

SECOND DAY,

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1914.

1. BROOKLANDS HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, third horse 5sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 9.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. Six furlongs.
2. WAIOHIKI HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, third horse 5sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. One mile and a-half.
3. WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, third horse 10sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 9.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.
4. PARK STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance £3 10s. About two miles and a-half.
5. HUNT CLUB STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, a Cup, value 20 guineas (presented by F. Armstrong, Esq.) with 50sovs added for first horse; a gold watch bracelet, valued at 17 guineas for second horse; and 10sovs for third horse. For qualified hunters (four certificates). Minimum weight, 10.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. About two miles and a-half.
6. PORAITHE HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile and three-quarters.
7. NEWSTEAD HACK HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, third horse 10sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 9.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. Seven furlongs.

NOMINATIONS close FRIDAY, June 5, 1914, at 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS for First Day's Events will be declared on FRIDAY, June 19. ACCEPTANCES for First Day's Events close SATURDAY, JUNE 20, at 8 p.m.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb.

All nominations made by telegram must be confirmed by letter immediately afterwards.

J. E. GLEADOW,
Secretary.

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STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,

JULY 2 AND 4, 1914.

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PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1914.

To start at 11.30 a.m.

1. MAIDEN HACK RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stake. For horses that have never won a race of any description. Weight, 9.0. Nomination 20s, acceptance 20s. Distance, four furlongs.
2. PARK HURDLES HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 20s, acceptance 50s. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.
3. FLYING HANDICAP of 130sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 6sovs from stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 40s. Distance, six furlongs.
4. GISBORNE STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, third horse 25sovs from stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 100s. Distance, about three miles.
5. HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 30s. Distance, seven furlongs.
6. TRAMWAY HACK STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 130sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 40s. Distance, two miles.
7. WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 50s. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1914.

To start at 11.30 a.m.

1. MAIDEN HACK HANDICAP of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10

sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stake. For horses that have never won a race (except winner of Maiden Hack Race first day, which shall be eligible). Nomination 20s, acceptance 20s. Distance, five furlongs.

2. WAIKANAE HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 6sovs from stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 40s. Distance, seven furlongs.
3. GISBORNE HURDLES HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination 20s, acceptance 80s. Distance, two miles.
4. TE HAPARA STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 80s. Distance, about two miles and a-half.
5. SECOND HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 30s. Distance, six furlongs.
6. TURANGANUI STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 130sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 40s. Distance, two miles.
7. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 135sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 40s. Distance, one mile.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any flat handicap after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb, two or more races 10lb.

The winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb, two or more hurdle races 10lb.

The winner of any steeplechase after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb, two or more steeplechases 10lb.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1914.

NOMINATIONS for All Events close at 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1914.

WEIGHTS declared for First Day's Handicaps.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1914.

ACCEPTANCES for the whole of the First Day's Events close at 9 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1914.

WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handicaps declared at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the whole of the Second Day's Events close at 9.30 p.m.
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THE WALLS OF NANKING.

Deep regret will be excited by the news that the Government of China has acceded to a petition for leave to demolish that part of the beautiful old walls of Nanking which fronts the river. The petition has largely been prompted by the merchants, who argue that while the walls remain there is a constant danger that the city may be used as a rebel headquarters, and further that commerce will benefit by their destruction. Neither argument appears conclusive, since the obvious function of Nanking is to serve as a strong Government outpost to control the Yangtze Valley, while the commerce of Nanking is so inconsiderable that it is not likely to be affected whether the walls are dismantled or not. The walls, which were completed in 1390 by Hungwu, the founder of the Ming Dynasty, possibly the greatest man China ever produced, form one of the noblest architectural features of China, and are not exceeded in dignity and massiveness even by the famous walls of Peking, which in extent they far surpass. They are over 20 miles in circumference, and at various points they range from 60ft. to 80ft. in height, while for the larger part of their vast perimeter, two carriages can easily drive abreast along the top. Once the work of destruction begins, there is no knowing where it will end. It is earnestly to be hoped that, when China is already being stripped of so many of the splendours of her antiquity, these may yet be spared.

Topics of General Interest.

TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK.

DEER STALKING IN NORTH OTAGO.

The claims of the Tongariro National Park are to be the subject of a visit of inspection before long by the Minister in charge of the Tourist Department, Mr. Rhodes. The reason of the delay in extending the inadequate boundaries of the "park"—quite a misnomer, for all the best mountain bush is outside the present limits—is that the Government is anxious to hold the balance between scenery and settlement. For the sake of getting something done, admirers of the park are equally anxious to respect settlement and sawmilling claims. Under the latest proposal for extended boundaries it is claimed that, out of 96,000 acres proposed to be added to the reservation, only a few hundred acres could be deemed adaptable to farming purposes. Even now, probably few people realise that the Tongariro National Park offers to the lover of Nature the only active volcano craters in Australasia. In the crater of Ngauruhoe a couple of years ago molten lava was visible, and though there have been no lava flows within historic times, there is evidence that flows have occurred at no very remote period geologically. In fact, the Tongariro group of craters is unique. That the park is so little visited can be attributed only to the lack of roading and accommodation. Under the former heading, the question of the Waimarino military training reserve comes in. If an accommodation house is placed on a central site near the saddle between the two mountains, Ruapehu and Ngauruhoe, the road to it from the Main Trunk railway station of Waimarino would also serve the military reserve. So far this training ground, which was supposed to be part of the Territorial scheme, exists in name only. A road from Waimarino, tapping the reserve, could be constructed right through to Tokaanu, on Lake Taupo, a distance of about 38 miles; and a branch road would also serve the proposed accommodation house.

Here interposes another difficulty. The extension of the park boundaries and the accommodation and roading scheme are not only affected by the claims of landowner and sawmiller, but by the rivalries of townships along the Main Trunk railway. There is sufficient evidence that Ohakune will bring strong representations to bear to have the mountain communications based upon that town. The rival township of Rangataua may also put in a claim. Neither is geographically situated to serve the whole mountain area. A road from Ohakune or Rangataua to an accommodation house on the south side of Ruapehu might serve that mountain. It could not possibly give easy access to Tongariro and Ngauruhoe, where the interesting active craters are. But surveyors who know the district point out that an accommodation house on the railway side of the saddle between Ruapehu and the other great mountain pass would serve all peaks equally as well as the surrounding country; and a road therefrom would naturally connect with Waimarino or Erua. It happens, however, that Ohakune and Rangataua muster many more votes than Waimarino and Erua. The track from Waimarino via the military reserve to Tokaanu is partly made. Ten miles of formation should provide a fair road from Waimarino to the saddle site for an accommodation house. If metal and bridges were dispensed with, the cost would be about £1600. The cost of the accommodation house would depend on the scale of the structure. It would be at an elevation of about 4000ft. For a limited portion of the 96,000 acres proposed to be included within the extended boundaries of the park, compensation would have to be paid. As the land and the timber are inferior, the bill should not be heavy. The question of the Tongariro National Park only touches the fringe of the deforestation problem. Over a huge area of the useful lower country settlement and sawmilling have doomed the forest, and the cutting out of the Waimarino threatens to exercise a serious influence on the navigability of the Wanganui.

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Sneeze, and your friends all groan,
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Deer-stalkers who have returned from their trips to North Otago report that so far as the weather was concerned they have had the worst time for many years. For the first seventeen days in April there were only three and a half fine, there being not only rain but a heavy fall of snow. Several parties were delayed in getting away from their camps, and had to leave all their camp equipment and heads behind, to come out later when the weather cleared up and the streams were fordable. Motor cars are now being brought more into use for taking parties to the points where the pack horses meet them, and a number of cars were stuck up at the swollen streams, and in one case a car had to be abandoned in a flooded creek and nothing but the top of the hood was afterwards visible. The stags were in excellent condition, feed being abundant, and the heads were generally well-grown. In the Hunter country the deer were very numerous, and had it not been for the bad weather stalkers would have secured good bags. As it was, some fine heads were secured. A number of parties went to the Hunter Valley, Lake Hawea. Messrs. E. M. Caffin (Christchurch) and D. L. Gebbie (Motukarara), who were camped in the Highburn, secured a 16-pointer, 35 inches in length, Mr. Thorn a 10-pointer 44 inches in length, and 11-pointer 40½ inches in length, and two smaller 10-pointers. Messrs. W. C. Oliver and W. E. Mills, who had the Bull spurs block, secured eight heads, the best being a royal. They had two ladies in their party, and were fortunate in getting away from camp before the Hunter river became unfordable. Captain Hutton and Mr. L. G. D. Acland, who were camped at the Green Bush, each got a good head, and Mr. J. Forbes, of Christchurch, and Mr. R. McKenzie, of Invercargill, who stalked in the Boundary creek secured several good heads. Mr. McKenzie shot a 13 and an 11-pointer, and Mr. J. Forbes, who is still out, had, at the time his companion left, secured a 14-pointer and a royal the latter 42 inches in length. On the Waitaki Society's ground, Messrs. L. B. James and Hayward, of Timaru, got their full complement of heads in the Maitland creek, including a fine royal, shot by Mr. James. An Oamaru party of five shot eleven heads on the Longslip and Ahuriri country, one being a fine royal. A party of five stalkers, comprising Messrs. J. H. Bond (Christchurch), W. N. Bond (Argyle station, Waikato), Hunter-Weston (Timaru), F. N. Donkin (Otautau), and Handysides (Invercargill) went to the Lillburn Valley, Lake Hauroto, where the herd established by the Southland Acclimatisation Society was opened for stalking for the first time. The country is all heavily timbered with birch, and very wet, and it rained almost every night while the stalkers were in camp. They saw very fine deer, grown stags and hinds being in about equal numbers, and no young stags were seen. Mr. J. H. Bond shot a 13-pointer and a royal, Mr. W. N. Bond an 11-pointer, Mr. Donkin two 10-pointers.

The biggest aeroplane in existence at the present time is the Ilya Mouromets, a giant biplane which has flown many times in the neighbourhood of St. Petersburg during recent months. This craft has remained in the air for ninety minutes with eight mechanics in charge of its machinery and eight passengers in its cabin, a glass-sided structure placed between the planes. "The total weight of the aeroplane is 3½ tons," says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the London "Times." "With engines of 400 horse-power, the Ilya Mouromets raises a total useful weight of a little over 1 ton 1½cwt., besides nearly 8cwt. of fuel and oil. The mechanics can move about freely to attend to the motors and other parts of the machine without disturbing the equilibrium of the aeroplane while in flight." The Russian Admiralty has ordered ten of these machines and the design is being adopted by builders in other countries. Apparently there is no reason at all why such an aeroplane, carrying a crew of four or five men, should not remain aloft for twenty or thirty hours. Yet some people are saying still that a trans-Atlantic flight is outside the bounds of possibility.

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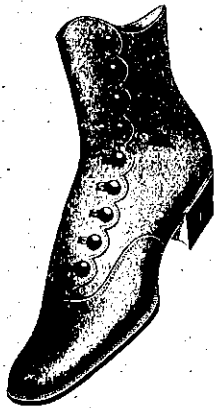
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- Coromandel—Thursday, 21st.
- Kaihu—Saturday, 23rd.
- Whitford—Monday, 25th.
- Arapohue—Wednesday, 27th.
- Paparoa—Thursday, 28th.
- Takapuna—Friday, 29th.
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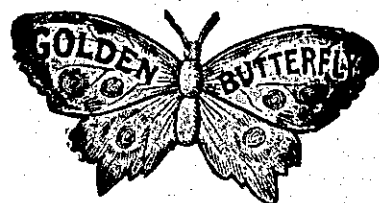
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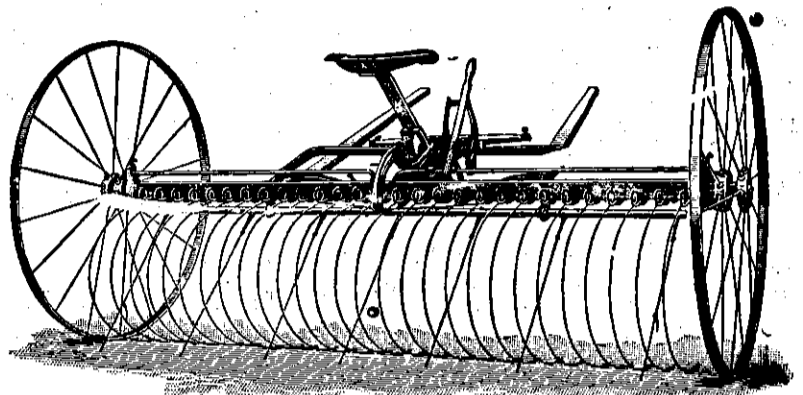
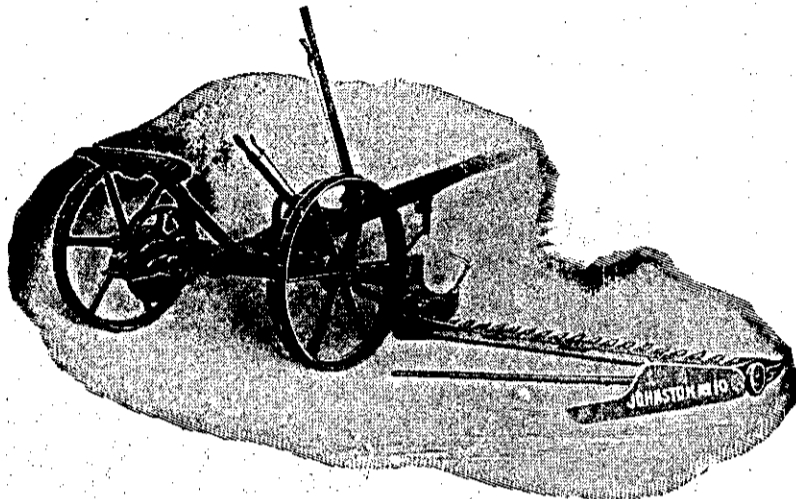
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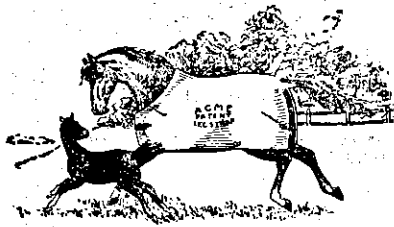
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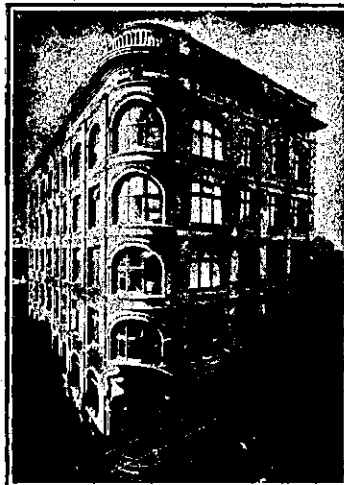
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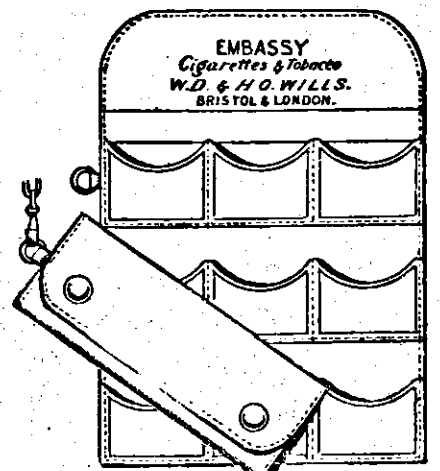
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VISIT OF FAMOUS BRITISH GENERAL TO DIVISIONAL CAMP AT HAUTAPU.



FIELD-MARSHAL SIR IAN HAMILTON AT THE SALUTING POINT INSPECTING THE MARCH PAST OF THE TROOPS.



STAFF OF OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE ON THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF OVERSEAS FORCES. BEHIND SIR IAN HAMILTON IS GENERAL GODLEY, COM MANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE NEW ZEALAND FORCES.



The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club brought off their Autumn Meeting on Wednesday and Thursday of last week in seasonable enough weather, though it had been raining before the meeting and a few misty showers fell during its progress. The course was holding, so much so that the times for the various races were the slowest recorded for some years past. The meetings are held later in the season than they used to be, and there is always a risk of weather conditions not being quite perfect. The extensive improvements were referred to last week, and they are certainly of an up-to-date character. The stewards entertained their guests well and made the day of the opening of the new stands and buildings a red-letter one in the history of the club. The Minister for Internal Affairs (the Hon. Mr. Bell) officially opened the stand, referring in an appropriate speech to the present and past supporters of racing in Hawke's Bay, the late Sir William Russell being spoken of as a Bayard and the Hon. J. D. Ormond, M.L.C., as a Nestor of the New Zealand Turf. The hon. gentleman drew a comparison between the Temple of the High Priests and the splendid edifices erected by the strong committee of progressive representatives of the racing people of Hawke's Bay, and reminded them that they held a great key—a golden key—to the situation, and would know how to treat those who despised their sports. The stewards' luncheon room presented a unique picture. Each steward had a table, and on each their racing colours were displayed, and on printed cards the names of the two best or favourite racehorses they had owned were displayed. Some cracks, it is needless to say, were included in the number, champions on the flat and flyers over fences. Soltano and Bobrikoff, North Atlantic and Zimmerman, Denbigh and Pokomoko, Morning and Evening, Sanguine and Post Haste, Mangahane and Rangipo, Cynisca and Whisper, Rough and Settler, Corazon and Nadador, Bandeira and Bon Reve, Ventura and Maori King, Fair Rosamond and Kimbombi are names to conjure by, names that recall racing recollections that would fill a book with interesting matter. Hawke's Bay sportsmen and Hawke's Bay stewards have always been prominent in the ownership of good horses, and the breeding of them, and they and the people are as enthusiastic to-day over their equine celebrities as ever. From the meeting last week dates the dawn of a new era in racing in the province. That, at least, is the thought and wish of its friends.

It may not be generally known, but such is the case, that for every horse entered for some of the race meetings in England—and they include Sandown, Kempton, Hurst Park, Alexandra Park, Manchester, Haydock, Birmingham, Derby, Newbury and others, the owner pays a fee of 2s. 6d. to the clerk of the course, another 2s. 6d. for each starter to the clerk of the scales, and the stakeholder receives 1 per cent. of the stakes won by owners. In an article in the "Badminton Magazine," an owner rightly says that these are amongst the irritating and unfair charges that owners have to submit to. He goes on to say that his stud consists of from eight to twelve horses, and that he may make as many as 300 entries in a year, and that costs £37 10s. If he starts horses 100 times that means another £12 10s., and if his winnings amount to £1000 another £10, or £60 in all. This does not include the entrance fees, which are added to the stakes. This owner considers the tax thus levied upon owners very unfair, and is quite right; indeed, as he contends, it is ludicrous that owners, who provide the actors for the entertainment, should be fleeced by the wealthy racing companies in this and other ways. It is generally agreed that racing is more expensive in England than elsewhere. This is merely one of the sidelights.

In New Zealand the nomination and acceptance money for handicaps and

the forfeits in classic races all go to make up the stakes, but the owners, and especially those who race for the minor prizes, pay a big proportion of the prize money; indeed, so numerous are the nominations for most of these small prizes with many clubs that more money is contributed by the owners than is done anywhere else for similar prizes. As a matter of fact, in Auckland the owners have been finding a very big slice of the stake money indeed for years past. How long will they continue to do so? How long they will stand the present position is, of course, their concern, but there are a good many owners who have come to the conclusion that it costs very much more for the privilege of owning third-raters than it does to race first-class horses, the cost of nominating and accepting being much out of proportion to the value of the prizes in the first place, while the fees received are proportionally greater. The public now

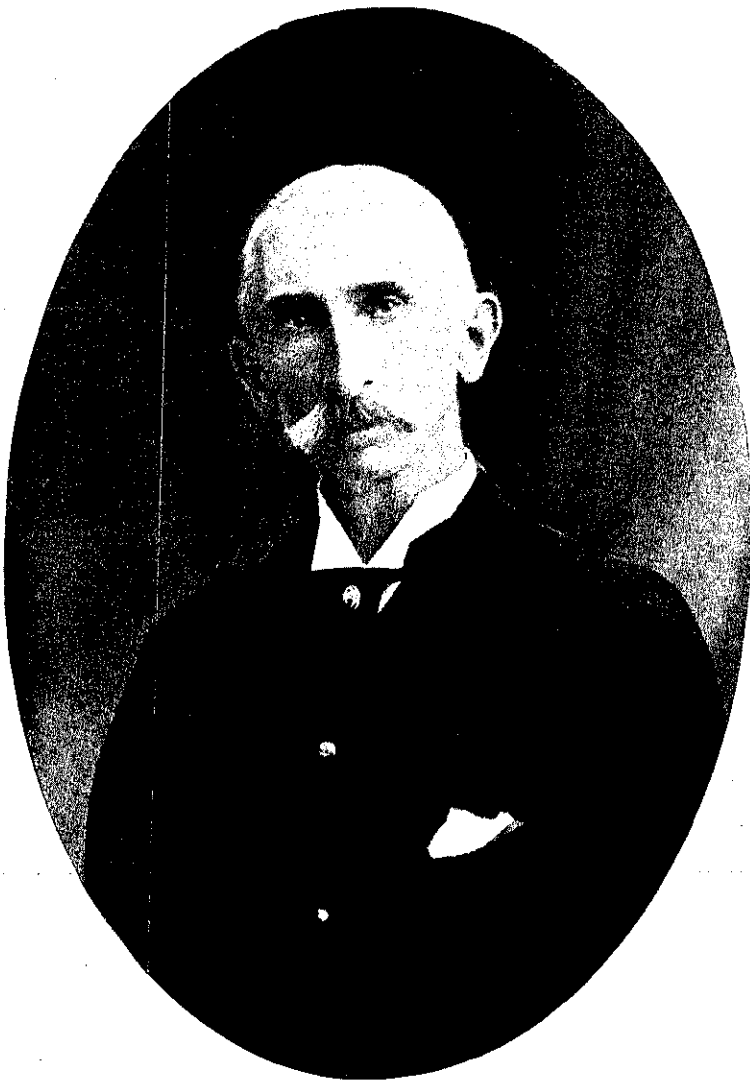
won a race of any description; 2nd, for horses that have never won a race exceeding £25 in value; 3rd, for horses that have never won a race exceeding £50 in value; 4th, for horses that have won over £50 and not exceeding £75; 5th, for horses that have won over £50 but not exceeding £100; 6th, for horses that have won over £75 but not exceeding £125; 7th for horses that have won over £100 but not exceeding £150; 8th, for horses that have won over £150, but not exceeding £200 in one stake. All prizes should be given by the clubs on the basis of seventy per cent. to the winner, twenty per cent. to the second horse, and ten per cent. to the third horse. Nomination fees should not exceed one-half per cent. of the advertised value of the stake, and acceptance not to exceed one and a-half per cent. thereof in races up to the value of 100sovs., and not to exceed one per cent. in races of over that value. It may be said that some

will need to make special conditions to suit themselves.

We have the definition of a "maiden," which in effect is a horse which at the time of starting has never won either an advertised flat race, hurdle race or steeplechase, but how many races have we for maiden performers? We have so-called maiden races, but nine times out of ten the clubs that provide these races put in a special proviso that these events are for horses that have never won a stipulated amount, thus getting away from the rule, the object being to secure a larger entry by letting in horses that have won small prizes as well as those that have not won at all. There has been a lot of talk about the so-called hack conditions. Such huge profits are made out of these hack races by most clubs that they have no wish to see them altered, and it suits them not to increase the stakes for these races, but is it fair or in the interests of owners? What owner would mind if he had a hack capable of winning a £200 or £250 race if he had to let it go out of the hack class? There are scores of horses that win themselves out of the hack races that are not good enough to go into the open company. Winning a number of small races, each bringing their aggregate winnings to £250, does not mean that they become of racehorse class, for many that have the luck to win themselves out of the hack ranks are not nearly so good as many of those that have failed to win the necessary amount.

A few practical racing men would frame conditions to regulate this hack racing business that would be much more acceptable to the bulk of owners. There are horses racing of no better class than were the hacks of between thirty and forty years ago. There are some much better, but those that figure at the top of the handicap lists for these races with hack conditions sometimes find it hard to win in the open company carrying light weights. Occasionally there is an odd one that comes out and distinguishes itself in better company, and the hack races serve their purpose for some horses as stepping-stones to something better. Very often owners of good ones send them into form for some of the better class races, and thus they do not always serve the purpose for which they were originally introduced. The hack racer of years ago was a bona fide hack, but the hack racer of to-day is rarely used for anything else but racing, and nine out of ten have just as good pedigrees as the best racehorses of the day, though they may not have had the same chances of distinguishing themselves, and in consequence take longer to develop to get the best of what they are capable from them. We hope to see some of our turf legislators take up this matter and bring down suggestions which will be the means of doing away with the present hack racer definitions and replacing them with something more befitting the situation, and it appears to us that classification is desirable and would greatly benefit racing in the Dominion.

Mr. James Leithead, whose portrait appears on this page, is probably one of the best-known sporting enthusiasts to be found in Hawke's Bay to-day. A native of Scotland, Mr. Leithead came to New Zealand twenty-five years ago, and during the whole of that period he has been associated with the welfare of "Orua Wharo," at Takapau, one of the best equipped and most extensive sheep stations to be found in the North Island. The racing instinct was developed early, and some years ago Mr. Leithead was induced to accept the position of vice-president of the Woodville District Jockey Club, which he retains at the present time. The Woodville Club is fortunate in having men of the right class to guide its destinies, and Mr. Leithead is one of the executive who takes the keenest interest in its welfare.



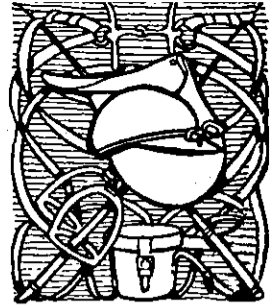
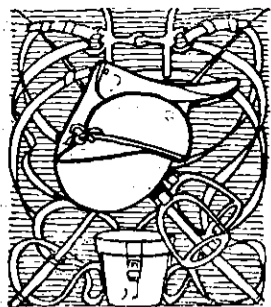
A PROMINENT HAWKE'S BAY SPORTSMAN—MR. JAMES LEITHEAD, Vice-President of the Woodville District Jockey Club.

speculate just as freely on the small races as they do on those of greater value, and the clubs keep on adding the profits of the small races to the value of the more important ones. The owners who provide the fields for these minor events are not receiving fair consideration, and another season should not be allowed to commence without an alteration in the conditions for clubs to observe for their so-called hack races. The classification of races should be fixed differently.

There are few totalisator clubs that cannot give £100 as a minimum stake, but there are some, and as provision should be made by clubs for horses of all classes there should be some general conditions laid down. No metropolitan club, or, say, first-grade club, should give a stake of less value than 200sovs. No second-grade club should give less than 150sovs.; no third less than 100sovs., no fourth less than 75sovs., and no fifth less than £50, at meetings where the totalisator is used. Non-totalisator clubs should not be restricted. Clubs should be permitted to select races calculated to suit their respective districts from those with the following conditions:—For horses, mares and geldings three years old and upwards: 1st, for horses that have never

clubs do not charge so much as the maximum provided for in the above conditions, though there is a rule which still exists which would permit of clubs charging as exorbitant a sum as 5 per cent. in nominations and acceptances if they so desire.

It is sometimes said that for convenience clubs make nominations for all their races 1sov., big and small. Owners would prefer that they should be charged in proportion to the value of the races they enter for—at least that is what many of the owners of second and third rate horses think. They cannot see why they should have to pay the same to nominate for a race worth £100 as the owner does who nominates for a race worth £1000. There are so many races to nominate for and so many horses of the same class entered for these races that they are very hard to win. What some owners who keep on racing their horses in these minor events, because they are not good enough for the more important ones, would like to see would be a classification of the horses somewhat on the lines already indicated. Clubs would then find that the nominations would be spread out better, and the possibility of having to deal with unwieldy fields would be reduced. Unless the Racing Conference takes a hand in this matter clubs



RACING NOTES

RACING CALENDAR.

WINNING.
 May 13, 14—Egmont Racing Club
 May 21, 22—North Otago Jockey Club
 May 21, 22—Wanganui Jockey Club
 June 3, 4—Dunedin Jockey Club
 June 3, 4—Oraki Maori Racing Club
 June 3, 6, 8—Auckland Racing Club
 June 17, 18—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
 June 24, 25—Napier Park Racing Club
 July 2, 3—Gisborne Racing Club
 July 15, 18—Wellington Racing Club

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

Acceptances will be due for the Wanganui J.C. winter meeting on May 18.

Acceptances for the Great Northern Hurdle Race and Great Northern Steeplechase, together with general entries for Winter meeting close with the secretary, Mr. J. F. Hartland, on Friday (May 15) at 9 p.m.

The whole of the fourteen races on the programme of the Napier Park Racing Club will require attention on Friday, June 5th. Half the races are for jumping horses.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

The Gisborne Racing Club's Steeplechase meeting is one of the most popular winter gatherings in the North Island, and the attractive programme which is set down for decision on the Club's course at Te Hapara on July 2 and 4 should claim the attention of a large number of owners. Four steeplechases over distances of three, two and a-half, two, and two miles respectively, are to be decided at the fixture, while a hurdle race is to be held on each day. In addition, four flat races are to be contested on each day, and the stake money which the Club has allotted for the various events should result in a splendid response from owners on June 12, when nominations fall due.

MR. E. J. WATTS' AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES.

In order to make room for other of Mr. E. J. Watts' horses, H. Rayner has handed Tatterley (Birkenhead-Tatters) over to J. Whitworth, who already trains Moonbria for the New Zealand owner named, says the "Referee." The Mountain King—Marguerite colt, for whom Mr. Watt gave 800gns., and the Royal Artillery—Hecuba colt, who cost him 220gns., are to be broken in, and then sent to Windsor for some months. The colt out of Marguerite, who is a great big fellow—already well on the way to 15.2—and resembles his sire, will not be trained for the spring races at Randwick, his trainer, who has a very high opinion of him, believing he will be all the better for not being hurried. Mountain Knight has already gone to Windsor. This district is one much in favour in New South Wales in which to turn horses out for a spell.

Referring to the return of Ventura to Sydney, the "Referee" has the following:—Ventura left the Dominion with the reputation of being the best "miler" there. At least, she was allotted 9.8 in the Thompson Handicap, one mile, run at Wellington last week, next to her coming Expect 9.3. Autumnus was weighted at 8.11, and Emperador, despite his recent victories, at 8.10—(this was altered to 9.3 and escaped the notice of the writer.—Ed.). In the Railway Handicap, six furlongs, Ventura had 9.11, then coming Autumnus 9.1. If our handicappers follow these figures, the chestnut mare will not be thrown in here; but, without wishing to write in a derogatory strain, it seems to me that at the present time New Zealand form will stand discounting to some extent.

SEA PINK.

Excuses can always be found for beaten horses. Sea Pink has been frequently referred to as an unlucky gelding, and there is no doubt he was very much so in the Hawke's Bay Cup. His head was the wrong way when the barrier went up, and he

tailed the field for a long way and had much ground to make up, but ran so well that many thought he should have won the race for Mr. E. J. Watt. The distance suits the son of Seaton Delaval better perhaps than any other. Sea Pink was most unfortunate when he ran in the Wanganui Stakes through the falling of Tire-some and Bronze, which cost him a good many lengths.

MERRY ROE AND ELERIOT.

Merry Roe got chopped into on the opening day of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's meeting and never got a chance to show her form. A few people who knew this profited accordingly when she won and paid such a good dividend next day. Her owner and connections backed her the first day and also Eleriot, but the last-named did not run like a stayer on either day, and might perhaps have been seen to better advantage over shorter distances. Merry Roe has been so consistent that had she been supported as well in her last race as in her first she would have made up the losses over her defeat and the two defeats of Eleriot, and left a good margin of profit.

chase by that owner at Sydney Tattersall's meeting last month. This was in the Club Welter, in which he just squeezed home from Moonbria, son of Merriwee and La Notte, therefore something more than a half-brother to Midnight Sun, Noctiform and Nightfall. The Sydney "Referee" writer "Pilot" thus refers to the event:—Moonbria, who was last shortly after barrier-rise, ran a great race, and was probably unlucky to lose; but though his backers had a second go for their money when a protest was lodged, it did not surprise me when they failed to score in that fashion. Black, on St. Medoc, may not have given Moonbria more room than was necessary, but it cannot be said that he appeared to absolutely interfere with that horse.

THE ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS.

The Two Thousand Guineas won by Kennymore was referred to in these columns last week. For some unexplained reason the result of the One Thousand Guineas did not come to hand at due date, so therefore we could not refer thereto before. Mr. J. B. Joel's filly Princess Dorrie, by Your Majesty from Doris was a very un-

Victoria, New Caledonia, and New Zealand.

Messrs. Wm. Inglis and Son sold 243 yearlings for 54,507½gns., of whom 32 went to Victoria at a cost of 9652½gns.; 82 to Queensland at 11,192gns.; 19 to South Australia at 2640gns.; 11 to Western Australia at 2020gns.; eight to New Zealand at 1980gns.; four to New Caledonia at 505gns.; and three to Tasmania at 200gns.; while the firm sold 110 lots of miscellaneous stock for 13,184½gns.; making a grand total of 453 lots for 67,692gns.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. disposed of 208 yearlings for 34,500 guineas, of whom 26 went to Victoria at a cost of 6560gns.; 31 to Queensland at a cost of 4985gns.; five to New Zealand at a cost of 2460gns.; 11 to Western Australia for 2135gns.; and eight to South Australia at a cost of 895gns.; while 127 were secured by New South Wales buyers at a cost of 17,465gns. The firm's sale of miscellaneous stock was 42 lots for 4532gns., making a grand total of 250 lots for 39,032gns.—"S.M. Herald."

DEATH OF A LEADING AUSTRALIAN TRAINER.

