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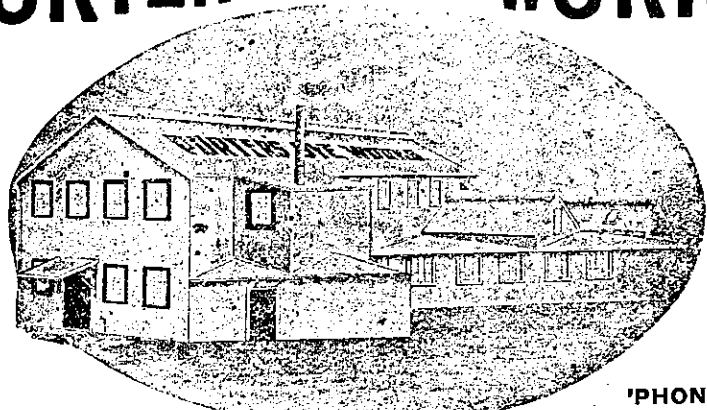
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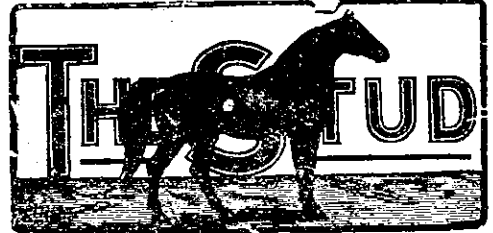
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NOMINATIONS.

NOMINATIONS for all events on both days close at the Secretary's Office, Marton, on FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS.

WEIGHTS for the First Day's Events will be declared on or about THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, and for the Second Day's Events at the Office of the Club, ON THE EVENING OF THE FIRST DAY'S RACES, at 7 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day's Events close at the Secretary's Office on TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1919, at 9 p.m., and for the Second Day's Events at nine o'clock on the EVENING OF THE FIRST DAY'S RACES.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any race or races after declaration of weights may be re-handicapped by the Handicapper.

DEFINITION OF A HUNTER.
A Hunter is a horse whose owner can produce at the scale a certificate from the Master of any Hunt that the horse has been ridden to hounds during the past season (1919), to the satisfaction of the Master and has neither won nor is nominated at the date of entry for a race of 40sovs or over, Hack and Hunter races excepted.

ACCOMMODATION.

Accommodation booked by the Secretary. The Club has recently erected 44 loose-boxes, feed room, sand roll and wash down, with several small paddocks, adjoining the racecourse. The Accommodation House is not yet erected, but accommodation will be provided for a number of trainers and attendants in the Club's buildings on the racecourse, where they will also be catered for.

Approved in accordance with the Rules of Racing, this second day of July, 1919.—WM. HALL, Secretary Wanganui Jockey Club.

ARTHUR WAY, Secretary.

P.O. Box 3, Marton.

At a luncheon on board the famous White Star liner Olympic in the Gladstone Dock, Liverpool, at which representatives of the Navy and Armies of Britain and the United States were guests, Mr. A. B. Canty, one of the managers of the White Star Line, recounted the Olympics work in the rescue of the crew of H.M.S. Audacious on the north Irish coast in the early days of the war. Not only had she evaded enemy attack, but had the satisfaction of "downing" at least one enemy submarine. She had made four voyages to Mudros, carrying over 25,000 troops, had effected a rescue in the Mediterranean, for which Captain Hayes, her commander, had received the thanks of the French Government and a gold medal, and she had conveyed over 100,000 Canadian and over 45,000 U.S. troops to the war, besides bringing a Chinese labour battalion. Her war service comprised the carrying of some 201,000 passengers.

Visions of wealth are conjured up by a syndicate which has been formed to undertake a venturesome enterprise on the Victorian coast. Its object is to recover the treasure which was lost when the British vessel Monumental City foundered off Gabo Island 54 years ago. The Monumental City left Melbourne in 1865 for London, and when rounding Gabo Island foundered, only the captain and the boatswain surviving. Most of those on board were diggers, and it is stated that they were taking with them a large quantity of gold bullion. Their treasures were collected and placed in an iron safe, which went down with the vessel. Reports state that the bodies of some of the diggers when afterwards picked up where found to be encircled by belts filled with sovereigns. The captain, it is stated, when he saw the vessel sinking, opened the safe so that the passengers could get their treasure, but most of it went down with the ship. The treasure is believed to be worth thousands of pounds. For the purpose of the expedition to recover this treasure a boat is being prepared in a Williamstown yard. Mr. G. Beckett, the well-known diver, has been engaged by the syndicate.

Referring to the exploits of the Australians in the war the London "Daily Mail" says:—Genius in the soldier was never in the history of war seen in higher power than throughout the Australians' advance last autumn. The turn of the tide, as all acknowledge, was marked by their recapture of Villers Bretonneux, an action remarkable in history for the highest form of fighting passion. In the guerrilla warfare along the Somme after the great advance of August 8 the German pickets and outposts were no better than helpless and terrified victims of Australian dash and skill. A real terror came to possess them. Finally, the key of Mount St. Quentin, a great natural fortress defended by acres of wire, fell to a mere handful of bombers without artillery preparation. We may say without metaphor that Australian athleticism of mind and body amounted to a quality which can only be called genius. Yet when all is said we have chiefly to admire them for such desperate slogging battles with the odds against them as they fought first at Gallipoli and later—where the great cross now stands—west of the Thiepval Hills. Love of country never inspired higher service.

"The boy stood on the burning deck,"
Defying pain and dread—
Point-blank refused to leave the wreck,
Though all but he had fled.
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Mr. Hamilton Gilmer, whose death recently occurred in Wellington, at the age of 81 years, purchased Pfahler's Hotel in Sydney about four years ago, and owned it at the time of his death.

"When we first got into Cologne," said one young commissioned officer to a "Dominion" reporter, "the Germans, well-dressed and decently groomed, simply did not see us at all. They looked right through us, as if we weren't there at all, or else gave a haughty stare, as though resenting our intrusion on the sacred soil of the Fatherland. But the women were all the other way. Indeed, it seemed to me that they were too sweet altogether—as though, somehow or other, they had been instructed to treat us decently. Even now I can't tell if they were acting or not, and I know that a lot of the boys simply swear by the German girls because of the way they were treated during the occupation. I don't know whether it is known, but several New Zealanders married German girls in Cologne. How they are going to bring them out here, or whether they will ever be allowed to do so I don't know, but the marriages were the real thing all right. At the railway station there were crowds of weeping German girls as each section of the New Zealanders left for Blighty. If they were not genuine, I take off my hat to them as actresses! Yet (lest we forget) was it not the women of Cologne who, when the British prisoners of war were filthy, starving, and almost mad with thirst, brought glasses brimming with water to the sides of the railway trucks, and after tantalising the poor fellows by holding the glasses just a few inches beyond their reach, dashed the water on the floor of the platform, rather than give them a drop to ease the awful aching of their parched throats—and gloried in the torture so inflicted? Truly, Fraulein is a good actress!"

Captain J. J. Cullen, master of the barque Bellas, which recently reached Fremantle, served during the war on a British destroyer in the North Sea, and also at Gibraltar, where he gained an insight into the remarkable workings of the British Secret Service. On one occasion, he states, information came through that on the nights of May 17, 18 and 19, 1918, three German submarines would be coming through the Straits. Preparation was made to intercept the visitors, and mosquito boats or chasers were sent out to patrol fan fashion, and everything was so arranged that the submarine would have very little chance of getting through. The U-boats were not up to schedule time, and arrived a day late. The first one sighted by a mosquito boat was cruising along unconcernedly on the surface, and she fell an easy prey. Q-boat Chrysanthemum accounted for one the next night with a depth charge, and the following night Q-boat Rule so damaged the final member of the trip that it had to put into Catagena (Spain), ruined beyond hope of further service.

Some remarkable cases of cure by psychotherapy were related by Lieutenant-Colonel A. F. Hurst, R.A.M.C., officer in charge of the Seale-Hayne Military Hospital, at a recent meeting at the Central Hall, Westminster, England. There were many thousands of pensioners, he said, who were suffering from conditions which were completely and rapidly curable under favourable conditions by the proper methods of treatment. One case he referred to was that of a man who had been blown up three years before and had been rendered paralytic and completely mute. At the Seale-Hayne Hospital he was taught to walk and talk, and within a week he went home completely cured. Another man, who had also been blown up, became totally blind. His condition also was not due to any permanent damage. He had been granted his full pension, his case being regarded as hopeless. He went before several boards, but they failed to recognise the true nature of his condition. Four years later he came under a doctor at Plymouth, who recognised that there was no organic cause for his blindness. He, too, was sent to the hospital, and within 24 hours he could see perfectly. "I have not the slightest doubt," said Colonel Hurst, "that there are hundreds, if not thousands, of people similarly suffering from very serious incapacity which is completely curable."

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PLEASURE TAXED.

THEATRICAL MANAGERS' COMPLAINT.

Theatrical managers still complain bitterly of the continued imposition of the Entertainment Tax (says the Melbourne "Herald"). The effect of the tax, they contend, is to keep many prospective patrons from the theatres and to force a number of the regular attenders from the dress circle and stalls to the cheaper parts of the house. The direct result of this is that plays have a much shorter lease of life and receipts shrink considerably.

"The tax is hitting us so severely," said Mr. George Tallis, recently managing director of J. C. Williamson, Ltd., "that if the measure is not repealed we shall either have to increase the prices of admission or close down altogether."

INCREASE NOT PASSED ON.

"The theatrical business is the only one that has not passed on to the public one penny of the huge all-round increase in expenses since the war," he proceeded. "The fact is that the Entertainments Tax alone has prevented this being done. Few people realise that the theatres depend on a very limited section of theatre-goers for their support. Take Her Majesty's for example. Success is made by the same people coming over and over again. The faces of most of our front stall habitués are quite familiar to our artists. Many of them used to come as often as two or three times a week, and the same applied to the gallery, only more so. Thus it can easily be seen how our regular theatre-goers have been affected by the Entertainments Tax. The result is that a great number is visiting the theatre less frequently, and for this reason we do not now get the long runs we used to in pre-war days. It is just the same with the picture theatres, especially the sixpenny and threepenny houses, where the attendances have diminished to the extent of about 30 per cent. since the tax was imposed. After all, there is only a certain amount of money for amusement, and it must be made to go around.

"In other great centres, such as London, New York, and Paris, the theatres mainly depend on transient visitors for their support. In Melbourne, however, this element is infinitesimal in comparison. We have a very small floating population, thus the tax hits the same people over and over again, and is therefore regarded by managers as a real hardship to the industry in this country, and a strong deterrent to theatre-going. It is the realisation of these facts that has prevented managers from passing on to the public a portion of their increased expenses. In New York the price of admission for all musical shows has been increased to three dollars (12s. 6d.), and in order to secure a decent seat it is practically imperative to book through one of the outside ticket bureaus. A fee of 2s. upwards has to be paid on each seat, thus the average price to the public works out at from 14s. 6d. to 16s. In London the average West End price is 10s. 6d. Here we are still playing to pre-war prices, and in some respects there has been a reduction since the war commenced.

COST OF 'GOODY TWO SHOES.'

"When, eighteen months ago, Mr. Justice Powers granted the new log submitted by the stage employees and the musicians, he added £26,000 a year to the expenses of J. C. Williamson, Ltd., and not one cent of this has been passed on to the public. During the past four years the cost of our productions has doubled, if not trebled. Our latest pantomime, 'Goody Two Shoes,' cost more than £10,000 before the curtain went up on the opening night, yet 'Mother Goose,' well remembered as one of the most successful pantomimes we have ever produced, cost actually less than £2000 to place it on the stage. Comparing the running expenses of the two productions, we find that 'Goody Two Shoes' cost £500 a week more than 'Mother Goose.'

"When we travel the position is more acute. The increase in fares, freight, and handling charges has hit us probably harder than any other industry in Australia. We used to get a round ticket to New Zealand for £11. Now the round trip for our companies works out at about £24 a head, and the freight and handling charges have gone up enormously. The result is that New Zealand, which used to be a profitable country for

our enterprise, last year cost us £10,000. The position with regard to Western Australia is quite as bad. We used to get return fare for our companies from Adelaide to Perth for £6 per head. Now it costs more than double that amount.

WAR LOAN EFFORTS.

"The part the amusement industry has played during the war in keeping up the morale of the people, stimulating public interest in patriotic and other movements, and raising money for war loans, patriotic and other purposes, is well known. Millions of pounds have been raised through this medium. Incidentally it may be recalled to mind that in the theatres in Melbourne and Sydney alone one-twentieth of the whole of the Sixth War Loan was raised (over £2,000,000). For propaganda purposes the theatres and picture shows have placed their resources at the disposal of the War Loan authorities. At all times prior to the war the amusement industry had helped all charitable and public causes, and it has raised many millions of pounds.

"The Entertainments Tax," Mr. Tallis concluded, "is absolutely against the principle of fair taxation, for it is levied upon one section of the community only. People are allowed to indulge in all kinds of sports and luxuries without having to pay taxation thereon, but the comparatively small section of the community which seeks harmless and pleasurable amusement after the day's work is penalised."

BERT ROYLE'S VIEWS.

BREAKING-POINT REACHED.

Mr. Bert Royle, New Zealand representative for J. C. Williamson, Ltd., when asked by a Wellington "Post" reporter how the proposed increase in prices would be likely to affect New Zealand, replied that, while he had no definite advice from his directors on the subject, up to now none of the enormous increases in expenses had been passed on to the public. Judging by the figures of recent tours, theatrical enterprise was just about reaching breaking point, and something must inevitably be done if they were to "carry on." He mentioned the recent tours of the "Going Up" Company and the Royal Comic Opera Company as instances where, from an attendance point of view, it would be almost impossible to do finer business. Yet there was little or no margin of profit, and the firm ran a very great risk of a loss if the attendance had slackened, even for a night or two. In the case of the Royal Comic Opera Company, fares and freight alone involved a sum of no less than £2700, roughly £50 a night for the length of a New Zealand tour. Other expenses had steadily increased, and were still increasing in the same amazing proportions. Then, again, there was heavy loss through the recent closure of theatres, and the impossibility of getting attractions across from Australia, amounting to many thousands of pounds. Salaries, too, showed a tremendous increase, rendered necessary by the high cost of living to all members of the travelling companies.

The present theatrical prices in Australia and New Zealand, says Mr. Royle, are the cheapest in the whole world. In London and New York the rates are more than double, while even in South Africa they are from 10s. 6d. downwards. "Considering all these things, although we have tried hard to avoid it, until we are one of the very few business concerns which have striven to carry the whole increased burden, passing none of it on to the public, I am afraid we shall have to forestall the traditional 'last straw,' in any case with our more expensive attractions."

When asked his opinion as to what would be the public attitude in the event of an increase in admission prices, Mr. Royle replied, "We should very much regret having to do so, but New Zealanders are not mean, and I am sure do not want their amusements at prices which mean a loss to those who provide them. So long as we continue to cater lavishly, bringing all the best attractions and artists to your theatres, I feel every confidence in the fair-mindedness of the theatre-goers."

One day while waiting by the "phone" To send a message of my own, I heard across the lines a call, In urgent, anxious accents fall— "Is that you, Central? Hurry, do! Please put me on to 2-0-2. It's closing time, I'm late, I'm sure; I'm after Woods' Great Peppermint Cure."

Miss Thelma Petersen, the young New Zealand singer, has had a very busy time during the last twelve months (writes a London correspondent). Last spring she was in France with the Lena Ashwell Concert Party, when the great German attack was made, and in spite of the difficulties and excitement of those critical days the concerts were carried on, the performers often having to sing to the soldiers in the huts in pitch darkness. During the summer season Miss Petersen met with much success

in the English provinces, returning in the autumn for the Queen's Hall promenade season, where she was engaged to sing. Reporting on the latter, the "Daily Telegraph" writes: "Miss Thelma Petersen sang two of Sir Elgar's 'Sea Pictures' with much insight, fervour, and beauty of tone." During the winter Miss Petersen has sung every Sunday at the very popular National Sunday League concerts, and she recently appeared at a large concert in Dublin.



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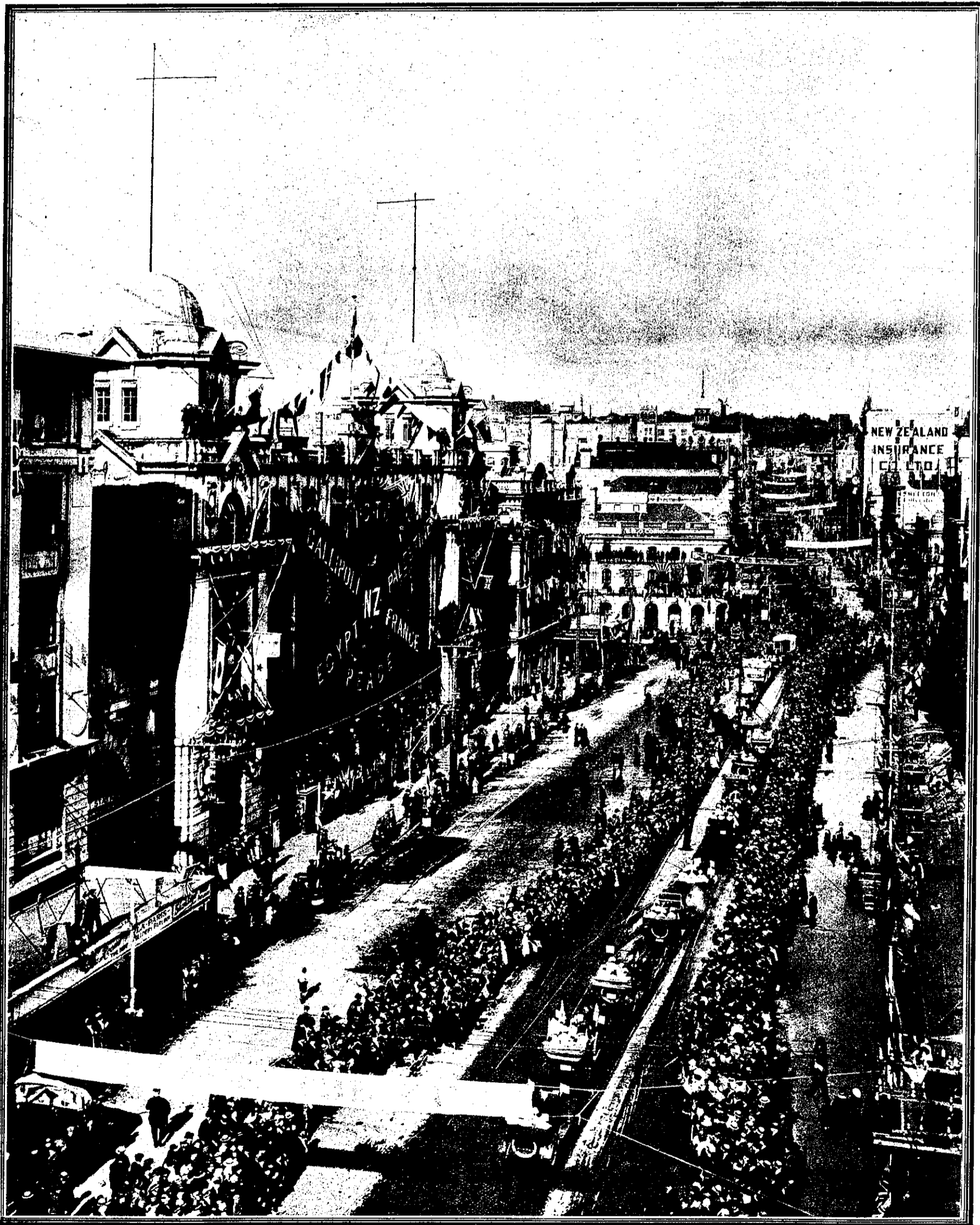
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The annual meeting of the Auckland Racing Club will be held on Monday next. The report and balance-sheet for the racing season, which ends to-day, has been circulated amongst the members, and will be open for discussion thereat. The election of stewards and committeemen for the new season is one of the matters which seems to be interesting members greatly, and the candidates have been making their appeals to the members for support. Vacancies from time to time have to be filled, and changes are sometimes thought to be desirable, and these annual meetings afford the members the opportunity of deciding whether they will return men who have previously served them or give others the chance. The committee hold office for two years, but each year half the number retire, and are eligible for re-election.

We have heard a good deal of dissatisfaction expressed and more particularly at the late meeting held at Ellerslie over the way some of the departments were managed. Complaints from the public, visitors and local patrons of the sport were freely made to members, who naturally felt sore in consequence, and some of them were talking very freely about the shortcomings of their representatives on the committee and responsible officers and certain of their servants and caterers. The old members of committee are on their trial, so to speak, and they will have the opportunity of defending themselves, while those who consider that the interests of so important a club have not been looked after as they should be will have the right to say whether they are satisfied with explanations offered or whether they will return new men to fill some of the vacancies, or put the old ones back in their seats with the advice to try and do better in the future.

The management of such a big institution as the Auckland Racing Club is not a one-man affair. It is a very big job indeed for more heads than one, and the Auckland Racing Club with its large membership comprises men of intelligence and business ability from whose numbers there should be no lack of men to administer the different departments over which they are called upon to preside. There are few members who do not know the weak parts in the administration of the club's affairs. The totalisator, over which so much money has been spent to bring it up to requirements, has ever been a source of trouble with the Auckland Racing Club, as with some other clubs at whose meetings much money has been handled, but more so at Ellerslie than elsewhere, for the chief reason, perhaps, that more money is dealt with. Still there are places in other parts of the world where considerably more money has been handled successfully and where far more tickets are issued and paid out on. The committee while being conscious of the fact that greater business was sure to come with the passing years and making provision accordingly to the best of their lights, appear to have been quite unprepared for the abnormal rush of business at the winter meeting after previous earlier experiences in the season. The lesson learned is that they should be prepared for such contingencies at all times.

A shortage of hands and inadequate facilities for the public to make their investments at the totalisators and to receive their winnings promptly would weigh most with the average racegoer in these days. Many were annoyed because they could not purchase racecards, the supply being insufficient on occasions. Scores upon scores complained because they could not get fed, more complained of the inadequacy of the tea rooms, while the people who patronise the outside enclosures had practically the same grievances as those inside, with the added long reiterated one that they were still very poorly looked after because of the absence of proper

stand accommodation. We have now the assurance of the committee that all these wrongs are to be righted without loss of time, and ever so many more. They are not merely promises, because some of the jobs in the great improvement scheme for the Ellerslie racecourse and people's park, have already been tendered for, or put in hand and are to be in readiness by the time the spring meeting comes round. This will be a relief to those most concerned. The terracing of the grass slope in front of the main stand or grandstand if not really the most important work, will be one of the first and perhaps the easiest of the undertakings, being on a ground floor involving the use of earth, shingle and concrete. This will relieve some of the pressure on the stand accommodation inside. The enlargement of the members' dining-room and tea room accommodation is also provided for.

The most welcome item in the Auckland Racing Club's short but businesslike budget is that a stand in reinforced concrete, capable of seating 5000 persons, will be provided "in the near future." This news con-

cerns a larger section of people than the work to be done immediately inside. A new building for the totalisator and staff is to be commenced as soon as conveniently possible. That probably means after the November meeting, but it should be finished before the summer meeting comes round, because it is almost invariably at the summer gathering when the biggest volume of business is transacted, and at which much business has been lost because of the difficulties that have stood in the way of those wanting to do it. It may be that the £615,558 10s. handled during the nine days of last season will be increased in the coming season. That seems likely with two more days' racing, though the increasing of the days of racing of other clubs may result in a wider distribution of the available money for sport of which there appears to have been a wonderful supply for some time past; indeed, racing keeps an enormous amount of money in circulation.

The average investments per race at Ellerslie during the season amounted to £8921, and if with 15 races more the average is maintained this would mean that in the coming year the large sum of £758,285 will be handled. Such possibilities must be counted upon. No doubt some of the "wise heads" who are managing

the business affairs of the Auckland Racing Club are looking forward to the prospect, and will be shaping the working details to fit in with anticipated business. They will remember that there was a falling off in business on some of the days of racing at Ellerslie, which they were to some extent at a loss to account for. Now they will assume, if they do right, that the turnover during last season should really have been greater. Racing was interfered with during the season owing to a variety of causes, but the returned soldiers helped things along considerably at different stages, and a good deal of borrowed money has been floating, money got into circulation through the war, of which New Zealand has drawn a considerable amount, though war profits to woolgrowers, fat stock and butter-fat producers were restricted. Most business people have had their share.

Fortunately our racecourses do have other than totalisator attractions for the people. If it could be made possible for more of those who go a-racing to get a view of the horses before each race. Cutting out the preliminary canter or gallop before each race, excepting a few of the principal ones, would be an improvement that very many would appreciate. Unfortunately, however, the arrangements at Ellerslie and on some courses are not so convenient for that purpose as on others where the outside, as well as the inside, public can see the horses equally well when they are in the birdcages. In this respect, we shall not see any change to speak of, though frequenters of the rising ground at the top of the course, where the bend out of the straight begins, get a fine chance of seeing the horses at fairly close quarters. They, however, form only a small proportion of the crowd who do not frequent the lawn and paddock, though they take an interest in seeing the horses and watching them race, and perhaps do proportionately less speculating than other people on the grounds. They go there more

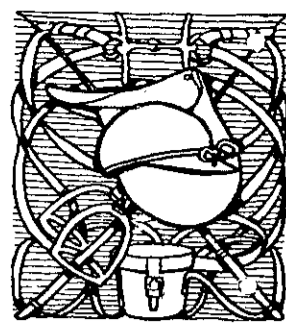
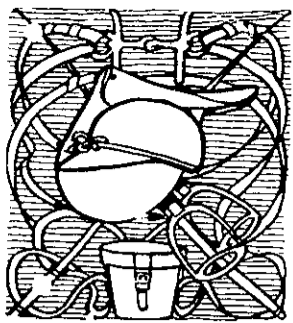
The report of the committee of the Auckland Racing Club indicates that new lawns and gardens are to be laid out as part of the scheme of improvements at Ellerslie, and that



ADMIRAL LORD JOHN R. JELlicOE AND LADY JELlicOE, WHOSE ARRIVAL AT WELLINGTON IS EXPECTED ON AUGUST 19, PHOTOGRAPHED IN SYDNEY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR RECENT VISIT.

will mean that the ever-recurring expenses for the upkeep of the Ellerslie racecourse grounds is not going to be reduced. There remains a lot to be done yet to complete the scheme, but Mr. Albert Hill and his staff are always busy in getting one improvement after another out of hand, and the property is assuming a more and more up-to-date appearance from week to week and month to month. Whether all this expenditure on beautification before complete accommodation for the people has been obtained is justified will be questioned in some quarters, and we know that a large section of the public who pay little heed to the floral and shrub displays and which some don't ever see, regard such work as of secondary consideration besides their claims upon the committee. It is a case with many of improving the tote conveniences and the accommodation first and making Ellerslie a place of beauty afterwards. Necessary work first is their cry. Racing is the main attraction for many, speculation for a majority, comfort for a large section, and the beauty spots to feast the eyes upon come last. They insist that the gardening work has been too long placed first. Truly, these race crowds take a lot of pleasing, and gazing on the face of the totalisator occupies a lot of the time of so many people meeting after meeting.

for the outing, and that section probably complain less than any, but we have heard some of the regulars in that quarter would be pleased if more seats could be provided than they have had in the past. They say that if this were done many more would see the racing from under the pines and from that particular coign of vantage. The picnic parties who frequent that part of the grounds, and the people's domain under the pines, between the beautiful nursery grounds of the club and the outside stands, are thankful for the hot water services provided for them, only they urge that this should be done, not at particular meetings only, but at every one of them, which has not been the case in the past, so we have been assured. Members have heard of these requirements, and should bring them under the notice of the committee. They should not be slow to accept suggestions from the people, who are the best to offer suggestions for their own benefit. We presume that committeemen do go outside amongst the people sometimes to make observations for themselves. If they don't they should.



