilsley up, flew nine of the small schooling battens, rattling four of them pretty hard.

Master Regal (Webb), Oban (Hasted) and Lady Sabretasche came home in order. The two former fenced carefully, but the latter, who jumped badly, was a furlong behind. The display did not impress the onlookers.

INTERPROVINCIAL.

WANGANUI.

F. Tilley Probably Takes Strong Team to Auckland—Euroco Regaining His Old Form.

(From Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, Monday.

The Rangitikei Racing Club have received very good nominations for their annual meeting, to be held on the 25th and 26th inst.

Roosevelt has been in work recently again, and will probably be seen out at Rangitikei.

Aruake is likely to make his next appearance in the hurdles at Feilding, and if he goes on all right he will then be prepared for the Century Hurdles at Wanganui.

It is more than likely that F. Tilley will take a strong team to Auckland for the Easter meeting, including Bonny Helen and Sunbird (both of whom are engaged in the Oaks), Mia Cara (a Champagne Stakes candidate), Postillion, Austin, Leonta, and Record. It is said that there is nothing much wrong with Postillion, and the chances are that he will be found contesting the Easter Handicap.

Brunswick, the four-year-old gelding in Rayner's stable, ran a couple of good races at the Wanganui meeting, and he should not be long in winning a race or two. The son of Maniapoto finished fourth in the Petre Hack, six furlongs, the first day, the winner's time being 1m. 15s., and occupied a similar position on the second day in the Matarawa Handicap, won in the same time, and on both occasions Brunswick was very close up. He has only been up a few months, so should improve considerably.

Grey Guard, a three-year-old gelding by Advance, in the same stable, was started in the Juvenile Handicap. He is not a bad looking gelding, and shows a deal of pace. He will be a starter in the Maiden at Rangitikei, and should run well in that event.

A two-year-old filly by Signor—Armistice, named Protocol, in F. Tilley's stable, is the makings of a good 'un. She is a nicely-shaped filly, and resembles her dam very much. She should be heard of later on.

Euroco is beginning to show signs of getting back some of his old form, and by the time the Feilding Easter meeting comes round he should be in good fettle. A month ago he was all to pieces, but has come on well since then. His stable mate, St. Gate, shaped very creditably in both the hack hurdle races here, and the experience thus gained should be valuable to him. He had the bad luck to bump up against an exceptionally good hack hurdler in Aruake, who has only to keep sound to hold his own in open company.

E. Murtagh and J. Conquest were both hurt more seriously than at first supposed, and had to be removed to the hospital. They were both unconscious on Saturday night, but improved a little on Sunday, Murtagh making considerable progress. Conquest partially regained consciousness during the day, and this morning is said to be doing as well as can be expected.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Winners at the Woodthorpe Meeting—Athenic Enjoying a Spell at Longlands—Mr. W. G. Stead's Trio at Crissoge—Dunalstair's Successes in Australia—Labour Day Regular Attendant on Napier Park Track.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, March 1.

Last week Sir Francis Price shipped to England the horses he purchased from the trustees of the late Sir William Russell. The New Zealanders are intended for 'chasing events in the Old Land.

Manuwihiri, the four-year-old son of King's Guest and Chuffy, won a double at the Woodthorpe meeting last Saturday. His owner, Mr. Ni Puna, also secured another stake at the gathering with Waratah, an aged gelding by San Fran—Waimarere. The winnings of the pair placed him at the head of the poll of successful owners at the meeting. Other annexers at the fixture were Rosemark (Ladies' Bracelet), St. Fire (Puketapu Handicap), Cousin Jack (Cup), and Te Awahou (Picnic Race). The

last-named mare is a younger full-sister to Pure Gold, who on the same afternoon settled the pretensions of those opposed to her in the Owhero Hurdles at Wingatui. Miss Kate Noel, whose nomination won the Cup, owns and trains Cousin Jack, and she is one of the few ladies in the Dominion who educate their own horses. She rides him in his work, and generally attends to all his wants and requirements.

R. Gooseman has a new pupil in Alces, a four-year-old mare by Mystification—Eland, and therefore a half-sister to Axis. Alces is the property of Mr. G. Hunter, of Porangahau, who bred her. Gooseman also lately purchased Blue Diamond, the aged Australian-bred stallion by True Blue—The Gem. A few seasons back Blue Diamond was in work at Hastings, and toed the mark in several events. His efforts on the running path were, however, not in keeping with what might have been expected from one so well come by.

D. Munn is getting a big string together at his establishment at Hastings, his students numbering seventeen. The latest arrivals at his quarters are a three-year-old son of Multifid and Easter Lily, the latter mare being a full-sister to Pink'un; a three-year-old filly by Marshal Sout—Miss Shot; a four-year-old mare by Multifid out of a Basuto mare; and a three-year-old filly by Marshal Sout out of a Crackshot mare.

J. Henna leaves Hastings for Sydney, via Wellington, on the 12th of the present month. He will be accompanied by Continuance and Forest Prince. Henna anticipates being back in the "Bay" in May.

Athenic, who recently arrived at Mr. Watt's home quarters, Longlands, has been blistered, and consequently will be on the retired list for some time to come.

Perhaps (The Possible—Primula) has joined the team under the direction of J. S. O'Neill at Hastings. Another newcomer at O'Neill's lodge is a three-year-old filly by King's Guest out of a mare by Paphos.

A rising two-year-old full-brother to Sauci is being fed and looked after at Crissoge, where his owner, Mr. W. G. Stead, is in residence. Eligible (a coming two-year-old full-brother to Bon Ton) and a younger full-sister to Moul (Boniform—Ormulu) are also being similarly treated at the same place. The trio will shortly be sent to Mr. Stead's new training quarters at Hastings, where they will be got ready for business by T. Quinlivan.

The local-bred Dunalstair (Royal Fusilier—Lady Progress) again made good early last month, when he beat a field of ten others in the Trial Plate at Victoria Park (N.S.W.). Dunalstair, who was bred and is owned by Mr. W. Robertson, who for a considerable period was in charge of the bloodstock on Okawa, Mr. T. H. Lowry's station, has won three races and ran second in his other attempt inside of a month. A full-brother to Dunalstair, Brodie by name, is also owned by Mr. Robertson, who has the gelding running out at Clive.

After the Dannevirke meeting, D. Wilkinson, who up to quite recently was in command of the members of Mr. P. P. Neagle's team, takes charge of Perceler, Pursefiller and King's Boy, who are the property of Mr. C. E. Twist, of Greenmeadows.

Munje, the three-year-old daughter of Mystification and Eland, has changed hands, C. L. Lagor having purchased her from Mr. S. Marshal, of Porangahau.

J. Griffith has again taken Cullinan in hand. The big son of Royal Fusilier and Bijou has been greatly improved by the rest that has been his lot for months past, and it looks a reasonable conclusion to augur success for him in the future.

St. Fire, who notched a win at Woodthorpe on Saturday afternoon, is got by the same sire (St. Flames) as Rajah, who, on the same afternoon, won the Jumpers' Flat Race at Warwick Park, New South Wales.

The district is not very well represented in the nominations listed for the Great Easter and Autumn Handicaps. In the former event the local horses Haskayne, Ventura, Red Book, Beldame and Seatondale have been nominated, while in the Great Autumn, Haskayne, Sea Pink, Red Book, Marshal McDonald, Kooya and Seatondale have been engaged.



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Merrimax, Vestal and Loomb's Bobadie horse ran round the inner grass in 1.46 3-5 in the above order, the latter being a long way behind.

Kaihere, after working on the flat was sent over a hurdle, ridden by Percival. The brown horse is a good jumper.

E. J. Rae had 12 horses out before breakfast and four water. This big team all look hearty and well.

Black Northern jumped on Monday, fencing well, but rather high.

Bogey, not all out, ran half a mile in 56sec on the sand.

F. J. Macmanemin and D. Moraghan's horses were all on the easy list.

On Tuesday morning Almeida put in easy pace and then ran the last five of six furlongs on the grass in 1.6 1-5.

Quite a number of others did useful tasks.

Wee Olga, who is doing easy work again, is gradually getting the beef off.

Report says that Dandy Breeze has changed hands, but still remains with E. Pope.

The death of Mr. Mark Harrison followed a few days after the operation performed the previous week, and that well-known horse lover and friend of sport will be very much missed in the Waikato, where he had carried on extensive operations in stock buying and selling for many years past. He owned and was interested in many useful horses. Shrapnel was his when he won the Grand National Hurdle Race, and was one of the best.

WELLINGTON.

Sinapis' Wanganui Cup Success—Altcar Proves a Bargain—Rexer Shaping Well at Otaki—Excellent Nominations for Rangitikei Meeting.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, March 2.

Sinapis' success in the Wanganui Cup was well received in local sporting circles, as everyone is always pleased to see a good performer win a race. In carrying 8st. 10lb. into first place the daughter of St. Ambrose put up an excellent performance. It was only a short while back that Mr. Durrant instructed the writer to advertise the mare for lease on a purchasing clause for £300, but no buyers were forthcoming. The mare was under offer to Mr. W. Smart, and but for an adverse opinion from his owner Sinapis would have long since passed into the possession of the Willis Street sportsman. Mr. Smart has on many occasions regretted the occasion when he allowed such a bargain to pass away from him.

Pavlova, owned by a well-known Wellingtonian who races as Mr. Marton, appears to have had no difficulty in winning the Flying Handicap at Wanganui. It was quite refreshing to see Mr. J. H. Prosser preparing a winner after his recent sojourn from activity.

Kilrain has arrived back safely from his Southern trip, as has likewise Altcar. The former did not add to his winning account at Wingatui, but the latter, who was purchased by the Lower Hutt sportsman, Mr. A. Harris, recently, won a double as a result of his exploits at the Dunedin meeting. Altcar must be considered a cheap purchase, and under J. W. Lowe's watchful eye the son of Birkenhead—Temeraire should win more races for Mr. Harris before the present racing season draws to a close.

Returned visitors from the Dunedin meeting speak of the gathering as the most successful in the history of the club. With record fields, a large attendance and record totalisator figures, secretary H. L. James should have a flattering balance-sheet to lay before his committee.

The local sportsman, Mr. H. Whitney, who was represented at the Dunedin meeting with Mount Victoria, Odessa, and Roumania, met with no success. The trio have done a lot of racing during this season, and it may be that they are feeling the effects of some of their arduous exertions during the last few months.

Sir Moutoa, who for some time was trained by C. Pritchard at Trentham, has been sent home to his owner's place at Foxton, where he has been turned out for a spell. After a respite from activity the gelding will be handed over to W. G. Trask to be trained for the future.

Stockade is doing nicely under F. J. Carmont's guidance at Levin. The son of Tupuhi gives promise of developing into a decent hurdler.

J. Flanagan is busy at Otaki with Rexer, who is acquitting himself well on the local tracks. This horse is expected to gain some distinction in jumping events during the next few months.

Merry Frank appears to have run a capital race on the opening day at Wanganui. A win for Mr. W. Smart, whose racing luck lately has not been of the best, would be well received in sporting circles.

Rene continues to show promising form under Albert Goodman's care at Trentham. The mare should be cherry ripe by the time the Easter meetings come up for decision.

The Cyrus-Evendale gelding Asche, in C. Pritchard's Trentham stable, is doing well in his preliminary work. The horse, who is a four-year-old, is possessed of ample pace, and should fare well in the future.

H. W. Clay is pegging away with Lady Dalesford, who showed fair form at Woodville. She is a five-year-old by Boris—Fair Lady, and should assuredly do her owners, Messrs. Price and Hubbard, some useful service during the next few weeks.

A. Crawford is keeping Lady Vladimir up to the collar at Trentham. The chestnut daughter of Vladimir from the Winter Cup winner Waiwhera, is assured of a prosperous career. Her win in the County Hack Handicap at Woodville was full of merit, and proves that she is more than useful.

Splendid nominations have been received for the annual meeting of the Rangitikei Racing Club, which takes place at Bulls on March 25th and 26th. Amongst the horses claiming engagements are quite a number from

SOUTHLAND.

Trio of Otago Horses for Australia—Southland Failures at Dunedin Meeting—Lumsden District R.C.'s Meeting—J. Olsen's Success at Lumsden Gathering—Southland R.C.'s Nominations Due Friday.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

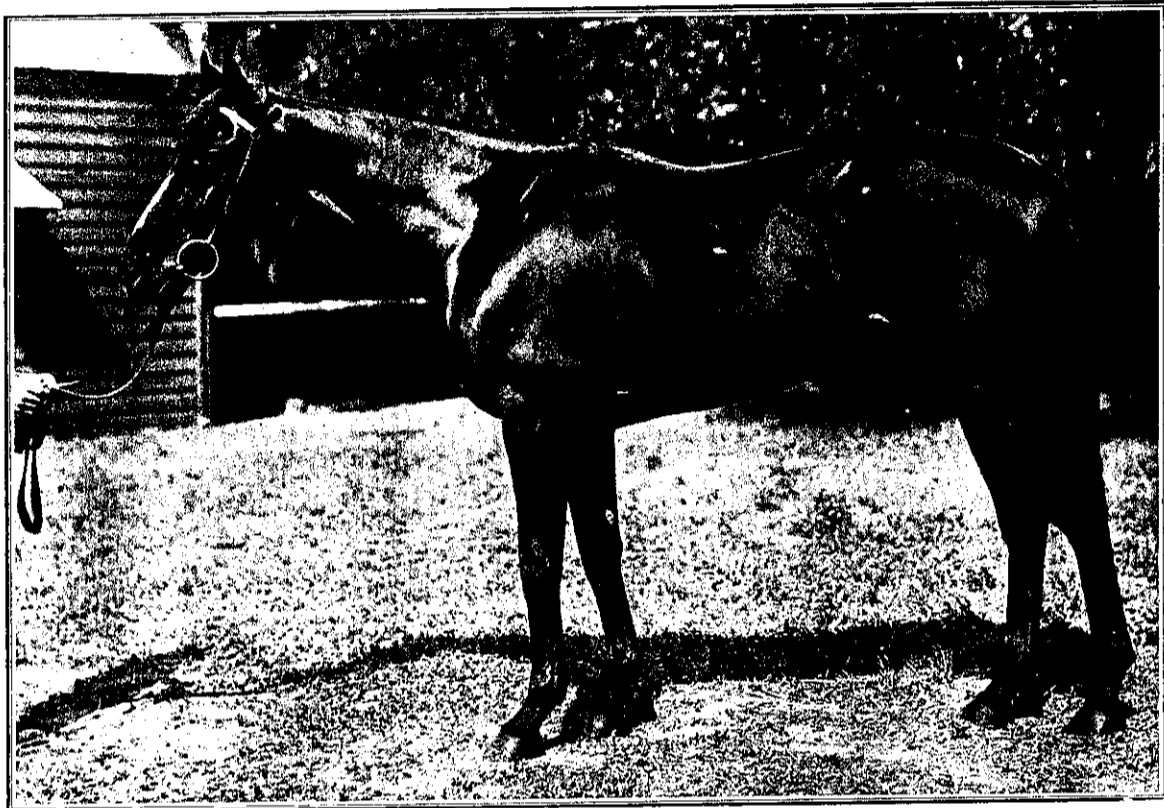
INVERCARGILL, March 1.

The crack North Island jockey, Hector Gray, who sailed for Melbourne by the Ulimaroa from the Bluff on Monday last, has crossed the Tasman Sea to carry out several special riding engagements in Victoria. Gray paid a visit to Invercargill to visit some relatives, and was quite astonished at the size of the town—North Islanders generally experience surprise when they arrive in the most southern city in the world for the first time. P. McLachlan, of Hawke's Bay, who is shaking the soil of Maoriland off his feet, to

purses. Miss Kellerman refused to eat an oat after her arrival at the scene of operations, hence her display of indifferent form is not to be wondered at.

Southern backers were more fortunate than the home-trained horses, and quite a number have no reason to regret having lent their assistance at the leading meeting of the southern season. However, winners and losers alike are agreed that the fixture was the most enjoyable ever held at headquarters at Dunedin Cup time.

The local horseman, R. Gray, has been engaged to ride Sunbeam in the Open Hurdle Race at the annual race of the Akaroa County J.C. in Canterbury this week. This will necessitate a journey of about 400 miles to Christchurch, which, with the return trip in view, is something of an undertaking when it is considered that Sunbeam showed signs of soreness at the Dunedin fixture.



Mr. A. Knox's br h POPINJAY, 5yrs., by Maltster—Pose, winner of the Oakleigh Plate (5½ furlongs) at the Victoria Amateur Turf Club's Autumn Meeting.

down this way, while the country districts are largely represented. The weights for the first day's events are due on March 16th.

Stepney will represent the Porirua stable in the Rangitikei Cup. The son of Achilles should assuredly be on hand to give a good account of himself in the event named. W. Bell is to have the mount.

Bronze was thought by her connections to have a royal chance in the Wanganui Cup, as her training work previous to the meeting had been of a very satisfactory nature, but in the race she fared badly and did not finish in the first six. She has practically run her last race, and next season she will be mated with a sire belonging to Mr. G. F. Moore.

Forded, by Sir Laddo from Orchestra, won the Kogarah Stakes at Moorfield, N.S.W., recently, well backed. Orchestra is a sister to the dam of Wallace, and it will be remembered was in the Sylvia Park Stud at one time.

together with Messrs. F. C. Davies and G. Delaney, of the North Island, were also passengers by the outgoing boat.

It is understood that next week's boat for Melbourne will take away Otago horses Sister Radius, Pure Gold, and Jack Ashore. The first named is expected to race at Randwick, while Pure Gold and Jack Ashore will be asked to negotiate the small sticks in and around Sydney. The Charlemagne II. mare Sister Radius was on the big side at the Dunedin J.C. fixture, but this did not prevent her scoring in the Hazlett Memorial Stakes (seven furlongs) in 1.28—an excellent performance for a course like Wingatui, which is not too fast. The Southland horseman J. Olsen, who rode Mr. L. C. Hazlett's mare in Dunedin, is to accompany her to the Commonwealth.

Southland horses failed to win a race at the Dunedin J.C. Autumn meeting, but it was pure mischance in several instances that this should be the case. Both Sir Brigid and Gold Sail were unfortunate, and Miss Kellerman and Buller should have gone nearer the winning end of certain

The weather in this part of the world has been very dry and hot of late, consequently the tracks in some localities have presented an unyielding surface. At Riverton trainers of jumpers have had an anxious time of it, but their minds should now be at rest as rain is falling at the time of writing. Reports from Riverton are also to the effect that Soldier's Chorus is standing up to his work, and hopes are expressed that he will be able to race at Riccarton when the Canterbury J.C. Autumn meeting comes round. Another well-known racing proposition in Sombbrero is also sticking to his tasks at the seaside in company with others of A. McKenzie's team, including the Martian horses, Teviot and Punchinello.

Several well-known totalisator meeting performers took part in the Lumsden District Hack R.C.'s meeting this week. Miss de Vere, by Obligado—Gladys II. won two short races, and the Queensland-bred Biarritz, by Ladurlad—Odone, carried off the Lumsden Handicap of £22 (one mile and a-quarter) in 2.20 with 9.5 in the saddle, beating Queen's Pride



THE FINISH OF THE BOND CUP AT THE VICTORIAN AMATEUR TURF CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING—EFFERVESCENCE (KILLORN) WINS FROM LORD GREY (LEONARD), WITH PRIZEFIGHTER (KELLY) THIRD.

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TURF GOSSIP.

(From our Traveling Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, March 2.

This town was the rendezvous for a large number of sporting enthusiasts last week, and there was ample to occupy their attention with two days' gallops and the trotting meeting. Both clubs experienced a successful run, and after payment of necessary expenses there should be an ample profit on the transactions.

Moutoa Girl, who showed such promising form at Wanganui, should have hosts of admirers in the Rangitikei Cup contest. The Soult mare has improved out of all knowledge, and her form was much above that shown at Woodville, where she finished outside of the first five in the Autumn Handicap, of a mile and a distance, on the second day. Some horses improve considerably in a short space of time, and this applies to Moutoa Girl.

V. H. Colello is busy at Hastings with Braeburn, who is bowling along in an attractive style on the local tracks. Mr. K. White's galloper is receiving a thorough preparation for his Rangitikei Cup contest.

The Diver and Papalitz are pleasing track watchers by their exertions on the Feilding racecourse. The two horses named are expected to gain considerable distinction in hurdle events during the next few months.

F. Tilley, the Fordell trainer, is well represented at the Rangitikei meeting, and with horses of the calibre of Austin, Leonta, and Mescal claiming engagements the genial "red" should succeed in picking up a stake or two.

F. Meagher made a lucky escape when Whimper fell with him in the Westmere Hurdles on Thursday last. The gelding practically rolled over Meagher, who, thanks to his agility, escaped with only a shaking. Meagher received a round of applause from the spectators on returning to the enclosure, and he quite deserved the salvo, for his feat was an excellent one.

Coromandel figures in the hurdle events at the Rangitikei meeting. Albert Jackson is under the impression that the son of Menschikoff will make an efficient clearer of the obstacles.

R. A. McKenzie is still keeping General Madero going, in the hope of picking up a race in the near future. If ever a sportsman deserved to win a race it is the genial "Roddy." There has been enough money lost on General Madero to make one think of the improbabilities of the racing business.

In Lubriline, A. Atwood, the Feilding trainer, has a useful sort. The chestnut made many friends by the sterling manner in which she won the Writoa Hack Race here on Thursday last. Coming so soon after her Woodville success it proves that she is more than useful. The mare belongs to Mr. Martin Boyle, of Takorea, and he is to be congratulated on having such a useful horse to carry his colours.

DERBY WINNERS AS SIRE.

Since New Zealand and sister colonies keep on importing bloodstock from the Old Land, much interest centres round the doings of the stud horses there. Their records are now more closely followed than ever. The "Field" has a most interesting and instructive article on the subject, pointing out that during the season which closed in December "stake money to the amount of £550,000 was (probably) won by the various horses in training. We have not seen an exact total of the actual amount, but from the figures of previous years we may take it that the sum stated is not very far wrong. Anyhow, it is certain that over half a million has been disbursed, and the amount has been won by stock representing 329 individual sires, while there are two-and-twenty cases of doubtful parentage, representing a sum of not more than £5000. About half of the full total has been won by the first twenty horses in the list, and the other half has been divided among some 300 stallions. This is just a little remarkable, for it goes to prove that real merit will assert itself in breeding, and that a great number of the big winners—themselves often of what is thought to be undeniable breeding—are very often failures at the stud. And in this connection a big performer who gets a few, but not many, winners, who does not sire anything

as good as himself, and who, in fact, makes no particular mark at the stud, is always put down as a failure, whereas he may be only a comparative failure, who has been so greatly boomed that his want of success is much more widely noticed than it would otherwise be. Derby winners, for example, always have great chances afforded them when sent to the stud. They get picked mares, which means mares who have proved themselves as breeders, or who have been big winners, have come of winning lines, and have the blood which it is supposed will nick with that of the horse." Not all Derby winners are successful at the stud, continues our authority, who mentions the names of recent winners, well remembered by the present generation. St. Gatien and Harvester were both failures, though St. Gatien did sire winners, and his blood is to be found in certain female lines. Melton was a good average Derby winner, and a good average but hardly a great stallion—this is the sire of Seaton Delaval—while Ormonde was an exceptional horse and unlucky at the stud, for he went wrong almost at once, having left Orme to carry on the line. We cannot go into any lengthy particulars about these really great horses, but going very briefly through the list, Merry Hampton was a bad Derby winner and a poor stallion, and at the moment we can only recall his daughter, Merry Wife, the dam of Santoi, as a transmitter of his blood. Ayrshire was a very successful sire, whose blood both in male and female

years, and we may take it that about half of the colts did well at the stud, while the other half were failures. This year there are three Derby winners among the twenty leading stallions—Rock Sand, Spearmint and Isinglass, to wit—and of the other seventeen there are several who did not greatly distinguish themselves on the Turf.

Blacklock blood is very conspicuous at the head of the list, the first four horses and the sixth and seventh all being the tail male descendants of the famous Bishop Burton stallion, and three out of the first four coming from different lines. Desmond at the head of the list, St. Frusquin, William the Third, and Chaucer, respectively, in fourth, sixth, and seventh places, are all by St. Simon; Sundridge, in second place, is by Amphion; and Santoi, in third place, is by Queen's Birthday. All the half-dozen come from Vedette, who won the Two Thousand in 1857, four of them through St. Simon and Galopin, by Vedette, a fifth (Sundridge) through Amphion, Rosebery, and Speculum, by Vedette, and the sixth (Santoi) through Queen's Birthday, Hagioscope, and Speculum again. This, it must be admitted, is very wonderful, if only because no blood in the world was more roundly abused some forty to fifty years ago. From our earliest days we were interested in bloodstock, and studied the breeding of the big winners of the day, and we can well remember the fulminations which were constantly made concerning the "accursed Blacklock blood."

the blood appears to be more formidable than ever it was, and it is somewhat curious to find the lines which have come through Speculum contesting the highest places in the sire list with the St. Simon—Galopin line, which made its mark twenty years ago, and has been holding its own ever since. Extraordinary vitality has been a special feature of the descendants of Galopin. The Sundridge family appear to be calmer of temperament, many of them very beautiful, but not the pronounced stayers that are the horses descended from St. Simon, or those of what may be called the new line of Vedette, best represented by Santoi. Many of these have a family likeness, which chiefly shows itself in a big, round barrel, a taickish neck, and very sturdy quarters; but at present they lack the quality which is to be found in a great number of the St. Simons, and also in nearly all the horses sired by Sundridge.

All these lines seem to produce very big horses at times. Prince Palatine and his sire, Persimmon, are notably instances of good and yet very big St. Simons. Sunningdale and other son of Sundridge were big horses, and Santoi has sired a very big and massive horse in Santair. So far no classic winners have come from the new branch of the family, and not very many from the Sundridge line; but Sunstar and Jest won four classic races between them, and it is quite likely that there will be further classic successes in this direction. The powerful neck is still



A STERLING FINISH AT THE SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING—KITTY BELLAIRS (J. Conquest), nearest rails, defeats LAIRD O' GOWRIE (H. Robinson) by half-a-head in the Pioneer Handicap (four furlongs). As the stewards considered that KITTY BELLAIRS bored on to the other two-year-old, they decided to reverse the positions, the new rule giving them power to exercise their prerogative, LAIRD O' GOWRIE being placed first.

lines is doing well, and Donovan got a lot of winners, but the blood in the male line is nothing like so much to the fore as it was a dozen years ago. Sir Hugo did not do much for posterity, and Common was to a great extent a stud failure, though there is now a chance of Mushroom carrying on his line. Sainfoin sired Rock Sand and Rock Sand Tracery, and thus a moderate Derby winner—as Sainfoin undoubtedly was—sired a better horse than himself, and his son a horse who, as far as can be judged, was better than either. Isinglass was a stud success, while Ladas had some successes, but never did anything like as well as he was expected to do. Sir Visto made no big mark, but Persimmon was a giant, both as a racehorse and at the stud, and has headed the winning sire list on four different occasions. Galtee More has done well at the stud in Russia, but Jeddah was a failure, and Flying Fox a success. Diamond Jubilee is doing well in the Argentine, but Volodyovski has not sired anything approaching a great horse, while Ard Patrick went to Russia and Rock Sand to America, and is now in France. St. Amant has not done much as yet, though he sires a fair number of winners, and the same may be said of Cicero; but both are still young horses, and their day may come. Spearmint, on the other hand, has already made a big mark, and Orby, who is only ten years old, had five winners of ten races last year. Two fillies and eight-and-twenty colts have won the Derby in the last thirty

Unfortunately, we are unable to lay our hands on any of the writings which condemned the horse, who is generally considered to be the founder of the line, and we do not know for certain what there was in the blood which seemed to infuriate certain writers of a later day; but "The Druid" thought well of it, and wrote: "No blood in the Stud Book is better winded, or run better when full of flesh, which shows that the internal conformation is good, and ought to be perpetuated. Their aptitude for a distance displays itself in a muscular neck, without which few horses ever yet stayed; and they have also great depth from the withers to the shoulder points, and an immense roundness of rib in making the curve from the spine." It will be seen from the above that "The Druid" praised rather than abused the blood, and he wrote at a time when the line of Blacklock was too young to have asserted itself as it has since done. Voltigeur and Voltaire, the links between Blacklock and Vedette, were good horses, but the latter not exactly a great one.

Voltigeur, on the other hand, was quite one of the equine heroes of his day, and there were those who thought that if he had been allowed to run some stones heavier he would never have been beaten. He won the Derby and St. Leger of his year, and he was possessed of very beautiful action, and though he was not always a great stud success, he sired Vedette, who in turn was responsible for Speculum and Galopin, and now

a great characteristic of the male descendants of Blacklock, but the St. Simon family—especially some of the earlier ones—had long, drooping quarters, and were much higher on the leg than their ancestors—judged from their portraits. At present, then, it would seem that there is little likelihood of the Blacklock family being deposed from its place; but among bloodstock the unexpected is always happening and now there is strong threatening of a great Herod revival through Roi Herode and The Tetrarch. It is too early to say anything definite on this subject, except that the stock will be given every chance, and the future matings of Roi Herode will be most carefully considered, and that it seems likely such a performer as The Tetrarch will some day assert himself at the stud. Whether the blood will be found to be possessed of stamina as well as speed is also matter for conjecture, but it is a fact that the dwindling Herod lines in this country, before the arrival of Roi Herode, were productive of sprinters only, and that it is many years since a long race was won by one of the line. As far as we can see—but we may have missed one—Billow, who won the Ascot Stakes in 1890, was the last Herod of English blood to win a long-distance race; but Roi Herode was a good long-distance runner, and it must always be remembered that during the first half of the nineteenth century stamina was thought to be the strong point of the Herod line.

