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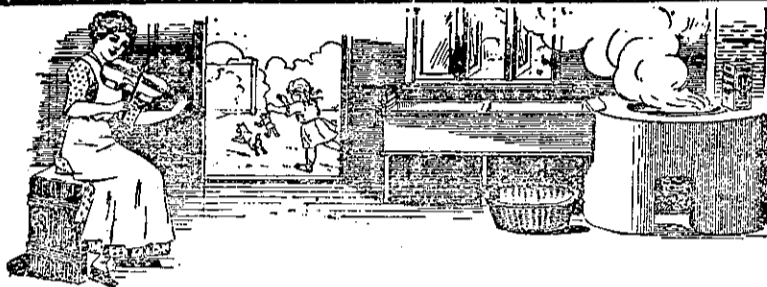
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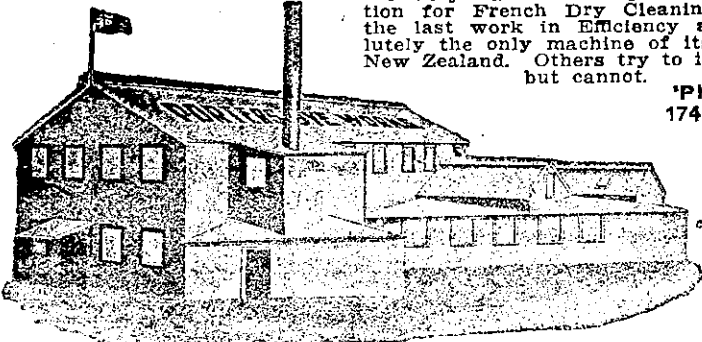
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SUMMER MEETING.
 FRIDAY, MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY.
 DECEMBER 26, 29, 1919, JANUARY 1 AND 2, 1920.

FIRST DAY.
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1919.
SHORTLAND PLATE of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race of the value of 150sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of nomination. Three-year-olds 7.7, four-year-olds and upwards 8.2. Mares allowed 5lb. Entrance 1sov, and a final payment of 3sovs each on Friday, December 19, by 5 p.m. One mile.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 1000sovs; winner to receive 600sovs, second horse 200sovs, and third horse 100sovs. The other 100sovs to go to the breeder of the winner, provided that the horse is bred in New Zealand. In the event of this condition not being fulfilled the 100sovs to go to the first horse. Colts 8.10, geldings 8.7, fillies 8.5. By subscription of 10sovs each unless forfeit of 1sov is declared and paid by 5 p.m. on General Entry Day Summer Meeting, 1919-20 (Friday, December 5). All horses remaining in after that date must pay the subscription of 10sovs on Friday, December 19, by 5 p.m. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

ROBINSON HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race of the value of 150sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of nomination. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. Seven furlongs.

AUCKLAND CUP of 3000sovs; second horse to receive 700sovs, and third horse 300sovs out of the stake. A handicap for three-year-olds and upwards. The winner of any flat race or flat races collectively after the declaration of weights of the value of 250sovs to carry 3lb.; 500sovs, 5lb.; 750sovs, 7lb.; 1000sovs, 10lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 9sovs, and a final payment of 20sovs each. Two miles.

GRAFTON HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 10lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Two miles.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs, and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race or flat races collectively after declaration of weights of the value of 250sovs to carry 3lb.; 500sovs, 5lb.; 750sovs, 7lb.; 1000sovs, 10lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 3sovs, and a final payment of 6sovs each six furlongs.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Winner of Great Northern Foal Stakes to carry 10lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Five furlongs.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile.

SECOND DAY.
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1919.

BOWEN HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race of the value of 150sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of nomination. Horses to be ridden by apprentices who have not won more than fifteen races. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. Six furlongs.

ISLINGTON PLATE of 750sovs; second horse to receive 150sovs, and third horse 75sovs out of the stake. Weight for age. Entrance 1sov, and a final payment of 7sovs each on Saturday, December 27, by 12 noon. One mile.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 4sovs each. Five furlongs.

PONSONBY HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile and three-quarters.

SUMMER CUP of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs, and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. A handicap for three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 9sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

CRITERION HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Six furlongs.

WAITEMATA HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race of the value of 150sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of nomination. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

SALISBURY WELTER HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb. penalty. Minimum weight, 8.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile.

THIRD DAY.
 THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1920.

FERGUSON HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race of the value of 150sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of nomination. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. Six furlongs.

NEW YEAR'S HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Two miles.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 4sovs each. Five furlongs.

46TH GREAT NORTHERN DERBY of 1500sovs; winner to receive 1000sovs, the second horse 250sovs, and third horse 100sovs. The other 100sovs to go to the breeder of the winner, provided that the horse is bred in New Zealand. In the event of this condition not being fulfilled the 100sovs to go to the first horse. Colts 8.10, geldings 8.7, fillies 8.7. By subscription of 15sovs each unless forfeit of 1sov is declared and paid by 5 p.m. on General Entry Day Summer Meeting, 1919-20 (Friday, December 5). All horses remaining in after that date must pay the subscription of 15sovs on Friday, December 19, by 5 p.m. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. One mile and a-half.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP of 750sovs; second horse to receive 150sovs, and third horse 75sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race carry 7lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 7sovs each. Six furlongs.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs, and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 9sovs each. One mile and a-half.

ELLERSLIE HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race of the value of 150sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of nomination. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. One mile.

GLASGOW HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. One mile.

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FOURTH DAY.
 FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1920.

GOODWOOD HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile.

SYLVIA HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Six furlongs.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs, and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 9sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

TWENTY-FIFTH ROYAL STAKES of 1000sovs; winner to receive 700sovs, second horse 200sovs, and third horse 100sovs. For two, three, and four-year-olds. Weight for age. Two-year-olds 6.12, three-year-olds 8.6, four-year-olds 9.0. Winner after August 1, 1919, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250sovs, 3lb.; of 500sovs, 5lb.; of 750sovs, 7lb.; of 1000sovs, 10lb. extra. Maiden four-year-olds at time of starting allowed 14lb. three-year-olds 10lb. two-year-olds 7lb. By subscription of 10sovs each unless forfeit of 1sov is declared and paid by 5 p.m. on General Entry Day Summer Meeting, 1919-20 (Friday, December 5). All horses remaining

in after that date must pay their total subscription of 10sovs on Friday, December 19, by 5 p.m. Should there be any surplus arising from the subscriptions it will be given to the race. Six furlongs.

AUCKLAND HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Two miles.

COUNTY HANDICAP of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 6sovs each. Six furlongs.

AUCKLAND PLATE of 750sovs; second horse to receive 150sovs, and third horse 75sovs out of the stake. Weight for age. Entrance 1sov, and final payment of 7sovs each on Thursday, January 1, by 9 p.m. One mile and a-half.

GREY HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race of the value of 150sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of nomination. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb. penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.
 SUMMER MEETING, 1919-20.
 With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, by 5 p.m.
 NOMINATIONS.—Auckland Cup 1sov, Railway Handicap 1sov, Summer Cup Handicap 1sov, Auckland Racing Club Handicap 1sov, Grandstand Handicap 1sov, Islington Plate 1sov, Auckland Plate 1sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, by 5 p.m.
 ACCEPTANCES.—Auckland Cup 9sovs, Railway Handicap 3sovs.
 FIRST FORFEITS.—Great Northern Foal Stakes, 1919-20, 1sov; Forty-sixth Great Northern Derby, 1919-20, 1sov; Twenty-fifth Royal Stakes, 1919-20, 1sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 (GENERAL ENTRY), by 5 p.m.
 NOMINATIONS.—Shortland Plate 1sov, Robinson Handicap 1sov, Grafton Hurdle Race 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Christmas Handicap 1sov, Bowen Handicap 1sov, Electric Handicap 1sov, Ponsonby Hurdle Race 1sov, Criterion Handicap 1sov, Waitemata Handicap 1sov, Salisbury Welter Handicap 1sov, Ferguson Handicap 1sov, New Year's Hurdle Race 1sov, Midsummer Handicap 1sov, Newmarket Handicap 1sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1sov, Glasgow Handicap 1sov, Goodwood Handicap 1sov, Sylvia Handicap 1sov, Auckland Hurdle Race 1sov, County Handicap 1sov, Grey Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, by 5 p.m.
 ACCEPTANCES.—Robinson Handicap 2sovs, Grafton Hurdle Race 3sovs, Nursery Handicap 3sovs, Christmas Handicap 3sovs.
 FINAL PAYMENTS.—Shortland Plate 3sovs, Auckland Cup 20sovs, Railway Handicap 6sovs, Great Northern Foal Stakes (sub.) 10sovs, Forty-sixth Great Northern Derby (sub.) 15sovs, Twenty-fifth Royal Stakes (sub.) 10sovs.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, by 12 noon.
 ACCEPTANCES.—Bowen Handicap 2sovs, Electric Handicap 4sovs, Ponsonby Hurdle Race 3sovs, Summer Cup Handicap 9sovs, Criterion Handicap 3sovs, Waitemata Handicap 2sovs, Salisbury Welter Handicap 3sovs.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Islington Plate 7sovs.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, by 12 noon.
 ACCEPTANCES.—Ferguson Handicap 2sovs, New Year's Hurdle Race 3sovs, Midsummer Handicap 4sovs, Newmarket Handicap 7sovs, Auckland Racing Club Handicap 9sovs, Ellerslie Handicap 2sovs, Glasgow Handicap 3sovs.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, by 9 p.m.
 ACCEPTANCES.—Goodwood Handicap 2sovs, Sylvia Handicap 3sovs, Grandstand Handicap 9sovs, Auckland Hurdle Race 3sovs, County Handicap 6sovs, Grey Handicap 2sovs.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Auckland Plate 7sovs.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24.
 Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13.
 Robinson Handicap, Grafton Hurdle Race, Nursery Handicap, Christmas Handicap.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 (in morning paper).
 Bowen Handicap, Electric Handicap, Ponsonby Hurdle Race, Summer Cup Handicap, Criterion Handicap, Waitemata Handicap, Salisbury Welter Handicap.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30 (in morning paper).
 Ferguson Handicap, New Year's Hurdle Race, Midsummer Handicap, Newmarket Handicap, Racing Club Handicap, Ellerslie Handicap, Glasgow Handicap.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, by 8 p.m.
 Goodwood Handicap, Sylvia Handicap, Grandstand Handicap, Auckland Hurdle Race, County Handicap, Grey Handicap.

REGULATIONS
 To which the attention of persons entering horses is particularly directed.
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 Prior to any race, the Stewards may order a parade in front of the stand. The owner of any horse absent from such parade without the permission of the Stewards will be fined 2 sovs.
 No jockey shall be weighed out for any race unless the amount of his minimum fee, as for a losing mount in the race, has been previously deposited with the Secretary or Clerk of the Scales, or other Official appointed by the Stewards for that purpose. If he wins the balance of his fee shall be deducted from the stakes otherwise payable to the owner, and shall be paid to him. The Club shall be responsible to the jockey for his minimum fee under these Rules.

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 SUMMER MEETING, 1919.

To be held at Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North, on
 FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY,
 DECEMBER 26, 27 AND 29, 1919.

President: J. H. P. Strang. Vice-Presidents: J. Goring Johnston and F. S. McRae. Hon. Treasurer: C. Louissou. Committee and Stewards: J. H. P. Strang (Chairman), L. A. Abraham, R. S. Abraham, E. L. Broad, H. R. Cooper, L. H. Collinson, H. Gillies, J. Goring Johnston, C. Louissou, S. R. Lancaster, C. A. Loughnan, H. Gifford Moore, R. A. McKenzie, F. S. McRae, D. Pringle, W. Randell, J. Allan Strang, W. Wood. Surgeon: Dr. Putnam. Hon. Veterinary Surgeon: R. H. Meade, M.R.C.V.S. Hon. Clerk of Scales: W. Randell. Judge: J. R. L. Stanford. Hon. Timekeeper: R. Stevens. Handicapper: J. E. Henrys. Starter: A. Keith. Clerk of Course: H. R. Lancaster. Secretary: J. M. Johnston.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.

1. TRIAL PLATE of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and the third 15sovs out of stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a race at time of starting. Three-year-olds, 7.10; four-year-olds and upwards, 8.5. No allowances. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.
2. TOKOMARU HURDLES HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and the third 20sovs out of stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile and three-quarters.
3. GILLIES HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and the third 15sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs.
4. MANAWATU CUP HANDICAP of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs, and the third 100sovs out of stake. The winner of any race after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 3lb.; of any race or races of the collective value of 200sovs, 5lb.; of 300sovs, 7lb.; of 500sovs, 10lb. extra. (Penalties at foot of programme do not apply to this race.) Nomination 1sov, acceptance 10sovs. One mile and a-half.
5. NURSERY HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third 25sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Five furlongs.
6. TARARUA HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and the third 15sovs out of stake. Minimum weight, 7.11. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile and 55 yards.
7. FITZHERBERT HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third 50sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. Six furlongs.
8. GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and the third 30sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and 55 yards.

SECOND DAY.
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27.

1. KELVIN HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and the third 15sovs out of stake. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile and 55 yards.
2. TE MATAI HURDLES HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and the third 20sovs out of stake. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile and three-quarters.
3. HIGHLDEN HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and the third 15sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs.
4. PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 700sovs; second horse to receive 140sovs, and the third 70sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 7sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
5. PALMERSTON NORTH STAKES (FOURTEENTH) of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third 50sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds and upwards. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after August 1, 1919, of any race or races collectively of the value of 150sovs to carry 3lb.; of 250sovs, 5lb.; of 500sovs, 7lb.; of 750sovs, 10lb.; of 1000sovs, 14lb. extra. Maiden four-year-olds and upwards at time of

starting allowed 10lb.; three-year-olds, 7lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, unless forfeit of 1sov is declared and paid by Tuesday, November 25, 1919 (General Entry Day). All horses remaining in after that date must pay their total subscription of 5sovs, which will be payable on Tuesday, December 9, 1919. (Nominations closed.) Six furlongs.