RACING NEWS

RACING FIXTURES, 1919.

July 30—Manawatu Hunt Steeplechase
 Aug. 12, 14, 16—C.J.C. Grand National
 Sept. 3, 4—Marton J.C. and Rangitikei
 Hunt Spring
 Sept. 15—Pukuranga Hunt Club annual

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the committee of the Auckland Racing Club, which is to be presented to the members at the annual general meeting on Monday, August 4, 1919, is as follows:—

Gentlemen,—Your committee have much pleasure in congratulating members upon another very successful season, as shown in the attached statement of accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1919. Owing to the outbreak of influenza which unfortunately caused great havoc throughout the Dominion, the spring meeting, usually held in November, had to be postponed until after the summer meeting. The signing of the armistice resulted in the Government restoring to the club one of the three days taken from it the previous year, and this day was added to the winter meeting. The club consequently had nine days' racing during the year, and gave away in stakes £39,550. In the ensuing season the club has been again allotted eleven days' racing, and with peace signed your committee anticipate another successful year's operations.

The new electric totalisator was installed and worked at the summer and subsequent meetings, and the amount of money that passed through the machine during the nine days (£615,558 10s.) constitutes a record for New Zealand. The property purchased at the back of the main stand has now been taken into the racecourse grounds, and when the proposed new totalisator house, tea rooms, and other necessary buildings have been erected thereon, the new lawns and gardens laid out, large and increased accommodation will be available for the club's patrons. The whole of the club's property has been kept in good order, and, after writing off £5608 18s. 11d. for depreciation, there remains £5746 14s. 8d. to be carried to capital account. Now that peace has been signed and restrictions removed your committee look forward with pleasure to embarking on the long-deferred scheme of improvements at Ellerslie, which will afford much more comfort and convenience to the public attending the club's gatherings. In the near future a contract will be let for the erection of a large stand built of reinforced concrete for the outside enclosure, which will seat five thousand people. The slope of the inside lawn will be terraced with concrete steps, and the members' dining room and tea room accommodation enlarged before the November meeting. A new building for the totalisator business will also be put in hand as soon as conveniently possible. These works will entail very heavy expenditure, and can only be cautiously proceeded with. Your committee, however, feel that the urgent and necessary improvements should be gone on with without unnecessary delay, and all inconvenience caused by the war to the club's patrons should be removed at the earliest possible date.

It is with regret your committee have to record the removal by death during the year of several members of the club, including Colonel G. W. S. Patterson and of Sir Robert Lockhart, for many years a committee-man and steward respectively.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson and Mr. H. T. Gorrie being the only nominees for the offices of president and vice-president respectively, will be declared duly elected. The following nominations have been received for the five vacant seats on the committee: Messrs. E. W. Alison, jun., R. W. Duder, N. A. Nathan, E. A. Price, W. C. Somers (retiring members), C. A. Brown, A. W. Donald, J. D. Jones, and J. F. Shanly. For the three seats on the stewards, Messrs. A. W. Gil-

lies, J. D. Jones, M. J. Lynch, A. L. Raven, and G. A. Wynyard have been nominated. The annual meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, Swanson Street, on Monday, August 4, at 2.30 p.m., and the ballot will close at 3.30 p.m.

Balance-sheet of the Auckland Racing Club for year ending 30th June, 1919:—

Liabilities.—Capital, £60,236 2s. 9d.; Bank of New Zealand, £15,747 4s. 5d.; secured creditors, £8800 3s. 5d.; bills payable (new totalisator), £5262 10s.; forfeits for classic races to come, £9; bad debts reserve fund, £85 3s.; sundry creditors, £1012 17s. 7d. Total, £91,153 1s. 2d.

Assets.—Racecourse, £35,550; Shortland Street property, £2000; buildings, furniture, fencing, and plant, £23,340 7s. 8. less written off £2719 7s. 8d., £20,621; totalisator machines, patent rights, etc., £14,794 11s. 3d., less written off £2889 11s. 3d., £11,905; war loans, £20,000; house at Ellerslie, £394 1s. 2d.; sundry debtors, £651 8s.; stock, £31 12s. Total, £91,153 1s. 2d.

Capital Account.—Dr.: 30th June, 1919.—To balance as per balance-sheet, £60,236 2s. 9d. Total, £60,236 2s. 9d. Cr.: 1st July, 1918.—By balance, £54,489 8s. 1d.; 30th June, 1919.—By profit and loss account, transfer for year ending 30th June, 1919, £5746 14s. 8d. Total, £60,236 2s. 9d.

RACING REVIVAL AT COROMANDEL.

OLD CLUB RE-ESTABLISHED.

With the object of restarting racing in the Coromandel district, the Coromandel Racing Club has been reformed. A suitable course has been acquired, and a resolution has been passed to apply for a totalisator permit with the object of holding a meeting a few days after that of the Thames Jockey Club, viz., March 30, 1920. In 1914 and 1915 two successful meetings were held at Coromandel, but, as the course was only lent to the club no totalisator permit was issued. The present club have made provision for this by leasing a particularly suitable course.

The club is composed of the following officials:—Patron, T. W. Rhodes, Esq., M. P.; president, M. Gorrie, Esq.; vice-president, D. M. Jones; treasurer, F. P. Burgess; hon. secretary, J. W. Barker; committee, Messrs. W. J. Denize, D. D. Macnicol, J. W. A. Preece, J. Nixon, T. Mulholland, R. A. Larnay, G. Blithe, J. Ecclestone, C. O. Langhorne, H. H. Tills and E. Deeble.

With this experienced body of officials at the head of affairs the future operations of the Coromandel Racing Club, the revival of which is

land, and a sum of £153 10s. on improvements, viz., a new judge's box and installation of electric light in buildings and caretaker's cottage. The sum of £715 13s. 7d. for maintenance of property is exceptionally large, owing to all buildings having been renovated and repaired where necessary, including the relining of the ceiling of the grandstand. All buildings are now in good state of repair.

The increased popularity of the club's meetings necessitates further accommodation for patrons, and your committee have in view an extensive scheme of improvements, which they hope to have completed in time for the next summer meeting. The year has been one of more than usual misfortune in the passing away of several of our esteemed members and officials, viz., Messrs. J. M. Currie, G. H. Gibson, M. J. Goodson, W. H. Hartgill and A. S. Tonks. Your committee record the death of these gentlemen with deep regret. The committee desire to express thanks to the paid and honorary staff for their services during the year.

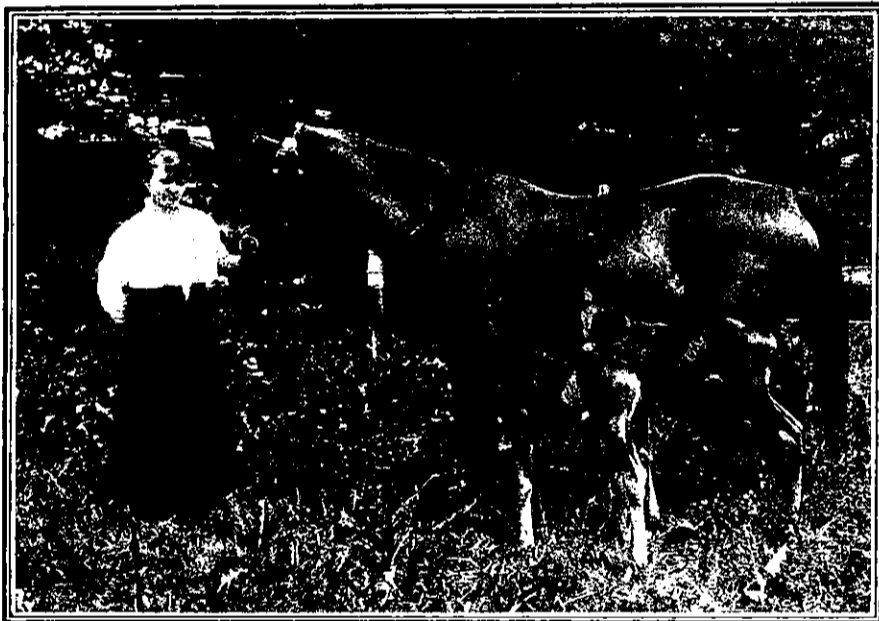
Nominations for the offices of president and vice-president, not being in excess of the offices to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected, viz.: President, Mr. R. H. Nolan; vice-president, Mr. J. Gray.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of the Wanganui Jockey Club was held on Wednesday last at the Council Chambers, Mr. E. A. Campbell presiding over a large attendance. The annual report, which was adopted, stated that since the last meeting the committee had made arrangements for the installation of a Premier electric totalisator, and it was expected that this machine would be ready for operation in time for the club's next autumn meeting. The committee had purchased a section of land at the corner of Maria Place and St. Hill Street, upon which were now being erected offices for the club, and it was anticipated the club would be in occupation early in 1920. Regarding the new racecourse site, the committee, feeling that it is desirable to acquire a freehold site for a new racecourse, had during the last three months devoted a great deal of time to the inspection of various properties and consideration of the terms under which they had been offered, but regretted to say that at present they had no definite recommendation to make. In conclusion, the committee desired to thank the club's honorary and paid officials for their careful attention to their respective duties.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Mr. H. N. Harrison; president, Mr. E. A. Campbell; vice-president, Mr. Allan Cameron; hon. clerk of scales, Mr. J. C. Paterson; hon. timekeeper, Mr. T. Currie; hon. surgeon, Dr. H. Christie; hon. veterinary surgeon, Mr. F. Crossley (Palmerston North); hon. treasurer, Mr. J. F. Cutfield; auditor, Mr. A. O. Hardy; committee (to fill four vacancies), Messrs. C. G. Russell, H. Lewis, W. Glenn and H. Wilson.



Twin foals (colt and filly), by Gold Bell out of a King George mare, on Mr. C. Lean's property at Havelock North. The youngsters were three days old when the photograph was taken.

The profit and loss account for year ending 30th June, 1919, shows:—Dr.: To salaries and pensions, £1515 3s.; wages, £7416 7s. 6d.; material, £1393 19s. 10d.; interest, £825 1s. 9d.; periodicals and legal expenses, £36 19s. 5d.; insurance, £479 0s. 2d.; land tax, £952 2s. 4d.; rates (City Council £871 12s. 7d., Ellerslie Town Board, including water, £284 7s. 6d.), £1156 0s. 1d.; printing, stationery, and advertising, £841 2s. 5d.; repairs and maintenance, £4371 0s. 7d.; charges account, including travelling expenses, stipendiary stewards, Sports League, audit fees, gas, cleaning offices, telephones, telegrams, postages, petty expenses, etc., £1102 4s.—£20,089 1s. 1d.; donations, £1191 8s.; depreciation written off buildings, plant, etc., £5608 18s. 11d.; balance, transferred to capital account, £5746 14s. 8d. Total, £32,636 2s. 8d. Cr.: By members, subscriptions £1507 18s., fees £15, rents and grazing £251 17s. 6d., track fees £331—£597 17s. 6d.; revenue from race meetings, £30,520 7s. 2d. Total, £32,636 2s. 8d.

Balance-sheet of trainers and jockeys' provident funds.—To balance 30th June, 1918, £2203 4s. 6d.; debenture interest, £97 14s. 9d.; fines, £37; Savings Bank interest, 18s. 1d. Total, £2338 17s. 4d. By allowances to disabled trainers and jockeys, £91 8s.; ambulance supplies and repairs, £18 7s. 8d.; balance, £2229 1s. 8d. Total, £2338 17s. 4d. Assets represent balance above (£2338 17s. 4d.): Auckland Harbour Board debentures, £2100; Mount Eden Borough Council debenture, £96; cash in Auckland Savings Bank, £33 1s. 8d. Total, £2229 1s. 8d.

a pleasing event to chronicle, should be conducted on a scale that will ensure the club becoming a permanent institution. The efforts of the officials to foster the welfare and interests of racing throughout the district are deserving of a wide measure of support, and the question of the club being allotted a totalisator permit should receive the unselfish consideration of those at the head of racing affairs in the Dominion. The club certainly have strong claims to a totalisator permit, which, once secured, will give the sport the fillip needed to permanently establish its popularity in the Coromandel district.

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The following report for the year ending June 30 is to be presented by the chairman (Mr. J. Gray) at the annual meeting of the members of the Egmont Racing Club at Hawera to-day (Wednesday, July 30):—

The committee have pleasure in presenting the annual balance-sheet, and can congratulate members upon the continued prosperity and popularity of the club. The year's operations resulted in a net profit of £3317 7s. 9d., after making donations amounting to £285 11s. 9d., and writing off £353 for depreciation on buildings, £153 10s. for improvements and £50 12s. 6d. for plant. During the year the sum of £1915 14s. has been expended in acquiring further

Mr. R. Wootton, the well-known Australian owner-trainer, who has for a number of years been engaged in racing in England, is expected to return to Australia shortly. While the war was on Mr. Wootton, who is the father of the successful horsemen Frank and Stanley Wootton, found much pleasure in entertaining Australian soldiers at his Epsom establishment, which is considered one of the finest residences and training quarters in England. One of Mr. Wootton's most recent successes was attained with Muscovite, who won the mile and a-half Apprentice Plate at the Epsom spring meeting last April. He told several visiting Australian soldiers who were on furlough that the horse "could not lose."

INTERPROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

WELLINGTON.

Fancied Candidates for Leading C.J.C. Events—Valencia Joins R. Barlow's Team—Preparations for Spring Fixtures.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The Grand National meeting, to be decided next month, is the all absorbing topic in sporting circles. Several horses, notably Bon Reve (12.6) and Waimai (12.7) for the Steeplechase. All Over (10.4) for the Winter Cup and Omaha (10.7) for the Hurdles have been well supported by those who are credited with being well informed. The races, however, bear an open appearance, and early backers may be astray in their calculations.

Prior to leaving Wellington on his way south, the Invercargill trainer, P. Hogan, made no secret of the fact that he expected Redshire to shape well at Riccarton. The bay gelding was considered unlucky not to win a stake at Trentham, but the son of Downshire—Red Peony may make some amends next month.

Battle Array is doing all right in his training at Trentham, and there are many critics who are prepared to see this nice galloper getting amongst the placed division in the Winter Cup. The Signor gelding will be ridden by C. Emerson in next month's principal mile race.

Provided Rebekah sees the post in the Winter Cup, the chestnut mare can be depended upon to make a bold showing. She will be ridden by R. S. Bagby in her contests at Riccarton.

The Lyttelton steamers last week were well crowded with horses on their way to fulfil engagements at the C.J.C. Grand National meeting. Bon Reve and Rewi Poto were a pair that caught the eye as typical racers as they were being shipped on board the s.s. Mararoa.

Crown Head is in training with a view to winning some hurdling races during the winter. The gelding's owner, Mr. S. Brewer, of Takapau, is confident that his horse will prove a safe conveyance over the obstacles.

Tigerland, who went south last week, is a fine cut of a hurdler, who is likely to get amongst the winners at the C.J.C. meeting. The chestnut shaped very well at Trentham, and was always handy. With a little luck on his side the four-year-old Finland gelding should carry Mr. H. A. Russell's colours creditably at Riccarton.

Orleans is hitting out in good style under T. George's guidance at Awapuni. The brown gelding is expected to pay his way well over the small sticks, and after his fine showing at the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting the Conqueror gelding made many admirers for the future.

Lady Black has been turned out for a spell, and just at present R. ("Dick") Johnson, the New Plymouth trainer, has only Rewi Poto in training. Several additional horses, however, will be taken in hand on Johnson's return from the Grand National meeting.

R. Barlow, the New Plymouth trainer, has received an addition to his team by the arrival of Valencia, who is owned by the Wellington sportsman, Mr. J. Harle. The newcomer, who is by Solferino, is a good sort, and was formerly a member of R. J. Mason's stable at Riccarton.

Amongst those to return by the troopship Marama, which reached Wellington at the week end, was Private W. R. Collerton, a well-known and popular sporting enthusiast, of Te Nui, in the Wairarapa. Private Collerton was met on arrival by several friends of the district, who extended to him a hearty welcome on his return to New Zealand.

Royal Exchange (King Rufus—Commerce) is hitting out very promisingly in her training at Trentham. This two-year-old filly is expected to bring J. W. Lowe's "Endeavour Lodge" establishment prominently before the racing public next season.

At Trentham, C. Pritchard is handling a shapely sort in a three-year-old by Maniapoto from Sweet Helen, who is built on capital galloping lines. The filly can gallop to some purpose, and she should be heard of at some of the early spring meetings.

Mr. W. Smart's two horses, Pacific Slope and Consultation, are being kept busy by H. Kingan at Trentham. They will be competing at several of the early spring fixtures.

The curtailed train services are still pressing heavily on horseowners, who now have to resort to walking on the roads. All the horses shipped south from Wellington had to be walked from the Upper Hutt to Wellington, a distance of 20 miles, and as the weather was cold the trip was not appreciated by those who were compelled to undertake the task.

Athens II. is a horse spoken of in connection with the Winter Cup. There are quite a number of critics who declare that we did not see the best of the Demosthenes gelding at Wellington, and they are awaiting his appearance at Riccarton.

Tirana is being subjected to steady work under H. Kingan's guidance at Trentham. The coronet gelding is wintering well, and should be handy when the Marton Jockey Club's spring gathering comes up for decision in September.

at the Christchurch Hunt Club's gathering.

Burrangong is to be wintered in Invercargill as an inmate of Mr. W. Stone's private training stable. The son of Mystification, who is looking lusty and well, may be seen daily striding out on the roads with Anton and Bright Spot as his companions. Mr. Stone's other horses, Primum and Martial Dance (a two-year-old) are reported to be doing well at Riccarton. Latest advice from J. Pankhurst, who is in charge of the team, states that jockey C. Emerson was not seriously injured as was previously reported when Primum rolled over with him on the training track. Pankhurst also advises that Primum is not deserving of the wayward character attributed to him by northern scribes, this opinion being shared by P. Hogan, who has had a very wide experience of unruly thoroughbreds.

G. Feilding, the well-known Rorke's Drift Lodge cross-country jockey, had an unfortunate experience at the Waimate Hunt meeting, when Penola fell with him in the Hack Flat event, being brought down by another competitor. Feilding had several ribs broken, and was unable to ride at the Christchurch Hunt meeting on Saturday. He will also be debarred from riding at the Grand National fixture. This mishap is a serious one to a very steady, conscientious horseman, who had hoped to ride Dardan-

ional meeting. The daughter of All Red from the Auckland-bred Aerina, is just the kind of galloper to create a surprise in any of the events in which her owner may elect to start her, as she can sprint and stay. She was coming on nicely when she won the King George Handicap on the concluding day of the Dunedin winter fixture. On this score alone she must be given a chance of gathering some money at Riccarton next month. Her connections may have some trouble to get her on the scene of action unless the sea trip be arranged. Another speedy welter horse from E. D. Wilson's stable who may be mentioned in prospect for Riccarton is Borodino, a fast weight carrying son of Finland—Princess Mosca.

Several tempting offers for Eleus have been turned down of late, also similar advances for the purchase of Anton. The latter is looking very well, and should do something next season to counter-balance his failure as a two-year-old, when he was seriously handicapped by shin soreness. The Australian-bred juvenile can gallop fast, and may yet prove that fact in public.

The Invercargill and Southland Cups winner, Marsa, is reported to have broken down badly, and is not likely to race again for some time, if ever. The Varco—Ninon colt in the same stable is now the property of Mr. G. Kain. As a three-year-old he may carry his new owner's colours in



DR. SCOTT (on right) and DR. COLLINS (left) standing alongside the silver cup, valued at 70gns., presented by the former and Mr. K. S. Williams to the winner of the Poverty Bay Trotting Cup, which proved to be Mr. R. Burnett's Lady Burlington.

Amongst the returned men to reach Wellington by the troopship Briton on Wednesday last was Private B. Lowe, who, previous to going away to the war, was a well-known jockey. Lowe comes back in the best of good health, and as he can still go to scale at 7.7, his services should be in keen demand during the next few months. Lowe was for a couple of years identified with riding in Otago and Southland, where he rode several winners and gained many admirers for his excellent horsemanship. At present Lowe is undecided where he will settle down, but overtures have been made to him to settle in the South Island.

SOUTHLAND.

Tracks in Southland Too Heavy at Present For Training Operations—Burrangong Being Wintered in Invercargill—Unfortunate Mishap to G. Feilding—Eleus, Freshened up—Calma's Engagements at Riccarton—E. D. Wilson's Likely Pair for C.J.C. Meeting—Marsa Reported to Have Broken Down Badly—Order-down Changes Hands.

(Telegraph—Southland Correspondent.)

The local tracks are still affected by the past heavy moisture, with the result that horses under the care of P. T. Hogan, G. McLean, A. McKenzie, J. Gray and Mr. W. Stone have to confine their attention daily to long stretches of road work. Similar conditions prevail at Winton and Riverton. It is a welcome change, however, for jaded gallopers, many of whom appear to thrive under the treatment.

P. Hogan returned to Invercargill for three or four days after the Wellington winter meeting, but left hurriedly again for Riccarton to superintend the running of his candidates

elles in the Grand National Steeplechase, to say nothing of the mounts on some of Mr. Acton Adams' jumpers. J. McChesney, another of P. Hogan's jumping jockeys, will now steer Dardanelles in his forthcoming engagements.

When Eleus takes his exercise day by day on the roads leading to and from Rorke's Drift Lodge his companion on the lead is Almoner, the Boniform—Cassock gelding. The latter is as lively as a kitten, and gives every indication that he is storing up a strong fund of vitality with which to commence the new season's training operations. Eleus has noticeably freshened up, having quite recovered from the listless manner which characterised his former efforts. The son of Elysian remains under P. Hogan's care, his new owner, Mr. Stone, having quite enough horses at home to engage his attention as an amateur trainer in pursuit of a healthy hobby.

When P. Hogan left Riccarton on a hasty trip to the south, the hurdle mare, Calma, displayed signs of soreness, hence her activities at the Grand National gathering may be confined to minor events. However, though Calma has not been accepted for in the Grand National Hurdles, Hogan will do his best to get her to the post for one of the valuable Riccarton hurdle events, as he holds a high opinion of the daughter of Calibre, who is a decidedly useful animal.

The well-known jockey, A. McKay, has taken over the stables at Riverton recently occupied by A. D. McIvor. McKay bears the reputation of being one of the steadiest and most experienced in the land with gallopers and jumpers, hence it is safe to say that he will blossom out as a public trainer under very favourable conditions.

It is reported from Dunedin that Hot Air will race at the Grand Nat-

the Dunedin Guineas and other classic events. He must have demonstrated to trainer J. Stewart that he can gallop well, as the change of ownership was effected at a substantial figure.

The Glenculloch mare Orderdown will in future race in the interests of Mr. H. Cunningham. The Winton mare's late owner, Mr. A. Chisholm, who is about to pay a visit to Great Britain, has disposed of all of his thoroughbred interests in the meantime.

Now that his Riverton property is off his hands, Mr. A. D. McIvor is going to settle down in Invercargill for a lengthy spell.

Trainer G. McLean should have a strong team next season from a numerical point of view, as the gallopers under his care already number ten.

WANGANUI.

Client to be Given a Short Spell—Wanganui Jockey Club's Annual Meeting—Vance in Steady Work Again—T. Long's Trio Progressing Well.

WANGANUI, Friday.

It is stated that there is some likelihood of the Wanganui Jockey Club including a juvenile handicap on the programme for the forthcoming spring meeting, with a view to providing horses which come here for the Guineas another chance of paying their way. If such a race is decided, it will give the rising two-year-olds a chance to show what they can do. Several of those being got ready in this district are fairly well forward, and no doubt would be given a run if a race is provided for them.

The many friends of Mr. James Higgin, a very prominent member of the Wanganui Jockey Club, will re-

gret to learn that he is at present seriously ill. A vote of sympathy to him was passed at the annual meeting of members on Wednesday night.

The "double tote" was mentioned at the Jockey Club's meeting on Wednesday, but the chairman stated that so far nothing could be arranged in the way of having it installed with the other innovations which the club is installing.

The members of the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club are hopeful that the railway services will be restored to normal before the club's race meeting on August 27. If not, the gathering will not be the success it otherwise would be. It is confidently expected that the nominations will be large, and some excellent sport should be provided.

The Fordell team which raced at Trentham did not get home until Tuesday, the horses being walked back in easy stages. Client will be given a short spell, and then get ready for the spring meetings. He showed at Trentham that he can still gallop as fast as any of them when in the humour, and it is quite on the cards that he will give further proof of this next season, as the son of Elevation is as sound as a bell.

Tame Fox and Tempo after a brief respite, will be put into work in view of the Marton and Wanganui meetings, at both of which the Fordell stable is sure to be strongly represented.

Mr. E. Whiteman, owner of Metalum, intends giving the All Black mare a run in the hurdles at the Manawatu Hunt meeting. She is a remarkably fast jumper, flying the obstacles in great style, but she is such an unruly customer at the barrier that she is as likely as not to be badly left. Given a decent start, she would go fast enough for any of them over the sticks, and if she steadies down she will probably win a good hurdle race or two for her owner.

It was expected that there would be some discussion at the Wanganui Jockey Club's meeting on Wednesday on the question of a new racecourse site, but little was said on the subject, and it may be taken for granted that the club will race on the present course for some years to come. The committee reported having devoted a great deal of time to the inspection of various properties and consideration of the terms under which they have been offered, but regretted that at present they have no definite recommendation to make.

For many years Mr. R. Russell has been one of the most useful members of the committee of the Wanganui Jockey Club, and his splendid work as birdcage steward has won the admiration of visiting sportsmen, who have freely expressed the opinion that Mr. Russell's management of the birdcage was unequalled anywhere. A well deserved tribute was paid to the gentleman in question by members of the club on Wednesday evening, when it was decided to place on record the deep appreciation of the members for the many good services rendered by Mr. Russell as committee man and steward.

Vance is in steady work again, and is looking well after her long spell. She will be got ready for the Marton meeting. Her stable mate, Tairaraka is also going along nicely, and may be seen out at the Hunt Club meeting.

T. Long has Mode and his two young fillies in regular work. The first-named will be a starter at the Marton meeting in the Hurdles, all going well. He is going on the right way, while the two fillies are also making good progress. Of the two, the daughter of All Black is the more forward at present, and will be ready to race early in the spring. She gives much promise. The Solferino filly is coming along all right, but it will be later on in the season before she will be at her best as a two-year-old.

WAIRARAPA.

Form Up's Winter Cup Engagement—Lady General Being Prepared for Spring Racing—Brown Joe Finished His Racing Career—Torfreda in Work Again—Masterton R.C. to Erect New Totalisator House.

MASTERTON, Thursday.

The deputation from the Masterton Racing Club who waited on the Minister of Internal Affairs last week were not successful in securing the extra day's permit for its autumn meeting.

A. Ward will have the mount on Sir Solo in the Grand National Hurdles. W. Garrett remained at Trentham with the Sir Laddo gelding, pending removing to Riccarton.

W. Hawthorne will not return to the Dominion until October next.

Since going to Australia the Masterton trainer has done very well for Mr. Kemball, and has led in several winners, both on the flat and over hurdles.

Mr. L. S. Nicol, owner of Merrie Poto, returned to Masterton this week after nearly two years' absence on active service.