TURF RESULTS.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB

AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

SINAPIS WINS THE CUP.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, February 26.

Glorious weather was experienced for the first day's gathering of the Wanganui Jockey Club's autumn meeting, that took place on the club's picturesque racecourse this afternoon. The attendance was very large and probably constituted a record for the club, prominent sporting folk from all parts of New Zealand being present and they were rewarded with witnessing some of the best racing that has ever been experienced on the West Coast of this Island.

Sinapis' win in the Cup was a very meritorious one for after allowing Moutoa Girl to make play over the last five furlongs. R. Berry brought the daughter of St. Ambrose—Prologue on the scene, and in an exciting finish won by a narrow margin. The mare's performance was an excellent one, as she was lying about fifth when the straight was entered upon for the final run to the post. At the conclusion of the race the handsome gold cup that accompanied the stake was handed over to Mr. A. R. Durrant, owner of Sinapis, by Mr. E. A. Campbell, president of the Club, who, in a neat speech, commiserated Mr. Durrant on being the possessor of such a brilliant racehorse. At the conclusion of Mr. Campbell's speech cheers were given for the owner, trainer (H. Fletcher), and rider (R. Berry).

The starting of Mr. R. H. Skipwith was excellent, the send-offs being timed to a nicety, and another fact that racegoers appreciated was the punctuality with which the fields were despatched there being no tedious delays when once Mr. Skipwith had mounted his stand.

From his vantage post in the judge's box Mr. Hartgill hoisted the placings promptly and accurately.

Mr. J. McMahon, chief stipendiary steward, was in attendance, and he found it necessary to hold a couple of minor inquiries, one of which was held over until Saturday next for further investigation.

Mr. W. Hall, secretary, and Mr. H. M. Sneed, chairman of the ticket committee, were assiduous in their attention to the welfare of visitors, and one and all came away well pleased with the excellent arrangements made for their comfort.

Money was very plentiful, the totalisator staff handling during the afternoon £26,907, compared with £23,675 for the corresponding day last year, showing the substantial increase of £3,232 in favour of to-day's meeting.

The fact of not a single favourite winning during the afternoon proved that the club's handicapper (Mr. Geo. Mercer) had set backers a rather stiff conundrum, and the well-known weight adjuster came in for some high praise for his excellent work. Results:—

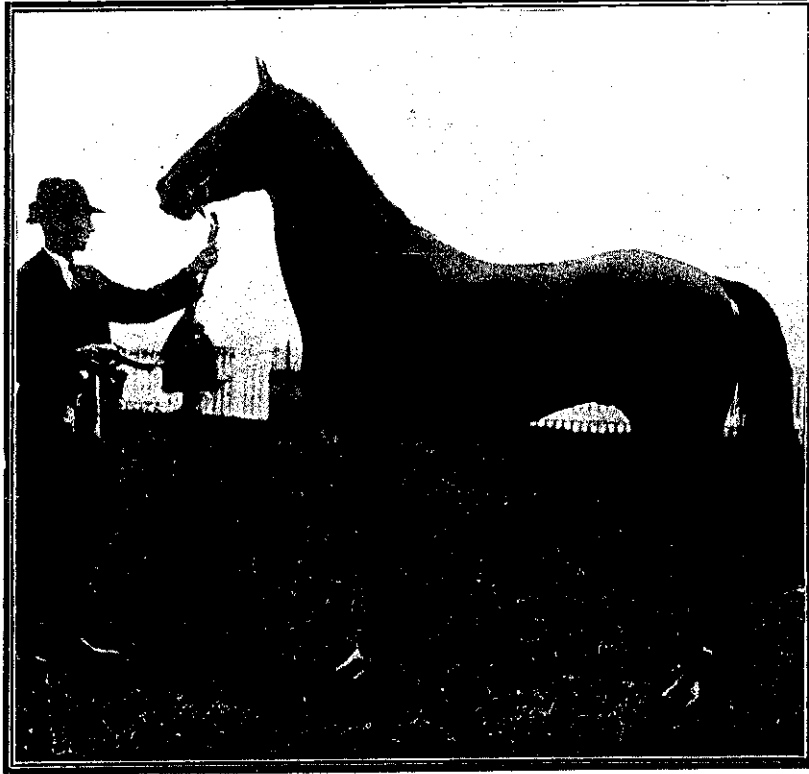
STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 200sovs; second 25sovs third 15sovs from the stake. One mile and 110 yards.

- 2—"Mr. Highden's" b h Expect, by Advance—Endeavour, 4yrs, 8.12 (A. Oliver) 1
- 4—C. Renault's blk h Guiding Way, by Fontenoy—Guiding Step, 4 yrs, 6.9 (H. Young) 2

- 4—W. Smart's br g Merry Frank, by Merriwee—Valois, aged, 7.9 (W. Bell) 3
- Also started: 1 Patronale 8.1 (W. Young), 5 Pasadena 8.0 (R. Berry), 3 Stepney 7.7 (C. Carmont), 6 Coromandel 6.9 (H. Goldfinch).

Merry Frank was the quickest to find his feet, and the gelding was piloting the field as they swung round on the bottom stretch. Going round the back Coromandel went to the head of affairs, and was in front for a furlong. Expect and Guiding Way were in the van coming into the straight, and the former lasted long enough to win by three-parts of a length, with Merry Frank half a length away third. Pasadena was fourth, and Stepney fifth. Time, 1min 50 2-5sec.

(Winner trained by G. Price.)



Mr. "Highden's" b m EXPECT, 4yrs., by Advance—Endeavour, winner of the Stewards' Handicap (8 1/2 furlongs) on the opening day of the Wanganui Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting.

PETRE HACK HANDICAP of 120sovs; second 15sovs, third 10sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

- 3—F. S. Easton's br f Princess Moutoa, by Martian—Assegal, 3yrs, 7.7 (R. Berry) 1
- 5—J. H. Prosser's b g Aratiatia, by Achilles—Mokokai, 5yrs, 8.10 (A. Oliver) 2
- 2—G. D. Greenwood's ch f Historiette, by Achilles—Chinwag, 3yrs, 7.13 (J. Campbell) 3

Also started: 1 Vocation 8.13 (F. D. Jones), 4 Avance 8.9 (F. E. Jones), 9 Sweet Zinnia 7.13 (H. Richards), 8 Firing Line 7.8 (J. Conquest), 5 Belasco 7.7 (J. O'Shea), 6 Brunswick 7.4 (A. Reid), 10 Armature 7.1 (J. Cordue), 11 Sylvania 7.0 (C. Carmont), 12 Grandson 7.0 (C. Monk), 7 His Eminence 7.0 (W. Bell).

Aratiatia assumed the lead after a couple of furlongs, and led a bunched field into the straight. Half-way up the running Princess Moutoa put in her claim and gradually wearing Ara-

tatia down won by a bare length, with Historiette half a length away third. Brunswick was fourth and Belasco fifth. Time, 1min 15sec.

(Winner trained by F. Tilley.)

WESTMERE HANDICAP HURDLES of 200sovs; second 25sovs, third 15sovs from the stake. About two miles.

- 3—W. G. Trask's br g The Rover, by Advance—Polly Perkins, aged, 10.9 (L. Traill) 1
- 4—O. Cox's b g Timothy, by St. Paul—Ngairu, aged, 9.12 (F. Flynn) 2
- 1—J. R. L. Stanford's ch g Bercola, by The Officer—Noon, aged, 11.2 (E. Copestake) 3

Also started: 5 Merrie Lad 10.9 (E. Murtagh), 2 Kurnalpi 10.3 (H. Copestake), 6 Whimper 9.0 (F. Meagher). Whimper came to grief at the first obstacle, and luckily Meagher came off

Also started: 1 Waipaku 11.6 (Flynn), 2 Taurangi 10.5 (L. Traill).

Ruffy led the field on the first round, closely followed by St. Gate. Going round the back the positions were the same, with the exception that the latter was on terms with Ruffy, and this order was the same when heads were turned for home, when Aruake moved up fast on the outside and coming on well won cleverly by a length and a-half with Ruffy two lengths away third. Waipaku, who jumped cleverly, was another five lengths away fourth. Time, 3min 19sec.

(Winner trained by W. Rayner.)

WANGANUI CUP HANDICAP of 900 sovs and gold cup value 100sovs added; second 175sovs, third 75sovs from stake. One mile and three-quarters.

- 10—A. R. Durrant's b m Sinapis, by St. Ambrose—Prologue, 5yrs, 8.10 (R. Berry) 1
 - 13—F. S. Easton's b m Moutoa Girl, by Sout—Santa Katerina, aged, 6.13 (C. Carmont) 2
 - 1—F. Dorset's b g Sir Solo by Sir Laddo—Wepener, 8.9 (B. Deeley) 3
- Also started: 4 Bon Ton 9.0 (F. E. Jones), 2 Bronze 8.6 (A. Oliver), 7 Los Angelos 8.3 (W. Young), 5 Sea Pink 8.2 (L. Wilson), 14 Byron 7.2 (R. Young), 8 Lord Renown 7.11 (W. Bell), 15 Cheddar 7.11 (O. McCarten), 11 Sir Knox 7.9 (W. O'Halloran), 5 Tiresome 7.7 (J. Conquest), 3 Leonta 7.3 (H. Young), 9 Marshal McDonald 7.0 (J. O'Shea), 12 Manawakaha 6.10 (K. Lambess).

Passing the stands on the first round Cheddar, Bon Ton, and Moutoa Girl comprised the leading division, while the field was being whipped in by Sir Knox, going round the back Moutoa Girl made a forward move, whilst Cheddar commenced to drift to the rear. Moutoa Girl was still in command when the straight was reached and looked all over a winner, but it could be seen that Sinapis was coming along fast, and, catching Moutoa Girl a few hundred yards from the winning post, won by a clear half length with Sir Solo a length and a-half away. Leonta was fourth, Marshal McDonald fifth, with the others tailed off, with Lord Renown last. Time, 3min 4sec.

(Winner trained by H. Fletcher.)

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second 20sovs third 10sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.

- 3—A. W. Gillies' br f Bradamante, by Charlemagne II—Hamattan, 3yrs, 7.7 (N. Goddard) 1
- 4—W. G. Stead's ch c Ring'rm, by Boniform—Parera, 2yrs, 7.2 (G. Clark) 2
- 1—G. D. Greenwood's ch f Rencontre, by Obligado—Tournament, 2 yrs, 8.9 (T. Humphries) 3

Also started: 5 Carloman 7.7 (Clarke), 9 Shandon Bells 7.5 (T. Poyer), 2 Dame Rumour 7.2 (R. Manson), 6 Protocal 7.2 (H. Young), 7 Grey Guard 7.2 (W. Garrett), 8 Marceline 7.2 (J. Hastie).

Bradamante was the first to show cut, and, galloping resolutely, won easily by two lengths, with Rencontre, who finished under the judge's box, a length away third. Time, 1min 3sec.

(Winner trained by O. Cox)

WIRITOA HACK RACE HANDICAP of 120sovs; second 15sovs, third 10sovs from the stake. One mile and 110 yards.

- 4—Martin Boyle's ch m Lubriline by Vlad'mar—Handsome Jack mare, 4yrs, 7.13, inc. 10lb pen. (W. Bell) 1
- 7—Ernest Allison's ch g Centenary, by Seaton Delaval—Miss Nelson, 4 yrs, 7.1 (J. Conquest) 2
- 2—Duncan Fraser's br c Square Deal by Advance—Brown Spec, 3yrs, 8.0 (R. Berry) 3

with only a shaking. Timothy was in command up to half a mile from home, when The Rover went to the front and from this out the race was a procession, the gelding winning pulling up by ten lengths, with six lengths separating second and third. When running third around the back Kurnalpi fell at one of the hurdles, and as luck would have it both horse and rider escaped scathless. Time, 3min 59 2-5 sec.

(Winner trained by owner.)

TAYFORTH HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 120sovs; second 15 sovs, third 10sovs. About one mile and three-quarters.

- 3—J. O'Halloran's ch g Aruake, by Chasseur—Mab, aged, 9.6 (E. Murtagh) 1
- 4—W. R. Tuck's b g St. Gate, by St. Clements—Billingsgate mare, 9.2 (W. D. Young) 2
- 5—E. Allison's br g Ruffy, by Seaton Delaval—Lovelu, aged, 9.0 (A. J. McFlynn) 3



VIEW OF THE LAWN, MAIN GRANDSTAND AND STEWARDS' STAND ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

Also started: 5 Canute 9.0 (W. Young), 6 White Crane 8.1 (W. Price), 3 Kimbombi 7.9 (J. O'Shea), 1 Record 7.6 (H. Young), 8 Sweet Van 7.2 (C. Carmont).

Record was the smartest to find his feet, and passing the stands "Wiri's" gelding was leading the field, but going round the back White Crane and Square Deal improved their positions.

FLYING HANDICAP of 350sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

4—"Mr. Marton's" b f Pavlova, by Charlemagne II.—Stepha, 3 yrs, 7.3 (J. O'Shea) 1

Header, who drew No. 1 position, was quickest to begin, and the mare was in front at straight entrance, where Pavlova and Makara joined issue and in a good finish the former won by a clear length, with a similar distance separating third and fourth.

CONCLUDING DAY.

EMPERADOR WINS JACKSON STAKES.

The weather was fine and attendance a record. Totalisator £31,284, against £28,575 two days £57,191, against £52,240 increase £4943. Results:—

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile and 110 yards. 2—F. M. Mill's br g Cheddar, by Merriwee—Brown Alice, 6yrs, 8.1 (B. Deeley) 1

MATARAWA HACK HANDICAP of 120 sovs. Six furlongs. 1—G. D. Greenwood's ch f Historlette, by Achilles—Chinwag, 3yrs 8.1 (B. Deeley) 1

JACKSON STAKES of 500sovs. Weight-for-age. Six furlongs. 1—G. D. Greenwood's br g Emperador, by Charlemagne II.—Lady Wayward II, 4yrs, 8.11 (Young) 1

FORDELL HURDLE HANDICAP of 175 sovs. About one mile and three-quarters. 2—J. Fryer's ch g Cornelian, by Coronet—Factory Lass, aged, 9.8 (E. Copestake) 1

WANGANUI STAKES HANDICAP of 500sovs. One mile and a-half. 8—T. H. Lowry's b c Marshal McDonald, by Soult—Hesper, 3yrs, 7.6 (O'Shea) 1

OKOIA HURDLE HANDICAP of 120 sovs. About one mile and five furlongs. 1—J. J. O'Halloran's ch g Aruake by Chasseur—Mab, aged, 10.7 (F. Flynn) 1

WANGANUI STAKES HANDICAP of 500sovs. One mile and a-half. 8—T. H. Lowry's b c Marshal McDonald, by Soult—Hesper, 3yrs, 7.6 (O'Shea) 1

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HARRISON HACK HANDICAP of 120 sovs. One mile and a distance.

1—G. D. Greenwood's br c Canute, by Charlemagne II.—Lady Helen, 4yrs, 8.11 (W. Young) 1

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs. 4—"Mr. Marton's" b f Pavlova, by Charlemagne II.—Stepha, 3yrs, 8.4 (O'Shea) 1

Also started: 5 White Crane 7.12 (B. Deeley), 2 Centenary 7.7 (W. Bell). Won easily by a length from Kimbombi, Square Deal the same distance away third. Time, 1min 59 1-5sec.

BAY OF PLENTY JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

A full complement of Aucklanders made the trip to Tauranga by the s.s. Ngapuhi on Friday night for the purpose of attending the Bay of Plenty Jockey Club's annual gathering, which was held on Saturday in favourable weather.

kato mare looked fairly certain. However, Jolie Fille came with a late run, and finishing with great dash, defeated Tinopai by a length and a-half, with Admiral Soult a poor third.

The Bay of Plenty Hack Handicap saw Lady Lynette gain her second victory during the afternoon, for she finished resolutely, never giving the other four starters a chance in the straight winning comfortably by a length from Zimmer. Lady Lynette a photograph of whom is reproduced on another page is owned by Messrs. Ward Brothers, and judging by her praiseworthy efforts, should be heard of again in hack events.

Kotiripo was sent out a red hot favourite for the Greerton Welter Handicap, in which she was opposed by Topic, Prince Leo and Succession. Topic began the quickest, but once challenged by Kotiripo had to be content with second honours, the latter winning by several lengths, with Prince Leo third.

Terrona carried most monev in the Railway Hack Handicap in which half a dozen competed. The race resulted in a surprise, the outsider Gordon Bell setting home by a length from Fore-shot, and paying a two-figure dividend. The chances of Tinopai and Admiral Soult were preferred by backers to those of Jolie Fille in the Flying Handicap, despite the latter's Cup victory earlier in the afternoon, and Mr. Kemp's useful mare was allowed to pay another good dividend. She won with greater ease than in the Cup, Admiral Soult being second and Tinopai third, these were the only starters.

The afternoon's racing closed with the Farewell Handicap, in which Prince Leo and Succession were the only two starters. The former was the most fancied, but could not pace it with Succession, who won easily by a dozen lengths.

The results were:— MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Six furlongs.

BAY OF PLENTY HACK HANDICAP of 25sovs. One mile.

Hand J. Ward's Lady Lynette, 8.11 (B. Oliver) 1

GREERTON WELTER of 30sovs. Seven furlongs.

J. Hooker's Kotiripo, 9.9 (L. Morris) 1

RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Five furlongs.

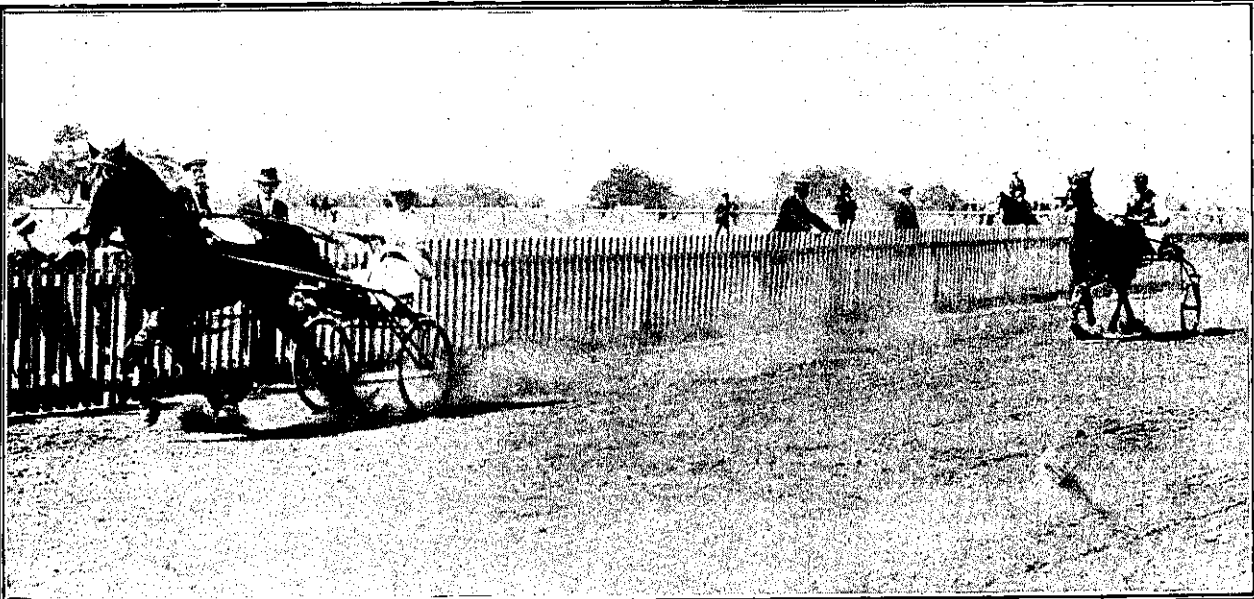
F. J. Barton's Gordon Bell, 7.12 (R. E. Brown) 1

FLYING HANDICAP of 50sovs. Six furlongs.

J. D. Kemp's Jolie Fille, 9.10 (McMillan) 1

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 25sovs. Six furlongs.

L. McMillan's Succession, 6.7 (R. Martin) 1



MOUNTAIN KING (G. Harrison) winning the February Handicap (1 1/2 miles) from RECOMMENDED (S. Hamilton), on the concluding day of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Summer Meeting.

able secretary, Mr. D. B. Day, who spared no effort to ensure the success of the meeting. Mr. J. Carl acted as starter, while Mr. H. A. Sharp officiated as judge, both gentlemen carrying out their duties to the satisfaction of all concerned.

During the afternoon £2443 10s was handled on the totalisator, an increase of £767 on last year's fixture.

Racing opened with the Maiden Plate Handicap, for which Lady Lynette was made an even money favourite in a field of seven. After indulging Sportsman in the lead until the straight was entered, Lady Lynette went to the front, and won by two lengths from Foreshot, with Laverna third.

A trio of starters lined up for the Shorts Handicap, Kotiripo being made a hot odds-on favourite. The St. Crispin mare had little difficulty in winning by several lengths from Terrona, with Zetland last.

A half dozen saddled up for the Tauranga Cup, for which Admiral Soult was most sought after by backers, Tinopai and Jolie Fille being next in request. Soldier and Topic showed out momentarily in the lead, but were overtaken by Tinopai before the straight was reached, and a victory for the Wai-

Hand J. Ward's Lady Lynette, 8.0 (B. Oliver) 1

SHORTS HANDICAP of 25sovs. Four furlongs.

J. Hooker's Kotiripo, 8.12 (Robinson) 1

TAURANGA CUP of 100sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

J. D. Kemp's Jolie Fille, 9.5 (McMillan) 1

Won by a length and a-half. Time, 2min 14sec.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The following weights have been declared by Mr. R. Wynyard for events to be run on the opening day of the Ohinemuri Jockey Club's meeting, which takes place on March 14 and 17:—

SHORTS HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Positive 9.5, Bogey 8.6, Hohungatahi 8.5, Overtime 7.12, Kotiripo 7.10, Gilt-tering Sands 7.10, Arawa 7.9, Manurewa 7.9, Mighty Atom 7.6, Blue Rose 7.6, Revelation 7.5, Sir Walter 7.3, Dandy Breeze 7.2, Lady Wairiki 7.0, Pairawaatu 7.0, Acid Drop 6.10, Catharina 6.10, Glendina 6.10, Cogent 6.7.

NETHERTON WELTER, about seven furlongs.—Gloy 9.9, Admiral Soult 9.6, Almeida 9.5, Miss Livonia 9.2, Taimainupo 9.0, Worcester 8.12, Watchchain 8.9, Parawai 8.8, Pet 8.7, Spalperion 8.7, Pupara 8.7, Otarua 8.6, Sir Stroud 8.6, Santiago 8.4, Excavator 8.4, St. Francis 8.3, Maisonet 8.0, Red Pine 8.0.

HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Black Northern 11.8, Cloudy Dawn 11.2, Pip 10.5, Watchchain 10.0, Ambergis 9.13, Te Onga 9.13, Vestal 9.10, Santiago 9.8, Spectre 9.7, King Try 9.6, Icel 9.5, Hawea 9.0, Kaihere 9.0, Pearl 9.0, Oban 9.0, Aiden 9.0, Clare 9.0.

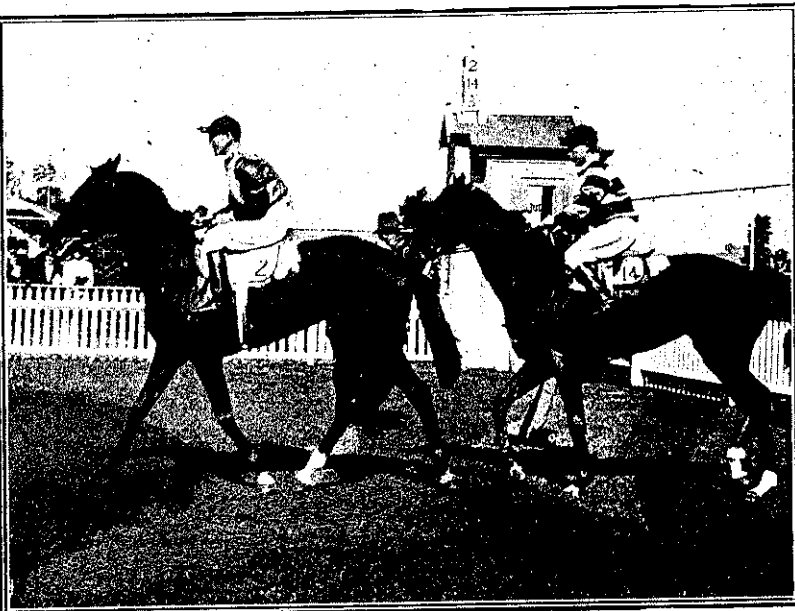
KARANGAHAKE HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Positive 9.3, Spalfish 9.2, Bogey 8.5, Overtime 7.11, Kotiripo 7.11, Gilt-tering Sands 7.10, Munster 7.8, Yankee Doodle 7.7, Manurewa 7.5, Obdurate 7.3, Marangai 6.10, Harenao 6.10, Sir Walter 6.8, Parawaatu 6.8, Starket 6.7.

OHINEMURI CUP, one mile and a-quarter.—Royal Irish 9.2, Jolie Fille 8.12, King Lupin 8.8, Devastation 7.13, Gloy 7.8, Admiral Soult 7.5, Almeida 7.3, Miss Livonia 7.3, Lady Elgiva 6.11, Master Theory 6.11, Ovation 6.11, Laverna 6.7.

KOMATA HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Revelation 9.0, Gallupin 8.3, Chasm 8.0, Signature 7.12, Soutbaine 7.12, Lady Wairiki 7.12, Chris 7.11, Silver Lupin 7.11, Acid Drop 7.10, Catharina 7.10, Irredesence 7.10, King of the Valley 7.9, Try Pluke 7.9, Red Pine 7.9, Oki Oki 7.9, Aterori 7.8, Granville 7.7, Lady Middleton 7.6, Tararua Jack 7.6, Cinder-ers 7.6, Glucian 7.6, Klakaha 7.6, Ihapuna 7.5, Oban 7.5, Caprice 7.5, Errant Bells 7.5, Niblefoot 7.5, Gold Hunter 7.5, Delamar 7.5, Glendina 7.5, Embers 7.5, Nancy 7.5, Dunskillin 7.5.

PAEROA STEEPCHASE, about two miles and a-half.—Hautere 11.13, Black Northern 11.2, Golborne 10.12, Pip 10.3, Icel 9.12, Tiri 9.10, Heyboy 9.10, Rapid 9.10, Galvata 9.9, Eglington 9.8, Majesty 9.8, Golden Grain 9.7, Cyretts 9.7.

ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Spalfish 9.0, Miss Livonia 8.4,



The Wanganui Cup winner, SINAPIS (R. Berry) and the second horse, MOUTOA GIRL (C. Carmont), returning to the enclosure after the contest.

Worcester 8.2, Parawai 7.11, Ovation 7.8, Tinopal 7.8, Pupura 7.8, Zetland 7.6, Pet 7.6, Munster 7.5, Yankee Doodle 7.3, Obdurate 7.0, Maisonette 6.7.

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB.

The following acceptances have been received for the first day of the Te Aroha Jockey Club's meeting, which opens on Saturday and concludes on Monday:

KUAKAKA HURDLES.—Black Northern 11.10, Pip 10.9, Santiago 9.3, Icel 9.2, Clare 9.2, Rapid 9.0, Kremlin 9.0.

TRIAL HANDICAP.—Spalperion 8.12, Otarala 8.4, Dandy Breeze 8.4, Revelation 8.3, Hemisphere 7.13, Gallupin 7.9, Hamlet 7.8, Sir Walter 7.8, Try Fluke 7.7, Flagfall 7.7, Cogent 7.6, Merry Widow 7.5, Mokauiti 7.4, Chasm 7.4, Kia Kaha 7.4, Ihapura 7.0, Oki Oki 7.0.

DOMAIN HANDICAP.—Spalfish 9.3, Zetland 8.1, Miss Livonia 8.0, Parawai 7.9, Pet 7.7, Pupura 7.6, Yankee Doodle 7.4, Excavator 7.3, Obdurate 7.2, Zulupin 6.12.

TE AROHA CUP.—Admiral Soult 8.8, Devastation 8.6, Gloy 8.2, Almeida 8.2, Glenspire 7.13, Tinopal 7.12, Ovation 7.8, Soldier 7.7, Master Theory 7.4, Lady Elgiva 7.3, Pupura 7.2.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Positive 9.6, Bogy 8.4, Kotiripo 7.9, Baldos 7.7, Manurere 7.7, Blue Rose 7.6, Arawa 7.6, Salvia 7.3, Hinerewa 7.2, Dandy Breeze 7.2, Harenoa 7.0, Marangai 6.9, Rosea 6.7.

GORDON HACK.—Spalperion 9.0, Otarala 8.5, Gallupin 7.11, Starket 7.10, Hamlet 7.10, Tararu Jack 7.10, Aterori 7.10, Delemar 7.9, Lismore 7.9, Glucian 7.9, Flagfall 7.9, King of the Valley 7.8, Errant Belle 7.7, Iridescence 7.7, Signature 7.7, Acid Drop 7.7, Mokauiti 7.7, Chasm 7.7, Embers 7.7, Red Pine 7.5, Chris 7.4, Oki Oki 7.0, Seba 7.0.

WAITOA WELTER.—Admiral Soult 9.5, Watchchain 8.9, Worcester 8.8, Cloudy Dawn 8.4, Master Theory 8.1, Lady Elgiva 8.0, Pupura 7.12, St. Francis 7.8.