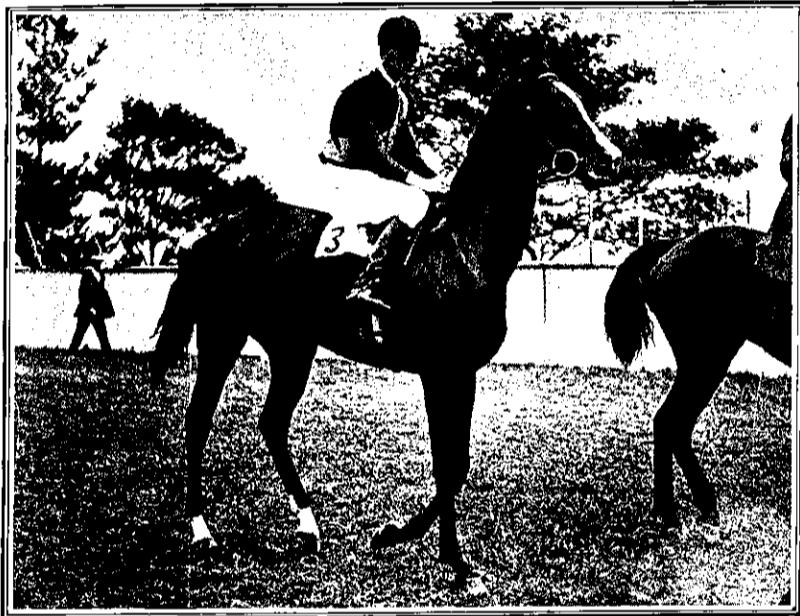
I. EARNSHAW'S SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

The late Mr. Ike Earnshaw, whose death was announced by cable from Sydney, was one of Australia's most successful trainers, and was well-known to many New Zealanders. He was "discovered" by the late W. Kelso, of Orville Lodge. About 26 years ago Mr. Kelso paid a visit to Goulburn, where he saw a young man who was so diligent in the care of some horses he had in his charge that the visitor took a great fancy to him, and offered him the position of foreman of his stable. Thus Earnshaw made his start in Sydney. When Mr. W. Lyons brought Too Soon over from New Zealand he handed the horse over to Earnshaw, who did so well with him that his reputation as a trainer was established. Since then, right up to the recent A.J.C. meeting, Earnshaw had many successes. His name figured as trainer, and occasionally as owner, of some of the greatest horses who have run on Australian courses.

The best horse he ever trained was Poseidon, the property of Mr. Hugh R. Denison. This horse started 32 times, had 19 wins, four seconds, three thirds, and was unplaced on only six occasions. He won stakes valued at £19,946, including two Derbies, a Melbourne Cup, and two Caulfield Cups.

Mr. Earnshaw also trained for the late Mr. Samuel Hordern, for whom he won the Sydney Cup and other races with The Skipper. He trained for Mr. John Brown for several years, and won among other races the Futurity Stakes, the Newmarket Handicap and the Doncaster Handicap with Sir Foote. Besides Poseidon, other notable performers he trained for Mr. R. H. Denison were Mundoie, Zilka, Posadas, Flamen, and La Fiancee. He also trained for Messrs. F. A. and W. Moses, Mr. Walter Brunton, Mr. R. C. Allen, Mr. A. Hooks, and Mr. C. J. Britten, Mr. K. S. McLeod, and Mr. P. H. Morton.

Earnshaw was no experimenter in his training operations, but travelled along conventional lines. He was one of the first on the training track in season and out of season. His opinions were often sought by younger trainers, who availed themselves of his advice. He was recognised as one of the best judges of a thoroughbred in Australia. He made an international reputation over a competition instituted by the London "Sportsman." This paper invited opinions from all over the world as to "the best sire to mate with the flying Sceptre when she retired from the turf. Earnshaw's selection was one of three finally adjudged to be the most suitable. He was a close student of breeding, and his services were always largely utilised by owners when they made purchases at the yearling sales. He was given a free hand so far as prices were concerned.



A CONSISTENT SOUTHERNER—Mr. S. Brereton's br m INEURU, 6yrs, by Maniapoto—Kohina, whose latest victories were gained at the recent Feilding meeting, where she won the Mangaone Stakes (six furlongs) and the Denbigh Stakes (six

DON SOLVO.

At the Sydney Tattersall's meeting the Youthful Stakes was won by Don Solvo, who ran away from the opposition and put up a smart performance. Don Solvo was bred by Messrs. W. and F. A. Moses, and is by Earlston from Solution (Soul—Problem), and was sold as a two-year-old for 800gns. He is one of P. T. Heywood's team, and equalled Pride of Murillo's Randwick five-furlong record of 1.0½, which was made by the latter in the corresponding race three years ago. The mating of Earlston and Solution has evidently proved all right.

CIDER.

It is thought in Sydney that Cider, who was purchased for India, will remain for a time in Australia and contest the weight-for-age and other races on account of his new owner. The same plan was adopted with a number of horses purchased on behalf of dwellers in the land of the Rajah with profitable results. The Maltster horse has won about £13,700 in prize money, and if he goes to Queensland, as expected, for races there at the end of the present month it is expected he will win the w.f.a. events. Those who purchase for the Indian market invariably like to keep their purchases going well up to the time of shipping them.

MOONBRIA IN AUSTRALIA.

St. Medoc, who cost Mr. "J. Bird" 900 guineas the first week in January, scored his first victory since his pur-

chase by that owner at Sydney Tattersall's meeting last month. This was in the Club Welter, in which he just squeezed home from Moonbria, son of Merriwee and La Notte, therefore something more than a half-brother to Midnight Sun, Noctiform and Nightfall. The Sydney "Referee" writer "Pilot" thus refers to the event:—Moonbria, who was last shortly after barrier-rise, ran a great race, and was probably unlucky to lose; but though his backers had a second go for their money when a protest was lodged, it did not surprise me when they failed to score in that fashion. Black, on St. Medoc, may not have given Moonbria more room than was necessary, but it cannot be said that he appeared to absolutely interfere with that horse.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF BLOOD-STOCK IN AUSTRALASIA.

During the autumn bloodstock sales at Randwick the auctioneering firms to whom the dispersal was entrusted sold, in the aggregate, 703 head for 106,724 guineas, of whom 551 were yearlings, who brought, in the aggregate, 99,007½ guineas; and 152 miscellaneous stock, including stallions, brood mares, racehorses, and untried lots, that fetched in the aggregate 17,716½ guineas.

The figures show that in the distribution of the yearlings, about half the values went to the sister States of the Commonwealth, New Zealand and New Caledonia; the balance having been retained in New South Wales. The Victorians purchased 58 youngsters for 16,212½gns.; Queenslanders, 113 for 16,177gns.; New Zealanders, 13 for 4440gns.; Western Australians, 27 for 4155gns.; South Australians, 22 for 3355gns.; New Caledonians, four for 505gns.; and Tasmanians three for 200gns.; New South Wales buyers securing 311 lots for 43,962½gns.

Of the miscellaneous lots, 26 left this State at a cost of 2655gns., the stock being distributed to Queensland,

Earnshaw invariably had a few of his own horses in his stable, and the best of them was Radnor. He trained Apologue when that horse won the Melbourne Cup in 1907, and thus took two Melbourne Cups in succession, for Poseidon won a year earlier. He won the V.R.C. Derby and the A.J.C. Derby with Poseidon in 1906, the two Caulfield Cups in 1906 and 1907 with Poseidon, the A.J.C. St. Leger with Poseidon in 1907, and with Jacamar in 1912, the Caulfield Futurity Stakes with Antonia in 1908, the A.J.C. Derby with Parsee in 1908, and the A.J.C. Champagne Stakes in 1911 with Posadas. His last two wins of note were secured at the recent A.J.C. meeting, when he won with Imshi and Woorak.

His death was indirectly due to an injury received some years ago.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN McVAY.

The death of Mr. John McVay, president of the Napier Park Racing Club, has to be recorded this week, and it is with extreme regret that we have heard of that gentleman's demise. Though we were advised of his serious condition last week, his illness had only reached a serious stage the previous week, for he appeared quite well at the Feilding and Manawatu meetings, which he visited. It was while on a visit to the last-mentioned district that the deceased contracted a severe cold and hemorrhage resulted and he gradually got worse, took to his bed, and succumbed. Mr. McVay's parents came to this country in 1841 and were early settlers in Auckland, where he was born and educated. Here he learned the saddlery business, and in 1867 started in business on his own account, and carried on one of the largest N.Z. businesses of the kind up to the time of his death, and proved himself of value as a public man and as a citizen. As Mayor and councillor and a member of the Napier Harbour Board he did good service, and his long connection with the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club and as committeeman, vice-president and president of the Napier Park Racing Club and as the representative of country clubs on the New Zealand Racing Conference he will be missed. To Mrs. McVay and relatives of the deceased sportsman we tender our sympathy.

PECULIAR ACTION OF RACING AUTHORITY.

The committee of the Canterbury Jockey Club appears to have assumed an authority with which even those who control the affairs of prominent race clubs are not vested, says the Sydney "Referee," when it sanctioned the re-instatement of Bee for the Russley Plate after the Martian filly had been scratched. The facts of the case are that, owing to an error, Bee was allotted 9.3 in the official list of weights as published, and was immediately withdrawn from the engagement; but as the weight should have read 8.3, and the filly was scratched owing to a misconception, the committee empowered itself to annul the scratching and allow Bee to be reinstated. The following notice with regard thereto was posted by the club: "The scratching of Bee for the Russley Plate was made on the official publication of the weights, in which she was allotted 9.3. The correct weight was, however, 8.3, and as the scratching was made under a misconception, it will be cancelled by the committee of the Canterbury Jockey Club."

It might be mentioned that Bee ran in the race and filled third place to Wisebird and Findhorn. The action of the C.J.C. in connection with this matter has been openly criticised all over the Dominion, and it would interest racing men here as well as those of New Zealand to know under what rule the club concerned claimed the power to reinstate a scratched horse, even though its withdrawal was the outcome of an error on the part of one of the club's officials.

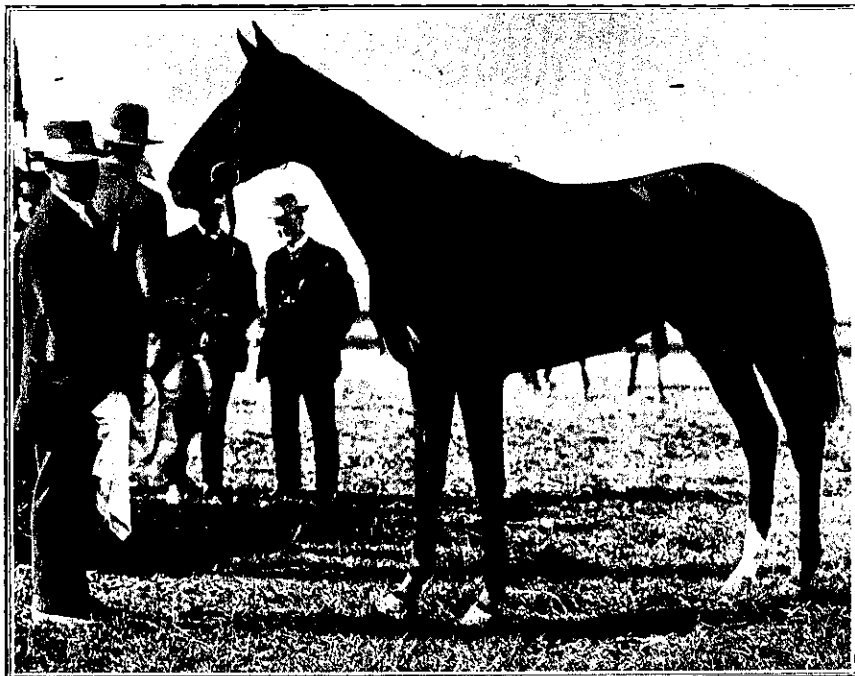
THE LATE I. EARNSHAW'S STABLE.

It is too early yet for all the patrons of the late I. Earnshaw's stable to have arrived at any decision concerning the disposal of their horses. Naturally a deal of interest attaches to the destination of some, and it is probable more than one trainer is hopeful that he may get Woorak or Imshi. Meanwhile J. Tuckerman, who was Mr. Earnshaw's foreman for a considerable time, is managing the stable, and, provided he gets a No.

1 license, it is more than probable he will take on the establishment altogether. Mr. H. R. Denison has already arranged to give him five horses to train, and as Tuckerman is a young man of whom his late employer had a very high opinion, probably he will receive support from others.—"Referee."

SUNLOCH, THE NATIONAL WINNER.

Sunloch was only tried at steeple-chasing about three months before the Grand National, and in referring to his victory "Spearmint," in the "Weekly Despatch," says:—"He was bred by a Loughborough farmer named Black, who sent an old mare of his named Gralloch to Sundorne. The result of the mating was Sunloch, who was thought so little of until he was nearly five years old that he could have been bought any day almost up to that time for less than a hundred. At any rate, Black only got £50 when he parted with him to a member of the Quorn Hunt, who gave him plenty of cross-country work before he transferred him to someone else for nearly £300. Eventually Sunloch came into the hands of a man who was convicted of fraud less than two months ago, and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment. On this occasion, Mr. Tyler, who is reputed to be the best judge in England of a hunter or hackney, took him over. Mr. Tyler has since refused several offers for him. A lifelong friend of mine, who has made a big fortune in Fleet Street, and is one of the new pillars of racing, proffered £1000, but it was refused, £1500 being wanted. My friend's adviser in the matter said,



THE 1914 HAWKE'S BAY CUP WINNER—Mr. D. Kemp's br m KOOYA, 4yrs, by Signalman—Koi Ano, who has also won the Dannevirke, Woodville and Masterton Cups during the past three months.

"No; don't give more; he is only a hunter."

GREENBACKS AND COUNTERFEITS.

Few people, perhaps, are aware why the national American currency is printed with green backs. Ever since the adoption of paper currency it has been the constant study of bank-note engravers to get up some plan of printing bills that could not be counterfeited. In this they only partly succeeded till as late as 1857, when a man named Stacy J. Edson invented a kind of green ink, which he patented June 30 of that year. It is called anti-photographic ink, because it cannot be photographed and cannot be dislodged with alkalies by counterfeiters to get a complete facsimile of the bills. As it is a secret known only to the American Bank Note Company and the inventor, it is impossible to counterfeit the greenback money.

Even if the composition of the ink was known, it would be of no use, as the work could not be copied from the genuine bills with any other kind of ink.—"Leslie's Weekly."

The imported horse Hallowmas (Martagon—Halloween) has been purchased for stud purposes by the New Zealand breeder, Mr. G. F. Moore, says the Sydney "Referee." In Mr. Merton's colours, Hallowmas won the Squatters', Waverley and Place Handicaps at Randwick, and also ran second to Plastre in the Melbourne Cup of 1912. It is reported that Mr. Moore paid 1250gs. for Hallowmas.

TURF TOPICS.

Truganini by Merriwee—Heart Whist, won the High-weight Handicap of seven furlongs at the Murrumbidge Turf Club's meeting last month.

At the Moonee Valley R.C. meeting At the Morree Valley R.C. meeting the April Plate of six furlongs was won by Ee Bro, by Soult—Momi. Sharpshooter, another New Zealand-bred one, was second, while Wimmera was unplaced.

Special trains leave Palmerston North on May 21st and 23rd for the Wanganui races. Excursion tickets will be issued from Hawera, Taihape and Palmerston North on those dates.

At the Wagga (N.S.W.) pony races on May 1 three competitors, Blue Field, Argali, and Posila, each won a double, thereby annexing the whole of the six events on the programme, a unique performance.

The jockey, R. Jacques, who was fatally injured when his horse Luger fell in the Hurdle Race at a meeting last month at Adelaide, was a single boy, about 20 years old. This was his first ride over hurdles. The horse fell when in the lead at the third jump, and the lad appeared to land on his head. When picked up it was found that his skull was fractured.

Auraria (by Trenton from Aura), who won the Melbourne Cup in 1895,

cesses at the stud. Cock of the Rock and Absolute are other produce.

Charleville, by Charlemagne II., continues in winning vein in Australia.

El Bro and Bob Soult are amongst the latest winners in Australia by Soult.

Royal Artillery is represented by more winners this season than heretofore, and is getting stud chances in Australia.

Adherent is leaving Nolan's stables at Randwick to be trained in Victoria for jumping events, as his owner, Mr. G. Dunnet, resides there.

Sunloch, who won the Liverpool Grand National recently, was purchased by his present owner for about £300. As the Grand National was worth \$415sovs. he was rather a good investment.

The stipendiary stewards at Warwick Farm on Saturday week held an inquiry into the way Marangai was handled in the Hurdle Race, and they censured his rider (A. Foreman) for not persevering with him after he had jumped the hurdle near the three furlongs, so reports the "Referee." Marangai is a spent light, and will have to meet a poor lot to be worth persevering with. He can't stay far.

Cherubini was not started at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Winter meeting because the going was rendered heavy by previous rainfall. For the Hawke's Bay Cup Emperor, who ran well up to a mile and a quarter, was preferred to his stable companion, and after battling along in second place well into the straight died away into fifth position at the finish, and occupied a similar position in the chief race on the second day over a mile and a quarter.

According to some South African papers, Auckland Park (the Johannesburg pony club) was never in a better position financially than at present, and in commenting on this a writer in "The Latest" (Durban) says: "As an example of what good management will do for a racing club, one can only refer to the programme issued by the Auckland Park executive for their Union Day meeting, to be held on June 1 this year, consisting, as it does, of seven races, viz., the Auckland Park Handicap, of £1000, one galloway handicap of £300, two ditto each of £175, one pony handicap of £150, and two ditto of £100 each."

The death took place at the Warrnambool (Vic.) Hospital towards the end of last month of D. Mahony, who was well known as a cross-country rider. He had ridden in all the States of the Commonwealth, and among his principal performances were the winning of the Australian Grand National, the Bendigo Grand National, and the Warrnambool Grand Autumn Steeplechase. He was seriously hurt in the Winslow Steeplechase about five years ago, and the injuries then sustained practically ended his racing career. A short time ago he had one of his arms amputated.

Messrs. Young and Collins, Limited, the well-known saddlers, advertise in this issue that they are selling a recently-patented over cover for horses. It has been styled the H.H.J. over cover and has been patented by Mr. H. H. Jackson, a well-known hunting enthusiast. Its advantages are that it prevents cold and damp getting to the loins of horses, and can be fitted to any make of cover, keeping the under cover dry, and not only adds to the comfort of the horse, but at the same time to the life of the cover, saving the canvas lining and sewing. Hunting men and those who train horses keeping them out in the open will find the patent a boon, as it can be removed and replaced to suit the weather.

Comparisons between the merits of leading Australian horsemen and the successful riders of the Old World are frequently heard. A much-travelled racing man who was in Sydney for the recent A.J.C. Cup meeting, considers that the jockeys W. H. McLachlan and R. Lewis, are equal in riding ability to the best horsemen in any part of the world. He has seen

was destroyed recently in South Australia. She was kicked by another horse, and it was impossible to save her.

In point of numbers racecourse attendances in Auckland compare by no means unfavourably with those of Sydney, says the Sydney "Referee." The population of New South Wales' capital is fully five times that of Auckland, but on Easter Monday there were between 25,000 and 30,000 present at the race meeting in the latter city.

When it was first reported that Mr. S. P. Mackay had sold Radnor and Bon Ton, Mr. R. S. Falkiner was stated to be the purchaser; but it transpires that Mr. L. Falkiner, of Deniliquin, New South Wales, is now the owner of these horses. When Bon Ton reached Melbourne he was slightly lame through an injury he received in the A.J.C. Plate, but as he has been put out of work he will soon overcome the trouble.

In England in March Mr. W. Hall Walker sustained a heavy loss by the death of the brood mare Cherry Lass. She was the winner of the One Thousand Guineas and the Oaks in 1905, and she made record time in the "ladies' race." The loss is made doubly severe from the fact that she was carrying a very fine colt by Royal Realm, which also died. Cherry Lass' daughter, Mabel Grey, broke her leg when doing her preparation for the Oaks of 1911, and her daughter by Robert le Diable Mr. Hall still pes-

ELLERSLIE ITEMS.

Mr. F. J. Ross was present on Saturday to see Fleet Arrow jumping the hurdles and Ruse de Guerre sprinting on the sand. The latter seems very much on the improve.

Mr. E. Alison's recent Randwick purchase is a slashing fine filly by Kenilworth. The filly is being broken by W. Tozer, and is very intelligent and quiet. She is a shapely one, and will compare favourably with any of the local-bred ones in shape and quality.

At the same sale the breeder of Mungee Bungee Morree, Mr. McDonald, got 400 guineas for a full sister to Robert the Bruce.

Mr. E. J. Rae's leppers, Captain Jack, Hauera, Merrimax and Master Regal are all putting in useful tasks, the Captain in particular being bright and well. Merrimax will be sent to Wanganui.

G. Morris has now charge of Mr. E. W. Alison's horses in training at Takapuna.

Wee Olga, Te Onga and Sedition are all a bit tender on their legs, but their soreness generally wears off after they are exercised.

Both Moathol (Stenning) and Blue-stone (Thorpe) are standing up to their work and striding along in great heart on the tracks.

At the recent Randwick autumn sales a half-sister to Devastation by Mountain King brought 350 guineas.

A. Julian was recently out quailing with a brother horseman and got quite a surprise packet—a shot in the eye—from the other shootist but happily nothing but a discoloured optic resulted.

W. Moberly's team will be among the active contingent directly after the conclusion of the Auckland R.C. Steeplechase meeting with Phosphorous, Devastation and a Marble Arch—Alfa Alfa colt rising two-year-old. The baby, who is on the small side, is improving.

Mr. Taylor, the new owner of Kai-here, galloped the gelding at top the other morning. The horse gets mostly swimming exercise. The same owner has re-released Holdfast to Mr. Preston.



FIELD-MARSHAL IAN HAMILTON, Inspector-General of Overseas Forces, chatting to an Auckland veteran who fought in South Africa.

all the successful riders of England and the Continent, including Danny Maher, Frank Wootton, and George Stern (France), as well as the great American jockey, Walter Miller, who a few seasons ago rode 285 winners in one year. Both Lewis and McLachlan paid visits to England, but did not remain long there. Had they stayed in Great Britain, they would certainly have won as high a position in the English racing world as their fellow-countryman, Frank Wootton.

Princess Dorrie, winner of the One Thousand Guineas, is a half-sister to the racehorse White Star, recently purchased by Mr. Sol Green for his Shipley Stud. A cable to Australia announces the fact that the well-known rider E. Huxley had the mount. Glorvina, who finished second to Princess Dorrie, is a sister to Craignour. Mr. J. B. Joel won the One Thousand Guineas last year with Jest, and has had his share of classic events since he started racing.

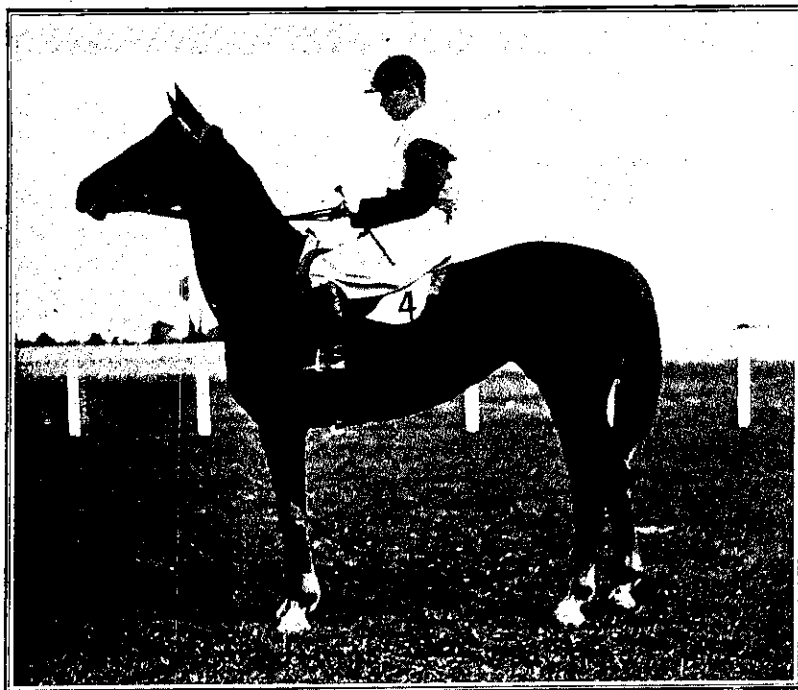
The death is reported from Messrs. Bailey Bros.' Terranallum Station, in the Western District of Victoria, of the blood stallion Coil, who was in his 20th year. Coil was by Abercorn from Copra, and, therefore, a full brother to Cocos. As a two-year-old he won the Oakleigh Plate and the V.R.C. Sires' Produce Stakes, and subsequently carried a 10lb. penalty to victory in the A.J.C. Champagne Stakes in 1896; and at the V.R.C. autumn meeting of the following year he ran third to Carlton and Wait-a-bit in the Newmarket Handicap, and won the Essendon Stakes and Australian Cup, and wound up the meeting by filling third place to Newhaven and The Officer in the Champion Stakes.

Bedford again demonstrated his superiority over the Auckland two-year-olds he met at the Avondale meeting last week. In the Apprentices' Juvenile Handicap on the opening day the Bunyan—Miss Dix colt only appeared on the scene in the latter stages of the race. Getting away badly, Bedford appeared in trouble before a furlong was covered, being badly blocked, but once the straight was entered the little chestnut, vigorously ridden by Kennedy, put in a remarkable run, and despite Kitty Bellairs' pronounced lead, managed to get up in time to gain the verdict by a head. In the Nursery Handicap on the concluding day, Bedford, who, though not so solidly backed as on the first day, was an even money favourite, was quickly in the lead, and entering the straight had a lead of half-a-dozen lengths, and though challenged by Lady Penury before the post was reached he won comfortably by a couple of lengths.

When F. Williams returned the three-year-old Problematic to his owner, Mr. S. Green, it was thought the son of Positano and Problem was unlikely to do any more racing. However, Mr. Green leased him to W. H. Killick, and he won a Welter Handicap at Albury recently.

Broadsword has finished his racing career, and will be sent to the stud this season in Australia. As a two-year-old he was a good performer in New Zealand, where he was bred, his victories including the Electric Plate, Great Northern Foal Stakes and Autumn Nursery. In Australia he won a large number of important events, including the Doncaster Handicap, V.R.C. Railway Handicap, and Adelaide Birthday Cup. He is by Clanranald (son of the Doncaster horse St. Leger) from Safeguard, by Maxim from Teredo, by Apremont from Nautilus, by Traducer, and is therefore attractively bred.

Much sympathy is being expressed at the sudden death of a well-known sporting identity in Mr. H. M. Simmonds, which took place at Tauranga



A SPEEDY AUCKLAND SPRINTER WHO ANNEXED A TREBLE AT THE AVONDALE MEETING—Mr. D. J. Lynch's ch m TRIPOLI, 4yrs, by Obligado—Cyrenaica, who won the Oakley Handicap (seven furlongs) and Waitakerei Handicap (six furlongs) and dead-heated with Royal Irish in the Railway Handicap (six furlongs). R. Trigger in saddle. Trained by W. G. Irwin.

on April 26th. The late Mr. Simmonds for many years was identified with racing matters in Palmerston North, and he will be better known to latter day people as the owner of Prosper, a horse who created a favourable impression by his galloping powers last season. He was a jovial, good-natured man, and his demise is extremely regretted. Mr. Simmonds had only recently removed to Tauranga for the purpose of assuming the management of Gamman, Ltd., a big sawmilling firm in which he was interested. He is survived by a widow and a numerous family, all of whom have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their sad bereavement. Mr. Simmonds, who was 54 years of age, succumbed to an attack of congestion of the lungs.

Omata is going along nicely under S. Morrow's guidance. The gelding has started on three occasions, but has never yet saluted the man in the box. The son of Royal Artillery—Leonora is a good-looking horse that should meet with success.

B. Deeley returned on Friday from Hawke's Bay and rode seven or eight gallops on Saturday, the following morning. The energetic one never tires.

Ronald Kelly rides as much work as any other cross-country horseman in the Dominion at Ellerslie on schooling mornings.

Koss Heaton has made a start again. He has a very likely pair of maidens to commence on, a full sister

to Cordite (Soul—Lyddite), a slashing fine filly standing over a lot of ground, and showing good quality. The filly is a three-year-old, and has just been broken. His other string is by Advance, and is very compact and sturdy, with a very good middle piece. The filly looks like coming to hand early.

Tiresome, on her return journey from the Avondale meeting, started to play up on the steamer while crossing the harbour, and got cut and slashed about; but, due to the careful treatment of Mr. C. S. Simpson, veterinary surgeon, who was acting in the absence of Dr. Ring, there are now hopes of the mare pulling round.

On Thursday of last week there were three race meetings in full swing—Hawke's Bay, Ashburton, and Marlborough.

Since the Avondale J.C. meeting there have been inquiries from would-be purchasers of Barbwire. Mr. Pat. Bolton, the owner, does not intend selling the horse at present.

With the Auckland R.C. meeting only three weeks off, trainers are now commencing to send their charges along in real earnest again.

On Saturday Try Fluke and his stable companion Ngatiranui rattled off seven furlongs at top speed on the sand track. Both are on the improve.

Spalish is building up again after his recent unsuccessful efforts at the Avondale meeting. He sprinted a few furlongs in company with Lady Al-giva, moving strongly.

King Try, with A. Julian in the saddle, ran a solid circuit on the sand and is still improving.

Matawerewere, by Pakiri—Puwere-were, had lessons over the pony hurdles last week, twice, in company with Admiral Soul, with J. Roach and A. J. McFlynn respectively in the saddle. For beginners the pair flew the small sticks in good style.

Another pair of maiden candidates on the up-grade are Dandy Breeze and The Pole. They both faced the timber fearlessly on two occasions last week, with Tutchen and Conway as pilots. They jumped the small bat-tens like old stagers.

A chestnut hunter and Sedition skipped over the little hurdles, jumping slowly. The last-named put in two circuits on the sand afterwards.

Jack Williamson and party got the largest bag on the opening of the shooting season, 151 brace, principally grey duck, falling to their guns. They were got somewhere near Rotorua.

On Saturday Try Fluke acted as school master over seven furlongs on the sand, leading Ngatiranui from start to finish.

Spalish looks a bit light, but galloped away from Lady Al-giva over a sprinting course. He is freshening up again.

Goldfire easily held Grand Martins and Takinini at the end of a slow-run five furlongs on the sand.

Bluestone is rounding up into good shape under trainer J. Thorpe. The Bluelight horse should be quite ready by the time the June meeting comes round.

Ruffy (A. J. McFlynn), Donzel and Leo had a schooling lesson, starting at the sod wall, which was negotiated safely. In taking the first fence of the double, however, the two former bumped while in the air and came down, but the men and horses scrambled to their feet. Ruffy was bleeding from a cut on the nose. Leo and Donzel went over the hill, the latter baulking at the second fence on the top of the hill. Leo ran home a mile in front, while Ruffy went home without being worked again.

Mr. E. Alison was present to see Ruffy and Donzel tried over the Ellerslie course, and altogether the pair did not give a good display of fencing. Mr. Alison was not discouraged by the exhibition, and philosophically remarked a bad start may make a good ending.

Mr. E. Alison was present at the Randwick autumn horse sales and thought that and the Easter Agricultural Show quite one of the features of his visit to sunny New South Wales. By the tone of Mr. Alison's conversation he was not enamoured of the stallions on view, but likes the progeny of Kenilworth very much.

J. Mitchell, the Ellerslie trainer, now has charge of the successful hurdler King Try, by King's Own—Try Me.

INTERPROVINCIAL.

WELLINGTON.

Sinapis Enjoying Well-earned Respite
—Half-brother to Last N.Z. Cup Winner to be Domiciled at Tauherenikau—Peroneal Goes Lame—Altcar's Hurdle Prospects—Rerehau's Pleasing Gallop at Trentham.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, May 11.

Mr. A. R. Durrant, the owner of Sinapis, has decided to give his brilliant wage-earner a respite from activity, and for the next few months the mare will enjoy a holiday in the paddock. After her successful career of the last few months, the daughter of St. Ambrose justly deserves a well-earned holiday.

Lady Vladimar was recently tried over the small sticks at Trentham, and gave a very satisfactory display for a novice. There is every probability of the chestnut mare turning out useful.

F. D. Jones is still keeping Altitude (Elevation—The Weir) busy at Rotorua, and judging by her recent displays the chestnut mare should assuredly have a very prosperous four-year-old career.

Mr. C. B. Pharazyn, a well-known ex-Wairarapa sportsman, who is now resident in Sydney, has leased Plunder, a four-year-old filly by Achilles—Spoil, to Mr. A. Crawford at Trentham for her racing career. The mare is well put together, and gives evidence of turning out decidedly useful.

Rene, a four-year-old mare by Multisid—Miss Frisco, owned and trained by A. Goodman at Trentham, won a double at the Marlborough meeting last week. The gratifying news was very welcome to "Albert's" many friends in Wellington.

R. Young, who is now attached to J. Cameron's racing stable at Feilding, was riding in quite his old form at the Marlborough meeting, his fine horsemanship in several of the events being quite a feature of the gathering. As he can go to scale at a handy weight his services should be in keen demand during the remainder of this season's racing.

H. Fletcher journeyed over to Blenheim last week for the purpose of bringing back the two-year-old colt by Bezonian from Prologue, the latter being the dam of Sinapis, a mare that has gained some prominence upon the New Zealand turf. The youngster is well grown, with quite an aristocratic appearance. For the future the half-brother to Sinapis will be domiciled at Tauherenikau, where his future exploits will be awaited with interest.

A. Crawford, at Trentham, is handling a couple of promising aspirants to the racing business in a four-year-old mare, a half-sister to Witched by Daunt—Witch Hazel, and a two-year-old filly by St. Clements from Dew

Drop. Both beginners to the racing business are possessed of stamina, and there appears no reason why they should not turn out useful.

Haumakaka (Achilles—Punawai), owned by Mr. H. W. Parata, an esteemed Waikanae sportsman, broke his maiden status at the Marlborough meeting last week. This three-year-old son of the Medallion horse is a nice type of a galloper, and some more successes should come his way before the present season draws to a close.

At the last moment trainer J. Cress cancelled his projected visit to Blenheim with Silverstream (Boris—Pemmican). The chestnut filly is

holiday will restore this capital galloper to her usual robust condition.