The Opaki stable presided over by J. T. Jamieson was not represented at the Wellington meeting, and his horses will also be absent from the Grand National fixture.

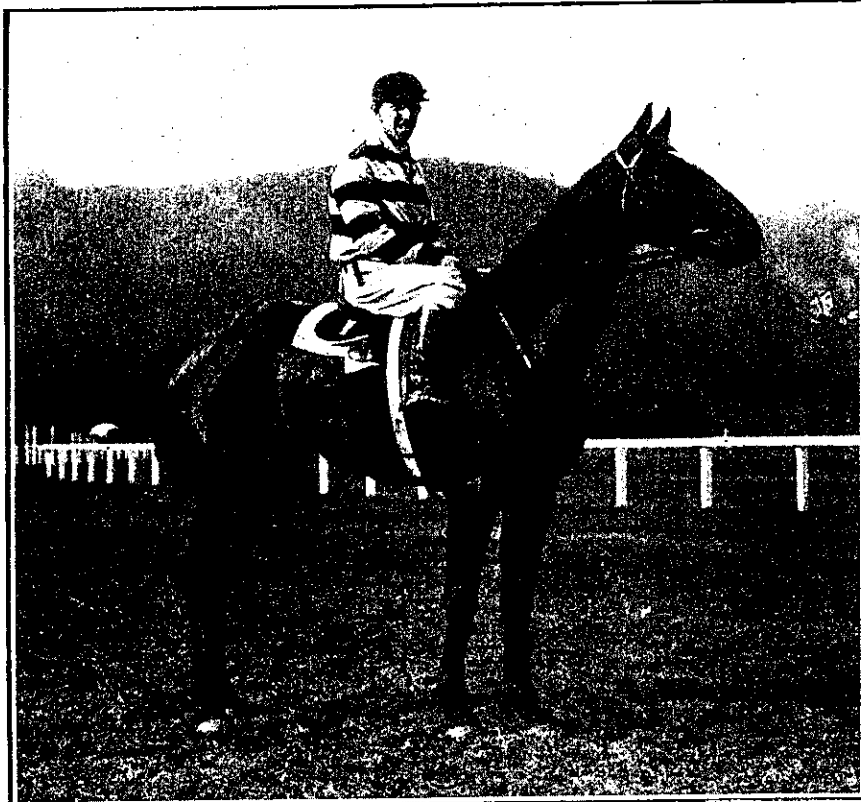
The Tauherenikau-trained Form Up has already arrived at Riccarton, where he is to contest the Winter Cup. Last year Comment, trained on the same course, nearly brought off a surprise, being second to Bedford. Form Up is well fancied in this district, and the racing he had at Trentham should stand him in good stead for the mile event.

During the period of the war the Masterton Racing Club has paid to the Treasury in taxes the sum of £9872 2s. 8d.

Lady General is being kept going at Opaki by T. Higgins, and should be well forward by the time the spring meetings come round. She has quite got over the soreness which troubled her some little time back.

The trainer of Dainty Step was disappointed that Mr. Fenwick did not nominate the Tauherenikau-trained mare for the Winter Cup, as he was confident she would run out a mile in good company. However, Dainty Step is only a three-year-old, and will be better for a spell just now.

"Ascot Lodge," the accommodation house attached to the Masterton Club's course at Opaki, has been enlarged, and will now have provision for 110 jockeys and trainers.



A double winner at the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting—Mr. F. S. Easton's blk g GANGLAWA, 6yrs., by Provocation—Gold Cord, who accounted for the Brooklyn Steeplechase (2½ miles) and the Talavera Hurdle Handicap (1½ miles). H. Lorrigan in saddle.

It has been decided not to persevere further with Brown Joe, recently a member of T. Higgins' team. The gelding is now out on his owner's property near Masterton.

Torfreda is again one of the active brigade, and the daughter of Hymettus—Straga is being given light exercise by her trainer. It is to be hoped that this season Mr. McDonald's mare will have better luck in her races than she did last season, when she seemed to get into all the trouble that was going.

The way in which Mr. A. McDonald's two-year-olds are getting through their work at Opaki augurs well for their three-year-old career, and trainer Jamieson has them all looking big and well. Of course, the star is Affection, which showed such good form last season. Hyades, full-sister to Hymetra and Torfreda, was not asked to do much racing last season, and will be all the better for it, as she promised to develop quickly. Rose Wreath and Murihiku are both looking bigger than when last seen out in public, and all going well with them they should credit Mr. McDonald with some important stakes. The rising two-year-olds in the stable have been handled and given light work, and have conducted themselves well in their short sprints.

In its annual report to members the Masterton Racing Club has the following reference to the totalisator house:—"Finding that the facilities for investing on the present totalisator were inadequate, your stewards have decided to erect a new totalisa-

tor house. Plans have been drawn, and tenders are being called for the erection of the building, to be finished in time for the October meeting. The new totalisator house will have a semi-circular front of 58 feet, with a square base at the back; there is provision for 22 selling windows and nine pay-out windows, and commission window on the lawn, and seven selling and four pay-out windows for the outside public, with a late dividend window at one of the corners that will serve both the lawn enclosure and the outside. This increase of accommodation, they anticipate, will be ample for the investing public."

CANTERBURY.

Collector Amiss Again—Three of the Chokebore Team at Present on Disabled List—R. O'Donnell's Juveniles Arrive at Riccarton—R. J. Mason's Quartette for Sydney Getting Through Serviceable Tasks—Waimai's Attractive Jumping Displays.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Visiting horses are arriving by every steamer from the north, and though as yet few of them have been requested to do much on the tracks, their presence lends interest to the training operations. Most of the southern competitors are being brought by road to Riccarton, some of them being a week on the journey.

Early last spring Collector went amiss, but was patched up again to such good purpose that he was enabled to follow the Brackenfield hounds. On the strength of this he was given a nomination in the Grand

On Thursday, Waimai and Signature were companions in a round over the big obstacles. The former's jumping was a treat to witness, but Signature did not appear to relish the big obstacles, losing ground at every one.

LATER.

Master Strowan Gives Finished Display—Visiting Teams Arriving—Notes on the Christchurch Hunt Meeting—Jumping Proves of a Disappointing Standard—Manawapango's Improved Prospects in G.N. Steeplechase.

(Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent)

The fact of none of Mr. G. D. Greenwood's horses having been paid up for in the Winter Cup suggests that the trainer, R. J. Mason, has hopes of getting away for Sydney shortly.

Three Dunedin representatives for the Grand National meeting in Kilboyne, Black Mountain and Grand Duchy, arrived by road on Friday. Before leaving, the first-named sustained a bruised heel, but it is not likely to affect his preparation.

At Riccarton on Monday Master Strowan was given his first serious task since arriving. With F. Ellis in the saddle, he gave a finished display over six of the big fences, and pulled up really well.

F. Loomb, trainer of Cynic, arrived at Riccarton on Sunday to superintend the gelding's preparation for the Grand National Hurdles.

A. Shearsby put in an appearance on Sunday with Sleight of Hand, Miramar and Reformation. The trio left Palmerston North the previous Monday, and were just on a week in getting to Riccarton.

S. Reid intended being at the Christchurch Hunt meeting to ride Comment and Hiero, but got hung up in Wellington.

Arrangements have been made for F. Flynn to ride Morecambe in the Grand National Steeplechase, which will ensure the gelding lacking nothing in the matter of horsemanship.

After having been seriously indisposed for some weeks, stipendiary-steward, Mr. T. H. Davey, is about again.

Though he started seventh favourite for the Flying Handicap at the Christchurch Hunt Club meeting, Form Up was heavily supported away from the course. He was rather slow to commence, but was galloping better than anything else at the finish. On this showing he is sure to run well in the Winter Cup, as the extra two furlongs is sure to suit him.

The outstanding feature of the racing at the Christchurch Hunt Club's meeting on Saturday was the poorness of the jumping. Out of 19 starters in the three cross-country events only six got round without making mistakes, amongst those who failed being such usually reliable fencers as Gang Awa, Morecambe, Arlington, Lochella and Nita. Of the five starters in the Camla Cup Steeplechase, only Tidal Wave got round without mishap, and she scored by over a furlong from The Grand. Sandown (late Rubicon) looked like putting up a good fight till he toppled over two fences from home, and it was left to The Grand, who had previously run off, to get second money. The Lawford Steeplechase proved little more than a useful schooling task for Manawapango, who was only opposed by three moderates. Taking charge at Cutts, the top weight cleared right out, and never gave his rivals a look in, winning anyhow by a dozen lengths from Lawsuit. Manawapango gave a nice exhibition of jumping, and the gallop over the Riccarton fences should improve his Grand National Steeplechase prospects. He was lately acquired by the local sportsman, Mr. J. S. Barrett, whose win was decidedly popular. St. Curio bumped his rider off early in the contest.

Gang Awa, the favourite, set such a strong pace from the start of the Homeby Steeplechase as soon to have most of his opponents in trouble. Morecambe shirked at the kennels double, and Sam Pan lost his rider at the same obstacle. Jumping in great style, Gang Awa continued in charge till approaching the second to last fence. There Lochella came at him, and on landing the favourite came down. This appeared to make matters simple for Lochella, who had a commanding lead at the last fence from Dardanelles and Bore. Unfortunately, the Dunedin representative ran round the jump, leaving the finish to Bore and Dardanelles, these being the only others standing up. The latter put up a game fight, but Bore outstayed him, winning nicely by half a length. On being taken back, Lochella finished the course and got third money.

TURF TOPICS

Cynic is reported to have been working scratchily at Riccarton.

Warner rode Seville on Thursday morning when that gelding jumped four hurdles nicely.

The annual meeting of members of the Auckland Racing Club is to take place on Monday next.

R. Johnson will not now be taking a team of horses to Australia, owing to shipping difficulties.

The trotting stallion Peter Moko (2.7) has not yet been shipped from Frisco for Auckland.

Karo and Sweet Corn were a brace of fancied mares in the Winter Cup which were not paid up for.

A. Hendricksen has sold the aged trotting gelding Sunrise to Mr. A. Gallagher, of Prebbleton.

Valencia, by Solferino, one of Mr. Greenwood's lot, has been sold to Mr. J. Harle, and will be trained by R. Barlow.

Mr. F. S. Easton has decided on letting Master Strowan take his chance in the N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase.

Mr. R. Wynyard has had a week of influenza trouble, and for most of the time was confined to his bed, but was out and about on Monday.

The Gisborne sportsman Mr. C. J. Bennett has claimed the name of Over There for his full-brother to Gazique.

H. Eva brought a gelding by Sylvite from Surplus, dam of Penwarden, from the Waikato on his return to Ellerslie with Swastika.

Mr. Bruce Christie, of Oamaru, has sold the thoroughbred stallion Markhope to Sir Rupert Clarke, of Melbourne.

Mr. W. Windsor will get away with Seville for the Grand National meeting on Saturday next by the Mokoia, all going well in the meantime.

Mr. C. Walker, owner of Signature, left on Tuesday by the Patea from Onehunga for Wellington, from thence to take ship to Lyttelton.

A Sydney writer says that Mr. E. W. Alison, jun., who owned Spanner, was anxious to secure his half-brother by The Sabyrite.

Imported Arrowsmith is doing nicely under Asprey's care. He has got his shore legs now about between 11 and 12 weeks aboard ship.

A southern paper says the company concerned has paid out the full insurance on the big grandstand burnt at Riccarton recently.

A fine of £50 was imposed at Waverley on a man who was charged with having made a bet with a boy and who was said to be a bookmaker.

"The outsiders" will learn with satisfaction that they are to have a reinforced concrete stand to seat 5000 at Ellerslie in the near future.

Thrace, Hineamaru and Paddington Green were scratched for all engagements at the N.Z. Grand National meeting on Saturday, July 19, at 9 a.m.

W. Sharpe's team at Ellerslie consists now of Maori Te Kanga, Merry Prince, Stumix, a mare by Foremost, and Dorothy Dimple, the grey trotting mare.

The last race meeting of the season in the South Island was held on Saturday. This was the Christchurch Hunt Club meeting, which proved a success.

No Surrender and Peneton were both left at Hamilton to be turned out, having gone amiss. This is a pity, as both were useful horses of their class.

Multive and Signature were reported to be working satisfactorily at Riccarton last week, and the last-named jumped pleasingly on Thursday, according to private advice.

The two-year-old sister to Braid has joined G. Reed's stable at Wingatui. Filigree has been claimed as a name for the daughter of Boniform—Brocade.

Preliminaries are in progress for the Pakuranga Hunt Club meeting. It is to be hoped that there will be a fair show of hunter chasers and hurdlers from all parts of the province, Taranaki and elsewhere.

The Marlborough Racing Club recently disposed of its course at Riverlands, where racing has been carried on for over thirty years, and has purchased a property nearer the town.

The sale of trotting stock of Mr. Kitchingham's stud at Fendalton will, it is said, be the largest of the kind ever held in the Dominion. At a time when train services are disorganised prices should be in favour of buyers.

"Carbine," the Wellington writer, says it should not be long before Hineamaru and Canzonet run out of hack company. They carried great weights and absolutely buried the opposition at Trentham.

Marshbank has arranged to have his Diabolo gelding Hawkesbury trained at Ellerslie, as Manurewa is a bit too far away, and he has the stud horse Heather Mixture there to attend to during the season.

R. Pollock, who for the past three years has been associated with J. Bryce's Oakhampton Lodge, is setting up as a public trainer at New Brighton. He has Lord Roanchild and Tamarisk to start upon.

An owner who was told by a leading member that his horses won too much money at one particular country meeting year after year, still thinks of giving the club further nominations when the time comes.

A. J. McFlinn came back from Wellington and has been assisting at Ellerslie of a morning. He returns south and goes on to Riccarton next week, and will there ride Cynic in the Grand National Hurdles.

P. Conway has Marble Top, son of Marble Arch and Lady Bobs, under his charge at the present time, and having been given plenty of time the gelding, who has not long been broken, may stand all the longer when he is seasoned to the business of racing. He is a bit in-bred.

The temporary stand to replace the grandstand destroyed by fire at Riccarton was in use on Saturday for the Christchurch Hunt Club meeting, seating accommodation for 2000 and the roof being finished. Smart work on the part of Mr. Luttrell (the contractor) and his men.

Messrs. Edward Benjamin Newton, of Winchmore, and Hunter Morris, of Winchmore, are gazetted members of the Board of Trustees of the Ashburton racecourse, under the Ashburton Racecourse Act, 1882, vice Mr. John Davison, deceased, and Mr. C. J. Harper, resigned.

It is reported in the Wellington "Times" that the validity of a decision given by a Taranaki magistrate in the case of a man who was charged by the Opunake Racing Club with trespassing during the club's meeting last March, will probably be tested very shortly by the president of the Racing Conference.

W. Holmes, the ex-Yaldhurst lightweight, who has just returned from Egypt, is presenting a silver challenge cup as a trophy to be played for annually by football teams representing the North and South Island jockeys. It is proposed that the captain of the winning team should hold the cup for the ensuing year.



THE AUCKLAND TRAMWAYS RUGBY FOOTBALL TEAM, WHICH WAS DEFEATED BY THE WELLINGTON TRAMWAYS REPRESENTATIVES AT VICTORIA PARK LAST WEEK.

The appellation of Rada has been claimed for the Halloween—Ukraine filly in J. Ayres' stable at Trentham, and the half-sister to Sasanoff will carry the colours of the well-known Wellington owner, Mr. Harold Brown.

For the Point to Point meeting contemplated in honour of the visit of Lord Jellicoe, arrangements have yet to be concluded, so Mr. Bullock Webster informed a representative of this paper recently, but the matter is in hand.

The added money for the Grand Prix de Paris was not worth so much this year as before the war, and the amounts subscribed by the City of Paris (formerly 6000sovs.) and great railway companies (2000sovs.) were reduced.

Buckwheat's progeny last season won £2396 in stakes in England, and this year will take a much more prominent place. Royal Bucks' Lincolnshire Handicap and City and Suburban successes are the most prominent.

Cerberus, in R. Longley's stable, is reported fairly smart, and is one of the 9th. division engaged in the Winter Cup that some people are talking about. His win on Saturday at the Christchurch Hunt meeting must have been well anticipated.

The lop-eared Slowcoach jumped the little hurdles at Ellerslie the first time of asking better than at his next attempt. Diamond Field was sent to give him a lead last Thursday morning, but he turned tricky and got rid of A. Adolph.

Waimai was reported a bit sore on Wednesday of last week. He has been got ready on lots of walking and long, slow work in the past, and was often away from the course at Ellerslie. If the same practice is pursued at Riccarton some of his admirers who don't know his peculiarities will be taking fright.

The other morning at Ellerslie the two-year-old filly by Absurd from Condamine, owned by Mr. Mathias and trained by J. Williamson, got away from her attendant and galloped back to the scraping sheds, jumping some of the fences en route and knocking a patch of skin off here and there. She got a bit of a fright, apparently.

The win recorded by Parisian Diamond in the Onslow Handicap on the concluding day of the Wellington R.C.'s winter meeting marked the first victory secured by Mr. G. D. Beatson's representative during the past season. Previous to that he had three seconds to his credit, which, contrasted to his series of successes during the 1917-18 season, demonstrates that he has been better taken care of by the handicappers. He earned all his weight, however.

The death occurred this month at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, of the well-known South Kensington trainer, Dick Gough. At one time he was one of the leading jockeys of New South Wales and Queensland, and came second in the Melbourne Cup on Ronda, besides winning two Brisbane Cups and other classical races. He headed the list

of winning jockeys in Brisbane three years in succession. He was a brother of the well-known jockeys, Jack, James, Charles, and Harry Gough.

The successful two-year-old colt Warplane is again in work at Awapuni, and his three-year-old career will be invested with much interest.

Another week should see the completion of the concrete terraces at the Takapuna racecourse. The work has been in hand for several months past.

It has been freely stated that a tender of something like £2000, which was the lowest of a number put in for doing the concreting and terrace work in front of the grandstand in the lawn and paddock enclosure at Ellerslie, had been accepted last week, but the report was somewhat previous, as there had not been a meeting of the committee. That, however, is one of the jobs to be completed in time for the November meeting of the Auckland Racing Club.

"I wish I had another as honest," remarked the trainer of Vascular in discussing the old fellow's win in the Wellington Steeplechase. His record for the season is something like sixteen times placed out of nineteen starts, and he has won about £1600 in stakes. Though the company he has met has not always been of the best, his consistency is noteworthy. It has not been possible to get him thoroughly wound up for his races, and but for his gameness and honesty his pay-sheet would have shown a much smaller credit.

Waimai's winnings during the season which closes to-day amount to £1000.

Manawaponga, winner of the Hunt Club Cup at the Christchurch Hunt Club meeting, is one of the acceptors for the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase. He is a six-year-old son of All Black and Dear Heart, who was got by Coeur de Lion, a good hurdler who carried the colours of Captain Sir William Russell successfully, from Katie Ferguson, daughter of Musket and imported Dundee Katie, at one time owned by the late Mr. William Percival, secretary to the Auckland Racing Club.

One of the most attractive colts seen at Ellerslie for some time is the Lucullus—Congress youngster in P. Conway's charge, erroneously referred to as from Recoup. He may be inclined to be a bit highly strung, but he is a bold, well-grown and rather a distinctive colt, and if Lucullus continues to leave representatives like several racing and in training by him—and no doubt he will—there will be plenty of breeders regretting having neglected to use the son of Ard Patrick and Lucca, parents each of which distinguished themselves on the turf, the former in England by winning the Derby, after which he was sold for £20,000, while Lucca won the German Derby, worth £5000, and on breeding lines both were good. If Lucullus had been patronised as most imported horses are in New Zealand, he would have already made a big name for himself, there is little doubt in the writer's opinion.

Statuette, sister to Aroli Marella, has been purchased by Mr. G. D. Beatson, owner of Parisian Diamond. The price has not been stated.

Mr. George Nicol has about nine yearlings, purchased at the sales in Australia, awaiting ships to bring them to Auckland. He intends putting them on the market here, so report says.

A favourite has been found for the Epsom Handicap (says Sydney "Fair-play"), and Spanner is the one to have the honour. As Spanner has never raced outside New Zealand, it cannot be said that he is favourably handicapped with 8.7, and those punters who have taken the price on offer against him really deserve the V.C., as Spanner is still in New Zealand, and is likely to remain there some time, unless the industrial position takes a sudden turn." It has been known for some time that Spanner will not go to Australia this spring.

Form Up will not have lost any friends for his Winter Cup engagement as the result of his third to Cerberus and Redshire in the Flying Handicap (six furlongs) at the Christchurch Hunt Club's meeting on Saturday. On the other hand there will be a stronger tendency than ever to support the Formative—Pursing gelding, despite the fact that he has proved a distinct disappointment during the past season.

At the sale of thoroughbreds at Newmarket, Melbourne, on July 11, a brown colt foaled November 17, 1918, by The Welkin—Wilari Sister, was sold on behalf of Mrs. Herbert Power to Mr. A. S. Chirnside for 680gns. A chestnut colt, foaled October 30, 1917, by Wallace—Coolamatong, was sold on account of Mr. P. S. Mitchell to Mr. I. Foulsham for 510gns., while on account of Messrs. A. and G. Tye the bay mare Cranbrook, bred in England in 1912, by White Knight—Sal, served by Polymelus, was purchased by Mr. E. A. Connelly for 875gns.

The combined trotting gathering to be held by the Metropolitan T.C., Canterbury Park T.C., and New Brighton T.C., on the Addington course, Christchurch, in honour of Admiral Lord John Jellicoe and the officers and men from H.M.S. New Zealand during that warship's stay at Lyttelton, promises to be the leading sporting attraction commemorating the historic visit to these shores, and will doubtless find most appreciation from the sailors. The events to be decided at the gathering are as follows:—Sydney Handicap (one mile and five furlongs), Minesweepers' Handicap (two miles), New Zealand Handicap (two miles), Victory Handicap (1 1/4 miles), Queen Mary Handicap (two miles), Queen Elizabeth Handicap (1 1/4 miles), Iron Duke Handicap (one mile). The last-named event is in saddle, all the others being in harness. It is anticipated that a permit to use the totalisator will be granted. The meeting will be managed by a committee and stewards representative of the Christchurch clubs.

ELLERSLIE ITEMS.

Mr. Jack Williams has left Peneton in the Waikato for a long rest. The son of Penury—Eton Lass broke down badly in the Hunt Club Cup at the Waikato Hunt meeting. Hypothesis (Penury—Hypatia) is the only horse Mr. Williams has going at the present time.

F. Speakman schooled the St. Paul gelding in F. Stenning's care on Saturday. The nobby little bay gave an extra fine display of clean fencing for a novice, and promises to be useful.

Sandy McGregor and the Lady Hune rising three-year-old in W. Smith's care at Ellerslie are coming on nicely. The pair were sprinted a couple of furlongs on Saturday, the former showing most pace.

E. Pope is back again at Ellerslie. He was indisposed while at Trentam, and sent Sir Ralph on to Riccarton in R. Titchen's charge.

F. Tonge has returned from the Waikato and taken under his care again the gelding by Roepotae, which was in P. Conway's charge. The brown is probably the biggest horse in work at headquarters.

The members of J. J. Preston's team are looking in nice mellow condition. Ohaupo, the maiden hurdle candidate; Ulster, also a half sister, which is still in the kindergarten stage, and the hunter Master Rijou are all doing useful work.

Marble Top, by Marble Arch—Lady Bobs, has been taken up after a spell, and has grown into a commanding gelding that should make his mark later on.

Te Miro is moving along in a jaunty style, and is quite as handy as ever with his heels. He has put on a lot of solid condition recently.

Flowing Bowl and War Tank show the care and attention bestowed upon them during the time they have been resting.

Report has it that Mill o' Gowrie was offered to an Auckland sportsman very cheap prior to the Waikato Hunt Club meeting.

The big chestnut gelding in Rae's care, a full brother to Ulster, is rounding up nicely, and has lost all his meadow condition. He is a powerfully built gelding.

THE NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONALS.

A splendid first acceptance has been received for each of the leading races, the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase, Winter Cup, and New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Race, of the Canterbury Jockey Club. There are 15 in each of the jumping races, and with the exception of Thrace and Kauri King, the two best hurdle horses in Auckland; Seadown, who has an injured leg, and Euripos, similarly troubled, nothing dropped out of the Hurdle Race that really appeared to have much chance, and the same remark applies to the Grand National Steeplechase lot. There were a good many notable defections from the Winter Cup, though some of them were not expected to put in an appearance. The absence from the Winter Cup of the names of Karo, who some people thought from the nature of her work was likely to start, Sweet Corn, who had received some support, Alteration and Hurry Up, the last-named in particular, who it was reported would be ridden by Arthur Oliver, if that rider could do the weight, has caused some surprise. Waimai, Bon Reve, Master Strowan, Master Lupin, Morecambe and Troublesome, Grand National candidates, have each been reported under suspicion during the interval since the Wellington meeting. Waimai was thought to be "a little lame in front" last Wednesday,

Christchurch Hunt meeting. Sisiphus and Fabisco, who also started in that race, Cerebus, Form Up, All Over, Kilkee, Belair, Pretty Bobby and Moorabbe ran in the Flying Handicap, which race was won by Cerebus in 1min. 14sec., showing that the going is good at Riccarton. The Brabazon Welter, run over a mile, took 1min. 44 2-5sec., Gamecock having 10.10 to carry against 9.8 in the Winter Cup, which race wears a very open appearance indeed. Samiel, who ran Gamecock to a head, meets him on the same terms again, only under a 15lb. lighter scale of weights.

The acceptances are as follow:—

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, three miles and a-half.—Waimai 12.7, Bon Reve 12.6, Master Strowan 12.2, Coalition 11.13, Master Lupin 11.9, Vascular 11.4, Morecambe 10.10, Troublesome 10.3, Arlington 9.11, Polthogoe 9.10, Lochella 9.9, Merrie Lad 9.7, Signature 9.7, Dardanelles 9.7, Manawapango 9.7.

WINTER CUP, one mile.—Parisian Diamond 11.6, Gazique 10.11, Kilboyne 10.8, All Over 10.4, Battle Array 10.4, Form Up 10.3, Rebekah 10.2, Athens 11. 9.10, Astinome 9.9, Samiel 9.9, Kilkee 9.9, Potentiality 9.8, Gold Kip 9.8, Gamecock 9.8, Sir Agnes 9.3, Pretty Bobby 9.2, Cerberus 9.0, Sir Ralph 9.0, Sonnino 9.0, Sisiphus 9.0, Belair 9.0, Borodino 9.0, Multiplication 9.0, Fabisco 9.0, Moorabbe 9.0, Hiero 9.0, Leaping Burn 9.0, Imaribbon 9.0.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLES, about two miles and a-half.—Rewi Poto 11.6, Art 11.6, Sleight of Hand 11.0, Cynic 10.9, Paraoa 10.8, Omaha 10.7, Multive 10.2, Loyal Arch 10.2, All Over 10.1, Sir Solo 9.7, Jeannot 9.6, Signature 9.0, Master Moutoa 9.0, Reformation 9.0, Tigerland 9.0.

CHRISTCHURCH HUNT MEETING.