TOURIST HANDICAP.—Tattoo 9.8, Positive 9.4, Spalfish 8.13, Bogy 8.0, Glenspire 7.11, Miss Livonia 7.9, Kotiripo 7.7, Manurere 7.5, Munster 7.2, Hinerewa 7.0, Salvia 7.0, Yankee Doodle 6.12, Ruse de Guerre 6.10, Harenoa 6.9, Obdurate 6.9, Try Fluke 6.9, Marangai 6.7.

in which he has started. Goldie is by Wildwood Junior—Sing Sing, by Cycle.

That speedy pacer Blackness pulled up lame after running in the Final Handicap at the recent trotting meeting on the Metropolitan track. It is feared he has broken a small bone in his fetlock, a very unfortunate occurrence for those who own him.

The well-known Ashburton trotting enthusiast, Mr. H. F. Nicoll, who has been one of the leading owners of trotting horses in New Zealand for some seasons past, intends to retire from the sport for a time at least. A clearing sale of all his trotting stock will be held at an early date. Andy Pringle, who has been associated successfully with Mr. Nicoll as private trainer, will probably set up on his own account as a public trainer.

Word has been received in Christchurch that Olive L., who claims an engagement in the Melbourne Trotting Club's Derby, won a race at Terang, Victoria, soon after her arrival. The filly is to be trained for the big event by M. Edwards.

The Prince Harold gelding Brooklyn, who showed such brilliant form at the last meeting of the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club, is to be shipped to Australia in the course of a few days to compete in the Sydney Thousand. On the conclusion of that fixture Brooklyn will probably return to C. Piper's stable.

R. Reay, the well-known trotting enthusiast of Christchurch, and owner of Petruccio, a six-year-old by General Pet—Liberia, is anxious to dispose of the horse. As he has some excellent credentials and being well

cell intended saddling it with the individual expenses of the team. If the Council had such intention it was of the utmost importance that it should have acquainted the subscribing associations of the fact. By its neglect, wilful or unintentional, the Council had laid itself open to severe criticism, particularly in regard to such an item as £210 allowances to players.

Not only was Otago unaware of any intention on the part of the Council to pay the members of the New Zealand team 5s. per day on tour, but the local association actually suggested that the players pay £10 each towards the expenses of the trip. After such suggestion the Council could scarcely plead ignorance of Otago's views on the subject. Yet in the face of that the Council neglected to enlighten Otago on its real intentions. The Council may have considered by such revelation that it would have hardened the hearts of the interested associations, and the guarantees would not have been forthcoming. Otago would certainly not have guaranteed £75 towards the tour, and I doubt whether the other associations would have responded. Whatever the explanation may be for the item of £210 allowances to players, the Council stands charged with failing to advise the associations on one of the most important matters in the negotiations for the tour. The matter was of such importance that the tour itself might have been in jeopardy had the associations been aware that they were to be burdened with the expense of paying the players on the trip to such an amount as £210. The Council may reserve the right to do what it likes with its own funds, but it is

bers of the New Zealand team, arrive here on Thursday. The selection of the New Zealand team has given general satisfaction, but surprise is expressed at the inclusion of Wilson. The selection of the young Christchurch googly bowler was certainly unlooked for, and his inclusion comes as a surprise, particularly so when it is considered that there is a similar type of bowler in the team in Sandman. For the purposes of this review I am considering Wilson's recent performances. They may be very good, but against Otago they were not so, and Otago is not the strongest batting province in New Zealand. Wilson possessed no particular terrors for the Otago batsmen, and unless bewitched I cannot see how he is going to distress the Australians. The Christchurch youth will serve no purpose in lending variety to the attack, and with Sandman on the side, a second bowler is unnecessary.

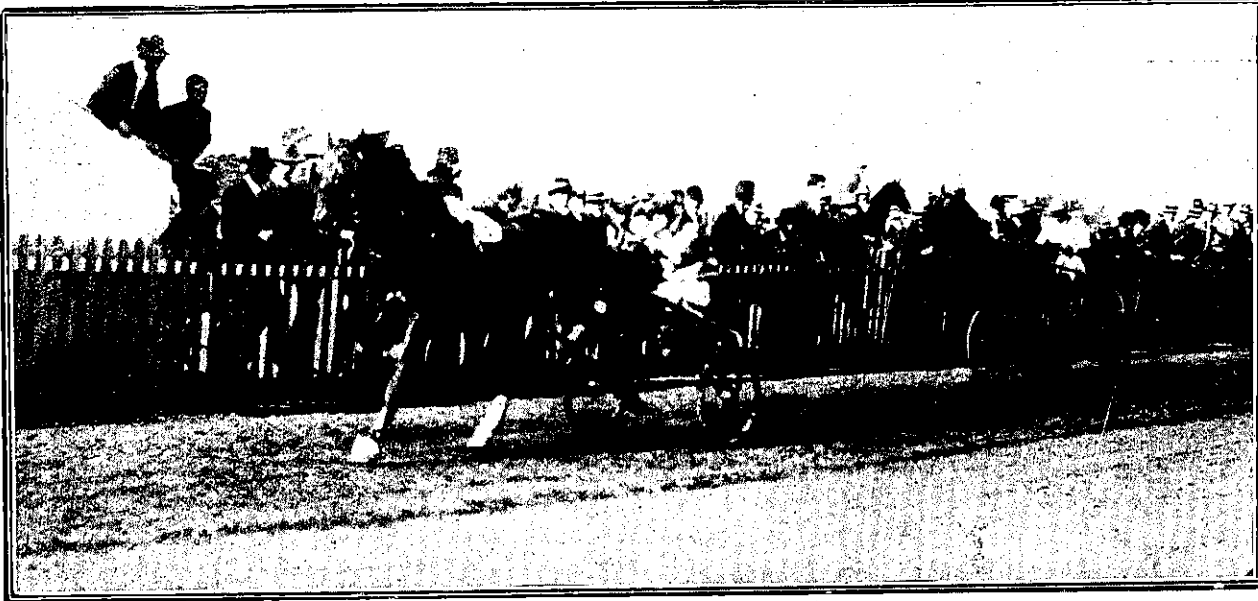
Otago is well satisfied in getting two players into the New Zealand side, and no better could have been chosen from this province than Tuckwell and Condliffe. The former has proved his worth on various occasions, and is one of the most finished batsmen at present in New Zealand. When in his best form, Tuckwell is better than the best in the Dominion. Condliffe goes into the team by virtue of past form as a wicket-keeper, and possibly, too, by reason of the fact that he had been done an injustice when the New Zealand team for Australia was selected. In form, there is no better wicket-keeper in New Zealand than Condliffe. An injury kept him out of the recent matches against Canterbury and Southland, but it is hoped that he will completely recover for the test match. I had thought that McFarlane would have been given a chance in the New Zealand team, but how much this batsman may have been considered, he was passed over. The Albion player is one of the few natural cricketers there are in the Dominion, and the pity is that McFarlane does not realise this. If he fully did so he would not bemoan the fact that he is not in the New Zealand team to-day. It is a pity.

Kemus and Snedden, of Auckland, are unable to make the trip to Dunedin, but god substitutes have been found in Horspool, of Auckland, and Patrick, of Canterbury. Wellington probably feels hurt that it has only one representative in the New Zealand team, particularly after that province's first innings showing against the Australians, wherein Southall secured five wickets for 34, and was responsible for dismissing Trumper and Armstrong with successive balls. If another bowler had been wanted in the New Zealand team Southall might have been given that chance in preference to Wilson, of Canterbury.

In appointing Mr. Dan Reese to lead the New Zealand team against the Australians in the first test match the management committee of the New Zealand Council has displayed no ignorance of the importance of the office. The appointment comes as no surprise, for it is generally recognised that there is no one in the New Zealand team better qualified to captain the side. The well-known Canterbury and New Zealand representative's experience of the game and knowledge of the men and methods are possessed by few in these Islands, and under his leadership the best that is in the New Zealand team will be brought out.

Mr. Watson, the groundsman at Carisbrook, has been at work some time preparing a wicket for the first test match. He spent days on one wicket, which did not roll out to his satisfaction. Now he is always at work at another, which he hopes to get as high perfection as possible for the big engagement. Mr. Watson has made more than a local reputation for his wickets, and it may be expected that the wicket for the test match will be well and truly laid. The new grandstand, erected by the Otago Rugby Union at Carisbrook, will be used for the first time in connection with the test match. The stand is broadside on to the wicket, offering a fine target for Trumper, Armstrong, and Co.

In view of the test match, it is good to know that Tuckwell, the ex-Australian and Otago representative batsman, is in good form. He played a perfect innings of 52 against Canterbury, and on Saturday compiled 81 in his best style. If he gets a start I expect Tuckwell to make runs against the Australians, as he has now become used to local wickets.



CLIVE (McMaster) registers a meritorious performance by winning the Alexandra Handicap (two miles) from scratch at the Otahuhu meeting on Saturday. The second horse is SPECIAL DIAMOND (S. Hamilton).

TROTTING.

CANTERBURY NOTES.

(By Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent.)

MONDAY, March 2.

All sorts of wild rumours are flying about concerning the likelihood of the Metropolitan Trotting Club closing its track at Addington against training operations. From what I can learn there is little chance of such a happening, though should the club be held responsible for accidents that may occur during training operations some drastic steps in this direction may be taken.

No less than three of the winners on the first day of the Wanganui Trotting Club's meeting, in Winnipeg, Goldie and Rothschild Lad, were bred in Canterbury. Each of them is now owned in the North Island.

Goldie, who won the principal event at the Wanganui Trotting Club's meeting on Friday, was bred at New Brighton by Mr. W. Kerr, for whom he won three races, while Friday's success was his second for his present owner. These are the only races

bred, he should make an ideal trotting sire when his racing days are ended. Petruccio is a natural pacer, and is one of the best horses in training in New Zealand to-day.

OTAGO CRICKET.

RECENT TOUR OF NEW ZEALANDERS.

ALLOWANCES TO PLAYERS. STRONGLY RESENTED BY ASSOCIATIONS.

(By Telegraph—Dunedin Correspondent)

DUNEDIN, March 2.

A bomb was dropped into the camp of the Otago Cricket Association when the financial statement in connection with the recent Australasian tour of the New Zealand team was read to the astonished assembly. When the New Zealand Council asked the Otago Association for a guarantee of £75 towards the expenses of the tour there was neither hint nor suggestion that the Council proposed paying the players five shillings per day throughout the trip to Australia, so that it is not hard to imagine the consternation that was created when the item "£210 allowance to players" was read out at the meeting. No one dreamt that the Council proposed paying in addition to the ordinary expenses the out-of-pocket expenses of the individual members of the team. Otago was ignorant of the fact, otherwise it is certain that the guarantee would not have been forthcoming. A complete search of the correspondence relative to the tour has failed to reveal anything that would lead the Association to believe that the Coun-

inexcusable that the guarantees or affiliated associations should be utilised in such manner as the payment of New Zealand cricketers on tour in Australia without first notifying and acquiring the sanction of subscribing associations. Otago takes strong exception to the Council's action in regard to allowances to members of the New Zealand team, and also desires an explanation of the £50 debited to "various gratuities" and £32, "Auckland players' expenses." Altogether there are some interesting questions for the Council to answer. A committee has been set up to go into the matter and to interview Mr. Raphael, the secretary of the Council, with a view to elucidation. Mr. Raphael arrives here in the interests of the Council in connection with the matter.

The question of securing a first-class coach for Otago has been in mind for some time, and it is now announced that a number of gentlemen interested in Otago cricket have decided to take the matter up and provide the necessary funds, provided a really good man can be secured. Present-day players are asked to assist but the bulk of the money will be provided by several leading followers of the game. The idea is to engage a coach for three years at least. Mr. Clark, president of the Otago Cricket Association, who is at present in Australia, will look out for a good man. If one is not forthcoming in Australia he will be sought for in England.

Keen interest is being taken in the first test match, New Zealand against Australia, to be played here this week. Judging from inquiries a large attendance may be expected. The members of the Australian team, together with the North Island mem-

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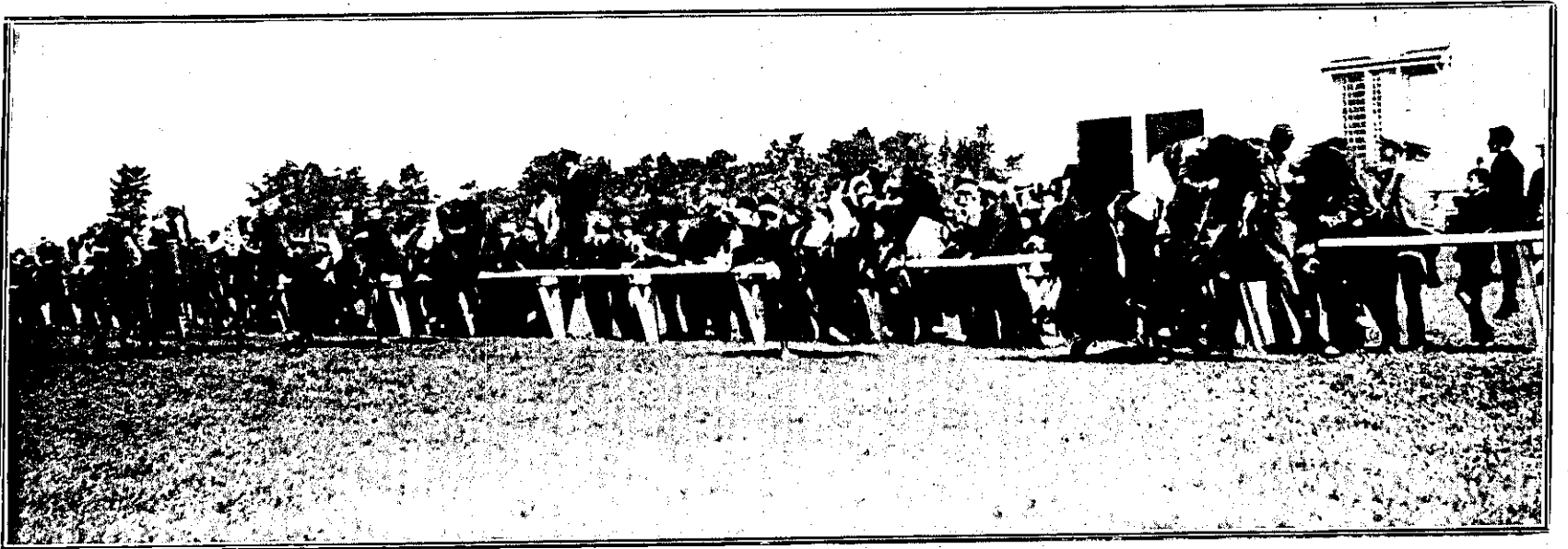
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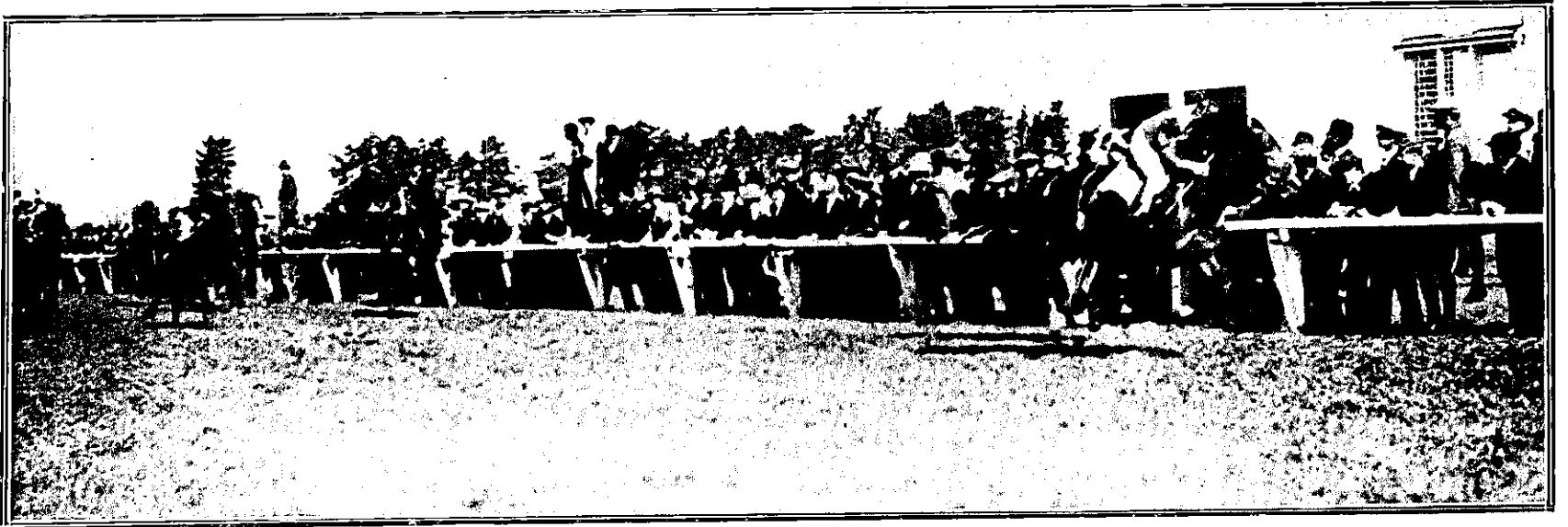
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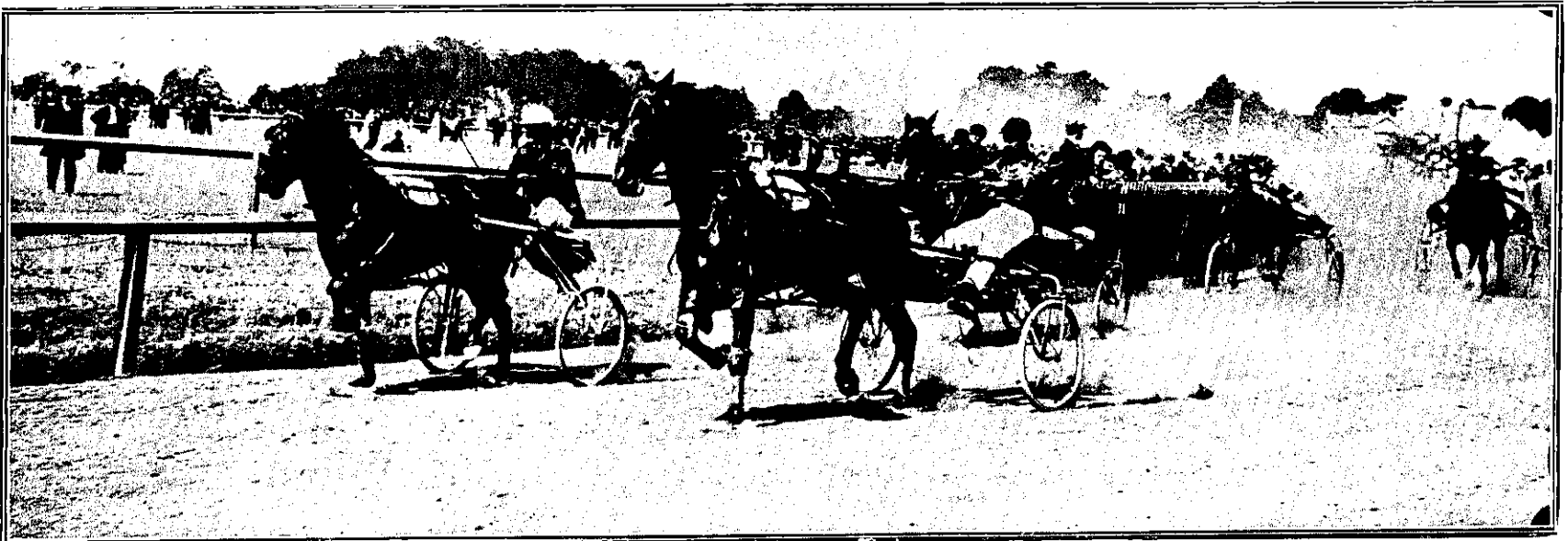
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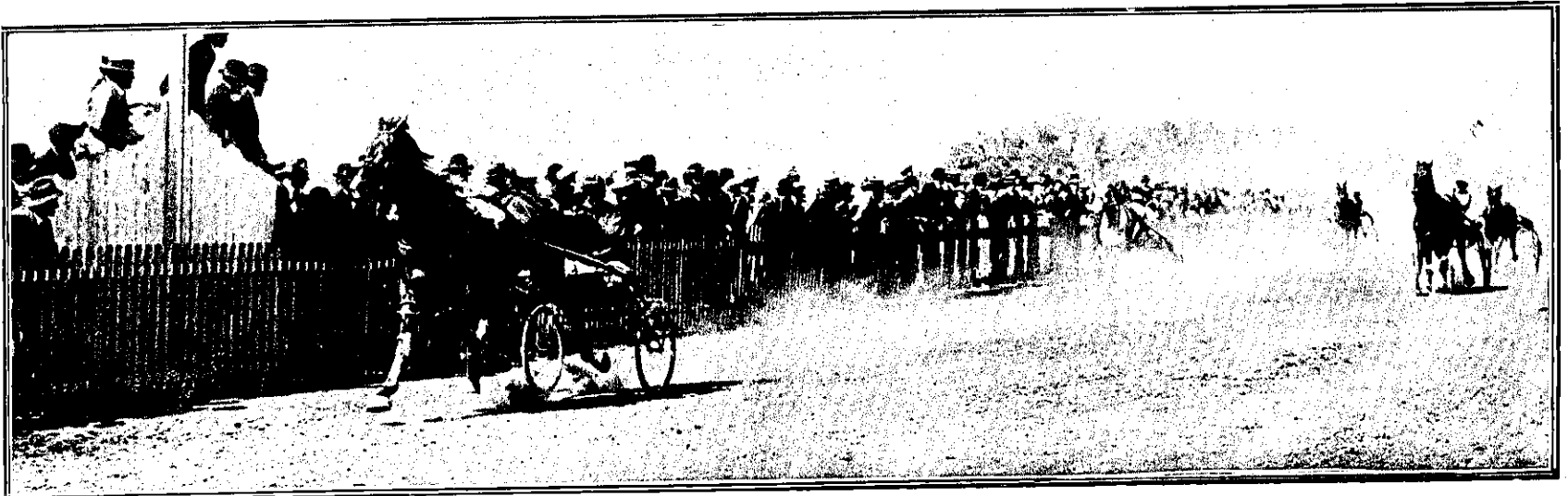
THE FIRST TIME PAST THE POST IN THE WANGANUI CUP.—CHEDDAR (McCarten) LEADING BON TON (F. E. Jones), WITH MOUTOA GIRL (C. Carmont) LYING THIRD.



THE FINISH OF THE WANGANUI CUP (1¼ miles).—SINAPIS (R. Berry) WINS BY A LONG NECK FROM MOUTOA GIRL (C. Carmont), WITH SIR SOLO THIRD.



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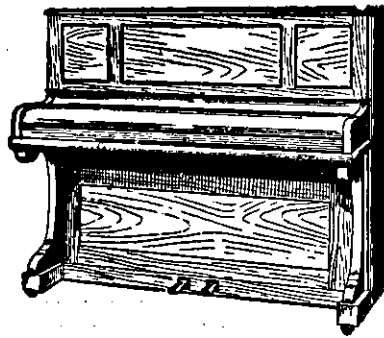
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CRICKET.

(By "MID-ON.")

The second series of matches in connection with the closing round of the premiership competition, drawn during the week, began last Saturday under most favourable weather circumstances. In each match an innings was completed, and in three out of four the result is practically beyond doubt. Better batting performances were expected from the teams that had first use of the wickets, but the best scoring was accomplished by the teams that lost the toss, with the exception of the match at Devonport.

Ponsonby, with 147 for two wickets, should have little difficulty in securing a victory over Grafton, who scored 176. After their brilliant victory over North Shore, Waitemata could only muster 143, while Eden A have scored 94 for the loss of one wicket. At Victoria Park, University could only make 112, while Eden B collected 128. North Shore made the respectable total of 296 against Parnell.

No centuries were recorded last Saturday, the highest score of the day being registered by C. Dacre (North Shore), a fourteen-year-old schoolboy, who reached 72. Other scores of note were N. C. Snedden (Ponsonby) 64, C. Snedden (Ponsonby) 63, W. Horspool (Grafton) 60, F. L. Prime (North Shore) 53, Wallace (North Shore) 51. There were no sensational bowling averages beyond Kavanagh's five wickets for 63.

At Devonport, four juniors were included in the eleven, viz., Dacre, Wallace, McArthur, and Nettleton, owing to the absence of Sale, Archer and Bush.

Howden had sufficient confidence to send a couple of juniors, McArthur and Nettleton to the wickets. The former had compiled a century in second grade cricket in the previous match. The batsmen took no liberties with the bowling, and runs came slowly. Nettleton (15) was first to go, and McArthur (18) left at 47. Howie joined Prime, but neither batsman forced the pace. With 100 runs on the board, which had taken one hour and a-quarter to compile, Howie was bowled. His runs were mostly the outcome of boundaries on the off-side, and he found the chalk line seven times. The cricket was never slower than when Prime and Wallace became associated. The former watched the bowling carefully, but when hitting seemed to mistime the pace of the ball. However, in his score of 53 were seven boundaries and no fewer than nineteen singles. In attempting to hit to leg he pulled the ball on to his wicket. The best partnership ensued when the other two juniors, Wallace and Dacre, were at the wickets. The former had scored seventeen, including thirteen singles, when Dacre arrived, and immediately afterwards gave Doble a chance, which was not accepted. It proved an expensive mistake. Next over Somervell had an opportunity, and although he went through the preliminaries correctly failed to connect with the wicket in trying to stump Dacre, who had only made eight. The total had reached 222 at 5.15 p.m., when Wallace was thrown out in attempting a short run off a square-cut by Dacre. Wallace's 51 consisted of eight 4's, one 2 and 17 singles. It was a patient innings, with only one blemish. Howden joined the lad, but twenty runs later was clean bowled by Somervell. Tattersall followed, but met with a similar fate from a swerving ball. Stewart did not last long, and Rankin joined Dacre, but the latter's time had come, Somervell doing the damage. Dacre gave the brightest display of all. He got to the slow stuff of Stephens', but did not have sufficient strength to punish it. With the fast bowling he was more at home, and made some beautiful off strokes. At present when cutting he has a tendency to get too much over the ball, and therefore takes off a lot of the pace when it touches the ground, but a little more length—and there is plenty of time for it, too—will enable him to remedy the defect and produce more runs. Townshend came in and hit and was then out leg before to the New Zealand representative.

It cannot be said that Parnell's bowling was collared, as no liberties could be taken with it, and though runs came more freely towards the end there was some compensation, as wickets fell too. Somervell changed from wicketkeeper to bowler and with the assistance of a swerve

wound up with four wickets for 43. Anthony (one for 31) required a lot of watching, and at one time had lowled nine overs, five of which were maidens, for nine runs and one wicket. The fielding of Parnell was very good. Moore was the particular star, and the lightweight saved many runs in the field.

EDEN B V. UNIVERSITY.

University were again to be seen in action on Victoria Park on Saturday last, and yet another small score was credited to this team as the result of their first innings' effort. It was generally anticipated that Eden B would fall fairly easy victims to Varsity, and as the former turned out short-handed—a very common occurrence—and the latter were at full strength, there was every reason for supposing that victory would go to the students.

University batted first, and the collapse of the team—112 being the grand total—is difficult to account for. There was nothing in Eden B's bowling to account for such a poor batting display, the students possessing batsmen who should have, among them, put up at least twice the total they did.

The wicket, which, perhaps, appeared difficult, was really better than it was thought to be and played well, so that Varsity have not the satisfaction of referring to the wicket when seeking a reason for their downfall. No doubt the unusual and unexpected failure of the opening pair of batsmen, Airey and Caradus, somewhat upset the calculations of the remainder of the team—at least some of them—and perhaps "nerves" may be safely blamed.

Varsity took first strike, Mills and M. Gilmour bowling from the eastern and western ends respectively. Trouble soon loomed in sight for the students, Gilmour heading Airey with a beautiful ball that just got the leg stump, while Caradus, a few minutes later, touch one from Mills to wicket-keeper J. Alexander, and two wickets had fallen for no runs.

Player and Rowe became partners, but after the former had secured three he hit weakly at a full-toss from Gilmour and that bowler held the return—three wickets for 5.

With Perry and Rowe associated came the first stand of the innings. The former soon became aggressive, playing clean, crisp cricket, and this young player gave a really fine display. Rowe was more cautious, being content to keep his end up. Both batsmen were unfortunate in being given out l.b.w., Perry, who had hit three fours, securing top score with 34, and Rowe 19. Four wickets were down for 42, and five had fallen for 49. Bennett, for Eden B, had relieved Gilmour, and accounted for Perry and Rowe, his delivery appearing to be very deceptive.

Sutherland had hardly opened, when, in reaching forward to one from "Ike" Mills, J. Alexander, at the wickets, found him wanting and removed the balls.

Neither F. Taylor nor Gray made prolonged stays, Bennett being hit hard to the outfield by the former and nicely taken by McLaughlin, while the latter was caught by Mills off his own bowling.

Varsity's position now appeared very unpromising, for though Graham had been pegging away, keeping his end up, he was receiving little support. Runs came very slowly, and it appeared very unlikely that the students' total would find the centenary, and backed up his captivity. However, Vickerman came to tain, so that the score gradually crept beyond three figures. Graham opened out and brought off one or two good pulls and drives. Vickerman, after securing eleven, played one back to Bennett, and Graham, after being joined by Fenwick, hitting hard, lifted one from Mills to McLaughlin at long-off, and Varsity were out for 112, Graham having secured 23, chiefly by patient cricket.

For Eden B, Bennett 4 for 37, I. Mills 4 for 53, and M. Gilmour 2 for 16 divided the bowling honours, all being treated with considerable respect by the Varsity batsmen.

