

THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

HERE AND THERE.

Australian and other visitors to New Zealand who are including Rotorua in their itinerary are highly recommended to make Grande Vue their abiding place during their stay in the Hot Lakes district. A large roomy house, it is ideally situated, the balconies overlooking the Government Gardens, wherein are the Government Bath Buildings, and as the latter are only a couple of minutes' walk from Grande Vue, it can be readily seen what exceptional bathing facilities are offered patrons. In fact, one can say without reservation that the house is unrivalled in its desirable situation, a point well worth weighing when the gardens are such an attractive feature of the township. It is further popularised too by Mrs. Rees, who personally superintends every detail for the proprietor, Mr. G. M. Brown, and through her tact and capability has been instrumental in making Grande Vue the leading house in Rotorua.

Captain E. T. Perkins, of the Royal Artillery, who originally left New Zealand with the Main Body, is in Wellington on furlough.

Captain Swales Eyre, of the Union Company's steamer Kakapo, who has been on a holiday to Australia, has returned to New Zealand.

Dr. Drummond Ferguson and Mrs. Ferguson, formerly of Auckland, have left for Australia.

Mr. G. S. Strack, M.A., has been appointed to the staff of the Palmerston North High School. Mr. Strack, who is a son of Mr. Strack, rector of the Hawera High School, recently returned from the front, where he saw considerable service.

Captain J. Thompson, M.A., has been appointed lecturer in French at Victoria University College (war appointment). Captain Thompson, who had a brilliant career at Otago University, spent a year on the staff of the Waitaki High School, but gave up teaching to go to the front. After a year in Gallipoli and a year in France he has now returned wounded and has been discharged.

Mr. James Ames, City Valuer, Wellington, and Mrs. Ames have left on a holiday visit to Rotorua.

Mr. J. W. Brodie, who has just returned to Wellington from a business visit to America, has been appointed general manager for New Zealand for the British Empire Trading Company.

Recent visitors at the Grand Hotel, Auckland, were: Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Watkins, Lower Hutt; Mr. J. G. Rutherford, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. Robertshawe, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Knight, Dannevirke; Mr. and Mrs. Beatson, Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bull, Wellington; Mr. A. Loudoun, Napier; Lieut.-Col. Barcroft, N.Z.M.C., Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowry, Hawke's Bay.

Lieutenant A. F. Watchlin, R.N.R., who left the command of the Union Company's tug Terawhiti over three years ago to join the Navy, is spending a month's leave in Wellington.

The hotels and boarding-houses at Rotorua were well filled for the Easter holidays, though there was a noticeable absence of the overcrowding that has been such a feature in former years at that period. Last year, of course, the traffic was abnormally heavy, owing to the interest aroused by the Waimangu eruption which took place on April 1, just prior to the Easter holidays, so that could not be taken as a criterion. Unfavourable weather and the curtailment of railway facilities were largely responsible for the falling-off in numbers, and the great war, of course, leaves its mark on the tourist traffic overseas. Enquiries elicited from authoritative sources that most of the visitors nowadays come from New Zealand and Australia, some from India and the Straits Settlement, and just a few from America. There was not quite the usual rush for the trips either, owing to the wet weather. The round trip had to be put off on Easter Sunday, though Mr. W. T. Carr, managing director for the Motor Coaching Company, Ltd., reported excellent bookings. The smaller trips to Waka-rewarewa were well patronised in spite of the rain, and motors and buses did good business. Later on in the week the weather was more amenable, and the round trip was readily availed of. There's a fascina-