The local owner, Mr. W. Nidd, who journeyed over to Blenheim last week, had the satisfaction of seeing Peronilla win the Flying Handicap on the opening day of the Marlborough R.C. meeting. The filly was a warm favourite for the event she won, and naturally there was much jubilation when the full sister to Peroneal was first past the winning post.

Odessa appears to be a light of other days, and after the horse's poor showing recently the local owner who races as "H. Whitney" must be getting tired of the son of St. Ambrose.

The Lower Hutt owner, Mr. A. Harris, in a conversation recently, expressed the opinion that Altcar would make a decided acquisition to the hurdle brigade. The son of Birkenhead recently took a fence in his stride, and it is on this assumption



Mr. F. C. Davis' br g PAOLI, 4yrs, by Merriwee—Nukumaratea, winner of the Welter Handicap (one mile and 55 yards) at the Manawatu Racing Club's Autumn Meeting. B. Deely in saddle.

far from well at Trentham, and all going well in the meantime she will be seen in action at the Otaki Maori meeting.

Lady Dalesford disappointed her admirers on the opening day of the Marlborough meeting. The mare was freely fancied by her immediate connections, and some good coin of the realm was lost in consequence of her inability to catch the judge's eye.

The Achilles—Prelude mare Peroneal went lame on the eve of the Marlborough meeting, and in consequence was not started at the gathering. The seat of the trouble is in one of her joints, and it is hoped that a short

that Mr. Harris is building himself up with the belief that he has a National winner in embryo. The Birkenheads have always been known for their jumping ability, and Altcar should prove no exception to the general rule.

Bluezonian, the three-year-old filly by the Waikanae sire Bezonian from Blue and White, the dam of Amber and White, is fast developing into an ideal racehorse under J. J. Gravestock's guidance at Clarendon. On present appearances Bluezonian should carry Mr. C. F. Vallance's colours with some success next season.

Rerehau (Maniapoto—The Hempie) was responsible for a pleasing gallop at Trentham on Saturday last. Trainer "Hughie" Telford is under the impression that the brown filly will get amongst the winners before the present season draws to a close.

Amity, the half-brother to Undecided, was backed down to a very short figure in the Opana Welter on the opening day of the Marlborough meeting, and those who had investments on Mr. W. Smart's galloper were rewarded with a microscopical dividend through Amity finishing in second place.

SOUTHLAND.

Cannonade on Private Sale List—Southland to be Well Represented at North Otago J.C.'s Meeting—Two Young Thoroughbreds Arrive From Sydney.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

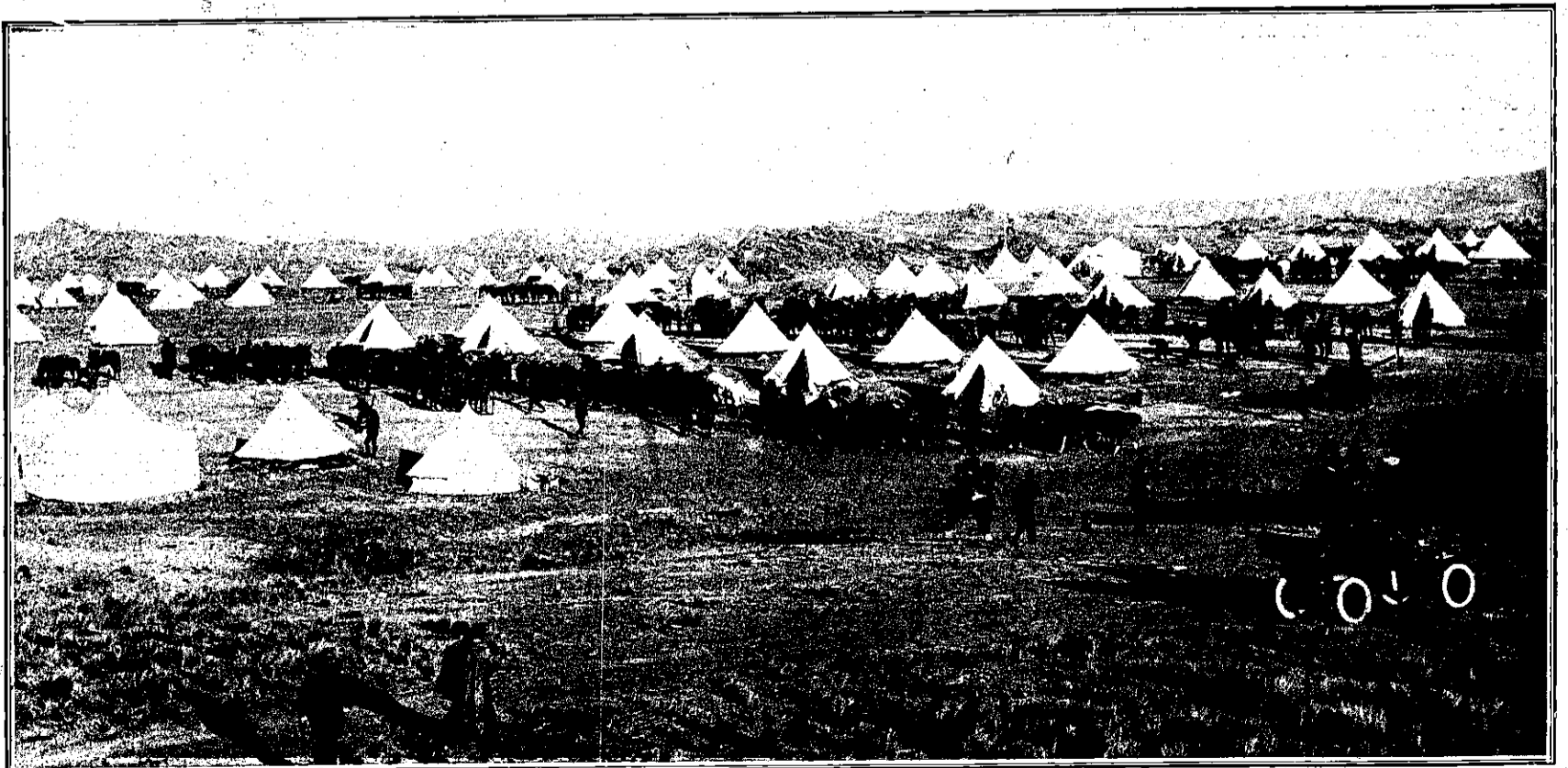
INVERCARGILL, May 10.

The local horses did not win a race at the South Canterbury fixture, but Cannonade and Peerless both ran well particularly the former. Pretty Jane did not distinguish herself, but may be found more at home over the Oamaru course on the occasion of the North Otago J.C. fixture.

The writer met an enthusiastic amateur ambulance corps man at a recent meeting where cross-country races figured prominently on the programme, and he asked that the presence of a detachment of his brigade might be mentioned. In explanation he remarked that "they were present to aid the injured, but unfortunately there was no need for their services."

The forward running of Canrobert's son Cannonade at Timaru led to several inquiries as to his purchasing price, but his owner, Mr. R. Millar, was not inclined to bargain at the time. On learning that his trainer, R. McKay, was setting up as a stallion owner with Soldier's Chorus, however, the master of the Areti Stud re-considered his position, and Cannonade and his rising three-year-old brother are now on the private sale list. Mr. Millar is at present developing a new property, which he has taken up, and with a number of other young thoroughbreds also on his hands he is thinking of giving up racing for a short period. Cannonade's brother, by Canrobert—Follicle, by Casket—Parvula, is one of the nicest-looking youngsters bred in this province for a long time past. Mr. Millar also has in hand a filly by Glenculloch—Turret, by Sant Ilario—Minaret, by Medallion—Miss Lucy, which he is not likely to part with, unless he should suddenly change his mind, but as she is only a yearling there is time for a great deal to happen prior to her reaching maturity.

A strong contingent, numerically, comprising the majority of the flat racers now in training in Southland, has been engaged at the North Otago J.C.'s meeting at Oamaru on May 21 and 22, and the fixture will serve as a trying-out occasion for several which have not been raced for some time, but which may compete at Wingatui later on. Amongst the North



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MARLBOROUGH RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

IMAROSE WINS THE CUP.

(From our own Correspondent.)

BLENHEIM, May 6.

Glorious weather greeted the Marlborough Racing Club for the first day's gathering of their autumn meeting, that took place on their picturesque racecourse at Riverlands to-day. The attendance was thoroughly representative of racing folk in this Dominion, a large number of well-known sporting enthusiasts being gathered together. Amongst those present were Mr. J. Glen, the esteemed and popular secretary of the Nelson Jockey Club.

The racing throughout the afternoon was really excellent, the contests in several of the events being quite a treat to witness, bearing a tribute to the handicapper (Mr. G. Morse), who in consequence came in for some very laudatory remarks for his capital adjustments.

There was a shrinkage in the totalisator returns compared with the corresponding day last year, the figures reading: 1913, £9122; 1914, £7563. Results:—

MAIDEN HACK RACE of 75sovs; second horse 10sovs and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.
 2—H. Parata's b g Haumakaka, by Achilles—Punawai, 3yrs, 8.7 (W. Price) 1
 1—H. Hodges' ch g Elevate, by Elevation—Julie, 2yrs, 7.6 (Francis) 2
 5—T. Sceptor's ch g Achilles, by Achilles—Dexterity, 2yrs, 7.6 O. McCarten) 3
 Also started: 3 George 9.0 (O'Shea), 6 Cress 8.12 (E. Manson), 7 Idol 8.11 (L. Nodder), 8 Elopement 8.11 (F. C. Porter), 4 Eron Boy 8.7 (P. Smith).

2—Mrs. M. M. Purcell's b g Sir Saracen, by Saracen—Queenie, 5yrs, 9.0 (Sir Reid) 3
 Also started: 6 Ruination 8.11 (O. McCarten), 4 Excitement 8.6 (W. Price), 7 Ruapara 8.3 (J. O'Shea), 5 Peter Pan 7.10 (Roy Manson).
 Rene was the first to get going, but after covering two furlongs she was steadied, and went to the rear, while Royal Scout and Peter Pan were racing on terms. When heads were turned for home Royal Scout was prominent, while Rene could be seen making up her lost ground fast, and responding gamely in a final dash won by a neck, with Sir Saracen a head away, followed closely by Ruination, while Ruapara was hopelessly last. Time, 1min 3sec.
 (Winner trained by owner.)

MARLBOROUGH CUP of 250sovs; second horse 30sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the stake. One mile and a-quarter.
 2—H. L. Jackson's ch g Imarose, by Conqueror—Rose Petal, 5yrs, 6.13, carried 7.4 (O. McCarten) 1
 5—H. L. Wolland's ch g Monologue, by Advance—Epilogue, 6yrs, 8.2 (L. Nodder) 2
 1—A. J. Stone Wigg's b m Manitu, by San Fran—Queensboro', 6yrs, 8.1 (M. McDonald) 3
 Also started: 3 Parky 8.1 (J. O'Shea), 4 Odessa 6.7 (Roy Reid).

Monologue and Parky were in the lead when the field swept past the stands on the first round, while the remainder of the field were not far away. Going round the back Monologue was still going well in front, while Imarose could be seen threading his way through and when heads were turned for home the chestnut was within striking distance of the leaders. Half-way up the straight Imarose caught Monologue, and in a good finish won by a clear length, with Manitu three-parts of a length away. Odessa was next, with Parky last. The win was a popular one, the victor being a local horse, cheers greeting the chestnut and rider (O. McCarten)

length away third, with The Great Mogul close up fourth. Time, 1min 15 3-5sec.
 (Winner trained by F. Higgott.)
AUTUMN HACK HANDICAP of 135 sovs; second horse 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.
 2—A. Goodman's br m Rene, by Multitud—Miss Frisco, 4yrs, 8.5, inc. 7lb pen. (F. C. Porter) 1
 1—D. Webster's ch f Alecto, by Sir Laddo—Aello, 4yrs, 8.11 (Price) 2
 7—J. McMahon's br m Whisperer, by Mystification—Little Whisperer, 4yrs, 7.0 (E. Manson) 3
 Also started: 3 Achilles 9.0 (Tapp), 5 Sir Saracen 8.6 (M. McDonald), 4 Houpo 7.2 (J. O'Shea), 8 Manafest 7.0 (K. Manson), 6 Lady Dalesford 7.0 (G. Francis).
 Alecto soon cleared away from the field, and appeared to have the race in safe keeping, but the Gisborne trainer-jockey, F. C. Porter, was not to be denied, and despite a seven pounds penalty for an earlier success during the day, he landed Rene a winner by three-parts of a length, with Whisperer a long neck away third. Lady Dalesford was fourth, with the remainder of the field beaten off. Time, 1min 16sec.
 (Winner trained by owner.)

SECOND DAY.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP WON BY MANITAU.

Dull cloudy weather with rain at the close of the day was experienced for the concluding day's racing, which took place to-day (May 7) in the presence of another large crowd of sporting enthusiasts, visitors being present from all parts of the country, while the North Island was largely represented. The racing, as on the previous day, was very interesting, some excellent contests being fought out to the botter end.
 The starting of Mr. C. O'Connor was very satisfactory, but there were some tedious delays at the barrier, caused

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.
 1—H. L. Wolland's b c The Great Mogul, by Royal Fusilier—Bijou, 4yrs, 8.2 (F. C. Porter) 1
 7—W. Watson's blk g Royal Sleeves, by Merrie England—Green Sleeves, 4yrs, 7.0, carrier, 7.2½ (E. Manson) 2
 2—J. H. Prosser's b g Aratiatia, by Achilles—Momokal, 5yrs, 8.13 (J. O'Shea) 3
 Also started: 4 Peroneal 9.7 (W. Price), 5 Mount Victoria 8.13 (M. McDonald), 3 Epworth 8.3 (R. Young), 6 Merry Guy 7.4, carried 6.13 with apprentice's allowance (Roy Reid).
 Aratiatia was the first to break the line with Peronilla, and the pair carried on the running to straight entrance when the field closed up, half-way up the straight The Great Mogul forged ahead and in an excellent finish won by half a length, with Aratiatia a similar distance away third, Epworth was close up fourth, with Peronilla last. Time, 1min 16 2-5sec.
 (Winner trained by owner.)
OMAKA WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.
 1—J. McMahon's br m Whisperer, by Mystification—Little Whisperer, 4yrs, 7.10 (E. Manson) 1
 3—A. Goodman's br m Rene, by Multitud—Miss Frisco, 4yrs, 9.13 (F. C. Porter) 2
 9—A. F. Hook's ch g Idol, by Knight Errant—Versailles mare, 5yrs, 7.10, carried 6.11, apprentice's allowance (R. Manson) 3
 Also started: 5 Stockade 9.11 (L. Nodder), 4 Sir Saracen 9.2 (M. McDonald), 2 Amity 8.10 (W. Price), 8 Indra 8.7 (J. O'Shea), 7 Gauria 7.7 (R. Young), 5 Mollemoke 7.7 (O. McCarten).
 Stockade was the smartest to begin, and in company with Rene carried on the running to well within the straight, when Whisperer came fast in the centre and galloping resolutely won by a clear length, with Idol half a length away third. Sir Saracen was fourth, with the others beaten off. Time, 1min 31sec.
 (Winner trained by owner.)
PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 180sovs; second horse 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. One mile and a distance.
 1—A. J. Stone Wigg's b g Manitu, by San Fran—Queensboro', 6yrs, 8.13 (W. Price) 1
 2—H. L. Jackson's ch g Imarose, by Conqueror—Rose Petal, 5yrs, 8.6 (O. McCarten) 2
 5—H. Whitney's br h Odessa, by St. Ambrose—Crimea, 6.10, carried 7.0½ (R. Manson) 3
 Also started: 3 Monologue 8.11 (F. C. Porter), 4 Parky 8.2 (J. O'Shea), 6 Beacon 7.9 (E. Manson).
 Imarose, Monologue and Parky comprised the leading division for the first three furlongs, while Odessa was also running well. Monologue went to the front at the five furlong post and led from Beacon, the latter retired beaten at straight entrance, where Manitu put in his claim and soon had Monologue settled. Half-way up the running Manitu came on the scene and responding gamely to the final tussie won nicely by half a length, with Odessa, who was always prominent, a length away third, Monologue was fourth, Parky fifth and Beacon last. Time, 1min 58 2-5sec.
 (Winner trained by J. T. Jamieson.)
RIVERLANDS HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.
 7—D. Cameron's ch g Eron Boy, by Knight Errant—Breezy, 4yrs, 7.9 (O. McCarten) 1
 2—H. Parata's b g Haumakaka, by Achilles—Punawai, 3yrs, 8.4 (W. Price) 2
 5—P. Reardon's ch g Excitement, by Sensation—Miss Ogle, 5yrs, 8.9 (E. Manson) 3
 Also started: 1 Royal Scout 8.12 (M. McDonald), 6 Ruapara 8.4 (J. O'Shea), 3 Walland 8.1, carried 8.6 (F. C. Porter), 4 Peter Pan 8.2, including 7lb penalty (L. Nodder), 6 Portland Flame 6.12, with 5lb apprentice's allowance (Roy Manson).
 Excitement led off, closely followed by Peter Pan and Eron Boy, the latter took charge coming into the straight and galloping kindly won nicely by half a length, with Excitement a neck away, Royal Scout was fourth. While running round the top end Walland stumbled and unseated his pilot (F. C. Porter), who luckily escaped with a shaking. Time, 1min 3sec.
 (Winner trained by R. Keeper.)
SEYMOUR WELTER HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. One mile.
 3—D. Webster's ch f Alecto, by Sir Laddo—Aello, 4yrs, 7.8, inc. 5lb allow (Roy Manson) 1
 2—P. McIntyre's b h Waipunui, by Conqueror—Sheet Lightning, aged, 8.7 (F. C. Porter) 2
 1—H. Raynor's b h Stepney, by Achilles—Stepina, 4yrs, 9.2 (O'Shea) 3
 Also started: 5 Beacon 8.9 (W. Price), 4 Killaloo 7.11 (M. McDonald).
 Killaloo and Waipunui were responsible for the pace in the early stages, but coming into the straight Alecto joined issue and coming on nicely won easily by a length and a-half, with Stepney two lengths away, Killaloo was fourth and Beacon last. Time, 1min 44sec.
 (Winner trained by F. Higgott.)
FINAL HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.
 6—Frederico and Hulbert's ch m Lady Dalesford, by Boris—Fair Lady, 5yrs, 6.13, carried 7.4 (G. Francis) 1
 1—A. Goodman's br m Rene, by Multitud—Miss Frisco, 4yrs, 9.5 (F. C. Porter) 2
 5—T. Sceptor's ch g Achilles, by Achilles—Dexterity, 5yrs, 8.13 (J. Tapp) 3
 Also started: 3 Ruination 8.1 (O. McCarten), 2 Whisperer 7.12, including 7lb penalty (E. Manson), 8 Moirette 7.4 (F.



Mr. C. Renault's blk c GUIDING WAY, 3yrs, by Fontenoy—Guiding Star, winner of the Easter Handicap (1¼ miles) at the recent Feilding meeting. H. Young in saddle.

George showed off momentarily in front when the tapes were released, while Elevate dwelt on the mark, after covering a couple of furlongs Haumakaka took the lead and leading throughout won easily by two lengths from Elevate, with Achilles a length further away. George, who is improving with every gallop, was close up fourth, Eron Boy was next, while the field was whipped in by Cress. Time, 1min 17 sec.
 (Winner trained by C. Pritchard.)

UGBROOKE WELTER HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.
 1—H. L. Wolland's b c The Great Mogul, by Royal Fusilier—Bijou, 4yrs, 8.3 (L. Nodder) 1
 3—J. Cameron's br g Epworth, by Tupuhi—Administrator mare, 5yrs, 8.9 (R. Young) 2
 2—H. Raynor's b h Stepney, by Achilles—Stepina, 4yrs, 9.1 (O'Shea) 3
 Also started: 5 Mount Victoria 10.2 (Sir Reid), 4 Waipunui 8.11 (F. C. Porter), 6 Merry Guy 8.3 (Roy Reid), 8 Lady Kilcheran 8.1 (W. Christenson), 7 Killaloo 8.0 (M. McDonald).
 Merry Guy and Epworth raced on terms for three furlongs, when the latter came away and led into the straight by three lengths, while The Great Mogul was moving up last, and catching Epworth in the last stride won by a head, the same distance separating the third horse. Killaloo was a length away fourth. Time, 1min 29 2-5 sec.
 (Winner trained by owner.)

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.
 3—A. Goodman's br m Rene, by Multitud—Miss Frisco, 4yrs, 8.7 (F. C. Porter) 1
 1—F. Martin's b g Royal Scout, by Royal Fusilier—Dexterous, 3yrs, 8.3 (M. McDonald) 2

on their returning to scale. Time, 2min 9 4-5sec.
 (Winner trained by W. Gillett.)

OPAWA WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.
 3—J. Murphy's b g Roue, by Gay Spark—Merry Soul, 3yrs, 8.5 (F. C. Porter) 1
 1—W. Smart's br g Amity, by Merriwee—St. Amy, 4yrs, 8.5 (W. Price) 2
 2—F. J. Carmon's b g Stockade, by Tupuhi—Kempfenfeldt mare, 4yrs, 9.10, including 7lb penalty (L. Nodder) 3
 Also started: 6 Indra 8.12 (O'Shea), 4 Moirette 8.8 (M. McDonald), 8 St. Curio 8.0 (E. Manson), 7 Gauria 8.0 (Roy Manson), 5 Mollemoke 8.0 (O. McCarten).
 Indra led to the turn, when Roue got his nose in front, and galloping generously for the remainder of the journey won by three-parts of a length from Amity, with Stockade, who came fast over the last portion, half a length away. Mollemoke was fourth, with the others beaten off. Time, 1min 30 4-5 sec.
 (Winner trained by owner.)

FLYING HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse 25sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.
 1—W. Nidd's br f Peronilla, by Achilles—Prelude, 3yrs, 8.12 (W. Price) 1
 2—J. H. Prosser's b g Aratiatia, by Achilles—Momokal, 5yrs, 8.9 (J. O'Shea) 2
 3—J. Cameron's br g Epworth, by Tupuhi—Administrator mare, 5yrs, 7.13 (R. Young) 3
 Also started: 6 Beacon 8.0 (F. C. Porter), 4 The Great Mogul 7.9 (L. Nodder), 5 Royal Sleeves 7.2 (E. Manson).
 Peronilla, Aratiatia and Epworth led throughout, victory going to the former by a clear length, with Epworth half a

through the over anxiousness of some of the jockeys to get away with a flying start, their efforts in this direction being nullified through Mr. O'Connor's patience.

Some delays were occasioned in hoisting the placed horses from the judge's box, and in several instances the verdicts given were open to question.
 The Messrs. Griffiths did all that lay in their power to cater for their visitors, who one and all came away well pleased with the hospitality extended to them by the officials of the Marlborough Club.

Stipendiary steward Mr. A. Gordon was in attendance, but there was nothing untowards that called for his attention during the progress of the two day's racing.

The sum of £7755 was handled by the totalisator staff, against £7429 that was dealt with at the corresponding day's meeting last year, making a total for the two days of £15,308, compared with £16,551 that was handed in at the tote windows at the autumn meeting of 1913. Results:—

SCURRY HACK RACE of 60sovs; second horse 7sovs, and third horse 3 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.
 4—Corbett and McNeil's b h Peter Pan, by Stepniak—Armilla, 5yrs, 9.0 (J. O'Shea) 1
 1—H. Hodges' ch g Elevate, by Elevation—Julie, 2yrs, 7.6 (Francis) 2
 6—J. J. Corry's b g Elopement, by Knight Errant—Departure, 4yrs, 8.11 (F. C. Porter) 3
 Also started: 5 Eron Boy 8.11 (P. Smith), 7 Manifest 8.11 (R. Manson), 3 Portland Flame 8.8 (W. Price), 2 Achilles 7.6, carried 7.8 (O. McCarten).
 Peter Pan hopped out from the barrier smartly and keeping in front throughout won easily by a length and a-half, with half a length separating second and third. Portland Flame, who ran well in the early stages, was close up fourth. Time, 1min 4sec.
 (Winner trained by J. Walker.)

Hogg), 4 George 7.0 (J. O'Shea), 7 Hoopoe 6.13 (G. Castle). This race was run in heavy rain, and as night was falling the horses were hard to distinguish.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING. FIRST DAY. KOOYA WINS CUP.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club opened their autumn meeting on Wednesday, the weather being fine and the attendance constituting a record.

LONGLANDS HACK HURDLES of 100 sovs. One mile and three-quarters. 1—E. A. Grenside's Cousin Jack, by Wehikore—Bedouin mare, 9.0 (A. Lawrence)..... 1

MAIDEN HACK RACE of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

4—H. Ian Simson's Rigo Park by Sylvia Park—Rain, 8.8 (W. Adams)..... 1

PORANGAHAU HANDICAP of 300sovs. Six furlongs and a-half.

2—G. D. Greenwood's Valhalla, by Hierarch—Peace, 7.11 (Deeley)..... 1

NURSERY HANDICAP of 250sovs. Five furlongs.

5—Hon. J. D. Ormond's Hoy, by Birkenhead—Links, 6.12 (C. Carmont)..... 1

HAWKE'S BAY CUP HANDICAP, a cup of the value of 50sovs, presented by W. G. Stead, Esq., and 650sovs. One mile and a-half.

5—D. Kemp's Kooya, by Signalman—Kelawo, 7.8 (W. Bell)..... 1

retache—Playmate, 9.9 (Flynn) 1
3—H. M. Campbell's Flingot, 10.7 (J. Deeley)..... 2
1—E. Kemp's Haurakia, 9.8 (J. O'Connell)..... 3

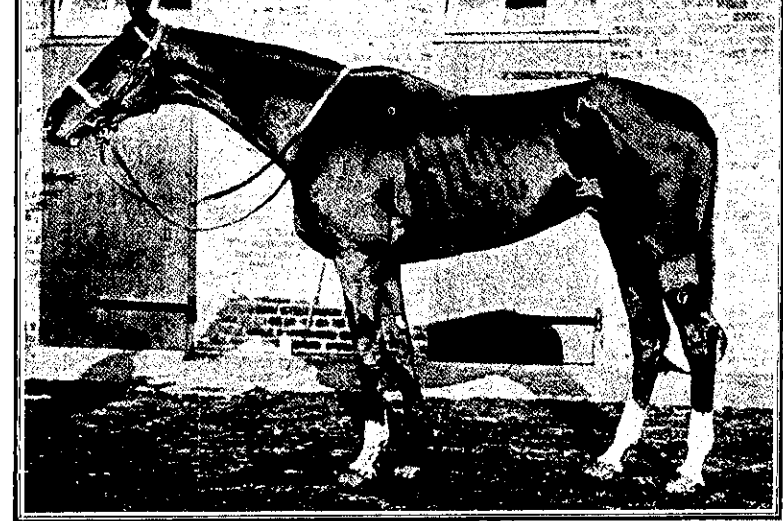
POUKAWA HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.

1—A. B. Williams' Chortle, by Mul-tifid—Amusement, 7.2 (Reid)..... 1

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 200sovs. Once round.

2—P. P. Neagle's Diavolo, by Wehikore—Heavenly Twin, 7.7 (C. Emerson)..... 1

THE 1914 LIVERPOOL GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE WINNER.



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SECOND DAY.

DEAD HEAT IN H.B. STAKES.

EXPECT'S DESERVED VICTORY.

The meeting was concluded on Thursday, when with the exception of a heavy shower of rain, the weather continued fine, and the attendance was again large.

OHITI HACK HANDICAP HURDLES of 100sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

1—T. B. Williams' Chortle, by Mul-tifid—Amusement, 9.13 (F. N. Jones)..... 1

OKAWA HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Once round.

2—H. Stannard's Sir Alba, by Sir Laddo—St. Alba, 7.7 (W. Ave-y) 1

HAWKE'S BAY STAKES of 500sovs. Six furlongs and a-half.

4—G. L. Stead's Saucil by Charlemagne II.—Hope Diamond, 8.11 (A. Oliver).....

Rynd) bracketed with Daytime 7.5 (C. Carmont) and Martina 6.8 (R. Wood), 6 Tete-a-tete 7.11 (C. Emerson), 5 Ring-form 6.10 (A. Reed), 8 Football 6.7 (G. Clark).

Hymettius was in command when the entrance to the straight was reached, where Sir Moseley moved into second berth, and the field closed up.

BURKE MEMORIAL STAKES of 400 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

1—"Mr. Highden's" Expect, by Advance—Endeavour, 9.2 (Oliver) 1

A beautiful start was effected, and the order passing the stand the first time was Bleriot, Emperor, Haskayne and Diavolo, with the rest close up.

SCURRY HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs.

5—R. A. McKenzie's General Madero, by Conqueror—Waipipi, 7.0 (H. Young)..... 1

ASHBURTON COUNTY RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

TANNHAUSER AND GLENFLINNAN

DEAD-HEAT IN CUP.

The Ashburton County Racing Club's autumn meeting opened on Thursday in dull though fine weather, and there was a large attendance of racegoers, including a large number of visitors from Christchurch.

FIRST HURDLE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. About one mile and three-quarters.

3—H. Nurse's b g Con the Shaughraun, by Coronet—Clemaln, 6yrs, 10.5 (H. Coker)..... 1

LONGBEACH HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.

1—M. Hobbs' ch f Scotch Melody, by Scottish King—Busy King, 4yrs, 8.11 (F. E. Jones)..... 1

ASHBURTON CUP HANDICAP of 300 sovs; second 40sovs, third 15sovs from stake. One mile and a-quarter.

1—J. F. Buchanan's br g Tannhauser, by Martian—Grand Opera, 5yrs, 9.3 (F. E. Jones)..... *

LAGMHOR PLATE of 100sovs. Five furlongs.

1—D. Rutherford's gr f Free, by Charleimagne II.—Female Fran-chise, 4yrs, 8.2 (H. Donovan)..... 1

FAIRFIELD WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

3—D. Rutherford's b g Sunbeam, by Sant Ilario—Mona, 6yrs, 10.5 (inc. 10lb pen.) (H. Donovan)..... 1

MELROSE TROT HANDICAP (Optional) of 80sovs. One mile.

1—J. South's br m Quinaldine, by Quincey—Sacramento mare, 6 yrs, 3sec (2sec pen) (A. G. Wil-son)..... 1

GROVE FARM HANDICAP of 140sovs. Six furlongs.

6—D. H. Roberts' ch m Vanquish, by Conqueror—Sally, 5yrs, 7.11, car. 7.12 (J. Beard)..... 1

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OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NEW ZEALAND LADIES' GOLF UNION.

The Auckland Ladies' Club played its monthly medal handicap competition on May 5th. In the senior grade the best cards handed in were:—Miss V. Duthie, 110—24—86; Miss M. Allison, 103—15—88; Miss M. Payton, 113—24—89. In the junior grade the best cards were:—Miss N. Crowther, 113—25—88; Mrs. McCormick, 123—32—91; Mrs. Briffault, 130—37—93.

The Auckland Ladies' Club played the second round of the match for the Hope Lewis Rose-bowl at Middlemore. The following are the results: Miss E. Barstow beat Miss E. Young, 1 up; Miss M. Frater beat Miss Cooper, 1 up; Miss M. Towle beat Mrs. McCormick, 5 and 4; Miss M. Paton beat Mrs. D. Hay, 4 and 3; Miss R. Gorrie beat Miss S. Henderson, 1 up; Miss M. Allison beat Miss J. Niccol, 6 and 5; Miss M. Cameron beat Miss C. Thorpe, 2 and 1.

At the Maungakiekie Ladies' Club's (Auckland) monthly medal handicap the following were the best cards sent in:—Miss M. Ridings, 107—34—73; Mrs. Owen, 118—37—81; Miss C. Scott, 116—33—83; Miss K. McCormick, 112—27—85; Miss Macklow, 113—26—87.

The Te Aroha (Auckland) golf season was officially opened on May 2nd, but the weather was showery. There was a large number of visitors and new members present. The games were keenly contested, with the following results:—Miss Clayton and A. J. Burrows, 69—14—55; Miss Fawcett and S. Currie, 63—7—56; Mrs. McGlashan and W. Maingray, 71—10—61.

According to the printed programme of the Waiwetu (Wellington) Golf Club, the principal events to be played on the Hutt Park Links in 1914 are: May 16, Ladies' Button (stroke); May 23, Mr. Palmer's prize (18 holes stroke); May 30, Men's Button (Bogey); June 13, Ladies' Button (Bogey); June 27, Men's Button (stroke); July 11, Ladies' Button (stroke); July 18, Captain's Prize (mixed foursome); July 25, Men's Button (Bogey); August 1, Atkins Cup Competition starts; August 15, Ladies' Button (Bogey); August 29, Men's Button and first round of Men's Championship (stroke); September 5, second round of Men's Championship; September 12, Ladies' Button and first round of Ladies' Championship (stroke); September 19, second round of Ladies' Championship; September 26, Men's Button (Bogey); October 17, Final Continuous Bogey.

At a recent committee meeting of the Waiwetu Golf Club, Wellington, the roll was examined, and, after eliminating all doubtful members, it was anticipated that the club could safely reckon revenue from 60 men and 40 ladies. The question of charging an entrance fee, in view of the large membership, was discussed, but was eventually deferred for the present. Arrangements were made for lockers to be installed in the Club House for the benefit of men and also for ladies, should they desire them.

There was a goodly muster of enthusiasts at the Heretaunga Links, Wellington, when the first monthly contest for the ladies' gold medal contest was played. The weather was perfect for outdoor sport, and a very enjoyable time was spent. In the senior division, Mrs. Lees was the successful competitor with a score of 82 net. Other scores were:—Miss L. Brandon 84, Miss Wheeler 85, Miss Stafford 87, Miss McLean 89, Miss E. Stafford 90, Mrs. Peacock 95. Mrs. Fitzherbert won the junior division with 79 net. The scores of other competitors were as follows:—Mrs. Webster 83, Miss Bristow 91, Mrs. Marchbanks 93, Miss Dalziell 99.

The Gisborne Club has arranged its new course for this year's play, and its par will probably be 82.