Eden opened with Eaton and Punch to the bowling of Taylor and Player. Punch went early, after seeing Eaton secure most of the runs, falling a victim to Player. McLaughlin failed to make a start, Taylor beating him, and two wickets were down for 29.

With Gilmour's advent runs came freely, both Eaton and Gilmour batting aggressively. Eaton departed, bowled by Fenwick, when his score was 36. J. Alexander also fell to Fenwick, and then Gilmour and I.

Mills partnered. This partnership placed Eden B in a very promising position, the score mounting rapidly, Mills in particular playing very aggressive cricket. Some of his strokes to the off were very powerful, the slips particularly being kept very much alive. After compiling a useful 28, Gilmour was caught by Sutherland off Perry, and C. Robinson joined Mills in the next profitable partnership. Both batsmen attacked the bowling fearlessly and carried the total well beyond Varsity's score, so that when time was called Eden B had 128 up, Mills and Robinson being the not outs with 36 apiece.

Eden B's batting was characterised by greater aggressiveness than was that of Varsity, and the first-named team is evidently making one of its best efforts of the season.

The match at present is in an interesting position, though in favour of Eden B, and it remains to be seen whether that team can secure a three-point win as the result of their efforts.

Varsity's bowling lacked the sting of the previous match against Ponsonby, no bowler meeting with much success.

Eden Park was the convincing ground for two important fixtures on Saturday last, Eden A meeting Waitemata and Grafton trying conclusions with Ponsonby.

WAITEMATA V. EDEN A.

This fixture was played on No. 1 wicket, there being a fair crowd of spectators to watch the varying fortunes of the teams.

Waitemata took strike on a fast, true wicket, Honeycombe and Taylor constituting the opening attack for Eden against Kiddell and Templeton. After putting on a couple of dozen, Taylor found a weak spot in Kiddell's defence, clean bowling him when his total was one short of double figures. F. Dunning filled the vacancy; the left-hander played forward to practically everything, but failed to get the wood on as usual.

Templeton exhibited indifferent form against Taylor, the New Zealand representative tying him down to the crease, and then, with his total at 13, beat him all the way. Taylor was maintaining a nice length and nipping sharply off the pitch—2 for 42.

Arbaster collected a brace, and then got leg before to Cummings, who had come on at the Eden end. C. Moller joined Dunning, the play dragging on slowly with the bowlers keeping the upper hand. The Eden skipper allowed no respite. Frequent changes were made in the bowling, and no sooner had the batsman accustomed himself to one trundler than another took his place, invariably, to meet with much success.

The Moller-Dunning partnership did not prevail long, Cummings getting his second wicket per medium of Buckley, who juggled with and held a good catch at the wickets. When young joined Moller great things were expected, but the tall left-hander did not get really going. After making one or two beautiful Ransford leg hits, and carrying his total to fifteen, Sauverin, who had replaced Cummings, found his timbers with a fast one which the batsman tried to glance.

Moller still pegged away quietly. Five wickets were thus down for 69. Sauverin was in desperate mood, claiming Dunning's scalp with his next ball—6 for 69. The advent of Satchell caused a temporary boom in the Waitemata scrip, this player showing more freedom than his club mates and getting well to the pitch of the ball. Moller, mainly by off drives and an occasional boundary, helped to carry the total to the century. His play was not characteristic of him, being distinctly cramped throughout. Mayall (19 not out) was the only other batsman to make a stand, and he played the bowling with extreme confidence, his square cuts being especially sweet. Langsford and K. Moller failed to register, the innings closing for 143.

From the commencement of hostilities it was apparent that the members of the younger team were suffering from stage fright. Their play was extremely cramped, several of the batsmen appearing to be satisfied to let the ball hit the bat. When they did hit, it was in a half-hearted manner, with the result that scoring was deplorably slow.

The Eden attack was well handled, while the fieldsmen did not let up at any time during the innings. Taylor (5 for 41) bowled with fine judgment and puzzled the batsmen

throughout, his break and over-spin proving very effective. Cummings and Sauverin also did good work with the ball.

The task set Eden was not very formidable—143 on a good wicket. Hemus and Taylor opened the suburbanite's innings, both players immediately getting to work. The former gave the impression that he underrated the opposition, and as a result mistimed an off break and chopped it on to his wicket—1 for 13.

Brooke-Smith and Taylor then became associated, the pair giving a most excellent exhibition of forceful cricket. Taylor frequently found the boundary with beautiful off drives, while Smith glanced, cut and hit in great form. In his total of 34 were three sixes—all beautiful hits. One ball on the leg side dropped on the picket fence in front of the main stand and remained firmly wedged between the tops of two pickets. With 94 on the slate for one wicket, Eden appear to have the match well in hand.

Messrs. Hamblin and Ellis acted as umpires and gave complete satisfaction.

GRAFTON V. PONSONBY.

Grafton met Ponsonby on No. 2 wicket, the former taking first strike on a hard wicket. Horspool and Sloman opened to Kavanagh and Snedden. Sloman failed to get on to one from Kavanagh and retired without scoring.

Horspool was joined by MacCormick, but the former, when one short of the dozen, was clean bowled by a fast, low one from Kavanagh. Two wickets for under twenty runs was far from promising. W. Horspool then partnered MacCormick, both players rattling on the runs. When well set the latter was given out caught at the wickets—a doubtful decision.

D. Hay, the in-comer, joined W. Horspool and the partnership of the day resulted. The former gave a taste of his old-time brilliance in his total of 38, on arriving in one style. Hay looked good for a century when he mis-hit a leg ball from Kavanagh, Robinson effecting an easy catch.

W. Horspool continued in fitting mood, diving hard to the off boundary and swinging forcefully on to Snedden's leg stump. F. Horspool, Hill and Murrison had brief lives, but Haresnape and Willis, especially the former, put on runs rapidly. With his total at 36, Shepherd beat him with a straight ball which the batsman was expecting to break. Harvey joined Willis, but failed to hit a run, loss from Snedden which scattered all wickets, the innings closing for 110.

Ponsonby opened with the Snedden Bros. to Haresnape and Harvey. Haresnape's first ball was returned by C. Snedden to the bowler, but he dropped an easy chance, the mistake being a costly one for Grafton.

The Ponsonby players were keen on run getting, and took advantage of every hit. Harvey proved troublesome, and two chances were missed in the slips off him. N. Snedden was exhibiting fine form, timing in good style and using his feet well to the slow bowler. The New Zealand representative's work all round the wicket was delightfully crisp, and the batsman seemed rarely at fault.

C. Snedden attacked the bowling in fine, free style, but still the luck was all with him. His best work was shown on the leg side, where he made good use of a forcing leg shot. N. Snedden was the first to go, being well take at the wickets off E. Horspool. Only one possible chance could be debited to the batsman, a chance at the wickets off Harvey.

Like all great partnerships, when one batsman goes, the other generally follows quickly. This proved to be the case on Saturday. N. Snedden was caught at the wickets, and next over C. Snedden fell a victim to an easy catch by Hay off Harvey, who had come on at the Kingsland end. Woods (16 not out) and Worker played out time, so that Ponsonby have now a certain two-point win in sight, and a possible chance of the extra point.

Messrs. Gallagher and Barry acted as umpires.

Grafton's bowling attack and the placing of the field were far from satisfactory. Harvey should never have been taken off. He was bowling remarkably well, and had had two chances missed off him in the slips. Willis, who is in for his bowling, was not even tried, while others, who might be termed "chance bowlers," were tried with disastrous results.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S CLASSIC EVENTS.

TWENTY-FIRST ROYAL STAKES, 1915-16.

(Age given at time of race.) E. W. Ails. n's br c, 3yrs, by H. erarch Golden Rose Ernest Alson's b c, 3yrs, by Marble Arch—Mentira A. Each's b or br f, 3yrs, by Bezonian—Lady Hune Exors. of late D. Beard's br or blk c, 3yrs, by Zimmerman—Orchestra G. D. Beatson's b c, 3yrs, by Finland—Asteroid W. E. Bidwill's ch c Restoration, 3yrs, by Elevat.on—Intelligence W. E. Bidwill's b c Desolation 3y.s, by Elevation—Consolation W. E. Bidwill's b f Probation, 3y.s, by Downshire—Culmination W. E. Bidwill's ch h Moderat.on, 4yrs, by Elevation—Intelligence W. E. Bidwill's blk h Reputation, 4yrs, by Martian—Stepfeldt W. E. Bidwill's br h Consultation, 4yrs, by Elevation—Consolation John Buckley's b c Placid, 3yrs, by All Red—S. bersides John Buckley's br c, 3yrs, by All Red—Portia John Buckley's br c, 3yrs, by Charlemagne II.—Edna May II. John Buckley's b f, 3yrs, by All Red—Hermosa John Buckley's br h Redcastle, 4yrs, by All Red—Sobersides Sir Jas. Carroll's b f, 3yrs, by Charlemagne II.—Ara te Uru W. H. Clark's br f, 3yrs, by Zimmerman—Idolatrix Sir Geo. Clifford's b c Adjutant, 3y.s, by Martian—Discipline Sir Geo. Clifford's b c Battle Eve, 3yrs, by Martian—To-morrow Sr Geo. Clifford's ch c Flying Start, 3yrs, by San Francisco—Fleetfoot Sir Geo. Clifford's b c Harlequin, 3yrs, by Treadmill—Delusive Sir Geo. Clifford's b f Fair Slave, 3yrs, by Treadmill—Chryseis Sir Geo. Clifford's ch f Floweret, 3yrs, by San Francisco—Kirriemuir Sir Geo. Clifford's b h First Flight, 4yrs, by San Francisco—Fleetfoot Sir Geo. Clifford's b m Merry Trick, 4yrs, by Treadmill—Delusive Sir Geo. Clifford's b m Snapdragon, 4yrs, by San Francisco—Elusive Mrs May Cookson's b f Starcross, 3yrs, by Glenapp—Stella C. G. Dalgety's br f, 3yrs, by Martian—Nantes. C. G. Dalgety's blk f, 3yrs, by Bonny Glen—Gipsy Maid C. G. Dalgety's b g, 3yrs, by Martian—Lady Dissain C. Dawson's ch c, 3yrs, by Bunyan—Bluejacket—Victoria mare Desmond and Donovan's ch c, 3yrs, by Obligado—Crecey Desmond and Donovan's ch m Crescendo, 4yrs, by Obligado—Crecey Ian G. Duncan's ch f, 3yrs, by Downshire—Purity Ian G. Duncan's b f, 3yrs, by Achilles—Chinwag Ian G. Duncan's br f, 3yrs, by Bezonian—Prelude Ian G. Duncan's b c, 3yrs, by Danube—Mistime Ian G. Duncan's br c, 3yrs, by Achilles—Success Ian G. Duncan's b f, 3yrs, by Hierarch—Peace Ian G. Duncan's b c, 3yrs, by Charlemagne II.—Shepherdess Ian G. Duncan's ch f, 3yrs, by Achilles—Two Step Ian G. Duncan's b f, 3yrs, by Bezonian—Nerve Wm. Dunn's b c Maricia, 3yrs, by Marble Arch—Alicia Wm. Dunn's b c Carlisian, 3yrs, by Elysian—Cardoon J. Fyfe's b f, 3yrs, by Nautiform—Heorthen H. Friedlander's b c, 3yrs, by Charlemagne II.—Fasnakyle H. Friedlander's br c, 3yrs, by Martian—Lady Lochiel G. D. Greenwood's ch c, 3yrs, by Achilles or Bezonian—Sungl w G. D. Greenwood's b c, 3yrs, by Danube—Inyala G. D. Greenwood's b c, 3yrs, by Hierarch—Sprite G. D. Greenwood's b f, 3yrs, by Danube—Armllet G. D. Greenwood's b f, 3yrs, by Obligado—Kitiroa G. D. Greenwood's ch f, 3yrs, by Obligado—Tournament G. D. Greenwood's blk f, 3yrs, by Charlemagne II.—Annabelle G. D. Greenwood's ch f, 3yrs, by Inyala—Vicella G. D. Greenwood's ch c, 3yrs, by Marcovil—Addra G. D. Greenwood's b h Melchikoff, 4yrs, by Mentschikoff—Lady Melton G. D. Greenwood's blk h Bimeter, 4yrs, by Maitster—Comely G. D. Greenwood's br h Camulus, 4yrs, by Martian—Lady Wayward II. G. D. Greenwood's b m Fastradi, 4y.s, by Charlemagne II.—Nautiloid G. D. Greenwood's b m Maitegarde 4yrs, by Charlemagne II.—Annabelle G. D. Greenwood's ch m Rencontre, 4yrs, by Obligado—Tournament G. D. Greenwood's b h Belgravia, 4yrs, by Marble Arch—Inyala J. Grigg's b m Bryan, 4yrs, by Calibre—Britoness J. Grigg's ch h, 4yrs, by Calibre—Alumini J. Grigg's ch h, 4yrs, by Golden Knight—Windy Steppe J. Grigg's br h, 4yrs, by Golden Knight—Harita J. Grigg's ch m, 4yrs, by Boniform—Midnight W. Handley's b c, 3yrs, by Obligado—Soulma'd Fred. Hall's b f, 3yrs, by Penury—Erryroe Mr. Highden's br f Sarcele, 3yrs, by Elevation—Parera Mr. Highden's ch f Mt. Eden, 3yrs, by Elevation—Waitemata Mr. Highden's ch f Brisels, 3yrs, by Achilles—Celaeno Mr. Highden's b f Amphora, 3yrs, by Achilles—Vasa Mr. Highden's br h Pariform, 4yrs, by Boniform—Parera Mr. Highden's b m Formaliter, 4yrs, by Boniform—Waitemata Jas. Hill's ch c, 3yrs, by Gluten—Goldweb

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THE SOCIAL WORLD



Vice-Regal Party at Christchurch.

Their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Liverpool entertained a large number of guests at a garden party at "Elmwood," Christchurch, on Saturday week. Lady Liverpool wore a beautiful frock of white crepe de chine with draperies of black Chantilly lace and a black and white tulle hat. Amongst the guests were the Mayoress (Mrs. Holland), Mrs. A. E. Rhodes, Mrs. Geo. Rhodes, Mrs. Julius, Mrs. and Miss Elworthy, Mrs. Stead, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Gower Burns, Mrs. Cracroft Wilson, Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. and Miss Hanmer, Mrs. B. B. Wood, Mrs. Stringer, Miss Denniston, Mrs. G. Gould.

Their Excellencies at Oamaru.

Their Excellencies paid their first official visit to Oamaru last week, and were enthusiastically received by the residents. The party motored to the beautiful Oamaru gardens, where His Excellency was presented with an address and entertained at a civic luncheon, after which he visited the Waitaki Boys' High School, where His Excellency presented the Meath Cup to Cyril King, the first New Zealand scholar to win the trophy.

Wedding at Lower Hutt.

At St. James' Church, Lower Hutt, the wedding was quietly solemnised of Miss Ella Meek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Meek, Lower Hutt, to Mr. Arthur Cummins, of Wanganui. The bride wore white crepe de chine over pink silk, and a hat of white plush. Miss Dora Meek was bridesmaid, and wore a dainty white frock with hat banded with ermine. Mr. Frank Kelly was best man. After the ceremony the guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Meek at "Oak Vale," Lower Hutt.

Advance, Woman!

Another encroachment on man's domain! New Zealand's first woman land agent has been registered. Mrs. Evelyn Clark, of Christchurch, enjoys this novelty.

Who Said "Wedding"?

An amusing story is being told of Sir Douglas Dawson, who had so much to do with the preparation for Prince Arthur's wedding. Sir Douglas had a very worrying time, and the story goes that one day he went into a room in the Palace where a friend was sitting, and, sinking into a chair, he remarked, wearily:—

"If anyone so much as breathes the word 'wedding' in my presence I'll knock him down!" He had scarcely uttered the words when the door opened and King George came in, looking worried.

"Oh, by the way," he began at once, "about this wedding—"

His Majesty got no further than the word, for, in spite of all his efforts, Sir Douglas' friend was forced to laugh. The King glanced at him in surprised annoyance, but laughed heartily when Sir Douglas explained what he had just threatened.

Madame Dolores.

That most charming of singers, Madame Dolores, is in New Zealand again. "We had plenty of fun and music on the trip over," she told a Wellington interviewer, "and a beautiful Bal Masque, and oh, I must not forget the greatest excitement was the arrival of a baby! We made its trousseau and collected a purse for it, and before we reached Australia, as there was a priest on board, we

invited the mother and baby to the first saloon and had a christening party. It was great fun, and the little baby benefited very much by being born at sea. Our stay in Sydney was very brief, for we were anxious to reach New Zealand and spend a day or two quietly enjoying the renewing of many friendships made on previous visits."

The First Court.

The first Court of the year at Buckingham Palace was a gorgeous function. The King wore the uniform of a colonel of the First Life Guards, and the Queen appeared in a gown of blue and silver brocade, with a train of Honiton lace lined with silver tissue and trimmed with sprays of silver roses.

Miss Ethel Warwick and the Camel.

"Joseph and His Brethren" is the second play in which Ethel Warwick, the leading lady of the company, has appeared in which camels figure. Not very long ago Miss Warwick played Iras in the big London production of "Ben Hur," and in Louis N. Parker's pageant play at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, she also is brought into contact with one of the species. Miss Warwick, however, finds the camel at the Theatre Royal much more tractable than the one she had to lead on in "Ben Hur" in London. The latter had to be coaxed on by means of a carrot, which Miss Warwick held in her hand behind her back. One night, she says, the property man whose duty it was to provide her with the necessary vegetable. The camel, on discovering that there was nothing for him on this occasion, had to be forcibly dragged across the stage, much to the audience's amusement.

Spring Fashions for 1914.

It is prophesied that the 1914 spring fashions will include lampshade gowns, crinoline skirts, bustles and bunches, tall coiffures and tiny early Victorian and picturesque draped hats.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Shipman are in Auckland staying at the Grand Hotel. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shipman have many friends in New Zealand, and not the fewest of them in the Northern City. They bring an exhilarating whiff of America with them and gather up hosts of friends wherever they go.

Sir David Harvey returned to Sydney by the Maheno upon her last trip.

Miss Mary Richmond, of Wellington, left for England, via Sydney, last week. Miss Richmond intends visiting Rome, where she hopes to meet Dr. Montessori, and so study the methods of the famous child educationist.

Dr. Walshe, of the Thames Hospital, and Mrs. Walshe left Auckland last week on a visit to England. Dr. Percy Foote will act as locum tenens.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Myers, who are at present in London, join the Niagara at Vancouver on May 13, and arrive in Auckland early in June.

Mr. S. J. Nathan left for Wellington last week, en route to England. He expects to be absent for about a year.

Miss Evelyn Ward, a popular member of the Dandies, is to be married at the conclusion of the season at St. Kilda.

The German musical genius perhaps wished to confer the highest praise on the singing of a young lady who had insistently sought a hearing and an opinion. But the way he put it was this:—"Id is—vat shall I call it? It is yooost—ach, vot is de vort?—I haf id; id is unearthly."

Mr. Colin Muston has resigned his position as conductor of the Auckland Club's orchestra. Mr. Harold Gregson is Mr. Muston's successor.

Mr. Adolphus Davis, who has retired from the firm of Messrs. L. D. Nathan and Co., was presented by the staff with a smoker's companion and inkstand suitably inscribed. Mr. Benjamin, one of the directors, made the presentation in a eulogistic speech.



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Bon Voyage.

Mr. and Mrs. Barugh, Mrs. Valder and Mrs. Reece were entertained at an "At Home" by the Hamilton branch of the Victoria League. The guests of honour are delegates to the forthcoming conference in London. The Mayor (Mr. A. E. Manning) presided, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Dr. A. Mickle and Mrs. Mickle, of Christchurch, have returned from their visit to Auckland.

Mr. Fred Duncan and family returned by the Maheno last Sunday, after a lengthy sojourn in Adelaide.

"My Wander Year."

"To-day, when even the Japanese and Chinese women sigh after Paris hats, it is strange to see in Manchester streets the shawled women and girls. The operatives might have stepped out of 'Mary Barton' or 'That Lass o' Lowrie's.' The shawls give an old-time air of peasantry to the women. I am told that the hat is gradually claiming its rights, but, on the other hand, I know of a young girl—rather out of the operative class—who went to work at a local mill wearing a hat. She had it torn from her head and danced into chips as just punishment for 'putting on airs.'" —From "My Wander Year," by Mrs. Holman.

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Mr. E. T. Norris, assistant-registrar of the University of New Zealand, has been appointed registrar of Victoria College. Mr. Norris was formerly headmaster of Ashburton High School.

Vice-Admiral Sir George King-Hall has been placed on the retired list at his own request, in order to make room for younger men. Admiral Sir George King-Hall, late Commander-in-Chief on the Australian Station, was born in August, 1850.

Dr. J. Macintosh Bell, formerly Director of Geological Survey in New Zealand, will publish shortly, through Messrs. Macmillan, a book on "The Wilds of Maoriland."

The wedding took place in Auckland of Mr. T. B. Renals, formerly of Sydenham, Kent, England, and now accountant to the Great Northern Brewery Company, and Miss C. Hazleby, daughter of Mr. R. W. Hazleby, of Kimbolton, Huntingdonshire, England. The ceremony took place at St. Mark's Church, the Rev. Connolly officiating. At the conclusion of the ceremony the happy couple left for Rotorua, where the honeymoon will be spent.

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SUMMERS AGAIN BEATEN.

A SENSATIONAL KNOCKOUT.

MCCORMICK'S QUICK VICTORY.

Johnny Summers committed suicide last night. He cut the throat of his reputation by the manner in which he fought (writes W. F. Corbett in the "sun"). No sooner had the gong sounded than, like a greyhound freed from the leash, he bounded after his game, and one of the fiercest and longest-sustained rallies seen at the Stadium resulted in the man who provoked it being knocked out in 2min. 19sec. after the battle began.

It was the most thrilling thing possible. Though the crowd looking on got nothing in length for their money, they had more excitement by far than the previous battle between the same pair provided, spite of the fact that it went the full time—20 rounds.

Summers' action demonstrated that he knew from experience it was no use pitting his skill against McCormick's, and he tried another way of fighting, with disastrous results for him.

Weights were announced:—McCormick, 10st. 5½lb.; Summers, 10st. 3¼lb.

What happened proved that Summers could not have gone to work in a manner more calculated to give himself to the enemy had he intended doing so.

McCormick was plainly flabbergasted at the suddenness and ferocity of Summers' onslaught. The welterweight champion of England thundered after his clever rival in a manner that carried us all off our feet, it was so absolutely unexpected. Summers battled in the way we saw him fight a few weeks ago during the last 10 seconds of every round. Back to the ropes near the south-west angle McCormick retreated before the fury of the attack, and, apparently after he had made a few retaliatory drives, the only way of meeting the onslaught that suggested itself to him was to cover up. This, however, did not protect the whole of his body, it sheltered the face and the upper structure as low as the chest, but left the abdominal section and the ribs open to a succession of left and right drives and hooks, hair-raising in the speed with which they were delivered.

As far as could be judged by a hasty glance around the enclosure every individual in a not over big house, with its unusual long stretches of empty benches, was on his feet roaring. Summers pounded away and fought with tigerish fierceness.

Soon McCormick pounded too, but Summers' blows were the more frequent and better directed, though their effect upon the other fellow was not as great as might have been expected. McCormick evidently has a

remarkable capacity for punishment.

In a thrice the scene shifted to the middle of the western boundary, and the milling was as stirring as ever—each displaying as much anxiety as the other to be embroiled. Here Johnny swung a torrid left, which jerked Tom's head to the other side in a manner that made it seem McCormick might not be able to endure much more, but he steadied quickly, and presented a rock-like front as the strongly pugnacious couple worked across to McCormick's seat, and then to where the other man had taken up his position.

Still the force and the pace continued all fire and determination.

A second or two later the middle of the ring was the place of conflict, but only for a few moments, but during that brief space McCormick landed left and right on a head which appeared to be offered to him. Summers had his hands down the while. The heat of the thing began to tell on Johnny first, he backed to the vicinity of his chair, hotly pursued by a foeman whose eyes gleamed the combative instinct within him. Still Summers faced his man, fighting on the retreat.

After making a couple of steps to the left to get out of his corner, Johnny back-moved a sinister hook and bumped the ropes slightly, but sufficiently to be thrown a few inches forward. Quick as a flash, McCormick, who was in close at the moment, whipped a right jolt to the jaw, and Summers pitched headlong to the boards, where he remained in a most peculiar position, exactly that Waldemar Holberg struck when knocked out soon after his arrival here. Summers was on his knees with his forehead resting against the boards so closely and immovably that it might have been rivetted there, and remarkable coincidence, he went down, as near as I can remember, on the exact spot where Holberg fell, and from the same position.

It was as true and as clean a knockout as I have seen, but the man responsible found a clear opening, though he had to be mighty quick and resourceful.

The great bulk of the spectators applauded but there were many hooters—those who always kick when a contest is short, no matter how "sweet" it may be.

Arthur Scott, as usual, filled the position of referee.

SMALL MEN MOST IN DEMAND.

FURNISH BEST SPORT.

Starting with Jack McAuliffe, the Queensberry art has produced some very remarkable lightweight boxers. Though in the old days the lightweights did not monopolise the limelight, latterly the lightweights have

been making the strongest appeal to followers of the game, and, barring the Jeffries-Johnson affair, the lightweights have been the prime favourites with the boxing fans for many years.

In McAuliffe's day John L. Sullivan and Jack Dempsey probably took preference over the great little Brooklynite, but at that McAuliffe was not without his drawing power.

And McAuliffe was a sterling little warrior. Old-timers who saw the great Jack mix it with his opponents will tell you that his equal at the 133lb. notch never put up his hands before him in defence of the lightweight title.

Brooklyn Jack's bouts with Billy Myers, Jen Carney, and that sort were classics, and Jack McAuliffe is the one man alive to-day who retired the real undefeated lightweight champion of the world. No one ever gained a decision over the Williams-town cooper, and he met the best men of his day.

McAuliffe was a podgy specimen of gloveman, and a lad who loved life as lived in the cafes and about the sporting resorts. For thirteen years McAuliffe held the title, and when he saw he was getting a bit old for the game he passed it on, and retired.

To-day McAuliffe is a vaudevillian, and those who have seen him behind the footlights say that he will be a topline before he quits the stage.

Personally, McAuliffe is the smartest boxer the writer has ever met. He is not very well posted in book lore, but in what constitutes life McAuliffe has all the versions.

Following McAuliffe as the lightweight champion came "Kid" Lavigne, the wonderful scrapper from Saginaw, Mich. Lavigne was not as big a man as McAuliffe, but he was a great box office attraction, and if you want to start an argument just tell some veteran of the ring game that any of our modern lightweights would have a "look in" with the great Saginaw Kid. But before you tell this to a veteran be sure and be on your mark and ready for a quick start.

Lavigne fought the great Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes terror, twice, and held him as good as even on one occasion and bettered him the next time. You don't see lightweights taking on welters nowadays, do you, and what a welter that Walcott boy was.

The great Saginaw Kid exceeded the speed limit in his mode of living, and as a result cut short his reign as king of the lightweights by several years. Lavigne is now conducting a boxing school at Detroit, Mich.

Frank Erne followed Lavigne as the king of the lightweights, and they say that Erne was the most polished lightweight the world has ever known. Erne was a smart fellow, a regular Beau Brummel, and a patron of the race tracks. While he was champion

Erne made a trip to Paris, and on that trip he wrote his pugilistic obituary, for he was never much account after he returned, and was easy for men whom he could have beaten easily before he made his trip to Gay Paree.

Joe Gans won his title from Frank Erne up at Fort Erie when he knocked the once great Erne out in a punch. All points considered, probably Gans was the ideal lightweight, though at that he was never really at his best as a 133-pounder. He was such a marvel with the gloves, even when he was in the sere and yellow, that a noted cartoonist dubbed him the "Old Master," and he carried this name with him until his last battle with that dread disease (consumption), and even now when the fans bring up the memory of Joe Gans they still refer to him as the "Old Master."

"Battling" Nelson succeeded Gans as the title holder, and in many respects he was the most remarkable of all the lightweights. He was practically impervious to punishment. In Nelson's lexicon there was no such word as "quit." No matter how badly they battered Nelson he was always on the job for more. He possessed more recuperative power than any boxer, light, heavy, middle, feather, welter or bantam, that was ever in the ring.

Nelson has been in the ring 17 years, and he is still pegging along. He recently married a sweet little cartoonist of a Denver paper, but still the retirement microbe has never entered his vitals.

