

he then reminded her of a promise to leave the stage, but she refused to do so, and accepted another contract. He accompanied her on her next tour. At its close she entered into yet another contract without his consent, but said when this one finished she would give up the stage. There were two children of the union. She said she would not give up the stage to live a domestic life, and would not live with him any longer. Respondent went to Perth. On his return she told him she was going away on yet a fresh theatrical engagement to New Zealand and Sydney. He said he would not consent. She replied that she would go all the same, as she was "sick and tired of living with him." A decree nisi was granted.

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THE LATE MR. FREDK. J. YONGE, secretary of the Otahuhu Trotting Club, whose death occurred during the holidays following a long illness.

OBITUARY.

MR. FRED. YONGE.

The death of Mr. Fred. Yonge, secretary to the Otahuhu Trotting Club, was one of the regrettable happenings of the holiday period in Auckland. The deceased was an old Auckland boy, and had always been identified with the sporting life of the province from his early days. As an amateur rider from the time he used to win pony races as a boy in the hunting field, at the meets of the Pakuranga Hunt Club, and in hunt club racing events at Ellerslie and in other parts of the province, he was for a long time conspicuous. He held accountancy positions in the city until he received the appointment of secretary to the Otahuhu Trotting Club, and he held similar positions for the Pakuranga Hunt Club and the old Otahuhu Racing Club, and was always highly esteemed for his geniality of manner and for his business ability. The Otahuhu Trotting Club have lost a capable official, and the various Auckland, suburban, and some of the country clubs a valuable assistant, as his services were invariably sought after in helping at other than his own club's meetings. When he was a prominent figure as a rider the late Mr. Fred. Yonge won the Auckland Polo Cup on Larry and flat races on Raglan and Leorina, and the Pakuranga Hunt Cup on Hawthorn after being second on Sunray and Rebel Chief in successive years, and won minor events. His prowess was acknowledged when he was awarded prizes for his horsemanship at Auckland A. and P. Association's shows. The remains of Mr. Yonge were laid to rest in the Waikaraka Cemetery at Onehunga. The sympathy of numerous friends will go out towards Mrs. Yonge and relatives in their loss.

Mr. J. Muir, the well-known Wellington bowler, arrived in Auckland by the Main Trunk express on Tuesday morning, and will be a competitor in the leading events to be decided at the Dominion of New Zealand Bowling Association's tournament, which opens to-day (Wednesday).

Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. Duigan, D.S.O., late commander of the Tunnelling Corps in France, who recently returned, has been appointed General Staff Officer in the Auckland district, vice Major Sir Robert Walker, who is leaving for England.

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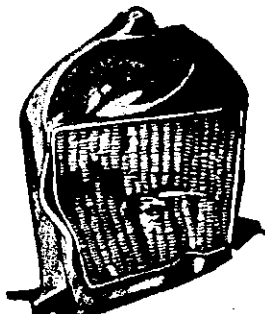
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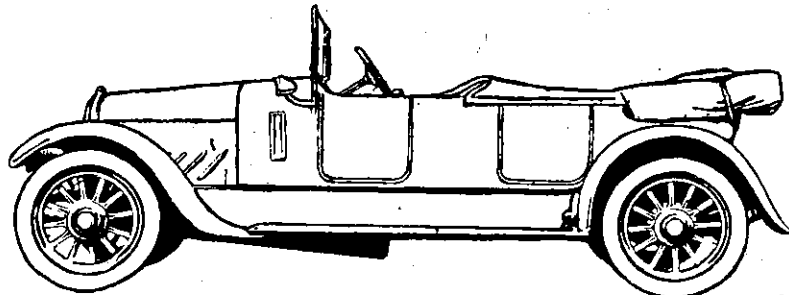
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