A feature of the recent play on the Hutt Golf Club's course was the fine scoring and consistent golf of one or two of the lady players, Mrs. J. P. Murphy having done several scores between 81 and 85, while Mrs. J. H. Wagg recently broke 80 in a four-ball match. The bunkers on this club's course are being completed one by one, adding to the difficulties and the pleasure of the course.

An improved look is to be noted in the Otaki golf course. The fairway has been put into better condition but the greens and approaches need a good deal of attention before anything like low scoring can be depended upon. It certainly seems a pity that this ideal seaside golf course is not better developed. If it were taken over by the New Zealand Council and properly laid out for a championship course it could probably be made the equal of anything in the world, as the heathery turf and the sand close to the surface makes it almost perfect for winter golf. Natural bunkers exist everywhere in the nature of hills and sand ridges and holes, of any desired length, could be laid out so as to call for the most accurate play with every club in the golfer's kit. The Otaki Club itself, with quite a small membership, has done wonders in providing so enjoyable a course and such a comfortable golf-house.

The Manawatu Ladies' Golf Club's monthly bogey match was played on May 1st. The results were as follows:—A Grade—Mrs. A. Seifert 18, 3 down; Mrs. Innes 18, 7 down. B Grade—Mrs. Milton 23, 8 down; Miss G. Moore 27, 8 down. Juniors—Mrs. Holmes 3, 10 down.

The Wanganui Links were officially opened with mixed foursomes. Miss Glasgow and Mr. Inlay Saunders were the winners, with the score of one down. The president, Mrs. D'Arcy, provided tea. A match between president's and captain's teams was played, and was won by the latter by 6 to 3. Amongst the ladies present on the Links were:—Mesdames Dymock, Fairburn, Clay, D'Arcy, Glasgow, Tewesley, Hogg, Howarth, Cooper, Babbage, Wilkin and Davis, Misses Glasgow, Nixon, Lambert, Cowper, Collier (2), Christie, Jackson, Brettargh, Dymock, Hogg, Milne, Brown, Wilford, Hawkins, Harper, Bates, Stevenson, Burr, Nolan (Gisborne), Alexander, Mrs. Von Haast, Mrs. Orton, Mrs. Lomax, Mrs. Vennel (Oamaru), Mrs. John Anderson and others.

At the annual meeting of the Wanganui Ladies' Golf Club, the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. D'Arcy; captain, Miss H. Cowper; treasurer, Mrs. Izard; secretary, Miss Glasgow; assistant secretary, Miss Harper; committee, the Misses Darley, A. Cowper, Brettargh and Burr.

At the New Plymouth Golf Links twenty-three players competed in the bogey match for a prize presented by Miss Rundle, Miss Bewley winning with the good score of 2 down. The best six scores were:—Miss Bewley, 13 handicap, 2 down; Mrs. Penn, 30, 5 down; Mrs. Paton, 11, 6 down; Miss A. Read, 18, 8 down; Miss Stephenson, 8, 9 down; Mrs. Hutton, 11, 9 down.

At the opening session of the Pahiatua Golf Club there was a good gathering in spite of the rain. Miss Smith, daughter of the president, gave a splendid drive from the first tee as an opening shot. Miss Hughes and Mr. Miller and Miss Oxley and Mr. Stevenson handed in the best cards for the afternoon's play. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. H. Miller, Mrs. W. Miller, Mrs. McSherry, Mrs. Sheckleton, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. P. Tulloch, Mrs. C. Crewe, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Marshall; Misses

Smith, J. Miller, Allen, Warren (2), Hughes (2), Robinson, Sheckleton, Marshall (2), Meridith, Mexted, Grut, Oxley, Davis, Miller, Lloyd, Thomas; Messrs. Smith, Marshall, Miller (3), Stevenson, Grant, Hill, Sheckleton, Tulloch, Hewitt, and Thomson.

The Marton Golf Club has been registered as a private company.

The fairway of the Hawera Links is improved out of all knowledge comparing it with the beginning of the season, say two weeks before Easter, and now is becoming quite good. There are, however, places which by general opinion will need to be cleared, notably at the fourth short hole, which should be cleared more round the green and in the fairway, and at the sixth at the drive off. The carry there is pretty severe when the wind is against the player. Already some records have been made on the course. A two at the first hole and a three at the sixth, made by one of the players, will take some beating.

The monthly bogey match played by the Hagley Park Club, Christchurch, resulted in Miss Cotton and Miss R. Harris tying in the senior division, each being 4 down. In the junior division Miss Andrews and Miss Chapman tied, each being 7 down.

A bogey match for ladies of the Richmond Hill Club (Christchurch) resulted as follows:—Miss L. Martin 4 up, Miss L. Harley all square, Miss Simpson 2 down, Mrs. F. Robinson 3 down, Miss Reid 4 down, Miss Pender 4 down, Miss Gibson 4 down.

Mrs. E. A. Denham, of Ashburton, won the first ladies' golf competition on the local links this season. It was a keenly-contested game.

A large number of members attended the opening of the Greymouth Golf Club on the Omoto Links. Considering the wet weather, the grounds were in fair order. A mixed foursome of 14 holes, was played, the best card returned being Miss Kettle and Matheon—all square. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies.

The Timaru Ladies' Club played the first bogey match of the season on May 1st. The results are as follows:—Seniors—Miss N. Wright (hcp. 5) 5 down, Miss B. Hay (8) 6, Mrs. Cox (12) 6, Miss Budd (17) 7, Mrs. Kerr (18) 7, Mrs. Allen (14) 9. Juniors—Miss M. Hay (23) 5 down, Mrs. de Lambert (2) 8, Mrs. Neville (19) 8, Miss Kempthorne (22) 8, Miss D. Winter (28) 8, Mrs. McCaskill (19) 9. Miss N. Wright and Miss M. Hay will play off for the tie.

The following is the result of the Bogey Match played by the St. Clair Ladies' Golf Club (Otago) on April 28th:—Mrs. Sargood, 2 down; Miss N. Glendinning, 4 down; Miss Nixon, 6 down.

It has been proposed in Wellington that a portion of the Town Belt should be reserved as a public golf ground. The City Reserves Committee has the matter under consideration, and has set up a sub-committee consisting of Councillors Buddle, Luckie, and McKenzie to report regarding the suitability of the ground lying between the Fever Hospital and Mother Mary Aubert's Home, at Island Bay, for golfing purposes. The sub-committee intends to obtain the opinions of golf clubs on the point, and will go over the ground with a view to preparing a report for presentation.

It is probable that not many ladies will agree with the English player George Duncan's opinion that the ladies' championship ought to be decided by strokes, over 54 holes. Duncan considers that this would provide a better test and not such a great physical strain as the match play tournament.

Miss Dodd and Miss Ravenscroft, who have been some months in America, are returning to England in time to take part in the English Open Championship.

A. R. Lemprière, the amateur champion of Australia, leaves for England this month. If possible, he may put in an appearance as a spectator at the open championship at Prestwick in June, but will be too late for the amateur championship at Sandwich, which commences on May 18.

When the South Herts course was very wet owing to the rain, Harry Vardon played a double of excellent rounds. In the 36 holes he had no fewer than four 2's.

Golfers, and the followers of many other sports and pastimes, will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Gordon Robertson, the husband of the first lady golf professional. Mr. Gordon Robertson, who was a brother-in-law of the late Mr. Stuart Anderson, the Royal Portrush secretary, won the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers' gold medal in 1895.

The golf hotel is going to play an important part in the future of the Riviera. Catering for golfers has had much to do with the development of Hyeres and Costebelle. The golf hotel at Sospel is now beginning to attract the golfer pure and simple, and the booking for May are heavy. In addition, there is the projected £40,000 hotel at the Cagnes-Nice course.

The new method of calculating scores for handicapping has made a considerable difference in the status of English players. Last year 37 players held the honour of being at scratch, this year there are only ten—Mrs. Cramsie, Mrs. A. Ross (better known as golfers under their maiden name of Hezlett), Mrs. Cuthell (nee Adair), Miss M. Dodd, Miss E. Grant Suttie, Miss F. M. Harrison, Mrs. Hurd, Miss C. Leitch, Miss G. Ravenscroft, Miss F. Teacher. In future claims to the position of scratch are to be reconsidered every year, and players not maintaining their form are to put back a point.

A peculiar incident is reported from the Fallowfield Golf Links, England. Whilst a police sergeant was walking along a footpath which crosses the course he was amazed to find a Dunlop "V" ball alight on his head, fortunately without injury, the ball having been driven clean through his helmet. Mr. F. Lee, of Manchester, the player who surprised the sergeant, stated that he had driven the ball from the seventeenth tee, and it had travelled about 130 yards before being stopped. Helmet and ball are now on exhibition at the local club's headquarters.

In taking stock of the diverse styles of swing adopted by different players, and noting how unreliable the average long handicap golfer is, says a writer in an exchange, one is led to the conclusion that the most common fault is that so many players start the club on the beginning of the upward swing, accompanied simultaneously with the bending forward and inwards of the left knee. Generally the result of this action is that the body does not feel "wound up" to deliver the return stroke freely with the arms, the shoulders get into the shot far too soon, the body takes its weight off the right leg too soon, the hands get in front of the club-head, and the ball is either foundered or sliced, owing to the hands being drawn in and across the body instead of having followed the club-head out towards the hole. The swinging of a golf club is primarily the function of the arms. Therefore, the shoulders, left knee, and heel should only be moved in the upward swing at the call of the arms, while the top of the head should be kept as motionless as possible.

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COURSING.

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A well-known official of the Tourist Dept., a smoker for 30 years, writes that in the past he has been compelled to cease smoking whenever he has had a cold. Since using undiluted Fluenzolas an occasional gargle he "has never found it necessary to lay aside his pipe." (Worshippers at the Shrine of My Lady Nicotine will please take note!) 105



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Holiday Excursion Tickets, available for return until 25th May, will be issued to Wanganui on 21st May, and by morning trains on 23rd May, from Hawera, Palmerston, Taihape and intermediate stations.

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BY ORDER.



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FOOTBALL

RUGBY NOTES.

Most unfavourable weather was experienced on Saturday, when the Auckland Rugby Union opened their new playing grounds at Eden Park with a seven-a-side tournament, in which ten teams from the various clubs participated. Steady rain fell intermittently, rendering the ground in a sloppy condition, and totally unsuited for fast and spectacular seven-a-side football. It was unfortunate that the tournament should have been marred by rain, as the crowd that assembled at Eden Park to witness the change of venue for the principal Rugby operations of the future was on the small side, and it was impossible to open the 1914 season in the auspicious manner anticipated by the Auckland Rugby Union when making arrangements for the seven-a-side.

In the adverse circumstances the display of Rugby was of a satisfactory standard, though in a number of instances players palpably lacked form, and will feel the pinch in the first two or three club matches, a commencement with which will be made on Saturday. The winning team, University A, were, however, in excellent fettle, and some skilful back play may be expected from the light blues this season. That effective chain of combination which includes a quartette of the club's oldest backs in Ross, Gray, Geddes and Wilson proved the undoing of opposing teams, while the inclusion of the ex-Wellington representative, Lambert, who gave one of his most brilliant displays, proved a wise move on the part of the selectors. The Varsity A team had a comfortable win in both of their matches, defeating College Rifles A by 16 points to 3 and in the final beating Ponsonby A by 14 points to nil.

The fast nature of seven-a-side football did not appeal to the majority of players at this early period of the season, and as few of those engaged in last Saturday's games had participated in a practice match it was not surprising that the pace should tell before the brief spells terminated. In the case of Marist A, who defeated Ponsonby B by 8 to 3, it was thought advisable to forfeit their game with University B in the second round, lack of condition being the primary cause of the Marist Bros. declining their engagement. This left Ponsonby A, University A and University B to dispute the final, and the last-named team decided to withdraw in favour of their senior seven-a-side team. Thus Ponsonby and University met for supremacy, and honours rested with the latter after a fairly one-sided game by 14 points to nil. For the winners tries were notched by Lambert, Gray, Geddes and Ross, one of which was converted by Wilson.

With the seven-a-side tournament in progress at Eden Park on Saturday, all hope was abandoned of holding practice matches among the members of the various clubs, and the result is that the championship matches will be commenced on Saturday without the senior teams having previously had practice together except in the evenings at the different training sheds. It will, therefore, be several Saturdays before high-grade football can be expected to grace the senior games, for never in the history of Rugby in the Auckland province has so little practice been indulged in out of doors by the senior teams, this being due largely to the unpropitious weather of the past two Saturdays, and the interference of the Territorial encampment with the practice matches. Nevertheless the training sheds during the present week present a scene of activity nightly, and with form combination should quickly follow.

At this early part of the season City's chances of annexing the club championship are most favoured, but both Ponsonby and Marist Bros. are expected to take a prominent part in the decision of the senior competition. Though not so strong in the forwards as last year, the University team may counteract their weakness in this division by the aid of their clever and speedy rearguard, which will be well up to the high standard of for-

mer years. College Rifles and Parnell appear to be the weakest teams in the competition, neither having profited to any extent by the arrival of new players in Auckland, and in the case of the maroons some difficulty may be experienced in placing a full team on the field each Saturday. The Parnell Club have retained eight of their old players, but it is in filling the seven vacancies, mostly in the backs, that trouble is being experienced.

The advent of the Grammar School Old Boys' team into the second grade of the Auckland Rugby Union's competition is a step that will, it is safe to say, be attended with big developments in the future. At the present moment quite a number of old Grammar School boys are playing in the various senior teams, and should they elect to throw in their lot with the newly-formed club next season, Grammar School should be able to boast of one of the strongest teams in Auckland, and will doubtless make a bid for senior honours. In the event of Grammar School Old Boys' Club claiming these players next season, several clubs will feel the loss, particularly University and College Rifles, but under the Club system players are perfectly justified in donning the jersey for their old school or any particular club for that matter, and with such wide scope to select their players from it is surprising that Grammar School Old Boys have not organised a team to play regularly since the memorable matches against the King's College and Marist Bros. teams on the One-Tree Hill estate seven years ago.

contention, but it is nevertheless a fact that McDonald did not show the form throughout last season as he has opened with this year. Now, the secret is this, and the All Black himself will bear me out: At the beginning of last season McDonald had entered into a business on his own account which required a tremendous amount of physical exertion—not one day in the week, but every day right up to within an hour of playing football. The result was that the New Zealand captain was exhausted before he took the field, and was unable to do himself justice. This season McDonald has no such taxing work to do, and now goes on to the field fresh and as fit as a fiddle. His three months' trip to America, too, did him the world of good, and he says himself he never felt better. The Sydney critic who wrote the other day, in perhaps a somewhat sarcastic strain, that "McDonald would be in the next New Zealand team for England," probably never realised how near his remark aimed at the truth. McDonald is a veteran in experience, but he is playing like a man in his prime. As captain of the Kaikorai team, the "All Black" is leading the blue and blacks in the way they should go. He has enthused such a spirit into the players that they will follow him anywhere, and let me say that it is McDonald himself who heads all the rushes.

Apropos of this, on Saturday last Kaikorai met Zingari in the big game. Zingari forwards were supposed to be exceptionally hot, as in truth they were—on paper. A team that includes big Sandy Patterson (the New Zealand forward), Symonds (another Otago forward), Davidson (one of the

game I merely wish to illustrate that Alex McDonald is not only playing a great game himself but he is leading the best pack of young forwards that it has been my lot to see in any team for a number of years. The form and combination of this season's Kaikorai forwards reminds me forcibly of the days of "Snowy" Torrance, Dave Torrance, Duffy McLaren, Andy Miller, and others whose names are written in the history of Kaikorai football—when football was football, and not ping-pong.

If the Kaikorai backs were up to the same standard as the forwards Kaikorai would be the best side in the competition and a safe pick for the championship. Unfortunately, the backs are only fair. Scott, who created such an impression as full-back two years ago, and was an Otago selection for New Zealand honours, is playing full-back for Kaikorai, but he is not the Scott of old and has lost his punch, or rather his powerful kick, which used to so disconcert Northern forward teams. He can still tackle with the best, but the weakness of his kicking has reduced his sting.

Dryden, the midget half-back, who played for Otago against Auckland, and who was regarded as one of the best for his inches in New Zealand, has been bereft of his place at half-back by Duff, an ex-Kaikorai player, who was for a couple of seasons in Auckland, where he played, I fancy, for Ponsonby. Duff has shown great improvement since he was last in Dunedin, and now makes a useful member of Rugby society. That he was able to put Dryden out of his place as half behind the Kaikorai pack says something for his usefulness. Dryden now plays five-eighths, and promises to fill his new position with credit.

Richardson, last season's Otago five-eighths, has been on the injured list and is only now recovering. It will, however, be a Saturday or two before he is able to turn out again, and then the problem faces the Kaikorai selectors where to place him, as the present pair of five-eighths threaten to harmonise perfectly.

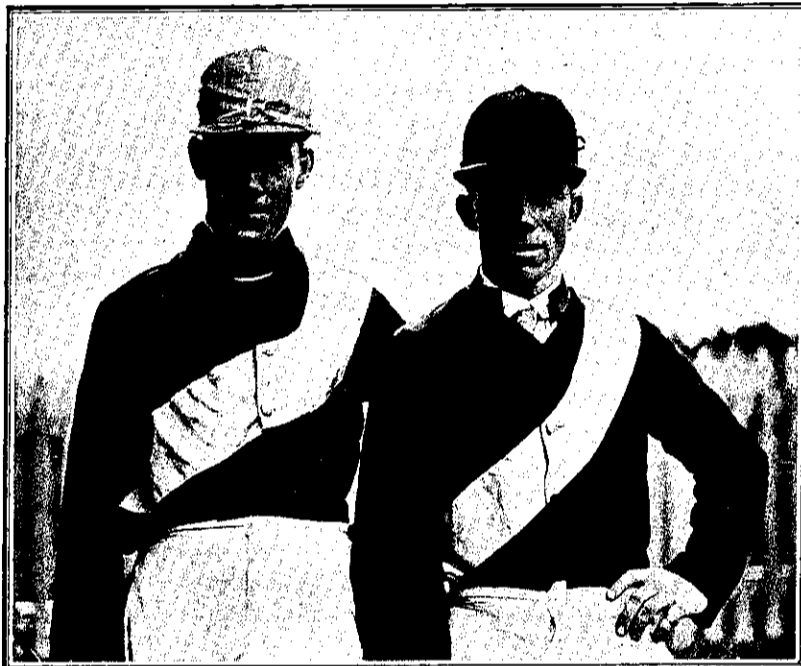
Atkinson, the West Coast member of the New Zealand team which devastated American Rugby teams last season, is not yet showing anything special in the way of form. Perhaps the fact that he has been so used to playing in the lock has upset his game as a support. Still, any useful forward should fit into a position on the side of the scrum.

The contemplated benefit to Steve Casey, the All Black, has been held over until nearing the end of the season. This is Casey's last year, and it will be interesting to know who will be the last of the All Blacks to survive another season. "General" Booth, the ex-Otago and All Black, in Sydney, and Alex McDonald will fight out the honours. The latter, barring accidents, should be the last of the Mohicans.

The crack University team with its speedy backs has not yet found its proper team, and this week the selectors are endeavouring to find out what is the trouble at half and five-eighths. The absence of Childs through illness forced Varsity to try a new player in Blundell (late of Auckland) at half in the first match, and Burtenshaw and Wilson at five-eighths. This was discovered not to work too well, and as Blundell is a five-eighths he was tried last Saturday in that position. On this occasion it was the scrum-half Burtenshaw who was at fault. Now in desperation the Varsity selectors (of whom Jock Cuthill and Geoff Fisher are the principals) have decided to "stand down" Blundell and Burtenshaw, replacing them with new players. Failure in one match should not condemn any player, and this experimenting is dangerous to the ultimate combination of the team.

Southern, with all its fine forwards, including "All Black" Casey, Graham, Douglas and Atkinson of the New Zealand team, and one or two Otago representatives, have not played up to reputation. The black and whites will have to show much improved form to get through the season without a defeat.

Messrs. Harris (president) and Wilson, of the Otago Rugby Union, are the two Otago delegates who will travel to Wellington this week to attend the annual meeting of the New Zealand Rugby Union. By the way, the annual report of the parent body is a masterpiece in its lack of information. The young New Zealander who went to sea and on being wrecked cabled to his parents: "Wrecked—Saved," gave more information in two words than the Management Committee of the New Zealand Union has done in its alleged annual report!



TWO WELL-KNOWN SOUTHERN HURDLE RIDERS—A. WARD AND W. ADAMS.

OTAGO NOTES.

(By Telegraph—Dunedin Correspondent)

It was the Egyptians, was it not, who were asked to make bricks without straw? Well, I feel very much like the Egyptians must have felt, for this week has been so uneventful that there is no straw to make this brick. However, as the Egyptians "did" make bricks without straw, I am going to have a big try to make this letter as interesting as possible without material—scant material, anyway. Once the football season starts seriously—as it has now started in Dunedin—the teams gradually step into their stride and one gets an idea of the standard of play that may be expected for the next three months—a standard on which representative form may be fairly judged.

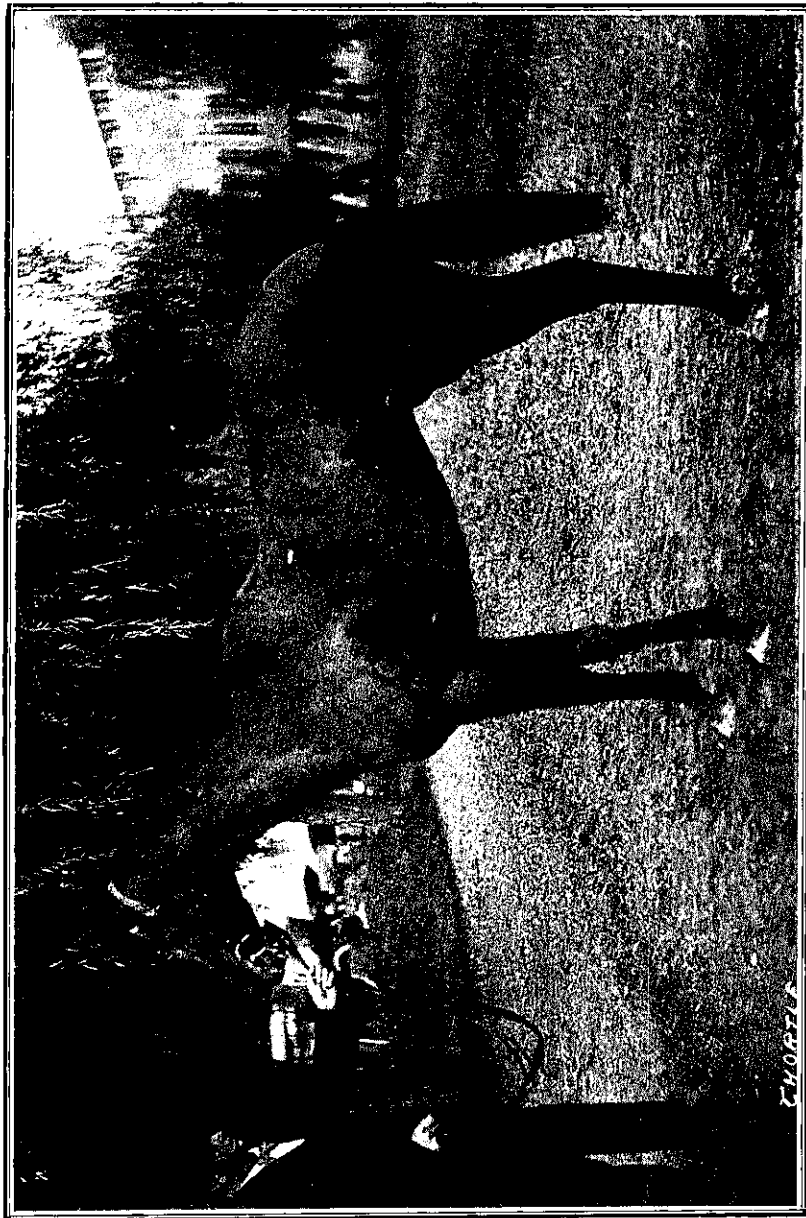
There are nine senior teams in the competition, and two rounds of matches have already been played. So far the best form has been shown by the University and Kaikorai teams, presided over by Jock Cuthill, the New Zealand representative three-quarter, and Alex McDonald, the All-Black and last year's captain of the New Zealand team which toured America, respectively. At the outset let it be understood that Cuthill and McDonald are playing wonderfully well, and if a New Zealand team was chosen to-morrow the Varsity centre and the "All Black" forward would be among the first selected—that is, if they were picked on present form. When the New Zealand team for America was chosen last season I stated in a criticism of that selection that McDonald on his club form of last year was perhaps fortunate in getting into the side. Subsequent events in America did not prove that

best forwards in Otago last year), and other hefty scrummers, is not to be sneezed at. It promised to be a Titanic struggle, and one almost imagined the clash of arms and the crunching of bones (as "Off-side Mac" wrote of the memorable test match New Zealand v. the British team on Athletic Park, Wellington, in 1908), but after the first half-hour there was only one team in it, and that was Kaikorai. The ground was heavy, but the ball was dry, and McDonald told his men to make it a forward game. The All Black himself was in the van of every rush. Immediately on his heels were six of the best trained young forwards in town. Well, they simply bowled Zingari over like nine-pins and went through the first line of defence like an acrobat through a paper hoop. Sandy Patterson and Co. wondered what had struck them. McDonald and his pack in full cry ate up the half and five-eighths in one mouthful or brushed them aside as one would brush butterflies off the wheel of a cannon. Then bulldog met bulldog. In the Zingari three-quarter line, planted fairly in the centre, was a bulldog in Watson (who helped Otago to nearly tear away the Ranfurly Shield from Auckland at Alexandra Park two seasons ago). Watson simply tore the ball from under the feet of the Kaikorai pack, and with a fine line kick sent the blue and black bulldogs yelping back after it. Not once or twice did this occur, but many times, and when it was not Watson who stopped the Kaikorai rushes it was Bond, the full-back. But two bulldogs against seven was fearful odds, and McDonald's pack got there at the finish by 11 points to nil. In this little sketch of incidents in last Saturday's big

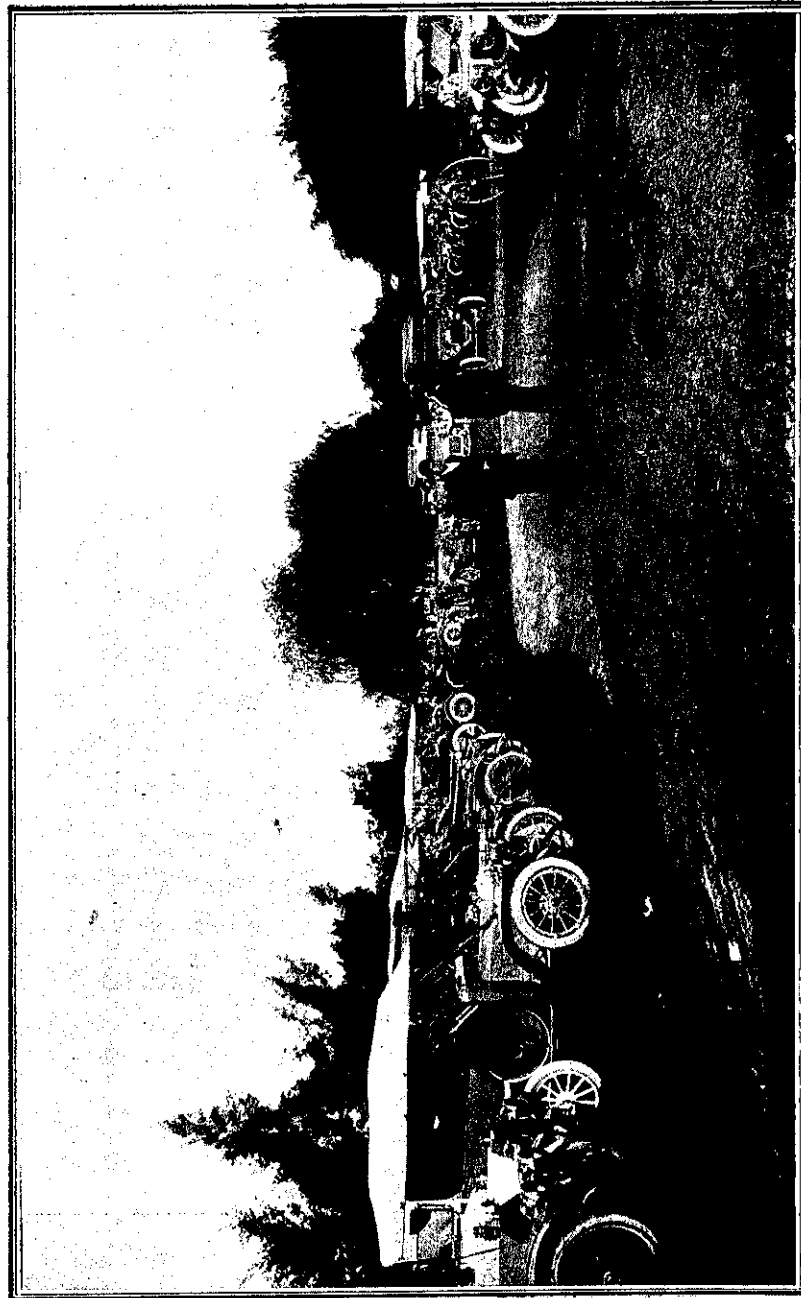
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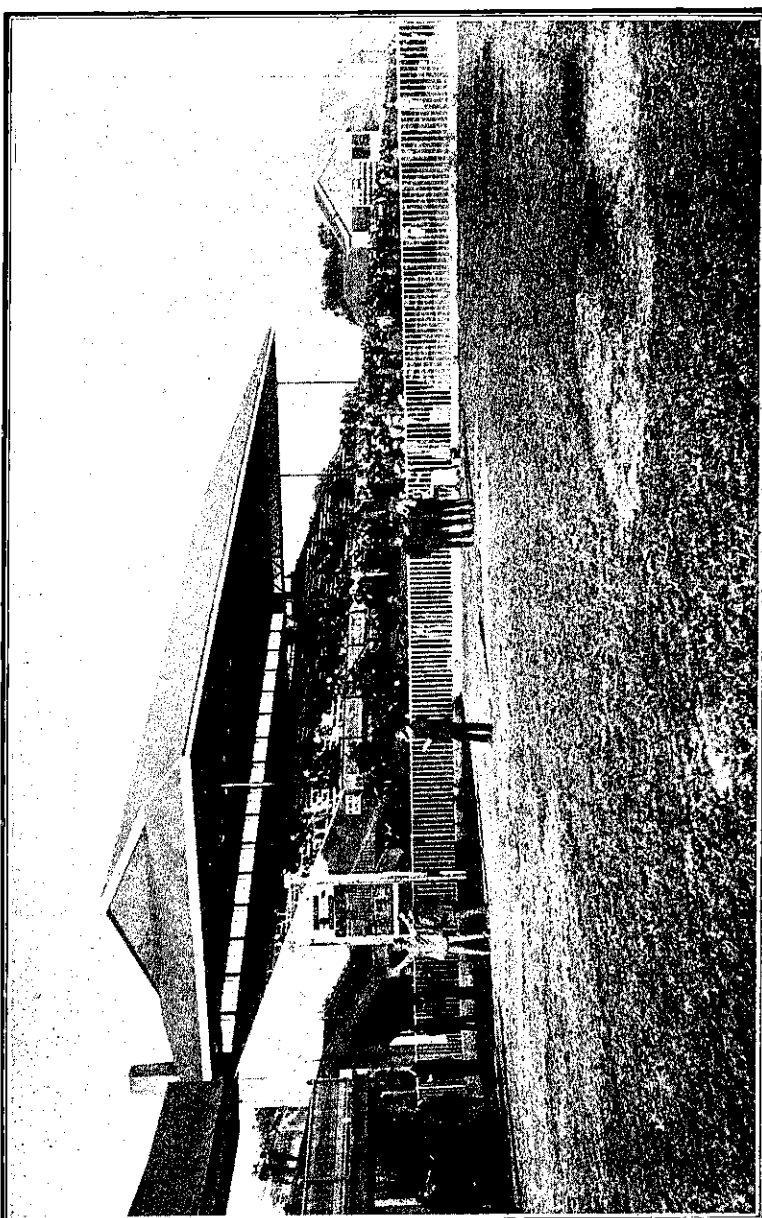
Mr. P. Neagle's b g DIAVOLO, 5yrs, by Wehikore—Heavenly Twin, winner of the Autumn Handicap on the first day.



A DOUBLE WINNER AT THE MEETING—Mr. T. B. Williams' br g CHORTLE, 4yrs, by Multifid—Amusement, who accounted for the Poukawa Hack Handicap (six furlongs) and the Ohiti Hack Hurdles (1 3/4 miles).