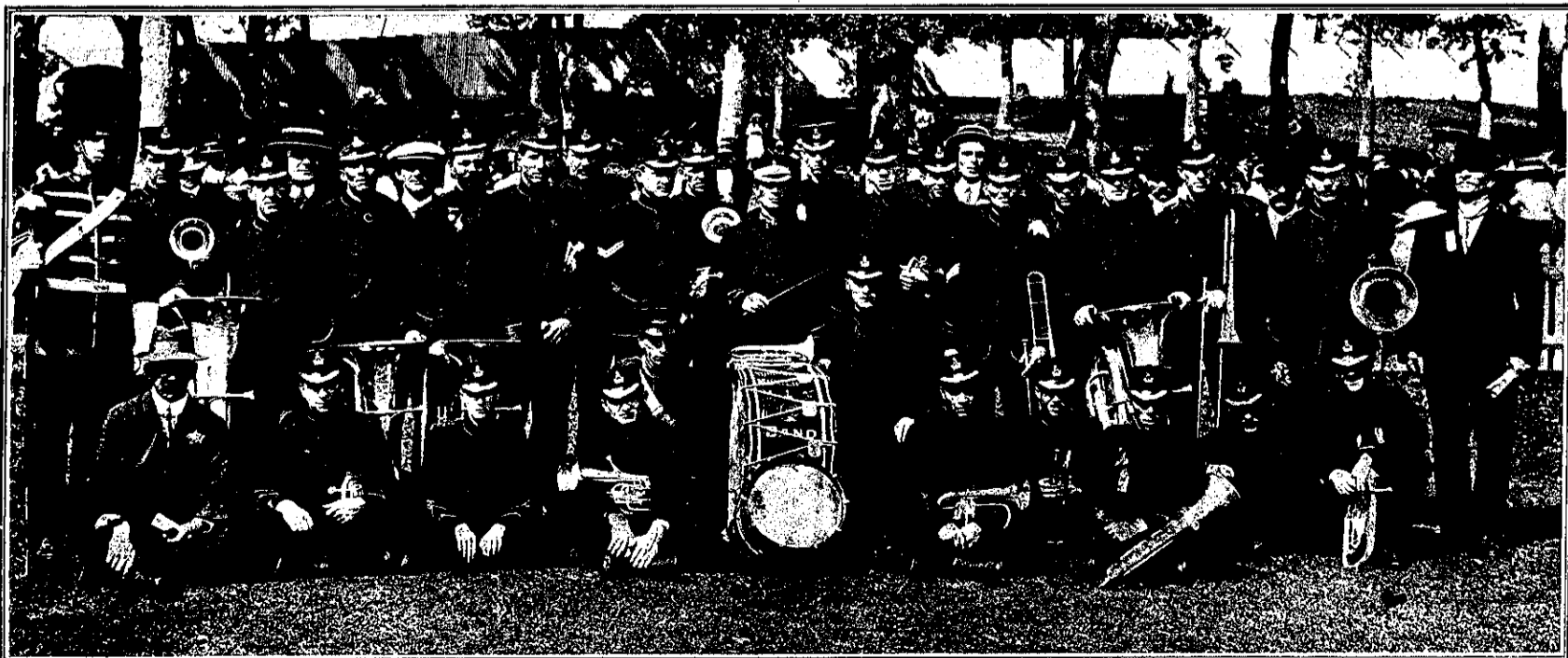
Ad Wolgast came as Nelson's successor. He beat Nelson for the title at Point Richmond, Cal., just over three years ago. During the three years that he held the championship Wolgast was the most wonderful drawing card in the ring, and even now he is still a topline from a box-office standpoint.

Willie Ritchie, the only man in the entire history of pugilism who won a title on a foul, is the champion of to-day. Willie is a bright boy and a game one.

The one beauty about the lightweights is that they always put up a beautiful battle. It is indeed seldom that a championship changes hands in this division without a memorable struggle. There is usually a great deal of excitement attending the settlement of a title in the lightweight division.

The lightweight boxers hit just hard enough to suit the spectators; they usually possess great assimilative powers, and they are rapid workers.

And as a general rule there are usually more good lightweights in the field at the same time than appear in other divisions of the Queensberry realm at a similar period.



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BOXING IN NEW ZEALAND.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

As the result of a mail vote taken among the boxing associations in the various centres, the following alterations in the New Zealand rules have been made:—

- (1) A person or body is liable to suspension or disqualification for any act considered by the governing body to be against the interests of the sport.
- (2) Annual meeting of local associations is to be held in March. (Wellington dissents).
- (3) Value of championship medals to be £4 4s.
- (4) The weights for the professional championships are fixed as follows:—Bantam, 8st 6lb; feather, 9st; light, 9st 9lb; welter, 10st 7lb; middle 11st 6lb; mid-heavy, 12st 7lb; heavy, any weight.
- (5) Diameter of ring altered from 24 feet to 20 feet. (Wellington dissents).
- (6) Hitting with the open glove made illegal.
- (7) Competitors prohibited from applying any foreign substance of an oily or greasy nature to the body.
- (8) Any person failing to compete after entering is liable to suspension.
- (9) No professional match shall be made for a date nearer than four weeks to any previously-arranged date. (Wellington dissents).
- (10) In connection with amateur championships, the announcer shall obtain from the judges and the referee their respective decisions, shall show the decisions to the referee, and shall announce to the winner the contestant receiving the majority vote.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Wellington Boxing Association has decided to hold a tournament on March 6. The chief attraction will be the match between Barney Ireland (Waipawa) and E. Lowe (Gisborne) for the heavyweight championship of New Zealand and a purse of £50. A number of amateur bouts will also be decided during the evening.

Jimmy Clabby, the black American middleweight boxer, who Mr. R. L. Baker has been successful in engaging for Australia, will leave San Francisco by the R.M.S. Sonoma on March 10. Young Ketchell, a lightweight of repute, and Eddie Clabby, who came to Australia with his brother two years ago, a mere lad, are accompanying the famous middleweight.

The Eddie McCoorty-Jeff Smith fight has been fixed to take place at the Sydney Stadium on Saturday, March 14. The battle will be for the world's middleweight championship, and the winner will probably be given the first chance to meet Jimmy Clabby, who has been engaged by Mr.

R. L. Baker to fight three matches in Australia. The latter battle will also be for the world's middleweight championship, and will take place in Sydney at Easter time.

Frank Ellis' willingness in coming forward as a substitute for Boyo Driscoll when that boxer was, owing to an accident, unable to fulfil his engagement with George Taylor in Melbourne the other evening, created a very favourable impression among boxing enthusiasts. Ellis was quite unprepared for the match, and as his opponent's slogging abilities were well known it speaks well for the ex-Wellingtonian that he should have come forward and beaten Taylor on points.

The boxing commission of New York State has decided that hereafter all weighing of boxers will be done in a private room to which only their managers and the commissioner shall have access. This is the result of some boxers in New York City protesting against public weighing, the same as Packy McFarland did in Milwaukee when he fought Jack Britton recently. There is no reason why the boxers should be compelled to weigh before a lot of curious people unless they should want to do so of their own free will. As long as they make weight to the satisfaction of their opponents and the members of the commission, there is no reason why they should be asked to go further.

Weight 9st., about 5ft. 3in. in height, and 18 years of age, a good-looking French brunette, Mile. Marthe Carpenter claims to be the world's champion woman boxer. She has been in training for the last six months in the Ternes quarter of Paris with M. Albany, who is an ex-champion of jiu-jitsu, and boasts that no white man has ever beaten him. Despite her surname, she has no blood relationship with the famous French pugilist. She explains that before she took lessons in boxing she could never venture into a crowd alone, because she was nervous, irritable and timid. Today she has none of these embarrassments, and looks what she is, a thoroughly healthy, business-like girl. In the morning she helps in her mother's grocery shop, and in the afternoon she tries to punch her instructor. She has challenged any woman of her own weight in the world, and a stocky-built Swiss girl, Miss Cleveland, of Geneva, has offered to meet her in a match of 10 or 15 rounds.

Among the many humorous stories which Sam Langford can reel off when in a story-telling vein is the following amusing anecdote:—

A few years ago Sam was in Indianapolis and looked after a coloured lad in a contest with an Irish boy before one of the local boxing clubs. Before the fight the black boy was extremely confident, not to say cocky, and would have staked every cent he had in the world on himself, so sure did he feel of making Irish stew out of the opposition.

"How do you feel, Joe?" asked Sam before the fight.

"Fine," he replied; "you have a bet on me, Sam; I'm goin' to win to-

night. You know my brother. He's been dead ten years. Well, I'll fight and he comes back."

The lad unknied, and in the first round the Irish boy knocked the coloured one down nineteen times, the bell saving Joe from being counted out. They picked up the battered little warrior and put him in his chair, all bruised and bleeding.

"How do you feel now, Joe?" asked Sam.

"All right," he replied, in a weak, faraway voice, "I think I see my brother coming."

The welterweights are clamouring for a match with Johnny Summers, even with Johnny still in Australia with another contest before him (says the English boxing paper, "Mirror of Life"). Gus Platts, Fred Dyer, and Pte. Basham are running a neck and neck race, but there should not be any hurry, as it may be three months or more before Summers gets back. Basham has already been selected as Summers' opponent, it has been stated, but some elimination bouts would be more satisfactory to his rivals. Basham has deposited £25 and hurled a deft at Summers, but though he has been boxing very well recently, having held Tom McCormick to a draw, his record hardly justifies him in claiming precedence over Platts and Dyer. Basham was knocked out in seven rounds by Matt Wells twelve months ago, was knocked out in five rounds by Young Nipper last spring at Liverpool, was outpointed during the summer by Joe Hirst, a lightweight who was afterwards defeated by Sapper O'Neill, and has lost a decision to Platts. The "Sheffield Blade" has beaten most of them, including Tom McCormick, and can be backed by Mr. Widdison for £200 or £500 against the welter champion.

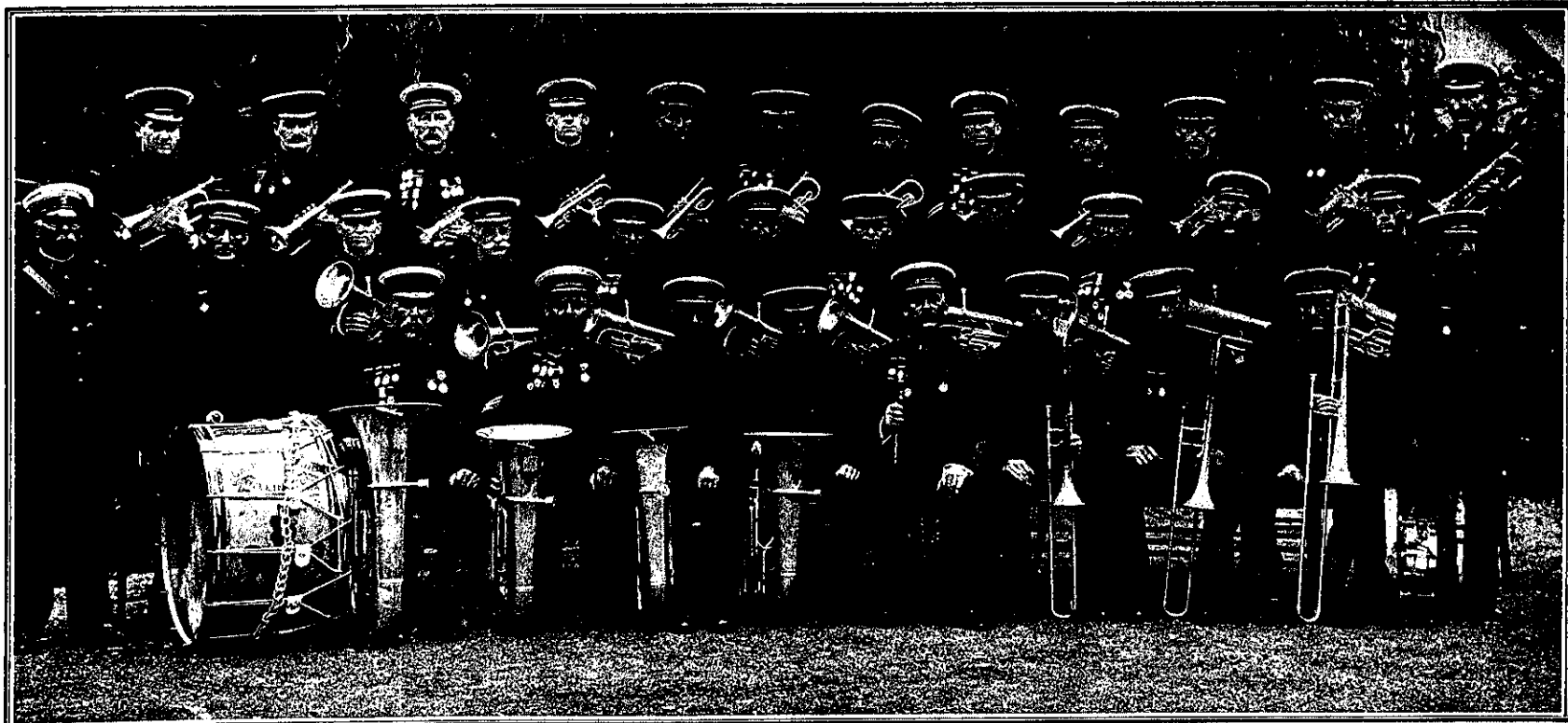
Harry Stone, the clever American lightweight, has left Australia for London in company with Terry Kellar and Colin Bell, and their visit to the Old Country will be watched with considerable interest. Stone's Australian campaign has been a highly successful one, and among the scalps he gathered in was that of Johnny Summers, whom he defeated in Brisbane on May 17 last, and again defeated the then British welterweight champion on points in Sydney on November 8. Other meritorious victories registered by Stone were his defeat on points of Hock Keyes, Joe Russell, Alf Morey, and, greatest of all, his memorable defeat of the clever British lightweight Matt Wells. Pal Brown was his next victim, but later he sustained his only defeat in Australia, when he went under to the Victorian boxer Herb. McCoy in a twenty round battle. During the ten years he has devoted to boxing, Harry Stone, who is only 24 years of age, has met some of the best lightweights in the world, including Jack Britton, Abe Attell, Leach Cross and Kid Sullivan, and claims to have participated in 360 battles. Stone will assuredly do well in Great Britain, but is looking forward to his return to America, where he is anxious to meet the world's lightweight champion, Willie Ritchie, whom he considers he will deprive of his title. Before leaving the Commonwealth he announced

his intention of returning to Sydney in seven or eight months' time.

"There's one man who is and will always remain a credit to the fighting game, and that is Joe Choynski, the best heavyweight that ever escaped being a champion (writes Sam Austin in the New York "Police Gazette"). Joe used to be strong for his native city of San Francisco, but is now head and shoulders in love with Pittsburgh. He is the boxing instructor at the Pittsburgh Athletic Club, a 1,000,000dollar organisation, which has one of the finest buildings in Pittsburgh. The people are all of an athletic turn of mind, says Joe, and some day Pittsburgh athletes will lead the world. A. R. Hamilton, vice-president of the club, is an old-time sprint runner, and takes his daily exercise with as much enthusiasm as a school-boy. He is an ideal type of the Pittsburgh business man, and it is Choynski's opinion that few men will be able to keep up in modern times who do not take their daily exercise. Joe's card bears his full name, and reads as follows:—"Mr. Joseph Bartlett Choynski. Pittsburgh Promotes Progress." The business organisations in Pittsburgh have a good word for Joe and the boxing game because they feel that he does a great deal to advertise their city. Of late years Joe has become a man of settled habits, and he goes to the bank regularly with his little bunch of coin, and is well fixed for a rainy day. Although well along in the forties, Choynski looks as young as he did fifteen years ago, when he was about the best light-heavyweight in the world."

Harlem Tommy Murphy has announced that his match with world's lightweight champion Willie Ritchie has again been postponed. The battle has now been definitely fixed for April 17, the decision being arrived at after a conference of the managers and promoters.

A New York cable conveys the news that the famous American boxer Packy MacFarland has entered into a contract with Mr. R. L. Baker to fight three battles in Australia. MacFarland, who is recognised as one of the speediest and cleverest boxers that ever donned a glove, will doubtless prove one of the greatest attractions ever engaged for an Australian tour. His great battles with Freddie Welsh will ever be remembered by English boxing enthusiasts, and it is generally acknowledged by fistic authorities that Packy MacFarland would, only for his inability to get within the lightweight notch by two or three pounds, be the lightweight champion of the world. Packy has always had the misfortune of being just over the required poundage, and the leading lightweights have as a result found this an excellent excuse for side-stepping him. Still, MacFarland has not wanted for matches, and during his ten years' connection with the boxing game he has accumulated a fortune of about £60,000. He is only 25 years of age, and it is unlikely that after completing his Australian visit he will participate in many more contests, as only lately he announced that he intended quitting the ring.



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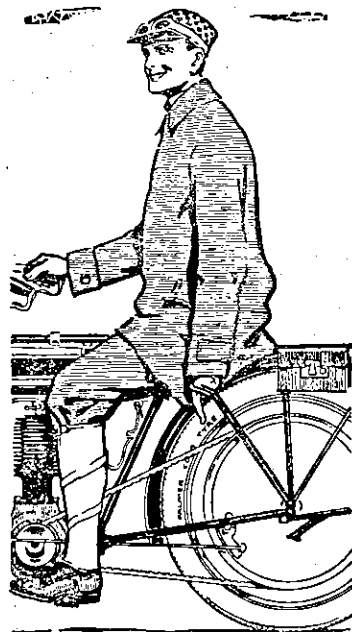
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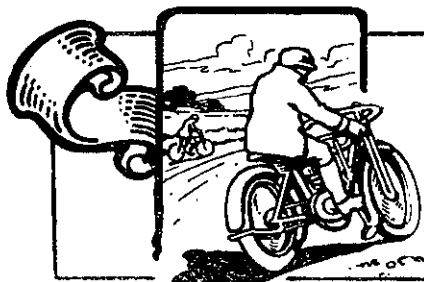
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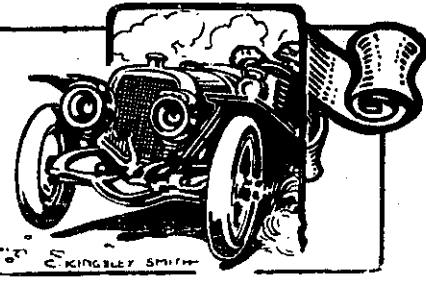
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The North Canterbury Motor Cyclists' Club has arranged to hold its record speed tests at New Brighton Beach on May 2, for machines of 350, 500, 750, and 1000 cylinder capacity, over distances of one and five miles.

Recommendations have been made by the by-laws committee of the Wellington City Council that the speed of the Kelburne-Karori motor buses should be fixed at twelve miles an hour, with the exception of a stretch of road between Boundary road and 100 yards past the Karori end of the tunnel, for which the limit should be eight miles per hour.

Mr. A. Anderson, of Palmerston North, lately in the employ of Adams and Co., Christchurch, as a motor salesman, is leaving for England next week for the purpose of competing in the Tourist Trophy race, held in the Isle of Man—one of the biggest motor cycling fixtures in the world. It is understood Mr. Adams will ride a Triumph.

electric vehicle has a longer life—perhaps twice as long as the petrol car. It is easier on tyres on account of the even torque of the drive. In New York many of the great companies have big fleets of electric lorries and find they pay, and the use of the electric is spreading every year. The chief objection to the electric vehicle is its high first cost, ranging upwards from £600 to over £1000.

The subject of the motor traffic through the Hutt Valley, which agitates the residents so much, has been again under consideration by the Wellington City Council. The following resolution was adopted: That the police be asked to prosecute all motorists using motor cars and motor cycles without a registered number; that the Council bring the matter before the Municipal Conference with a view of getting the necessary legislation to deal with the motor traffic generally; and that the city engineer prepare a report for the Municipal Conference on the question of motor regulation.

horse-power engine does the work of 30 horses. With the smaller farmer a 15 to 20 horse-power tractor is the popular size.

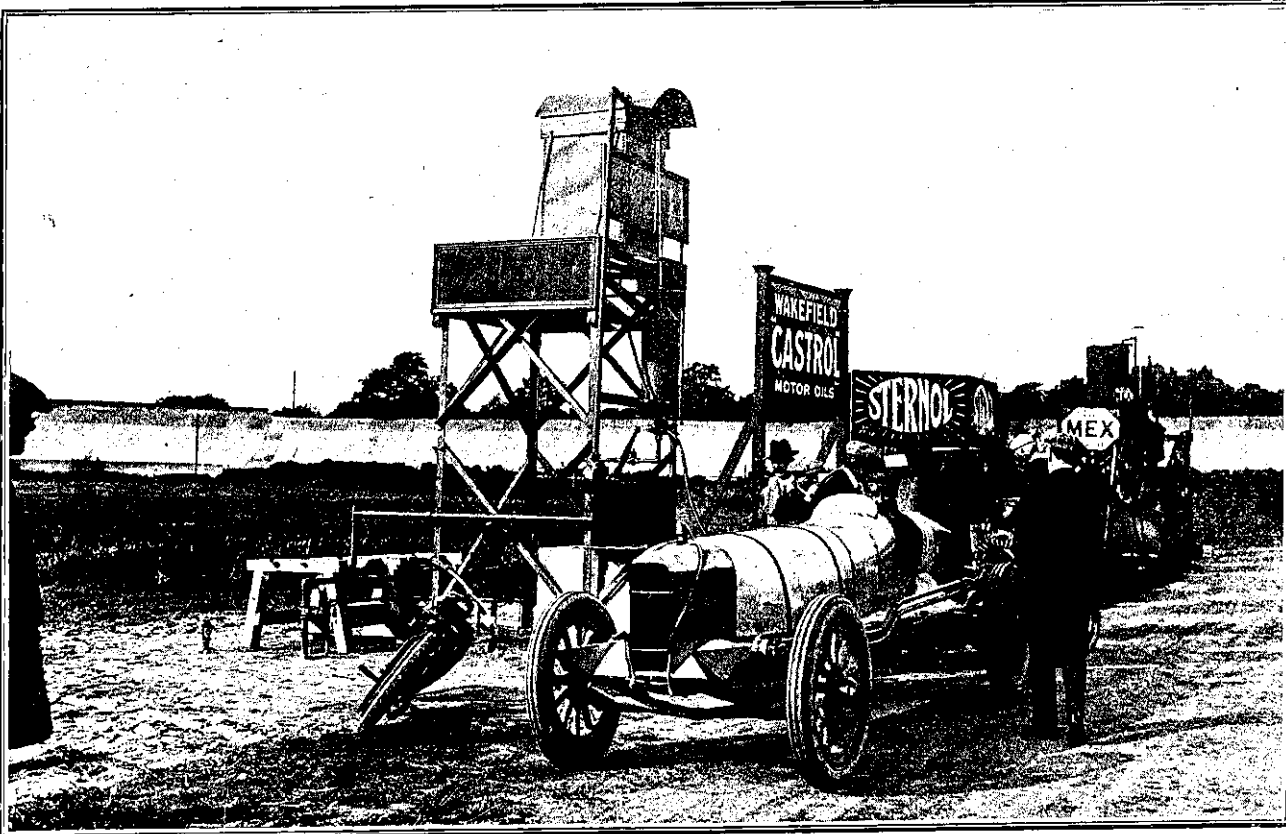
The London fire brigades are nearly fully equipped with motor-driven appliances for fighting fire, and in a short time not a horse-drawn vehicle will take part in the contest with the devouring flame. A large expenditure will, of course, be necessary, and in the near future it is proposed to spend £100,000 in 249 new motor appliances. These will include—53 escape vans, 27 turntable ladders, 11 lorries, 5 tenders, 15 motor cars, 1 motor canteen van. Recent experiments have shown that the motor pump can beat the steam engine. With two centrifugal pumps a jet of water was thrown over the top of St. Paul's—or 340 feet above the level at which the pumps were working. They can travel at 40 miles an hour and can pump 500 gallons of water a minute at a pressure of 120 pounds per square inch.

list will break his own neck, or, worse still, somebody else's. It was decided to ask for the co-operation of the police in abating the nuisance.

The subject of taxation of motor cars has been brought under the notice of the secretary of the Wellington Automobile Club. He has pointed out that a deputation to the Minister in May last agreed that cars should be taxed, but that such a tax should be imposed by the Government (as in England), and not by the local bodies, and that the money derived therefrom should be earmarked for expenditure on the maintenance of main arterial roads. As to the system of taxation to be adopted, a clear opinion was expressed that the tax should not be made on the horse-power of a car, for a difference in horse-power did not necessarily mean a difference in speed. What the Wellington Club had suggested was that the tax should be imposed according to a scale calculated on the weight of a car—say £1 per ton. The secretary, Mr. Dillon Kelly, maintained that it is the heavy-weight cars which do most damage to the roads.

The latest addition to the fire-fighting apparatus of the New Plymouth Fire Brigade is a motor waggon, purchased by the New Plymouth Fire Board. A model T 20 h.p. Ford car, with dual ignition and fitted with electric lights. Accommodation for four firemen and a driver is provided. One thousand feet of hose, divided into 100 feet lengths, with nozzles all ready for use, is placed in the body of the car. A 12ft extension ladder rests along the top of the machine, held into position by three iron stays. Two hydrants, three chemical fire extinguishers, axes, a jumping sheet and first aid ambulance outfit are all securely and conveniently attached for immediate use. The machine is painted bright scarlet, relieved with black, and in addition to the ordinary reed horn on the driving wheel, the man alongside the driver manipulates a hand buzzer, which emits a shrieking noise sufficient to warn people of approaching danger a very long distance away.

The 95 h.p. Thomas Flyger, which Mr. David McKenzie, a citizen of New York, is driving throughout New Zealand, is the same make of car which won the round-the-world race in 1908, across America, Asia, and Europe, via Siberia and Russia. The car is both roomy, comfortable and powerful, and the party are making a detailed tour of New Zealand. From Australia the party came, via Melbourne, to New Zealand, and spent a few days motoring up from the Bluff to Christchurch. Then they proceeded from Wellington to Taupo, and spent a few weeks fishing. From the Hot Lakes they passed on to Auckland, back again to Wellington, and over to the South Island where they will cross to the West Coast, via the Buller Gorge. The route will be from the Coast over the Otira to Christchurch, and down again to Timaru, with side trips to Mount Cook and elsewhere. There is no schedule of time—it is motoring both at leisure and for pleasure. From the Bluff the party will return to Australia, and take ship to Japan, to motor there and in China. In due course they will return to the States, after about five years' absence. Except for tyres, there has been no trouble whatever with the car. Mr. beauties of New Zealand scenery, and thinks our roads are very good on the whole.



Sunbeam Hour Record Attempt.—A stop at the petrol depot to fill up with "Shell."

Some three years ago the loungers in Broadway's well-known tearooms, Christchurch, were electrified to observe a lady motor cyclist speeding quite composedly about the Square. Time failed to produce a competitor in the pleasures of cycle motoring, but the future is to have its revenge. A well-known Christchurch motor firm claims to have sold four motor cycles recently to ladies, and they expect to see a large increase in this form of trade. The firm claims that women learn the detail of the motor cycles quicker than their male competitors.

The Wellington City Council has decided to procure electric vehicles in opposition to oil-driven machines for its new motor bus service. This is wise, as the city owns its supply of power and the machines are easier to drive. Generally speaking they are cheaper to run to the extent of from 1/2d to 1d per mile. Probably the comparison would be even more favourable in New Zealand, where petrol is dear and electricity cheap. The

The general manager of the International Harvester Company of the United States is at present in New Zealand on tour. In conversation with a Southern pressman he drew attention to the great advance of agricultural motor traction in farming circles in America. The bulk of the can wheat land to-day is ploughed and worked by means of motor power. On the larger farms 40 to 60 horse-power engines are used, which do the work carried out by 30 horses previously. This change has necessarily reduced the cost of production to a considerable extent. It is estimated that with a fair-sized scope of country the motor reduces the cost of ploughing, etc., by 75 per cent. Benzine is much cheaper in the States. Kerosene averages about 6 cents per gallon, and gasolene 15 cents. Even with a considerable advance on these figures motor traction would pay handsomely. First there is not the cost of upkeep when the engine is not in use, as with horses, and what is equally important, considerable time is saved in working the land. A 60

Even the "Hawera Star" is out, hatchet in hand, on the trail of the speed fiend. It remarks, with a rare flippancy, that at such times as race and show days in that district the pace has become too hot, and that the borough council and the county council might very properly confer on the subject with a view of recalling to a sense of their responsibility drivers of motor cars, not forgetting the riders of motor cycles, some of whom are among the chief offenders.