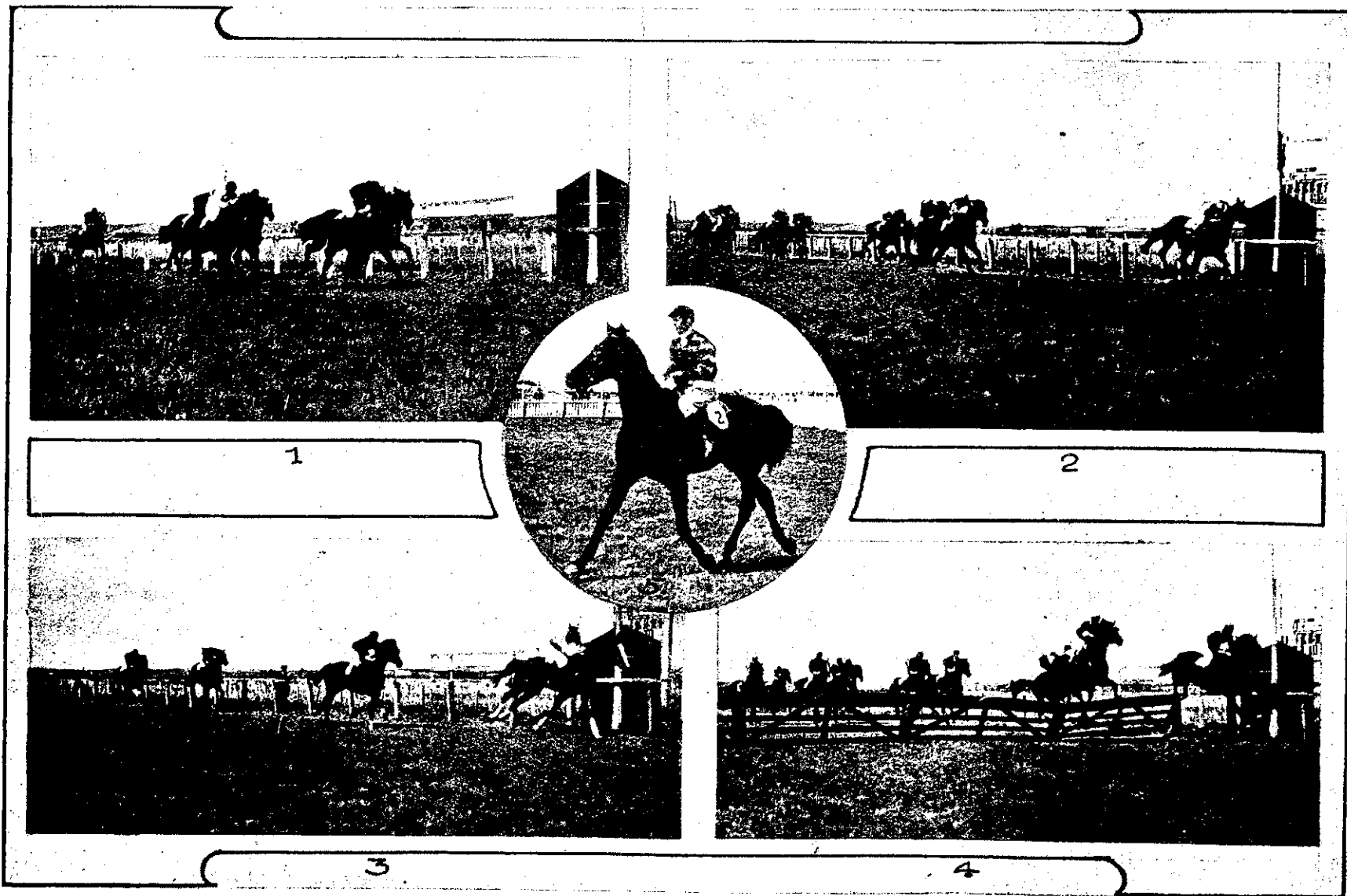
PROGRESSIVE WELLINGTON PROPERTY AGENT.

P. D'E. HODGKINS.

An announcement appearing elsewhere in this issue draws attention to a splendid farming proposition at Whangarei, offered by Mr. D'E. Hodgkins, a well-known and successful land agent at Wellington. The farm under offer is recognised as one of the best in the northern district, and one with a splendid future. It has a beautiful harbour frontage, and is only eleven miles from Whangarei by road. It has a capital stock-carrying value, and is without a doubt a very payable concern indeed.

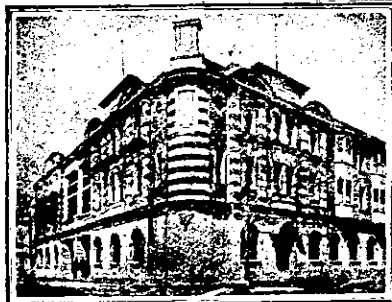
Mr. Hodgkins was for many years associated with the Government as an expert in land and income tax matters, and gained a wide knowledge in farming and business matters in other spheres. Farmers and traders generally are advised to place the preparation of their land and income tax returns in Mr. Hodgkins' hands for adjustment, as his wide knowledge of these matters places him in the front rank of adjusters in New Zealand. Quite recently Mr. Hodgkins saved a Dannevirke settler over £400, and there are many others who bear testimony to his ability and trustworthiness in attending to important business affairs, all of which are treated in a confidential manner. Mr. Hodgkins will be pleased to answer all inquiries addressed to him at 119

SNAPSHOTS TAKEN AT THE RANGITIKEI RACING CLUB'S RECENT ANNUAL MEETING.



1. COLORADA (A. McDonald), on outside, defeats MANU by a head in the Pukehou Hack Welter (8½ furlongs), with CON third. 2. TURANGAPITO (W. Price) has an easy win from RAJPUT and MARENGA in the Rangitoto Hack Handicap (six furlongs). 3. DASHER BOY (N. Hawkins) winning the Sandon Hack Hurdles (1½ miles) from VACUUM and FOEMAN. 4. At the hurdle in front of stand in the Sandon Hack Hurdles. 5. GOLD SOULT (H. Gray) returning to the enclosure after winning the Fraser Memorial Stakes (one mile and a distance).

The GROSVENOR HOTEL, TIMARU.



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tion about Rotorua that calls one again and again, and many visitors make it their regular holiday resort. Having exhausted the wonderful sights of the thermal district, they perhaps don't care to go again and are content just to stroll about the lovely Government grounds, enjoy the games—tennis, croquet, bowls—on the well-kept lawns, and take advantage of the world-famed baths, with their marvellous curative qualities. Mr. Wm. Hill, resident Government officer, is a mine of information to tourists from far and near, and is ever ready and courteous in enlightening them on the various points.

Lambton Quay, Wellington, while buyers and sellers of property are always assured of a hearty welcome when calling upon the firm.

HIGH-GRADE FIELD GLASSES.

Sportsmen and officers in the New Zealand military forces will learn with interest that Messrs. Morrison and Gilbert, the well-known opticians of Wellington, have just landed a shipment of high-grade and efficient field glasses. These particular glasses have been unobtainable for months, and those who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity of securing