- 6. TERRACE HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and the third 15 sovs out of stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.
7. HIMATANGI WELTER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third 25sovs out of stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and 55 yards.
8. AWAPUNI HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 80sovs, and the third 40sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. Six furlongs.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29.

- 1. WHITMORE HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and the third 15sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile and a furlong.
2. TIRITEA HURDLES HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and the third 20sovs out of stake. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile and a-half.
3. JUVENILE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and the third 20sovs out of stake. For two and three-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Five furlongs.
4. LIVERPOOL HANDICAP of 600sovs; second horse to receive 120sovs, and the third 60sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 6sovs. One mile and a furlong.
5. WESTBURY HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and the third 15sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Five furlongs.
6. CLANDEBOYE HANDICAP of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and the third 25sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and 55 yards.
7. CHRISTMAS HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and the third 15 sovs out of stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.
8. KAWAU HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and the third 30sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Six furlongs.

PENALTIES.

Flate Races.—In any handicap race (except the Manawatu Cup Handicap), the winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights shall carry a penalty of 10lb., and of every additional race a further penalty of 6lb. extra. Horses handicapped at 8.10 and over to carry only half the above penalties.

Hurdle Races.—The winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights shall carry a penalty of 10lb., and for every additional race 7lb. extra. Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events and First Forfeit for the 14th Palmerston North Stakes will close with the Secretary, at the Office of the Manawatu Racing Club, Palmerston North, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1919, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the First Day's Races will be declared on or about TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1919.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day's Races and Final Payment for the 14th Palmerston North Stakes will close with the Secretary, at the Office of the Manawatu Racing Club, Palmerston North, on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1919, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the Second Day's Races will be declared on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1919, about 7.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the Second Day's Races will close with the Secretary, at the Office of the Manawatu Racing Club, Palmerston North, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1919, at 8.30 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the Third Day's Races will be declared on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1919, about 7.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the Third Day's Races will close with the Secretary, at the Office of the Manawatu Racing Club, Palmerston North, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1919, at 8.30 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Owners and trainers are warned that Rule 4 of Part XVI. will be strictly enforced.

Entries, acceptances, etc., made by telegram, if not confirmed in writing within seven days, the owner will be fined 2sovs.

Address to THE SECRETARY, MANAWATU RACING CLUB, P.O. BOX 52, Palmerston North.

Telephone 105. Approved in accordance with the Rules of Racing, this 14th day of October, 1919.—W.M. HALL, Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

To be held on Marton Course, adjoining Marton Junction Railway Station.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 AND 2, 1920.

OFFICIALS:

President: Mr. R. Aldworth. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. R. E. Beckett, D. G. Riddiford and Drs. Bennett and Skerman. Judge: Mr. J. Cameron. Handicapper: Mr. H. Coyle. Starter: Mr. Angus Keith. Clerk of Course: Mr. W. E. Gibbons. Hon. Clerk of Scales: Mr. F. L. Young. Hon. Assistant Clerk of Scales: Mr. J. H. C. Broad. Hon. Timekeeper: Mr. R. F. Wood. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. D. G. Riddiford. Secretary: Mr. Arthur Way. Stewards and Committee: Brigadier-General R. Young, Surgeon-General

S. Skerman, Dr. Bennett, Messrs. R. E. Beckett, F. R. H. Brice, J. Brice, J. H. C. Broad, H. J. Cameron, K. W. Deighton, I. Jefferson, H. McManaway, J. McDonnell, E. Openshaw, D. G. Riddiford, L. M. Richards, and F. L. Young. Judicial Committee: Brigadier-General W. Meldrum, C.M.G., Messrs. R. E. Beckett, K. W. Deighton, D. G. Riddiford, T. A. Duncan.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1920.

First Race Starts at 11.30 a.m.

- 1. FIRST HACK HURDLES, a Handicap of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. One mile and three-quarters, over six flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high.
2. DASH HACK HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Six furlongs.
3. JUVENILE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. Four furlongs.
4. MORTON CUP (Open), a Handicap of 600sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 7sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
5. LADIES' BRACELET, a Hack Handicap of 110sovs and gold bracelet value 20sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. Gentlemen riders. Minimum weight, 10.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
6. RAILWAY HANDICAP (Open) of 350sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 4sovs. Six furlongs.
7. NEW YEAR HACK HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Seven furlongs.
8. STEWARDS' WELTER HANDICAP (Open) of 275sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Minimum weight, 8.0. Eight furlongs and a-half.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1920.

First Race Starts at 11.30 a.m.

- 1. SECOND HACK HURDLES, a Handicap of 175sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stake. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. About one mile and a-half.
2. NURSERY PLATE, a Handicap of 175sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 50s. Five furlongs.
3. SUMMER HANDICAP (Open) of 400sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. One mile and a distance.
4. ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 160sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Six furlongs.
5. HUNTERVILLE HACK WELTER, a Handicap of 180sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
6. TELEGRAPH HANDICAP (Open) of 275sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Six furlongs.
7. FAREWELL HACK HANDICAP of 160sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.
8. TURAKINA WELTER (Open), a Handicap of 260sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Minimum weight, 8.0. Seven furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events will close at the Secretary's Office, Marton, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1919, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the First Day's events will be declared on or about MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1919, and for the Second Day's Events at the office of the Club at 7 p.m. on the EVENING OF THE FIRST DAY.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day's events will close with the Secretary at the Office of the Club, Marton, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1919, at 9 p.m., and for the Second Day's events at the same place at 9 o'clock on the EVENING OF THE FIRST DAY.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any race or races may be re-handicapped by the handicapper. Re-handicaps will be declared at the Manawatu Racing Club's Office on the evening of December 29, 1919, and will be published in the morning newspapers on the 30th.

ACCOMMODATION.

The Club has erected 54 loose-boxes on the racecourse, and the Secretary will book accommodation for horses and attendants on application.

RULES.

All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing. All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Marton Jockey Club, Marton, and entrance money to be enclosed, with name of horse, age at time of entry, name of owner and trainer, pedigree and colours of rider. All nominations by wire must be confirmed by letter by first mail afterwards.

ARTHUR WAY, Secretary.

P.O. Box 3, Marton.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

SATURDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY,

DECEMBER 27, 30 AND 31, 1919.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1919.

INTRODUCTORY TROT HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. For all horses that have never won at better than 2.30 to the mile. Limit, 4.0. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3 1/2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

DECEMBER HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. For all horses that have never won at better than 2.25 to the mile. Limit, 3.45. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3 1/2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CUP HANDICAP (Harness) of 1500sovs; second horse to receive 250sovs, third horse 125sovs, and fourth horse 50 sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.38. Nomination 3sovs, acceptance 5sovs, and a final payment of 10 sovs at the post. Distance, two miles.

ROWE HANDICAP TROT (Harness) of 350sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Limit, 4.56. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 5 sovs. Distance, two miles.

PARNELL HANDICAP (Harness) of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs each from the stake. FOR UNHOPPLED HORSES ONLY. Limit, 4.50. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, two miles.

GREAT NORTHERN TROTTER DERBY (Harness) of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs, and the breeder of the winner 50sovs each from the stake. FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS. (Entries closed.) Distance, one mile and a-half.

GREAT NORTHERN HANDICAP (Saddle) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20 sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.20. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, one mile.

ST. HELIERS HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.25. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3 1/2sovs. Distance, one mile.

SECOND DAY.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1919.

OAK HANDICAP (Harness) of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. For all horses that have never won at better than 2.30 to the mile. Limit, 4.0. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3 1/2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. For all horses that have never won at better than 2.25 to the mile. Limit, 3.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3 1/2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

SUMMER CUP HANDICAP (Harness) of 600sovs; second horse to receive 90sovs, and third horse 45sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.39. Nomination 3sovs, acceptance 8sovs. Distance, two miles.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP (Harness) of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs each from the stake. FOR UNHOPPLED HORSES ONLY. Limit, 4.48. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 3 sovs. Distance, two miles.

EPSOM TROT HANDICAP (Harness) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTER HORSES ONLY. Limit, 4.55. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 4 sovs. Distance, two miles.

RANFURLY HANDICAP (Harness) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.55. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

DOMINION HANDICAP (Saddle) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.24. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3 1/2sovs. Distance, one mile.

DASH HANDICAP (Harness) of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.24. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3 1/2sovs. Distance, one mile.

THIRD DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1919.

TAMAKI HANDICAP (Harness) of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. For all horses that have never won at better than 2.30 to the mile. FOR TROTTER HORSES ONLY. Limit, 4.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3 1/2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

PARK HANDICAP (Harness) of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. For all horses that have never won at better than 2.28 to the mile. Limit, 3.45. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3 1/2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (Harness) of 600sovs; second horse to receive 90sovs, and third horse 45sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.39. Nomination 3sovs, acceptance 8sovs. Distance, two miles.

ASSOCIATION TROT HANDICAP (Harness) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTER HORSES ONLY. Limit 4.54. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, two miles.

NEW YEAR HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. FOR UNHOPPLED HORSES ONLY. Limit, 4.50. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3 1/2 sovs. Distance, two miles.

ONSLow HANDICAP (Harness) of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.19. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, one mile.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP (Saddle) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.24. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3 1/2sovs. Distance, one mile.

PREMIER HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 3.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3 1/2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

SUMMER MEETING, 1919-1920.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES AND HANDICAPS.

NOMINATIONS.

NOMINATIONS for all events also FINAL PAYMENT for the Great Northern Derby, 1919, and FIRST ACCEPTANCES for the Great Northern Derby, 1920-1921, close on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, at 5 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day close on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, at 5 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the Second Day close on DECEMBER 29, at 5 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the Third Day close on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, at 10 p.m.

HANDICAPS.

HANDICAPS for the First Day to appear on DECEMBER 10.

HANDICAPS for the Second Day to appear on DECEMBER 29.

HANDICAPS for the Third Day to appear on DECEMBER 30.

C. F. MARK, Secretary.

STRAFORD RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

To be held on Stratford Racecourse, on THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 AND 2, 1920.

Handicapper: J. F. Henrys. Starter: R. Skipwith. Judge: J. R. L. Stanford. Stewards: Messrs. A. Stewart, M. McDonald, V. Smith, G. E. Wilson, F. J. McDonald, J. S. Lyons, S. Pitt, W. J. Morrison, J. R. L. Stanford. Clerk of Scales: C. D. Stole. Secretary: Alfred Coleman.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1920.

First Race Starts at 12 Noon.

- 1. MAIDEN PLATE of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Open to all horses that have never won a race of any description at the time of start. Weight for two-year-olds 8.0, three-year-olds and upwards 8.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Five furlongs.
2. TARIKI WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight 8.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.
3. STRATFORD CUP HANDICAP of 600sovs; second horse to receive 70 sovs, and third horse 30sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 100s. One mile and a-quarter.
4. OHURA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. One mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of 3ft. 6in. batten hurdles.
5. DOUGLAS HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 45sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Six furlongs.
6. MIDHIRST HACK HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
7. MAHOE WELTER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
8. RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1920.

First Race Starts at 12.15 p.m.

- 1. CARDIFF STAKES of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Open to all horses that have never won a race of the value of 25sovs at the time of starting. Nomination fee in this race paid in respect of winner of Maiden Plate will be refunded. Weight, 8.0. Winner of any race to carry 9.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.
2. TOKO WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Minimum weight 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
3. THE MALONE MEMORIAL HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Eight furlongs and a-half.

4. MAKURI HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and the third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of 3ft. 6in. batten hurdles.
5. NGAERE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Six furlongs.
6. STRATHMORE HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs, from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Minimum weight, 7.7. Five furlongs.
7. LOWGARTH WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
8. COUNTY HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty, and for every additional race a further penalty of 7lb, or, if he thinks fit, the handicapper may re-handicap the winner of any race after the declaration of weights. Owners shall be responsible for the accuracy of the weights to be carried by their horses (Part XIX-II.) The winner of any Hurdle Race after declaration of weights to carry 10lb penalty; two or more races 17lb penalty, or if he thinks fit, handicapper may re-handicap.

DEFINITION OF A HACK.
(Flat and Hurdle Races).

No horse shall start in any Hack Flat Race which has at any time prior to the time of entry, won a race of the value of £250 to the winner or races to the aggregate value of £500 to the winner, nor in any Hack Hurdle Race or Steeplechase which has at any time prior to the time of entry, won a race of the value of £250 to the winner, or races of the aggregate value of £500 to the winner. (Part XI-2.)

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

NOMINATIONS for all events close on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1919, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for First Day's Events declared on or about WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1919, and for Second Day's Events on THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1920, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day's Events close on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1919, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's Events close at 9 p.m. on THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1920.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

To which the attention of persons entering horses is particularly directed.

All Entries, Nominations, etc., will close at the Secretary's Office, Stratford, at 9 p.m. Telegraph Office closes at 8 p.m.

All Entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Stratford Racing Club, entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at time of entry, name of owner, pedigree, colours of rider, name of trainer, and, in case of handicaps, performances of the horse. Printed forms of entry will be forwarded on application to the Secretary.

Entries telegraphed must be confirmed in writing as soon as possible, or owners are liable to a fine of £2 (Part XVI-4).

All persons intending to withdraw horses are required to give notice to the Secretary or Clerk of Scales one half hour before the official time of starting the race. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with this rule shall pay a fine, to be imposed by the Stewards, of not less than £1, nor more than £20. (Part XXIV-4).