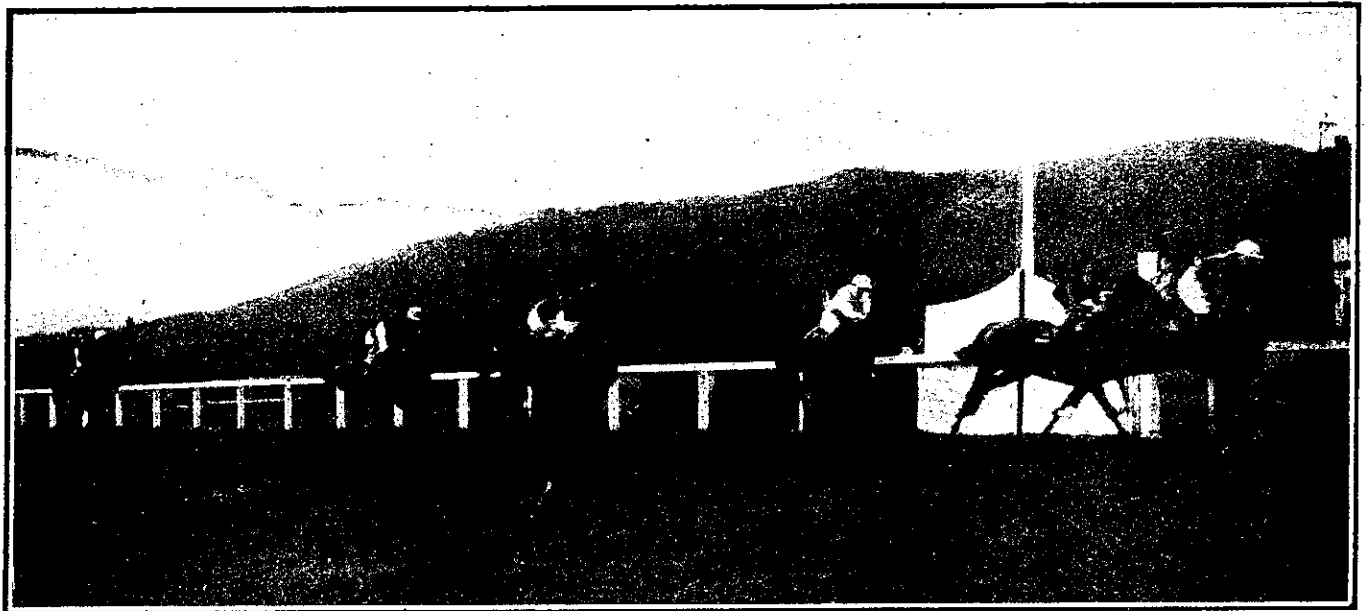
The Christchurch Hunt Club's steeplechase meeting was held at Riccarton on Saturday, the sum of £9323 being handled on the totalisator. The results were:—

CALMA STEEPLECHASE, Two miles and a-half.
1—Tidal Wave, 11.3 1
2—Across the Grand, 11.5 2
Also started: 1 Sundown 11.5, 2 Micky Doolan 11.5, 3 Toofan 11.5.
Micky Doolan and Sundown fell, and Toofan did not finish the course. Won by two furlongs. No time was taken.

KENNELS HURDLE RACE, Once round and a distance.
2—Marvelite, 11.1 1
4—Red Cent, 10.12 2
5—Winslow, 10.0 3
Also started: 2 Graffella 12.1, 6 Highfield 10.11, 1 Sonny 10.0, Ataheri 10.0. Sonny fell. Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 9sec.

LAWFORD STEEPLECHASE, Two miles.
1—J. S. Barrett's ch g Manawapango, 6yrs, by All Black—Dear Heart, 12.2 1
4—Lawsuit, 9.13 2
2—Paremata, 11.13 3
Also started: 3 St. Curio 11.3. St. Curio lost his rider. Won easily. Time, 4min 7sec.

FLYING HANDICAP, Six furlongs.
1—H. A. Boyle's b g Cerberus, 3yrs, by Menschikoff—Malevolence, 10.3 1
3—Redshire, 10.2 2
7—Form Up, 11.9 3
Also started: 8 All Over 11.3, 10 Comment 10.6, 11 Kilkee 10.9, 5 Belair 10.2, 2 Pretty Bobby 10.1, 9 Moorabbe 10.1, 6 Post Haste 10.0, 11 Merton 9.13, 4 Charley 9.10, 13 Bonnetter 9.0, 15 Sweet Smile 9.0, 12 Hands Off 9.0. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 14sec.



PARISIAN DIAMOND (H. Robinson) winning the Onslow Handicap (five furlongs) from ASTINOME (A. Reed) and REDSHIRE (W. Robinson) on the concluding day of the Wellington R.C.'s winter meeting.

but was working "all right" on Saturday, as was Bon Reve, who is a stranger to the Riccarton steeplechase course. His credentials as a flat performer of a high-class order were established at Riccarton. He is now said to be a "bleeder," but where and when he last bled it would be interesting to know. If he stands plenty of work to the day he should be very hard to beat. The same remark applies to Master Lupin, but in a lesser degree, because he has been well seasoned up with racing. It is a fact that Master Lupin was turned out for a long spell because he once bled. This was probably after running away with the boy and galloping several miles on the track on the eve of a Wanganui Cup meeting, when he was expected to go near to securing his second Wanganui Cup. He was "showing signs of soreness" on Saturday. Sleight of Hand bled at Ellerslie for the first time for a considerable time, but he may be all right for the coming meeting at Riccarton, and if he should be himself, will run a good race in the National Hurdles, or, if reserved for a shorter one, would have to be reckoned with. Morecambe was racing as late as Saturday at the Christchurch Hunt gathering, where he and Lochella ran off during the progress of the Hornby Steeplechase, won by Bore, with Dardanelles second. Arlington started, but was one of those that fell. Manawapango, who won the Lawford Steeplechase, apparently had a poor lot to beat, but he is a well-bred horse, and may be useful. Next week we should be a little wiser as to the probabilities, but the three top weights were in most favour early in the week for the Grand National Steeplechase. Rewi Poto, Art, Multive, Loyal Arch and Omaha have been most in request for the G.N. Hurdles. Reports to the effect that Cynic has not been working well have sent that horse out of favour. Omaha seems to have most friends.

Of the Winter Cup 28, half a dozen or more are being supported. Gamecock, Samiel and Hiero were placed horses in the Brabazon Welter at the

EGMONT-WANGANUI HUNT CLUB.

The Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club's race meeting, which is to be held on the Waverley racecourse on August 27, is being looked forward to with considerable interest by a number of trainers, who are anxious to give some of their untried ones a chance to show what they are made of in the hack events. There are quite a number being got ready for the Moumahaki Maiden Hack Handicap, and a good field should be seen out in this event, though some owners would have preferred that the distance had been fixed at six instead of seven furlongs, as it is so early in the season and the going is likely to be fairly soft.

The principal event is the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club Cup Handicap Steeplechase, of 150sovs. (110sovs. and cup valued at 25gns.), three miles, for qualified hunters 1919 season. Other events which are certain to attract special attention from the hunting ranks are the Hunters' Hurdle Handicap, of 80sovs., 1 1/2 miles, and the Ladies' Bracelet Handicap (flat), of 50sovs., 1 1/4 miles. The Waverley Handicap, of 120sovs., one mile, is assured of good patronage from owners, who will be glad of the opportunity to give their horses a run with the colours up so early in the season. In addition to the events already mentioned, the Manaia Maiden Steeplechase, of 80sovs., two miles, and the Kakaramea Hack Handicap, of 75sovs., six furlongs, also figure on the day's card. There is every prospect of large entries, and the jumping should prove very interesting, as several of the horses seen out at the hunt meetings have shown good promise over the country. Owners and trainers should bear in mind that nominations for all events close with Mr. Wm. Macfarlane, hon. secretary, Waverley, on Thursday next (August 7), at 8 p.m.

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HOMEBY STEEPLECHASE. Two miles and a-half.

4—H. A. Knight's b g Bore, aged, by Calibre—Clytic 1
2—Dardanelles, 10.13 2
5—Lochella, 11.4 3
Also started: 8 Morecambe 12.7, 1 Gang Awa 12.4, 2 Arlington 11.9, 7 Sam Pan 10.13, 6 Nita 10.6, 9 Dolling Tide 9.7.
Sam Pan lost his rider, Morecambe and Lochella ran off, and Arlington, Nita, Rolling Tide and Gang Awa fell. Won by half a length. Time, 5min 7 2-5sec.

BRABAZON WELTER. One mile.

1—C. O. T. Rutherford's ch g Gamecock, 4yrs, by San Francisco—Brave Heart, 10.10 1
7—Samiel, 10.11 2
4—Hiero, 9.13 3
Also started: 10 Art 10.8, 11 Red Book 10.8, 3 Glenshine 10.5 and Wild Pilgrim 9.5 (coupled), 13 Jeannot 10.8, 2 Sisiphus 10.12, 9 Fabisco 9.13, 6 Strayshot 9.2, 5 The Sapper 9.0, 11 Deflection 9.0, 12 Sniper 9.0, 8 Single Rose 9.0.
Won by a head. Time, 1min 44 2-5 sec.

LADIES' BRACELET. One mile and a-half.

1—Sonny 1
2—Sport 2
3—Bonny Girl 3
The only starters.
Won by five lengths. Time, 2min 52sec.

TROTTING.

On Saturday morning, Asturio was tried out over 16 furlongs with the galloper Calvaless as the pacemaker. The pacer must have come out of the ordeal to the satisfaction of his trainer, as the son of Harold Dillon—Arc Light is to leave by steamer on Tuesday for Christchurch.

The stable mates, Wilding and Prize Pearl, had a rough up over 12 furlongs, pleasing the onlookers.

A filly by Gratlan Abbey—Lady Bellman has gone into Kinnimont's stable at Epsom. The gelding by Gold Bell dam unnamed has been named Eight Bells, and is also one of this trainer's charges.

Hint, Rua Pere, Prize Pearl, Trooper Dillon and the remainder of N. Cunningham's trotters and pacers are all looking in splendid health.

The two rising four-year-old fillies, Queen Pirate and Coal Light, are still on the easy list, and will join the active brigade with the advent of spring.

Bert Canham has handed his Great Northern Trotting Derby candidate to J. Fisher to prepare for the classic event. The son of Gold Bell has been named Whispering Bell.

The old trotter, Kirikiriron, is earning his oats between the shafts of a milk dandy, and is getting rid of his winter condition.

SIRE OF THE SEASON.

POLYDAMON (5).

The six-year-old chestnut horse imported Polydamon is at the service of breeders in Poverty Bay again this season, where he has been patronised nearly to the extent of his full book, only a few vacancies for approved mares remaining to complete his list. The son of Polymelus, who was still at the head of the list of sires in England at 300 guineas, has filled out into a robust, muscular sire since being relegated to stud life. A comparison of photographs taken of sire and son when they were in racing trim shows a remarkable likeness in contour, Polymelus being hardly so deep in the back rib as his son and apparently on the leg, and has one fore leg white a little higher than the fetlock joint. Polydamon was a much better horse than his actual form suggested in England when he ran in the Derby and in the best of company. Before he was properly acclimatised after coming off a hard season's racing in England he was put to racing in New Zealand, and in Auckland gave a taste of his quality at Ellerslie, showing such brilliancy down the straight in two of his races that those who witnessed the performances were satisfied that he had a telling stride and a world of pace, and needed only to be fit to further demonstrate his class. One

from the Isonomy mare Arcadia, whose dam was by Hermit. Damia, dam of Polydamon, was got by the late King's Diamond Jubilee, a good racehorse and sire, by St. Simon from the Hampton mare Perdita, a stud gem, dam of St. Frusquin, full-brother to Diamond Jubilee and a good racehorse and great sire. The Amphitheatre, the granddam of Polydamon, was got by Amphion from Reservation, by Wisdom from Reticence, daughter of Seclusion, dam of Hermit, Seclusion being the granddam of Stepniak (the greatest sire got and foaled in New Zealand), She (dam of Bobadil, one of the greatest sires got in Australia), Stepfeldt (dam of Reputation, Provocation and Elevation and other great racehorses, the trio named being at the stud and commanding attention as producers, the two first-named having winners of excellence to represent them).

GOLD BELL.

This public favourite is again at the service of breeders of trotting and pacing stock. Year by year he is found with more representatives in training and on the race track, and it can be said that all that have so far been tried and developed have acquitted themselves with a marked degree of satisfaction to their trainers, owners and breeders. They are good-tempered, easy to handle and ambitious for business, and the coming season will see an increased num-

announcement on page 17 of this issue gives to our readers some idea of the large percentage of successful students who were trained at Messrs. Hemingway and Robertson's School of Correspondence, and the comprehensiveness of the firm's business is to be found in the fact that it embraces the whole of the Dominion. Although students may be living away from Auckland, this circumstance does not debar them from participating in all the privileges of tuition. This invaluable instruction is supplied by a regular course of correspondence, and, moreover, the student is not compelled to buy accountancy or law books, as the correspondence course embraces all the information necessary for a successful examination. Coaching continues until the success of the student is achieved, and in the event of failure at one examination, he is coached for the next one gratis. A very interesting booklet has been published by Messrs. Hemingway and Robertson entitled "Accountancy Booklet." This should be of interest to many of our readers, and may be had free on application to the above firm. Messrs. Hemingway and Robertson's is universally admitted to be one of the finest schools of correspondence in the Dominion, and Mr. Nello Porter, the capable and obliging secretary, will be pleased to give all necessary information on application.

4. WAVERLEY HANDICAP (Flat) of 120sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile.
5. LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP (Flat) of 50sovs; winner to receive 40sovs, and bracelet valued at 20 sovs, presented by the Patea District Licensed Victuallers' Association; second horse 10sovs. For qualified hunters, 1919 season, ridden by gentlemen riders, who must be members of any Hunt Club affiliated with the N.Z. Hunts Association. The rider of winner to receive a gold-mounted whip, presented by Mr. Bruce Joll. Minimum weight of handicap, 11.0. To be nominated by ladies. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-quarter.
6. MANAIA MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stake. For qualified hunters, 1919 season, that have never won a steeplechase (hunters' races excepted). Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. About two miles.
7. KAKARAMEA HACK HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlongs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The meeting will be run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing. Horses eligible for Hunters' Races must be four years old or upwards, and there must be produced at scale a certificate of qualification under the Rules of the New Zealand Hunts Association for hunting season of 1919.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events close on THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, at 8 p.m.
HANDICAPS declared on SATURDAY, AUGUST 16.
ACCEPTANCES for all events close on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, at 8 p.m.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry a 10lb. penalty. The winner of any steeplechase after declaration of weights to carry a 10lb. penalty. The winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry a 14lb. penalty.

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SPRING MEETING.

NOVEMBER 30, 1920.

15TH FELDING STAKES of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third horse 50sovs out of the stakes. Five furlongs. For horses two years old and upwards at time of starting. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after August 1, 1920, of any race or races of the collective value of 250sovs to carry 3lb extra; of 500 sovs, 5lb; of 750sovs, 7lb; of 1000 sovs, 10lb extra. Maiden four-year-olds and upwards at time of starting allowed 10lb; three-year-olds, 7lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, namely: 1sov if struck out by August 2, 1920; 2 sovs if struck out by November 1, 1920. All horses remaining in after this date must pay the total subscription of 5sovs on a day to be named.

ENTRIES close with the Secretary, at Feilding, on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1919, at 8.30 p.m.

The Committee of the Feilding Jockey Club reserve the right to withdraw this event in case that no more than 50 entries are received for same.

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ber on the track. There are some rising three-year-olds by him in work in Auckland. He was himself a good horse, with a two-mile record of 4.39 for a win and 4.34 against him for a place performance. He has imparted his speed to his stock. Steel Bell, the grey Queen, is a great favourite with Aucklanders and wherever she has appeared, and is the best of her sex and colour in the Dominion, as her many performances indicate. Her two-mile achievement of 4.31 was one of the best. There are others by Gold Bell with excellent performances to point to. They are Gold Boy, Gold Girl, Temple, Ena Bell, and All Bell, and a lot of others are coming on for the approaching season's racing. Gold Bell will travel to Epsom every Tuesday after the season starts. In the meantime Mr. T. Roe will make arrangements with owners.

Following his disappointing displays at the recent Wellington meeting, Gold Sault is not to be further persevered with by Mr. J. H. Prosser, and the son of Gold Crest—Consuelo will be leased for stud purposes.

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PROGRAMME.

1. HUNTERS' HURDLE HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Open to qualified hunters, 1919 season, that have never won an open hurdle race or a hunters' hurdle race of the value of 150sovs, or hunters' hurdles races of the collective value of 400sovs. Minimum weight of handicap, 10.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half.
2. MOUMAHAKI MAIDEN HACK HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Seven furlongs.
3. EGMONT-WANGANUI HUNT CLUB CUP HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150sovs (110sovs and cup valued at 25 guineas, presented by the Egmont Racing Club to winner; 30sovs to second, and 10sovs to third horse. For qualified hunters, 1919 season. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. About three miles.

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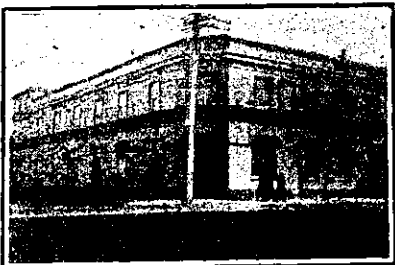
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TURF GOSSIP.

In the event of A. Oliver not being able to make the weight, the Highden representative Hurry Up will probably be ridden by W. Bell in the Winter Cup.

Arlington, who has had an easy time since racing at the Great Northern meeting at Ellerslie, is to fulfil his engagements at the Grand National meeting.

F. Tutchen is to have the mount on Sleight of Hand in the Grand National Hurdle Race. Mr. Armstrong's candidate has had a spell from activity since the Auckland winter meeting, and should be benefited thereby for his chief engagement at Riccarton.

The 1917 New Zealand Cup winner, Menelaus, and the 1918 Auckland Cup victress, Mascot, are both in work again at Trentham under J. W. Lowe's care, and all going well in the interim are expected to take their place among the field in the big two-mile event at Riccarton in November next.

Messrs. Riddiford Bros. have named several of their rising two-year-olds in J. W. Lowe's stable as follows:— Bay gelding by Kilbroney—Symbolism, Shamrock; brown gelding by Kilbroney—Ruthful, Insurrection; bay gelding by Hallowmas—Innocence, Fidessa; bay filly by Kilbroney—Somniform, Wake.

The three-year-old pacer Marie Tempest, who has been very much in the limelight lately, by reason of legal proceedings concerning her sale a few months ago, has been put into work again by B. Jarden. She has the reputation of being a champion, so that considerable interest will attach to her future racing career.

Kipling, the three-year-old half-brother to the famous Bobrikoff, has again been taken in hand after a spell from activity, and in all probability will be given a run at the Manawatu Hunt Club's annual meeting (to-day). When Kipling won a couple of events at the Otaki and Masterton meetings respectively at the beginning of the season just closed, a highly profitable future was predicted for his owner, Mr. J. G. Collins, who secured the chestnut at

a high figure from Mr. T. H. Lowry. However, Kipling ran disappointingly in the majority of his races, his best performance being registered when he finished second to Athens II. in the Great Northern Guineas at Ellerslie early in the New Year.

The purchase of Fairburn Estate by the Otahuhu Trotting Club, referred to in a previous issue, was not actually completed at the time, but we are now in a position to give some additional information. Of the 190 acres secured, seventy acres will be retained by the club and the balance will be disposed of. There is a big road frontage, and the property skirts the railway line and lends itself for subdivision. The portion which the club will retain will be laid off in the latest approved plan, with modern buildings, and will be for the use of the people as a public park. The negotiations were conducted by Mr. A. L. Raven. The Otahuhu Trotting Club will start on its scheme of improvements and works without delay.

Mr. J. O'Brien recently suffered the loss of his American-bred trotting stallion Marvin Wilkes, who died at the age of 18 years at his owner's stud farm, Oamaru. Marvin Wilkes had a record of 2min. 12½sec. for a mile, and was a bay horse by Don Marvin, by Fallis (son of Electioneer), dam Nora S. (2.17), by Sable Wilkes (a son of Guy Wilkes and Sable), and was acquired by the Oamaru sportsman about six years ago. As a sire he was most successful, amongst his progeny being the champion trotter Hardy Wilkes, who has a record of 4min. 33.25sec. for two miles, Gay Wilkes, Marvolo. Marvin Junr., Succory and Nancy Wilkes, and the pacers General Wilkes, Sir Fulham, Major Wilkes, Maud Wilkes and Joyful, all money winners.

Particulars to hand of the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race show that Will Comfort, who for several weeks prior to the race was the ruling favourite, did not maintain that position in the betting on the day. A rush set in for Tinana, who was a strong favourite when speculation ceased, while Mount Miltin was also at a shorter price than Will Comfort. Mr. W. R. Kembal's pair, Explorer and Gladful, who were ridden by Sid. Reid and A. Hawkins respectively, were allowed to go out at good prices, particularly the latter. Explorer fell soon after the start, while Gladful,

after toiling along in the rear nearly all the way, finished in twelfth position. The ex-New Zealander Beltane, who finished well, was fifth. C. Boyd always had Will Comfort racing up with the leaders, and though Lady Reigle headed him inside the distance he put more dash into his finish than the mare, gaining the verdict by three-parts of a length, Suma being third, and Kinlark fourth. C. Boyd, who rode the winner, previously won a Grand National Hurdle Race on Julundur.

Mr. T. Roe's team of trotters consists of the favourite mare Steel Bell (who has won over £3000 in stakes), Gold Girl, and Gold Boy, each by Gold Bell, who is to stand at Bell Farm, Avondale, and travel from home as far as Epsom. Red George is in work also. My Rosary, by Rothschild, is being bred from, also Princess Louise, by Prince Imperial, who has a foal by Gold Bell. Mr. Roe has a three and a five-year-old, both maidens, by that sire, as yet unnamed and undeveloped. He left five foals behind to be reared at his farm, Marakakaho, near Hastings, Hawke's Bay. Those who have had to do with Gold Bell's stock have found them tractable, good-tempered, and easy to teach their business. The farm of Mrs. Bell, acquired by Mr. Roe, is in extent sixty acres, facing the Waitemata harbour, and it is reckoned that a good five-furlong track can be laid out thereon and an ideal stud farm made of it. It is quite in keeping with the name of the farm, known as Bell Farm, that Gold Bell and so many members of his family, by a coincidence, are to be the first trotting stock located there.

Merrie Poto was thought to have a good chance in the Selling Race on the second day at Trentham, as he had been doing well at Opaki. Mr. Nicol's gelding was made second favourite, but finished outside a place. T. Pritchard has the condition on Merrie Poto all right, but he fails to run up to track form in his races.

The Masterton lightweight, R. S. Bagby, has done well in getting third on the winning jockeys' list for the season just ended, and has ridden 47 winners. Bagby is attached to J. T. Jamieson's Opaki stable, and received his education from that trainer. As it is no trouble for the lad to go to scale at 6.10, he should again have a successful time this coming season. He had to do a lot of travelling to get so high up on the list.

and has been helped in every way by his employer. Besides riding Mr. A. McDonald's horses when the weights suited, he has had several engagements from leading owners, and has displayed marked ability in the saddle. Bagby will again be riding for Jamieson's stable this season.

During the racing season just ended the Masterton Club paid in Government tax the sum of £1487 3s. 6d. for three days' racing. The receipts from the totalisator amounted to £5402 11s. 3d., and £1233 was received in nominations, entries and acceptances. The sum of £3705 was expended in stakes, while the farm account showed a profit of about £200.

At the annual meeting of the Winton Jockey Club the report presented to members disclosed that at the beginning of the season the total credit balance of the club had amounted to £301 12s. 5d. which, however, had now been reduced to £7 12s. 4d., or a reduction of £294 on the year's working. Against this, however, was the sum of £270 which had been spent on improvements, so that practically a loss of only £24 had been incurred throughout the season. This was considered very satisfactory, taking into account the fact that the meeting had been held during the first stages of the influenza epidemic, which no doubt seriously affected the attendances. It had been decided at the beginning of the season to increase the stakes, which had as a result been raised to £2200, an increase of £400 over the previous year. Of this amount £100 was added to the Winton Stakes, making that race worth £200, and the balance was proportioned out among all the other races. Whether these increases in the stakes were the first cause of the substantial increase in the nominations and acceptances it was impossible to say, but these were easily a record for the club, the amount received from this source amounting to £623 10s., against £456 the previous year, or an increase of £167 10s. The totalisator also showed a slight increase, with £21,200 10s., as compared with £21,134 10s. the previous season, but it was confidently believed that the amount would have reached £25,000 had the meeting been held in normal times. The gate receipts showed a decided falling off as compared with previous years, these only amounting to £450 15s., against £545 in 1917, and £578 in 1916.

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WINNER OF THE PRINCIPAL FLAT EVENT AT THE WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING. — MR. "P. SOAME'S" BR G BATTLE ARRAY, 4YRS., BY SIGNOR—CARISSIMA, WHO ACCOUNTED FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP (1¼ MILES) AT TRENTHAM THIS MONTH. H. YOUNG IN SADDLE. TRAINED BY J. AYRES. BATTLE ARRAY has raced with considerable success during the season just closed, included among his victories being the Rimutaka and Camp Handicaps (both one mile) at the Wairarapa R.C. autumn meeting; the Longlands Welter Handicap at the Hawke's Bay J.C.'s autumn gathering; and the Hutt Handicap (one mile) at the Wellington R.C.'s autumn fixture.

One of the loveliest harbour views in Sydney will be enjoyed by the returned soldiers and sailors who will occupy the new home just purchased by the members of the Australian Jockey Club, at a cost of £18,500, Canonbury, at one time the home of the late Mr. Harry Rickards, is situated on the heights of Darling Point. It has nearly 30 rooms, a beautiful reclaimed water frontage, and a fine expanse of garden and lawn. There are also swimming baths and a boatshed. Members of the A.J.C. are entering with great interest into this scheme for the benefit of permanently disabled men who have served their country, and a committee has been formed. Representatives of the Red Cross Society and the amelioration committee have also been invited to join the committee of management.

The report presented at the annual meeting of the Kurow Jockey Club stated that the committee was not able to show a profit over last year's operations. This was largely due to the fact that the Railway Department would not render any assistance with extra trains, either to carry passengers or convey horses, and, in consequence, some of the horses were unable to reach Kurow in time, and therefore had to be withdrawn from their engagements. The year started with a credit balance of £401 19s. and closed with a credit balance of £351 8s. 8d. These figures show that the actual balance after deducting forfeits, is £232 7s. 8d., a loss of £169 11s. 4d. Good nominations were received, but the acceptances were disappointing. It was unfortunate that three owners had to forfeit their winnings on account of the accident fee not being paid. The membership increased by 25, three members resigning and 28 new members joining. During the period of the war 32 members joined the colours. Three of them—Sergeant W. Kelk, Private R. Hannah and Trooper William Clear—paid the supreme sacrifice. The majority of the others have returned, and the balance are expected shortly. The assets over liabilities are £1885 4s. 8d.

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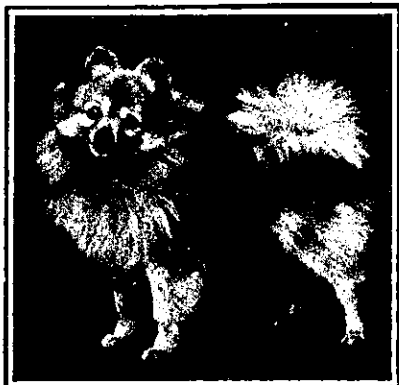
Judging by the display of the Wairarapa-trained horses at the Wellington meeting, it would seem that the only two likely to play a prominent part in the decision of the Grand National Hurdles are Loyal Arch and Sir Solo (writes our Masterton correspondent). The former is improving with every outing over the hurdles, and ran well at Trentham. On the concluding day Mr. Brown's mare beat all but Rewi Poto in the Final Hurdles, and may have reversed positions had she not struck a fence at the back. Sir Solo was only started once, but has been given plenty of schooling, both at home and while away, and W. Garrett expects to have his gelding at his best by National time. Both horses are to go down to Riccarton as soon as suitable accommodation by train and steamer can be arranged. This will be Sir Solo's fourth attempt to win the race.