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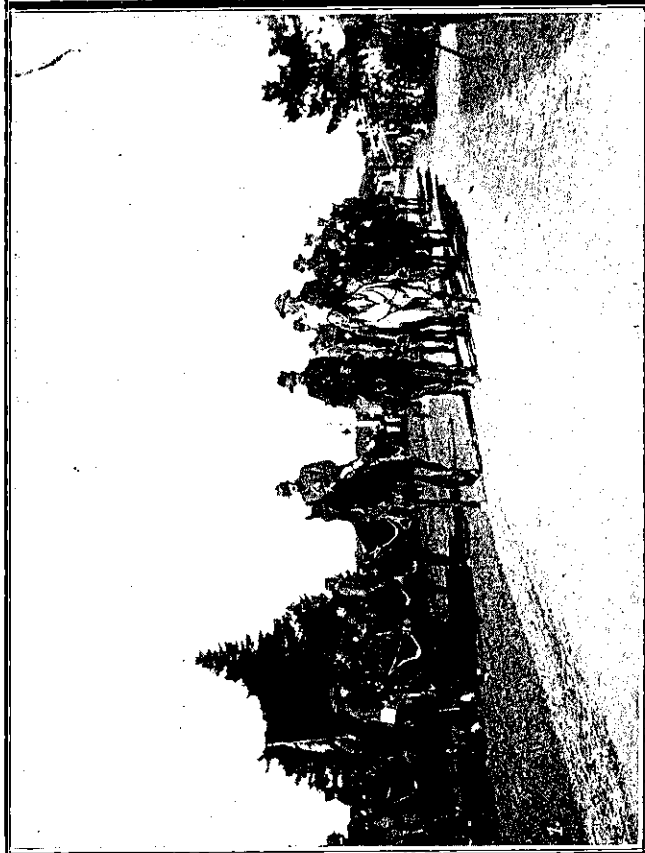


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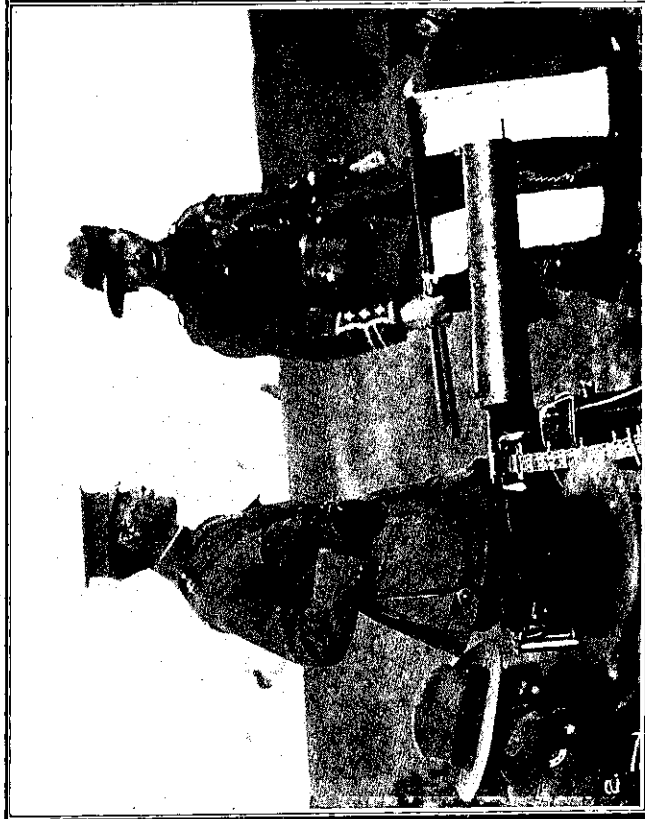
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His Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Liverpool, who are in residence in Auckland, leave shortly for Wellington prior to making a trip to the Cook Islands. The vice-regal party will travel to Rarotonga by the San Francisco mail steamer Willochra, sailing from Wellington on May 22.

The Governor, Lord Liverpool, paid his first visit to the Veterans' Home at Mt. Roskill last Wednesday. His Excellency, who was accompanied by the Countess of Liverpool and Captain Eastwood, was received on the verandah steps by Mr. Alfred Kidd (chairman of the local committee) and Major Carpenter (superintendent of the home). His Excellency chatted pleasantly to each soldier, and expressed himself as very pleased with the result of his inspection.

Dr. M. Pomare (Minister in Charge of the Cook Islands) will accompany the Governor on his visit to the Islands. He will travel by the Tutaneikai, which leaves Auckland on May 16.

Mrs. Logan, wife of Col. Logan, officer commanding the Auckland Military District, was presented by the staff corps officers of the Auckland Garrison with a solid silver cake-dish in commemoration of her recent marriage.

Many will regret to learn of the death of Mr. W. Von Sturmer, which occurred on Sunday, May 3. Mr. Von Sturmer was manager of the Bank of New Zealand at Te Awamutu, and had a large circle of friends.

At St. James' Church, Lower Hutt, Wellington, the wedding took place of Miss Georgina Gordon Stuart-Forbes, daughter of the late Sir William Stuart-Forbes, Bart., of Pitsligo, to Mr. Edgar C. Stow, Whangapiro, Wellsford, Auckland, third son of Mr. W. W. Stow, Christchurch. Miss Gwen Stuart-Forbes was bridesmaid and Mr. Arthur Stow best man.

Lady Holder, of Adelaide, who was one of the Australian representatives at the recent Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention in America, arrived in Auckland from Vancouver by the Makura last week on a visit to the Dominion.

Mr. N. R. Farnall, recently on the Auckland staff of the Bank of New South Wales, left by the Manuka last week for Sydney, where he joins the Orvieto on a six months' trip to London and the Continent. While in London Mr. Farnall will be the guest of his brother-in-law, Dr. C. Iredell, Regent's Park.

The Christchurch "Star" announces the engagement of Miss Marie Rhodes, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rhodes, to Captain Hutton, A.D.C. to Lord Liverpool.

The engagement is announced in the "British Australasian" of Mr. Jack Douglass Laird, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Laird, "Belhaven," Troon, Scotland, and of Brisbane, to Miss Audley Constance Bain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bain, of Christchurch, and niece of Mrs. William Smyth, of Brisbane.

Report says that a number of Wairarapa friends have subscribed a sum of money sufficient to enable Miss Thelma Petersen to follow her musical studies in London for another year.

The engagement is announced in the "Tablet" of Mr. John T. Donovan, LL.B., of Dublin, one of the Irish envoys to Australia and New Zealand, to Miss Alda Ralph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ralph, of Auckland. Miss Ralph is at present in London, and will leave for Auckland shortly.

Dr. Ick-Hewins, of Warkworth, has been appointed medical officer to the Tokomaru Bay Medical Society.

It is easier for the average woman to muster up courage to face a mouse than openly to defy fashion.—Chicago "News."

On the evening of March 19 a quiet wedding was celebrated at St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, Sydney, between Clive Henry, third son of the late Mr. C. O. Lamb, of Parramatta, and Mildred, daughter of the late Mr. John Glasson, of Nethleigh, Waikato, New Zealand.

Owing to the death of the Duke of Argyll, an uncle of the King, Court mourning has been ordered for 28 days. At the request of His Excellency the Governor, however, His Majesty has been pleased to assent to a small dance being given at Government House on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Macky, of Devonport, have returned to Auckland after a lengthy tour of Great Britain and the Continent.

The Auckland Civic League held an inaugural luncheon at the Town Hall on Wednesday last. Mrs. F. E. Baume presided, and among those present were Professor Morris Davis (of the Harvard University), Hon. F. W. Lang, M.P. (Speaker of the House of Representatives), Mr. W. E. Beddoe (Canadian Trade Commissioner), members and officials of the City Council, and several representative citizens. Professor Davis and Mr. Lang responded to the toast of "Our Guests," Miss Ellen Melville to "The Civic League," and Dr. Florence Keller to "Our School Committee Candidates." Referring to the election of eight of the League's nominees to school committees, Mr. Lang said he was sure the women elected would do good work. Who could know more of the needs of children than women did?

Mr. C. J. Parr has entered on his fourth term as Mayor of Auckland.

A well-known identity passed away at Devonport on May 3 in Captain G. C. Best, aged 73 years. The late captain was connected with the maritime business of Auckland for the past fifty years.

A New York cable announces the engagement of Junius Morgan, aged 23 years, the son of J. P. Morgan, jun., and the grandson of the late Pierpont Morgan, to Miss Louise Converse, aged 19, of Boston. Morgan is studying at Harvard, and the wedding will be celebrated when he has graduated.

The Duke of Argyll, whose death from double pneumonia was announced on May 2, had been in indifferent health for two years, but recently his condition improved, and he made many public appearances, chiefly in the cause of charity. The end came peacefully. The Duchess nursed him throughout the final illness.

Mr. J. J. Holland presided over the 22nd annual meeting of the Auckland centre of the St. John Ambulance Association. His Excellency the Governor (Lord Liverpool), who is a Knight of the Order of St. John, accompanied by Captain Eastwood, A.D.C., was present. His Excellency presented the certificates and medals to the successful competitors, and a demonstration of first-aid was given during the evening. The following committee was elected for the ensuing year:—Mesdames Benjamin, W. Oliphant, W. Rattray, C. Smith, Misses Edmiston, Orr, Statham, Messrs. A. S. Bankart, W. F. Goulstone, F. J. Hutchison, A. G. Pilkington, G. C. Gorrie, Dr. Coldicutt, and the Rev. J. A. Luxford.

The Civic League's nominees elected to seats on the school committees are Mrs. F. E. Baume (City School), Dr. Florence Keller (Ponsonby), Mrs. H. E. Brewer and Mrs. J. M. Brigham (Parnell), Mrs. Arthur Cowie and Mrs. G. H. Lyon (Northcote), Mrs. Keesing (Takapuna). As Dr. Florence Keller remarked at the luncheon in the Town Hall, one good effect of the election of women to school committees would now be able to go to women members of committees on matters regarding which they would not approach a man.

Wellington theatregoers have seen Genee, the great exponent of the traditional ballet (writes "Imogen"), and now they have had the opportunity of witnessing the dancing of Miss Maud Allan, an exponent of an entirely different school. Genee was a revelation of what can be done with the feet, aided by the personality of a mocking dainty sprite, and Maud Allan has been a revelation of dancing entirely freed from all the shackles of definitely arranged steps. Which will make the greater appeal will depend upon the temperament of the onlooker. In very graceful clinging draperies, Maud Allan dances barefoot upon a green carpet, with a circular background of green velvet curtains that make an absolutely perfect background for the poems which she presents, and it is impossible to imagine anything more entirely artistic than her appearances and departures from the stage.

"Oh, Signor Caruso," asked a gushing young girl who endeavoured to interject as many Italian words into her conversation as possible, "what 'e il vostro favourite tune?" "Signorina," replied the great tenor, "I like the kiss waltz, but I like to play it on the mouth organ."—New York "Tribune."

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Professor Wm. Morris Davis, who occupies the chair of geology at the Harvard University, arrived by the Makura last week, and spent a few days in Auckland. He also paid a visit to the Bay of Islands and Thames.

Dr. C. E. R. Bucknill and Mrs. Bucknill, of Tauranga, returned to Auckland by the Manuka, after several months' absence in England.

The Waikato Hounds had a successful opening meet on Saturday week. The master (Mr. Wynn-Brown) and Mrs. Wynn-Brown entertained those present at luncheon.

Progress woman! As a result of the Auckland Civic League activities eight women have been elected on the school committees.

The Rev. Jasper Calder was presented with a purse of sovereigns by the parishioners of St. Columba's Church, Grey Lynn, where he has been acting as locum tenens. Mr. S. Holdsworth, in making the presentation, referred to Mr. Calder's work of getting into touch with the "outside man."

Presiding at the Civic League luncheon, Mrs. Baume said the League was non-political, non-party, and non-sectarian. The membership comprised women of every diversity of thought, of every political and religious opinion, and it would impartially consider all questions of importance to Auckland life. The desire of the League was to help in cleaning and beautifying Auckland.

Mr. Robt. McNab, M.A., LL.B., has received advice from the University of New Zealand that he has received the degree of Doctor of Literature. The new honour has been conferred on him by virtue of a thesis on New Zealand history, which was examined for the University by Professor Eger-ton, of Oxford.

The dedication ceremony of the Y.W.C.A. hotel in Auckland (opened on Easter Monday) was performed last Thursday. The Countess of Liverpool was present, attended by Captain Eastwood, A.D.C. The Rev. G. Bond presided, and the Rev. R. Inglis also gave an address. Her Excellency, the Countess of Liverpool, in declaring the hostel open, expressed her interest in the Y.W.C.A. and its work, and wished the hostel every success. Mrs. J. McKail Geddes (president of the Association) also spoke. Afternoon tea was served at the conclusion of the ceremony, and a house-warming party was held in the evening.

General Sir Ian Hamilton, Inspector-General of the Overseas Forces, was given a civic reception at Cambridge last Thursday. The Hon. Jas. Allen, Minister for Defence, introduced the guest of the evening, referring to Sir Ian's high attainments as a soldier.

No vaudeville artist for years has achieved the success in Melbourne attained by Daisy Jerome, the live-wire comedienne, who is one of the biggest and brightest features of the revue at Her Majesty's (writes our correspondent). Audiences have taken enthusiastically to this electric spark of comedy, whilst socially she is also a pronounced success, and many festive gatherings are given in her honour. "This is certainly some town," said Miss Jerome, practically using the same words expressed by her illustrious compatriot, J. Rufus Wallingford.

Mr. Thomas Wylie, of Papatotoe, celebrated his 93th birthday on May 7th.

At St. John's Church, Wellington, on May 5, Miss Mary Falla, daughter of Mr. Falla, Westport, was married by the Rev. Dr. Gibb to Mr. John Mackay, son of the late Mr. J. Mackay, of Otago. The wedding party lunched at the Royal Oak, and later Mr. and Mrs. John Mackay left en route for Te Aroha.

The wife of a ship's doctor, Madame Banding, has been appointed captain of the trans-Atlantic steamship Copenhagen.

The New York "Musical Courier" says a "tempest in a teapot" was caused by an interview which Mme. Butt gave a reporter of a San Francisco paper, in which the contralto was quoted as saying that the American women do not know how to dress. Although Mme. Butt later denied stoutly that she had made any such sweeping statement, a heated controversy was waged for several days, different society women giving their views pro and con. What Mme. Butt really said was: "The American women dress for their dressmakers—we dress for ourselves. The English woman considers her own taste far more than does the American woman of fashion. There are unquestionably many handsomely gowned women in every city in this country, but considered in a mass I do not think the women on this side dress as well as they do abroad."

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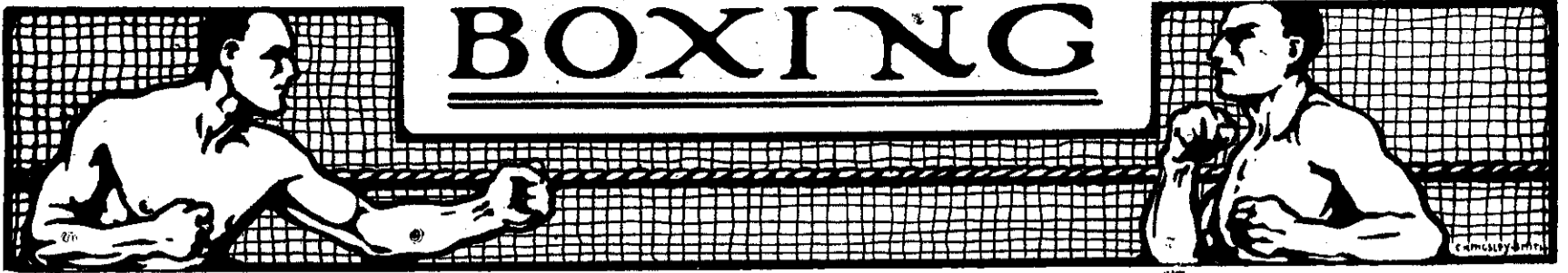
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THE ATHLETE'S EXERCISE.

I met Frank Gotch, the world's wrestling champion, at Reno, when the Jeffries-Johnson match attracted all classes and conditions of sporting people and athletes to that busy Nevada city (writes Mr. W. F. Corbett in the Sydney "Sun"). Gotch is acknowledged everywhere he is known to be an exceptionally brainy fellow, and his remarkably successful career evidences the unusual athlete. I had several conversations with him, and enjoyed them. He impressed me very much. Wonderfully popular as a great wrestler, Gotch will, now that he has retired, retain all the friendship formed during his long career. The man's nature and his bearing leave nothing to be desired. I am making this reference to one as competent to speak regarding training as the greatest authority in the world, whoever he may be, so that readers generally of the "Sun" might know the personality of the individual whose utterances concerning exercise this article will be based upon.

Gotch said in a recent interview: "The man who trains with his brain can get more good out of twirling a match than the athlete who does not use his brain can out of a 5lb dumb-bell. Give me a match and let me put all my thought into lifting and lowering it, and I will get physical good out of the operation. Take the man in the ditch who tosses dirt into a waggon, or he who tosses the earth to the top. Do you think that his exertion does him any particular good physically? Very little. He misses the benefits to be derived from bringing his muscles into play for the reason that he performs his work mechanically. It is a mistake that many who exercise for the benefit of exercise make. Men who use dumb-bells for a few minutes a day get heavy ones. I use dumb-bells and Indian clubs that weigh 1½lb. It is because I can get speed out of them. And speed, you know, makes strength. But strength does not make speed."

Gotch is right. For exercise to be of real benefit, the brain must actively and emphatically direct the movements. Were this not so, the labourer who uses his muscles or a particular set of muscles for several hours a day would reach a development impossible to the person who could give no more than one hour a day to physical exercise. Muscular labour can become so mechanical that though the work in hand may be performed the benefit in proportion to the effort will be very little. Of course, without some mental exertion, the use of the muscles—the voluntary ones, that is—is impossible, but when the mind is not specifically centred on each and every movement growth and development will be comparatively slight.

I will refer to one case in point. Many occur to the mind, but this will be sufficient for my purpose. Training many years ago for a contest at the Sydney Amateur Gymnastic Club, Billy Murphy, a famous boxer of his day, and featherweight champion of the world once, included in his list of exercises sand-shovelling at Manly Beach, to which he devoted half an hour each morning. This was done to develop the muscles of his arms and shoulders, and he vowed that it operated admirably. How much physical benefits does the labourer derive who puts in several similar intervals at the same work every day, week in, and week out? None at all. It has a reverse effect upon him.

Big and heavy dumb-bells do more harm than good to the average athlete. He is forced by their use to become more or less mechanical. And in mechanical effort less blood is carried to the fibres which make up the muscles, the action becomes slow and stiff, and the mind-control cannot be developed. As with dumb-bells so is it with heavy weights and elastic strand developers that can be stretched only by a huge effort—an effort which is wearing to the muscles and tries and exhausts them without

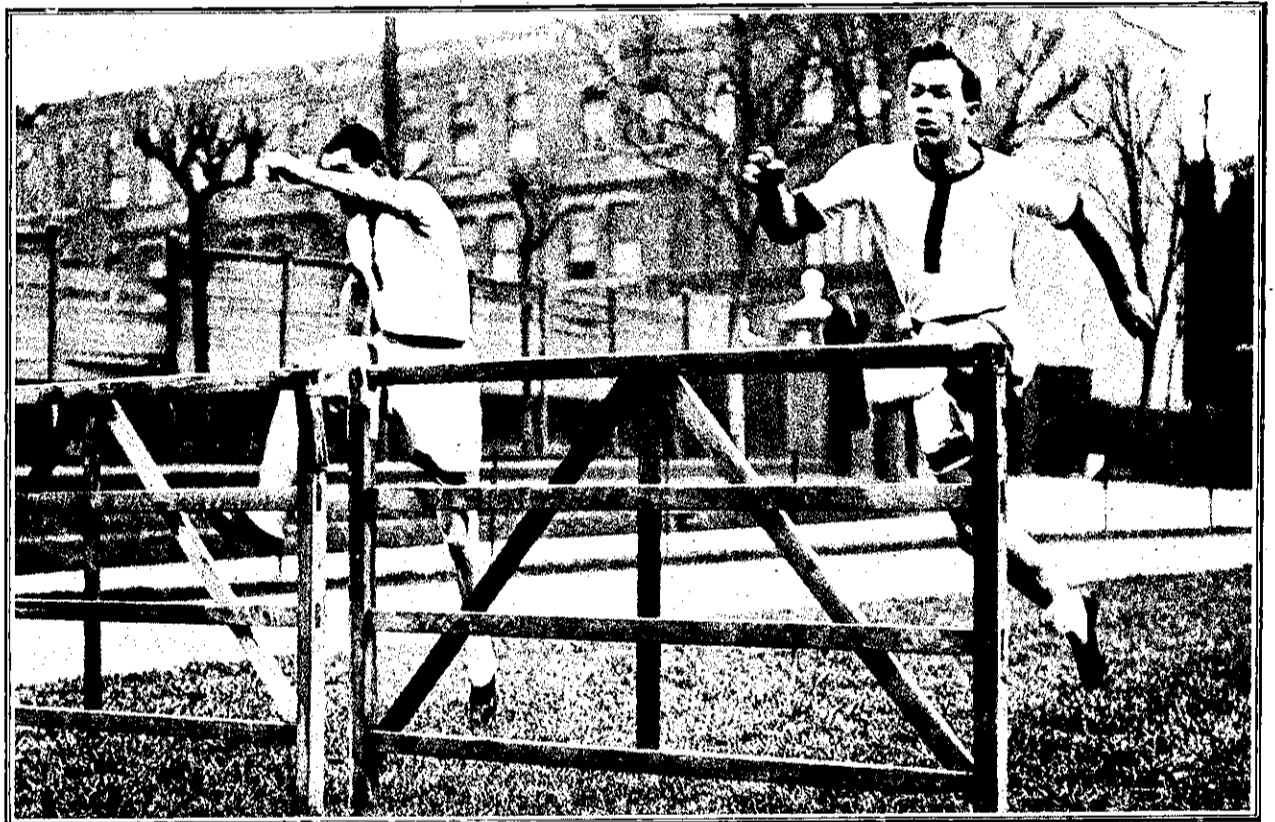
stimulating them. Exercise is to put added strength and energy into the body, and not to deplete it of those essentials by exhausting actions. The man who imagines that by using 10 in sympathy: it is possible to strain just ten times as much work and is developing ten times as fast as he who uses 1lb bells, makes a huge mistake.

Exercise and strain are terms not in sympathy: it is possible to strain the muscles without giving to them a fraction of advantageous exercise. The Japanese system of physical culture, included in ju-jitsu, makes use of no apparatus of any kind; there is not the slightest fear of any strain occurring; but the system creates wealth, and a strength, quickness, suppleness and endurance of the muscles which must be experienced to be thoroughly appreciated. Ling's system of Swedish gymnastics is based on the conclusion that every part of the human body requires to be exercised and requires specific work. The effect of many of the movements is not confined only to the superficial muscles, but extends to the internal

disinclination for, or hesitancy of vigorous physical exertion which attacks so many men when they have left their thirtieth birthday behind, will not exist. A man reaches his physical prime at a later age, why, then, should he consider himself debarred from vigorous participation in the strenuous games of his younger years? The only explanation is, granting the existence of those influences, that he has not fully developed his physical faculties to their full extent, and gradual failure is the consequence. There have been men who at forty years of age were as good as they were at twenty. But they were men who had taken care of themselves, not in the mollycoddle sense, but in the sense of reasonable development and preservation. To all it will be obvious that the more carefully wrought, the more nearly perfect an article, the greater will be its strength, the longer will be its endurance. The body may be so wrought, its powers may be so cultivated, developed, and strengthened, that its preservation in its strength must be retained longer than is the

quished the title to "Denny" Murphy at Hastings last week. Another contest will be that between W. Ireland and Vernal.

The fifteen rounds match between Sid Fitzsimmons, of Timaru, and W. Bartlett, of Christchurch, for the heavyweight championship of Canterbury, which was fought at the Timaru Boxing Association's recent carnival, saw the latter outpoint the nephew of the famous "Fitz" and gain a well-deserved decision. Fitzsimmons' weight was given at 13st.; but he did not appear to be in as good fettle as his opponent, who tipped the beam at 12st. 3lb. In fact, the Timaru man's showing was distinctly disappointing, in view of what was expected of him since he has had the benefit of Australian experience, but Bartlett was always his master, and the decision left no cause for dissatisfaction. Fitzsimmons was forced to take a great deal of punishment, and in the twelfth round there appeared possibilities of the Timaru heavyweight being disposed of via the knock-out route, but he rallied



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organs, securing the equalisation of blood pressure, and thus restoring the normal balance of the body, temporarily altered by the effects of the previous movements. Of all dumb-bell systems, probably the most thorough and comprehensive is that of the American professor of physical culture, the late D. L. Dowd. Therein are exercises for every superficial muscle of the body and limbs, the movements being so ordered that insofar as is possible, only one muscle or group of muscles on each side of the body is or are exercised at a time, each exercise being followed by one that relieves the effect upon the muscles previously used. Only light weights must be handled. The exercises number about 16. The great drawback to dumb-bell work is that it is liable to become monotonous, or swinging movements might be made through which much of the efficacy of the exercise is lost, and, further, that the chest and lungs do not receive all the benefit possible. But whatever the apparatus (if any) used, it is vitally important to bear in mind that a due sequence of movements should be observed. Half the value of all exercises lies in this.

With the increased physical advantages comes an increase of proficiency. And what is more, there will not be that early deterioration of the physical powers which causes many an athlete to declare that after 30 he is not fit for games. The condition of the body, the loss of elasticity of muscle, the stiffness of joints, the fading wind and stamina, that general

case with the ill-made article. Physical culture is the means towards that much-to-be-desired end.

GENERAL NOTES.

The New Zealand amateur boxing championships will be decided at Wanganui this year, probably towards the end of July.

Bartlett's recent defeat of Sid Fitzsimmons in Christchurch has given the Christchurch heavyweight the privilege of meeting Bert Lowe, of Gisborne, at the Gisborne Association's carnival on May 28. The contest between the pair should be unusually exciting, and after Bartlett's clever showing against Sid Fitzsimmons, who had Australian experience to aid him, he should make a bold bid to relieve the Poverty Bay man of his title of heavyweight champion of the Dominion.

The Christchurch Sports Club are sparing no effort to provide boxing patrons with plenty of amusement, and some excellent contests are promised during the next few months. The Club have decided to hold a tournament on June 2, while further carnivals will take place on July 12 and 13 and in the Grand National week. At the June 2 carnival two amateur six-round bouts will be staged, while the principal attraction will be the match between Gus Devitt and Barney Ireland, both formerly middleweight champions of New Zealand, the latter only having relin-

gamedly and managed to weather the storm. Bartlett was practically unmarked throughout the contest, while his fresh appearance in the concluding rounds evidenced his excellent condition, being in contrast to Fitzsimmons' fatigued state at the finish. The latter plainly lacked training, and did not display his true form.

With the certainty that Eddie McGoorty will meet Jimmy Clabby, many local men are speculating whether, in a 20-round bout, Clabby will be able to put his man away (says the Melbourne correspondent of the "Sun"). So far, of course, Clabby has had the better of two matches. But they were short affairs (10 and 12 rounds), and no one may judge a boxer, especially a middle or heavyweight, on what he shows in what is little more than an exhibition contest. When McGoorty meets Jules Dubourg here on May 23 he will be watched like a hawk. Dubourg is regarded as a man who will make him uncover whatever speed he has.

The R.M.S. Ventura, which arrived in Sydney from Vancouver on April 27, numbered among her passengers Jimmy Clabby, considered by the majority of boxing followers to be the middleweight champion of the world. Clabby's mission to Australia is to meet his famous countryman Eddie McGoorty, in a battle for middleweight supremacy, while he will also meet Jeff Smith and probably Dave Smith. Clabby was accompanied to Sydney by quite a number of American boxers, included among whom are

Joe Welling (lightweight), Johnny Cliff (featherweight), Steve Ketchell (lightweight), Young Joe Shugrue (lightweight), and Bobby Moore (lightweight).

According to a London cable, Pat O'Keefe, the Irish lightweight, defeated Nicol Simpson on points in a 20 rounds contest at Premierland the other night.

Little has been heard of the famous club swinger Tom Burrows of late, but cabled news from England conveys the information that "The King of Clubs," as Burrows is aptly termed, added another remarkable performance to his record towards the end of last month. The exhibition was given at Devonport, where the Australian swung the clubs continuously for 80hr. 2min., breaking all previous records for speed and variety. Burrows showed no signs of distress at the close of his strenuous performance.

In advancing Jimmy Clabby's claim as middleweight champion of the world, Larney Lichtenstein, manager for the famous Indiana boxer, made the following comments on being interviewed on the arrival of the party of American boxers in Sydney the other day:—"We couldn't help Clabby being unable to knock out Petroskey," said Larney. "The dry land sailor is a good, tough fellow, and no one, not even Frank Klaus at his best, could accomplish that trick. Clabby, however, won all the way. He had every round, and the coast fans said he showed conclusively that he was the rightful successor of the late Stanley Ketchell, who is invariably held up as an example to boxers in the 158lb. division. Clabby's record speaks for itself. He has defeated Mike Gibbons and Eddie McGoorty, but is still young, and willing to give those same men another battle, wherever the necessary money is forthcoming. Chip, who twice knocked out Frank Klaus, has repeatedly dodged the issue with Clabby. I guess he is satisfied to keep his distance."

Some most interesting impressions of the recent Joe Jeannette-Georges Carpentier fight in Paris are contained in a letter received by Mr. W. F. Corbett, of the "Sun," from "Snowy" Baker, the well-known Australian promoter, who was an eye-witness of the meeting between the Frenchman and the tough negro. Mr. Baker writes: Saturday night last (March 21) saw the great contest between Carpentier and Jeannette at Luna Park, in this city. The men weighed at 2 p.m. on the day of the contest, the rule in France. Carpentier's articles called for Jeannette's weight not to exceed 13st. 5lb. at 2 o'clock, while the Frenchman was allowed to scale any weight, and it was agreed both men's weight would be announced. At the agreed hour the Mulatto scaled 13st. 2lb., and Carpentier 12st. 1lb. The men weighed at the "Auto" newspaper office. The whole building was packed to suffocation with prominent newspaper men and sportsmen. The men weighed. Bubbling wine was drunk amidst deafening cheering and calls for Carpentier from the crowd below. Georges went to the open window and waved to the people. And, oh, how they cheered and cheered again. The sight was surely a repetition of the great day when Em-

peror Napoleon addressed his people from the window in his palace at Versailles. Carpentier, going into the street to enter his handsome limousine car, some distance down the road, was seized, shouldered, and carried to the tune of some wild triumphant chorus away out of sight. Jeannette, who is an exceedingly fine fellow, also had a share of the ovation, but Carpentier is the national hero.

The contest did not begin till 10.30 p.m.; but what a sight to sit for an hour previous to starting watching the beautiful women of Paris in their unequalled gowns of fit, cut, and luxury filing along brightly-lighted and flower-decked aisles on the arms of immaculately attired men of all ages and stations in life. These people—and there were thousands of them—all had £7 booked seats on the flat surrounding the ring. To put a rough estimate on the jewels worn by the fashionable women sitting at the ringside on Saturday night I would say £500,000. I honestly believe this estimate is conservative.

The contest itself was at all times interesting. Carpentier got through the ropes to the sound of wild clapping of men and women alike. He looked a veritable modest, handsome schoolboy. He showed not one atom of bravado, nor has he this undesirable quality in his make-up, as I have found through close relationship with him during the past few days; nor did he seem a scrap nervous. When they came together for the referee's instructions Jeannette looked a giant alongside the prettily-built Gaul. In the first round Carpentier showed he is an artist at the boxing game. All his punches were beautifully timed, and had a finish about them that I have never seen on any but a man with ringcraft gained by many years of constant infighting.

In less than a minute after starting he knocked the mulatto down with the sweetest right-hand cross I ever saw "put over." Snip! and down goes Joe. Throughout Carpentier did brilliant leading with a long straight left that shoots out like a shot from a gun; his short and snappy right cross was something that one only sees now and then; while a right uppercut, infighting and footwork were of high order. Carpentier undoubtedly won from my summing, and the more I think the contest over the harder it is to understand how the referee gave Jeannette the verdict. One thing I am certain is that the referee gave his honest decision. But the French boy was indeed unfortunate. All through the contest he boxed with rare confidence, and placed and blocked punches like the artist he is. The last round both cut loose. Oh! and how pretty the two-handed work was on either side!

Carpentier's absolute control over all his doings while in the ring is immense. He shows in every move a man—or, to be correct, a boy (he is quite a boy in everything but fighting)—who has thoroughly studied the game from A to Z. When there is no need to tense he freely relaxes the whole body. He does not jump about, excepting to gain a point. In clinching Carpentier knows well how to give the other fellow his weight. After the most ex-

citing moment and hardest rally, if, on sitting down for the minute respite, he finds the chair has been placed by a second so that the body cannot be properly rested, he quietly gets up, refixes the chair, and sits again as though nothing was happening.

Joe Jeannette, the negro heavyweight, who, prior to Carpentier's brilliant entry into pugilism, was known by the sobriquet of "The Parisian Idol," gained another victory last week, when he met and secured the verdict on points over Colin Bell, the New South Wales heavyweight, who is at present on a visit to London, in company with Terry Kellar and Harry Stone, the two American boxers. According to the cabled information of the Australian's meeting with Jeannette the decision was received with booring. Bell showed to considerable advantage in the early rounds, and was the aggressor to the eighth. Jeannette then threw off his caution and forced the fighting. The exchanges in the ninth were fairly fast and even. Jeannette in the eleventh got right and left to the head with telling effect. Jeannette landed hard in the thirteenth round, and later repeatedly hooked Bell to the body. The Australian's speed was undiminished, and he did most of the leading, but had the worst of matters in the clinches. The two concluding rounds were fast and furious, and Jeannette had somewhat the better of the exchanges.

In his previous match against Georges Carpentier, Jeannette was considered lucky in many quarters to have been awarded the decision on points, so that the fact of ring-siders being of the opinion that Colin Bell was entitled to the referee's verdict naturally would suggest that the race prejudice was no small factor in swaying the feelings of those who witnessed the Jeannette-Bell encounter. The very fact of Carpentier defeating Bombardier Wells decisively on two occasions, and then suffering defeat at the hands of Jeannette, immediately dispels any suggestion that Colin Bell is superior to the negro, who, it is safe to say, would always be a strong favourite whenever opposed to the Moree (N.S.W.) heavyweight. A match between Colin Bell and Bombardier Wells would constitute a big draw since the Australian has given proof of his mettle against Jeannette.