All races to be run under the N.Z. Rules of Racing.

No entry will be received after the hour named under any pretence whatever.

All horses walking over will receive 50 per cent. of the stake.

N.B.—The Committee reserves to itself the right of altering the dates of entries, handicaps, etc., should it deem fit to do so.

ALFRED COLEMAN,
Secretary.

Approved by the Taranaki District Committee in accordance with the Rules of Racing, this 16th day of September, 1919.—E. P. WEBSTER, Secretary.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

On Makaraka Racecourse.
THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 12 AND 14, 1920.

OFFICIALS:

President: J. W. Nolan, Esq. Vice-President: W. G. Sherratt, Esq. Hon. Treasurer: F. W. Nolan, Esq. Stewards: Messrs. J. Maynard, G. Reynolds, R. Sherratt, W. L. Rutledge, A. R. Hynes, R. C. Murphy, J. Clark. Judge: R. B. Lusk, Esq. Starter: Mr. A. G. Wood. Handicapper: Mr. H. Coyle, Clerk of Scales: M. DeCosta, Clerk of Course: W. A. Stephens. Secretary: D. R. DeCosta.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1920.

To start at 12.15 p.m.

1. WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. One mile. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
2. FIRST HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 175sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. The winner of any hurdle race of the value of 50sovs after declaration of weights to carry 3lb extra, of 100sovs 5lb extra. One

mile and three-quarters; over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.

3. MAIDEN SCURRY of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Weight, 8.0. Winners on the flat at any time barred. Four furlongs and a-half. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
4. TURANGA STAKES HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 3lb extra, of 100sovs 5lb extra, of 150sovs 7lb extra, of 200sovs 10lb extra. One mile and a-quarter. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s.
5. TELEPHONE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from stake. Five furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s.
6. SUMMER HACK STAKES of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 20sovs from stake. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. For two-year-olds and upwards. Winners since August 1, 1919, to carry 3lb extra. Maiden four-year-olds and upwards at time of starting allowed 7lb. Five furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s.
7. APPRENTICES' HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Winner of any previous race 5lb extra. To be ridden by apprentices who have not won 15 races. Seven furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
8. FLYING HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra, of 100sovs 10lb extra. Six furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1920.

To start at 12.15 p.m.

1. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from stake. Six furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s.
2. SECOND HURDLES HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. One mile and a-half; over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
3. COOK HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Six furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
4. SUNDERLAND STAKES HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 20sovs from stake. Winner of Stewards' Handicap to carry 5lb penalty. One mile. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s.
5. MAIDEN SCURRY HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Winners on the flat at any time barred, with the exception of the winner of Maiden Scurry, first day. Five furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
6. PUBLICANS' PURSE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from stake. The winner of any previous race the same day to carry 5lb extra. Five furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s.
7. ROSELAND HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. One mile. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
8. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Winner of the Stewards' Handicap, Sunderland Stakes or Publicans' Purse to be re-handicapped. Six furlongs and a-half. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

To be Forwarded to the Secretary at the Club's Office, Childers Road, Gisborne.

NOMINATIONS for all events close at 8 p.m. on FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1920.

WEIGHTS for First Day's Events will appear on MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 9.

ACCEPTANCES for the Whole of First Day's Events close at 8 p.m. on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

WEIGHTS for Second Day's Events declared about 8 p.m. on FEBRUARY 12 (Night of First Day's Races).

ACCEPTANCES for the Whole of Second Day's Events close at 9.30 p.m. on FEBRUARY 12.

D. R. DeCOSTA,
Secretary.

ROTORUA JOCKEY CLUB.

(Registered under the A.R.C.)
ANNUAL MEETING.

Arawa Park Racecourse,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1920.

Patron: Hon. W. H. Herries. President: W. T. Carr, Esq. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. C. A. Clarke, A. H. Tripe, G. M. Brown, E. W. G. Smith, H. E. Troutbeck. Judge: Mr. R. B. Lusk. Handicapper: Mr. E. Wynyard. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Timekeeper: Mr. H. W. Howden. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. H. Bertram. Hon. Solicitor: Mr. G. Urquhart. Hon. Surveyor: Mr. H. Tai Mitchell. Clerk of Scales: Mr. G. Hunt. Clerk of Course: Mr. C. Rawson. Totalisator Steward: Mr. T. S. Wyllie. Number and Paddock Steward: Mr. A. Worrall. Stewards: Messrs. J. Richards, W. Scott, F. Goodson, E. La Trobe Hill, A. Warbrick, W. B. Bennett, F. O'Connell, E. Fowkes, C. R. Tapper, M. Jolly, C. Tattersall, A. J. Carlton. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. W. P. Hall. Secretary: K. J. Rennie, Box 5, Rotorua.

PROGRAMME:

1. HACK HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 13sovs, and

third horse 7sovs out of stake. Distance, about a mile and a-half; over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s.

2. MAIDEN HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stake. For horses that have not won a race exceeding 50sovs in value at time of entry. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 15s., acceptance 15s.
3. ROTORUA CUP of 200sovs and a silver cup valued at 30sovs, presented by W. Richmond, Esq., to become the absolute property of the winner; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of stake. Distance, one mile and a-quarter. Nomination 25s., acceptance 40s.
4. WAIMANGU HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 13sovs, and third horse 7sovs out of stake. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s.
5. HACK WELTER RACE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stake. Distance, one mile. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s.
6. MOKOIA HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stake. For horses that have not won a race exceeding 50sovs in value at time of entry. Distance, seven furlongs. Nomination 15s., acceptance 15s.
7. ARAWA PARK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stake. Distance, one mile. Nomination 25s., acceptance 30s.
8. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 13sovs, and third horse 7sovs out of stake. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. All races run under the New Zealand Racing Conference Rules of Racing.

2. Name, age, pedigree, performances to date, and colours with nomination.

3. No nomination or acceptance will be received without the necessary amount of cash.

4. All protests must be made in writing to the Secretary, with a deposit of £2, which deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld.

5. Winners of any race after declaration of weights may be re-handicapped.

6. Owners racing in other than colours entered will be fined £1 for every start.

7. All persons intending to withdraw horses are required to give notice to that effect to the Secretary or Clerk of Scales one half hour before the official time for starting the race. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with this rule shall be fined by the Stewards a sum of not less than £1 nor more than £20.

8. NOMINATIONS for all events close on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1919, at 5 p.m., with the Secretary, K. J. Rennie, Box 5, Rotorua, and with Mr. H. H. Hayr, Auckland.

9. WEIGHTS appear in Auckland "Star" and "Herald" MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1920.

10. ACCEPTANCES close FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1920, at 5 p.m., with the Secretary, K. J. Rennie, Box 5, Rotorua, and with H. H. Hayr, Auckland.

Note.—Hour of closing, 5 p.m.
K. J. RENNIE,
Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.
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PROGRAMME FOR AUTUMN MEETING,

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 26 AND 28, 1920.

OFFICERS:

Patron: H. N. Harrison, Esq. President: E. A. Campbell, Esq. Vice-President: Allan Cameron, Esq. Hon. Timekeeper: T. Currie. Judge: R. B. Lusk. Starter: R. H. Skipwith. Handicapper: H. Coyle. Hon. Clerk of Scales: J. C. Paterson. Clerk of Course: G. T. Lynch. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Howard Christie. Hon. Vet. Surgeon: P. Maxwell Edgar. Stewards: President, Vice-President and Hon. Treasurer (ex officio), Messrs. G. Marshall, Jas. Higgin, C. G. Russell, J. C. Paterson, W. McA. Duncan, C. E. Mackay, Russell Grace, H. G. Lewis, H. W. Wilson, G. M. Currie, W. S. Glenn Dr. M. Earle. Committee: President, Vice-President and Hon. Treasurer (ex officio), Messrs. G. Marshall, James Higgin, C. G. Russell, J. C. Paterson, W. McA. Duncan, C. E. Mackay, G. M. Currie, Russell Grace, H. W. Wilson, W. S. Glenn, H. G. Lewis, Dr. M. Earle. Hon. Treasurer: J. F. Cutfield. Secretary: W. Hall.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1920.

1. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and 110 yards. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 4sovs.
2. PETRE HACK HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 2sovs.
3. WESTMERE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles; over eight flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 2sovs.
4. VICTORY WELTER HANDICAP (for Hacks only) of 400sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 4sovs.
5. WANGANUI CUP HANDICAP of 1150sovs and Silver Cup valued at 100sovs, presented by W. R. Grace, Esq.; second horse to receive 200

sovs, and third horse 100sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters. In the event of any entrant winning a handicap of the value of 100sovs after the declaration of weights, the handicapper will review that horse's weight, and will raise it or allow it to stand, as he thinks fit. It is only winners that will be re-handicapped. If the weight of any horse is altered, the revised handicap will be published on or about Friday, February 20, 1920. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 4sovs on Monday, February 23, 1920, at 8 p.m., and 5sovs at the post.

6. JUVENILE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, about five furlongs. For two-year-olds. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 2sovs.
7. WIRITOA HACK RACE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and 110 yards. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 2sovs.
8. FLYING HANDICAP of 600sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 6sovs.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1920.

1. AUTUMN HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and 110 yards. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 3sovs.
2. MATARAWA HACK RACE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 2sovs.
3. JACKSON STAKES of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For two-year-olds and upwards. Weight for age. By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows: 15ov if struck out on or before September 1, 1919, at 8 p.m., or 2sovs if struck out on or before Nomination Night, Autumn Meeting, 1920. All horses remaining in after latter date to pay the subscription of 5sovs on First Acceptance Night, Autumn Meeting, 1920. (Closed with 183 nominations.)
4. FORDELL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and three-quarters; over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 2sovs.
5. OKOIA TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 2sovs.
6. WANGANUI STAKES HANDICAP of 700sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 7sovs.
7. HARRISON HACK HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. To be ridden by apprentices who have not won 16 races; apprentices who have never won a race allowed 5lb. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 2sovs.
8. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 5sovs.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb, in a hurdle race, and the winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb; two or more such races, 10lb penalty in a flat race. No penalty will be required in an open race for having won a hack race or races.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ENTRIES, ACCEPTANCES,
And Amounts to be Forwarded to Secretary Wanganui Jockey Club.

AUTUMN MEETING,

FEBRUARY 26 AND 28, 1920.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, at 8 p.m.
NOMINATIONS.—Stewards' Handicap 15ov, Petre Hack Handicap 15ov, Westmere Hurdle Race 15ov, Victory Welter Handicap 15ov, Wanganui Cup 15ov, Juvenile Handicap 15ov, Wiritoa Hack Flat Handicap 15ov, Flying Handicap 15ov, Autumn Handicap 15ov, Matarawa Hack Flat Handicap 15ov, Fordell Hurdle Race 15ov, Okoia Two-year-old Handicap 15ov, Wanganui Stakes Handicap 15ov, Harrison Hack Handicap 15ov, Farewell Handicap 15ov.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, at 8 p.m.
SECOND FORFEIT—Jackson Stakes, 1920, 2sovs.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1920
(on or about).

WEIGHTS for all First Day's Events.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1920.
REVISED WEIGHTS (if necessary)
Wanganui Cup.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1920,
at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Stewards' Handicap 4sovs, Petre Hack Handicap 2sovs, Westmere Hurdle Race 2sovs, Victory Welter Handicap 4sovs, Wanganui Cup 4sovs, Juvenile Handicap 2sovs, Wiritoa Hack Flat 2sovs, Flying Handicap 6sovs.

SUBSCRIPTION.—Jackson Stakes 5sovs.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1920,
at Post.

FINAL PAYMENTS.—Wanganui Cup 5sovs.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1920
(at or about) 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handicaps.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1920, at noon.
ACCEPTANCES.—Autumn Handicap 3sovs, Matarawa Hack Flat 2sovs, Fordell Hurdle Race 2sovs, Okoia Two-year-old Handicap 2sovs, Wanganui Stakes 7sovs, Harrison Hack Handicap 2sovs, Farewell Handicap 5sovs.

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The elections have been decided, and will go down amongst the records as remarkable for more than an average number of surprise results. The defeats of candidates who formerly held high positions, the narrow margin successes of others who have served in many previous Parliaments and the reelection of certain candidates which Reform, Liberal and Labour parties alike were making sure would again be returned were amongst the decisions of the people which it is difficult to understand. With Liberals and Labourites pitted against each other in many constituencies, the splitting of votes clearly gave Reform some of its successes, where the united forces of the Liberals and the Labourites would certainly have resulted in the return of men from which to form a more powerful Opposition, which now, regrettable to say, is left without a leader by the defeat of Sir Joseph Ward, than whom no man in the House has had so complete a grasp of the finances of the country. Sir James Allen, who occupies the position formerly held by Sir Joseph Ward, had a very hard run and so did the Hon. J. B. Hine, Minister of Internal Affairs, who went the same way as the Hon. G. W. Russell, Minister of Internal Affairs in the National Government. The Prime Minister would have found it difficult to replace his first lieutenant, but less so the Stratford member. The Auckland province has been so much stronger for Reform than previously that we may be almost sure that one of the Auckland members will be elected to the position lost by the defeated Minister. As with Sir James Allen, Minister, so it was with Hon. A. M. Myers, ex-Minister. It was touch and go, so to speak, with both, and who will say that these gentlemen do not deserve well at the hands of the people for their past services, though representing opposite sides. Sir James Allen is often spoken of as our next High Commissioner.