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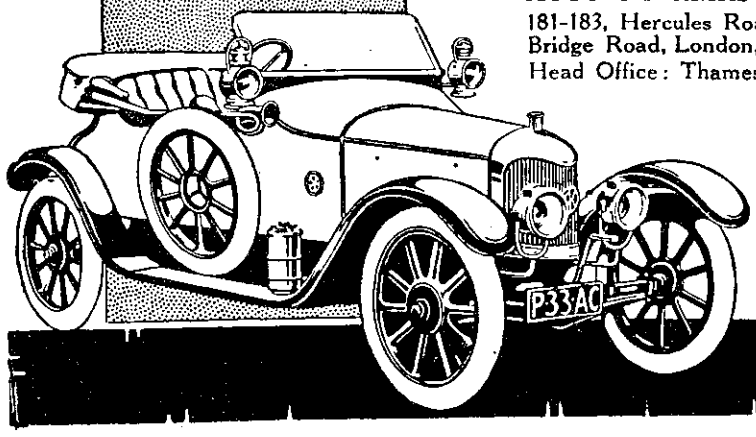
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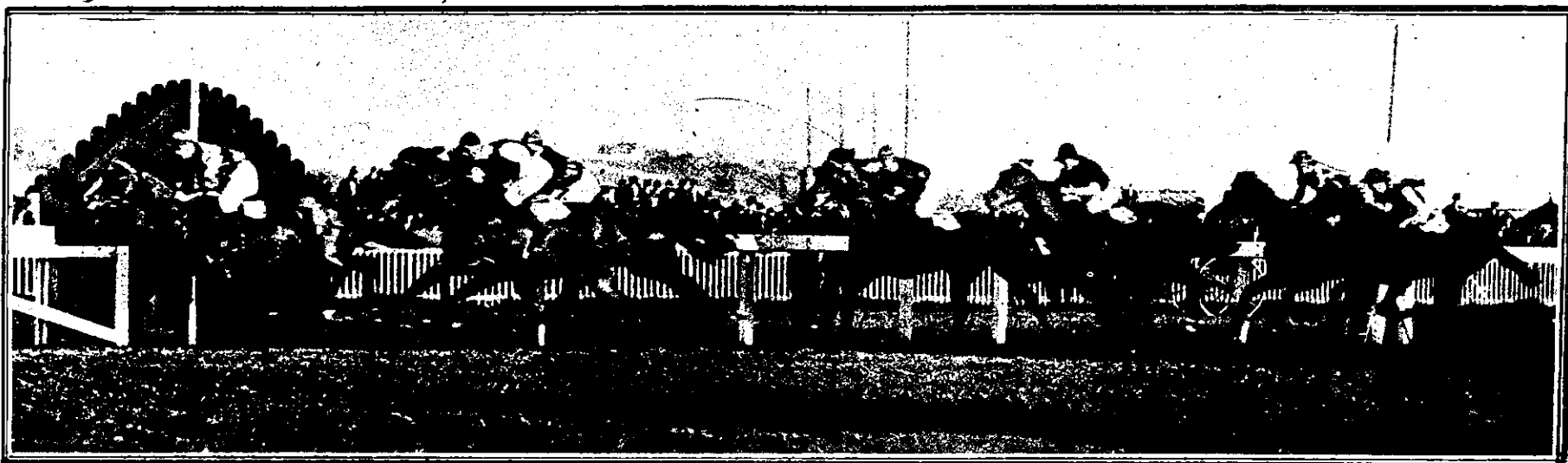
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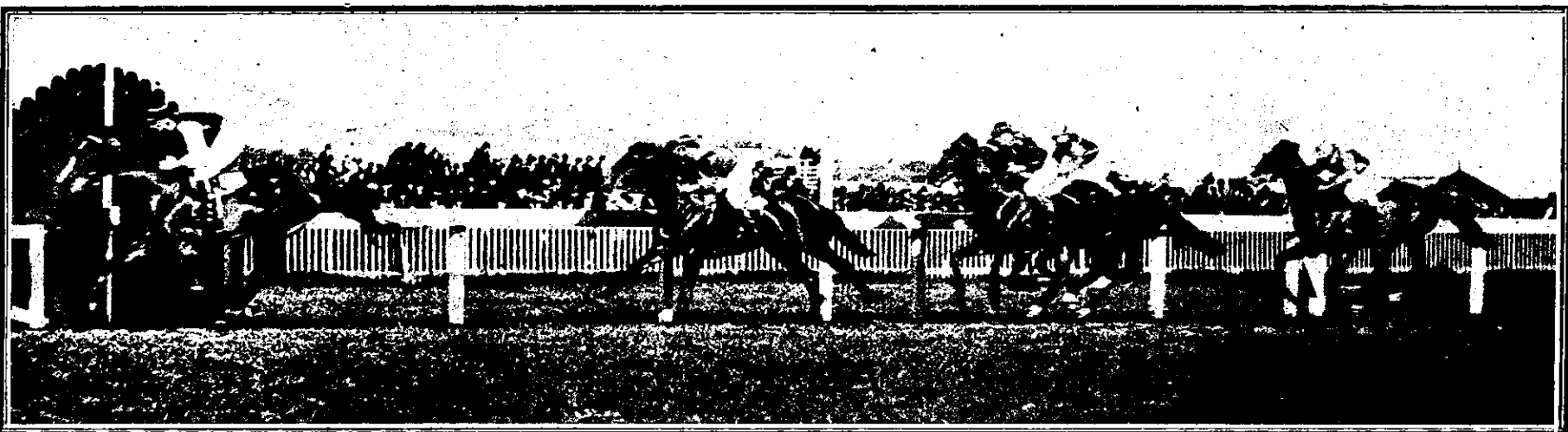
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THE FINISH OF THE DENMAN STAKES (SIX FURLONGS) AT CITY TATTERSALL'S WINTER MEETING AT RANDWICK LAST MONTH.—WILLIE PLOMA (G. Willis) scores a comfortable win from FORTRAIT (F. Gray), with the ex-New Zealander BIMETER (L. A. Walker) third.

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AN UNPRECEDENTED CROWD AT THE SYMONDS STREET END OF THE GRAFTON BRIDGE, AUCKLAND, PHOTOGRAPHED JUST AS THE GREAT PEACE PROCESSION PUT IN AN APPEARANCE EN ROUTE TO THE DOMAIN.

Royalty's Keen Interest in the Welfare of the Nation.



PRINCE ALBERT STARTING THE MARATHON RACE AT THE Y.M.C.A. ATHLETIC SPORTS AT STAMFORD BRIDGE ON EMPIRE DAY. The event was decided over a 14 miles course and was won by A. Djebelia.



THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LEAVING WESTMINSTER ABBEY, LONDON, AFTER ATTENDING THE SERVICE HELD ON EMPIRE DAY IN MEMORY OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE OVERSEAS FORCES WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE WAR. The King and Queen, Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family also were present at the service.

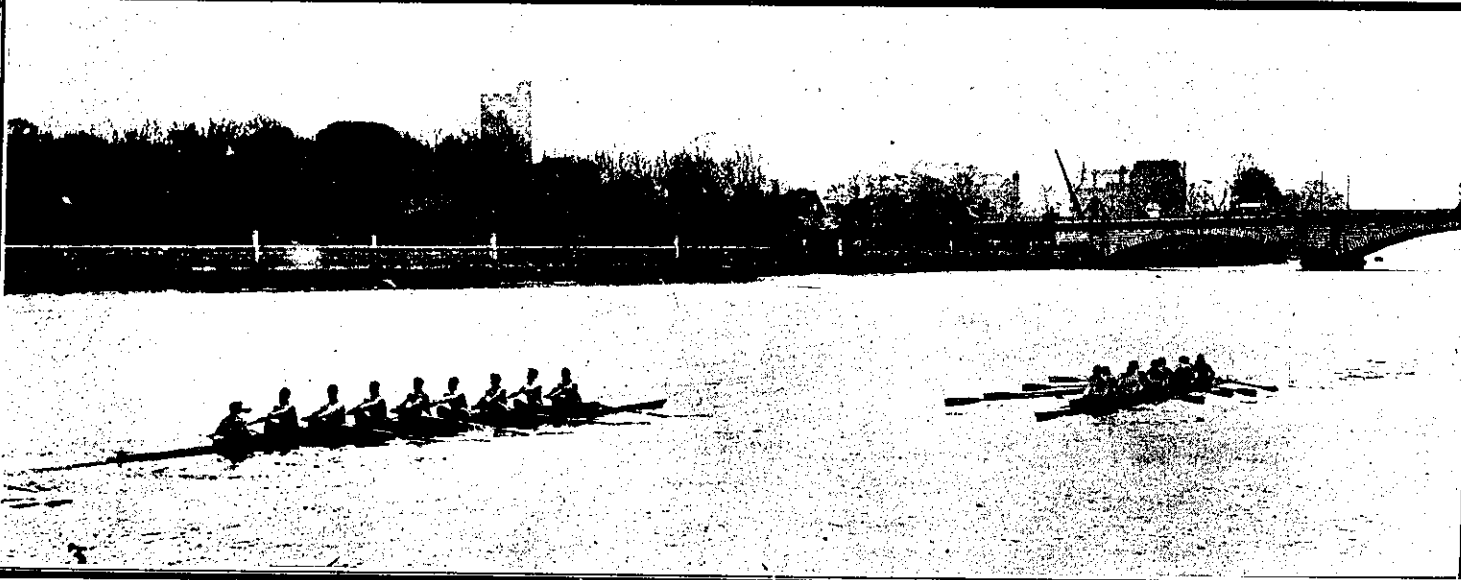
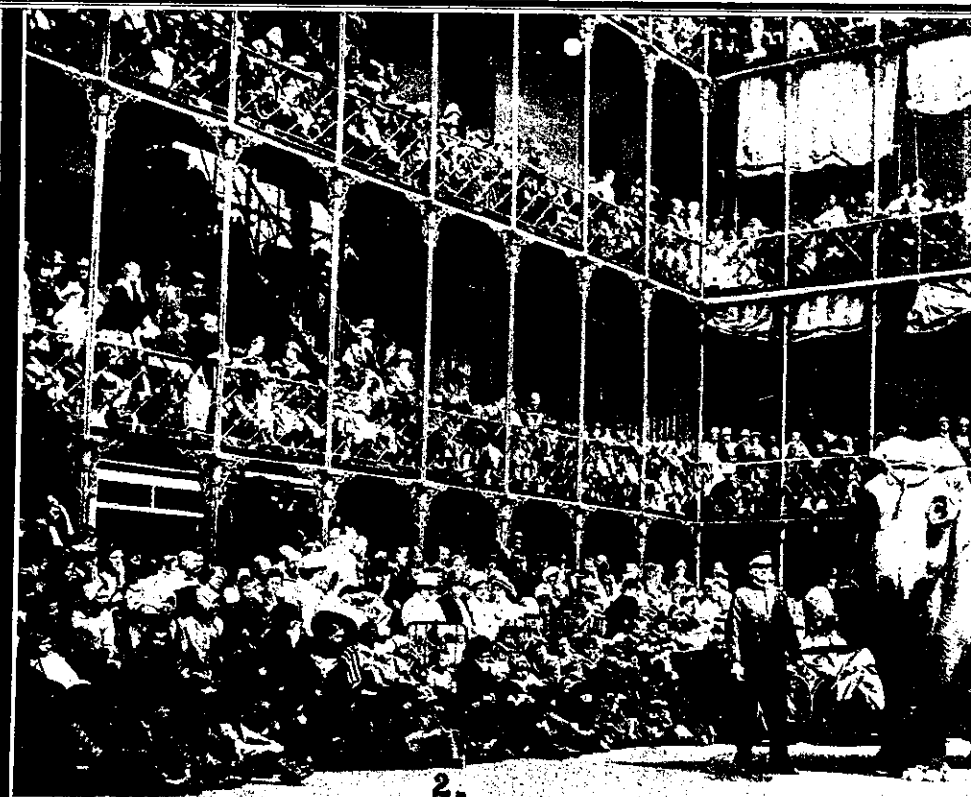


THE QUEEN IN CONVERSATION WITH A NUMBER OF SILVER BADGE MEN DURING THEIR MAJESTIES' INSPECTION OF ONE OF THE FACTORIES VISITED IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR TOUR OF THE LEADING INDUSTRIAL CENTRES IN THE OLD COUNTRY. The King, replying to a Corporation address of welcome in Sheffield, said:— "We owe our deliverance first to the gallant readiness of our sons to lay down their lives in the country's service, and next to the equal readiness of all at home, men and women, old and young, to afford support and succour to the armies of the Empire."



THE KING AND QUEEN PAYING A VISIT TO ONE OF THE LARGE FACTORIES IN SHEFFIELD DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR ROUND OF INSPECTION IN THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL CENTRES. His Majesty is seen speaking to Ex-Sergeant Welsh, V.C. During Their Majesties' visit to Sheffield the King visited great factories, and some of the by-streets, reviewed 10,000 troops, drove through ten miles of crowded streets, and talked with soldiers, sailors and industrial workers. Fully 500,000 people thronged the route of the Royal procession. The children were marshalled in front of the crowds, and every child had a flag.

A Photographic Miscellany of Military and Sporting Events in London and New York



1. CROWD IN FRONT OF THE TOWN HALL ON THE OCCASION OF THE RECENT ROYAL VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM, WHERE THE KING AND QUEEN WERE ACCORDED A HIGHLY ENCOMING VISIT. The series of visits paid by the King and Queen to the big industrial centres at Home have been marked by a high degree of appreciation from the many thousands of industrial workers for their allegiance to the Sovereign in a manner that testified to the unity of the Empire. 2. ELEPHANTS PROVIDE A MUCH-APPRECIATED ENTERTAINMENT FOR NEW YORK CHILDREN. Two elephants in the courtyard of Bellvue Hospital, New York, giving a special performance for the hundreds of young patients of that and other New York hospitals, scores of whom were brought in ambulances for treatment. 3. AUSTRALIANS (on left of picture) and CANADIANS practising on the Thames at Putney for the King's Cup, the big eight-oared event at the Henley Regatta, which was decided early this month with a brilliant win for the Australians, with Oxford second. 4. PRESENTATION BY PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT OF A REGIMENTAL STANDARD TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS AT WINDSOR, ENGLAND, ON THE EVE OF THEIR DEPARTURE FOR CANADA.

Sport and Recreation gradually replace the War Activities so long prevalent in the Old Country



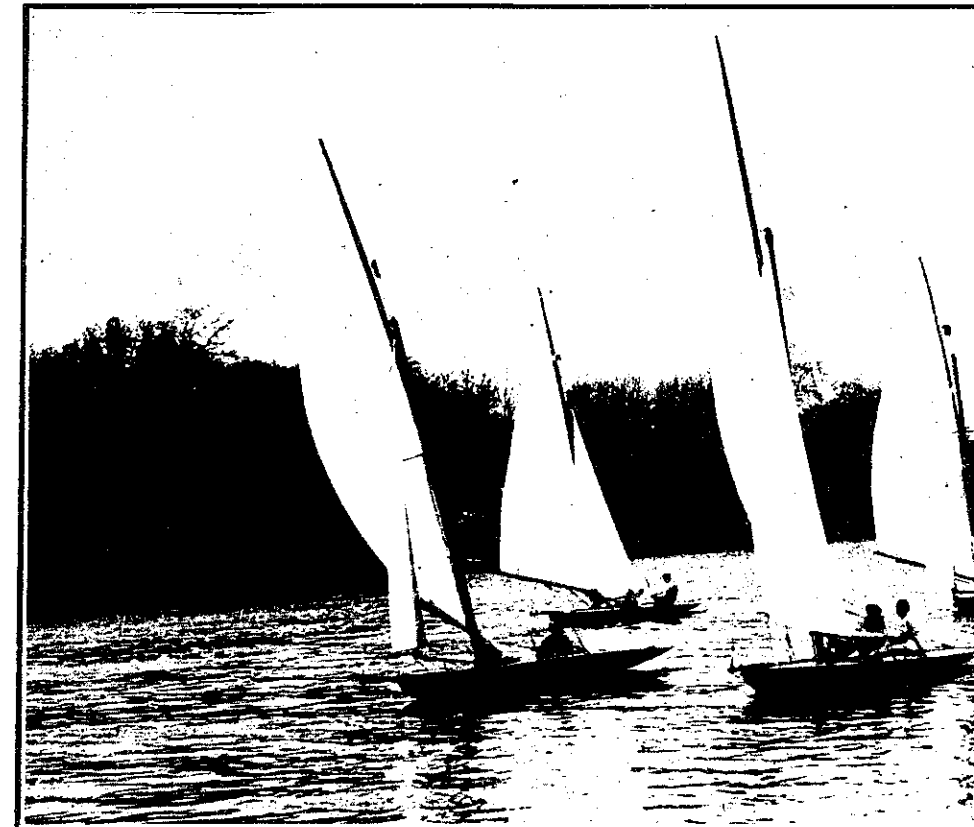
ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AT WINDSOR CASTLE.—The King is seen talking to a group of soldiers and nurses who lined up to greet the Royal party. The Prince of Wales is seen mounted on a white horse.



REVIVAL OF CRICKET IN ENGLAND.—THE SEASON BEGINS AT ETON. between the Eton eleven and a team representing the Royal Military Academy are shown going out to field.



NEW ZEALAND SOLDIER ATHLETES ABOUT TO START OFF ON THEIR RESPECTIVE WEIGHT-REDUCING SPINS AT PUTNEY WITH A VIEW TO GETTING THEMSELVES FIT FOR THEIR CONTESTS AT THE RECENT HENLEY REGATTA. The King's Cup, the principal eight-oared event at Henley, was won by the Australian crew after an exciting race with Oxford, while the Kingswood Sculls was won by the N.Z. representative, D. Hadfield, of Auckland.



RIVERSIDE YACHT RACING CARNIVAL IN ENGLAND.—THE FIRST RACE CLUB BEING HELD AT TEDDINGTON REACH. Contestants are depicted racing.

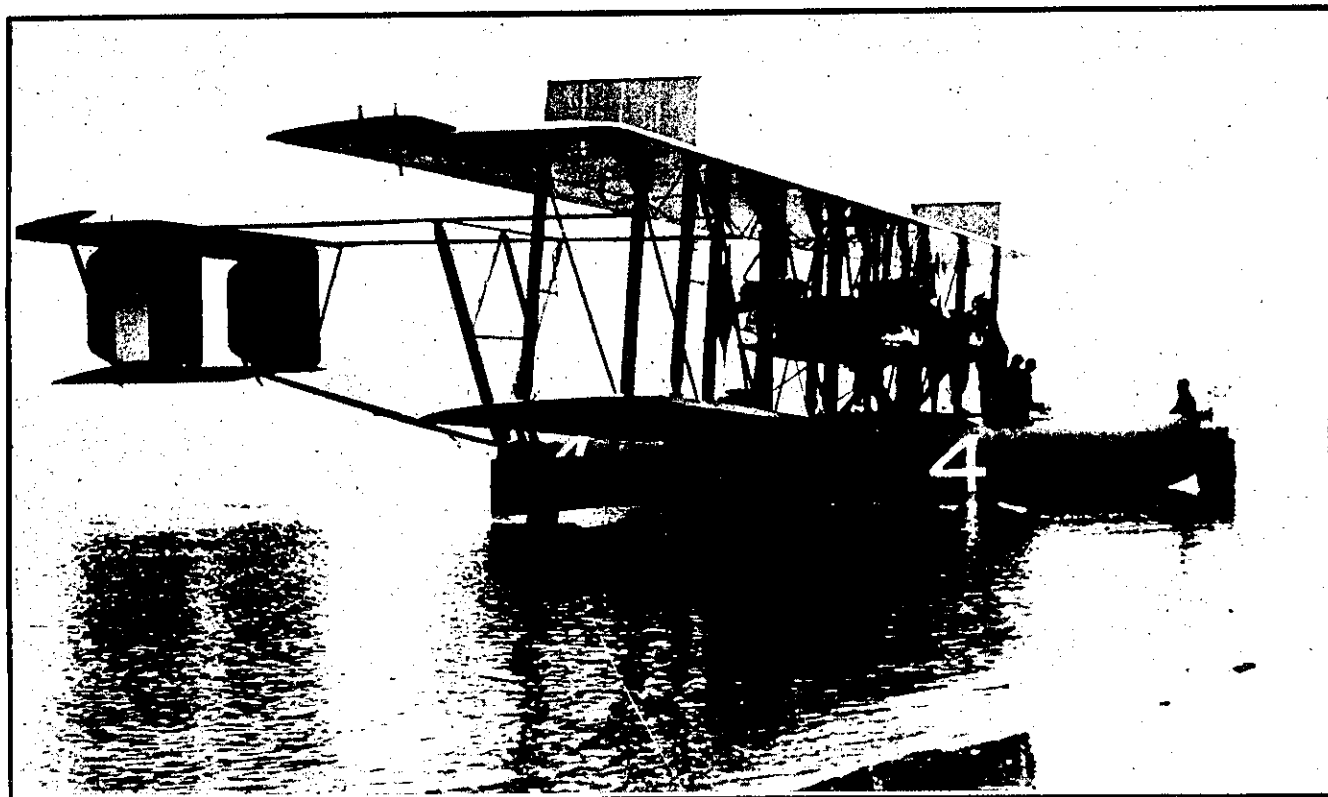
Recent National and Naval Ceremonies in London, and Rival Machines for the Transatlantic Flight



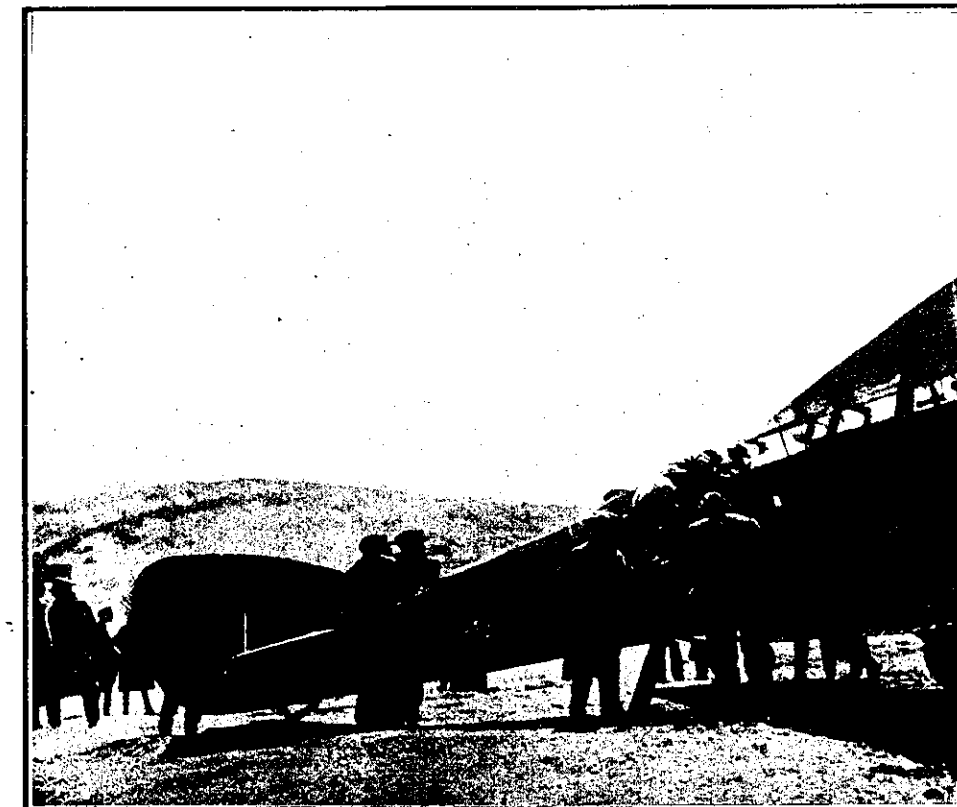
EMPIRE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND ON MAY 24. Sir Francis Lloyd taking the salute at the William Street Mixed School, West Kensington, London. A feature of the Empire Day celebrations was the patriotic demonstration by the London school children, who held a pretty pageant, being attired in various national and Imperial costumes, with Britannia at the head.



MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED ON A MYSTERY SHIP.—A memorial tablet lying in the Thames, commemorating the war service of that vessel as a destroyer, was unveiled on May 24, 1919, amid great enthusiasm. From left to right the prominent figures in group are: Sir Francis Lloyd (who unveiled the tablet), Mr. Houlder, Sir Rosslyn Wemyss (First Lord of the Admiralty), and Joseph Maclay (Shipping Controller).



THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SEAPLANE N.C.4, WHICH SUCCESSFULLY CROSSED THE ATLANTIC OCEAN FROM NEWFOUNDLAND TO PLYMOUTH (ENGLAND) BY WAY OF THE AZORES AND LISBON (PORTUGAL). In company with N.C.1 and N.C.3, the N.C.4 left Trepassey Bay, Newfoundland, on May 16, arriving at Horta, Island of Fayal, Azores, a distance of 1381 miles, in 15hr. 17min. After a delay of 12 days owing to rough weather, the journey was resumed to Ponta Delgada (190 miles), then to Lisbon (904 miles), and finally to Plymouth (900 miles), each stage being successfully accomplished.



CONTENDER FOR ATLANTIC FLIGHT HONOURS WRECKED SOON AFTER LEAVING NEWFOUNDLAND.—Mr. Raynham's Rolls-Martinsyde aeroplane, fitted with a 170-h.p. engine, capable of a speed of 117 miles an hour, which was badly smashed when the machine's undercarriage was run along a rough field for 600 yards preparatory to its start for the transatlantic flight. The pilot (Mr. Raynham) and the navigator (Captain Morgan) were unhurt.



THE SOCIAL WORLD



Announcements of engagements and contributions of interest relating to weddings and social gatherings should be sent to Lady Editor, "Sporting and Dramatic Review" Office, Auckland. In all cases the writer's signature and address must be attached (not for publication). Photographs of wedding groups will be reproduced by arrangement.

As a result of the five days' campaign in Melbourne the Y.W.C.A. appeal in the interests of young girls gained £11,200.

Miss Wade-Brown, of Queensland, is the guest of Mrs. de Castro, Kelburn. Miss Wade-Brown is a niece of General Antill, of the Australian forces.

Mrs. Alfred Kidd, Epsom, is spending a holiday at Rotorua.

Mrs. Warwick Wilson, of Auckland, is the guest of Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Watson Street, Wellington.

Miss Eva Bagnall, Auckland, has left on a visit to Singapore, where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. Haszard.

Miss H. Slater, of Parnell, Auckland, is helping at the New Zealand Y.M.C.A., 11, Southampton Row, London.

Miss Clara Rogers (Wellington) and Miss Dora Murch (Hawera), who have been absent nearly four years doing war work in Egypt, England, and France, returned to the Dominion by the Briton.

Mrs. J. C. Williamson, who since her eldest daughter's death has lived almost like a hermit at her picturesque flat at "Kingsclere," Potts' Point, is slowly recovering from a severe attack of illness, says a Melbourne paper.

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in September of Miss Aithnah Scott, eldest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Scott, O.C. Te Waikato Sanatorium, Cambridge, to Mr. P. O'Nians, of Kuching, Sarawak, Borneo.

Dr. C. E. Maguire, medical superintendent of the Auckland Hospital, has accepted the position of honorary medical adviser to the Young Citizens' League.