The speeding motorist has brought down upon his goggled head the ire of the Sumner Borough Council, and the motorist who persists in tearing along at break-neck speed, endangering his own and other people's safety, is to get short shift, if the worthy City Fathers of the seaside Canterbury resort can bring him to account. It is motor cyclists to whom I refer, especially, said the councillor who introduced the matter, and if some stringent measures are not taken, the inevitable result will be that the cyc-

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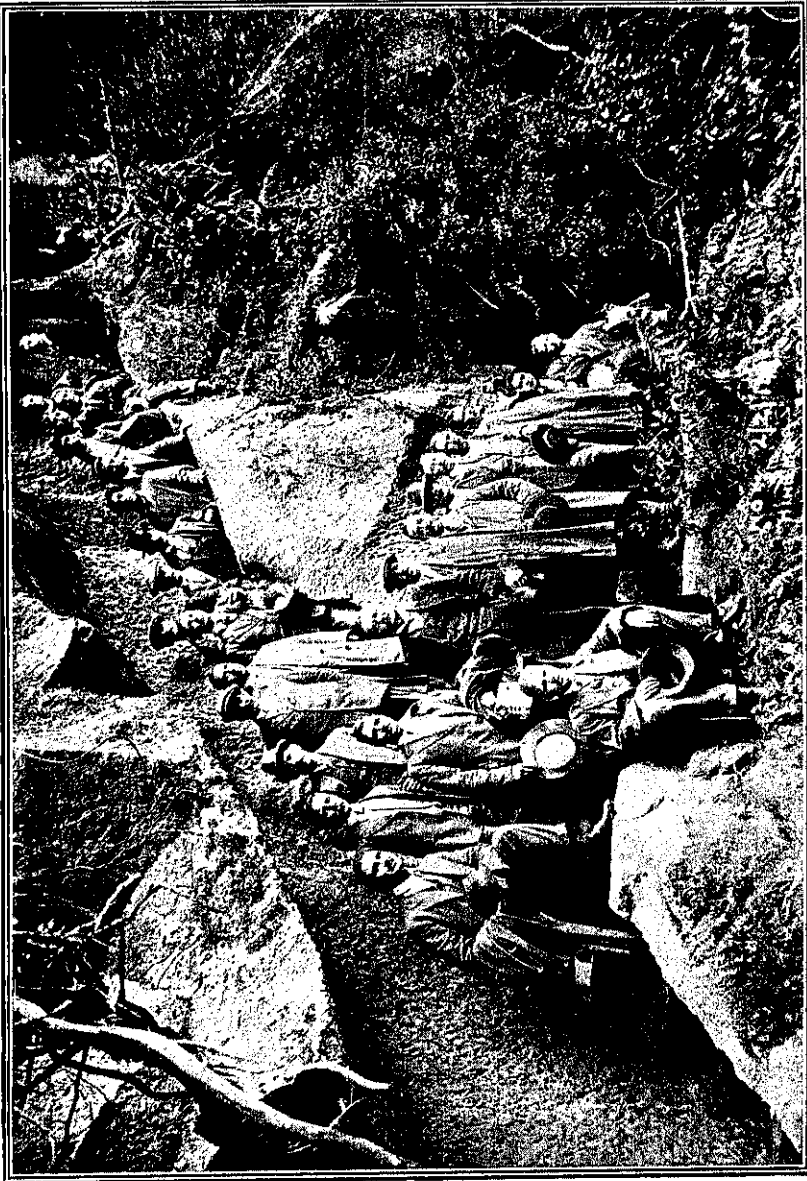
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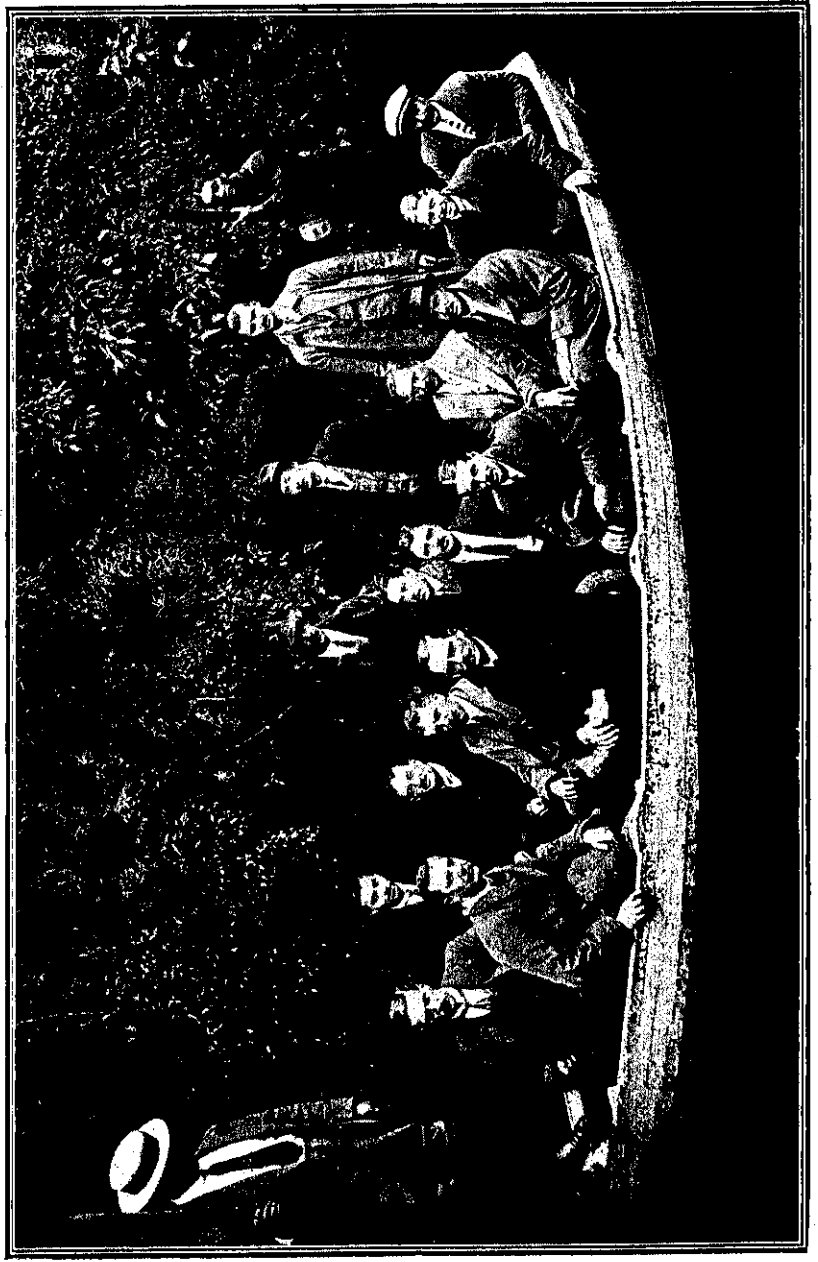
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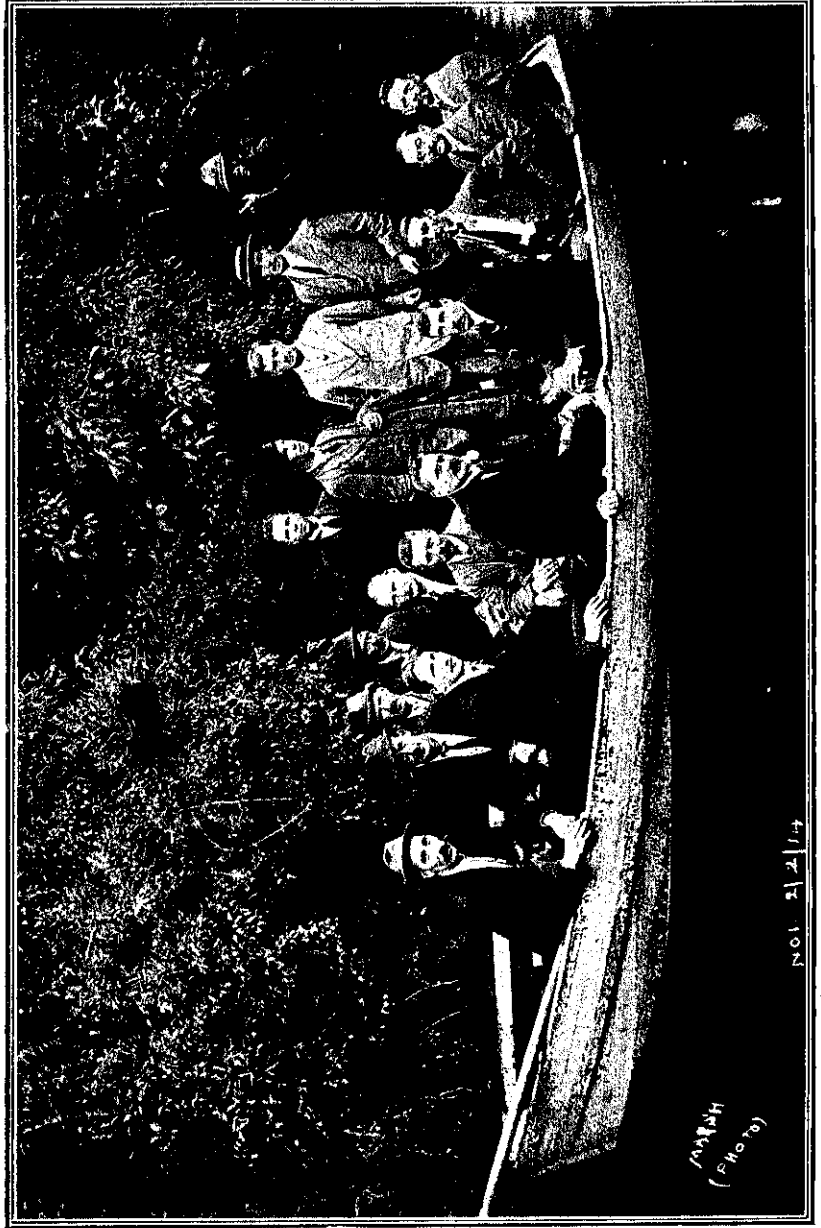
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BILLIARDS

A charming display was given by Miss Ruby Roberts, the lady champion of the world, on Tuesday evening at the Amateur Sports Club. Miss Roberts was opposed by Mr. James Russell in a game of 500 up level, the lady champion winning by 174 points. The best effort of Miss Roberts was 48 off the red, breaking down at the bete noir of all billiard players—a long loser. Some cleverly executed run throughs and slow screw shots were comprised in her breaks of 31, 34, 31, 22, 34, 23, 34, 48 (all off the red), and 16 unmissed, which were made with unmissed ease and accuracy. The gallantry for which Mr. Russell is famous was conspicuous on some occasions during the game, but in being defeated Mr. Russell lost no prestige, as Miss Roberts is unquestionably a very fine player. Mr. Russell was seen to advantage in breaks of 42, 37 and 29.

The public exhibition given by Miss Ruby Roberts and W. E. Stephenson, the New Zealand professional champion, proved very enjoyable, though public patronage did not realise expectations. One of the private rooms at the Civic Club Billiard Parlours, Darby's Buildings, Queen Street, in which is installed an Alcock standard match pocket table, was fitted and seated for the exhibition, which extended over Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Two games of 650 up, Miss

Roberts receiving 200 start, were won by Stephenson, who played wonderfully well. Stephenson made best runs of 91, 88, 75, and numerous other runs over 50. Miss Roberts apparently could not strike form, but played many difficult strokes with a beautiful certainty and finish. On Friday and Saturday a longer game was played of 3000 up, Stephenson conceding Miss Roberts a start of 1000. The New Zealand professional was in really fine form, and when the final session was entered upon had scored his quota of points (2250), while Miss Roberts was 27 behind her sessional number. When play was resumed on Saturday night, Stephenson scored consistently, and when the scores were called—Miss Roberts 2936, Stephenson 2836—the game looked good for the back marker. However, an easy opening gave Miss Roberts her opportunity, and, playing with much confidence, the lady player ran to game with 64 unmissed, which, at the request of the audience, she continued, finally breaking down when the total break was 100. Miss Roberts got a most enthusiastic reception for her really wonderful effort. Miss Roberts' best breaks were 39, 36, 29, 29, 30, 33, 24, 21, 23 and 20. The break was much enhanced in that it was completed on an Alcock standard match pocket table, which gave the players entire satisfaction. Stephenson played wonderfully fine billiards, and has improved his game very much since he last appeared in Auckland. Always a generous opponent, Stephen-

sired" is used as belonging to the select few who are clamoring for annihilation of the stroke, and not the general public, which, by its continued presence in large numbers at Gray's sessions, signifies its approval of the stroke. However, the battle against the "loser" continues, and it looks as if the agitators will secure the verdict, as it is announced that the Billiards Control Club is now contemplating an amendment of its rules by restricting the stroke, and it is further announced that the anticipated restriction will come into operation in the competition for next year's championship. Gray has evidently furnished a surprise in his excellent handling of the "Ivory" balls, the outcome of which is this intended move on the part of the B.C.C.

One of the best defenders of the losing hazard stroke is Mr. George Reid ("Hazard," in "Sporting Life"), who was here with Tommy Reece. Friend Reid is being attacked from all sides on his persistency in advocating a retention of the stroke; any way, until the paying public demands its abolition by remaining away from the sessions where it is being played. One of the leading English amateur authorities, a player of championship calibre, wrote "Hazard" anent his attitude on the losing hazard bogey: I have been reading your remarks re the restriction of losing hazards with the greatest interest, and—since I am in entire accord with you—pleasure. But there is a point which has struck me and which appears to have dealt no one else a violent blow.

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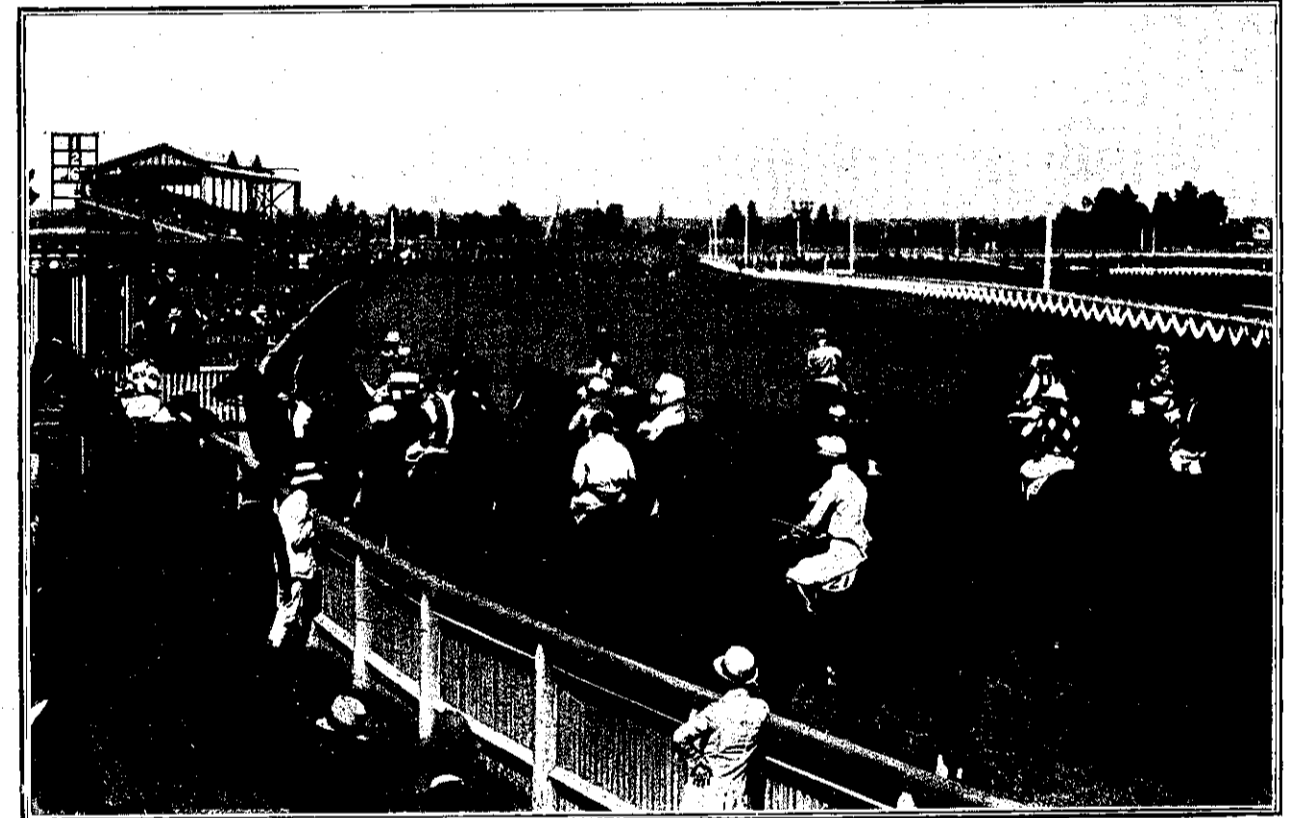
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son was most chivalrous during the match, and has added to his popularity by the way he made the match attractive. Best scores by Stephenson were 79, 66, 66, 59, 59, 59, 58, 71, 53, 50, 48, 42, 41, 39, 37, 36 and a superbly-played 95, a slow winner bringing about his downfall when a break over the century appeared certain. Some beautiful run throughs and winning hazards were played by Stephenson. After the match, Stephenson played an amateur a game of snooker, running to game by potting the six coloured balls, the first of which, the yellow, was potted from what looked to be an impossible position. Jim Leherly marked the game with his usual ability, and helped materially in the success of the game.

On Tuesday evening Miss Roberts gave an enjoyable display at the Queen's Lounge, opposite the G.P.O., and delighted a large audience with her great skill. Miss Roberts left on Tuesday evening to fulfil engagements at Whangarei, and will go to Rotorua afterwards for a few days on her way to Wellington.

Playing Mr. Asher at the Jewish Club, Wellington, Alec Taylor made a break of 428. Taylor is now playing a series of games at Gisborne.

"Snooker," of the "Referee," makes some pertinent comments on the limitation of the red losing hazard, as follows:—Those mostly concerned continue to tickle the Billiards Control Club into a state of unrest in the fervent hopes that it will rise to the occasion and strike the desired death blow to the new famous "losing hazard." Of course, the word "de-

If Inman and Stevenson so dread Gray's ability that they cry out for a change in the rules, how is it that Stevenson made three matches with him level and with composition balls at a time when Gray was making one or two thousand breaks weekly? I cannot remember what Inman actually did, but seem to have a recollection of his also playing Gray level. This season Stevenson is matched to play Gray level with Ivory balls, so presumably, he is, or considers he is, as good as the Australian. Does this call for any drastic change? Again, Reece beat Gray when in receipt of 2000 in 18,000; Stevenson gives Reece 1000 in the same length of game. Is any change necessitated by this small difference?

Billiards cannot be played by rule of thumb, because there are so many factors to be taken into account—temperament, conditions (playing and physical), luck, and a thousand and one other things that are ever present in a first-class game of billiards. Then, regarding the matter of A and B playing level when, according to the man in the street, one should be receiving a considerable start, it is all a matter of prestige. And prestige with a billiard professional is a thing he holds on to with a grimness and determination above all other matters appertaining to his profession. So that the matter of Stevenson, Inman, Harverson, and others playing Gray level with composition balls proves nothing more than an anxiety to preserve their status in the billiard world.

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THE PAUL DUFAULT CONCERTS.

Aucklanders are to enjoy a rare musical treat this week, when Paul Dufault, the distinguished tenor, will give a series of four concerts (March 3, 4, 6, 7) at His Majesty's Theatre. The first is taking place as we go to press, too late for notice in this issue. All lovers of music who did not hear Paul Dufault at his previous appearances here should not fail to rectify the omission during the present opportunity. A feature of the Dufault audiences is the number of ing music is a feature of the evening. students and teachers of song-making who come to learn of the great tenor's methods, and go away inspired by his results. Mr. Dufault is assisted by Miss Pauline Bindley (soprano), Mr. Ernest Toy (violinist), and Mr. Harold Whittle (accompanist). There will be a complete change of programme at every concert. This is made possible by the fact that Mr. Dufault possesses an enormous repertoire.

THE GEORGE WILLOUGHBY DRAMATIC COMPANY.

Monday evening next will witness the initial performance of an eleven-nights' season at His Majesty's Theatre of the George Willoughby Dramatic Company under the direction of George Willoughby, Limited, when the immensely successful four-act melodrama by Walter Melville, "The Beggar Girl's Wedding," will be staged. A strong combination has been engaged to interpret the characters, including the well-known "hero" exponent, Mr. George Cross, supported by Miss Remee, an emotional actress who is said to be gifted with special attainments in delineating "heroine" parts, together with dramatic artists favourably remembered by Auckland audiences. It is intended that this and subsequent productions shall be staged with the same close attention to detail that has characterised the firm's efforts at their Australian theatres, the whole of the scenery and effects essential to correct presentation having been brought over for the occasion. "The Beggar Girl's wedding" was recently the cause of much comment in England when the author, Mr. Walter Melville, was sued by Miss Rosemary Rees, an actress and authoress hailing from Gisborne, for plagiarism. According to cabled reports Miss Rees had written a drama entitled "The Beggar Bride" and submitted it to Mr. Melville, who, however, did not use it at his theatre, but shortly afterwards brought out "The Beggar Girl's Wedding." Miss Rees' complaint was that certain original ideas had been pirated and conveyed into his plot. The lady was, however, non-suited. Mr. Willoughby intends staging several new pieces here, the second being Nita Rae's "No Mother to Guide Her." The box plans are at Wildman and Arey's.

OPERA HOUSE.

With the superior programmes that Messrs. Brennan-Fuller have been presenting of late, vaudeville has gained many converts in Auckland. This week Valentine and Bell top the list with their sensational bicycle act, which was one of the features of the "Aladdin" pantomime. They received an ovation from a crowded house on Monday for their thrilling feats. Les Bau Malagas, the fascinating Spanish dancers who opened last week, added to their laurels with their exploitation of the Tango and national dances. The Rosa Valerio sextette are right amongst the top-notchers with their wonderful wire-walking act—one of the most appreciated items on the programme. The Georgia Trio dispense a laugh to the minute, and have a fresh stock of nonsense this week. Sharratt and Lang, who are

making their re-appearance, created plenty of merriment with their musical sketch, while the popularity of Kingsley and Graham and the Strattons in their singing and dancing specialties, is never on the wane. The dainty Fern and Lizette please the eye as well as the ear. Millie Doris keeps things going with a vim, and the Phillip Sisters round up a crisp and sparkling bill.

ROUND THE PICTURE SHOWS.

"THE MIRACLE."

That Mr. Beaumont Smith's lyric-scope play, "The Miracle," has created more than ordinary interest was evidenced by the packed house on Monday, numbers having to be turned away. "The Miracle" is founded on an old German legend, in which the nun, Megildis, plays a prominent part. Chosen to guard the miraculous image

of the Madonna, the nun is lured into the outside world by the strains of music, and incidentally meets a handsome knight, with whom she flees. They are attacked by robbers, who kill her lover and make her captive. The King's son sees her, falls in love, goes through a mock marriage, incurs the King's anger and is stabbed by his father. Blamed for the tragedy, Megildis is seized as a witch, and is at the point of being executed when the populace, enslaved with her beauty, rescue her. Megildis eventually becomes an outcast, and with a child in her arms, returns to the convent. In the meantime the miraculous image had come to life and assumed the character of the ill-fated Megildis, while an outcry is made over the unaccountable disappearance of the Madonna. However, on the return of Megildis with her dead baby, the Madonna returns to

her appointed image. The nun thrusts the baby into the Madonna's arms, and it is instantly transformed into the lost figure of the Sacred Child. A miracle has happened. The picture is handsomely staged, and the effects, with Humperdinck's beautiful music, played by Burke's Orchestra, add to the realism of the scenes. A hidden choir of specially trained voices lends a further note of interest to a marvellous story. The opening scene is the front of a cathedral. As the bell tolls, a procession passes down the aisles singing, and imparts a religious atmosphere that contrasts sharply with the allurements of the outer world. It is presented, with one exception, with the same caste as at Covent Garden, London.

That one must keep abreast of the times is demonstrated in the star picture at Queen's Theatre, "The Next Generation." It is a lesson in the



PAUL DUFAULT, the gifted tenor, who is making such a welcome re-appearance in Auckland.

march of progress, showing that the boy of to-day is the man of to-morrow, and following it up with an absorbing story of a shipbuilder who refuses to listen to the modern note struck by his nephew. A most entertaining study is that familiarising one with a sailor's life. Views of Sicily, scenes on the West Coast, a powerful drama, "The Way of the Underworld," interspersed with the mirth-provoking "Sally's Guardian," make up pictorial fare that meets with much favour.

The old, old story is the one running through "The Fest," the star picture at the Lyric this week. Through some misunderstanding husband and wife think that each has lost the other's love, and misery ensues. Then comes a separation in South Africa, the clouds are dispersed and love comes into its own once more. Following in close interest are "Her Boy" (drama), "Mrs. Upton's Device," "The First Prize," and "Looking For Trouble" (comedies). The news of the world is supplied in the Gaumont Graphic, and views of Monaco help to an excellent programme.

At the West End Theatre pictures and music alike are of a high-grade character. Comedy and drama alternate with informative studies and appeal to all tastes. "The Test" takes pride of place with its domestic note.

"The Poison Tree," with its mesmeric touch, has been fascinating crowds at the Globe Theatre since Monday, holding the spectators through a series of thrilling scenes. The story revolves around the mysterious illness of a girl who is being slowly poisoned by her jealous sister with the juice of a strange tree. The unfolding of the plot makes absorbing reading. Of educational interest is "Oxygen Wonders," while the comic element is supplied in "Hypnotism in Hickville," a highly amusing study. A budget of news from the Warwick Chronicle is included in a much appreciated programme.

THE SIMPLE LIFE.

PAUL DUFALT'S CREED.

That most charming of singers and most charming of men—Paul Dufault, is with us once more, entrancing with the melody of his voice and the magnetism of his personality. The gifted French-Canadian tenor stormed the citadel eighteen months ago with Cisneros, and again more recently with Nordica. At last he comes into his own.

"I've had a most flattering reception everywhere," said Mr. Dufault, modestly—"in Melbourne, Bendigo, Adelaide, Launceston, Hobart. Then over to the South Island—Christchurch, Dunedin, Timaru, Oamaru, Did you tell me Dunedin audiences were cold? Indeed, no! I can say otherwise. Then up to Wellington, and after that the one-night stand! Five concerts at five different towns in one week. You would not call that the simple life! Only three towns the following week. Very lazy we felt!

"To be a successful singer one must keep in good condition," said Mr. Dufault to a "Review" representative on Monday. "It is the only way. One must lead the simple life, as it were. I consider I owe it to my public. And so I decline many invitations—the people are so hospitable—for suppers and card parties, and I keep myself fresh and in good health. When I become passe—and the tenor gave an expressive shrug—then I shall retire. Till then I will go on giving of my best. One can't burn the candle at both ends, you know. A singer's life is one of deprivation—a great deal of study, of care and watching. And it is a great thing too, to have the mind at rest. One must be like a little child without a care when he sings to his public.

"People say to me, 'Oh, what a wonderful life you lead. Just to sing and receive applause!' But I tell them No! They only see the footlights; they don't realise the preparation and constant care. But there is no other way."

Mr. Dufault strikes no uncertain note in the matter of translations.

"I don't sing translations," he emphasised. "I hold that you should sing your songs in the language in which they were written. A composer sets his music to his native words.

and you throw the whole thing out when you meddle with it. A translation is a misfit! As someone writes, 'It is like the wrong side of a piece of embroidery.'

"I am not against opera being written in English. That is a different matter. I say it is as good a language as any to sing in. It is as smooth as any other, except the Italian and French. I love to sing in English. I understand it thoroughly and it is all nonsense to say it is not a singable language! But do have your own operas in it. That is the point. Take 'Madame Butterfly.' That is an instance of a beautiful opera in English. What I protest against is this idea of translating the masterpieces of Verdi or Gounod into English. It can't be done. If I am asked to hear 'Faust' or 'Aida' in English, I say 'No!' I would rather go to moving pictures!"

Mr. Dufault believes in making his concerts quite friendly little affairs. In his charming broken English accent he gives an explanation of his numbers, and in his encores he has adopted the much-appreciated prac-



MR. GEORGE CROSS, leading man of the George Willoughby Dramatic Company, opening at His Majesty's on Monday.

tice of announcing the name and composer of the item, and if necessary adds a few enlightening words. "I don't believe in boring the audience with a long screed," he says, "but I don't like them to be in the dark."

"I just love New Zealand," confided the tenor, "every bit of it. I love it so that some day I may come back and spend a few years. Look at your climate. It is a Garden of Eden. No severe winters, no scorching summers! A country full of possibilities."

Mr. Dufault is much impressed with the different voices he has had brought before his notice in Australia and New Zealand. "It is just the climate to produce good voices," said the tenor. "They are ambitious, too, these singers, and it has pleased me much to find so much talent and so keen a desire for musical knowledge. They deserve to have it fostered. I hope the day will come when the advantages of the older countries in this respect will be brought within measurable distance of aspirants."

Emil Biernann, who was brought from New York by J. C. Williamson, Ltd., to direct the musical section of the revue, "Come Over Here," is known as a specialist and ragtime expert. In America he is regarded as one of the cleverest in his line, and as a composer he has made a name for himself amongst the leading composers of America.

MISS PAULINE BINDLEY.

Mr. Frederic Shipman (under whose direction the Paul Dufault concerts are being held) is blest in having a wife as cheery and invigorating as himself. To make Miss Pauline Bindley feel at home on her first visit to Auckland, Mrs. Shipman gave a jolly afternoon tea on Monday at the Grand Hotel to the young Bendigo singer. Tea and ices and an ideal hostess passed away a pleasant afternoon. Mrs. Shipman was becomingly gowned in white crepe with Bulgarian embroideries, and a chic hat to correspond. Miss Bindley, who is petite and piquant, and comes of a talented musical family, wore a charming frock of floral ninon, with striking touches of tangerine velvet, and a black velvet hat with a long white ostrich plume. Others present were Mrs. Richard Stewart, Mrs. Sharman and her sister (Mrs. Myer, of Melbourne), Mrs. I. Alexander, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. J. Y. Birch, Mrs. F. E. Baume, Mrs. Allen.

The Royal Artillery Band has finished up its Exhibition engagement and sails for London from Wellington this week. Mr. Scott Colville, who managed the Band's Dominion tour, said the members enjoyed their trip immensely, although it took some going—nearly 3000 miles in 18 days and 21 concerts! Their concert in the Auckland Town Hall last Thursday was a tremendous success, the performers being ovated by the thousands present.

The English grand opera season at Covent Garden is announced to commence on April 20. The principals will include Madame Melba, Signors Caruso, Scotti and Sammarco, Mr. John McCormack, and Madame Elsa Stralia. The latter is known to Australians as Miss Elsie Fischer, the South Australian soprano.

A Melbourne patron wrote to the J. C. Williamson, Ltd., as follows:—"I want a seat kept for me throughout the whole of the season of 'Come Over Here.' I saw the revue eight times in Sydney, and it has become a constant habit with me."

The "wickedest" theatre in America is alleged to be the Princess Theatre, New York. Its atmosphere, it is said, is more distinctly Parisian than any other playhouse in America, for it stages the sort of superior shockers and thrillers that may be seen at the Paris Odeon and the Grand Guignol.

Fred Niblo has achieved his latest success in Australia in "Never Say Die," a three-act comedy by Willie Collier and W. H. Post. Collier played the leading role in New York, and in London it was enacted by Charles Hawtrey, who duplicated the New York success of the piece. Fred Niblo has a congenial role as Dionysius Woodberry. "Never Say Die" followed "Officer 666," which achieved the solid run of eight weeks.