With regard to the liquor question, which is hanging in the balance, the returns are sufficiently complete to make it apparent that the position has not undergone any very material change since the last trial of strength between those for and against Prohibition, which showed how divided they were. The number of votes polled will prove to be about the same. The State Control idea does not appeal to the people for several reasons. State purchase would mean a big financial undertaking for one thing, which is not necessary the country should attempt while the State can exercise supervision as at present. There should only have been two issues on this question, in or out, and if more than half the electors on the rolls can be got to the poll to vote liquor out that would be a fairer basis upon which to decide the question by those who favour absolute majority rule than is the rule in existence, which makes it necessary for those constituencies that want restoration to require 55 per cent. of the votes actually polled in order to obtain it. Though the facilities in this country have never been so complete for arranging where to take all the votes, and the voice of the people, as at the present time, there are always some electors who are indifferent about recording their votes at all. The Prohibitionists are perhaps the most persistent on all occasions.

The ex-Ministers for Internal Affairs, Hons. W. G. Russell and J. B. Hine, had to do with the issuing of totalisator permits to the various racing clubs of the Dominion. Neither had a long innings; indeed, the last-named has had a very short reign. Mr. Russell was responsible for the appointment of an inspector to represent the Government and the people in the totalisator houses during meetings this year, and on all sides, it has been admitted to be a good move. Thereby greater confidence was established and the management of the totalisator business welcomed the change it is said as much as the public. Mr. Russell was, however, an advocate of taking away some of the totalisator permits from racing clubs in the large centres to

give them to trotting clubs, and Mr. Hine talked of readjusting the permits so as to give country clubs a bigger proportion of them. These ideas were given expression to, but all sportsmen were asking for was to get for their clubs permits—not, however, at the expense of other clubs, so many of which have spent large sums in providing up-to-date courses and appointments and need the revenue from the number of meetings already permitted to them in order to maintain their status. It will not be very long before the new Government will be approached on the subject of increasing permits so that new clubs will be granted what they have been waiting for. It seems inevitable that fresh legislation will have to be passed with that object in view. The next Minister of Internal Affairs will be besieged, like his predecessors, in connection with these matters, and he will do well to listen to the representations of the New Zealand Racing Conference and the New Zealand Trotting Conference.

We have not pricked the card nor are we aware what answers were received from the candidates when they were asked how they stood with regard to sport, but we know that while some good friends of sport will be missing from the House the number of its supporters, we have reason



Mr. J. Graham's ch g GLENSHINE, aged, by Glenculloch—Minaret, who claims engagements at the Dunedin Jockey Club's summer meeting, which takes place on December 26 and 27. C. Rask in saddle.

to believe, will be if anything stronger than ever in the new Parliament, in which the Prime Minister has a working majority. Mr. W. D. Lysnar, a good man for the Government and the country, who defeated Sir James Carroll (probably the oldest continuous member of the House, with 32 years' service), owed his success largely to the presence in the field of a strong Labour candidate, who split the votes. Sir James has shared the same fate as others, but we are sure that he will take his defeat as only a good sportsman can. We are sure also that his greatest regret will be over the defeat of his chief, Sir Joseph Ward, who first entered the House at the same time. Sir Joseph referred to the unswerving loyalty and cool judgment of his colleague when referring to the result of the polling. We are desirous of knowing that the affairs of the country will be well looked after, that our chief pastime will not be in danger at the hands of men we send to Parliament. Some good friends of sport, such as Sir James Carroll, have gone out, notably Mr. Albert Glover, whose good people of Auckland Central, which is and always has been a strong Liberal and Labour centre, in which a Reformer would have no hope, were bent upon getting a man who they believe will be a more forceful fighter in Labour's cause. It remains to be seen whether Mr. W. Parry will fill the bill. Albert Glover goes out with a good record for looking after the wants of his constituents, and he will have plenty of friends regretting his defeat in a stronghold that a year or two ago

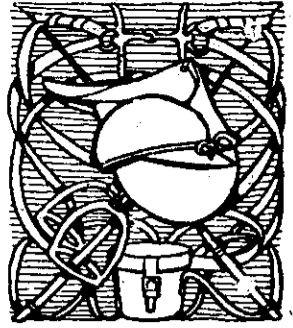
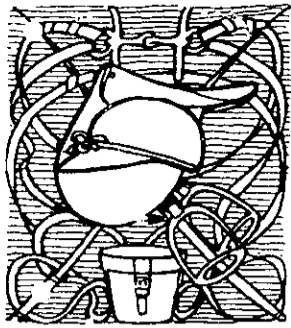
was considered impregnable to any invading force. How true that one never knows until the numbers go up. The defeat of Mr. R. Semple, an extremist of the Labour Party, the possibility of which was hardly hinted at by any of the speakers in the hustlings on either the Liberal or Reform sides, who took it for granted that he would be again returned, must have been as surprising as was his first election to Parliament, and as pleasing to the large majority of the members returned, who nearly all tried to put a spoke in his wheel.

Mr. L. M. Isitt, an Oppositionist, a Prohibitionist and an uncompromising opponent of the totalisator, but who a short while back asked Mr. Hine to take permits from the larger clubs to help the smaller ones, polled more votes than any Parliamentary candidate at the elections. The total number of votes recorded for him were 5656, and in his electorate the total polled was 9307. He beat his Labour opponent by 2005 votes. In the Parnell electorate, 8637 votes were recorded, of which Mr. J. S. Dickson (Government) received 5456, his majority over his two opponents being 3257. Dr. H. T. J. Tracker (Opposition) polled 5131 and his majority was 1796. Mr. W. D. Stewart (Government) was the only other who polled over 5000 and stood next

A general election on the eve of Christmas and New Year is undesirable, but on the whole the one just got through appears to have been fought on less bitter lines than some we have had, and it is to be hoped that people will get to work after the festive season and carry on in the year to come for their own and the Dominion's good. There is plenty of work waiting for labour and good pay, too, and it rests with the people themselves to improve the conditions under which they live. If it is not done in this country, where is there another that offers such great advantages. There has been a misleading cry to the contrary during the elections we know. Conditions in New Zealand are more favourable all round than in the Commonwealth, but that is not to say they cannot be made still more so if the people themselves and their representatives in Parliament will apply themselves legitimately to the task. The people as a whole will be looking for results, and will not be slow to give credit where it is due. They have chosen their representatives for the new Parliament on the strength of their platform undertakings, professions and their past records, and will give the Government as now constituted a trial, recognising that it has a strenuous time ahead and that it will be necessary for those at the helm to be given the opportunity of steering the Ship of State through the troubled seas. It is up to the Right Hon. Mr. W. F. Massey to make the most of the opportunity he has now had extended to him. In taking leave of this subject we will wish our readers, who represent all shades of political opinion, A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

There will be racing and trotting meetings during the next ten days, which are comprised within what is known as the festive season, and when they have been disposed of a big hole will have been cut into the calendar of racing events, and the season can then be said to be half run. It will be one of the most successful festive seasons in the history of the Dominion, in a racing sense, we are sure, provided the weather holds. Few would be sorry if there was before the holiday time commences in Auckland sufficient rain to give the soil a good soaking, though the race track at Ellerslie has been regularly watered during the past fortnight at night time, and is in splendid order to start the Auckland Racing Club's summer meeting with. The rainfall during Thursday night and Friday morning was a blessing. The Auckland meetings are being looked forward to with pleasurable anticipations, and then there are the Manawatu, Dunedin, Porangahau, Taranaki and Westland meetings starting on Boxing Day, and the Greymouth, Wyndham, Waikouaiti, Vincent, Marton, Stratford, Wairapa, Hawke's Bay and Southland fixtures commencing on New Year's Day, in which date the Auckland R.C. meeting is continued. There are also many trotting club meetings during the same period. Some non-tote gatherings are also to be held in the Auckland province this week and next, and the same thing will happen elsewhere, so there will be plenty of horse sports for the people in city, suburban and country districts throughout the Dominion.

Never has there been a summer meeting of the Auckland Racing Club at which so much prize money is to be provided as at this one commencing on Friday, and at which there is the Auckland Cup Handicap of 3000 sovs, to be run for. The Great Northern Derby, of 1500sovs, to be increased in value to 2000sovs in 1921, and five races of 1000sovs each. No wonder the owners from all parts give their attention to racing in the sunny north at this, more than any other, season of the year. The Auckland Trotting Club's summer meeting this year offers greater attraction than heretofore, and will help largely to bring the people together from all parts of the Dominion, and they are mustering in strong force.



RACING NEWS

RACING FIXTURES, 1919-20.

Dec. 26—Porangahau R.C.
 Dec. 26—Cliffden R.C.
 Dec. 26, 27, 29—Manawatu R.C.
 Dec. 26, 27—Dunedin J.C.
 Dec. 26, 27—Taranaki J.C.
 Dec. 26, 29, Jan. 1, 2—Auckland R.C.
 Dec. 26, 27—Westland R.C.
 Jan. 1—Wynndham R.C.
 Jan. 1—Waikouaiti R.C.
 Jan. 1, 2—Stratford R.C.
 Jan. 1, 2—Vincent J.C.
 Jan. 1, 2—Wairarapa R.C.
 Jan. 1, 2—Hawke's Bay J.C.
 Jan. 1, 2—Marton J.C.
 Jan. 1, 3—Greymouth J.C.
 Jan. 2, 3—Southland R.C.
 Jan. 7, 8—Reefton J.C.
 Jan. 14—Rotorua J.C.
 Jan. 13, 15—Wairoa County R.C.
 Jan. 14, 15—Cromwell J.C.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION

Tuesday, December 23.
 Nominations Wairoa County R.C. annual, by 9 p.m.

Friday, December 26.
 Weights second day Manawatu R.C. summer, about 7.30 p.m.
 Acceptances second day Manawatu R.C. summer, at 8.30 p.m.
 Weights second day Taranaki Christmas, at 8 p.m.
 Acceptances second day Taranaki Christmas, at 9.30 p.m.
 Handicaps second day Westland R.C. summer, at 8 p.m.
 Acceptances second day Westland R.C. summer, at 10 p.m.

Saturday, December 27.
 Weights second day's events Auckland R.C. summer, in morning papers.
 Acceptances second day's events Auckland R.C. summer and final payments Irlington Plate, by 12 noon.
 Weights third day Manawatu R.C. summer, about 7.30 p.m.
 Acceptances third day Manawatu R.C. summer, at 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30.
 Weights third day's events Auckland R.C. summer, in morning paper.
 Acceptances third day's events, Auckland R.C. summer, by 12 noon.

Thursday, January 1.
 Weights fourth day's events Auckland R.C. summer, at 8 p.m.
 Acceptances fourth day's events Auckland R.C. summer, by 9 p.m., and final payment Auckland Plate.
 Weights second day Marton J.C. summer, at 7 p.m.
 Acceptances second day Marton J.C. summer, at 9 p.m.
 Weights second day Stratford R.C. annual, at 8 p.m.
 Acceptances second day Stratford R.C. annual, at 9 p.m.
 Weights second day Stratford R.C. annual, at 8 p.m.
 Acceptances second day Stratford R.C. annual, at 9 p.m.

Saturday, January 3.
 Weights first day Wairoa County R.C. annual.

Monday, January 5.
 Weights Northern Wairoa R.C. summer.
 Weights Rotorua J.C. annual.

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Te Aroha Jockey Club will hold their annual meeting on February 28 and March 1, when an excellent programme of events will receive the attention of their patrons. A number of improvements to the course and appointments have been made, and the forthcoming fixture gives promise of proving the most successful ever held by the club. Substantial increases have been made in the stake money allotted for the respective events, and a large number of horses is expected to put in an appearance at the meeting. The Te Aroha Cup of 500sovs, one mile and a-quarter, is certain to attract the best field, both in point of number and quality, that has ever contested this old-established event. Other first day events are the Flying Handicap of 200sovs, five furlongs and a-half; Ruakaka Handicap Hurdles of 200sovs, one mile and a-half; Waitoa Handicap of 200sovs, seven furlongs; Trial Handicap of 200sovs, five furlongs and a-half, for horses that have not won a flat race of 50 sovs or over at time of entry; Waihou Handicap of 200sovs, six furlongs; Piako Hack Handicap of 175 sovs, six furlongs; and the Hot Springs Handicap of 200sovs, one mile.

Two highly important events are set down for decision on the second day, the Jockey Club Handicap of 350sovs, one mile, and the Glaxo Cup of 350sovs (hack conditions), one mile, the latter being one of the best endowed hack races in the Dominion, so that a very strong field may be confidently looked for in consequence

of the club's generous allocation of stake money. The remainder of the second day's programme is made up of the Manawaru Handicap of 200 sovs, one mile and three-quarters; Tourist Welter Handicap of 200sovs, one mile (minimum weight 7.7); Maiden Plate Handicap of 175sovs, seven furlongs (for horses that have not won a flat race at the time of entry); Wairakau Hack Handicap of 175sovs, six furlongs; Electric Handicap of 200sovs, five furlongs and a-half; and the Farewell Handicap of 200sovs, seven furlongs.

Nominations for all events are due with the secretary, Mr. E. O. Nash, Te Aroha, or with Mr. C. F. Mark, Durham Street East, Auckland, on or before Friday, February 13, at 5 p.m.

WAIKATO TROTTING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Keen interest is being centred by devotees of light harness racing in the Waikato Trotting Club's annual meeting, which is to be held at Hamilton on Saturday, January 10. A first-rate programme has been prepared by the enterprising officials, and the valuable stakes offered are

saddle events are provided, the Farewell Handicap of 110sovs, one mile and a-quarter, limit 3.6, and the Introductory Handicap of 80sovs, one mile and a-half, for unhoppled horses only, for horses that have never won at better than 2.37 to the mile at the time of nomination.

Nominations for all events close with Mr. C. F. Mark, Auckland, or with the secretary, Mr. Arthur Smith, Hamilton, on Monday next, December 29, at 5 p.m.