Miss Gladys Anderson has returned to Christchurch after an absence in England of about three years, where she has been doing V.A.D. work at Walton-on-Thames.

The Auckland branch of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will benefit to the extent of £228 3s. 3d. as a result of the recent fancy-dress ball held at the Town Hall.

The engagement is announced of Miss N. Bendall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bendall, of Frankleigh Park, New Plymouth, and Mr. A. S. Allen, secretary of the New Plymouth Repatriation Board.

The wedding took place in St. Andrew's Church, Gisborne, on July 15, of Miss Annice Jessie Whyte, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Whyte, of Rutene Road, and Mr. Robert Henry Biggar, of Gisborne, formerly of Victoria. Mr. Biggar is manager for Mr. J. C. Field at Home-bush.

At the Anglican Church, Napier, on July 15, Miss Mavis Cato, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cato, of Napier, was married to Mr. Herrick Tonkin, son of the late Captain Tonkin, of Napier. Attending the bride were her sister, Miss Vera Cato, and her cousin, Miss Marjorie Cato. Mr. H. N. Mackie was best man, and Mr. Gordon Wilson groomsman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dean Mayne.

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Mrs. J. Jordan, New Plymouth, has returned home after a lengthy visit to Auckland and Tauranga.

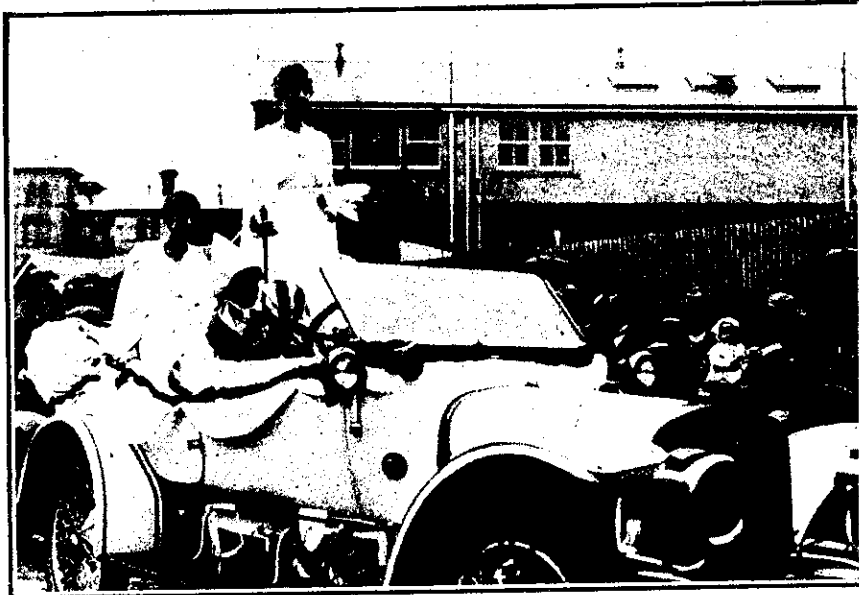
Mrs. J. L. Morrison and her daughter, Mrs. C. Oakley-Clarke, have returned to Wellington after a trip to Sydney.

Sister G. M. Guthrie, daughter of the Hon. D. H. Guthrie, Minister of Lands, was a passenger from Sydney by the Manuka. Sister Guthrie has been with the Australian Nursing Service for the past four years.

Miss Allen, daughter of the Acting-Prime Minister (Sir James Allen), who was returning from a visit to South Africa, has arrived in Wellington after being detained some time in Sydney.

Miss Edith Howes, writer of delightful stories for children, is resigning her position on the staff of the Wellington Girls' College to take up a position in South Australia.

Mrs. F. E. Baume (a member of the Auckland Education Board) and Miss Juniper (Supervisor of Domestic Training) went up to Rotorua last week to attend the opening of the Manual and Technical School and stimulate interest in home science.



ONE OF THE DECORATED CARS—SYMBOLIC OF PEACE—THAT WAS A FEATURE OF THE Y.W.C.A. DISPLAY IN THE GREAT PEACE PROCESSION IN AUCKLAND.

The engagement is announced of Miss Iris Woodhouse, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Woodhouse, of Wellington, to Lieutenant C. F. Atmore, M.C., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Atmore, of Napier.

Miss Ivy Wynyard, of Devonport, daughter of Mr. R. H. Wynyard, is expected to return from England on an early date. Miss Wynyard was employed in the office of the New Zealand High Commissioner, then in the Munitions Department, and last year was appointed to a responsible position in connection with the American Red Cross Society.

Cable news has been received in Wellington of the death at sea on the Sonoma of Miss Mildred Carey-Wallace, daughter of Mrs. Carey-Wallace, of Dunedin, and well-known in musical circles. Miss Carey-Wallace was an accomplished pianist and monologue artist. She was en route to England, when she developed pneumonic influenza. The interment took place at Pago Pago (Samoa).

A ball is to be given in Wellington in honour of the visit of Lord Jellicoe, and arrangements are well in hand. It is to be carried out on lines similar to those of the Racing Club ball. The price of the tickets has been fixed at thirty shillings, and applications must all have been received by at least one week before the date of the ball.

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A recent engagement is that of Miss Eva Cooper, of Waihotoa, Havelock North, to Dr. Alister Whyte, of Dunedin, who is at present on his way to New Zealand from the front.

Miss Mabel Hyde, daughter of Mr. E. G. Hyde, of Kilbirnie, was a passenger on the Kigoma, after four years in the V.A.D. Imperial service. Fourteen months of that period was served in No. 19 General Hospital, Alexandria, and the rest of the time in Cosham Military Hospital.

The executive of the Civic League entertained a number of friends at a most enjoyable conversation in the rooms of the Business Girls' Club, Custom Street. Mrs. A. Kidd received the guests, among whom were Mrs. F. E. Baume, Miss Juniper, Nurse Chappell, Mrs. Herman, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Hegman (who was in charge of the supper arrangements), Mrs. Linda Hazzard, Mrs. Dupree, Mrs. Axford, Mrs. Rainger, Mrs. Cambridge, Mrs. Ferner, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Pullen, Miss Stott. During the evening Mr. E. Axford performed some clever card tricks; musical items were given by Miss Dora Opperman, Miss Enid Plummer and Mr. Eric Baume, and monologues by Miss Doris Herman and Miss Betty Sharman.

her brother, Mr. P. Batley, wore a Grecian gown of white satin, caught with pink roses, and finished with a silver girdle, and a veil fastened with orange blossoms. The two bridesmaids were the Misses O. Batley and Chambers. Mr. W. L. McLean, Hastings, was best man, and the groomsman was Mr. Keith McRae.

The dinner party and reception given by the New South Wales branch of the Navy League to Admiral Jellicoe was a brilliant and interesting affair. The big dining-hall of the Australia was beautifully draped with red, white, and blue, and the tables repeated these patriotic hues in carnations, violets, and roses. Just in front of the guest of honour was a mimic Trafalgar Square, with a wonderful creation in sugar of the graceful Corinthian column and the erect figure of Nelson.

At a Health Conference in London, Dr. Howarth said he had seen girls in the snow and slush of winter dressed more fittingly for a garden party in summer than for the inclement weather. Fur coats, he declared, did not counterbalance short skirts, open-work stockings, and low-necked blouses. During the war, Dr. Howarth said, girls working in Government offices had been able to obtain substantial meals provided at the canteens, but he very much feared that the regrettable practice common among office girls of taking light bun and coffee lunches would now be reverted to.

More mistakes are made in wearing grey, mole, brown, fawn, stone and such indeterminate shades than any others, a fashion expert tells us. The sallow, dark woman, or the pale one, whose skin, eyes, and hair have no outstanding point, is somehow very prone to choose these tints, with most unfortunate results. The tussore coat or blouse cries out for a bright complexion, the grey or the putty-coloured gown demands a clear skin, and the brown or mole frock shows up every tendency towards sallowness. One of a creamy pallor or a bright colour may wear black to advantage, and the stout and florid sometimes look their best in it, especially if relieved lightly with cream or ivory white. But for this very reason it is apt to add a few years to the appearance of a too thin face and neck.

There were sixty debutantes at the Peace Ball in Sydney held early last month. The most beautiful frocks, according to the "Punch's" correspondent, were worn by Lady Davidson, Lady Samuel Hordern, the Rane of Pudukota and Miss Lolita Robertson. Lady Margaret's was of ivory white silk of Lyon's manufacture, with a raised design of gold roses and laurel, the beautifully cut skirt, with panel of lace, was very long, and suited the tall, stately figure of the wearer. Lady Davidson's jewels were diamonds. Lady Hordern's black jetted frock was superbly cut, and was worn with black georgette and tulle; pearls were her ornaments. The Rane of Pudukota chose pale blue and suit brocaded satin, with silver lace, and wonderful jewels—pearls and emeralds—showing up the blue eyes and fair hair and complexion of this young society matron. Miss Lolita Robertson (wife of the American actor, Mr. M. B. Figgman), on the other hand, was a beauty of the Spanish type; hair the colour of ravens wings, eyes dark and flashing, and complexion of an olive tint. Her frock was a dream—silver tissue veiled in georgette, made with sheath-like draperies and fitting her figure like a glove; ropes of pearls and pearl earrings were worn, and the frock had sleeves of Venetian point lace, embroidered in silver. She wore her hair parted in the middle and simply dressed. All these frocks had long graceful trains, and, excepting for the debutante and very young dancer, short frocks are dead out.

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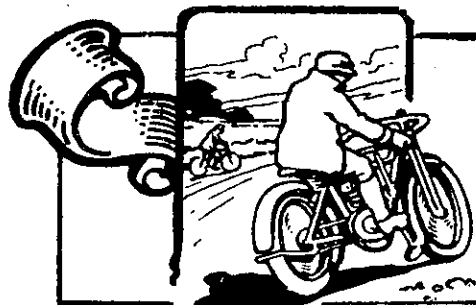
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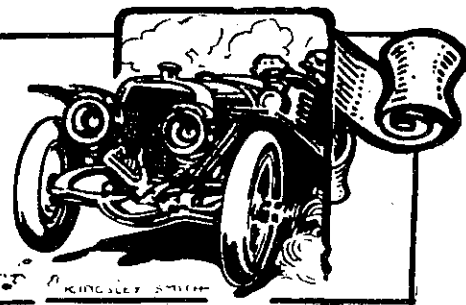
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ARROL-JOHNSTON CAR AGENTS' MEETING.

After specialising on "Beardmore" Aero Engines for four years, the Dumfries Company attracts the largest gathering of 1919.

The meeting held recently at Dumfries of the Arrol-Johnston car agents was notable both for the record size of the attendance and for the modernity and quality of the product put before the gathering. Some eighty of the leading members of the trade, attracted by a brief specification of the new "Victory" Arrol-Johnston car previously placed in their hands, left their showrooms and garages to their respective seconds-in-command and undertook the by no means inconsiderable journey to Dumfries. As one well-known agent put the matter: "The 'Victory' car design is a design which will still be quite new in 1921. It is years ahead of any other model, and once a competent owner-driver sees it, he won't have anything else. That's why we're all here."

Thus the "Victory" was tested and inspected to the uttermost detail by the largest collective body of critics ever sent by the trade to meet a motor manufacturer—and the individual trader himself is half-way toward being a designer nowadays. The result, as expressed at the conference under the chairmanship of Mr. T. C. Pullinger which followed, was that the only chassis or engine alteration demanded, outside very minor details, lay in a matter of accessibility to one particular chassis part. The point was conceded by Mr. Pullinger and will receive attention. But, as the designer, Captain Brown, smilingly said, it was a point which arose simply because the agent and the public do not yet realise that the aircraft specification material used in the "Victory" gives an actual formula of results which renders accessibility to the part in question quite unnecessary.

Then came the expression of enthusiastic compliments. Mr. Leverett, London agent, rose to say that the specification was 50 per cent. better than that of other cars, and that the magnificent chassis was miles ahead of anything he had yet seen. Mr. Tom Garner, of Birmingham, stated that it was the very finest chassis he had ever seen. Mr. Tozer followed with the remark that it was a beautiful job—a magnificent job. Mr. R. M. Wright said that it was a very fine chassis and the best springing he had ever sat upon in his life. Mr. Welch, that he was very much impressed with the splendid chassis and that the speed furnished by the engine was very remarkable—and so on, ad infinitum. And such praise from such very frank personalities has a weighty value.

The price of the car at Home, "all on," with body, electric lighting and starting, spare wheel and tyre, speedometer, electric horn, etc., was fixed, after discussion, at £700, and that of the chassis at £600. Figures as to cost of material and labour were gone into, and, to the benefit of the actual purchaser who is hit by prevailing conditions, a bargain was struck whereby both manufacturers and agents agreed to a mutual cut in profits for the sake of advertisement and reputation. Finally, after applause had greeted Mr. Pullinger (who was in particularly fine form), Captain Brown and the ever-popular sales manager, Mr. Willy Lowe, the meeting terminated in a very excellently-cooked and festive dinner, whereat the Arrol-Johnston family, reunited after years of war, disported itself in happy fashion. Mr. Croft bought at auction a pastry model of the "Victory" for 35 guineas, on behalf of the Traders' Benevolent Fund, Mr. Pullinger re-bought it at the same price, and many an agent put up his five guineas towards the good

cause. And presently the voices of eighty agents in chorus were carried upon the evening breeze.

As to orders, the Arrol-Johnston Company, by means of a clause in its agency agreement, has limited the size of deliveries, their policy for 1919 being rather to buckle their wonderful plant down to a reasonable output of cars of extraordinary value than to essay mass production of an ordinary pre-war model.

As a result of the last meeting of the Hawke's Bay Automobile Association all local bodies in the district and the inspector of police have been written to and asked to give assistance in making the roads safer for all persons. Attention is called to the number of lightless cycles, carts, etc., nightly met with, and the need for better control of all traffic. The wrong use of spot lights is also objected to and some concerted action is called for.

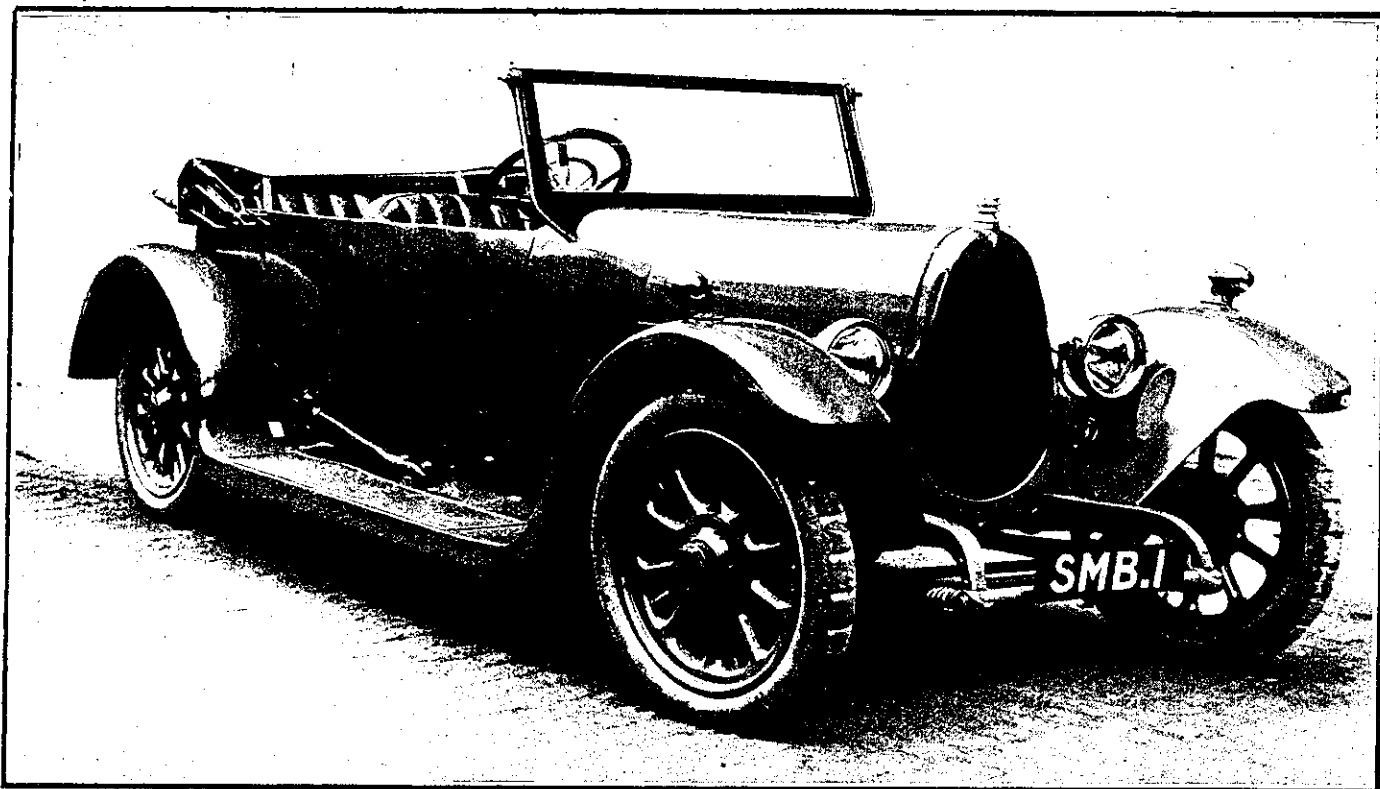
A Gisborne motorist who has returned from a trip up the Coast, states that the roads are in a remarkably good condition for this time of the year, and adds that when the road between Gisborne and Tolaga Bay is

It was a dear day at the Dannevirke Court recently for motorists who had killed live stock whilst travelling. A dog cost a car owner £31 3s. 3d., and a ram another defendant £15 15s., apart from the cost of solicitors' services.

The legal claim of a non-fare paying passenger who is injured in a motor accident has hitherto been rather a contentious point. Realising this, the Royal Automobile Club, England, have just taken counsel's opinion on the matter. The eminent authority by whom the club were advised cleared up a number of the intricacies of the question. Counsel held that a car owner is liable for any personal injury caused to its passengers through his negligent driving, even although such passengers are not paying for their conveyance. The car owner is also liable if injury is caused to passengers through the careless driving of his servant, provided that the passengers are being conveyed with his consent. But he is not liable to them if they are being given a "joy ride" by his chauffeur without his permission. Regarding injury caused to passengers by defects in the car of which the owner was not aware, counsel held that there is no liability on

The Mayor of Christchurch (Dr. Thacker), in his statement to the Christchurch City Council, said he would like to impress on the By-laws Committee that some further serious motor accidents had occurred, and unless something were done more accidents would occur in future. He suggested that two inspectors should be appointed to keep a watch for motorists and motor cyclists using excessive speed. He instanced a case of dangerous driving by a motorist which he had seen on a Sunday afternoon. He took this motorist's number, and would report the matter to the local body which had licensed him. Some measures must be immediately taken to check careless driving. Later in the evening it was resolved, on the motion of Cr. Herbert, that the By-laws and Finance Committee be authorised to appoint two more traffic inspectors to deal with the traffic of the city, the committee, if it thought fit, to equip them with two fast motor cycles.

What might have been a very serious accident occurred at Pakarae, Gisborne, recently, at the bridge near Mr. Seymour's property. It appears that a car, owned by the Farmers' Co-operative Co., was proceeding to



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metalled, it will be an easy one-day journey from Gisborne to Ruatorea. A promise has been made by the Government to assist local bodies with the work of metalling the section of the road between Gisborne and Tolaga. North of Tolaga, as far as Awanui, the road is reported to be in excellent order for this time of the year.

The state of the roads in Christchurch was touched upon by Cr. Flesher at a recent meeting of the City Council, the speaker stating that the roads were in very bad condition, and were full of "pot-holes." Other speakers spoke in similar terms, Cr. Herbert expressing the opinion that the council was out-of-date in the method of doing its work on the sides of its roads, and that until some better method were found the council would always have trouble with its roads. Cr. McKellar considered that, on the average, Christchurch had the best roads in the Dominion. No motion, however, was brought before the meeting and the matter lapsed.

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his part, except, of course, where gross negligence is evident. There is, counsel suggested, no distinction between a servant of the car owner who may happen to be a passenger and any other free passenger. The servant injured by his master's negligent driving has a claim against him.

One enterprising individual in the motor trade (says the "Dominion") is credited with having conceived a brainy way of doing business in connection with the traffic induced by the Trentham races. He furnished a motor van with a stock of new tyres, tubes, and other material for effecting quick repairs, and patrolled a considerable section of the road, assisting lame dogs over styles in a highly remunerative fashion. With the roads alive with motor vehicles of all descriptions—due to the lack of any train service—there were many breakdowns, from the humble puncture to serious engine trouble, and the arrival of the skilled mechanic with the material and ability to put things right was regarded as almost providential. Referring to this enterprise one motor expert, with an English experience, said that there were itinerant motor repair outfits always on duty on the London-Brighton road, most of them fitted with a lathe and a vulcanising plant, so that almost any kind of repairs could be effected at the roadside.

Tolaga Bay, driven by an employee of the company, Mr. J. Ensor. In the car were also Miss Johnson and Mr. Colley. The approaches to the bridge are on very steep grades, with an unusually sharp bend. The car had crossed the bridge, but while going up the hill, by some mischance the car commenced to run backward, and before the driver could recover control the car went into the river. The car fell without turning over, fortunately for those remaining in it, Mr. Colley having jumped out before the car went over the bank. Miss Johnson, being unable to swim, was soon in difficulties, but was supported by the gentlemen in the party. As the banks are particularly steep and slippery, it was fully a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes before the party gained the road. The party was kindly received by Mr. and Mrs. Seymour, where Miss Johnson, who was given every attention, soon recovered from her trying experience. A taxi was telephoned for to Tolaga and arrived as soon as the tide was suitable, and the party landed in Tolaga about 2 a.m., cold and wet, but none the worse for their experience. A party of mechanics went out by car next day to rescue the car.

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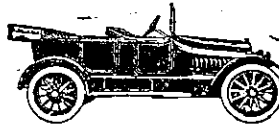
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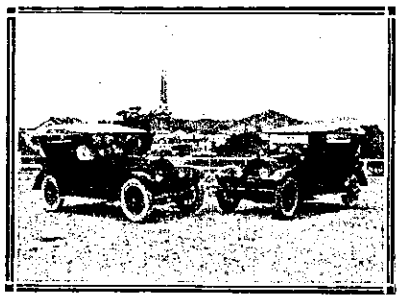
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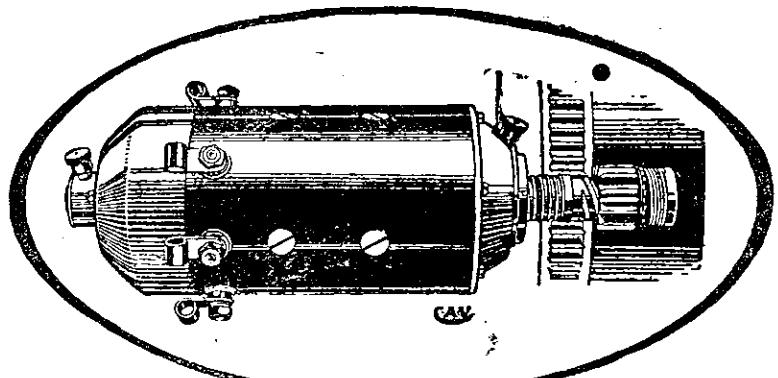
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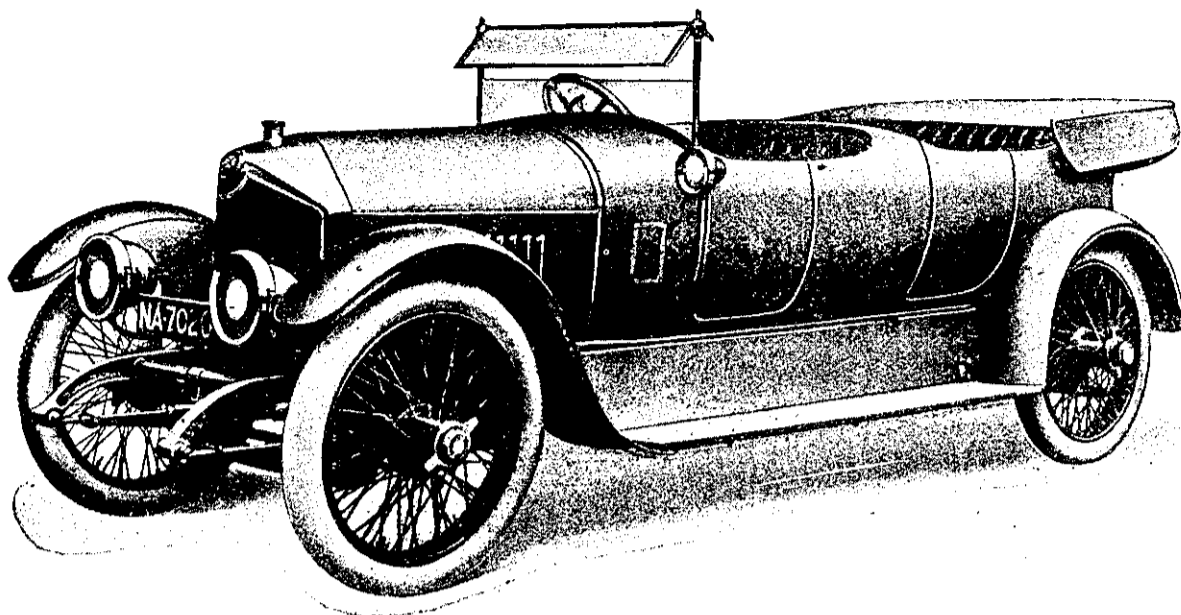
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Captain Euan Dickson, who holds the Distinguished Service Cross (and bar), the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the French Croix de Guerre for service as a pilot, has been appointed by the Canterbury Aviation Company to take charge of the Sockburn aerodrome in succession to the late Mr. C. M. Hill, who was killed while flying over the Riccarton racecourse recently. In 1912 Captain Dickson came out from England to the Thames, where he was associated with the engineering branch of Price's foundry. In 1915 he went Home and joined the Royal Naval Air Service and had a distinguished career on the western front, including 186 bombing raids.

Counsel in a civil action arising out of a motor collision appeared in court (reports the Christchurch "Press") each armed with a plan of the locality of the collision, Mr. Thomas being in possession of a large and gaily-coloured document, and Mr. Johnston with an insignificant-looking sketch. Mr. Johnston urged the magistrate not to be unduly impressed by Mr. Thomas' plan, which, he said, showed the streets in the locality as "large and blooming garden plots, or something of the sort." "Quite so, your Worship," remarked Mr. Thomas, amidst laughter, "and I may say that in my friend's plan the same streets are shown as insignificant back alleyways." "Anyway," commented Mr. Johnston, "they were both prepared by the same man."

Major K. R. Park, R.A.F. (son of Professor Park, of Dunedin), has just accomplished a fine flight round the British Isles in a Handley Page machine with two Rolls-Royce engines. Major Park left New Zealand with the Field Artillery, and served in Gallipoli. He has the Military Cross with a bar, and the French Croix de Guerre. He was formerly in the service of the Union Steam Ship Company.

The motor car which bore the devices of the Mothers' Help Division, Women's National Reserve, in the Wellington Peace procession, was awarded first prize for the best decorated car. The car was lent to the division by Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald. The car was driven by a returned soldier in uniform, who volunteered to do so when he heard it was being used by the president of the Mothers' Help Division. The car was occupied by Mrs. A. Gray and Mrs. E. A. Aherne, president and hon. secretary respectively of the division.