The English mail just to hand brings particulars of the fight between Bombardier Wells and Bandsman Blake at the Palladium, London, for the championship of Great Britain. As announced by cable, the battle ended in a victory for Wells, who landed a right on the Bandsman's jaw in the fourth round of a rough and exciting contest that put Blake on the white canvas for ten seconds. It was once again a case of a useful, but not very brilliant man trying to concede all the physical advantages to the big Bombardier (says the "Mirror of Life"), and though Blake fought with lots of heart and strength, he didn't have the science or the judgment to pull him through, and the handicap beat him. His one idea was to rush in and dig away at the body, but they aren't all Carpentiers, and Wells stood the strain, bending at times, but not breaking, and paying Blake back in his own coin. It was a

rugged encounter, considerable rushing, shoving and hauling being thrown in, with a moderate amount of clever work, and though Referee Hulls got in the ring in the second round, he didn't do anything in the way of attempting to part the men, but let them battle it out in their own sweet way. Wells met Blake at the in-fighting, and though there were a couple of times in the first and second rounds when the "Bloater Paster" seemed to stand an excellent chance of winning, thanks to Wells' weak defence, yet the Bombardier did the more effective work at close quarters, his blows carrying more sting than those of Blake. The Bandsman was the favourite with the man in the street, but all the "wise" money was on Wells, a top-heavy favourite, and he justified the odds by winning as expected, for few who have studied Blake gave him more than half-a-dozen rounds to go, let alone proving a winner, that is except Blake's supporters. Wells came out of the row with both eyes slightly marked, Blake being badly cut about the mouth. This happened in the third, when Wells got in a few fine upper-cuts at close range. It was in this round that he first showed decided superiority, and Blake must be a very tough mortal to take the grueling he did without going down. He stood up under Wells' heaviest drives, and made a game effort in the fourth, but Wells had the whip-hand now, and for the first time he gave a display worthy of a champion, standing firmly set to meet the Bandsman's rushes, and stabbing his left in Blake's face, following up with a straight right. A few such visitations had Blake in "Queer Street," then Wells, with his man groggy and flagging, smashed him on the jaw with a right that, as one of the spectators put it, would have dropped a bullock, and Blake went down like a log on the broad of his back. As Mr. Keen tapped the gong for "Out" he tried to rise, but even had he got up in time he would have been too completely at Wells' mercy to have stood up under a push, not to mind a punch. Few bouquets can be thrown at winner or loser, for only in the fourth did Wells show us what he really can do. Then he shaped a champion, but in the early part of the fray his hitting wasn't accurate, and his long left wasn't nearly as much in evidence as it should have been. Blake was the strong boy, but he was only a middleweight, and when he changed his "downstairs" work for swings at the head the beginning of the end was in sight.

"I feel all right," said the Bombardier in his dressing-room, after it was all over. "He is a strong fellow, and might have won two months ago, but I have strengthened and improved myself since then, and I think I won all the way to-night. He gave me a fairly hard fight at that, but I guessed I would get him inside six rounds, and he took the knock all right. I'd hate to have been beaten by him." Blake was quite exhausted as he stretched full length on a couch, and the Yarmouth boy didn't have a thing to say. He felt his defeat keenly, as well he might, but he took it all like a game one. Dick Burge had a cheery word for him and his friends—they didn't overcrowd the room, by the way—said he could go after the middleweights now. That is what he should have done, and let Wells alone, but even the "middles" may not want much to do with a beaten man.



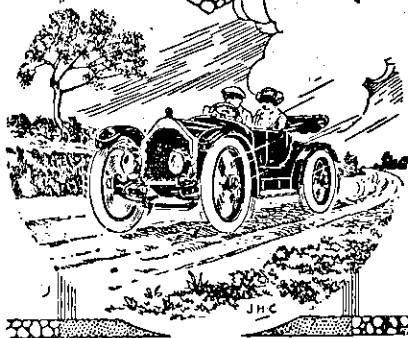
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The number of motor cars to be seen at any large sheep or land sale in Canterbury, or on the Riccarton Road during race week, are an index of how greatly the motor enters into the agricultural life of the community. This growing popularity is seen the world over, but more particularly in Canada and the United States, where cheap cars abound, and where the big majority of farmers run motor cars. The importation of motor cars into this country is year by year going up, in spite of the fact that already a fair proportion of the population already possess cars. In fact, so common is the motor car becoming that some people already own a couple, one for family purposes, another, a lighter make, for service as a run-about. Instead of farmers owning a heavy dogcart or waggonette as a family conveyance, and a light gig for lighter work, they are beginning to find that they cannot do without two cars, a heavy and a light one. The motor car is, in a great many instances, a luxury on the farm, particularly where the railway is within easy reach. But in the case of farms eight, ten or a dozen or more miles from town, the motor car becomes a necessity. In cases of long distance the motor car is a great time saver, and in this respect soon pays for itself. It allows the farmer to get about quickly thus enabling him to keep a closer eye on his business, both on the farm and in the market place.

lances, three of which are to be stationed south of the Thames, and three north of the river. Each ambulance is to have a driver and one attendant, who is to be trained in first-aid—but no doctor—and there is to be no system of call-boxes. Instead, it is suggested that when an ambulance is needed the police should go to the nearest telephone and call up the central ambulance station, which will then transmit the call to the nearest ambulance. It is naively suggested that householders will be glad to allow the police to use their telephones for this work of mercy, and will display signs outside their houses stating that their 'phones are available.

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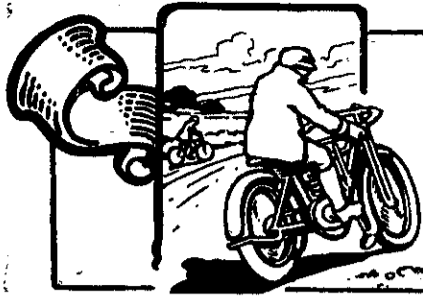
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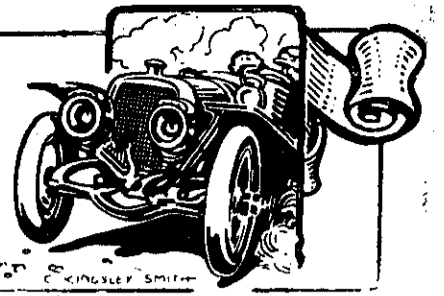
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A smart run was made by the Makura Milk Supply Company's motor wagon on its first trip. A 50 h.p. Thornycroft, fully loaded, covered the ten miles over the steep-graded hills in fifty-two minutes, using kerosene.

A conference is to be held at Palmerston North on May 25, for the purpose of forming a North Island Auto-cycle Union. Each club is being notified of the arrangements by the Wellington Motor Cycling Club and a good muster of delegates is expected.

Direction posts and arms for the various necessary points on the road from Ngahauranga to Porirua are now being prepared by the Wellington Motor Club and will shortly be erected.

Last year 100,000,000 gallons of petroleum spirit were used in England, and the demand is continually increasing. The London motor buses alone consume something like 15,000,000 gallons per annum, while it is estimated that the London taxi-cabs use an almost equal quantity.

Sixteen motor cars and four motor cycles were registered with the Masterton Borough Council during last month, and three motor cars and one motor cycle with the Masterton County Council in the same period.

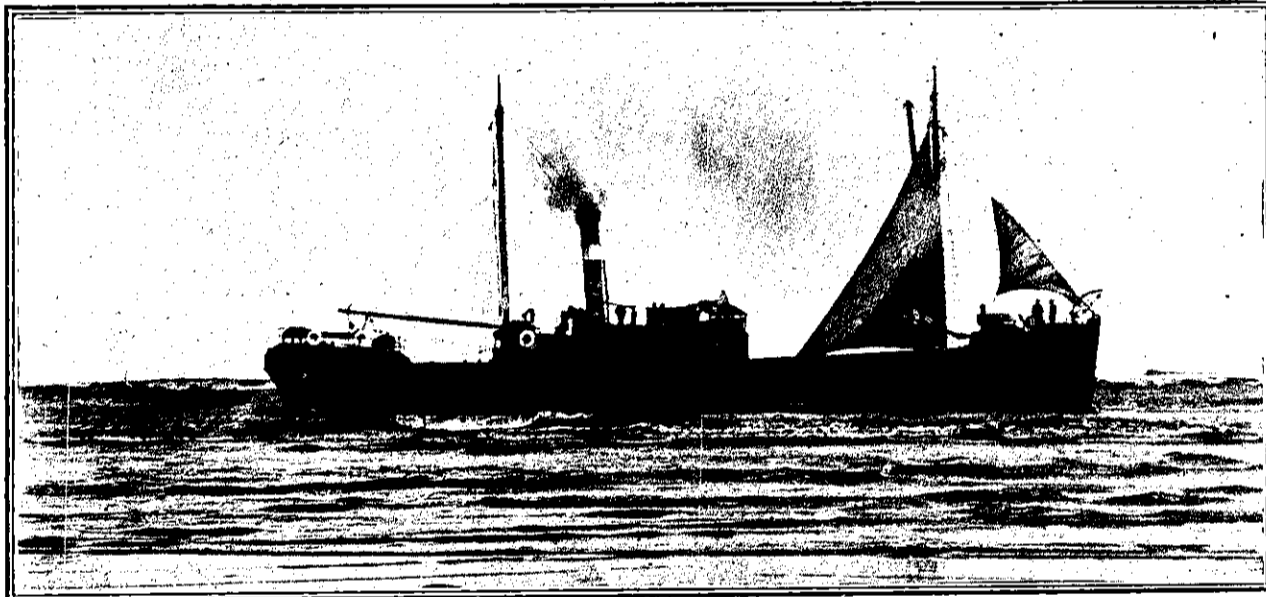
The Wellington Motor Cycle Club has adopted a system which will be of practical benefit to its members. It issues enquiries to county councils and other road-controlling authorities on the state of the roads in their respective districts. The Horowhenua County Council (Wellington) has notified the Club that they have begun metalling operations on the road between Waikanae and Otaki. Reports from riders state that metalling is also going on near Manakau.

The rise of motoring is one of the latter day wonders of the world. At the end of last year, according to an English authority, there were 440,000 motors of all kinds in use in the British Isles, and to this substantial total nearly 1700 were being added each week. These vehicles cover about 3,100,000,000 or more miles of road

year, reach the enormous annual figure of £100,000,000.

The proposal, which has been before the ratepayers of Petone for some time, to raise a loan of £4000 for the installation of a motor bus service for the use of the borough, came to fulfilment last week. It was decided that the example of Timaru was very encouraging. The committee estimated on data acquired from the South that each bus would run 24,000 miles per year of 272 days at a cost of 1s. per mile run. The three buses that it was proposed to purchase would run 72,000 miles at a cost of £3600, which would give a profit of a penny a mile, making the net profit £300. The estimated details of the expenditure were:—Seven men at £156 per annum, £1092; 15 per cent. depreciation, £600; interest and sinking fund, £240; petrol, £650; oils, etc., £105; repairs and maintenance, £130; advertising and clerical expenses, £300; insurance, etc., £183. The receipts were based on an average fare paid of 1½d. per mile run, with an average of 7.3 pas-

has veered round and the twelve million of money invested in London's trams seems not so near the land of the lost as some opponents would have the public believe. The trams have recovered their lost ground chiefly by instituting cheap return fares along the most competitive routes. The opponents of municipal ownership are indignant, and declare that the ratepayers ought to put a stop to these return fares, as they are sure to be unprofitable. According to the last issue of the "Australasian Coachbuilder and Wheelwright," the latest figures with regard to the trams and the buses show that the cost of running a tram is 6.4d per car mile, as compared with 10.0d per mile for the motor buses. A tram can accommodate 78 persons as compared with 34 for the motor bus. The paper goes on to say:—It is somewhat remarkable that the trams are able to compete so successfully with the buses, in view of the fact that the trams have never been allowed within the busy centre of London, but come to a dead end on the outside, because they would add so much to the congestion of the traffic. If the trams from the east, west, north and south of London, which end outside the busy centre, were linked up, the tram receipts would increase materially, for the crowded streets form the most profitable portion of the bus routes.



The "Queen of the South," which vessel ran ashore on the Foxton Beach on April 16 whilst crossing inwards, the strong gale catching her and putting her over the bar. It was not until 4 a.m. on April 18 that she was got off the bar, it being found necessary to unload her. The "Queen of the South" was built in 1877, and is, therefore, 37 years old.

There was a picturesque scene in the Gulf of Finland when an international motor car race was run from St. Petersburg to Cronstadt and back, a distance of fifty miles. The course was over ice and snow. The sixteen competitors were escorted on their way by a number of ice-yachts. The winner covered the distance in 54 minutes.

Unlike Alexander, the motor bus has still some worlds to conquer—but they become rare. A recent visitor from the East mentioned that the Malay Federated States have a road system which probably can not be equalled outside Great Britain. Large sums are spent annually in order to keep the highways in good repair. The firm with which the visitor is engaged as a mining engineer has an interest in a motor bus service at a place in Malaya, called Tpo, and just before he left the East they received notice that they were to be taxed at the rate of two dollars (four and eightpence) per passenger a month. This works out at about £7 10s. on each bus every four weeks—a not inconsiderable fee to pay for road maintenance.

a year. The present value of the cars and cycles in use in Great Britain and Ireland is approximately £55,000,000, while no less than £120,000,000 has been spent in the purchase of motors during the last ten years. But the actual purchases make up only a fraction of the total cost. Tyre consumption, which necessitates an industry almost as extensive as that of car building itself, approximates £14,521,000 annually, while the fuel and oil bill works out at close upon £8,500,000. Repairs and periodical overhauls cost over £6,000,000, and the Exchequer receives £1,500,000 in registration fees and licenses, insurance companies benefitting to nearly the same amount. Over £2,000,000 has been spent in housing the cars, and nearly thirteen million and a-half is needed to pay for the men who drive and the employees who care for the motor. There is the important item of depreciation to be considered, which adds another £11,000,000 to the total, allowing 20 per cent. on current value for this item. At the present rate of increase, therefore, the gross expenditure upon all branches of motoring will, it is computed, before the end of the present

sengers carried per mile run. The expenditure was based on an outlay of £4000. With the carrying of the loan proposals Petone will be provided with a new and efficient motor service, but the count out at the poll revealed one of New Zealand's most marked danger signs. Only 327 votes were recorded out of 2000 names on the roll. What can be the progressive future of a country too municipally inert to even care whether the public funds are allowed to flow?

The war of words—and figures—continues to rage around the subject of bus versus tram in the centre of the Empire. Eighteen months ago the tram receipts were showing a sad shrinking week by week, and the opponents of municipal enterprise threw up their hats with joy, but the wind

Mr. J. Ormiston White, of Dunedin, vice-president of the National Association of Carriage Builders, speaking at the annual convention, held recently in Auckland, said that although the invention of the high-speed internal combustion engine of Daimler marked the start of the motor industry, there is no doubt that the great strides that have taken place would have been seriously hampered, if not altogether suppressed, had not the pneumatic tyre assisted with its shock-absorbing property. He thought they could class the invention of the pneumatic tyre as equal in rank, or very nearly so, with Daimler's invention in assisting to bring the motor car to its present advanced position. The lightness of the mechanism which had been adopted could not have been attained without some shock-absorbing device, such as the pneumatic tyre, which, despite all its drawbacks, has successfully resisted the attempts which have been made to oust it from being the most-favoured shock-absorber at the present time with makers of all classes of cars. The triumph of motoring began when a number of people discovered it was expensive; then there was a rush of people who envied the distinction of incurring expense. Today the first-rate car runs with a certainty and regularity of a mail train, and with none of its noise; and it ticks away like a 400-day clock as long as you choose to drive it. Some of the coach builders of the Dominion failed to realise that a new power was in the land, but others, with keener perception, have moved more rapidly, and in some of the establishments fully 50 per cent. of the output is represented by motor car business.



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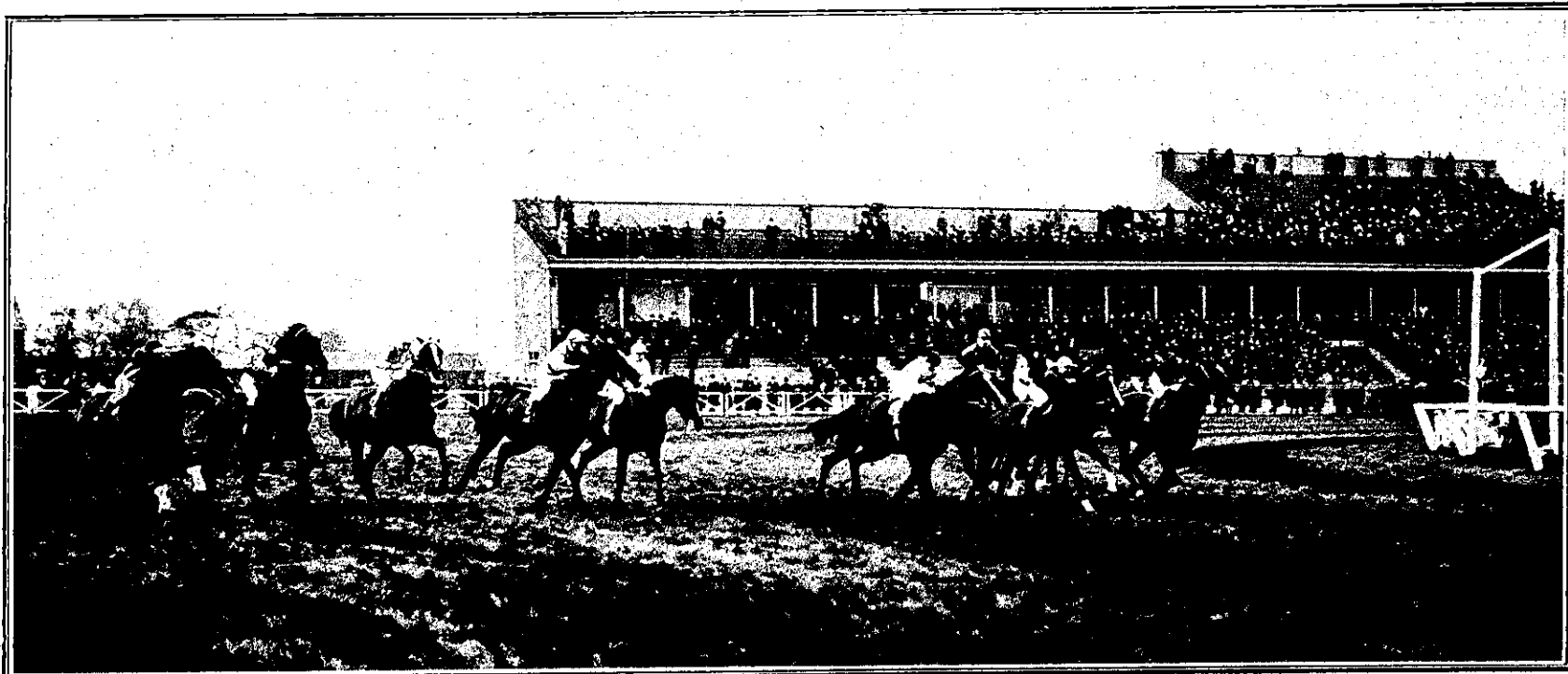
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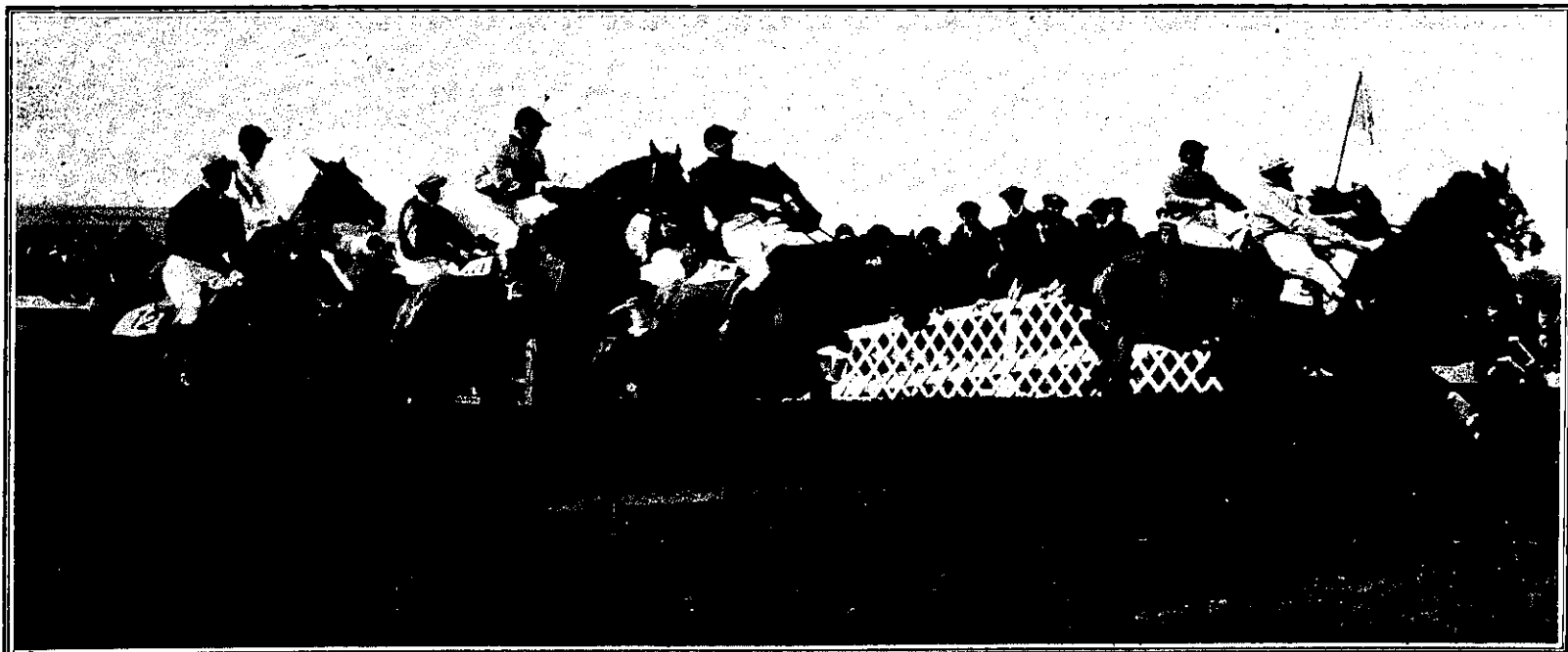
THE START FOR THE LIVERPOOL SPRING CUP.

[L.N.A., Photo.]



CLEARING THE WATER JUMP IN THE STANLEY STEEPLECHASE AT THE LIVERPOOL SPRING MEETING.

[L.N.A., Photo.]



A GOOD FIELD AT THE WATER JUMP IN THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE AT THE HUNT FESTIVAL AT CHELTENHAM.

[J. Woodland Fullwood, photo.]

HOCKEY

BY "RIGHT-WING."

The last opportunity for practice was again spoiled by rain. It was a beautiful morning and players were looking forward to a fine afternoon, but, alas, they were disappointed, as rain commenced to fall shortly before two o'clock and continued throughout the afternoon. Despite the downpour, a large number of players turned out, and battled away under most unfavourable conditions.

The entries for the competitions demonstrate how the game is growing in Auckland, and this happy state of affairs is in some measure due to the introduction of the school boys last year, and the Association have to thank a number of school teachers for taking such an active interest in the game. The advent of the school boys into the arena must gladden the hearts of the pioneers of the game in Auckland, as it was always their ambition to establish the game in the schools.

The competition is now divided into five grades, and is composed of 44 teams, consisting of six in the senior grade, ten each in second, third and fourth grades, and seven in the fifth. The school boys' competition adds another eleven teams to the list.

The Auckland Hockey Association has secured grounds on the Avondale Racecourse.

New clubs affiliated to the Association are Otahuhu (second grade), Imps, Gordon, Moa, St. Luke's, Technical College.

The number of associations affiliated to the New Zealand Hockey Association is now nineteen.

The New Zealand Ladies' Hockey Association has appointed Mr. A. W. Manning as secretary for the ensuing season at a remuneration of fifteen guineas.

The annual report of the New Zealand Hockey Association showed a credit balance of £30 18s 3d, with assets exceeding liabilities by £70.

The decision of the local executive in limiting the number of teams in the senior competition is a step in the right direction. In recent years the Association has accepted all entries, consequently many of the games between the stronger and weaker teams have not been worth witnessing, while the hockey displayed in the matches between the "make-ups" could not by any stretch of imagination be called first-class.

It was just a good opportunity for the executive to apply the limit, as the six teams accepted were practically all up to the standard, while it was doubtful whether Unitarian or Kiatere, who won the junior championship last year, could have made a decent showing against any of the sextette. Another argument in favour of limiting the teams is that it concentrates the good players, and therefore the contest should be keener and without a doubt provide better hockey. It will make the task of the selectors easier, as all the material will be seen in action against strong proposition. From a financial outlook

it is also a good proposition, as better games mean larger attendances, which, of course, increases the revenue. Unitarian have battled along gamely in the senior ranks, and if I remember rightly gave Auckland some anxious moments during the tail end of the opening game last season. It took the champions all their time to keep their goal intact, and had not the Auckland custodian been in good form, a different tale might have been told than a one-goal victory. The advent of the Saturday universal holiday brought Kiatere into the competition, and they succeeded in winning the junior championship. Being a little more ambitious, they applied for permission to go into the senior ranks, but were not successful, and the team has disbanded; anyway, some of their prominent players have thrown in their lot with other clubs.

At the annual meeting of the New Zealand Hockey Association much comment was made about the papers in the North Island being full of reports concerning the attitude of the Auckland Hockey Association with regard to the shifting of headquarters to Wellington. Now the Southerners are having their turn.

Regarding the motion for a change in headquarters, the Hawke's Bay delegates received instructions to vote for the motion. One of the delegates was evidently against the motion, so the Hawke's Bay Association sent him word that unless he was prepared to vote as directed he should cease to be a delegate. At the close of the debate on the question, Mr. A. M. Stewart, the delegate in question, said that he had just received a letter from Mr. MacDougall, the other delegate for Hawke's Bay, cancelling his appointment. The president said that Mr. MacDougall had handed him a similar letter, but at the opening of the meeting he had accepted both gentlemen as Hawke's Bay's delegates without any conditions relating to Mr. Stewart. It was an extraordinary position, and according to the conditions of the appointment it appears as if Mr. Stewart should not have gone to the meeting as a delegate for Hawke's Bay when his personal feelings were entirely opposite to the views of the Hawke's Bay Association, and by refusing to vote in the desired direction the ultimatum contained his dismissal.

It is doubtful if Moore, the Auckland winger, will turn out again this year. Another engagement has claimed his attention for at least a month, and possibly for the remainder of the season.

Fuller, another Auckland, will be Territorialising while two rounds are in progress.

Robinson, of University, has decided not to turn out this season.

Haresnape (Kiatere) will probably throw in his lot with Mt. Eden.

Gilmour, custodian for the defunct St. George's Club, has joined the Referees' Association.

Smith, an ex-Wellington inner forward, has thrown in his lot with Ponsonby, and should strengthen the attack.

The Wellington Wednesday Hockey

Association issued a challenge to Wai-kato in connection with the Norden Cup, but the New Zealand body refused the application on the grounds that sub-associations are ineligible to compete. The big associations will require to obtain trophies for competition among their off-springs.

BOXING.

N.Z. MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

"DENNY" MURPHY OUTBOXES IRELAND.

The fifteen rounds match between Denny Murphy, of Wellington, and Barney Ireland, of Waipawa, for the middleweight championship of New Zealand and a purse of £50, which took place at the Princess Theatre, Hastings, last week, resulted in a points' victory for the Wellingtonian. The contest attracted a crowded house, and the principals' weight was announced: Ireland 11st., Murphy 10st. 6lb.

The first round went in favour of Murphy, who got in a good few body blows. Ireland aimed a number of swinging blows at his opponent, who, however, was not there to receive them. The next round was more even, Ireland showing himself more aggressive. Although he missed his blows at his opponent's jaw he managed to get a good body blow home. The third round was also equal. Murphy tried a swinging blow at Ireland but failed to land it. He managed to get some light hits to his opponent's face when they were at close quarters. Ireland retaliated and got one home on to the point of Murphy's jaw. There was a lot of give and take in this round. In the next round Ireland had the best of it, getting two or three hard body punches home as well as one on to his opponent's jaw. Murphy replied with a few stinging blows, but there was not much weight behind them. In the fifth round Murphy led and Ireland countered. Murphy managed to get a few good body punches in. Ireland rushed in twice, but missed his game. He got a few light upper-cuts home, but not much damage was done, Murphy having slightly the better of it. Murphy again led in the sixth round, but Ireland defended himself well against the attack. He managed to get a good swing on to Ireland's jaw and had him on the ropes. Ireland failed to reach his opponent's body. In the seventh round Murphy led and just managed to miss reaching Ireland's jaw with a hard hit, which went over the shoulder. Ireland rushed in three times, and while at close quarters managed to get in a few light hits, but the round ended in Murphy's favour. In the eighth round Murphy led once more and landed a few hard blows on Ireland's body. Ireland rushed but missed his opponent and fell over. He got one on to Murphy's jaw and the round ended in Ireland's favour. In the ninth round things were pretty equal. Ireland led and got

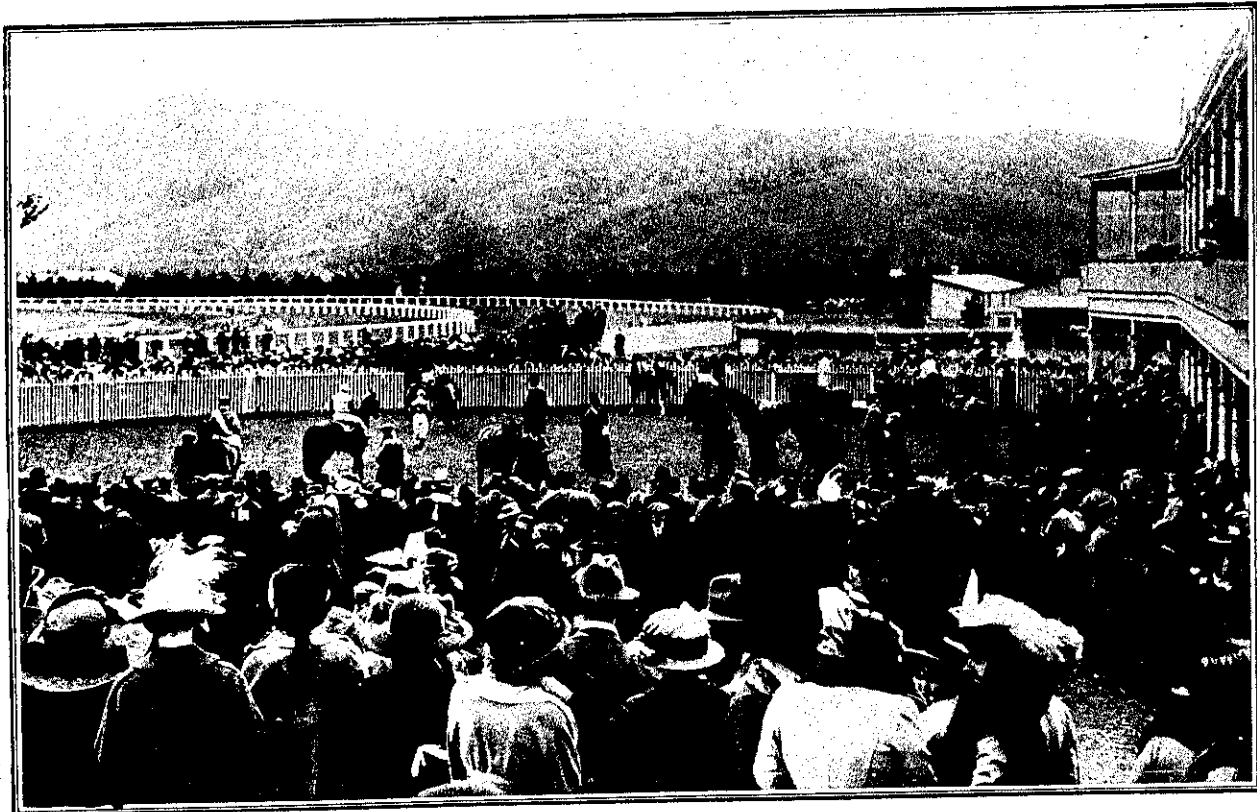
a number of body punches in. There was a lot of give and take, and Murphy was forced to the ropes. In the tenth round Murphy led, but his opponent countered. He, however, managed to bring Ireland down to his knees and shortly afterwards landed a hard hit on Ireland's jaw. In this round the referee, for the only time in the contest, had to separate the two men. Ireland was perceptibly tiring and the round went in Murphy's favour. The eleventh round saw Ireland liven up a bit, and he landed a number of hits. He rushed Murphy, who got out of his way. Murphy, in trying a swinging hit, missed his footing and went down. The round went in Ireland's favour. The twelfth round was more willing, both going for a knock-out. Murphy, however, managed to score most of the hits and had Ireland on his knees while seven was counted. In the thirteenth round Murphy led and both fought for all they were worth. Murphy got one on to Ireland's jaw and dropping him. Eight was counted before he rose. Soon after Ireland retaliated by getting one home on Murphy's ear and laid him flat. Ireland was bleeding a good deal and showing signs of fatigue. The round ended in Murphy's favour. In the fourteenth round Murphy led and was soon down on his knees. He got a few facers home at close quarters. Ireland replied with some good punches on the face and body. In the fifteenth round Murphy led with the intention of finishing his opponent. There was a lot of hard hitting on both sides. Ireland was bleeding about the face and Murphy had the best of it.

The referee, Mr. H. A. Keesing, announced that Murphy had won on points.

Gus Venn, the Welsh featherweight boxer, who arrived in Auckland from the Old Country a couple of months ago, has been offered a position as instructor to the boxing class at Taumarunui, formerly in charge of Alf. Bromwich. The latter, however, has decided to leave the Main Trunk township, and Gus Venn has been appointed as his successor, and will have fully twenty pupils to tutor in the noble art of self-defence. The appointment is a wise one on the part of Taumarunui boxing enthusiasts, as not only Venn's skill as a boxer is highly spoken of by the leading English boxing authorities, but his excellent character, sportsmanlike spirit and keenness for the fistic game fit him admirably for the position. Gus Venn will no doubt make his appearance in professional contests in New Zealand shortly, when patrons will be able to judge of his ability as a boxer.

Bombardier Wells' latest victory was a points' decision over Bandsman Rice at Liverpool the other night, the battle going the full twenty rounds. The contest was for a purse of £900. Although a complete failure as a world's champion proposition, the Bombardier is still very popular at Home, and his appearance in the ring is generally the means of drawing a big house. The result is the British champion is doing remarkably well financially, and as his position as Britain's best heavyweight is apparently very secure at present, he is wisely "making hay when the sun shines."