AUCKLAND BLOODSTOCK SALE.

The bloodstock sale to be held at the Show Grounds, Epsom, Auckland, on Wednesday, December 31, will be one of the attractions during race week, and with catalogues extending to between 50 and 60 lots all told, including the nine two-year-olds from Australia, with which the sale will commence, 20 odd yearlings from well-known North Island studs, some three-year-olds and brood mares with foals and stunted again to well-known sires, there will be plenty of variety for racing men and breeders, while there are sure to be some horses in training in the supplementary list.

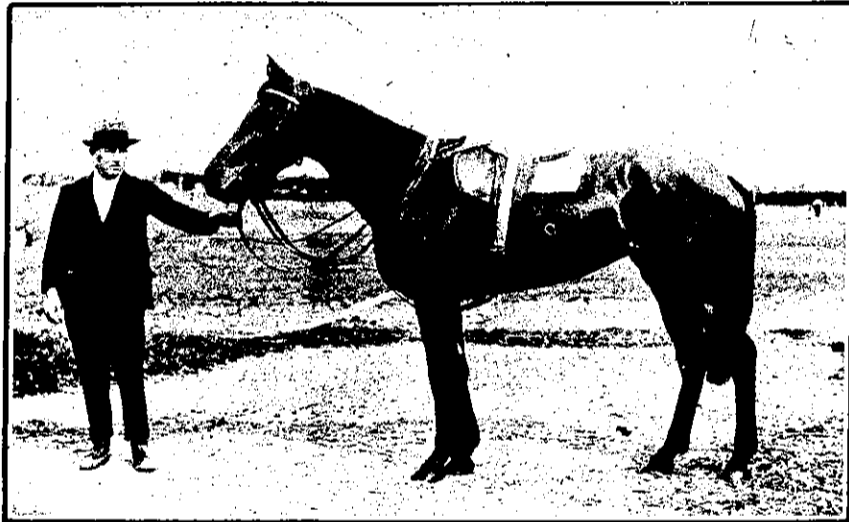
to understand that some very nice youngsters are to be submitted and that being so there should be plenty of buyers, as there is an abundance of racing and for good stakes all over New Zealand and in some parts room for more horses and in all parts there should be for the best racing material obtainable.

NEW ZEALAND JOCKEYS' ASSOCIATION.

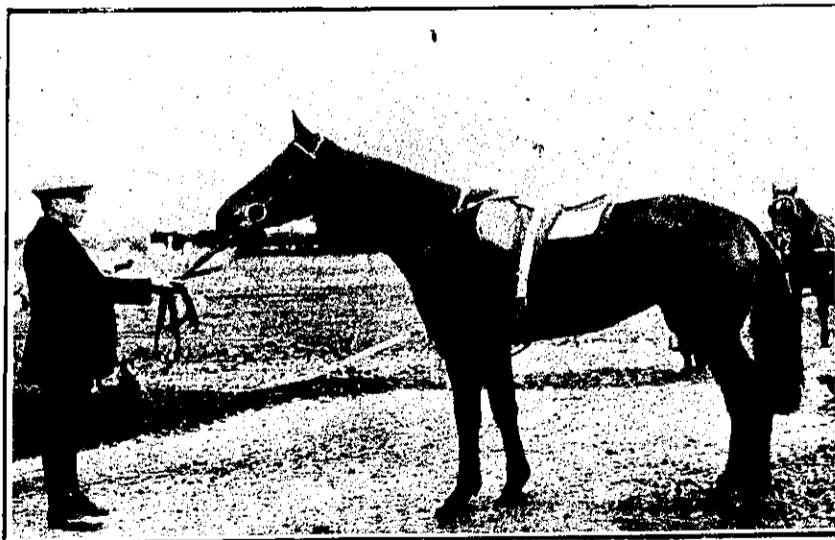
The secretary of the New Zealand Jockey's Association (Mr. C. Sheath) issues elsewhere an official notice to the members thereof from the executive, to which we call special attention. It is a rule that no jockey shall give information respecting a trial or regarding any horse he may be engaged to ride in any race or in work to any person other than the owner or trainer. For a breach of this rule or for giving tips to anyone members may be dealt with by the executive in manner set out in the rules. It is recommended that when a member is engaged to ride at a meeting away from his home town he should keep himself available to attend the race track on the race morning if the trainer or owner of the horse he has engaged notifies him to do so the day before and pays reasonable expenses of going to and from the track and returning therefrom to his lodgings. Some trainers were complaining at Woodville that no riders were available there and the horsemen on their part explain that as there was no accommodation for them at Woodville they would have had to travel in some instances from 12 to 15 miles in order to be present on the track and at their own expense, which is not reasonable.

Big fields are on the increase and have been causing some trouble to members of the association, and it is a recommendation that when an engagement to ride in a race is offered it shall be accepted upon the terms that the jockey is entitled to cancel the engagement before being ordered to mount if the number of starters in that race will cause the space available at the starting barrier for each horse to be less than four feet. If the clubs themselves would all realise the danger of permitting very large fields to start on courses not adapted to carry them there would be no need for a rule of this character, but it is certain that if the riders themselves object in a body, as they have been doing in Australia, then clubs would consider the advisableness of starting races in divisions. It is done in Australia, and why not in New Zealand?

Presumably riders will need to be furnished with the widths of the various courses at the starting places. A recent visitor from the other side mentioned that particular courses were limited to fields of certain dimensions, and that as many horses as he had seen start at a meeting in New Zealand would not be permitted on some of the courses which he held were better than the courses he had seen racing on in the Dominion. The carrying out of this rule might bring riders into conflict with the clubs, which may reckon themselves the best judges in these matters. We hope that nothing of the sort will occur. We cannot blame the jockeys for studying their own interests. They take many risks, as do the owners of horses, and the clubs also if they did but know it in permitting abnormally large fields to start. If four feet is to be allowed for every horse in a race in future some of the fields will more than fill the space allotted them at the starting barrier that is certain. It is a rare thing to see even the largest fields of horses galloping on more than half a chain of ground from the rails on circular courses after they have settled to business, and some of the courses are not a chain, or 66 feet, wide in places, and the field, under the suggestion of the association would thus be limited to about 15 or 16 starters.



Mr. D. P. Wilson's b m HOT AIR, 6yrs., by All Red—Aerina, who has been engaged in the leading sprint events at the Dunedin Jockey Club's summer meeting.



Mr. W. Gardiner's (Junnr.) b g BARLEY RIGS, 5yrs., by Sarto—Afer.

certain to result in the meeting being extended wide patronage from trotting owners throughout the Auckland province. The principal event is the Waikato Trotting Cup (harness) of 325sovs, two miles, in which the limit is 4.46. Next in importance comes the Hamilton Handicap (harness) of 200sovs, two miles, limit 5.6, and the Stewards' Handicap (harness) of 200sovs, one mile limit 2.24. The other harness events are the Claudelands Handicap of 100sovs, one mile and a-half, limit 4.0, for horses that have never won at better than 2.32 to the mile at time of nomination; Frankton Handicap of 115sovs, one mile and a-half, limit 3.50; and the Railway Handicap of 120sovs, one mile and a-half, limit 3.45. Two

In the meantime we again call attention to the advertised lots. We have seen the Australian-bred two-year-olds from time to time since they were brought to Auckland and can assure readers that they are a useful all round lot, comprising five colts and four fillies, broken and ready to put into work and free from ailments. There are always intending buyers of horses to come early to hand and here is an opportunity which is a rare one, as our young racehorses nearly all come into the market as yearlings. The yearlings have not come under our purview, but we know that from past experience the breeders represented have been in the habit of doing their stock well as a general rule. We are led

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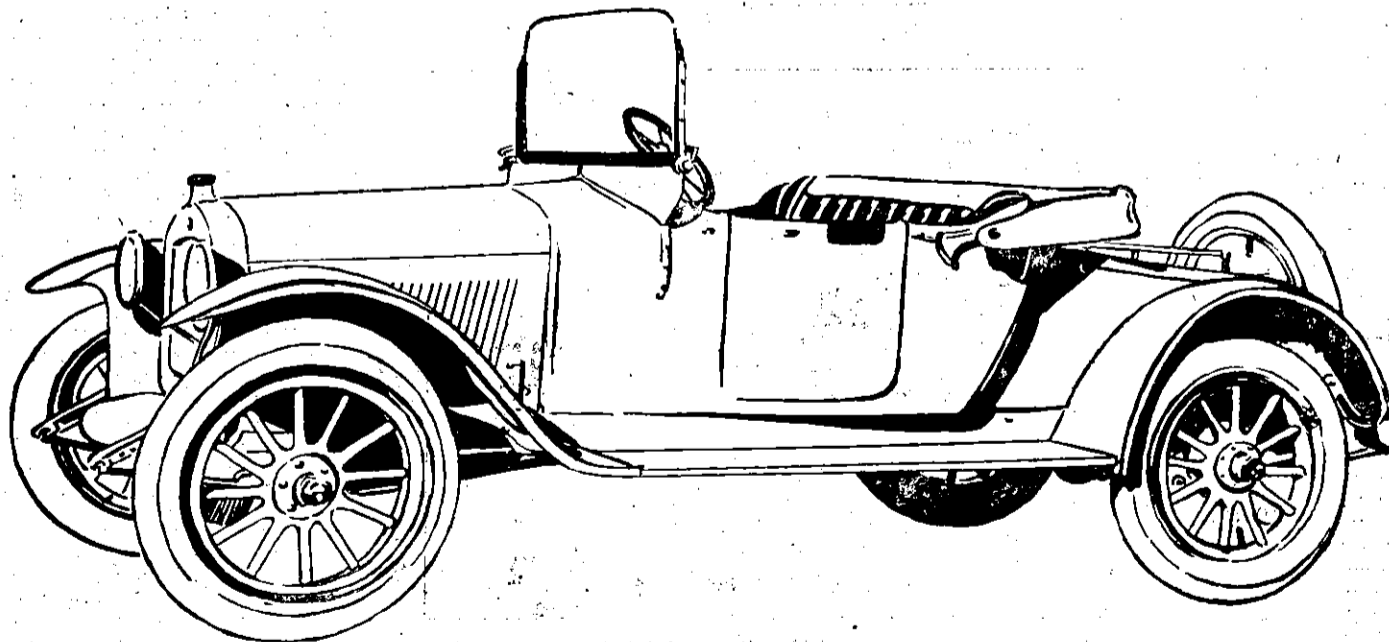
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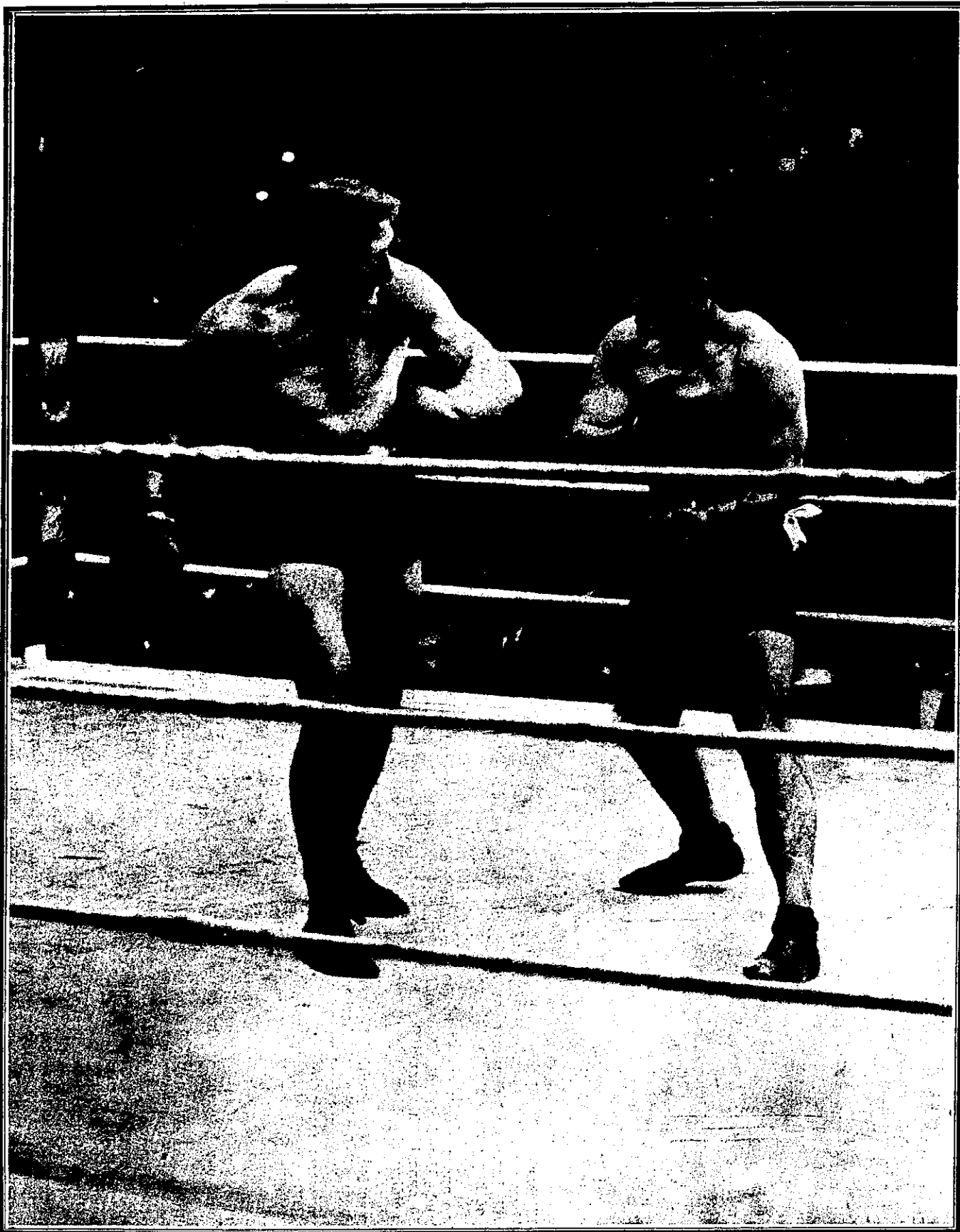
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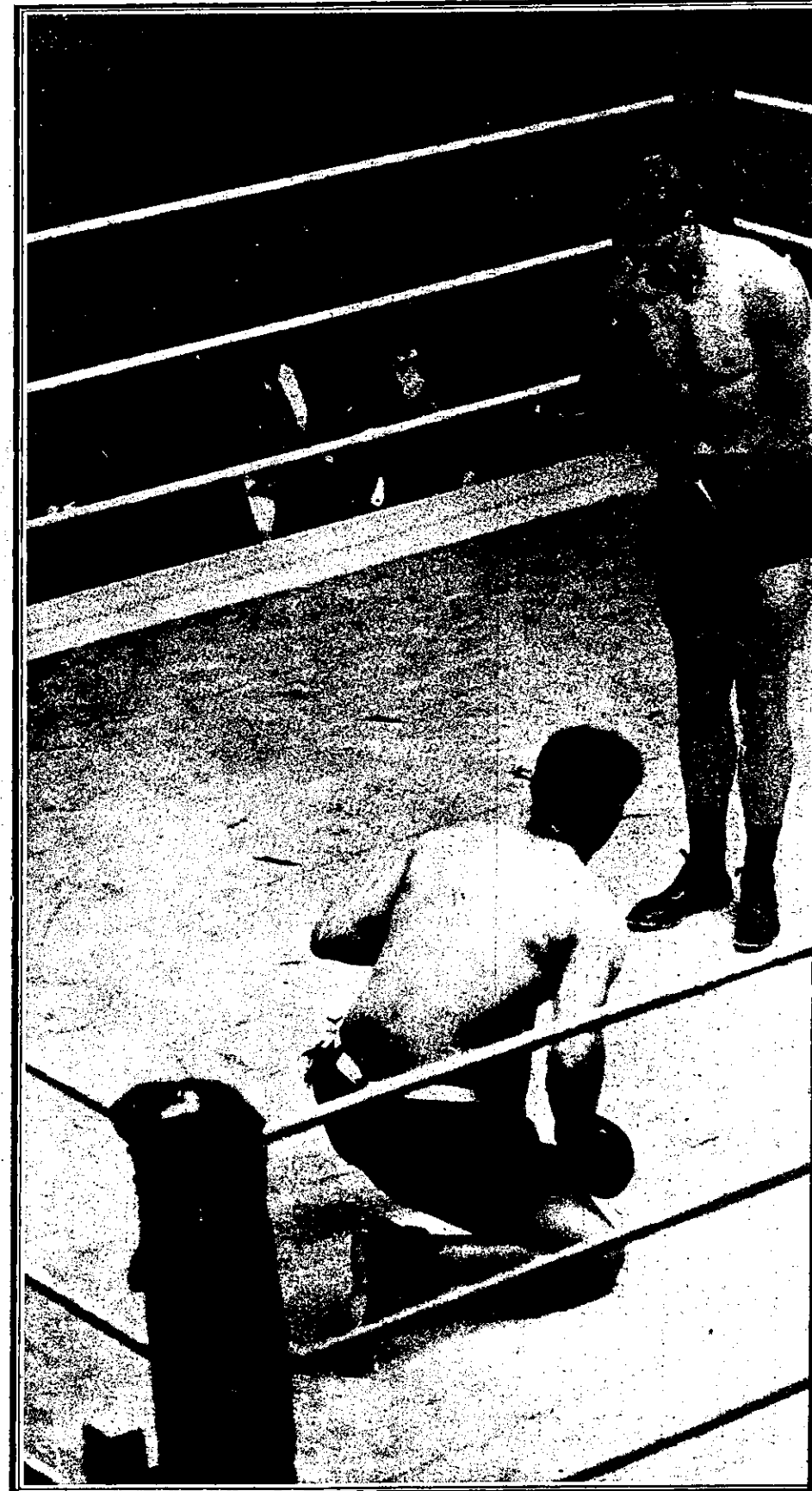
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Incidents in the Bombardier Wells-Jack Curphey Heavyweight Boxing Contest in London