A more or less serious motor accident took place at Hastings, in which two cars were considerably damaged and one person seriously injured. A party of Napier visitors to Hastings were driving along Karamu road when a car containing five men emerged at high speed from a cross street and a collision resulted. The Napier car was badly smashed, but the occupants escaped injury. Those in the other car were thrown out, and one, a returned soldier, was so severely injured as to necessitate his removal to hospital. The others escaped with minor scratches, bruises and shock. The front wheels, fore-carriage and wind-screen of the motor were more or less knocked to pieces.

A rather daring and impudent theft of a Ford motor car was perpetrated at Silverstream, Wellington, one evening recently. Two cars were left standing on the roadway whilst the occupants thereof spent the evening with friends. Meanwhile, the Ford car was "commandeered," and to prevent pursuit the larger car of the two was relieved of its sparking plug. So far nothing has been heard as to the whereabouts of the Ford car.

It has been decided that America is to hold a Tourist Trophy motor cycle race on similar lines to the English event, which was the premier motor cycle road race in the world in pre-war days. The English event was an international one, open to the world, and on several occasions American riders and machines figured prominently in the contest. As the American event is to be of an international character, it will afford British makers an opportunity of demonstrating that their products are still qualified to rank with the world's best. From a trade point of view, no business can accrue to English makers in America as a result of such a practical demonstration, owing to the American tariff precluding a market for British machines in the United States. The effect in other parts of the world, however, would be invaluable, as proving to those obsessed with the superiority of American products that the British machine is at least equal to the best America can produce.

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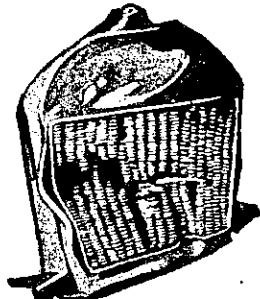
A Hastings borough by-law provides that "no vehicle of any kind shall be allowed to stand in any one position in any road or street in the borough for longer than 10 minutes." Recently several people who infringed this by-law were proceeded against, but Mr. Dyer, S.M., who heard the cases, has held that the by-law is invalid. In his judgment he said: "The operation of the by-law is not restricted to the busy streets of the borough, but it is applied indiscriminately to all streets, including places and times at which there is little or no traffic. The police say, and I believe with truth, that they have only prosecuted in instances of breaches of the by-law in busy streets. The by-law, however, has application to all streets in the borough, and it is therefore valid or invalid as it stands. It would, I think, be impossible to hold that the by-law is valid in some instances and invalid in others. I think, therefore, for the reasons I have given, that the by-law as it at present stands is unreasonable, and therefore invalid, and all the informations must be dismissed."

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GREENROOM GOSSIP

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Goodie Reeve is glad she is appearing in "The Officers' Mess" at the Tivoli, Melbourne. "I feel," she says, "that in doing so I am following in mother's footsteps." It was in this class of show, by the way, that Ada Reeve—Goodie's brilliant mother—scored her earliest successes in Australia.

"Lightnin'," which J. C. Williamson, Ltd., are to produce in Australia shortly, is of rather a unique type, for it contains not only stirring drama but also genuine humour, and the two are cleverly intermingled. Through it all, too, is just a dash of sentiment. In short, it is just the kind of play that audiences love.

Harry Lauder has been accused of paying good prices for original and humorous anecdotes advertising him in his assumed character as a particularly canny Scot. The other day a rather seedy individual accosted the great comedian in the street, alleging that he had a great secret to impart. "I've heard, Mr. Lauder," he whispered, "that you are in the habit of buying good jokes that you can use yourself," and then proceeded to narrate a jest which has long been retired as a chestnut from the Harry Lauder repertoire. Lauder heard the man very patiently to the end, and then he said: "My guid man, I invented that story mysel', an' as I charge for the loan of a' ma stories, I'll trouble ye for five shillin's on account." But the cadger had heard enough. By the time that Lauder had finished the man was ten yards away, and was getting more distant every second.

Mr. Wythe Williams, of "Collier's Weekly," writing of night life in Berlin in the middle of May, says:—In the cabarets and little dance halls the abandon of the night continues with the dawn. Occasionally shots can be heard outside. But no one cares. The waiters stagger under great trays of champagne, and suppers of foie gras and truffles sandwiches. Berlin has unlimited money—good and bad—and either the Allies will get it or the Bolsheviks will. So there is a race to spend it. There is music everywhere. The favourite number is the "Waltz of Destiny," soft, slow, haunting, tragic, and sweet. Berlin dances it on the volcano's brim. But no one cares.



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A divorce case in which the parties are well-known theatrical people was mentioned before Mr. Justice Hood in the Practice Court, Melbourne, recently. The petition in the case has been lodged by Edgar Warwick Goodchild, aged 35, theatrical manager, of The Waldorf, Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda, asking for divorce from May Goodchild, 27 years, known on the stage as Maud Fane, formerly of Spring Street, Melbourne, on the ground that she had been guilty of misconduct with Robert Peel, of Sydney, who is joined as co-respondent. The papers were served on the respondent in October last while she was in Melbourne, and the co-respondent was then located for service at St. George's, Queensland, about 350 miles from Brisbane. The petitioner is known professionally as Edgar Warwick. Mr. H. I. Cohen, for petitioner, asked that the hearing of the suit, which had been included in the present month's list, should go over until next month. The application was granted.

The engagements made by Mr. E. J. Tait while abroad are four light comedy artists for the firm's production of "Daddies" and "Tiger Rose," two plays that had a phenomenal success in America. The chief of these artists is Miss Margaret Nybloc, an English comedienne, who made a big success in London at the Queen's Theatre as Mag Duncan in "Kitty McKay." Going to New York, she created the same part in the production of the play at the Comedy Theatre. The other artists are Mr. Jerome Patrick (formerly of Dunedin), who for the past six years has been leading man with the Belasco management; Mr. Roland Rushton, an Adelaide man, who has also been with the Belasco management for several years, and Miss Margaret Brunelle.



Royal Life Saving Society, Wanganui (head centre), Challenge Shield. The winning team for 1919 was the Gonville School. Time, 2min. 53-sec. (a record). The names are—Standing: Wera Potaka, Mavis Downing. Sitting: Gwenda Nelson, Penge Svenson.

Miss Rosina Buckman, whose wonderful singing aroused such enthusiasm at the opening of the Beecham opera season at Drury Lane, related the following topical and amusing story at a reception meeting (states an English exchange). "There are sounds sweeter even than sweet music just now," said Miss Buckman, her eyes twinkling. Then, seeing that she had arrested the attention of her hearers, she went on demurely: "Circumstances, you see, alter cases. For instance, I heard of a young man who, when his wife was performing one day recently upon the piano, with exquisite taste and skill, burst into the room unceremoniously and held up his hand in mute expostulation. 'Mary,' he cried, as she looked up in surprise, 'why on earth don't you

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pany relied on a clause in the contract, which provided that: "In the event of destruction or partial destruction by fire, tempest, earthquake, or accident, or event of any kind, such as a strike or outbreak of an epidemic, making it necessary to abandon the tour in which the artist is engaged, the company may terminate the agreement, or suspend it, and the artist shall have no claim or rights against the company." The case was in the nature of a test, the result involving contracts to the extent of about £2000. After hearing argument, Mr. Justice Pring said that the defendants were acting entirely within their rights. There would therefore be a verdict for the defendant company.

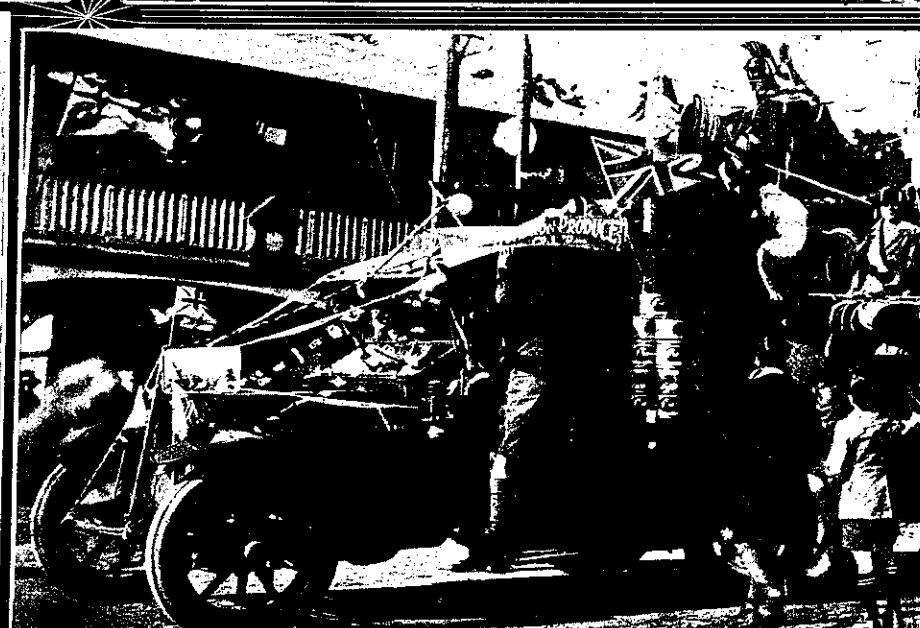
The announcement of a "standard contract," agreed upon by actors and managers, made by Mr. Sydney Valentine, the chairman, was received with great enthusiasm at a largely attended meeting of the Actors' Association, the stage trade union, at His Majesty's Theatre, London, recently. The contract includes the following points:—For artists on the "legitimate" stage: All engagements to be for the run of the piece or not less than four weeks; a fortnight's notice can be given either by actor or manager; a week to consist of eight performances—every one over to be paid for at the rate of one-eighth of a week's pay; a minimum wage of £3 a week of eight performances; a definite date of production to be given in the contract; no dismissal for illness unless absent 14 days in three months. The management have the right to have an artist examined by its own medical officer. Every artist receiving less than £10 a week to receive 10s. for each rehearsal, not exceeding six hours, with a break for meals, with a minimum of £2 a week. No Sunday rehearsals except by mutual consent, and then at double rates. All artists "called" for a rehearsal must be present for it to be deemed a rehearsal. No actor receiving less than £10 a week to be asked to provide more than one suit of clothes; other actors not more than three. All actresses' dresses to be provided by the management, also shoes and gloves. For musical comedy artists:—All engagements for the run of the piece, or not less than six weeks; a week to consist of nine performances—every one over to be paid at the rate of one-ninth; during the first four weeks of rehearsals artists receiving less than £10 a week to receive a £2 minimum, with £3 for every week after; two shillings an hour for time worked beyond 42 hours a week and no rehearsing after midnight; double payment to be made on Sundays. The minimum wage and illness clauses are the same as on the "legitimate" stage.

stop playing for a bit? Great Scott, where is your bump of appreciation? Don't you want to listen to the sound of our half-ton of coal rattling down into the cellar?"

Clyde Cook, the dancer, was the plaintiff in an action against J. C. Williamson, Ltd., in the Supreme Court sitting at Darlinghurst. The action arose as the result of the Government proclamation and the prevalence of influenza in Sydney, as a result of which the defendant company was obliged to close its theatres and abandon contemplated tours. The claim was for £266 13s. 4d., being balance due for 11½ weeks' engagement at £40 a week. The defendant com-

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Rejoicings in Wellington on Peace Day---Participants in the Procession and a View of the Crowd at Newto



1. A portion of the huge crowd that assembled at Newtown Park, Wellington, on Peace Day (July 19) to witness the sports gathering, at which Highland dancing and the military events were much appreciated. 2. A troupe of cowboys who took part in the procession and invested the Peace Celebrations with a good deal of humour. 3. Returned mounted men whose appearance in the procession was the signal for the start of the sports. 4. A captured gun secured by the N.Z. Division, which formed an interesting feature of the procession at Wellington. 5. A decorated motor lorry which attracted considerable attention

THE STAGE

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

ALLAN WILKIE SEASON.

"THE SILVER KING."

An interesting theatrical season is promised in the advent of the Allan Wilkie Dramatic Company, who open at His Majesty's Theatre on Saturday in that favourite masterpiece "The Silver King." Mr. Wilkie will be supported by Miss Frediswyde Hunter-Watts and a strong cast.

Mr. Allan Wilkie has toured the Dominion twice, first in 1916 in Shakespeare, and then with "Seven Days' Leave" and "The Rosary." Since gaining experience in legitimate drama with the Benson and Ben Greet companies in England, Mr. Wilkie has had six years of touring with his own company in the Old Country. At Christmas, 1911, he visited India and the East on a tour, which, owing to the presence of the King at the Delhi durbar, was extended to a period of 18 months. No fewer than 18 pieces were staged, including Shaw's "Candida," with which a new theatre was opened in Peking in 1912. Subsequently William Archer, a Queenslander, famous as a dramatic critic in London, and for his translations of Ibsen's plays, saw it at Colombo, and both spoke and wrote of the performance with approval. At Yokohama, Mr. Wilkie introduced "Mrs. Warren's Profession," "Salome," and "A Florentine Tragedy," and was back in England again before entering upon his successful antipodean career.

OPERA HOUSE.

Straight-out vaudeville has had its run for a time, and the revue once more holds sway, being ushered in on Monday night by Mr. Bert La Blanc and his new musical travesty stars in a frivolous entitled "Jazz." A bumper house greeted the popular Yiddish comedian, and showed their appreciation of the merry, effervescent little company he has gathered together since his last visit. Mr. La Blanc and Mr. Jake Mack were irresistibly droll as the neurotic guards of a lunatic asylum, their amusing "business" bringing on paroxysms of laughter. Both were screamingly funny in the Hawaiian burlesque "I Love the Jukelele," which was picturesquely built up by a bevy of maidens headed by Miss Maggie Buckley in a seductive number, "At the Hula Hula Ball." Miss Queenie Paul, who was recently principal boy in Fuller's pantomime in Australia, sang with charm "Ringtime in Springtime" and "Roses of Picardy," and another pleasing vocal item was "To Have, to Hold, to Love," by Mr. Mike Connors. Miss Olga Ray is a versatile newcomer also, and with Mr. Bert Ray made one of the biggest hits in their version of "Huckleberry Finn." Amongst the ballets the prettiest was "The Necessary Nest to Nestle In," the idea being daintily carried out in the setting and dressing. Other attractive ballets made up a most agreeable spectacle. Mr. Eddie West and Mr. Stan Tilton, the smart vaudeville duo, have joined the ranks of the revue, and are brightening factors of its nonsensical course. The first half of the programme was starred by Mr. Harrington Reynolds and company in a tabloid drama of love and revenge, entitled "The Witching Hour." Mr. Reynolds as a judge, Mr. Walter Dyer as a murderer, and Miss Gladys Thomas as the daughter of the latter, and likewise the wife of the former, ably upheld their respective parts. Mr. Walter Jackson and Miss Pollard were loudly applauded for their enjoyable vocal interlude, the lady's ringing soprano harmonising effectively with her partner's tenor. Miss Doreen Dore, a vivacious young maid, sang "Tu-tu" and gave a step-dance nimbly.

"What's the Use" is the title of the next Bert La Blanc revue.

"KENT, THE FIGHTING MAN."

William Edgar's virile story of the prize-ring, "Kent, the Fighting Man," is pictured in thrilling and attractive manner at the Globe Theatre. It is full of excitement and romance, tracing the fortunes of a spendthrift son through gambling dens, circuses, and the prize-ring, into regions of unexpected happiness. A dainty love affair threads its way through the sensational happenings and lightens the tensity of the situation. Bombardier Wells in the title role gives a great exhibition of his art in ring-craft, and the fights are most realistic.

The adventures concern John Westerly, who has been ruined in a fashionable West End gambling saloon, which is controlled by the Hon. Jimmy Greenback. Westerly forges his father's name to a cheque for £2500 to meet his debts of honour, and when this is discovered he is cast aside by his father. He then decides to make his own way in life, and joins a small travelling circus, which eventually leads up to the greatest thrill in his existence.

Borneo Gardner, the Wellington siffleur, who has made a name for himself abroad, has been booked in Sydney by Mr. Fuller, and opens in Auckland next Monday.

Madame Marie Power, who was specially engaged as soloist at the Auckland Male Choir's Concert, completely won the large audience with her resonant voice and quality of diction. Her splendid interpretative sense and unusual vocal resources had apt expression in her numbers, which included the aria "Mon Coeur S'ouvre a ta Voix" (Saint-Saens), "Sink Red Sun" (del Riego), Verdi's dramatic "Stride la Vampa," and "A Silver Ring" (Chaminade). She looked well in a draped gown of emerald green charmeuse veiled in black fish net and handsomely elaborated with gold embroideries. Madame gives much of the credit of her vocalisation to Mr. Frank Graham, leading tenor of the Carl Rosa Opera Company for many years, and to whose experienced art she owes a great deal.

A "Peg o' My Heart" Company is touring South Africa with Miss June Addell as Peg, Mr. William Mollison as Jerry, also the producer, and Mr. Cecil Brooking as Alaric, the part he played in the J. and N. Tait production out here.

Althol Tier and his wife (Peggy Ross) have collected a small company together in Australia and have left for the East.

"Loiterer," in the Dunedin "Star," referring to Allan Wilkie's revival of "Trilby" in Sydney, recalls previous productions in the southern city. The first was in August, 1896, when Reuben Fax was Svengali and Edith Crane Trilby; the second and third were minor occasions a year later, at the hands of stock companies, headed by George Darrell and Albert Lucas; the fourth was of moment, reintroducing the original Australian Trilby, Edith Crane, with her husband, Tyrone Power, as the mesmerist (date, November, 1900); and finally Nellie Stewart played the name part in November, 1910, with Gaston Mervale as Svengali, and supported by a strong company, including Eardley Turner, J. B. Atholwood, and the young Dunedin actor, Jerome Patrick, who has since won fame in New York. The Svengali death scene has always been the scene a faire of this somewhat theatrical concoction, and all exponents of the role have followed the method of the prototype—the late Sir Herbert Tree—falling backwards over a table with inverted face, grinning at the audience in a ghastly risus Sardonicus.

Miss Amy Murphy, the Dunedin soprano, has been engaged by Alec Lorrimore to sing at the Sydney Haymarket picture theatres.



THE DIGGERS' PIERROTS AND ORCHESTRA, who established a standard amongst New Zealand Divisional concert parties at the front for the outstanding excellence of their entertainment. Seated in front is Sergt. Tano Fama, stage manager and comedian. The Diggers are now touring the South Island.

Lew James and Reina Selma, Sa Hera and Nellie Kelle have left for Australia after a long season in New Zealand on the Fuller Circuit.

Paul Stanhope's Revue Company arrived from Australia last week and opened in Dunedin on Monday.

Mr. Julius Knight is praised by Manchester papers for his character study of the part of Sir Robert Graham in Ainsley's comedy, "Uncle Ned." It is that of a crotchety, strong-willed, impatient old man, very similar to one played by Mr. Knight in "Milestones."

Mme. Alverna and Jean Laerte, well-known to Aucklanders as the Wielaerts and whose first vaudeville contract was with Fullers, were at latest fulfilling an engagement at Fifth Avenue Theatre, New York. After describing it as a "classy" act, the critic says: "Laerte is a musician of marked ability. He is an excellent pianist, a remarkably good violinist and plays the clarinet well. Mme. Alverna has a pleasing, cultured voice and sings with much expression. The approval accorded the act was well merited."



BOMBARDIER BILLY WELLS, ex-heavyweight champion boxer of England, who plays the title role in the great sporting picture, "Kent, the Fighting Man," now showing at the Globe Theatre, Auckland.

Mr. Frank Kenny is business manager for the Allan Wilkie Company, and Mr. Jack O'Sullivan (who has been ruralising at Greymouth for the past few weeks) will go in advance.

The performance by amateurs—distinct from an amateur performance—of "Jack Straw," which packed His Majesty's last Friday and Saturday, undoubtedly owes its success to Mr. Herbert J. Bentley, who as stage manager and producer, as well as portrayer of the title role, brought his professional experience and practised judgment to bear in effecting a sound and highly-approved performance of W. Somerset Maugham's amusing comedy. With a family of parvenus as the central figures, human nature is wittily exposed, and the introduction into their circle of a waiter—alias Jack Straw—in the guise of the Archduke Sebastian of Pomerania, puts the finishing touch to the snobdom of the aforesaid parvenus—the Parker-Jennings. The bogus royal personage enjoys himself immensely at their expense, and their servility is only equalled later on by their disgust when they learn of the deception. Mr. Bentley, reposefully correct in speech and poise, treated the part with an unerring sense of comedy and proportionate value, surmounting difficult situations with a skilful adroitness and aplomb that made the audience incessantly chortle with delight. Mrs. C. C. Forsyth, as the rich vulgarian with more money than aspirates, portrayed the character to a nicety, and achieved hearty laughs all through at her obvious ostentatiousness. Co-partner with her, though subdued by his vigorous better-half, was Mr. F. J. Easter as Mr. Parker-Jennings, while Mr. J. A. Tole, as Vincent of that ilk, more educated but none the less aspiring, was cleverly amusing, and Miss Una Buddle as Ethel Parker-



MISS PHYLLIS BOULT, who appeared successfully in the Auckland production of "Jack Straw."

the beauty of which he declares will always have an abiding place in his memory. When in London, he was fortunate enough to secure the Australian and New Zealand rights of a spectacular naval drama, "The Luck of the Navy," which will be shortly presented by his firm. This piece has a striking story and is full of other good things.

Wirths' benefit to the stranded New Zealanders in Sydney was largely attended. Mr. A. E. Batt, chairman of the New Zealanders Committee, expressed their gratitude to Messrs. Wirth for the help thus given. "I want to say a word in regard to the New Zealand Minister for Health's cabled statement that it is his opinion that the tales of distress are only propaganda against the New Zealand Government," said Mr. Batt. "I give this a most emphatic denial, and, further, say that we have no politics in this matter. I leave it to the public to judge the injustice of being kept out of one's country for three months, through the neglect of a Government department to provide adequate quarantine accommodation. I can assure Messrs. Wirth Bros. that their fine spirit of generosity will be long remembered in far-away New Zealand." (Applause.)

Mr. J. L. Sacks, when spoken to recently, said that the arrangements for the building of two theatres in London and 12 in the provinces, which his syndicate has in contemplation, were well in hand. "The scheme is completed," he said, "and we are now waiting for suitable positions. We hope to begin the work of construction before the end of the year. Two of the London theatres will be in the neighbourhood of Leicester Square, and 10 of the 12 provincial theatres will be erected in Birmingham, Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Manchester, Cardiff and Blackpool. The theatres will all be built on standard lines, that is to say, every stage will be the same size. Our intention is to run our own services, and to play musical comedy, drama, etc. We shall probably begin work in London first."

Miss Amy Castles, who has been engaged by J. C. Williamson, Ltd., to appear with the New Grand Opera Company, received a unique compliment from the president of the Boston Symphony Orchestra during her recent tour of the eastern States of America. "All Miss Castles' notes are of equal beauty," he said, at a farewell to the Australian prima donna. "The greatest compliment that could be paid to Tetrazzini at the height of her boom was that three of her high notes—the particular three with which she roused her audience to rapture—were almost as lovely as the corresponding notes of Miss Castles. The Australian's voice is unique, for it is beautiful all through." This eulogy attracted considerable approving comment from the newspaper critics.

The shabby and somewhat grimy state of the various rooms which performing artists have to use at the back of the Wellington Town Hall has been brought under the notice of the Mayor (Mr. J. P. Luke) by Mr. Scott Colville. Mr. Luke was thoroughly sympathetic, and promised to look into the matter with a view of effecting much-needed improvements.

WELLINGTON NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, July 28.

The next J. C. Williamson attraction for New Zealand will be the spectacular extravaganza, "Goody Two Shoes," which has enjoyed a marvellous run in Melbourne and Sydney (notwithstanding the epidemic), and has just scored another success in Brisbane. Mr. Bert Royle says it is a question only of getting a steamer to bring the show across when the tour will open, but it is almost certain to be in Wellington or Christchurch.

The double combination, the Dandies and the Kennedys, are doing fine business at the Town Hall Concert Chamber.

The farewell concert tendered to Mr. Len. Barnes in the Town Hall last Thursday evening was in every way a great success. Mr. Barnes was in good voice and rendered his songs with a vim that was quite refreshing.

The four nights' return season of the Diggers' Pierrots last week was a great success. This clever combination starts a South Island tour this week, and should "catch on" all right.

Mr. Wills, who was treasurer of the Royal Comic Opera Company, has remained to take up the duties of treasurer of "Goody Two Shoes." Mr. Wills has made many friends in Wellington by his courteous and tactful way of treating the patrons.

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The principals engaged in America by Winchell Smith and Frank Bacon for J. C. Williamson's Australian production of "Lightnin'" include besides John O'Hara, Robert Toms, Diana Wilson, John Back, Victory Bateman and Frederick Esmelton. George Highland is coming from New York to produce the play.

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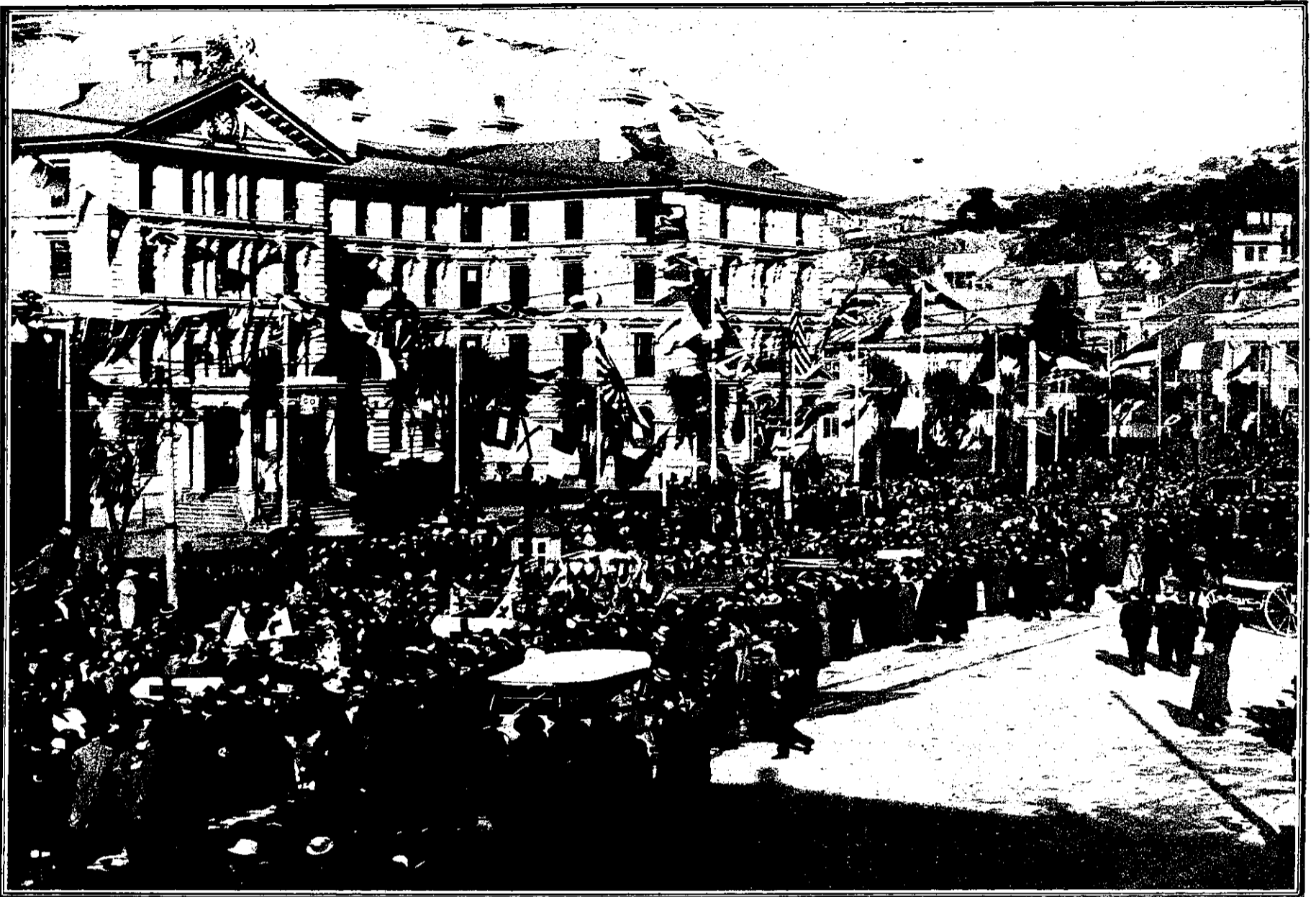
MR. J. C. TOLE, who made such a success of the part of Ambrose Holland in Mr. H. J. Bentley's production of "Jack Straw."