In view of the long respite which Aucklanders have had from witnessing a boxing contest locally, the next tournament held by the Northern Boxing Association should easily attract a record house. A familiar figure who will be greatly missed from the Northern Boxing Association's carnivals in the future is Mr. H. A. Keesing, former chairman of the Association, who is now residing at Hastings, where he has entered into partnership with Mr. Fred. Lowe (late Duncan and Lowe) as motor importers, engineers and garage proprietors, the firm now being known as Lowe and Keesing. As a referee at many of the big boxing carnivals in Auckland, Mr. Keesing was held in high esteem as the result of the fairness of his verdicts, while as an energetic official of the Association his services were invaluable. Possessing a thorough knowledge of boxing he knew exactly what to do to further the interests of the sport in Auckland, and that his efforts were rewarded is apparent by the eulogistic manner in which his fellow officials and boxing patrons refer to his past services. Mr. Keesing should undoubtedly prove a valuable acquisition to sporting circles generally in the Hawke's Bay district.



HORSES PARADING IN THE BIRDCAGE AT TRENTHAM PRIOR TO THE RUNNING OF THE PACIFIC HANDICAP.

THE STAGE

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

May 4-16—Wm. Anderson's American Musical Burlesque Co.
 May 18, 20, 21, 23—Dolores.
 June 1-6—Maud Allan and the Cherniavskys.
 June 29-July 11—J. C. Williamson's "Forty Thieves" Pantomime.
 July 13-15—Frederic Shipman.
 July 20-25—Harry Lauder (J. and N. Tait).
 July 27-August 7—J. C. Williamson's "Joseph and his Brethren" Co.
 August 10-27—J. C. Williamson, Ltd.
 August 24-29—Lou's Myers-Beaumont Smith's "The Barrier" Co.
 August 31-Sept. 26.—Geo. Willoughby's "The Rosary" Co.

HIS MAJESTY'S.

"DREAM CITY."

"Dream City" was chosen as the second production of the American Musical Burlesque Company, the initial performance being given on Monday. "Dream City" is not an allegory, as its title might lead one to expect. It is a three hours' frolic with interludes for catchy music and specialties. August Dinglebender, farmer, falls asleep at the close of the first act, and dreams that a modern city has sprung up on his section. Then follows the rude awakening, the devastation being made by an ingenious mechanical change. This is ample food for a travesty, and the members of the company serve it out with vim. Mr. Bert Le Blanc as the farmer and Mr. Paul Stanhope are responsible for the largest slice of comedy in the piece, and hand it out freely till the risible faculties of the audience almost suffer. Their wrestling match provoked a scream of laughter, likewise the hen-pecked farmer's interviews with his sour-visaged wife, consistently taken by Miss Anna Clark. Mr. Harry Burgess gives a good character study as old man Platt (the village relic), and makes his share of the laughter. Mr. Carlton Chase as the boarder and Mr. Dave Nowlin as the estate agent are cast congenially. Miss Teddy Martin acts with vivacity as Amanda Boggs, and figures with conspicuous success. Amongst the musical items the trio, "Gee! but this is a Lonesome Town" (Messrs. Le Blanc, Stanhope and Burgess), makes an emphatic hit. Miss Elaine Ravensberg has a delightful solo, "Phoebe Jane," which is enhanced with a male chorus. The "Grafters" quartette are heard to fine advantage in the "Soldiers' Chorus," from "Faust," and in "Castillano." Other numbers that go well are "On the Mississippi" (Miss Fritzie de Guy and chorus), "It's the Girl Inside, and Not the Dress" (Mr. Herbert Lancaster), Spanish Cachuca (Misses Waters and Hayes), "There's Only One in a Million Like You" (Mr. Carlton Chase and Miss De Guy), "You Made Me Love You" (Mr. Chase), and "And the Green Grass Grew All Round"



MR. DAVE NOWLIN, who appears as a racecourse manager in "A Day at the Races."

(Miss Teddy Martin). "Dream City" goes up for the last time to-night (Thursday).

"A DAY AT THE RACES."

Naturally the plot centres round a racecourse. The evil machinations of an unscrupulous racecourse manager and the guile of an attractive adventuress almost succeed in destroying Lady Love's chance for the big race. But a new jockey is found at the eleventh hour, and the villainy is foiled. The race is said to be depicted in the same way as the race in "The Arcadians." Act II. is set at Coney Island by night, where all who went to the races re-assemble at night to win reward or punishment. Louis Gloom (Bert Le Blanc) and Mike Joy

(Paul Stanhope) meander amongst the revellers, the sport of any crook that cares to victimise them. But the plot is merely incidental. The feature of the burlesque is the rapid succession of songs, dances, and choruses. Miss Elaine Ravensberg, who plays the adventuress, is said to shine to advantage in "Let's Make Love Among the Roses." One of the cleverest items in the piece is "Burlesque Opera," a duet with Mr. Dave Nowlin. Other popular musical numbers include a sextette "Keep on Making Love," "Gee! But It's Great to Meet a Friend," "They're Off!", "How They Kiss" (Bert Le Blanc and Paul Stanhope), "When Mr. Yankee Doodle Comes to Town" (Miss Teddy Martin, chorus) and "I Looked Just Once" (Mr. Harry Burgess). "A Day at the Races" will be presented on Friday and Saturday, when the season closes.

OPERA HOUSE.

Vaudeville is having a good run at the Opera House this week, the programme being full of crisp items. Livermore and his "doll" headline the bill in an original turn. Conjectures were numerous as to whether the "doll" was a human being or an automaton. The "doll" was put through numerous evolutions, the mechanical effects being worked most cleverly, and deceiving the audience even when Livermore took it amongst them. "I knew it was only a doll," said one patron assertively, only to be rudely disillusioned when on the return of Livermore and the doll to the stage, the latter materialised into a charming girl. Josephine Gassman and her quaint troupe of picaninies make merry with comic songs and eccentric dancing, and have the house in an uproar for more. Sidney Bach compels attention with his amusing variations on the piano and adds to his popularity each week. The "Crimson Ramblers" are recalled in the return of Vernon and Sinclair, who please the audience with a musical comedy sketch that goes well. Fernandez and May (in one of their novel musical turns), the Waldrons (sketch artistes), Roy Rene (Hebrew comedian), Agnes Rawes (balladist), James Opie (vocalist), and Billy Watson contribute the remainder of a well-received programme.

Several unique features are to be introduced in Saturday's tango tea at His Majesty's. The stage is to be set as a millinery salon, whence the latest confections will be displayed. The company will be heard in new and popular items, and several variations of the tango will be given. This will be the last matinee of the season.

ROUND THE PICTURE SHOWS.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

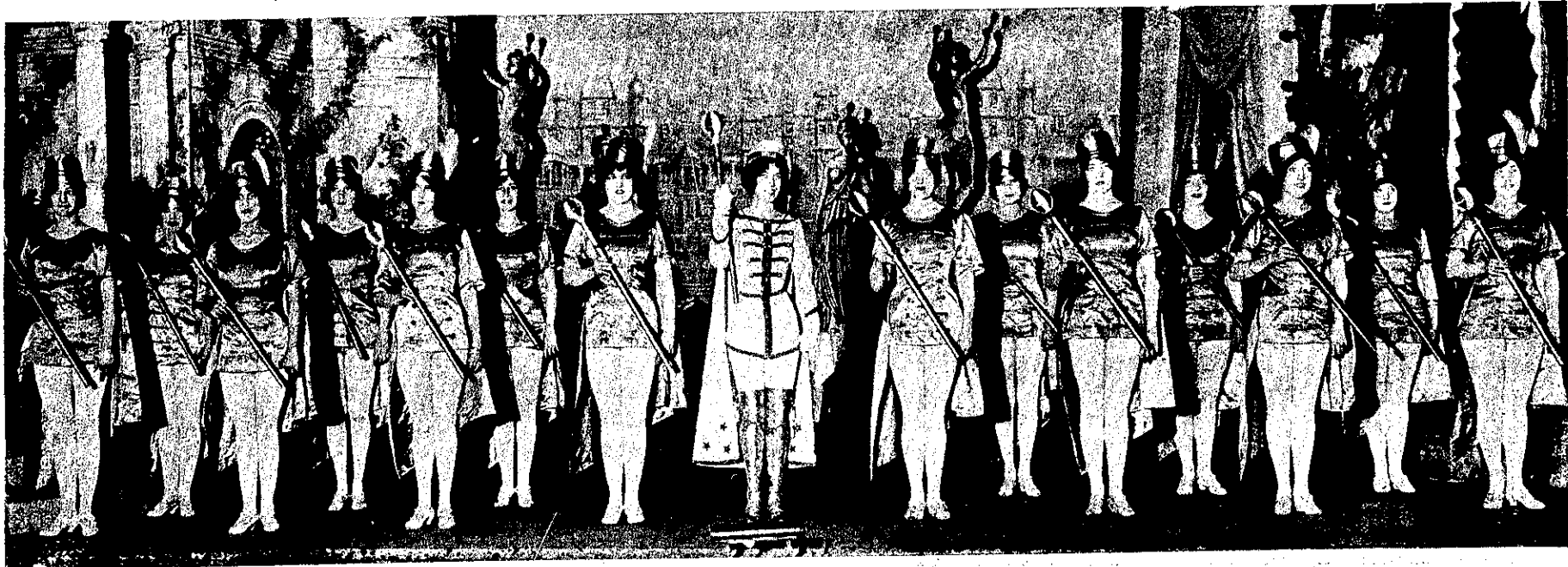
"Where the Road Forks" is the title of an exceptionally attractive film featuring Queen's programme. A drama in which love and ambition wage for mastery, it absorbs one's interest from beginning to end. Amidst a wealth of incident in which the stage, a professor, and a charming girl take part, one of the most attractive features is the interpolation of the jewel scene from "Faust," in which the heroine in a vision sees herself taking the world by storm as Marguerite. How she finally renounces the stage for love makes delightful telling through a series of well-acted scenes. The inspection of the troops at Hautapu by General Ian Hamilton is of special interest, and is drawing large numbers at every session. The comic element is strong in "Mabel's Bear Escapes," "Pedro, the Dog Charmer" (a vaudeville study depicting some clever canine feats), and "Bidoni's Dream. The Queen's Chronicle shows the millinery parade at the tango tea at His Majesty's on Saturday, and attracts keen feminine interest.

GLOBE THEATRE.

Distillers and Redskins play the principal parts in "Moonshiners' Last Stand," an exciting star film at the Globe. The drama deals mainly with a family who conduct an illicit still. A detective is sent out to collect evidence, but falls in love with the daughter. Just then the cabin is raided by Indians, and a thrilling encounter takes place. At the critical moment the troops arrive and the family is saved. The cabin is burned down—a blessing in disguise—as all the incriminating evidence against the law-breakers is also destroyed. The detective is secretly rejoiced that the matter has been taken out of his hands, and love comes into its own. Another good story of dramatic interest is unfolded in "The Will." "In a Russian Zoo" is a fine animal study that appeals to young and old. Hearty laugh-makers are provided in "A Story of Crime" and "A Ten-dollar Suit."

LYRIC THEATRE.

"London by Day and Night" is proving a big draw at the Lyric Theatre. It teems with life and interest, the film being specially taken to familiarise the people of the Antipodes with the sights of that mighty city. The subjects range from Windsor Castle to Petticoat Lane, and are realistically reproduced. One is able to see London as it is to-day. A favourite



A CHARMING SCENE IN "A DAY AT THE RACES," TO BE PRESENTED AT HIS MAJESTY'S, AUCKLAND, BY THE AMERICAN MUSICAL BURLESQUE COMPANY ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

film is "The Liverpool Grand National of 1914," showing that great racing event from start to finish. Some capital views of the Oxford and Cambridge boat race are also depicted. A vitagraph drama, "Thieves"; a scientific study, demonstrating the invisible world; two amusing comedies, "One-round O'Brien" and "Making a Living"; and several topical happenings lend variety to a high-class programme.

On Monday next a complete film, "with the Territorials at Hautapu," will be screened.

WEST END THEATRE.

West Endites are being regaled with another first-class programme this week, featured with "London by Day and Night." All the historic spots of the great Metropolis are shown, and evoke much interest and appreciation. Two exciting films are "The Liverpool Grand National of 1914" (including its nine sensational falls), and the boat race between Oxford and Cambridge, which was won by the latter. Drama, science and comedy are covered by a series of excellently-assorted subjects, making up a programme of rich pictorial value.

TANGO TEAS.

The fascination of the tango called a well-filled house at His Majesty's on Saturday afternoon, when the American Musical Burlesque Com-

pany gave its first tango tea in Auckland. Miss Vera Lindstrom and Mr. J. Cosby gave a graceful exhibition of the much-discussed dance, while a demonstration of the Frisco rag was vigorously given by the company as a finale. A display of evening frocks and walking costumes with handsome furs, was set off by some of the company's show girls, who paraded from the stage to the stalls on an effectively-lighted platform. Enjoyable musical and humorous items were interspersed and a dainty tea was dispensed to everyone's satisfaction.

A TRIBUTE TO MAUD ALLAN.

"Can it really be Maud Allan dancing before those wonderful looking curtains? The interpretation of the music that fills her very being lifts her far above sordid mean things, and she seems the embodiment of all that is sweet and childlike and natural. Her art is almost primitive in its simplicity and beauty. One never wearies of seeing that slim, beautiful figure swaying gently to and fro as though borne on the wings of some soft breeze that just stirs her diaphanous draperies and lifts a strand of her soft brown hair, which she brushes back from her brow with the movement of an unconscious child."

"Aside from the music, the mere technique of her body is simply superb, but when this is coupled with the beauties of Greig, Chopin, Mendelssohn and Strauss, the vision she creates is inspiring beyond description, and makes all other hearings of

the music colourless and devoid of meaning. Miss Allan dances the entire Peer Gynt Suite, closing with a weird fantastic dance of the Gnomes. She is like one bewitched as her arms writhe and whirl, and her lips smile in elfish delight. Whether it is because the music is familiar from childhood or because the dancer has so perfectly caught the spirit of the dance, the 'Blue Danube' waltz carries the audience quite off its feet. The charming little Tschalkowsky number from the 'Nutcracker Suite' is captivating in its artless witchery as the grey piper with her reed-pipes moves in graceful rhythm to the luring music."

IN PERSONAL TOUCH.

Mr. Scott Colville has already started his Lauder campaign in readiness for the great comedian's season in July. Mr. Colville received a letter from Messrs. J. and N. Tait stating that up to the time of writing the receipts in Melbourne constituted a record and had exceeded all expectations.

although the aviator only laughed at my fears. It was at Calgary, Canada, and I went up simply in order to win a wager, but I wasn't aware at the time that the aviator, Mr. Bob St. Henry, had earned the sobriquet of 'Daredevil Bob' by reason of his daring feats. When we were about 2000 feet up, with the spectators looking like so many ants on a bare patch of ground, Mr. St. Henry performed a number of startling evolutions with the biplane, tilting it up to an angle of fully 85 degrees, and then making a spiral descent, landing as gently as if he were pulling up an invalid's chair. I stepped out, thankful to my lucky star that I was on terra-firma again. But I felt very pleased to collect my wager."

Herr Hans Rehauser, the musical director of the George Willoughby American Musical Comedy Company, which at the present time is playing "The Tenderfoot" at the Adelphi Theatre, Sydney, is the composer of several light operas which in both the United States and Europe have scored big successes. The present is the second visit of Herr Rehauser to Australia, his first being some years ago.

Harris Maguire, who will be seen as the successful jockey, Billy McGuinness, in "A Day at the Races," at His Majesty's Theatre, has been in the show business since he was seven years of age, when he, together with his father and mother, did high wire-walking acts in Barnum and Bailey's circus.



THE "GRAFTERS" QUARTET, whose singing is an attractive feature of the American Musical Burlesque Company's Productions.

has the distinction, as the audience insisted on bringing him back when he first appeared at the Empire, and would not let the programme proceed.

During his tour with the British Band through the Dominion, Mr. Scott Colville was besieged with anxious enquiries regarding the coming of Harry Lauder. They were particularly keen down Otago and Southland way, and Mr. Colville has had letters from all parts of the Dominion asking for details.

Miss Teddy Martin, the soubrette of the American Musical Burlesque Company, is a young lady of some nerve, and can drive a motor car with the best. On one occasion, in her home country, Yankeeland, she took the steering wheel of a machine that had finished second in one of the big road races, and in the spin which she undertook her time was only a few seconds outside the best that had been got out of the car by the professional driver.

Louis Meyer has lately been in New York buying plays for production in London and Australia in conjunction with Beaumont Smith.

The tango craze has brought out a new musical comedy called "The Tango Girl," to be produced in America.

Mr. Carlton Chase, of the American Burlesque Company, has had a number of flights with aviators in America and Canada, and tells of his thrilling experience with one in a biplane. "I thought it thrilling, anyway,

Mr. Walter Dalglish met with a tragic ending at Fremantle on May 7. During the performance of the drama, "The Soldier's Wedding," the well-known actor dropped dead on the stage. The curtain was lowered, and the play did not proceed. Mr. Dalglish was in Auckland last in 1911 with Mr. William Anderson's company playing "The Prince and the Beggar Maid." A previous visit was paid with the thrilling "Face at the Window," when Mr. Dalglish played the "face." He commenced his stage career with the late John F. Sheridan and was associated for some time with George Rignold.

The dramatisation of Ethel Turner's famous book, "Seven Little Australians," will be produced shortly by Beaumont Smith. Engagements have already been made for it, but not much trouble is expected by the management to secure Australian children to undertake some of the main parts.

DUNEDIN.

(From our Dunedin correspondent).

Mr. Harold Ashton, the representative in South Africa for the J. C. Williamson firm, writes me this week of the continued success of the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company, which is now closing its South African tour prior to opening in Melbourne in June. The stage manager and producer is Mr. Weathersby, who was for years stage manager for the late Gilbert and Sullivan company. This is a pretty good guarantee that the

operas are being well staged and true to the Gilbert and Sullivan ideas. The company will visit New Zealand after the Australian tour.

Mr. Reynolds Denniston, of this city, who was for two or three years a partner with Harry Plimmer and Allan Hamilton and more recently acted as manager for Hugh Buckler at the Little Theatre in Sydney, has re-joined the Williamson firm after a long absence. "Denny" is playing a leading part in "Sealed Orders," the new Drury Lane melodrama which has just gone up in Sydney. Since his illness Denniston has not had the best of luck, but I hope this new engagement will be a turning point.

Willoughby's Pantomime Company departed for Australia last week and Willoughby's Dramatic Company has taken up the running at His Majesty's. The season opened with "The Beggar Girl's Wedding," which ran to fair business for four nights, then followed "No Mother to Guide Her" and the season closes this (Saturday) evening with that good old draw-card "East Lynne"—never known to fail in Dunedin.

When in doubt play "East Lynne" is the manager's motto, and it rarely misses. By the way, George Buller, manager of this company, is loud in his praise of Auckland on account of the good business the show did in that city. Auckland has pulled up the business of many dramatic companies and managers have good reason to swear by it as a show town though there are some managers who stick to Wellington. George Buller is not one of these. Auckland for him.

After the Willoughby dramatic season closes at His Majesty's—which it does this evening—our leading theatre will be vacant for two or three weeks. The next attraction will be "A Country Girl," to be presented by the Dunedin Amateur Operatic Society in the first week in June. Mr. Lyttleton, late of Dunedin, now of Auckland, is coming down to play the leading comedy role—Barry—a favourite part of the late George Lauri.

Talking of George Lauri, I have as recently as this morning received a letter from the cousin of Australia's once favourite comedian, Teddy Lauri, who will be remembered in New Zealand for his connection with Musgrove's "Chinese Honeymoon" Operatic Company and later with George Stephenson's "Rose of Riviera," and "Skirt Dancer" Companies. Teddy Lauri, who, as you know, married a New Zealander, May Beatty, has given up acting and taken to producing. Pantomime and revues are his hobby, and he is making a big success with these ventures. He particularly refers to the success of his latest revue "Hullo, Everybody" at Bristol. His wife, Miss May Beatty, is playing a leading part in the show and is evidently singing divinely, according to the critics.



VERNON AND SINCLAIR, favourites with Auckland Opera House audiences

GREENROOM GOSSIP.

The Bewitchment of Maud Allan.

What Frank Morton says of Maud Allan:—"Her grace bewitches. Her art is a cultivation of the mind that sways the body; it is thought made visible in beauty. All the stuff we have heard about her clothing or lack of clothing is mere twaddle. Here is a woman who could dance naked if she chose to, and still stir no vile impulse. She is as innocent as spring water. I saw her illustrate Chopin's Funeral March. Her every motion was restrained and slow. She did not depend on her feet at all. She was the embodiment of grief immeasurable, of sorrow beyond human remedy. You could conceive of no loveliness sadder or more touching. This woman is an artist absolutely. She never falls short of an effect, and she never exceeds it."

"The Mayor of Tokio."

At one point in "The Mayor of Tokio," played at the Adelphi Theatre, Sydney, by the George Willoughby American Musical Comedy Company for the first time in Australia, the fate of Marcus Orlando Kidder, the famous road impresario, depends on whether there is an ostrich in Japan or not, since he has been sentenced to be tickled to death with feathers from that bird. The ostrich itself is one of the leading characters, and is played by Mr. Alf Stapleton.

A Word About the Cherniavskys.

The Cherniavskys, the wonderful musical trio who are now touring New Zealand with Maud Allan, the great dancer, are gifted with the remarkable industry, which is characteristic of their race. Since they first began to play in public the three boys have shown an astonishing zeal in pursuing their profession. They have readily contracted for tours involving months of travel and constant rehearsal, and are now so wedded to the business that they haven't had a fixed home for six years. In Great Britain recently they gave 255 concerts in about sixty weeks, and travelled all over the United Kingdom to fulfil the engagement. In South Africa they had to get over rough and often unmade roads per motor car, incidentally covering hundreds of miles during their short season in that part of the world.

Harry Lauder and His Jokes.

Harry Lauder, they say, never has to read the comic papers for jokes. When he wants a fresh story he goes out and notes some commonplace street incident, which he ingeniously adapts for to-morrow's recital. To take a case, he once saw a drunken man at a place called Douglas Bay, in Scotland, and there was nothing funny in the episode until Lauder recounted it at the music hall. As the brilliant comedian related the affair, "The drunk was lurching up a few steps in the direction of his door, and wildly staggerin' back to a lamp-post to save his balance. As I passed him clinging to the post, I heard him murmuring, 'God help the sailors on a night like this.'"

A Singer's Tragic Ending.

A pathetic story was recently told the corner at Surbiton of the vicissitudes of a well-known operatic singer who, in the heyday of his fame, as a baritone, sang with Patti and Melba, but who, owing to adversity, was driven in later years to sleep on the Thames Embankment. Deceased was Mr. Richard Green, who threw himself in front of an express train at Surbiton and was killed. Mr. Green first appeared in opera in 1891 as Prince John in Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Ivanhoe," and during the following 20 years he sang at the Savoy and Covent Garden. The pitiful story was told by Mr. Samuel Solomon, who described himself as a singer, who had known Mr. Green for many years. Deceased had sung in some of the best operas and musical plays in the country. He had sung with Mme. Patti and Mme. Melba at Covent Garden, and had sung in an opera composed by witness' brother. A short time ago deceased got a chance of singing for one of Mr. George Dance's companies, but when he was tried he could not get up to top G, and after that they did not want him.

When Melba Could Not Sing.

Through hail and sleet and snow Madame Melba kept to her itinerary

(writes the "Sun's" London representative, referring to the singer's American tour). It was not until the very end of her programme that she suffered any ill-effects from the atrocious weather. She had undertaken to sing in Boston. The house had been booked to the tune of 13,000 dollars. On the morning of the concert she attempted her usual vocal calisthenics. Not a sound could she produce, not even the thinnest of thin notes. A distinguished physician diagnosed laryngitis. The concert promoter was in despair. "I am ruined," he declared. "No, you're not ruined," Melba replied, "but I should be ruined if I were to sing, for my voice would be destroyed for ever." The dramatic declaration roused the promoter from his forgivable selfishness. "If the doctor says that to sing will ruin Melba's voice, then Melba shall not sing, even if I am ruined." Something had to be done to convince the huge audience that it was no trumped-

Josephine Cohan's Greatest Day.

Josephine Cohan, who will make her farewell in Melbourne with Fred Niblo in "Never Say Die," considers that the sweetest day of her stage career was when she was handed her first pay envelope. It was not the actual money that pleased, but the fact that it stood for her first success. Miss Cohan made her stage debut at the age of seven in "Daniel Boone," but her first real salary was in vaudeville. She had a small part in a sketch in which her father and mother were playing on the Keith and Proctor circuit. It was agreed that Josephine, who was too young to protest, should play gratis. At the end of the first week, after giving something like 43 performances, "Josie" was called into the manager's office and handed an envelope containing six dollars. "That was the great day of my life," said Miss Cohan, relating the incident. "I knew I had arrived then!"

More Williamson Acquisitions.

Recent acquisitions by the J. C. Williamson, Ltd., management in the way of new plays include "Seven Keys to Baldpate," a fantastic farce comedy drama, considered by George M. Cohan to be his greatest success; "The Land of Promise," the latest play by Somerset Maugham; and "The Yellow Ticket," one of the most extraordinary dramas ever staged in America. At present it is the dramatic sensation of that country, and is expected to exceed the success of "Within the Law." The action of the play takes place in Russia.

SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES

(By "Lorguette.")

WELLINGTON, May 11.

The George Willoughby Dramatic Company will inaugurate a sixteen nights' season at the Grand Opera House on Wednesday evening with Seva Elyart's dramatisation of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which will be staged for five nights.

The Orange Dandies, one of Eranscombe Limited's many combinations, opened a seven week's season in the Town Hall Concert Chamber on Saturday evening and met with a most nattering reception that augurs well for a successful season. The "Oranges," with one exception (Mr. Brahams, the pianist), are an entirely new combination to New Zealand, and comprise Miss Linda Bradford, contralto; Miss Ethel Walker soprano; Miss Naomi M. Quoin, comedienne; Mr. David Lyle, tenor; Mr. Andrew Pace, tenor comedian; Mr. Harry Webster, baritone comedian; Mr. George Taylor, light comedian; Mr. Roland Henry, monologist and comedian; and Mr. Arthur Keighley, producer. The combination is a versatile one, and bring with them a repertoire that even the seven weeks' season will not exhaust. They make a specialty of concerted work, both grave and humorous, and sketches.

The art of Maud Allan, the celebrated dancer, is an art that cannot be appreciated by seeing her once. To thoroughly appreciate her dancing one has to see her several times. During Miss Allan's Wellington season I saw her performance three times and on each successive occasion came away with the conviction more deeply impressed on my mind that her work is simply marvellous. She is grace and dignity personified in all her dances, and it is safe to say that her like has never been seen in this part of the world before.

During her stay in Wellington I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Allan. During a conversation she informed me that she had been negotiating for two years with a leading theatrical firm to tour the Commonwealth and New Zealand under its management, but there was always a "something" came in the way of completing the contract so negotiations were broken off. Being imbued with a



MISS MAUD ALLAN, the famous classical dancer, who opens her Auckland season at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday, June 1.

up indisposition. Madame Melba, parting with conventionality in the crisis, walked on to the platform in her "Mimi" costume, and demonstrated by her whispered regrets that she could not sing. Patrons were told that they could have their money back at the office if they wished. Not a single application was made. Best of all, perhaps, a young girl, with a voice of surprising excellence, was called upon to eke out the programme, won Madame Melba's admiration, and is now, thanks to the diva, assured of every opportunity of completely cultivating her natural gift.

Genuinely Funny.

After the first night of "The Glad Eye" in London, the "Morning Post" said: "If continuous and hearty laughter throughout, and long and sustained applause at the end mean what we think they meant, there should not be a change in the bill for some months to come. 'The Glad Eye' is a most hilarious thing, as genuinely funny as anything seen for many a day," and "The Glad Eye" continued its run for nearly two years without a break.



REMARKABLE RECEPTION TO WORLD-FAMED ARTIST—The arrival in Melbourne of the celebrated Scottish comedian Harry Lauder. The procession, headed by the bagpipes, is passing down Collins St. [Sears Studio.]

considerable amount of determination she made up her mind that she was not going to wait until she was grey-haired before she visited Australasia, so decided to come out under her own management. Owing to the inability of getting suitable theatres in Australia she had perforce to open her tour in New Zealand. Suitable dates have now been secured in the principal cities in the Commonwealth, and the celebrated dancer will open her Australian tour in the King's Theatre, Melbourne. That her dancing will appeal to the Australian playgoers is a foregone conclusion. In connection with Miss Allan's tour, I would recommend the management to have inserted in the programme a short explanatory note of every one of Miss Allan's dances. It would considerably help the audience to follow the dances closely and thoroughly appreciate the many beauties of Miss Allan's brilliant interpretations.

Variety is the spice of life, we are told, and there is no doubt that the Brennan-Fuller management appreciates the fact, as it presents such a variety of good acts at His Majesty's Theatre week after week.

Mr. Arthur Keighley, the stage manager and producer of the Orange Dandies, came out to Australia with the J. C. Williamson "Red Mill" Company, and later was a member of the Julius Knight Dramatic Company.

Mr. John Fuller, jun., left Sydney for San Francisco by the Ventura last Saturday week, in continuation of his extended holiday.

Mdlle. Antonia Dolores' four song recitals in the Grand Opera House last week were genuine artistic treats. The brilliant French vocalist was in excellent voice, and at each recital gave some eighteen numbers, all of which were received with most enthusiastic outbursts of applause.

Mr. Frank St. Leger, the accompanist of the Maud Allan-Cherniavsky Company, was a passenger by the Willochra, which sailed for Sydney from Wellington last Friday. Mr. St. Leger is en route to Melbourne, his mission being to organise and rehearse an orchestra of thirty-eight instrumentalists for Miss Allan's production of "The Vision of Salome," which she intends to present on an elaborate scale in Melbourne, Sydney and probably Adelaide.

Miss Linda Bradford, the contralto of the Orange Dandies, was a member of the Melba Grand Opera Company. She is the possessor of a beautiful voice and a charming personality. Miss Bradford ought to become a great favourite with New Zealand playgoers.

Mr. A. Syeni and his pupils gave a very successful concert in the Town Hall last Thursday evening.

MUSIC NOTES.

By "G" String.

From Messrs. Chappell and Co., Ltd., the well-known music publishers and pianoforte manufacturers, of 235, Flinders Lane, Melbourne, and 50, New Bond Street, London, W., there came to hand last week another parcel of their latest publications. "The Way That Leads You," words by Edward Teschemacher, music by Robert Coningsby Clarke, is a noteworthy composition that is likely to become very popular. It is written in valse time, with piquant runs and miniature phrases of a flowery character in the accompaniment. "The Little White Town," words by Ada Leonora Harris, music by Guy D'Hardelot, is an attractive yet simple little song, though lacking the distinctive character so noticeable in this composer's work. "Crooning Water," words by D'Eardley Wilmot, music by Teresa Del Riego, is a very sweet and tender composition, with persistent phrases in the accompaniment suggestive of the pleasingly monotonous movement of tiny waves. "Wake Up" ("Spring Flowers"), words by Harold Simpson, music by Montagu F. Phillips, is a brightly alert and tuneful little song. "The Barber of Turin," words by Fred. E. Weatherly, music by Kennedy Russell, is a comic song with a tra-la refrain. It is brightly written, and ought to make a very popular encore number. "Harvest," words by P. J. O'Reilly, music by Teresa Del Riego, is a really good song, with solid chords of a portentously melodious character. It illustrates the idea of the blithe sower, who knows not who shall reap and is sleeping under the earth when the fruit of his labour is gathered in. "Where My Caravan Has Rested," is a valse arranged by H. M. Higgs on

Hermann Lohr's popular song. Under the same cover are also valse arrangements of the composer's "I Wish I Were a Tiny Bird" and "The Port of Au Revoir." "In Andalusia," by Albert Sirmay, is a pretty and vivacious tango, which I recommend to all tango dancers.

Information has been received in Wellington to the effect that Mr. Charles Saunders, the English tenor, will not make his intended tour of Australia and New Zealand this year. The cablegram came from America, where Mr. Saunders is at present singing with considerable success.

Mdlle. Eva Gauthier, the brilliant Canadian soprano, who gave a few concerts in Sydney and Melbourne last year, has been engaged to support Mischa Elman during his tour of Australia and New Zealand. Mdlle.



MISS JOSEPHINE GASSMAN, whose clever picaninies are attracting much attention at the Auckland Opera House.

Gauthier is due to arrive in Sydney on Thursday, 21st inst., from Java. Mr. Percy Kahn, the well-known London pianist, who has accompanied the famous violinist in his tours for the past three years, will also be one of the party.

Nothing like being frank about oneself. There is a violinist in Pennsylvania who sends out circulars, or rather letterheads, in which he informs the public that he is "Second to none in the public eye. Now sober and reliable." However stormy his past, he can to-day be trusted with a fiddle. Nor is he improvident, a

scatterer, reckless. In the upper left-hand corner of the sheet is the motto, "C.O.D." On "delivery" of the lesson, presumably. This fiddler, humorist, who thus gives himself away, should obviously be encouraged.

Paris files to hand are unusually enthusiastic over the music by Leroux and the book of Hennequin and Hughes Delorme of a new operetta recently produced at the Apollo Theatre, Paris, entitled "La Fille de Figaro." The score is stated to be brilliant and sparkling both for solo parts and chorus, whilst the tender love melodies are entrancing. It is almost certain that this new operetta will shortly reach London and other parts of the world.

Mr. Reginald Blow, who is a son of Mr. H. J. H. Blow, Under-Secretary of Public Works in New Zealand, is reported to be making good progress with his musical studies in London. This year he is sitting for three examinations. The first, in the theory of music, was held in March, but the results have not yet come to hand. The second is a vocal competition for the silver medal of the London Royal Academy of Music, and the third is for the diploma of that institution. He has been selected to sing in a competition for the Goldberry prize, which is open only to basses and baritones who have studied for two years or more at the Royal Academy of Music.