The Queen of Hearts, Miss Jane Curtis, in William Anderson's "The Land of Nod," enjoys a big reputation for song and dance. She is one of the famous Mathews Trio, whose piano and ragtime act is well known throughout America.

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IN PERSONAL TOUCH.

Mr. Maurice Ralph left for Wellington last night to make arrangements for "The Miracle" season in that city. Interest in a great picture such as this might easily be worked up, but when it means the playing of special music to synchronise with the actions of the story, and the securing of picked voices to sing the chants, one realises it is not the ordinary everyday picture.

Mr. A. W. Batiste is managing the New Zealand tour of George Willoughby's Dramatic Company, and is busily engaged making preparations for "The Beggar Girl's Wedding" at His Majesty's on Monday next. Mr. Batiste was last here with the Margaret Cooper Company, and has had frequent trips to New Zealand with other distinguished artistes.

Mr. J. Griffiths is in Auckland again in connection with the Paul Dufault concerts, and is having the glad hand extended him by his many friends.

A promising member of Messrs. Stevenson and Linley's Royal Pantomime Company, now touring the Dominion, is Miss Millie Baker, whose portrait appears in this issue. Miss Baker is an Australian, dances well, has a good voice and winning personality, that should help her to make good with the public.

GREENROOM GOSSIP.

"Joseph and His Brethren."

Few dramatic offerings presented in Melbourne of recent years have aroused the interest and controversy "Joseph and His Brethren" has occasioned. On all sides the play is being vigorously discussed, whilst in some quarters it has come in for a great deal of criticism. However, the difference in views regarding it is indicated in a practical way by the fact that it has now become the subject of reference from the pulpit, and numerous sermons have already been preached about it. In this connection it is interesting to recall the fact that the Bishop of London witnessed the production at His Majesty's Theatre and subsequently delivered a most eulogistic address regarding it, whilst similar views were expressed by other of the leading divines in London. The controversy is still raging in Melbourne.

The Sheep to the Slaughter.

A practical joker wrote to the management at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, and stated that he had heard of a plot, in view of the threatened butchers' strike, to seize the sheep used in the production of "Joseph and His Brethren," and dispose of them for the public good. He therefore suggested that a bullock be substituted for the sheen, as the former would be more difficult to smuggle out of the theatre! The sheep, by the way (writes our correspondent), have become much attached to Malcolm Tearle, who plays Joseph, and who makes a striking picture as he crosses the stage in the moonlight, with his little flock trailing after him. Mr. Tearle puts in an appearance every morning at the Theatre Royal to feed the sheep, so that they might remember him and follow as required in the scene. They are now quite accustomed to their part in the play, and carry it out exceedingly well.

"Puss in Boots" in South Africa.

Distance and difficulties of transport do not deter the J. C. Williamson management from handling the biggest enterprises in connection with the extension of their business to South Africa. The first move was the despatching of the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company to South Africa, where it is enjoying a remarkably successful season. Last week the Lewis Waller-Madge Titheradge company sailed for Durban, a lengthy season opening in Johannesburg. But the biggest enterprise of the lot is the sending of a complete pantomime company. Preparations are already well in hand, and the company will stage "Puss in Boots" for the first time in Capetown on April 21, following with a comprehensive tour through South Africa. The chorus has been engaged in Melbourne and Sydney, and intense eagerness was evinced by the rush of girls for selection. The principals will include George Miller (Dame), O. E. Lennon (Cat), Harry Phydora (principal comedian), Eileen Redmond (principal girl), Minnie Love, a well-known English artiste (principal boy), Edward Nable, and others. Minnie Everett will go as ballet mistress and supervisor. Some of the most successful features of the J. C. Williamson pantomimes produced in Australia during the last five years will be included.

The Quinlans in America.

The Quinlan Opera Company has achieved a great success at the outset of its tour of America, which commenced in British Columbia. Press notices to hand give vivid and eulogistic accounts of the triumph of the company's performances, and the opening of the tour promises most favourable for the remainder of the itinerary. The "Daily Colonist," at Victoria, went so far as to publish a leading article, personally signed by Charles H. Luerin, the editor-in-chief, eulogising the company's productions, and calling upon the citizens of Victoria "not to miss the rich treat and educational advantage in store for those who attend the season of opera." "I have taken this course," added the editor, "because the occasion is so exceptional, and I feel it is only doing my duty to those whom it has been my privilege to assist."

A Remarkable Coincidence.

A little knot of people that stood on the stage of the Theatre Royal,

Melbourne, prior to the commencement of the first performance of "Joseph and His Brethren" was productive of a somewhat remarkable coincidence, which was much commented upon by those concerned. There were Malcolm Tearle (who played Joseph), Frank Harvey (Potiphar), and Charles A. Wenman, producer of "The Forty Thieves" pantomime and other Williamson productions, and Mr. Clyde Meynell, one of the directors of J. C. Williamson, Ltd. Mr. Meynell pointed out that years ago he appeared with Mlle. Beatrice in England, and that in each of the productions in which he had played there had appeared the father of Mr. Tearle, Mr. Harvey and Mr. Wenman. "It seems indeed strange," commented Mr. Meynell, "that tonight we should all be gathered together here, thousands of miles away from England."

A Burlesque Specialty.

"We certainly could do a real trapeze act," said Mr. Bowers, of the Three Rubes, whose burlesque specialty is one of the features of "The Forty Thieves" pantomime at Her Majesty's, Melbourne. "At present we only pretend to do a trapeze act, but only succeed in knocking each other off the bar, or getting so tangled up that we have to let go and fall off in a heap. Years ago we used to do the real thing, but one night we thought we would try and see how a 'cod' or make-believe turn, thoroughly burlesqued, would go. The result was startling. The people shrieked with laughter, and brought us back time after time to do more. We thereupon decided that in future we would cut out the real trapeze work and substitute the make-believe on very humorous lines. This part of our turn goes bigger in Melbourne

ence, but also to represent my country as fittingly as possible, and though this may be a hard thing for a banjoist to do, I think that I must have succeeded pretty well, because it was not a very long time before I was 'commanded' to perform a second time."

A Word for the Chorus.

The J. C. Williamson, Ltd., Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company, which opened in "The Mikado" in Johannesburg, has followed this opera with "The Pirates of Penzance," "The Gondoliers," and "The Yeomen of the Guard." The company's performances have made a profound impression, whilst the chorus has particularly come in for unstinted eulogy. Here is what the critic of the "Times," Johannesburg, had to say on this point: "I experienced a thrill of real delight when the curtain went up and disclosed the courtyard of Ko Ko's dwelling, with the stiff-postured 'gentlemen of Japan' singing as no chorus has ever before sung in South Africa. The gentlemen and ladies of the Williamson chorus must be heard to be believed. Not alone are their voices of the most excellent quality, not only is their 'attack' delightful, but they enter into their work with a zest and a spirit which are absolutely contagious. The masterly opening chorus of "The Mikado" was responsible for a real thrill."

Brent Hayes, banjo virtuoso, who is to appear at the Auckland Opera House, appeared before the late King Edward and other crowned heads. Four years ago he played before the Czar of Russia, and a year later he enjoyed the honour of a Royal command performance before Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany.

performance from start to finish was artistic in a degree. Her biggest success vocally was scored in "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine." Her "Moon Song" was also received with great applause. Both songs are sure to become popular with playgoers. Miss Grace Palotta, as Koko, is as bright and cheery as ever, and received a most enthusiastic welcome on making her first appearance. Her principal vocal successes were the catchy ditty "Whistle It," and "Where do They go When the Band Starts Playing." Miss Mabel Batchelor makes a captivating Princess Badroulbador, acting nicely and singing animatedly. Miss Batchelor, who possesses a very fine soprano voice, scored decided successes in the toy song "Santa Claus" and "That's How I Need You."

Mr. Percy Clifton, as Abanazar, is one of the chief funmakers, and succeeds in his efforts most admirably. Mr. Ernest Pitcher plays well as the Emperor of China, his make-up being excellent. His saxophone solo is a genuine treat. Mr. Edward Stanley is splendid as the Dame and scores laugh after laugh with his quaint ways. His singing of "If I Could Only Get the Man Who Wrote that Ragtime" was decidedly good. Mr. J. P. O'Neill, as Biddy, was also in good form, and scored big.

Amongst a number of good specialties introduced, special mention must be made of the performances of Mr. Leon Morris' three performing ponies dainty little animals that ought to become most popular favourites with the children and also the grownups. Then there is Henri Marcelle and Miss Nellie Fallon, who contribute a number of ragtime songs and dances. The contortion and acrobatic act of the child Tiny Tot Marjorie was re-



AN ACTUAL SCENE FROM "THE MIRACLE," NOW SHOWING AT THE KING'S THEATRE, AUCKLAND.

than in any other place we have ever been. There's no doubt that Australians have a keen sense of humour and like to laugh. We make our turn longer than it used to be. We find it is appreciated, and we don't mind how much we do under such circumstances."

Stage Fright.

To be possessed of stage fright is nothing very unusual to Brent Hayes, the banjo player, who will appear at the Auckland Opera House shortly. One of the worst cases of that theatrical malady was experienced by him when he was commanded for the first time to appear before the King of England during a recent tour over the Stoll circuit. "When I was informed that His Majesty had commanded me to appear before him and his family at a special levee, I hardly knew what to do with myself. Being an American, I was naturally not used to Court usages, and when the day arrived I was as stage frightened as a young balladist appearing for the first time on the concert platform. His Majesty's kindness, however, had a wonderfully encouraging effect upon me, and I know that I never played better in my life than on that occasion. I had made up my mind to not only impress my distinguished audi-

SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, March 2.

George Willoughby, Limited, deserve every credit for the manner in which they have staged their pantomime "Aladdin," which was produced for the first time in New Zealand at the Opera House on Thursday last. The cast of characters included such well-known and popular favourites as Miss Grace Palotta, Miss Carrie Moore, and Messrs. Percy Clifton, J. P. O'Neill, and Ernest Pitcher, whilst amongst the newcomers that are sure to become popular with New Zealand playgoers are Miss Mabel Batchelor, Miss Ruby Davies, Miss Stephenson, Miss Carey, Nellie Fallon, and Tiny Tot Marjorie. Mr. Edward Stanley, Henri Marcelle, "The book in the main essentials sticks pretty close to the "Arabian Nights" tale, the only radical change being that the scenes are set in China instead of in Tartary, as is the case in the famous fairy story. Mr. T. E. Martin, the librettist, has done his work excellently well.

Miss Carrie Moore, as Aladdin, proves a charming and roguish urchin of Pekin, and her

ceived with enthusiastic applause, whilst Morris and Shand were good in their acrobatic work and animal impersonations.

The first act closes with a distinct novelty in the shape of "The Grand Ragtime Revue," the invention of the producer, Mr. Lester Brown. Miss Nellie Fallon and Mr. Henri Marcelle are the principals in this specialty. Mr. Geoffrey Nye, manager of the New Zealand Pictures Supplies, Ltd., Wellington, is proceeding to Sydney on the 26th March to open an office for the company in that city.

Arrangements are now complete for the complimentary concert to be given to little Miss Cecil Haines prior to her leaving for Sydney, where her parents have decided to make their home. The concert will be given in the Town Hall on the 20th March. Judging from the offers of assistance already promised, the programme will be one of the best ever presented to a Wellington audience.

Mr. Lester Brown, the producer of the George Willoughby pantomime, and the inventor of the ragtime revue that is one of the features of "Aladdin," is regarded in New York, from whence he was specially imported, as one of the first four of America's big producers. In such regard was he held by Henry W. Savage, that almost

every twelve months this big American manager sent Mr. Brown to Europe to visit all the big centres to endeavour to secure anything of the latest in the theatrical world. The firm of George Willoughby, Ltd., have been exceedingly fortunate in securing a man of the standing of Mr. Brown to produce its attractions.

Mr. William Anderson's American burlesque company opens a tour of the Dominion at Invercargill on the 9th March. The Wellington season will commence on Friday Saturday. The repertoire for the tour will be "The Grafters," "The Speculators," and "A Day at the Races," the pieces that have proved great box-office winners in Australia. The company is one of the strongest and most versatile that has yet visited these shores from the land of Uncle Sam.

The George Willoughby Dramatic Company brought its season to the Opera House to a close last Wednesday night with a performance of "East Lynne." Of the plays produced during the season, which, by the way, was very successful, "No Mother to Guide Her" is the best.

One of the principal novelties introduced into the George Willoughby pantomime "Aladdin" is, without a doubt, Morris' performing ponies, Banner, Malison, and Beauty. These ponies are the most versatile animals ever seen on a stage. They can virtually do everything but talk. They have already acted for pictures, taken part in seaside parades, and other shows of every description. They have even been rescuers of drowning children in San Francisco. This latter event took place just before Mr. Morris sailed from San Francisco for Australia. Two children were rescued and the gratified father, a wealthy Californian resident, gave Mr. Morris and his party a big garden party in San Francisco just before he left.

Mr. Harry Muller, of the Brennan-Fuller management staff arrived from Sydney by the Wollochra last Wednesday to take up the duties of general manager of the firm's New Zealand circle.

First-class business continues to be done at His Majesty's Theatre. The vaudeville crowd at present occupying the boards is one of more than average merit.

Mr. Walter Fuller, of the Brennan-Fuller firm, is expected to arrive in Wellington from Sydney about the 8th inst. on business connected with the firm.

The Wellington season of the pantomime "Aladdin" will be brought to a close on Saturday evening, the 7th inst., after which a tour of the Dominion will be undertaken. The following are the dates booked:—Masterton, March 9; Dannevirke, 10; Waipawa, 11; Hastings, 12; Napier, 13; Palmerston North, 16-17; Wanganui, 18-19; Auckland, 21-April 3; Christchurch, 11-18; Timaru, 20-21; Oamaru, 22; Dunedin, 23-29; Invercargill, 30-May 2. The company sails for Hobart on the 4th May, en route to Melbourne.

During the season of Wirth's Circus in Wellington Mr George Wirth, one of the proprietors, accepted an invitation to inspect the new Grand Opera House. After thoroughly looking over the new edifice, Mr. Wirth had no hesitation in pronouncing it the finest up-to-the-minute theatre in Australasia. He also said that Wellington is to be congratulated on possessing such a fine playhouse, and is confident that the Opera House Company will reap its reward for its enterprise. Mr. Bert Royle has just secured a long lease for the J. C. Williamson firm of the theatre, and it will be opened next month by one of the J.C.W. attractions.

DUNEDIN.

(From our Dunedin correspondent).

DUNEDIN, February 25.

Mr. Johnny Farrell, touring manager of the New Comic Opera Company, at present in Dunedin, was to have departed for Australia by the Ulmaroa, sailing on Sunday last, but at the eleventh hour he received a cable advising him to remain with the show until the end of the New Zealand tour, which closes at Invercargill, and then to proceed to Australia with the members of the company by the Willochra, due to sail for Melbourne on Monday next. Mr. Farrell is at a loss to understand what his future movements are, save that he knows he is to take the comic opera to Melbourne.

By the way, the Comic Opera Company makes a big jump from Inver-

cargill, their last playing town in New Zealand, to their next playing town, Perth, in Western Australia. They will be a fortnight travelling to their destination, and no play means no pay.

Mr. Stamford, the English producer who is touring with the New Comic Opera, expects to return to England shortly. He has been engaged in Australia, with periodical trips to England, for the past seven years. This is Mr. Stamford's second trip to New Zealand, but the first to the South Island. He came across to Auckland with "The Merry Widow" Company, when the Lehr opera was first produced in that city. Mr. Stamford is delighted with New Zealand, its people and its scenery, and for its size he says it is a most wonderful show country.

Miss Florence Young, who was temporarily indisposed in Christchurch, and was unable to sing in "The Chocolate Soldier" in that city, has been in splendid voice in Dunedin, where she is immensely popular.

Mr. Dick Stewart, business manager of the New Comic Opera, will not remain in New Zealand on this occasion, but will journey to Australia with the company on Monday next. This appears to give point to the statement that the Williamson Company will have no attraction in New Zealand for Easter. There is nothing definite on this head, however, and it may be that when the time comes an Easter attraction will be sent over.

There is some talk of "The Grafters," an American musical extravaganza, coming across shortly under the management of William Anderson.

The charming Madame Antonia Doroles, whom we have not heard for some years, is due to give two concerts in His Majesty's Theatre on March 3 and 5. Mr. Hopkins is in town making the necessary arrangements.

Private advice has been received from England that Miss Eva Skerrett, of the Bluff, who is known on the concert platform and the music hall stage as Iwa, the Maori vocalist, has scored a success in pantomime in London. Iwa played the part of the Princess in "Robinson Crusoe." In addition to her song successes she led a poi and canoe dance, which was received as a decided novelty in pantomime, though it had been seen at the White City with the Maori troupe of which Iwa was a member. Iwa is well-known in Dunedin, where she received her early training in singing.

The death is announced as having taken place in New York last month of W. F. Hawtrey, the well-known actor who introduced "A Message from Mars" to New Zealand, and who for two years ran a permanent comedy company in these islands, playing "Mars," "The Lady of Ostend," "The Two Mr. Wetherbys," and other pieces. His brother is the well-known English actor, Chas. Hawtrey. W. F. Hawtrey, while in New Zealand, was supported by a good all-round company, of whom G. MacMahon and O. P. Heggie, who has recently been scoring a big success in England, were the leads. Charlie Hammond, a young Tasmanian, who subsequently went to America to his great advantage, was also a member of Hawtrey's company in New Zealand. The dead actor was keen on cricket, and gathered in his company



MISS MILLIE BAKER, a promising young member of the Royal Pantomime Company.

one of the best touring elevens that ever played the game in New Zealand. I had almost forgotten to mention that Frank Musgrove (brother of G. M. and Harry Musgrove) was also a member of Hawtrey's company in these parts. With Williamson's companies (with which he was long associated before taking over a show of his own), W. F. Hawtrey was a sound and conscientious actor. His best work was Glabrio in "The Sign of the Cross."

Miss Dorothy Brunton, the ingenue of the New Comic Opera, and talented daughter of the late lamented John Brunton, scenic artist for Bland Bolt, contemplates a trip to London at the conclusion of her engagement with Williamson.

The New Zealand Aviation Syndicate has arranged with Scotland, the

aviator, to "fly" on Saturday next. The "flying man" was to have appeared last Wednesday. He started from Gore on his trip to Dunedin, and had got 40 miles on his journey when, owing to the velocity of the wind against him, he had to turn back.

MUSIC NOTES.

By "G" String.

In an interview with a Wellington pressman the other day, Mdlle. Antonia Do'ores said—"Many concert artists have their eyes on this part of the world. And why not? For its population, there is no country in the world like New Zealand. There are so many places to visit. The people are all music-loving, if not actually musical, and every place is so interesting. Then there have been so many reports of artists making big money out here too. That is a big consideration, and one, I think, that will mean that many fine artists will visit Australia and New Zealand in the near future."

The Berlin Liedertafel, with a performing membership of 300, was to undertake an extensive tour of Europe, commencing this month. The tour was to extend over two months and amongst the places to be visited was to be Cairo, where two concerts were to be given in the Khediva's Theatre.

The Royal Wellington Choral Society paid to soloists during the past year £463 12s, and £161 11s to paid members of the orchestra. The sum of £118 12s 8d was paid for the use of the Town Hall and organ £36 10s for the use of St. John's schoolroom for practices, and £221 12s 8d for printing and advertising. General expenses amounted to £36 5s 8d, whilst £50 was paid to the secretary and £83 15s for the purchase and hire of music. The total expenditure for the twelve months amounted to £1427 7s 2d, the receipts from all sources being £1455 12s 7d, the year-closing with a balance on the credit side (including balance brought forward of £107 7s 10d from the previous year) of £135 13s 3d. The receipts from the production of Bizet's "Carmen" amounted to £178 18s, Haydn's "Creation" and Mendelssohn's "Elijah" (two performances) £297 6s, Handel's "Judas Macabaeus" £59 9s 6d, and Handel's "Messiah" £218 3s, making a total for the six performances of £752 16s 6d. The receipts from the concert tendered to Mr. Maughan Barnett amounted to £115 6s, from organ recitals £71 8s, from hire of music £36 9s, from active members' subscriptions £101 0s 6d, from hon. members' subscriptions £346 3s, and receipts from other sources £29 17s 7d.

The season of opera in English at the Century Theatre New York, has been marked by signal success. The management is now arranging for similar seasons in the other American cities.

A monument is to be erected to honour the memory of Alexandre Guilmant, the famous French organist, at the side of the Trocadero, Paris. The monument is to cost £400, half of which sum has been subscribed by American musical enthusiasts.

Mascagni's new opera "Parisina," failed to rouse any great enthusiasm on the occasion of its first production at the La Scala, Milan, on the 15th December.

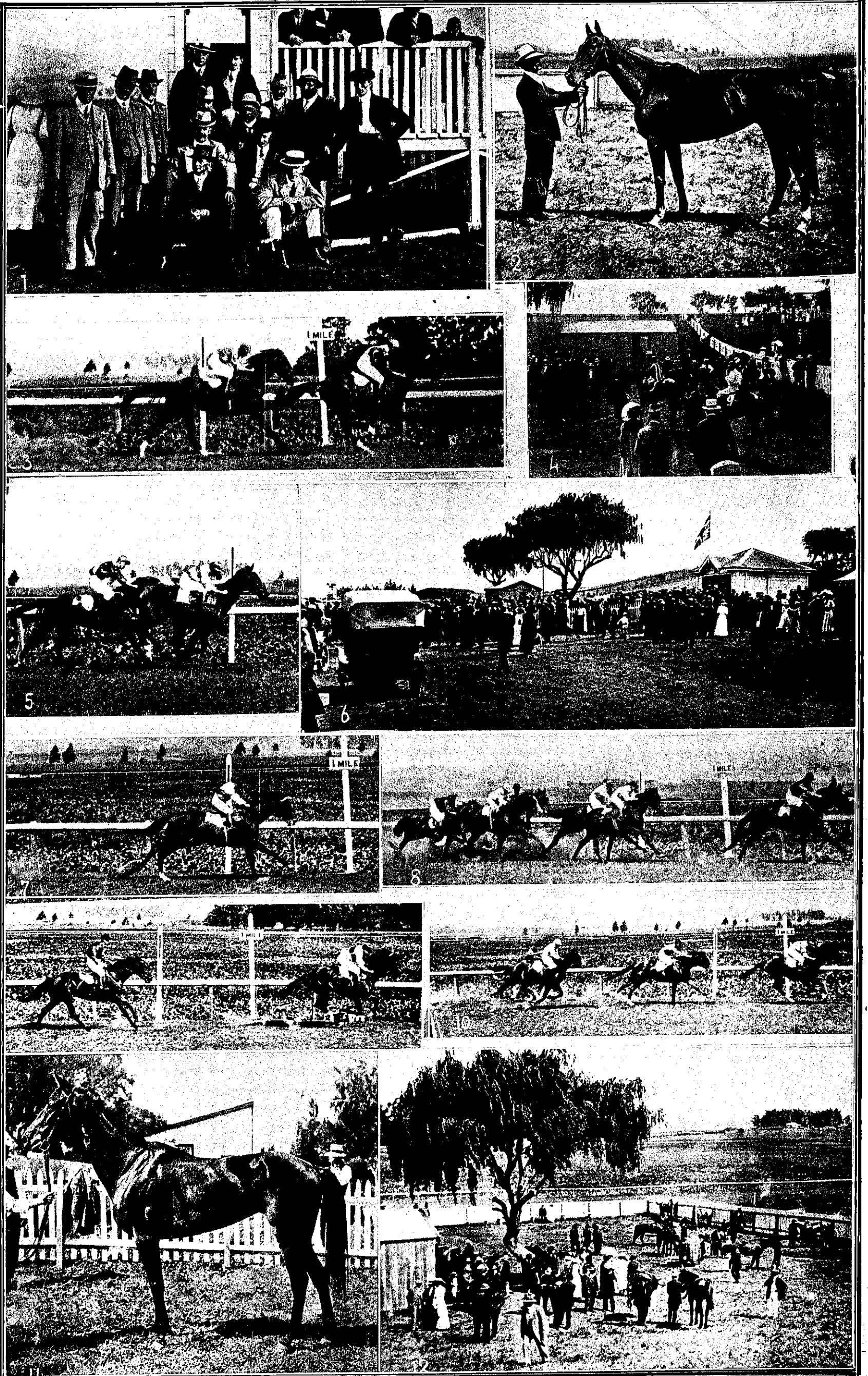
There is much commotion in the musical dovecot of England at present, because a certain number of gentlemen, with Mr. David Murray, R.A., in the chair, who met recently with the object of discussing the question of the establishment of a Ministry of Fine Arts, favoured that the council representing the various branches of art should consist of four architects, three sculptors, three painters, four designers, one engineer, and one antiquary. The question is not unnaturally asked who the dickens these worthy gentlemen are who dared to ignore the divine art of music in the family of Fine Arts.



MISS DOROTHY HARRIS, singing comedienne, who is shortly to appear at the Auckland Opera House.

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THE BAY OF PLENTY JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING AT TAURANGA.



1. The Committee and Stewards. 2. Messrs. H. and J. Ward's b m LADY LYNETTE, 4yrs, by Seaton Delaval—St. Louis, winner of the Maiden Plate (six furlongs) and the Bay of Plenty Hack Handicap (one mile). 3. GORDON BELL (R. E. Brown) brings off a surprise in the Railway Hack Handicap (six furlongs). FORESHOT (H. Conway) second. 4. JOLIE FILLE (McMillan) returning to scale after winning the Tauranga Cup (1¼ miles). TINOPAI (H. Robinson) second. 5. LADY LYNETTE (B. Olliver) winning Bay of Plenty Hack Handicap from ZIMMER (J. Ross). 6. View of crowd round totalisator. 7. KOTIRIPO (H. Robinson) winning Shorts Handicap (four furlongs). 8. TOPIC leading the field in the Tauranga Cup. 9. KOTIRIPO (L. Morris) winning the Greerton Welter (seven furlongs) from TOPIC (R. Martin). 10. LADY LYNETTE (Olliver) has an easy win in the Maiden Plate from FORESHOT (F. Tutchen) and LAVERNA (A. Tutchen). 11. Mr. J. D. Kemp's b m JOLIE FILLE, by Soult—Merry Maid, winner of the Tauranga Cup and the Flying Handicap (six furlongs). 12. View of the Saddling Paddock.

THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

EXHIBITION NOTES.

The Metropolitan Exhibition of fruit, opened in the Exhibition Concert Chamber last week was a very fine display. The most notable exhibit was staged by Thos. Horton, Ltd., of Hastings and Pahiatua, a firm which had on show an excellent range of fruit. The exhibit consists of apples, pears, plums, peaches, and grapes, but the feature is the show of apples. All the old commercial varieties are to be seen, and in addition there are all the newer kinds introduced into the country or raised here during recent years. Although the fruit was not entered for competition and for exhibition only, the firm has been awarded a gold medal on account of the excellence of the display.

The members of the Commission appointed by President Wilson to visit Australia, New Zealand, the Straits Settlements, and India in the interest of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, to be held in San Francisco next year, were wrecked with the steamer Tasman which struck the Bramble Bay reefs at the entrance to Torres Straits, while rounding the north coast of Australia. Although many of the vessel's plates were sprung, all passengers were rescued by steamers from Thursday Island, and the vessel was subsequently towed from her position with fifteen feet of water in the hold. The commissioners then proceeded to Java. They were enthusiastic over the reception with which they were greeted in Australia and New Zealand.

Amidst the many alluring and interesting exhibits from the innermost circles and outer edges of the world at the Panama Exhibition, the section devoted to the Emerald Isle will be not the least interesting. The Irish section of the International Exhibition, to be held in San Francisco in 1915, has been allotted fifteen thousand square feet of exhibit space and it is intended to have a representative exhibition of Irish manufactures, especially linens, woollens, laces, silks, poplins and tapestries. The section will have the title "Shamrock Isle," and a wonderful exhibit of the Irish handicrafts is promised. A serious attempt will be made to show the goods which have for years made the looms and factories of Ireland famous.

THE WANDERLUST.

INTERESTING TRAVELS.

The wanderlust, which is a so significant feature of our modern world, grips each and all by the throat. Some attain; some do not. Amongst those who have gone forth "even unto the ends of the earth" not the least is Mrs. Ada A. Holman, well known in literary circles across the Tasman Sea, and wife of the Hon. W. A. Holman, Premier of New South Wales.

"My Wander Year" (William Brooks and Co., Sydney), which lies before us is the brilliant record of scenes and personalities met in other lands which originally appeared as a series of articles in the Sydney "Daily Telegraph." It is an interesting and bright account of the writer's wanderjahr. "First impressions," says the author, "have a value beyond all others," and in this distinctly original and interesting book the clearness of the impression made on a peculiarly sensitive and retentive mind by new, strange, and absorbing scenes is vividly portrayed.

London; London the mighty centre of an Empire; contained a great surprise. "To find, instead of dirt and gloom, unwholesomely-packed streets and cramped conditions, exquisitely-kept roads and footpaths, trees and gardens everywhere, cheerful broad houses, guiltless of spot and speck, made elegant with light curtains and blinds, and gay with window boxes of flowering plants, is as unexpected as pleasing. The famous London fog even failed to come up to expectations, and the writer suggests that Whistler invented the London fog even as Turner invented the London sunset.

London is not a city, says the traveller, so much as a world. A world wherein every phrase and aspect of life finds expression, and each and all are mirrored in these interesting pages. The vast charm of London held a traveller to whom came such unique opportunities of intercourse with the most advanced thinkers on economical subjects such as John Burnes, and the workers in the innermost recesses of the depths.