BOMBARDIER WELLS (ON LEFT) AND JACK CURPHEY (ON RIGHT) FIGHT IN THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE CROWD AT THE HOLBORN STADIUM, LONDON. THE END OF THE CONTEST CAME EARLY, WELLS KNOCKING HIS MAN OUT IN THE SECOND ROUND.



BOMBARDIER BILLY WELLS IN FIGHTING TRIM AGAIN.—BRITAIN'S EARLY HIS OPPONENT, JACK CURPHEY, OF SALFORD, TO THE BOARDS DURING THE CONTEST AT THE HOLBORN STADIUM, LONDON.

INTERPROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

WELLINGTON.

The Holiday Race Meetings—Notes on Intending Candidates at the Manawatu Gathering—Crenides to Race at Awapuni and Ellerslie—J. Sullivan's Trio for Manawatu Meeting—Taranaki Jockey Club's Excellent Acceptances—Wellington Representatives in Auckland Cup—Both in Nice Fettle.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

With racing at Awapuni and Marton local sporting enthusiasts are well catered for over the holidays. The acceptances received for both meetings are very satisfactory, and there is every prospect of secretaries J. M. Johnston and Arthur Way having a successful balance sheet to lay before their stewards at the close of the respective gatherings.

Maraetotara and Gang Awa' promise to provide a fine race in the Tokomaru Hurdles at Awapuni. Both horses are very fit, and should set their opponents a by no means easy task in the hurdle race in question.

Proceedings at the Manawatu meeting on Friday next commence with the Trial Plate, seven furlongs. Hallowvonia has come through a capital preparation, and it will occasion no surprise to find this bearer of Mrs. S. H. Ames' colours making a bold bid for victory.

There are no less than 33 horses engaged in the Gillies' Hack Handicap on the opening day at Awapuni. A trio of useful candidates in Prince Hal, Import, and Hallowvonia will be seen measuring strides, and they should be found taking a prominent part in the finish.

After racing at Woodville Botanist was shipped south, and will race at the Dunedin and Southland meetings during the holidays.

G. Young will ride Sir George Clifford's representatives at the Manawatu meeting, and then go south to ride at the Wyndham and Southland gatherings at New Year time. His mounts include Killowen and Kilbrigan.

Woden and Tropical promise to prove a thorn in the side of their opponents in the Nursery Handicap at Awapuni. Both youngsters can gallop to some purpose, and they should certainly fare well over the three days racing.

F. J. Carmont, the Levin trainer, will have Gang Awa', Maungarango, and Moutoa Camp to represent his stable on the opening day at Awapuni. All three horses have come through a nice preparation, and should make a very creditable display.

Some Girl is furnishing into a real good sort under E. Penman's guidance at Otaki. The chestnut should give the public a taste of her galloping ability at the Manawatu meeting.

Astinome has been doing really well in her training work on the Trentham tracks, and there are a number of critics who give the Maniapoto filly more than a passing show in the Fitzherbert Handicap at Awapuni. Always a quick beginner, Astinome will have an advantage over several of her opponents in this respect.

Daytime appears well placed in the Grandstand Handicap at Awapuni. With 7.10 opposite his name the Hymentus gelding should run a decent race.

The imported Arrowsmith has been well supported for the Fitzherbert Handicap at Awapuni, and promises to start a warm favourite.

Mr. J. O'Regan, of Shannon, passed through Wellington on Friday last with Ladify, who will be running at the West Coast (South Island) meetings. The Sir Laddo—Probability mare should pay her way in the coal districts.

J. Sullivan, the Woodville trainer, is taking Zeus, Import and Sweet Song to the Manawatu meeting. The last-named is overdue for a win, and her turn may come during the holiday gathering at Awapuni.

Splendid acceptances have been received for the first day of the Taranaki Jockey Club, which takes place at New Plymouth on Friday next. Quite a number of local sporting enthusiasts are motoring through, and the gathering promises to be very successful. Only one Wellington-owned galloper, in Sweet Memory, is making the trip, and this nice type of a sprinter should worthily repre-

sent her owner at New Plymouth and Stratford.

News from Ellerslie state that the two Trentham candidates for the Auckland Cup, viz., Mascot and Battle Song, have reached the northern capital in excellent trim. Both horses are expected to give a creditable display during the meeting, and they should both pick up a decent stake before returning home.

Vagabond and Simonides were both generously supported for the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap last week, and the pair now rank as ruling favourites. Both horses are expected to have the services of H. Gray in the saddle, and in this respect they will lose nothing on the score of horsemanship.

H. Rayner, the Waverley trainer, is taking Carmel Arch and Simon to the Taranaki and Stratford meetings. Both horses are very fit, and should, with ordinary luck, pay expenses on the trip.

Douglas in 1896, so that she was 23 years of age this foaling. The other was Edith Cureton, a half sister by Castor to Frailty. She was purchased on account of the late Mr. G. P. Donnelly as a twelve-year-old, carrying Lady Delaval, for 260 guineas. While at the late sportsman's stud she produced amongst others Gold Bound, the dam of Demagogue and Duo. As Edith Cureton was in her twenty-sixth year at the time she had to be done away with it can be said that she had reached a ripe old age and had fulfilled her portion.

Mr. T. H. Lowry arrived back from Sydney last week. His trip to the other side was on matters connected with business outside of racing. He anticipates that he will be leaving the Dominion about Easter time, travelling to the Old Country via America.

There is every intention at the present time to start Crenides in the Great Northern Derby, and on recent form the chestnut son of Demosthenes and Gold Thread must be given a first-class prospect of landing the classic. He will be able to finish up his engagement in the Manawatu Cup on Boxing Day, in which he will be ridden by G. Young, and then have plenty of time to get to the convincing grounds at Ellerslie

at the summer meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club on January 1 and 2. Owing to the spring fixture of the Dunedin Jockey Club clashing with the Hawke's Bay meeting in October, Mr. Aldworth was unable to officiate at Hastings on the occasion of the spring venture of the metropolitan gathering here.

The owner of Goldshine has been approached by several prospective buyers, who wished him to put a price upon the son of San Fran and Fairy Gold, but the reply was "nothing doing."

J. O. E. Jones has a handy team under his tuition at Greenmeadows, and the other day I happened in there to take stock of his pupils. My first introduction was to Polini, a two-year-old filly by Mountain Knight—Chemise, a remarkably even cut of a youngster. Though a late foal she certainly does not give that impression, for there is apparent in her make-up, nothing lacking from the maturing point of observation. She stands good and correct on a set of understandings that seem as though they would safely emerge from the most strenuous exertions, and her feet are of the type best described as nice and open. Good in the barrel, well poised, slanting shoulders, reachy hindquarters with muscular second thighs and a wiry, well-set neck surmounted by a brainy endowed head that leads to the thought that aggressiveness when brought to the pinch will be one of her strong points, are some of the characteristics which she possesses. In addition to having make and shape to recommend her, Polini has also got lineage to attract attention to her, for her sire has given evidence on the racing path in Australia that he could keep his own end up and beat the best of his time, while Chemise, who produced this chestnut filly, is a full sister to Multiply, and she is also half sister to Kelburn and Caher Davon, Chemise and Multiply having been got by Multifid—Lady Augusta, by St. Leger—Brown Alice. It can, therefore, be seen at a glance that the best in the way of blood courses through Polini.

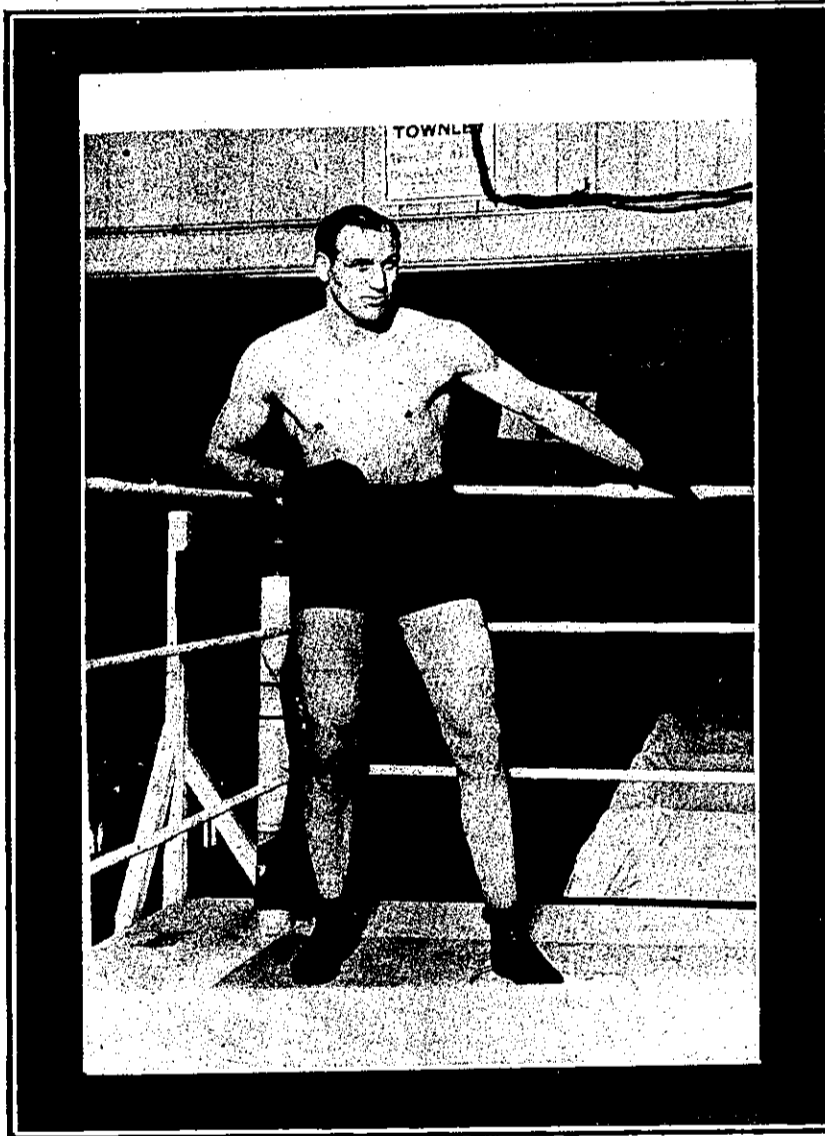
Athens II., looking none the worse for his late efforts at Feilding, is the show member of Jones' team, for this big, well-developed son of Demosthenes and Los Vegas is some horse. He is a strong powerful gelding, with great length and breadth, well found in front and behind, short in the cannon, and extensive powers of propulsion, while the clothing of muscle that he displays shows that his educator has put his best in his endeavour to have him well prepared for his coming battles. There is not the slightest doubt that the various weight adjusters have got a very high opinion of Athens II.'s capabilities, for although he gets beaten there is not much notice taken of the fact, and he still occupies a forward place in the weight manifestos, while others who have silenced him do not appear to have incurred the same flattering notice as has been the case with Athens II.