Jennings was the only one of the flamboyant family with any amour propre. Mrs. Patrick Cole gave a genuine performance of the volatile Lady Wanley, and Mr. J. C. Tole was good as her abettor in the masquerade joke. Miss Phyllis Boulton put in a sincere touch as the snubbed minister's wife, and Mr. H. G. Palethorpe as the nonchalant Marquis of Serlo kept well in the picture. Smartness and an up-to-the-moment atmosphere was created by the gay cabaret opening, in which the participants were Misses Mary Hosking (Wellington), Margery Thomas, Ailsa Brown, P. Alexander, M. Tole, J. Hughes-Jones, Phyllis Bloomfield, Merle Pollen, and M. Rathbone. On Saturday evening Miss Buddle had too severe a cold to appear, and at the eleventh hour Miss Phyllis Boulton kindly stepped into the breach, Miss Hosking substituting for her. Both acquitted themselves very creditably. At the conclusion numerous beautiful bouquets were handed up to the lady performers, and a fox-trotting and supper party on the stage put the seal on a most successful undertaking.

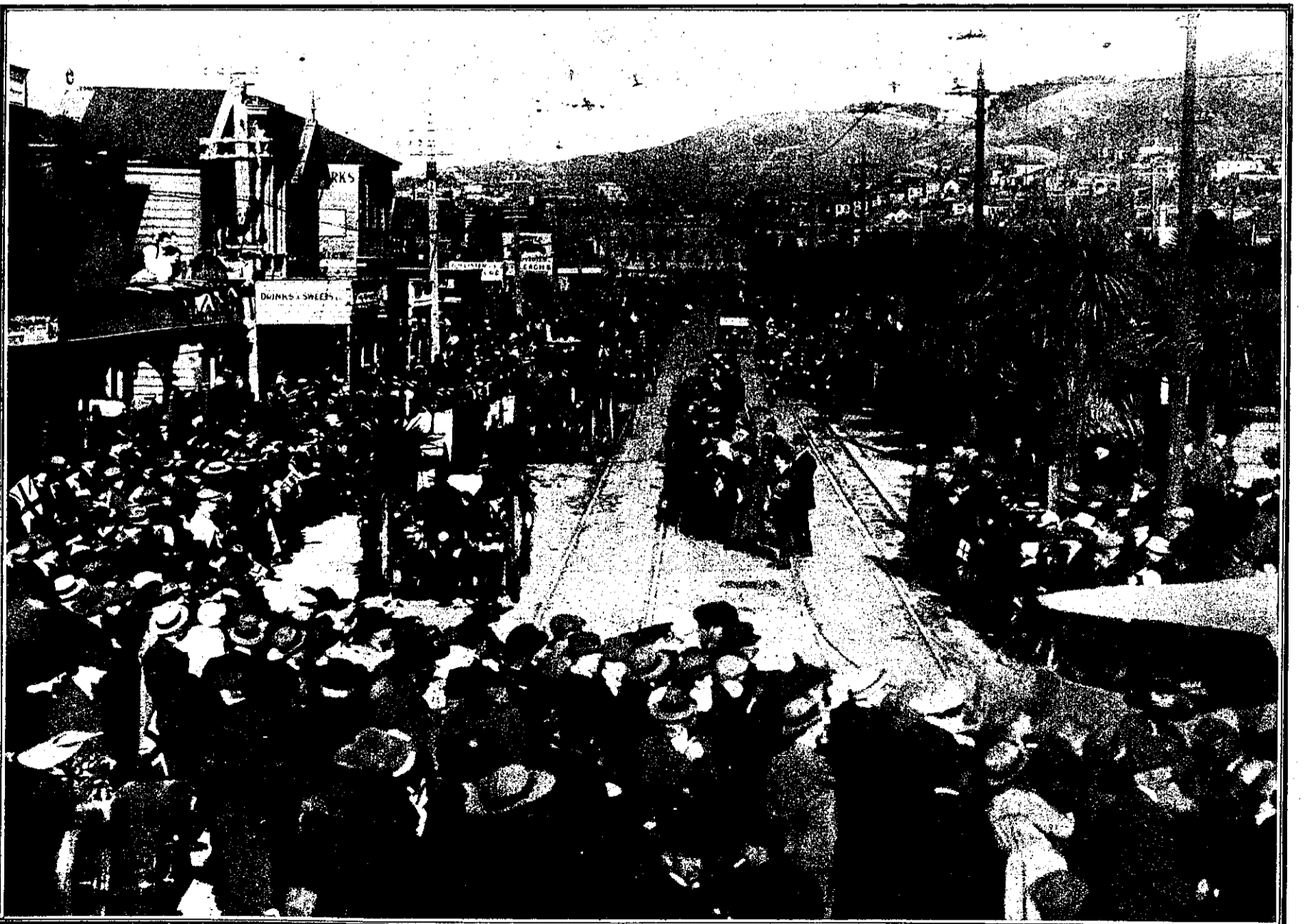
"Daddies," which will be the first of several new offerings to be staged by J. and N. Tait at the King's Theatre, Melbourne, during the next few months, was originally acquired by Mr. E. J. Tait during his recent visit to America on behalf of his firm. Mr. Tait, who has just returned to Australia after several months' absence, regards "Daddies" as a likely novelty that is bound to find rare favour with the Australian public. He also speaks enthusiastically of another purchase, the highly-successful Belasco production, "Tiger Rose,"



Peace Day Celebrations in Wellington: Animated Street Scenes during the Spectacular Procession.



VIEW OF LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON, OPPOSITE THE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, SHOWING THE PROCESSION MOVING OFF ON THE MORNING OF THE FIRST CELEBRATIONS OF PEACE. Wellington presented an appearance fully in keeping with the spirit of gaiety and rejoicing which characterised the many thousands who participated in the Peace Celebrations in the Empire City. The various buildings throughout the city were tastefully decorated with flags and garlands, while the streets were not neglected in this respect. The procession assembled on the Parliamentary Reserve, and, headed by bands, a start was made a few minutes after ten o'clock for Newtown Park, large crowds lining the route and cheering those who took part in the memorable procession, particularly the returned soldiers and nurses.

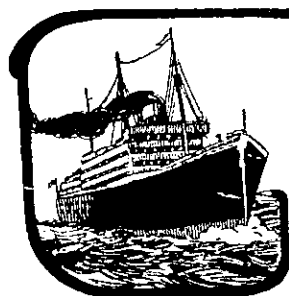


UPHOLDING THE PEACE CELEBRATIONS IN WELLINGTON. THE PROCESSION, WHICH WAS OF A MOST REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER, PASSING ALONG KENT TERRACE.

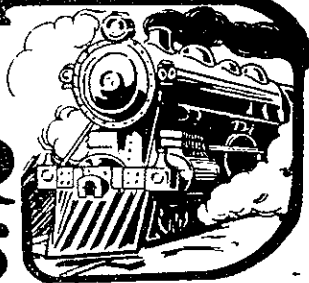
Snapshots of the Great Peace Procession held in Auckland, which was witnessed by large crowds all along



1. THE PEACE PROCESSION ON ITS WAY UP UPPER QUEEN STREET.—Returned soldiers, who paraded in strong numbers, are shown just after passing the Wellesley Street intersection. Procession from a vantage point on the route to the Auckland Domain. 3. A feature of the procession—the impressive exhibit of the Y.W.C.A. 4. Returned soldiers in uniform and in mufti taking part in the procession. 5. The Deputy-Mayor (Mr. A. J. Entrican) reading the King's Proclamation of Peace to the large crowd assembled at the Domain. The officers in foreground are Mr. A. J. Entrican, C.M.G. (on left), Officer Commanding the Auckland District, and Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. Duigan, D.S.O., General Staff Officer. 6. Wounded and disabled soldiers following the Peace Procession. A light-hearted group of nurses in a motor lorry taking part in the procession.



TOURIST AND TRAVELLER



HERE AND THERE.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Tacon, Christchurch, intend leaving on a trip to England by the Makura next month.

Mr. Charles Harvey, of the Hau-raki Plains, is leaving shortly for the Chatham Islands, where he proposes to go in for sheep farming.

Messrs. Harold Somervell and J. Buchan, of Thames, who were employed in important capacities at Woolwich Arsenal during the war, have returned to New Zealand.

Mr. Charles A. Sawtell, of Napier, who was attached to the Ministry for Information in England, has returned to New Zealand and intends taking up his residence in Wellington.

Mr. A. Hunter, of Kohukohu, is leaving for Capetown in August, and after a period there will continue his voyage to China and the East. He will be absent for over a year.

Mr. T. B. Ching, manager of the Wellington branch of the South British Insurance Co., has been appointed London manager of the company, vice Mr. Robert Hislop, who is retiring on superannuation.

Mr. C. A. Jeffery, who has been on active service for almost two years and a-half, has resumed duty as private secretary to the Hon. A. M. Myers.

Mr. W. R. Hughes, of Wellington, and recently assistant engineer to the Dunfermline County Council, Scotland, has been appointed engineer to the Palmerston North Borough Council.

Mr. G. N. Baggett, assistant librarian of the Wellington Free Public Library, who has been exiled in Sydney for three months past, returned by the Manuka.

Mr. F. E. Graham, a well-known Christchurch sharebroker, returned to New Zealand by the Port Pirie after being stranded in Sydney since April.

The British Admiralty is to rebuild the ports of Zeebrugge and Ostend almost entirely with Belgian labour, said Mr. Herbert Samuel to Brussels interviewers.

Mr. J. S. Hiddlestone, of Messrs. Sargood, Son, and Ewen, has resigned his position as manager of the firm's clothing department, and is to leave very shortly for the Old Country. He will be much missed in cricket circles.

Mr. C. S. Neville, who has been Inspector of Stock in South Canterbury for the past ten years, has been appointed to a newly-created position, that of supervisor of soldiers' farms. He will be located in Christchurch.

The well-known Padre Walls, M.C., now Major Walls, of the Salvation Army, has been appointed by Commissioner Hodder to the position of superintendent of the Rotoroa Inebriate Island.

Out of fifty-six applicants, Mr. B. J. Harris, a returned soldier, of Hamilton, has been appointed combined secretary of the Whangarei Racing Club, A. and P. Association, and Farmers' Union.

At a committee meeting of the Hastings Returned Soldiers' Association it was decided that all men who had worn the King's uniform in the war of 1914-1919 be eligible for associate membership of the club, at the discretion of the committee, on payment of an annual subscription of 10s. 6d.

Built by Messrs. R. and W. Hawthorn, Leslie, and Co., Ltd., for the Australian meat-carrying trade, the 12,700-ton steamship Port Nicholson has carried out her trials successfully on the Tyne.

For the best design for the cover of the Wellington Peace Celebration Committee's souvenir, a prize of £5 was offered, and the Council of the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts consented to act as judges. The prize was awarded to Mr. H. L. Kelly, of Wellington, out of some seventeen entries.

Mr. Norman R. Fisher, of St. Clair, Dunedin, has accepted the general management of the Jacobs Asbestos Mining Company, Ontario. This company produces from its two properties about 45,000 tons of mineral a month, and is one of the largest mines in Canada.

The citizens of Greymouth have presented the retiring Mayor (Mr. D. P. Loasby) with a gold watch in recognition of his twelve years' service. A presentation was also made to Mr. and Mrs. Loasby of a silver cradle as a memento of the birth of a son during their term of office as Mayor and Mayoress.

A rather novel inkstand, made out of parts of a rifle, was recently presented to Mr. J. Vigor Brown, M.P., Mayor of Napier, by a returned soldier in appreciation of his interests in the Diggers. The penholder is made of parts of a rifle and British .303 bullets, and it is supported by German cartridge cases. The inkwell is made from part of the barrel and is enclosed in the butt of the rifle, reversed, the trap forming the cap for the ink reservoir.

During the peace celebrations at the Hastings racecourse, Sir John Findlay, M.P. for Hawke's Bay, made two presentations to Sergeant Cleary, one being of a gold medal from Mr. J. D. Rivers, and the other of a silver medal from Lady Godley. The gold medal was given to Sergeant Cleary for being the best marksman in his company when shooting for the Imperial Challenge Shield, and the silver medal for being the best marksman in his company when shooting for the Godley Cup.

Mr. E. A. Godsland, manager for the Bristol and Dominions Producers' Association, Ltd., Bristol, is at present in Wellington on a business visit. He has arranged to leave for England on August 5.

Mr. J. H. Burgess, Staveley, shooting in the Mount Somers district, brought down a fine stag. The head proved to be a particularly fine 12-pointer. The measurements were 40½ and 40¼ inches long for the branches, 6¼ beam, 9¾ cornet, 13½ brow tine, and 34½ inches spread.

A feature of the elaborate decorations made in Wellington in connection with the peace celebrations (writes our Wellington correspondent) was the fine show made by the well-known publishing firm, the Gordon and Gotch Proprietary, whose business premises, situated opposite the Town Hall, were the centre of admiration. The flags of the Allies, the New Zealand Ensign, together with red, white and blue streamers figured largely in the arrangements, while the greenery contributed in no small degree to the pleasing display. The scheme took in the whole of the building, being most effective, the edifice presenting a very pretty appearance. The whole of the arrangements were carried out under the personal supervision of the New Zealand manager, Mr. W. E. Jackson, who is to be congratulated upon the results of his efforts.



THE WANGANUI OLD BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB'S B. TEAM, WINNERS OF THE WANGANUI RUGBY UNION'S SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT, 1919.—Back row (from left): L. F. Sarten (club captain), W. H. Rowe, A. G. Weekes, L. T. Palmer, P. R. Scobie (coach). Front row: W. M. Green (vice-captain), E. O. Daines, K. S. Svenson (captain), P. G. D. Alabaster.

The death took place at Hawera of Mr. R. M. M. G. Laurent, aged 93. Deceased was grandfather of Lieutenant Laurent, V.C. He had been present at the welcome to the latter the previous week, and was proud and gratified to see his grandson return. Deceased was formerly a major in the French Army.

Mr. Guy H. Scholefield, formerly of Christchurch, has had conferred upon him by the University of London the degree of Doctor of Science in Economics. His thesis, which was on the history of British and foreign policy in the Pacific, has recently been published by Mr. John Murray. Dr. Scholefield is the first New Zealander to receive this degree.

When presenting a regimental standard to the Royal Canadian Dragoons at Bramshott, Eng., Prince Arthur of Connaught said their crowning achievement was in March, 1918, when they restored the line at Morval Wood.

Mr. G. R. Hale, of Napier, who spent a lengthy period of war service in England in the munitions department, reached home on Thursday last. He was among the party of stranded New Zealanders who arrived in Wellington by the Manuka.

A white heron (kotuku) has made its appearance in the Inner Harbour, Napier, the first for twenty years or so.

Captain E. J. Harvey, of Foxton, was recently presented with a purse of sovereigns from the citizens as a mark of esteem. The presentation was made by the Mayor (Mr. J. Chrystall), who also handed Captain Harvey a letter, signed by himself on behalf of the citizens, expressing appreciation of the recipient's many acts of kindness during his long connection with Foxton's port. Captain Harvey retired from the sea after many long years of association with the west coast.

Mr. R. W. Dalton, His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for New Zealand, has completed his tour of the United Kingdom, but the date of his return to New Zealand has not been announced. "During his stay in this country," says the official "Board of Trade Journal," "Mr. Dalton has been interviewed by about 570 firms, of which 214 were in London, and has visited 82 works, besides having delivered addresses to members of the various chambers of commerce and trade associations. His tour has shown that the United Kingdom manufacturers are, generally speaking, fully alive and anxious to develop their trade in the New Zealand market. There is no reason to doubt that when they have overcome their reconstruction problems, evidences of the very real difficulties of which were readily forthcoming, they will use every endeavour to build up a large and increasing trade with the Dominion."

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The historical interest that makes the island of Kawau so unique and fascinating apart from its association with Sir George Grey is arrestingly dealt with in a descriptive booklet by H. Hector Bolitho, editor of the "Book of the C1 Camp," the "Featherston Camp Weekly," "Khaki Christmas," etc. In its arrangement he traverses this beautiful Auckland spot from end to end, enumerating its attractions and harking back to its early days when it was the home of native pirates. Interesting photographs accompany the letterpress and further familiarise one with the glories of Kawau.

Owing to the increased costs of running, the Sydney Ferries, Ltd., have found it necessary to raise the fares on all of the harbour and rivers trips. Heavy increases in wages and serious losses in consequence of the influenza epidemic are given as the principal reasons for the increased prices of all ferry tickets.

The Bathurst Municipal Council, N.S.W., has decided to co-operate with the Newcastle municipality in making representations to the Government regarding the cost of living. Alderman Havenhand said the profiteering carried on at the present time was almost criminal. Alderman Low said that as a furniture warehouseman he recently purchased a quantity of floor covering in Sydney, and on applying immediately afterwards for a little more to complete a job was met with a request for 6d. more per yard.

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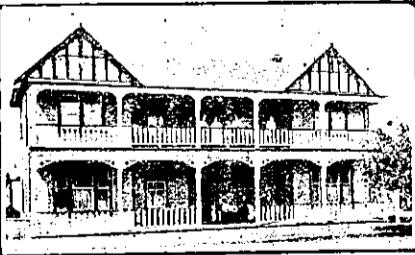
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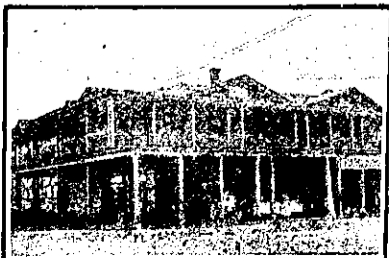
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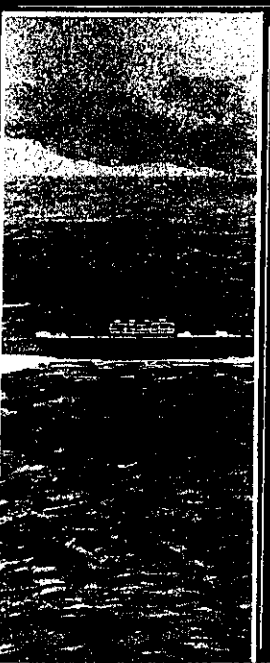
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Mr. T. P. Ryan, Premier of Queensland, who has just returned from a visit to England and France, says that few realise what Australia has done in the war. Taking into consideration the war effort of the Allies as a whole, Australia has supplied men and money out of all proportion to her population and resources. "It is somewhat startling," he said, when interviewed at Fremantle on his return, "to contemplate that with a population of about 5,000,000 we have more dead and disabled than Belgium herself, with a population of 8,000,000, in the very centre of the war area. Canada, with a population of 8,000,000, and the great United States, with a population of 100,000,000, have each had casualties less than we have. It was a sacrifice which will redound to the credit of the men who fought and died for freedom; but still, why was Australia called upon to do more than her share in the struggle? She has had more than her share of sorrowing mothers, wives, and sisters. Under the voluntary system Australia has indeed done more than her share in men and money; but what would the position have been if conscription had been carried in 1916 and there had been an additional drain of 16,500 men per month, as proposed? A White Australia, indeed!"

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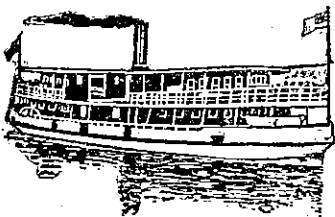
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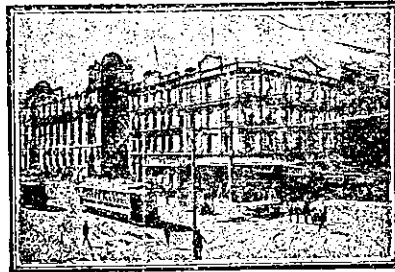
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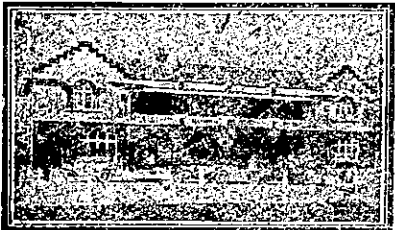
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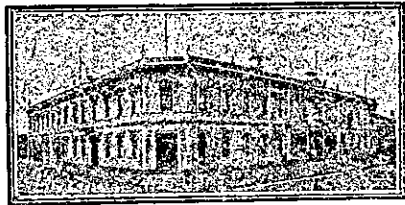
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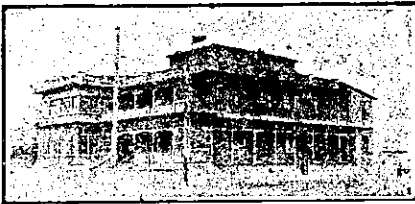


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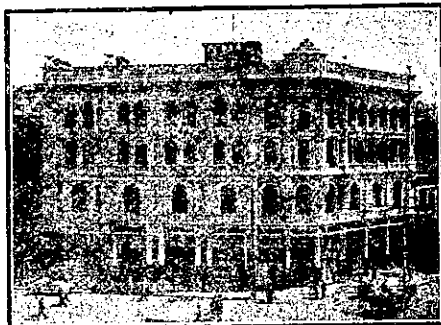
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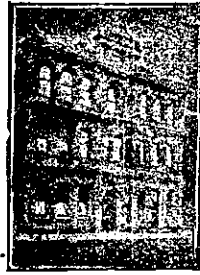
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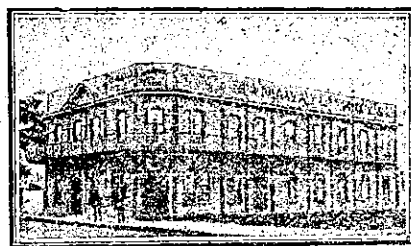
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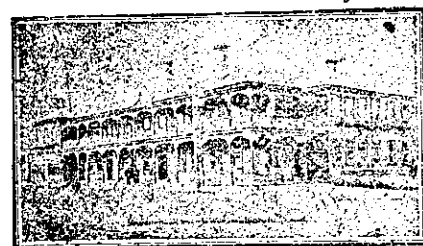
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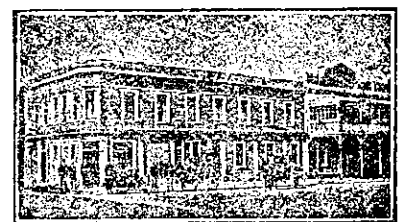
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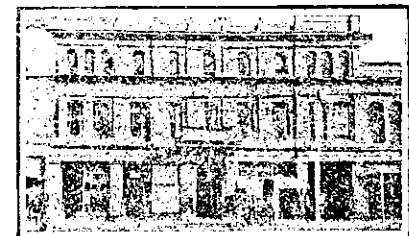
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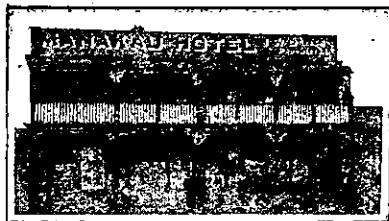
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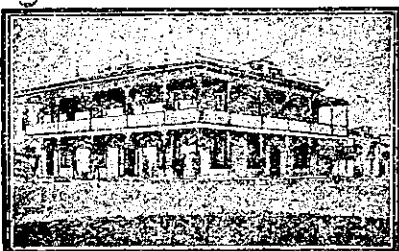


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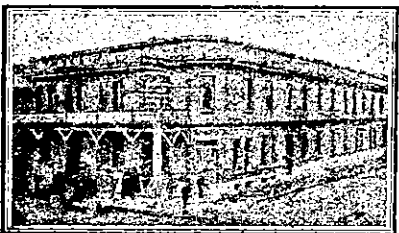


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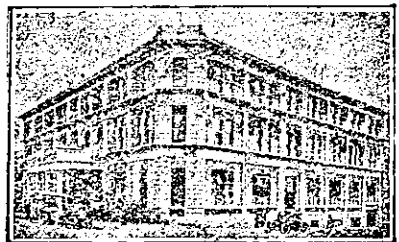


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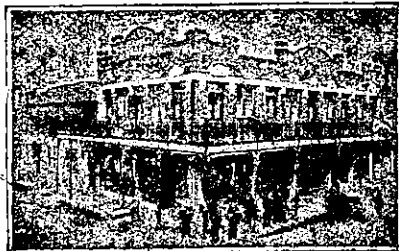
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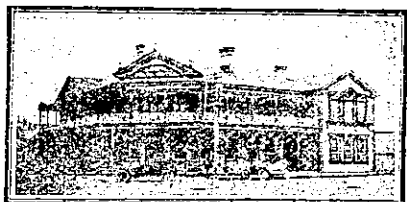
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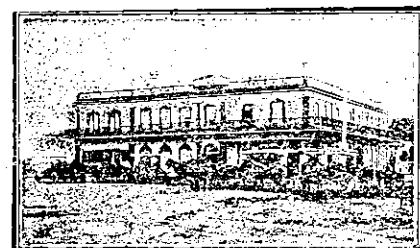
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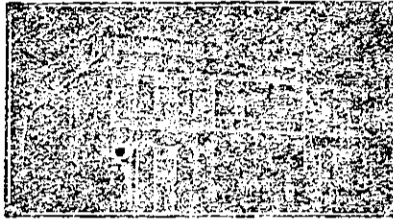
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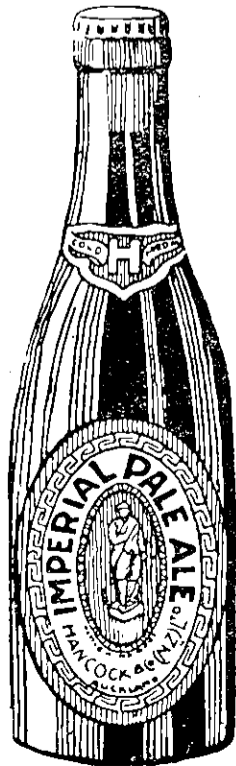
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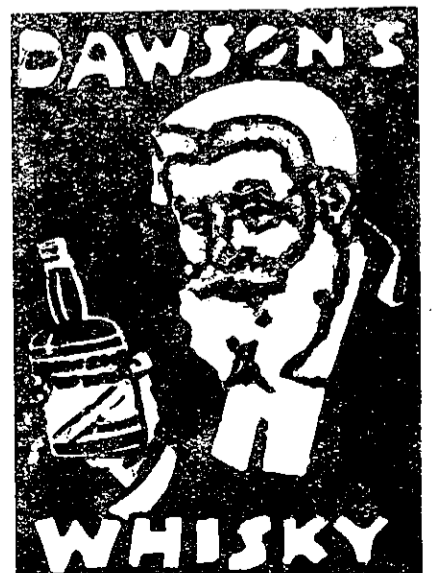
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