Of John Burns, head of the Board of Trade, man of the people now controlling a staff of 800, and also outside employees numbering 150,000, the writer gives a vivid pen picture. "Between 60 and 70 years of age, nuggety and strong in build, and with the glow of perfect health upon his lined, but far from care-worn, cheeks. The face is surrounded by a trim, white beard, and a rapidly-extending forehead, lit by beautiful dark grey eyes unclouded as a baby's, yet alert and penetrating," the man stands before you.

From the wonderful West End, with its garish display of food and delicacies, the investigator went into the region where the problem of the British child has evolved a "Necessitous Children's Act," under which

nessed by the Australian visitor.

Another name well known and dearly loved this side of the Equator is Beatrice Harraden, "a dear little brown woman," surrounded and shut in by manifold books. Other notable women whom the writer describes are Mrs. Sydney Webb, well known to New Zealanders, and the "Socialistic Countess," the Countess of Warwick.

Not only the personalities but also the places of England are laid before the reader of this interesting travel book. The England of the fairy dells and flower-laden lanes, the England where Browning loved and longed to be, which inspired the eccentric genius William Blake, and Tennyson's lyrics and songs, and where Kingsley wrote his prose idylls, charms and calls over all the world away in these pages.

On the Continent the writer wandered through the Paris of the revolution, where the foundation stones of freedom were laid, not only for France, but for the world. "The Paris of the Quarter" is also depicted, the Parisian at home and the Parisian abroad, the South of France, the chequered East, and even so far away as distant Somaliland all pass

For my soul goes back to mingle
With the music of the shingle
Of old Rakaja rolling to the sea!

Herr and Madame Pechotsch left by the Riverina on the 23rd for Sydney.

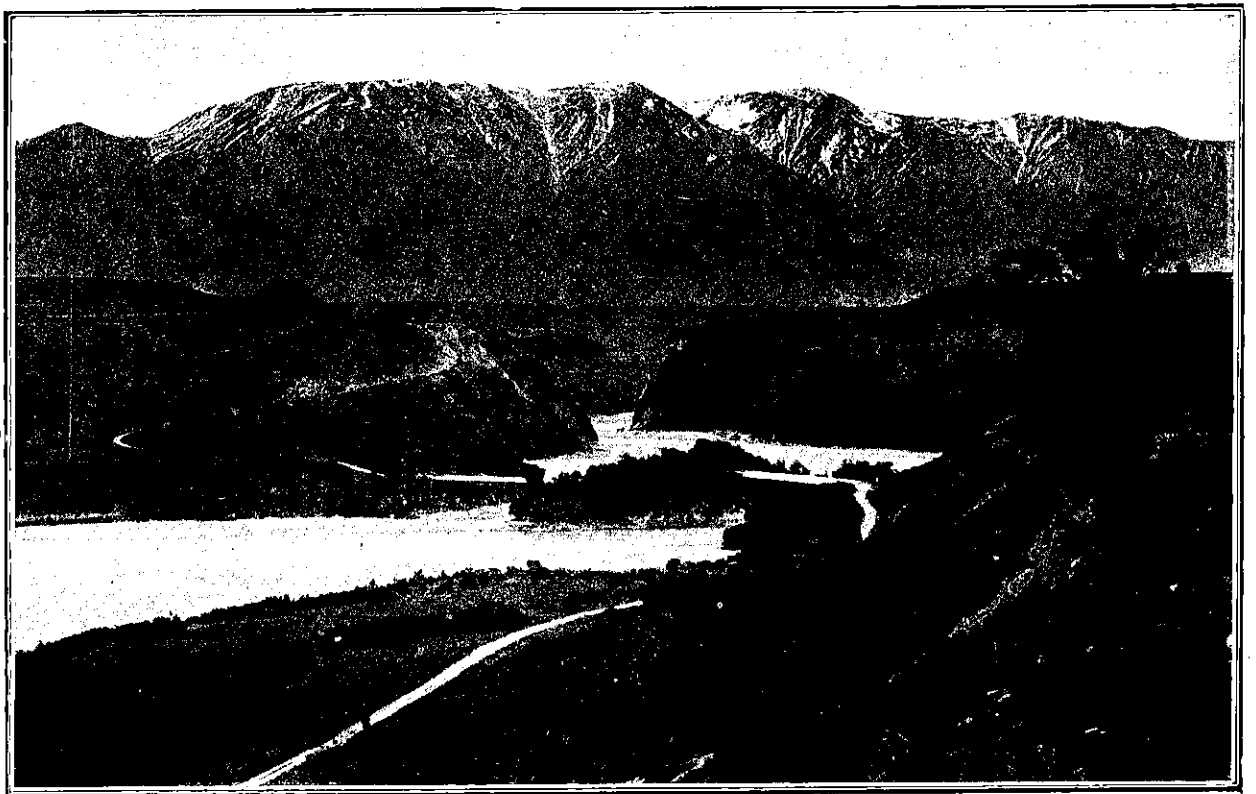
Mr. Stewart Dawson, a member of the well-known firm of that name, left Auckland by the Riverina for Sydney.

Mr. Percy Hedlam, of Lemonte, Oatlands, Tasmania, is at present on a visit to Auckland. He is a noted breeder of Romney Marsh sheep.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cameron, of Gisborne, who have been on a visit to Auckland, left last week for a trip round Rotorua and the Thames district.

Mr. and Miss Ryan, delegates to the Medical Congress, after a stay in Auckland, left for a trip down the Wanganui River, and intend to tour the South Island before they return home.

Mr. S. H. Covernton, of the Indian Civil Service, Marpur, Khas, Sind, who has been on a visit to Auckland, left the Northern city for a visit to



THE GORGE OF THE GREAT RAKAJA, WHERE THE RIVER ENTERS THE CANTERBURY PLAINS.

children can be fed at the expense of the ratepayer and at the discretion of the headmaster.

The subject of the underground traffic of the metropolis is one of amazement to visitors, and the speeding up that has taken place within the last decade is one of the phenomena of the present age.

The description of the gorgeous carnival of the Coronation is very interesting to members of the Empire so far away. The parts taken by the aristocracy of England in their hereditary roles was astonishing, and the writer remarks how strange it was to see shrewd, worldly-looking men like the Dukes of Somerset and Devonshire and the Earl of Shaftesbury arrayed in such garish splendour. The Duke of Norfolk, "a very small man with a straggly beard," was more in the picture. His robe was quite dingy and his ermine bands frayed and worn as befitted the descent of England's premier earl.

From the Coronation is but a step to the burning political question day of British politics, and the writer gives a vivid snapshot of the "most adored woman in the three kingdoms, the most detested, the most dreaded, the most reviled" Mrs. Pankhurst. "She came on to the platform in a picturesque black and white evening frock that suited her slim elegance to perfection. She turned her interesting face, with its pathetic, somewhat tired, expression, upon the great space of the Albert Hall, with its packed thousands, and in a few sentences had roused that vast assemblage to a pitch of frenzy," never before wit-

across the page of this indefatigable and brilliant journalist, whose roving-ings are here chronicled as "My Wander Year."

HERE AND THERE.

The Rakaja River, Canterbury's premier torrent, of which a picture appears in this issue, rises at the foot of the third range in the Southern Alps. The beautiful and almost unknown valley, where the giant river boils out at the foot of an ancient moraine, has an awe-inspiring grandeur of gigantic crags and stupendous peaks, eternal in their snowy majesty, that only needs to be known to become a pleasure resort. In this wild region, where Samuel Butler placed the incidents of his famous satire "Erewhou," the mountain lilies spread their acres of blissful purity right up along the snow line, and the yellow river flats lie sweet scented in the dawn. Here the bed of the Rakaja is over a mile wide, a mile of enormous boulder-torn, storm-worn shingle-strewn ravines, hemmed in by the high peaks of the Alps, but the river gradually narrows till it forces its way through the mountain barrier in the gorge, which is a famous beauty spot of the Canterbury Plains. The river has been beautifully described by the New Zealand poet, Arthur H. Adams, in the "Bulletin":

"And deep within the dusty street
My river calls to me
Across a world of stagnant heat
His waters make their music sweet,
And I again am free!
Where, cold and quiet as his snows,
Lordly, impassive, on he goes
Through mile-wide paths of gravel.

Rotorua, Waireki, and the Wanganui River.

The Huddart-Parker Company have decided to replace the Victoria on the direct run between Auckland and Sydney by the Riverina. The Victoria will take up the East Coast trade.

Mr. T. Cullen, Collector of Customs at Dunedin, returned home to that city by the Monowai. Mr. Cullen had been visiting the Northern city on holiday leave.

Mr. A. Herring, accompanied by his wife and daughter, American tourists who have been touring New Zealand, left for Sydney by the Union Company's liner last week in continuation of their Australasian trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, accompanied by Miss Maitland, of Sydney, who have been staying in Auckland, have gone on a tour to the Hot Lakes district, whence they will travel to New Plymouth and from there proceed down to Wellington.

A visitor from Europe, Herr Justo, is at present staying at Cargen with his family. He intends to leave on a month's tour through New Zealand to make a thorough study of the agricultural industries of the Dominion in the Waikato, Taranki, Napier, and Canterbury districts. After his return to Auckland he will tour the scenic spots of the Dominion in company with his family.

A Mountain Club has been organised in Stratford for the purpose of promoting a knowledge of Mount Egmont, more particularly by means of frequent and well-organised excursions.

A fresh survey is being made of the Hooker River at the site proposed for a bridge on the route to the Tasman Valley. A bridge was under construction a year ago, and was half complete when a phenomenal flood carried everything away, and widened out the river channel so that a much longer bridge will have to be provided.

Miss B. Whitelaw, of Auckland, who has been to England, is returning by the Suffolk, which left at the beginning of February. Miss Whitelaw has been staying with her sister, who is principal of the Wycombe Abbey School.

The Egmont Mountain House is in considerable demand this season, and some difficulty is being experienced in complying with the numerous applications for accommodation. The principal of the Auckland Training College has applied for accommodation for from 40 to 50 teachers at the hostelry at Easter.

The tourist traffic on the Wanganui River during the past month (January) was very heavy, considerable numbers making their way both up and down-stream. The Houseboat and Pipiriki House are now favourite places with many for a few days or a week stop-over.

The breeding season for wild game in the Clutha district appears to have been an unusually good one. Numerous clutches of young grey ducks, teal, and swans are to be observed in the swamp land, and on the borders of Lake Tuakitoto and Kaitangata, and also on the Molyneux River banks. A very favourite breeding spot seems to be on the banks of the small creek which runs from the lakes to Kaitangata and empties into the Molyneux.

A large number of doctors returned to Sydney by the Union Company's steamer Maheno. Amongst the passengers were Doctors Atkinson, Worrall, E. W. Morris, Blackburn, Dodds, Butler, Pentland, Howard, Fooks, Cam, C. W. Hamilton, F. J. Jermin, A. J. Wood, Connor, A. W. Hirst, and McMurray. Many of the medical delegates were also accompanied by their wives.

A large number of tourists arrived in Christchurch by the Wahine. A great number of them are from England, several from San Francisco, and two or three from South Africa. Two of the last-named, who wrote their address as Zululand, visited the Government Tourist Bureau, and one recorded in the visitors' book that he "could die a slow death here," an unkind cut at the monotony of the Cathedral City.

There is reason to believe that there are several people engaging in fishing in the various waters of the Ashburton County without being possessed of an angler's license (says the local paper). Whilst there is no word of prosecutions pending, it is not unlikely that offenders caught in the act will be dealt with in the manner which the law directs.

Mr. B. M. Wilson, general manager of the Department of Tourists and Health Resorts, has gone on a visit of inspection to the new Hermitage at Mount Cook. Thence he will travel overland by way of Copland Pass to the West Coast. He intended to go to the Marina Hot Springs, and inspect them with the object of reporting on the prospects of opening them up as a new attraction for tourists. Subsequently he proceeds to Nelson and Wellington.

Suspensions regarding the sporting value of the mallard ducks imported by the Auckland Acclimatisation Society have been raised by the extraordinary tameness of the liberated birds. In a letter addressed to the president of the society (Mr. W. H.

Hazard) the opinion is expressed by Dr. Lewis Hope that the mallard ducks introduced into New Zealand are merely decoy ducks used to catch the wild ducks. Dr. Hope states that the decoys are only about two-thirds the size of the wild bird, and he had no doubt that those imported by the society for game were actually specimens of the variety domesticated by years of training for a specific purpose.

Hobart is proud, not on account of its share in the Tasmania newspaper strike, but because it has a new pier, which is said to be the largest in Australasia. This pier, which has been opened for trade purposes, is 1210ft long, 122ft wide, and gives a depth of water of 36ft at the shore end, and from 45ft to 63ft at low tide at the outer 750ft. There is railway connection by five lines. A large amount of reclamation was involved in the construction of the pier, as well as the blasting away of 16,000 tons of rock and the pumping away of 100,000 cubic yards of sand. The wharf shed is 646 feet long. Passengers will be landed from steamers on to the roof of the shed and walk overhead to reach the shore.

A recent New Zealand tourist, the Hon. W. A. Holman, Premier of New South Wales, was charmed with the scenery of the Wanganui River. When speaking to a pressman he did not soar into flights of language about it, but he left no doubt that he meant that he has rarely, if ever, seen anything so delightful. He started down the river at Taumarunui, and left the water at Pipiriki to strike overland for the Main Trunk railway. The beautiful scenery coming down stream was, he thought, wonderful. In the run across from the river to the railway he passed through some of the most glorious of landscapes, and saw the New Zealand bush in all its pristine beauty. Later, he said, he found himself ejaculating "Vandals! vandals!" for his progress ran him through country where Nature's mantle had been well hewn into by the utilitarian axe. It was, perhaps, merely the disappointment of the tourist, for Mr. Holman realises that the settler must often carve his home in the heart of the forest. Regarding spots nearer Wellington, Mr. Holman holds a high opinion of some of the towns and villages along the line, and not many miles out of the city. The little places from 20 to 50 or so miles out from the port would satisfy him to reside in, and he does not see why anyone should wish for anything better than these places appear to offer.

Many tourists who visit New Zealand do not know of the eighty named glaciers in New Zealand. The Tasman Glacier has particular prominence, because it is the biggest valley glacier in the world, excepting one in the Himalayas and one in Alaska. "I call it," a distinguished traveller says, "the biggest 'civilised' glacier, because it can be so easily reached—only a matter of 24 hours' journey from Christchurch. Another point which distinguished New Zealand glaciers was that the glacial line was

lower than at any other point outside the Arctic or Antarctic circles. The terminal face of the Tasman Glacier was 2354 feet above sea level, while on the West Coast the Fox came down to 670 feet above sea

level. It should also be noted that, with the exception of work done by Mr. T. N. Brodrick, little glacial work had ever been done in the Mount Cook district.

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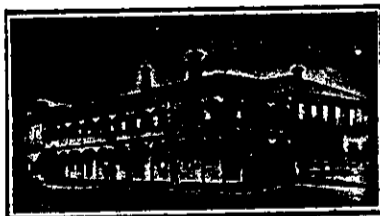
TOURIST AND TRAVELLER.

(Continued.)

Fly fishing has taken a decided turn for the better at Taupo, and several large catches have been recorded, especially at Waitahanui, where the fish are numerous and in splendid condition. The medical men who had been at the conference enjoyed excellent sport. Fish up to 15lb weight have been taken this season, and as feed is abundant, it is quite probable that, as the season progresses and the fish improve in condition, as they do from now on until the end of May, some heavier weights will be landed.

To those enamoured of the sport of king-fishing, which draws votaries from all over the world to the coast of Florida, under the name of Tarpon-fishing, New Zealand can show fine sport. The record fish taken on the rod has been caught within striking distance of Waihi. A local sportsman was fishing in the Katikati estuary, some 18 miles from Waihi, and succeeded in landing a fish, which, when placed on standard stillyards, turned the scales at 85½lb. The fish was upwards of 5ft in length and 34½in in girth, and weighed exactly 14½lb more than the biggest kingfish previously taken (weight 71lb). The record fish was sent on by rail to Auckland to be stuffed. Last week a fisherman of Waimana landed 21 kingfish, aggregating 248lb in weight, off Whale Island, Whakatane. The same gentleman caught a huge kingfish, weighing 83lb, in the same locality. The monster is about 5ft in length and about 30in in girth. The fish is being forwarded to Rotorua to be mounted.

Many commercial travellers and others in New Zealand will be pleased to learn of the success at Home of Mr. Frank Foster, the erstwhile New Zealand commercial, who was well known to members of the Wellington Savage Club. Referring to his performance as Don Caesar in "Maritana" with the Carl Rosa Opera Company, one English critic says:—"We must preface reference to the cast by a word of cordial congratulation to a new Don Caesar de Bazan. Mr. Frank Foster played the part for first time, and from the moment of his rolling, staggering entry amid his coughing protests he captured the house. Not only was his performance a consummate piece of character acting, his voice was rich, ringing, and full of the rollicking defiant spirit of the picturesque Don. As soon as he took up his part in the quartette, 'See the Culprit,' we knew we were in for a treat. In his first so'o, 'Farewell, My Valiant Captain!' this pleasing impression was more than confirmed. The prison scene found him obliged to quell clamour by giving encores of 'Turn On, Old Time' and

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An important step has been taken in connection with the control of the Tongariro National Park, which for some time past has been under the nominal superintendent of a special board. This body was provided with hardly any revenue, and as a consequence, was able to accomplish very little in the way of development or improvement. The Hon. R. H. Rhodes states that arrangements have been made for the control of the Park to be placed under the Tourist Department, and it is intended to develop this national asset somewhat on the lines of the Fiordland National Park. The details were now engaging his attention, and the necessary legislating to give effect to this decision was in course of preparation. The Park, which has been presented to the Dominion through the generosity of the Maori Chief Te Heu Heu, of Taupo, was, the Minister added, of huge extent, and contained the volcanoes of Ruapehu, Tongariro, and Ngaruahoe, and was within easy

reach of the Main Trunk railway. When the necessary funds were placed at his disposal he hoped to have the district further developed, tracks cut, and huts erected, and generally make the Park available for the use of the people of New Zealand. Very little had been done in past years to open up the Tongariro National Park, and he intended, when he had the necessary legislative authority and funds, to see that the Park developed as quickly as possible.

A warm tribute to the charms of New Zealand was paid by the Premier of New South Wales (Hon. W. A. Holman) in his speech at the Australasian Medical Congress dinner. Whilst, he said, he was proud of being an Australian, he rejoiced in being able, for the second time, to visit New Zealand, the land of a lovely climate and so many other great natural attractions—the country where every prospect was pleasing and where every man was doing his best to make the best of Nature's lavish gifts. "Come and stay with us, then," interjected the Mayor (Mr. C. J. Parr), amidst laughter. Mr. Holman put in a concluding word for his own

metropolis. "Of course," he said, "I realise that good New Zealanders when they die go to Sydney."

The condition of the trout in the lakes at Rotorua and Taupo is a subject that is engaging the attention of the Rotorua Rod and Gun Club. The Minister for Internal Affairs (the Hon. H. D. Bell), who was visiting Rotorua, received a deputation on the matter from the club. In all probability a definite settlement of the problem of how to bring about an improvement in the condition of the fish will be delayed, pending the arrival, early in the winter, of Mr. Prince, the Canadian Fisheries Commissioner, who is coming over to inspect the New Zealand fisheries, and advise the Government upon them. The method at present in vogue to eradicate or thin out diseased trout is to bar the stream, and prevent them from going up to spawn, and also to catch as many of the diseased fish as possible, and destroy them. The question for decision is whether this method can be improved upon, and whether a better method of providing the trout with food can be devised.

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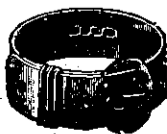
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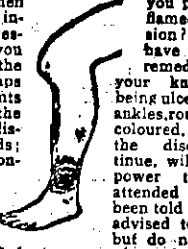


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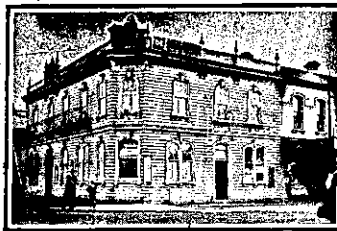
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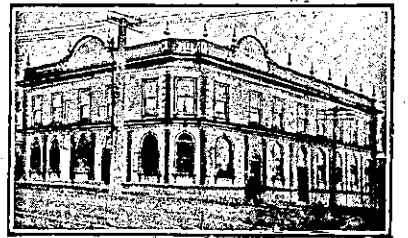
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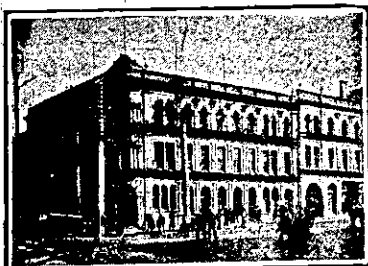
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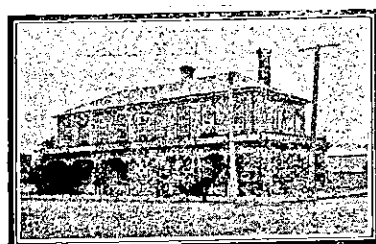


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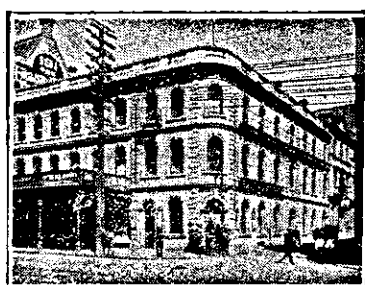
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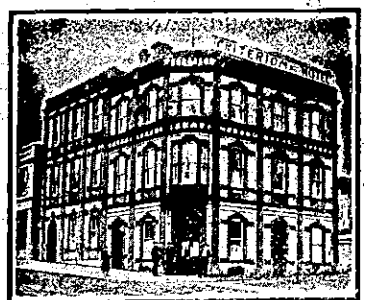


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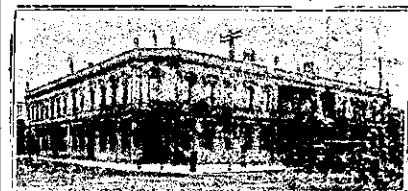
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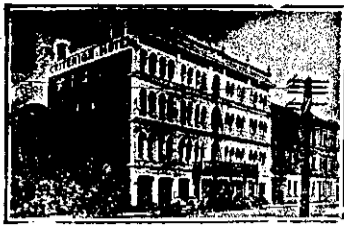
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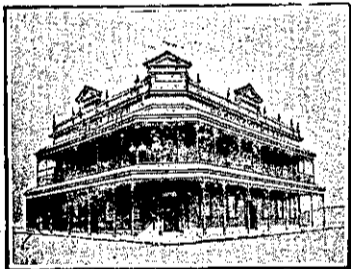
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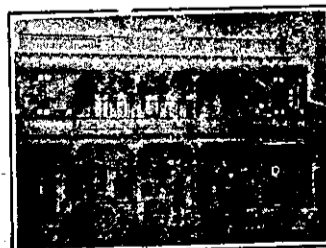
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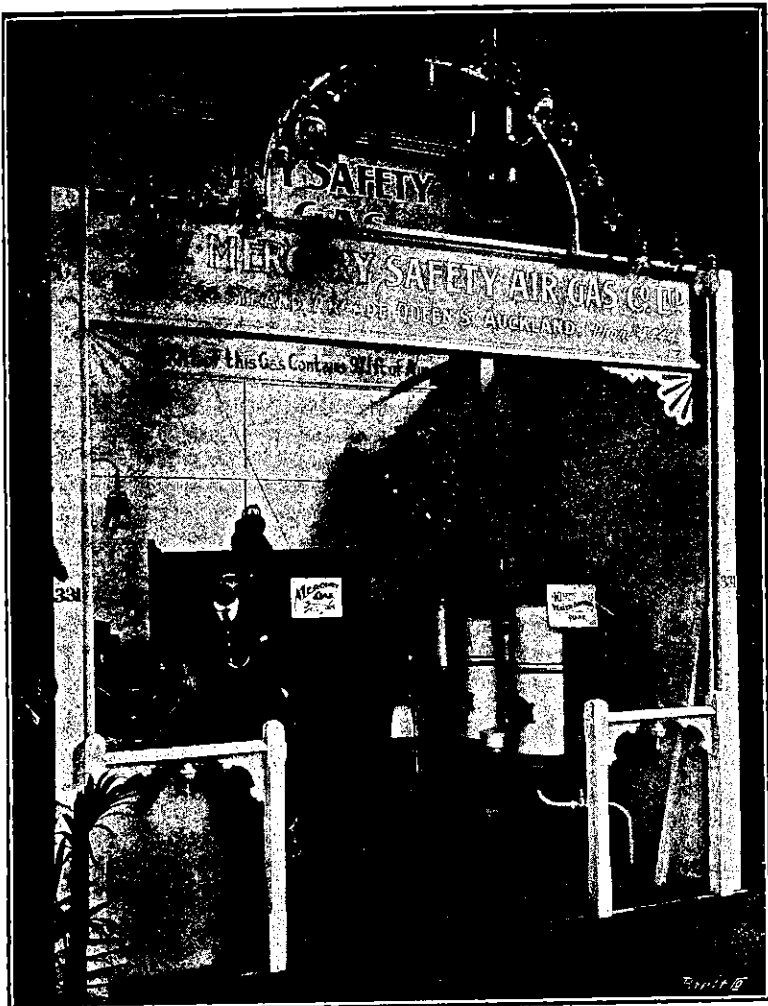
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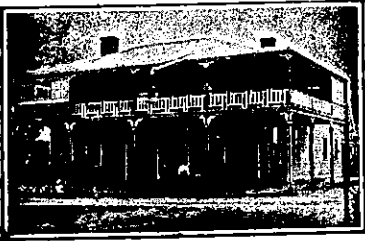
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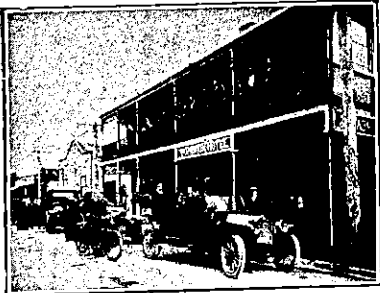
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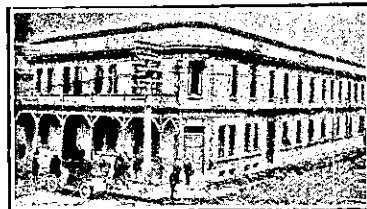
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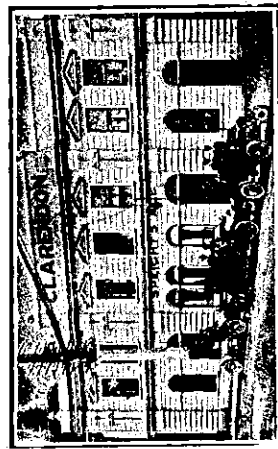
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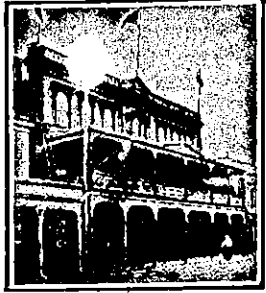
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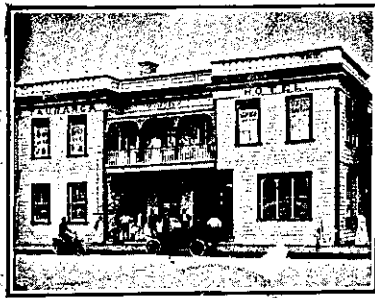
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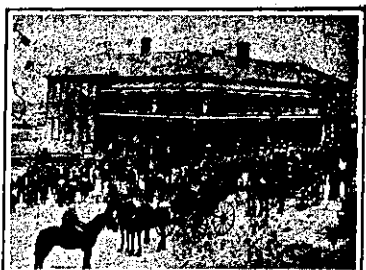


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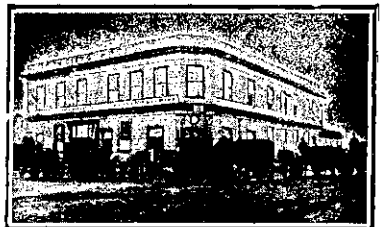
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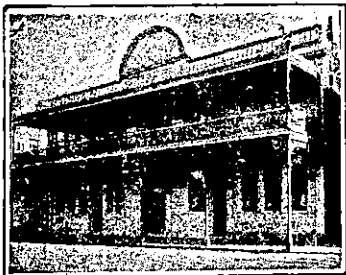
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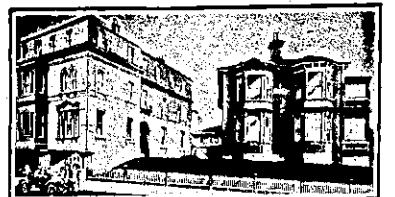


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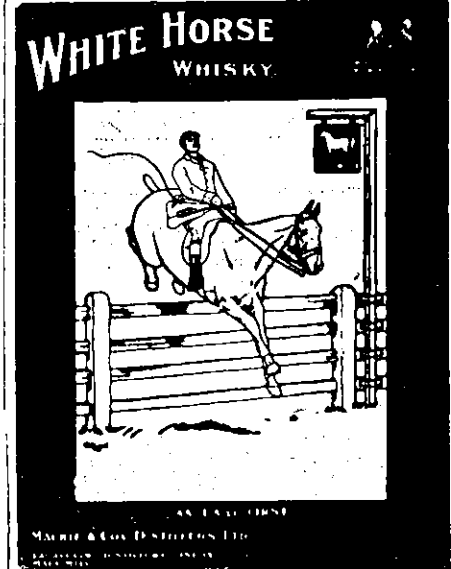
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