Teka, who has not long been in hand since he was given a let-up after competing at the winter meetings, is looking in great heart, and he will soon be forward enough to take his place amongst the runners in the near future. Many a time has Teka demonstrated that his heart is in the right place, and, being endowed with pace, it would appear as if it is only a question of time when he will again put paid against his name in his assaults upon the stake money department.

The last of Jones' little lot was Wallflower, the four-year-old gelding by Tribulation—Evening, and, therefore, a half brother to Morning. He certainly does not bear any resemblance to his illustrious relative, for he is deficient in the lift and power that was so apparent in Morning. In front he is all serene, but in the rear those strong propelling quarters that marked his half brother so decisively are wanting, otherwise his conformation is quite the thing, and it is only by comparison that he does not make good. However, equines gallop in all shapes, and maybe Wallflower (a not at all trite appellation I should say for a son of Tribulation and Evening) will prove that my estimation of him is not correct. If it does happen then I will admit that mistakes have been made in connection with him.

Jones has evidently got the knack of being able to get the polish on his team and keep it there, for each member of the quartette that I had the pleasure of inspecting bore ample evidence that a master hand had been busy at work as regards their appearance.

F. Davis has now no horses in



FRED FULTON, the giant American boxer, who knocked the Australian heavyweight Gordon Coghill, out in the third round of their recent contest at the Holborn Stadium London.

HAWKE'S BAY.

F. Quinlivan's Team at Napier Park—Death of Well-known Brood Mares Tatters and Edith Cureton—Fluency to be Shipped to Australia at First Opportunity—Would-be Purchasers After Goldshine—Inspection of J. O. E. Jones' Team at Greenmeadows—F. Davis Now Has no Horses in Work for Mr. Lowry—A Sister to Bobrikoff Foaled at Okawa—T. Quinlivan's Quartette Leave for Manawatu Meeting.

NAPIER, Monday.

Lord Astolat, who went slightly amiss just prior to the Woodville meeting, is again in work under F. Quinlivan at Napier Park. In addition to the son of Advance and Maid of Astolat, Quinlivan also has the following studying under his direction: a three-year-old filly by Sylverlyte out of a daughter of Sensation and Lady Udry, Ennea (Demosthenes—Lady Kilworth), and a two-year-old filly by King Mark—Balama.

A couple of Mrs. M. A. Perry's brood mares had recently to be destroyed. One of the matrons was Tatters (Quilt—Spearfeldt), the dam of Mrs. Wiggs, Tatterley, Blacking, Maori Mat and Miss Tatters. Tatters was bred by the late Mr. W.

to fulfil his Derby engagement on New Year's Day, five clear days elapsing between the two contests.

Fluency (Demosthenes—Los Vegas), who was presented to Mr. O. Falkiner, of Australia, by her breeder (Mr. W. G. Stead, of Flaxmere), is under orders to cross the water at the first opportunity. On her arrival in the Commonwealth she will race in the interests of her new owner.

Black Heart, who did good service for Mr. E. J. White, of Porangahau, a couple of seasons back, is now being used as a hack in the Waipukurau district.

The yearling filly by Martian—Lichen, that fell to the bid of Mr. D. McLeod for 475 guineas when the yearlings from Mr. J. F. Buchanan's Kinloch Stud were put up for sale at Christchurch last month, has been turned out on her owner's property at Waipukurau.

Mr. R. H. Aldworth will be back in his old position in the judge's box

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work for Mr. Lowry, for during the past week the remaining two that he had, Blackhead (All Black—Gossip), a two-year-old half brother to Bobrikoff, and Island, a colt of the same age by Finland—All's Well, have been sold to Mr. W. Higgins, are now occupants of A. McAuley's establishment in the Wairarapa.

Mr. E. J. White, who has been laid up for the past ten days with an attack of blood poisoning, has fortunately beaten the trouble, for he rang me up in the early portion of the present week and informed me that he was out of bed and expected to be going well and strong again in the course of a few days. Mr. White is a well-known local owner, and is honorary secretary of the Porangahau Racing Club, which holds its annual race meeting on Boxing Day.

A sister to Bobrikoff an En Parole made her advent last week at Okawa, Mr. T. H. Lowry's breeding establishment, Gossip having produced a filly to Finland. The old matron—she is now in her twenty-first year—has been a most prolific producer with a regularity that beats a politician's promise out of sight, for she produced her first foal in 1904, and right up to the present season has only once drawn a blank. This occurred in 1916, when she failed to be fruitful to Demosthenes. Gossip could get them to gallop, and in addition she has produced fillies who followed in her footsteps, to wit, War Scare (by Martian), who mothered those brace of pearls on the convincing track, Estland and Finmark. Now another daughter of hers, En Parole, has attracted attention to the family, being the dam of Right and Left, who will be seen out at Ellerslie in the very near future. Right and Left had made such excellent displays on the running path that a good judge like Mr. G. L. Stead was satisfied to give 1750 guineas to become possessed of him.

Crenides, Hepda, Tessares and Lovematch, in charge of T. F. Quinlivan, leave here to-day (Monday) for Palmerston North, to carry out their business engagements at the approaching summer venture of the Manawatu Racing Club.

WANGANUI.

Prospects for the Manawatu R.C.'s Meeting—Zola and Listowel Enjoying a Short Spell—Pretty Bobby and Khartoum to Race at Taranaki and Stratford Fixtures—H. Rayner's Team Showing Fine Form—Marton J.C.'s Satisfactory Acceptances.

WANGANUI, Monday.

Quite a number of Wanganui racegoers intend visiting Awapuni on Boxing Day, and they should have the pleasure of witnessing some fine racing, judging by the capital acceptances received.

Wanganui will be represented in the Manawatu Cup by Client and Rose Queen. The latter is a greatly improved filly, and she is striding out so well that her prospects look decidedly bright.

Client appears to be in splendid trim, but the son of Elevation will not be seen to the best advantage unless the sting is taken out of the ground, as he does not now like to have it too hard under him. If the conditions are suitable for him he can be depended upon to run a big race, despite the fact that he has 8.13 to carry.

A stablemate of Client, in Acre, has 9.6—topweight—of those left in the Fitzherbert, but he will take no end of beating if started. It is probable that Arrowsmith will be the favourite. Acre's chance in the Palmerston North Stakes appears to be very bright. Oratress, another of Tilly's, will take a lot of beating in the Grandstand Handicap, in which she has the handy weight of 7.10.

The good work done by Mr. Jack Cameron as judge at recent meetings has been very favourably commented upon. He has been appointed to act at the Taranaki meeting, and will also be in the box at Hamilton.

T. Long has decided to take both Admyra and All Cerise to the Manawatu meeting. The last-named filly is in the Nursery Handicap at 7.0. She showed good form at Woodville, where, it is as well to remember, she put up 18lb. overweight. She has been galloping very freely since then, and is expected to run prominently in whatever events she starts at Awapuni.

Admyra figures in the Fitzherbert Handicap at 7.10, and is she is stripped at her best will make things very interesting for Acre, Onslaught, Arrowsmith and co.

Zola is enjoying a short spell. He injured himself a little at Ellerslie,

and will not be raced again probably until the Wanganui autumn meeting comes round.

The two-year-old Listowel (by Absurd) is also having an easy time of it just now, as he was a bit sore after his racing at Ellerslie. The other two-year-olds in W. Rayner's stable are also on the easy list, as they will not be raced until the autumn.

Percy Coffey's contingent are doing solid work in view of their Taranaki engagements. Pretty Bobby is looking very fit, and he should have a say in the Christmas Handicap at New Plymouth, in which the son of Maniapoto has 7.7. Khartoum is also in good fettle, and he is expected to make a bold bid in any hurdle races at the Taranaki meetings in which he starts.

Reports from Waverley credit Carmel Arch, Simon, Nemaleine and Signorella with showing fine form. H. Rayner is taking the team named to New Plymouth, and has hopes of picking up a race or two. Carmel Arch unfortunately is not a good traveller, and does not run up to his best form on occasions when away from home. However, if he can do anything like his best at New Plymouth he will be very hard to beat in the Flying next Friday.

The acceptances received for the Marton Jockey Club's meeting on the 1st and 2nd of January are good, and the racing should be very interesting. From present appearances the tracks are not likely to be so hard as usual at Christmas time, and this should mean that more horses will be seen in action at Marton than would otherwise be the case.

It is stated that the owner of Alteration had decided to send that gelding north to contest the Auckland Cup, but as Gray had accepted the mount on Vagabond, Alteration will contest the Christmas Handicap at New Plymouth instead of going to Auckland.

Seasprite has been causing her trainer some trouble, having ricked a fetlock, but the injury has been declared unlikely to be serious, and there is some likelihood of the daughter of Hallowmas being a runner at Stratford.

CANTERBURY.

Lameness Prevents Macduff From Making the Trip to Manawatu Meeting—T. H. Gillett's Team for West Coast Fixtures—Winter Wind's Pleasing Gallop—P. T. Hogan Likely to Take Team to Wellington Cup Meeting—Four of G. M. Aynsley's Team for Southern Holiday Fixtures Reported Amiss—Interesting Gallops at Riccarton—Lucid's Sound Gallop.

(Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent)

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

All the Riccarton horses claiming engagements at the North Island fixtures have taken their departure. The last to leave were Onslaught and Winter Wind, who went north in charge of A. Cutts on Friday. Both are very well, and will be unlucky not to pick up a stake at the Manawatu meeting. Macduff was to have accompanied them, but he pulled up very lame after a gallop on Tuesday morning, and is now on the easy list.

T. H. Gillett has taken a team to the West Coast for the holiday meetings. Included in the number are Red Pool, Rangī Aroha, Tunic, Meriton, and Recorder. The Westland meetings are always a happy hunting ground for Gillett and his present lot should be capable of keeping up his prestige.

As the train arrangements are anything but convenient, Percy Mason has abandoned his proposed trip with Falstaff, Prodigal and Afterglow to the Southland meeting. The trio are still in work, and will soon be sporting silk.

Before leaving for Palmerston North Winter Wind did a very pleasing gallop over half a mile, reeling off the journey comfortably in 49 1-5sec. On the same morning Onslaught got to the end of seven furlongs in 1min. 32 1-5sec., finishing full of running.

St. Winnow has been causing her trainer some anxiety during the last few days, but a few mornings ago she showed that there is little wrong with her by accounting for Tremena in a gallop over seven furlongs, run in 1min. 33sec.

It is quite on the cards that Trainer P. T. Hogan will take a team to the Wellington meeting, the star performer of which will be Eleus.

Jockeys T. L. Reid and H. Young will do the riding for the Chokebore stable at the Auckland R.C. meeting.

J. McCombe intends taking Pyjama and Micky Free to the Waikouaiti

meeting, and will then journey with the pair to Reefton.

Arlington and Botanist, both of whom claim engagements at the southern meetings, arrived at Lyttelton on Saturday. They continued their journey on Monday.

G. M. Aynsley intended to take six horses to the Dunedin and other southern meetings, but has had to alter his plans. Of those he was getting ready, Wardancer is lame, Warlove is still feeling the effects of her poisoned leg, Jazz is slightly sore behind, and Reproachful is sore in front. This leaves only Algidus, who has been galloping badly, and Glentanner as the only sound members of Aynsley's team. Warlove was galloped over a mile on Saturday morning, leaving the distance behind in 1min. 44 4-5sec. She was tiring badly at the finish, and on pulling up was lame. On the same morning Afterglow and Adopted rattled over four furlongs under a steady pull. The former is decidedly touched in the wind.

Flight Commander and Tortrix finished on terms at the conclusion of six furlongs, run in 1min. 22 1-5sec. Both moved well throughout. Mustard Pot always had slightly the better of Smoke over four furlongs, left behind in 51sec. Falstaff and Prodigal were given twice round at a good half pace, and both seemed anxious to improve the pace.

La Paix skipped over half a mile in 51 1-5sec., going well within herself, while Cerberus took exactly a second longer to cover the same journey. Warform ran a useful seven furlongs, finishing up his task in 1min. 31 1-5sec. He was doing his best over the concluding stages, but it was a fair showing, as he had a good weight up.