"The encore system has almost died away," says Mr. James Glover, in his recent book of reminiscences. Alas!

no; the encore system has by no means died away, though it is certainly not quiet so rampant as it once was. In the early Victorian days it was a great nuisance—and an expensive nuisance—to the impressario who had to engage such artists as, for example, Sims Reeves. The great tenor took a large fee, sometimes two or three hundred pounds a concert; and for this he agreed to sing two songs, with an additional fifty pounds for every extra song or encore. This led one poor music-seller who exploited him to insert in the programme the appealing legend: "Please don't encore Sims Reeves or I shall be ruined." If encores had to be paid for now, we should have fewer of them.

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BILLIARDS.

The English season is being unusually prolonged, and at latest advices two important games are being decided. Inman (champion) is conceding Reece 1000 in 18,000, and the latter, who must have made a quick recovery from his recent illness, is holding up his end very well indeed. Though at one time Reece was nearly 2000 in the lead, Inman is putting in good work, and has reduced the margin to 609 points. Scores: Reece, 8822; Inman, 8213.

Private advices from H. W. Stevenson indicate that this player will tour Australia and the Dominion in 1915.

The second match between George Gray and Tommy Newman shows the latter to be in fine scoring form, and in the opening sessions he has scored faster than Gray. A break of 213 by Gray has been considered worthy of cable announcement, which tends to show that the Australian champion is not in his accustomed big break form. Though no particulars of the handicap in this game have been cabled, it is safe to assume that Gray is not conceding more than 2000 in 1800, as against 4000 over the same distance allowed Newman in the first game. Scores: Newman, 7140; Gray, 6898.

A magnificently fitted up billiard room will be opened shortly by Mr. Jack Jackson in the basement of Messrs. Hallenstein Bros.' new building in Queen Street. An easy approach gives access to a spacious room, in which are installed 10 tables, all set out with a due regard to the convenience and comfort of players. Reading, writing and cloak rooms are features of the Jackson establishment, which is furnished all through in an up-to-date style. The ventilation is also of the best and most perfect design, and the lounge should be very popular. The new room will be opened on Monday, May 18, when Frank Smith, jun., snooker champion of Australasia, and W. E. Stephenson, the New Zealand champion, will play exhibition games of billiards and snooker. While both are billiard players of much merit it is at snooker these cueists specialise, and the entertainment should afford much enjoyment and instruction to patrons of the game. The enterprise of Mr. Jackson is commendable and we trust will receive adequate support.

The Heiron and Smith Markers' Tournament has attracted 79 entries. A tourney on similar lines for bonafide New Zealand markers will be promoted by Messrs. Alcock and Co., Ltd., the well-known manufacturers, in Auckland this season. Preliminary arrangements are well in hand, and a definite pronouncement will shortly be made.

Miss Ruby Roberts is back again in Australia, and reports having an enjoyable and profitable Dominion tour. Some exhibition games with young Walter Lindrum have been arranged for Miss Roberts, to take place in Melbourne. Later on a tour through the East, embracing India and China, will probably be decided on.

As it appears unlikely that Williams and Lindrum will meet during the present season, the English pro. contemplates returning to England early in June.

Harry Power, the champion one-handed snooker player of the world, is reported to be in specially fine form in Sydney. To see Power in action is a revelation, every variety of stroke, screws, screw-backs, run-throughs and stab shots are made with the one hand and without the use of a rest. Power is also a fine billiard player, and at both branches of the science plays almost as well with his one hand as with his two.

The amateur championship promoted by the Billiards' Control Club in opposition to the amateur championship of England, which is controlled by the British Billiard Association, did not bring out any of the great players from the London clubs who are so frequently mentioned as being shut out by the B.A.'s rather open definition. The B.C.C. championship was won by Major Fleming, the Scotch amateur, who was recently defeated for the representation of North Britain in the British championship. In the final heat Major Fleming, with best breaks of 82, 81 and 71, quite outclassed his opponent, Mr. R. H. Hill-New, the scores reading: Major Fleming, 1000; R. H. Hill-New, 442. Either the loser did not play his game, or, as best of the others, must have been at the head of many inferior players.



THE EDEN B SENIOR CRICKET TEAM—Standing (from left): F. Punch, J. Alexander, A. Haase, I. Mills. Sitting: McLaughlin, A. O. Horspool, E. C. Beale (capt.), Gilmore, C. Robinson. [Crown Studios, Auckland.]



GROUP OF WELL-KNOWN AUCKLAND ATHLETES—Standing (from left): J. Green, F. Collins (distance), F. Hayward (trainer), W. T. Kieley (sprint), B. A. Tiernan (assist. trainer). Middle Row: A. E. Bates (sprint), W. Davidson (sprint), F. R. Carolan (sprint), N. M. Cantell (distance, Victor Ludorum Cup winner), J. J. Lawson (distance), C. C. Francis (distance, Exhibition Cup winner). Front Row: L. H. Nicholson (distance), A. A. Edwards (sprint), H. C. Morris (distance). [Crown Studios, Auckland.]



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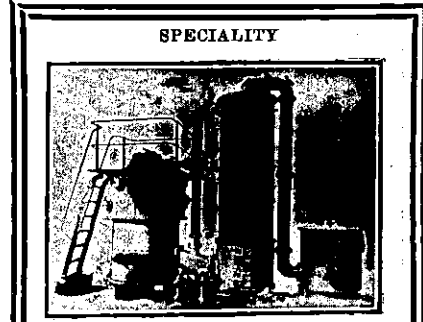
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Preparations for the representation of New Zealand at the Panama Exposition are well in hand. It is stated that the Government is desirous of assisting exhibitors in every possible way. Local exhibits will be inspected by Government officers before they are finally despatched, and any advice or assistance that may be desired will be cheerfully given. They will take delivery of all local exhibits, and the Government will make itself responsible for all charges incidental to the forwarding, packing, and inspecting at destination, and returning the goods to New Zealand at the close of the Exposition. If desired by the owners, the Government will arrange, on receipt of proper authority, to sell the goods when the Exhibition closes, or to dispose of them in any way the owners may desire. Exhibits requiring expensive show-cases and staging will be in a different position. The cost of these extras will, of course, have to be borne by the exhibitor; but the Government will provide ordinary shelving free of cost. Local committees have now been set up in the principal centres in the Dominion, and a great deal of interest is being displayed in the matter by the commercial community. There is every reason to believe that the number of firms who will send exhibits will be very large indeed.

Italy has appropriated 2,000,000 lire for an exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and Signor Ernest Nathan, former Mayor of the City of Rome, has been appointed Commissioner to the Exposition. Prince Scalea, of the Italian Ministry, officially advised Exposition Commissioner Ira Nelson Morris that the decision of Italy to participate was final.

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. D. Morrison, manager for the Union Company at Rarotonga, returned to the Islands by the Talune on May 5th, after a visit to Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Close, of Ngahela, Kawakawa, Bay of Islands, have booked to leave by the Corinthic this month for London.

Mr. A. J. Dunmore, of the Caledonia Hotel, Auckland, leaves by the Willochra this month on a trip to Vancouver.

Mr. Leonard Challis, formerly of Auckland, who has been in the Transvaal for several years, is at present on a holiday visit to the Dominion.

Mr. R. A. Nicholls, of Eldeford, who is going on a trip to Great Britain, left Wellington by the Remuera for London.

Mr. W. F. Stewart, secretary of the Auckland Gas Company, accompanied by his wife and child, left by the Union Company's boat on a visit to Sydney.

Mr. T. E. Foy, manager of the Bank of New Zealand, Te Kuiti, has received word that he has been appointed manager for Fiji, and will be stationed at Suva.

Mr. S. Wing, secretary to Messrs. Hellaby, Ltd., Auckland, accompanied by Mrs. Wing, left last week by the Union Company's liner upon a visit to Sydney.

Mr. Robert E. Leman, of 22, Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park, London, accompanied by his daughter, together with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hale, of 60, Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park, have just completed a tour of New Zealand, and left by the Marama last week on their return home.

By the Union Company's steamer which sailed on the 5th of May, Mr. Percy Brown, of the Cook Islands Trading Company, returned to Rarotonga.

Mr. and Miss Kellie, Scottish tourists, who have been on a short visit to Auckland, left last week for Rotorua and Wellington by way of the Wanganui River.

Mr. Duncan Moore, a visitor from Chicago, arrived in Auckland by the Makura last week. After a short stay in the city he proceeded to Rotorua to view the wonders of the Thermal District.

Amongst the passengers who left Auckland last week by the Union liner for Sydney were Mrs. Richard Stewart, wife of the well-known theatrical manager, accompanied by her son and daughter.

Mr. George Tutbury, of Riwaka, Nelson, left Wellington for Rarotonga by the Moana on April 24th. He intends to remain among the Islands for about three months for the benefit of his health.

Mr. H. Otto Frind, a well-known Canadian mountaineer, who has been climbing in the New Zealand Alps, and recently has been also exploring the North Island volcanic peaks, joined the Manuka for Sydney upon her last trip. He returns from the latter city by the same steamer to Auckland, and then proceeds to Vancouver.

The trout streams of New Zealand are famous in clubland all the world over where fisherman most do congregate; and year by year sportsmen return to their lure. Amongst the annual visitors is Colonel Blennerhassett, who returned to England last week via Sydney, after a fishing excursion spent upon the banks of New Zealand waters.

The Resident Commissioner at Rarotonga, Mr. H. W. Northcroft, returned to the Islands by the Union Company's steamer Talune on May 5th. Mr. Northcroft, who had been on a short pleasure trip to New Zealand, will accompany His Excellency, Lord Liverpool, upon his contemplated tour of Rarotonga towards the end of the present month.

Zealanders thought that our tourist resorts were very expensive, but there he had never had a bed for less than 12s. a night, and sometimes it was 16s., while meals were always 8s. No wonder he liked New Zealand.

Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott, of Auckland, have left for a holiday journey abroad extending over about eight months. They will travel by the Marama to Honolulu, and will visit San Francisco before making a tour of the principal Canadian cities. Afterwards they will travel in the United Kingdom and Europe, and, returning by the Suez route, will reach Auckland again probably in January.

From a copy of the Japan "Chronicle," dated 4th March, we learn that the Hon. Oliver Samuel and Mrs. Samuel were then staying at the Oriental Hotel, Kobe. When the Hon. O. Samuel left New Zealand he was bound for Java and did not think he would again visit Japan, for he has been there twice before. However, he seems to have been unable to resist the temptation to pay still another visit to the land of cherry blossoms.



THE NEW ZEALAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.—Group of Christchurch and Wellington swimmers who competed at the Dunedin Centre's Recent Carnival.

Mr. John Myers, of Messrs. John Myers and Co., Wellington, has arrived in London with his family via the Continent. He expects to remain in England for about three or four months. He spent a week in Leipzig.

The Rev. C. E. Dent, who has been engaged in mission work in the Kaffir Compounds, Johannesburg, and who has been in Auckland on furlough, leaves by the White Star liner Ceramic on his return to Africa in July.

Captain Williams, an official of the Auckland Harbour Board, who has been appointed to a position in connection with the Canadian-Pacific Railway, left last week by the Marama to take up his new duties in the great Dominion.

Mr. M. M. Loulsson, of the well-known firm of Messrs. Fairburn, Wright and Company, Auckland, accompanied by Mrs. Loulsson and child, left Auckland last week to join the Orient Company's steamer for London.

Misses A. M. and Grace Wood, English visitors, who have spent some months touring New Zealand, left by the Marama last week for Fiji, where they will catch the Navua for a tour round the islands. The tourists are contemplating spending a month in the more primitive parts of Fiji before they return to Auckland by the next trip of the Marama and proceed via Sydney and Java to England.

Mr. G. Seifert left Palmerston North on April 23rd en route for London, in order to be present at the sculling race on the Thames for the championship of the world between Barry and Paddon (of Australia). Mr. Seifert is the latter's principal backer, and he is confident the Australian will give a good account of himself.

At a recent social held at Woodville, in honour of a resident who had returned from a pleasure trip, he said that anyone going to Canada would either have to have a pocketful of money or to hurry through. New

Constantinople has not yet realised the full possibilities of electricity. Smaller ancient cities of the Near East have taken more advantage of that agency for lighting, traffic, and other purposes than has the capital. One reason for this tardiness is the fact that Abdul Hamid, with an eye to the dangers of electricity and the possible perils to his personal safety, would never consent to its adoption in Constantinople. There are, however, evidences of an awakening interest in this power as a means of developing the city's resources. A plant will soon be able to furnish a powerful electric service. It is being built at Silifdar on the Bosphorus. Cars on the underground cable road connecting Pera and Galata are lighted with electricity. Electric cars are running in the main street of Pera. The service was inaugurated last August, and it is promised that in a short time this form of traction will supplant the primitive horse cars in sections of Galata and Stamboul, and that eventually the lines will be extended to the villages on the European shore of the Bosphorus.

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The Whangarei Acclimatisation Society has decided to approach neighbouring societies in regard to the question of exchange licenses on payment of a fee of 2s. 6d.

Mr. Harold E. Hodgkinson and Mr. A. Muir have completed the inspection and culling of the Canterbury Acclimatisation Society's herd of red deer in the Rakaia Gorge. They found no actual malforms, but saw some very fine heads, and they were particularly struck with the growth of the horns of the young stags, and with the size and quality of the hinds. Mr. Hodgkinson has now gone to report upon the Society's herd on the Poulter river, which was established a few years ago by hinds and stags obtained from Mr. Lucas, of Warnham Court, England.

Arnold Kruckman, chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, is now making a tour of the United States in an endeavour to definitely decide upon control stations for the great Exposition circumnavigation race around the globe for prizes now guaranteed at 300,000 dollars, and which may aggregate more than a half-million dollars. It is the intention of Mr. Kruckman to carefully inspect the entire course as laid out, and it is probable that with this in view he will sail for Europe in May.

Last year the proprietor of the Matata Hotel, reports the Cambridge paper, had five beds booked for the opening of the season; this year he had forty applications for accommodation. Notwithstanding that a Cambridge sportsman booked his bed before he left Matata last year, and also secured the services of a Maori and his canoe, he feels it is necessary to be on the spot early or he might find the Maori had been bribed to break his contract. Game seems to be getting almost as scarce as it is in the Old Country, and to obtain a decent "bag" you have to travel.

The vagaries of the United States Immigration officers seem to have reached their climax a few weeks ago, when Mrs. Flora Annie Steel, the gifted authoress, was "held up" at New York as an "undesirable." Mrs. Steel had been travelling with her nephew on the Muretania, second class, as she frequently does in her search for material to write about. On landing, an official, whom she described as a very polite, spectacled gentleman, asked her how much money she had. She replied that she had £100 and could get more if necessary. When she added that she was an author the inspector looked dubious and bade her wait. An hour later the inspector returned and informed her that the immigration doctor had certified that she was suffering from senile debility, and that she could not be allowed to land as there was a danger of her becoming a public charge. Mrs. Steel declares that she nearly shrieked, as her own doctor had assured her just before her departure from England that she ought to be able to work until she was a hundred. She told the officials that her account of the experiences she was having with them would be worth £30 in a London newspaper. This appears to have struck the officials as a slight proof of sanity, and after questioning her for another quarter of an hour they told her nephew to take good care of her and released her.

The super-hotel de luxe is evolving a regular series of uniforms for its minions almost as varied and magnificent as those of a great European army. The staff of the Hotel Imperial at Mentone, for instance, are garbed in uniforms which, with their slashed-away coats and buckskin waistcoats and high peaked hats, vaguely recall the dresses of the Prussian Army that rose against Napoleon. One or more Orientals in some kind of gorgeous native garb seem to be a necessity. Sometimes he is a door-keeper; more often the Turkish coffee is under his charge. He may be a Turk in crimson and gold and a fez, or an Algerian in pale blue heavily ornamented with gold lace, or a coon from Virginia in some more conventional livery. One Nice hotel has, I believe, a genuine Abyssinian as a

lift-boy. Then there are the lounge and restaurant waiters in carefully graded variations of brass-buttoned evening dress, the hotel omnibus staff in green and gold, and "boots" with their slashed waistcoats and white aprons, the luggage men in red, and the hall porters. At Ruhl's in Nice these last-named important functionaries wear, as their only insignia of office, a silver emblem on the collar of their impeccable frock-coats—the crossed keys of St. Peter, Janitor of Heaven, and Patron of the Porters. Against all this liveried splendour the plain black elegance of the manager and of the maitre d'hotel duly emphasises the respective importance of these two functionaries in the scheme of the super-hotel de luxe.

The remarkable steaming performance of the liner Lusitania across the Atlantic has excited wide interest, and according to news received by a recent English mail, the giant Cunarder has established a world's record. She left New York for Liverpool on Tuesday, March 3rd, and between Thursday noon and Friday noon steamed 618 nautical miles at an average speed of 26.70 knots. The world's record for a day's run east previous to this was 614 miles, accomplished in April,

house, and had already begun to tell the story of his exploit with a couple of millionaire tourists. The explanations that followed were almost as profuse as the blushes.

A Sydney woman, who has just returned from America, says that they have a sanitary fever over there. In most of the big cities, apparently, the common drinking cup is unknown; water bubbles up in a little jet, and spurts into the drinker's mouth without touching the jet; the common towel is also unknown, for the paper towel has taken its place. In the best hotels no waiter is allowed to bring a finger bowl already filled, in case it may have been used by someone else first. The dry finger bowl is brought and the water poured into it before the diner's eyes. And best of all is the cleanliness in the hotel bedrooms. After each visitor, even those who have only slept one night, the room is thoroughly turned out and cleaned by a vacuum cleaner. The tariff in the first-rate American hotels is renowned; but apparently you get your money's worth.

Banquets may have been more costly in the days of Lucullus, scenes of greater splendour may have been witnessed in the palaces and mansions

the history of the world. London, Paris, Berlin (especially Berlin), and even now St. Petersburg possess hotel palaces the lavish appointments of which still make the mid-Victorian gasp with astonishment. Yet one comes to the Riviera and finds that even the splendid caravanserais of which in all capitals of the world society now makes a second home are outdone by the latest hotel creations prepared for what is probably the wealthiest class of visitors to winter resorts in the world. The tango has popularised afternoon dances and the tango tea, therefore the super-hotel de luxe must provide accommodation. Accordingly the newest hotels on the Riviera are provided with lounge halls even more spacious and splendid than the winter gardens we already know, where hundreds of people can be comfortably seated at afternoon tea, with a no less magnificent, if not quite so large, hall adjoining where, about the hour of four, the rugs are removed, revealing the most perfect of polished dancing floors. Here, to the strains of a red-coated gipsy orchestra, two or three couples of professional dancers go through the intricate measures of the tango or the Brazilian maxixe. At one hotel there a complete dancing floor is laid down in sections every afternoon in



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1911, by the Cunard Royal mail steamer Mauretania, the Lusitania, however, being a good second with 608 knots.

To connect Galata with Stamboul a new bridge has been built. This is the most important work the municipality has so far completed. In its construction about one-fifth of the loan of a million pounds which the city raised for public improvement was used. It is well paved and lighted with electricity. While it may lack some of the picturesque character of the old bridge, where "the people of all Europe and Asia passed in an unending procession," it has more stability and is better adapted to the passage of steamers to and from the Golden Horn.

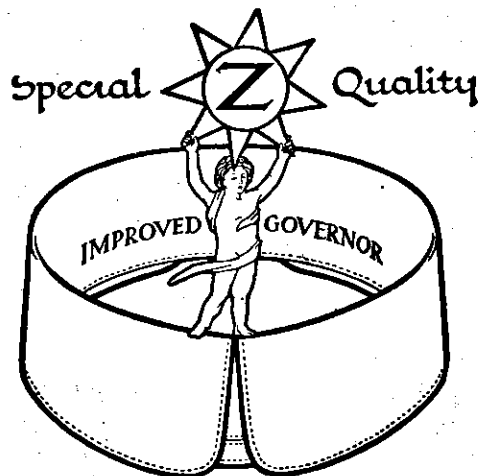
Two Masterton young ladies were travelling on the Main Trunk railway from Auckland to Wellington, reports a contemporary. On the journey they received much attention from a gentleman who was also proceeding to the Empire City. They confided in him that they were tourists with great prospects, and told a story which gained for themselves cups of tea at every refreshment room, and all the respect that is due to distinguished visitors. They parted from their male escort at Wellington, with expressions of deep sorrow. Half an hour later they arrived at the house of a friend in the city, to find, to their intense surprise, that the young man who had shown them so much attention was a guest at the same

of Renaissance Europe, money may have flowed more freely in the days of the Regency beaux, but surely the complete and utter luxuriousness marking the Riviera season, in the South of France, must, as a manifestation of the contemporary outlook on life, stand almost unparalleled in

the centre of the lounge, and on its polished surface the tango, the one-step, with its host of concomitant "glides," and the Boston are danced between the hours of four and seven by enthusiasts of a dozen different nationalities.

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(Continued.)

Californian quail have increased to such an extent in the Clevedon (Auckland) district that they constitute a pest. A letter was received at the annual meeting of the local branch of the Farmers' Union, strongly urging that steps be taken to reduce the number of the birds, as at their present rate of increase they are becoming a very serious menace to farmers. The Union is considering the best course to adopt to deal with the pest.

The introduction of the English partridge to districts controlled by the Auckland Acclimatisation Society has not proved to be a great success. The birds are apparently too fond of cultivated ground, and fall an easy prey to the man with the gun. The red-legged or French partridge does better, and is not such an easy victim. But the game bird which does best and which provides the best sport is the pheasant. These have been liberated in large numbers in various localities, and show every sign of thriving and providing excellent shooting.

The luxuriousness of life on the Riviera is very well kept up. The season is short, so prices are undeniably high, but in return the visitor finds himself surrounded with politeness and attentions that are as genuine as the Empire furniture and the buhl clocks. Life is never allowed to flag. Lights are on and servants are about seemingly at all hours of the night, and the cheerfulness with which the most surprising demands are executed suggests that the word "impossible" is not in the vocabulary of the super-hotel de luxe. What strikes a visitor as so remarkable, particularly about Monte Carlo and Nice, is that though at the end of April the season ends and nearly all these vast caravanserais are shut up for the summer, one is never allowed to have the feeling that all these glories are merely transient. And so northern pilgrims return home to cold and fog with a grateful picture of the Riviera imprinted on their memory as a place of luxuriousness, of elegance, of gaiety, and of sunlight.

On going ashore at Bombay, says a New Zealand visitor, my first business was to find out from Cook and Sons when I could get a boat from Colombo to Melbourne. And as I could not get one for some days, I decided to spend the interim in Bombay. The afternoon I employed in getting some knowledge of the extent and magnificence of the city, by taking tram to various parts of it. By paying one anna, equal to a penny, you may go to the terminus in any direction, so that for the small sum of sixpence you can get an excellent idea of the place. It is a most interesting city, where East and West appear to meet, while its buildings are simply magnificent, and its inhabitants the most interesting and varied people imaginable. "Parthians and Medes and Elamites and the dwellers in Mesopotamia" may not be there, but most other races are represented. Crowds upon crowds of Parsees, Hindus and Moslems, Paythans, Jews, and Sikhs besides Europeans and the representatives of many other Asiatic countries, each in their distinctive dress, form animated and ever-changing pictures, for the people who fill the streets in thousands are most varied and interesting, while sights and scenes quite familiar from pictures are being acted out everywhere in real life. A large part of the Indian's life is lived in the open, and one gets a fair knowledge of their customs and habits by passing through the native streets. Large numbers of students, too, were to be seen with

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their books under their arms, on their way to or from the many schools and colleges of Bombay. I finished up the day by a delightful moonlight ramble round the waterfront.

Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at the Royal Aero Club, said:—"Some people think it is a melancholy thing that this new art of flying should be appropriated so markedly, should be almost monopolised by war and war requirements. Many of the people who are prepared to admire the scientific aspect of aviation are sorry when they realise that at the present time, the great moving power is derived from its military aspect and utility. But, after all, the two great services—the Navy and the Army—working together in flying as they have never worked together on any great common operation, with a greater cordiality and greater comradeship than they have ever worked together before—must be the main propulsive force to aviation, at any rate in this country. We recognise absolutely the brilliant work and solid achievements of the civilian flyers in every sphere and in every branch of aviation. But I think it is true to say that in the present circumstances nothing but the supreme stimulus of war consideration and nothing but the large and generous floods of money which the taxpayer can provide will carry British aviation forward as it has to be carried forward to the foremost place among the nations of the world. The risk of flying is very greatly exaggerated by the newspapers. Since I have been at the Admiralty many more lives have been lost in the submarine service than in the air service. There is an element of risk in flying, but it is not undue or excessive, or one which should prevent the active development of the service.

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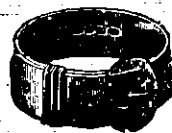
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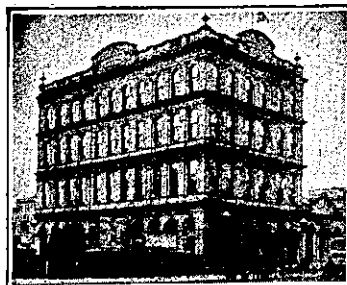
The subject of the Taupo tourist traffic was brought before the Prime Minister by a deputation from the New Zealand Automobile Association. The deputation pointed out that £3000 would cover the cost of the necessary bridges, and the thermal district would be more easily accessible. Dr. Newman, M.P., described Taupo as the best playground in New Zealand, and said he knew of a firm prepared to initiate a motor bus service for Taupo traffic from Waimarino if the road were completed. The Prime Minister, in reply, said the Government recognised the importance of the road. He looked forward to improving the Tongariro National Park, and hoped the road would soon be formed. This work would be carried out by good-conduct prisoners, while the bridges would be built by contract. The Hon. A. L. Herdman said that the plans of the bridges were prepared, and he saw no reason why they should not be completed within six months. A start would be made shortly with the road formation by prison labour.

The reports from the deer country about the wild ranges of Lake Hawea are of more than usual interest. Two sportsmen, Mr. R. McKenzie, of Invercargill, and Mr. J. Forbes, of Christchurch, who possesses the best collection of heads in the Dominion, have just returned from the back country. The stalking of this high mountainous country is both difficult and dangerous. The stalking ground is reached via Queenstown and Wanaka, where hunters generally pass a night before breaking into the rough country beyond, and even when they are established at Hawea long and tedious marches await them before they can penetrate the deer country, but, once there, their pains are amply repaid, for the reports have it that there are thousands of deer in prime condition. The experience of Mr. McKenzie with the heads he has brought back with him goes to indicate how plentiful are the deer and how freely they move about. One fine 11-pointer was shot within a very short distance of the party's camp, and one was brought down by the marksman as he stood within a few feet of the hut



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doorway. The beasts were in splendid condition, and carried unusual quantities of fat. Mr. Forbes, who had not returned when Mr. McKenzie left, had up to that time taken two heads, one of 12 points and the other of 14. There are herds upon herds in the long, tough grass which grows deep on the mountain sides. The herds are doing magnificently, but according to Mr. McKenzie something will have to be done within the next year to cull them if the stature of the animals is to be maintained. In one basin the members of the party saw herds of fully 200 deer, and when it is remembered that such basins are an ever-recurring physical feature of the country some idea of the dimensions of the herds may be had. Along the Hunter River—which flows through a flat about half a mile wide, and upon either side of which the mountains rise steeply—the country is alive with deer, but careful stalking has to be done in order to get within range of desirable heads. In fact, the very numbers of the deer seem to add to the complexities of stalking, for the disturbance of even one mit in the herd will set the entire number on the move. It is sometimes necessary to penetrate to the snow levels to get the best heads. Mr. McKenzie stated that although the herd was thriving, the number of big stags was rather disappointing, and this is possibly why the number of big heads brought out of the district has been comparatively few, and the Otago Acclimatisation Society, which controlled the territory, should do something to ensure the maintenance of a desirable standard of stature. The herd should be culled this year. In another quarter a reporter was informed that the practice with the most famous herds in Southland was to arrange for an interchange of stags. This, it was held, could very easily be done in New Zealand by interchanging stags captured while young in the North and the South Islands. Mr. McKenzie pointed out that it would be most difficult to thin out the herds because of the very rough nature of the country, but he was firmly of opinion that, unless some such measure was adopted within the next year of two, the herd would degenerate rapidly.



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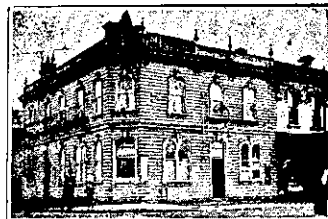
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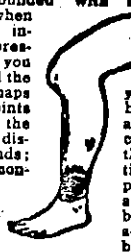
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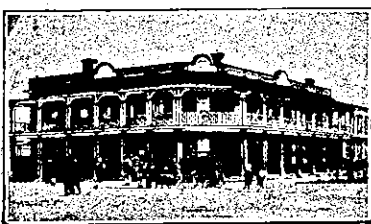
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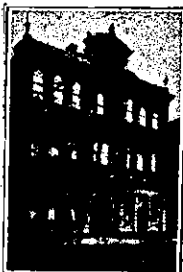


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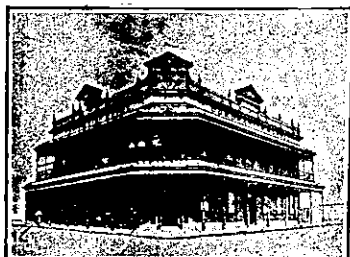
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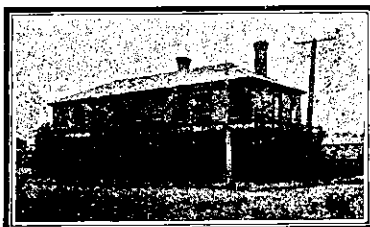
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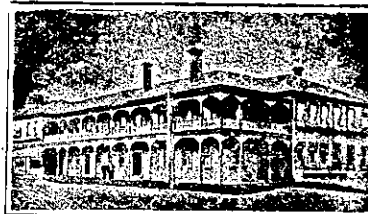
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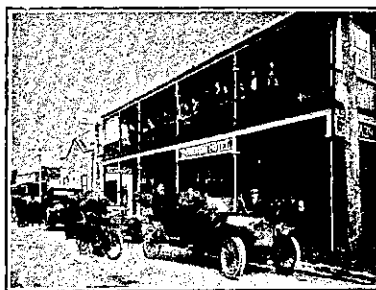
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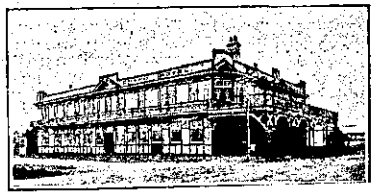
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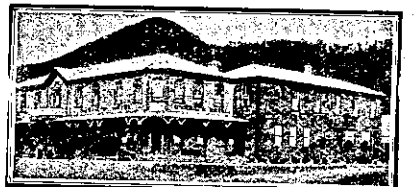
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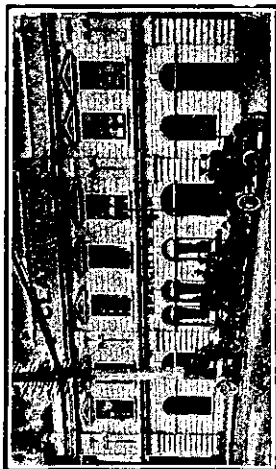
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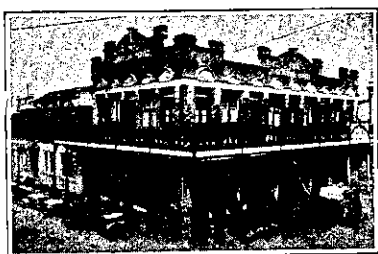
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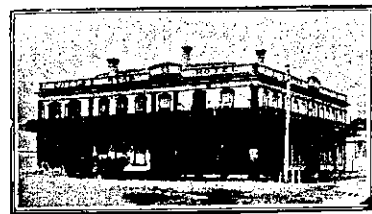
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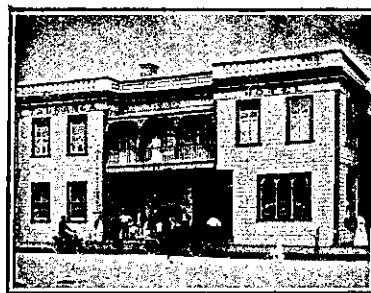
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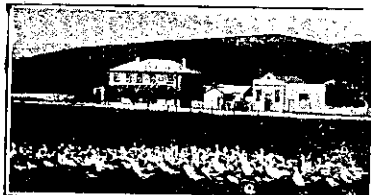
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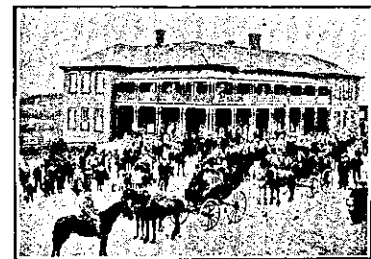
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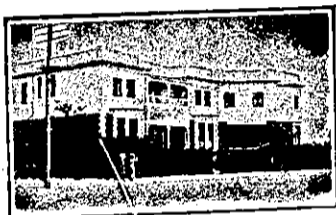
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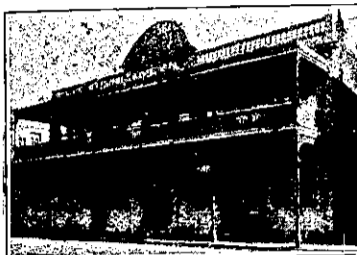
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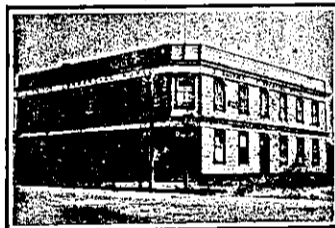
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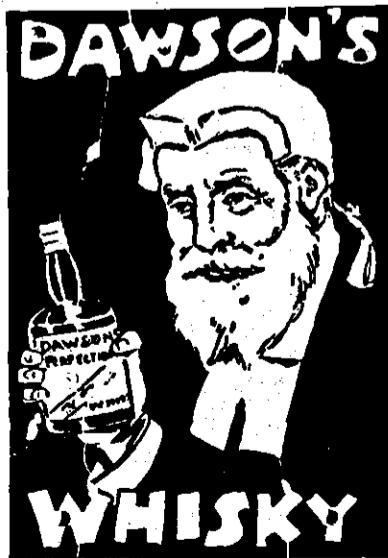
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