Counterattack ran easily the best five furlongs of the morning by leaving that distance behind comfortably in 1min. 3 3-5sec., and finishing on well. Algidus was doing his best to get to the end of six furlongs in 1min. 19 2-5sec. He is an absolute loafer when going by himself. Glentanner, with a fair weight up, did not finish well at the close of six furlongs, run in 1min. 22 1-5sec.

Royal Star (Cotton), Starlike (Sunbeam), and Lucid (Ludlow) jumped off at the mile post, and clapping on the pace they ran in line past the half-mile peg in 50 3-5sec. Five furlongs were covered in 1min. 3 1-5sec., but once in line for home Starlike dropped out, and in a good finish Lucid, with a few flicks of the whip, beat Royal Star by half a length in 1min. 44 3-5sec.

Sophisticate and Grim Joke were fairly evenly matched when running six furlongs in 1min. 19sec. The former had the better of the weights. Gamecock, with Porter up, slipped over half a mile to the post along the back in 49 3-5sec.—a good showing.

Warlike and Henrietta were sent seven furlongs, but the latter was of no use to Warlike over the last two furlongs. Warlike's time was 1min. 31 1-5sec.

WAIRARAPA.

Masterton-owned Horses Engaged in Taranaki Stakes—Loyal Arch Being Treated to Spell—Mr. W. Higgins Purchases Blackhead and Island From Mr. T. H. Lowry—Botanist to Race at Invercargill at New Year Time—Local Owners Well Represented in Auckland Cup—Kilrush's Manawatu Cup Engagement—Chimera Responsible for Pleasing Work—Masterton Trotting Club Seeking Totalisator Permit.

MASTERTON, Monday.

After the second forfeits, the following Masterton-owned horses remain in the Taranaki Stakes: Affection, Torfreda, Murihiku, Hymestra, Missgold, and Misslass.

The Absurd—Electrum colt in W. Garrett's stable is coming along nicely, and he is to be given his first outing during the holiday meetings.

Loyal Arch has been turned out, and is still suffering from the injuries she received while away at the New Zealand Cup meeting.

Occasion has greatly benefited by the racing she had at Woodville, and is likely to add to her winnings during the holiday meetings.

Mr. W. Higgins, owner of Parorangi, has purchased from Mr. T. H. Lowry Island (Finland—All's Well) and Blackhead (Finland—Gossip). The pair are to be trained by A. McAulay at Tauherenikau.

Mr. A. McDonald's two-year-olds, Kildee, Strategy and the Martian—Vicella colt, are having an easy time at present. Strategy has been gelded.

The tracks at Clarendon present a busy appearance of a morning just now, and there are a number of

promising horses in work. The club intend making a straight six furlongs on the course.

Penury Rose has been feeling the effects of the hard going lately, and may not be seen at his best at Palmerston unless rain falls before the fixture. He is in the Manawatu Cup at the minimum.

Maurice McGrath, who, a few years back, was a prominent trainer in Masterton, intends paying a visit to his relatives here shortly. McGrath has a team of horses in training at present in Melbourne, and may bring a couple across to race in the Dominion.

Botanist left last week for Invercargill, where he is to race at New Year. Unless the son of Treadmill and Bonnie Brae improves greatly on his efforts at Opaki, the trip is not likely to be a profitable one.

Messrs. W. R. Kemball, A. McDonald and Fred Dorset, three Masterton owners with a representative in the Auckland Cup, intend being present at Ellerslie to see their horses race. Mr. Dorset has previously won the race with Sir Solo, and Red Ribbon finished second to Fiery Cross in the same owner's colours.

Kilrush has gone on the right way at Tauherenikau lately, and is expected to play a prominent part in the settlement of the Manawatu Cup, in which he is now one of the fancied candidates. J. Olsen will, as usual, have the mount, and if the son of Kilbroney—Prank runs up to his Metropolitan Handicap form, he should be hard to beat.

Chimera has been doing pleasing work at Opaki during the past few weeks, and is looked upon as having a good chance in the Fitzherbert Handicap at the Manawatu meeting. Mr. Vallance's mare is well treated in the race in question with 8.6, as at the autumn meeting on the same course she carried 9.5 and beat a good field.

The tracks at both Opaki and Tauherenikau are very hard at present, and several horses are showing signs of shin soreness. Unless rain comes shortly it will take some trainers all their time to keep their charges on their legs during the holidays.

Speaking at a meeting of the Masterton Trotting Club on Saturday, December 13, the chairman said that the reason the committee appointed to interview the Minister of Internal Affairs re obtaining a totalisator permit had not gone to Wellington was that Mr. Sykes, M.P., had informed him that he had seen the Minister, who had told him plainly that there were no more permits available at the present, but that the matter would be brought up early in the next session. Mr. Sykes said he had seen Messrs. Wilford, Nash, G. Hunter and other members, who had promised to support his club's claim when the subject for additional permits came before Parliament. There were several other clubs applying for permits, but he was assured that Masterton, being the first to apply, and having such a large membership, would be the first to be considered.

SOUTHLAND.

Wyndham R.C.'s Splendid Nominations—Red Pal, a Promising Hurdler—Mazama Putting Vim into His Track Efforts at Invercargill—Promising Members of Mr. W. T. Hazlett's Team—P. T. Hogan's Charges in Good Condition for Their Dunedin Engagements—Preparations for Forthcoming Cross-country and Hurdle Events—Recent Additions to Local Trainers' Teams.

INVERCARGILL, Saturday.

A very satisfactory array of entries have been received for the Wyndham Racing Club's annual fixture on New Year's Day, which practically ensures success for the inland gathering. The nominations total one hundred and seventy, compared with a hundred and twenty-eight last year. Twenty-five entrants figure in the Wyndham Cup, a similar number to last year, but rather a better class of thoroughbred is represented in this year's list.

P. Hogan's lengthy team to compete at the Dunedin Jockey Club's summer gathering left here for Wingatui on a Saturday. It is more than likely that Rorke's Drift and Golden King, who have been in retirement for some time past, will make their reappearance at the metropolitan body's Christmas gathering.

The southern trip of R. J. Mason's second string, Falstaff, Afterglow and Prodigal, has been abandoned owing to the fact that suitable railway travelling facilities were not available, Mason being refused permission for the horses by the express trains. Although nominated for the Southland Racing Club's summer fixture,

the horses named have not been handicapped, having evidently been withdrawn prior to the appearance of the weights.

Trainer Hogan will be represented at the Dunedin meeting by a promising hurdle racing candidate, viz., Red Pal, a daughter of Pallas and Redstart (dam of Neuroma and Red Admiral). She is a bold, natural jumper, and it will not be a surprise to many people here to find the tyro taking a prominent part in contests over the small sticks in the near future.

The North Islander Mazama has been putting some life into his efforts on the local tracks of late for the first time since he reached Invercargill over a year back. So far he has not done anything of a sensational nature, but the manner of his going makes it appear that he is anxious to gallop. He has not been up very long, but is commencing to look really well.

Old Golden King is standing up to the collar in a surprising manner, having been sent right about on five occasions as a broken-down horse. Of his stablemates, Eleus, Kilkee, Vice-Grand (the Winton Stakes winner), Redshire and Primum should all be capable of running good races at the Dunedin J.C.'s meeting.

It is anticipated that the locally-owned juvenile Listening Post possesses bright prospects of winning a race at Wingatui next week, Bebehead and Reproachful being looked upon as his most dangerous opponents.

Entries for the Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting are not available in the south at the time of wiring, but it is understood that P. Hogan intends campaigning at Trentham with a useful team, including Eleus and Primum. The latter has hitherto proved a most erratic customer at the barrier and in his races, but is now exhibiting improved manners so far as private demonstrations are concerned.

Mr. W. Stone, owner of Eleus and Primum, who are both prepared by P. T. Hogan, has his team quartered at his private residence, the members of which are now controlled by A. D. McIvor, the well-known mentor, who did not intend taking up training work again until June next, but became interested in the training of wayward Anton. After riding the wilful black gelding for some time in his work he was persuaded to take on the responsibility of supervising the preparation of Anton, Bright Spot, Mantua and Martial Dance.

With cross-country racing in prospect in the near future at the Wairio and Otautau meetings, to say nothing of the hurdle events in the north, Hogan's jumping horsemen, J. McChesney and G. Fleming, are busy at present. Their pupils include Dunmire, Black and Tan, Blue Gauntlet, Lifebuoy, and Norries, who are destined to run in competitions between the flags, with Wild Pilgrim and Red Pal as well-conditioned hurdlers, while Marvelite and other seasoned animals are undergoing less strenuous preparations.

Trainers Gray, McLean and Berry have received additions to their teams,

the first-named two geldings by Vice-Admiral—Camille and Canrobert—Bouquet respectively. Berry has taken charge of a gelding by Calibre from a mare by Apremont—Descent, while McLean's new pupil is by Canrobert from Otahuti, by Seaward from St. Bridged, dam of Daringdale.

NOMINATIONS.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The following nominations have been received for the open events to be run at the Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting, on January 20, 22 and 24. Weights for the first day's open events will be declared on Tuesday, January 6, on which day nominations for all events with hack conditions are due, at 9 p.m.:

FIRST DAY.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 400sovs, five furlongs.—Wake, Insurrection, Absurd colt, Fabrinate, Dunedin, Birkie, Celmisia, Weary Willie, Paphian, Gate Pah, Blackmail, Truthful, Melting Moment, Demand, Isabel, Red Bob, Vivition, Askari, Quip, Saima, Caricature, Phio, Pure Laziness, Handy, Pente, Tropical, Mountain Chief, Raceful, Weldone, Kaika, Kildee, Canyon, Lucullan, Listening Post, Little River, Winter Wind, Right and Left, Wanigan, Fortune Teller, La Paix.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP of 400 sovs, one mile.—Prince Delaware, Sonnino, Royal Exchange, Paddington Green, Battle Array, Eleus, Philomela, Bagdad, Old Gold, Brackenfield, Hurry Up, Demagogue, Penury Rose, Hindi, Burrangong, Nightraider, Melee, Bonetter, Rose Pink, Red Signal, Lingerie.

WELLINGTON CUP of 1500sovs, one mile and a-half.—Pacific Slope, Lucid, Mascot, Red Ribbon, Paddington Green, Battle Array, Battle Song, Bonnie Maid, Eleus, Kipling, Talamai, Bonnie Heather, Teku, Marquetteur, Kilrush, Surveyor, First Salute, Bagdad, Oratress,

raider, Royal Stag, Kilmoon, Melee, Bonnetter, Starland, Rose Pink, Demos, Impediment, Thrace.

METROPOLITAN HANDICAP of 500 sovs, six furlongs.—Michaela, Matatua, Bon Spec, Motuili, Redshire, Kipling, Lord Kenilworth, Waimatao, Silver Link, Jutland, Philomela, Bo-Peep, Surveyor, Statuette, Spanner, Croesus, Kilgour, Bonny Briar, Acre, Bindle, Ermine, Tigritiya, Birkenvale, Astinome, Sweet Memory, Rossini, Maioha, Early Dawn, North Sea, Hymestra, Blissfulness, The Speaker, Amythas, Murihiku, Torfreda, Chimera, Onslaught, Royal Stag, Miss Mimic, Bonnetter, Rose Pink, Lingerie, Some Boy II.

THIRD DAY.

MELROSE WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Prince Delaware, Sonnino, Matatua, Royal Stag, Paddington Green, Redshire, Philomela, Active, Old Gold, Golden Bubble, Penury Rose, Ermine, Brackenfield, Birkenvale, Alteration, Admyra, Demagogue, Reparoa, Scornful, The Speaker, Hindi, Burrangong, Mustard Pot, Nightraider, Melee, Bonnetter, Rose Pink, Lingerie, Red Signal.

HOPEFUL STAKES HANDICAP of 400sovs, five furlongs.—Wake, Insurrection, Absurd colt, Fabrinate, Halifax, Cantabile, Dunedin, Lord Desmond, Birkie, Celmisia, Weary Willie, Paphian, Blackmail, Truthful, Gate Pah, Melting Moment, Demand, Isabel, Red Bob, Vivition, Askari, Quip, Saima, Gasbag, Caricature, Jackaroo, Pure Laziness, Phio, Handy, Tente, Mountain Chief, Tropical, Raceful, Weldone, Kaika, Kildee, Canyon, Listening Post, Little River, La Paix, Moorfowl, Winter Wind, Right and Left, Wanigan, Fortune Teller.

WATERLOO STAKES of 500sovs, six furlongs.—Motuili, Halifax, Dunedin, Silver Link, Surveyor, Spanner, Croesus, Askari, Quip, Gasbag, Caricature, Sweet Memory, Gloaming, Rossini, Mountain Chief, Tropical, Hymestra, Trespass, Affection, Murihiku, Lucullan, Moorfowl, Winter Wind, Onslaught, Right and Left, Wanigan, Rose Pink, Some Boy II.

SUMMER HANDICAP of 750sovs, one mile.—Michaela, Lucid, Mascot, Royal Exchange, Red Ribbon, Bonnie Maid,



THE TWO CUPS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE WESTLAND RACING CLUB AT ITS CHRISTMAS MEETING. The cup on left is awarded with the stake for the Westland Cup (one mile), and the cup on right is awarded with the stake for the Pacific Hurdle Handicap (1 3/4 miles).

Punka, Brackenfield, Hurry Up, Vagabond, Karo, Alteration, Crenides, Maioha, Snub, Scornful, The Speaker, Amythas, Affection, Rose Wrath, Heathercote, Onslaught, Nightraider, Royal Stag, Kilmoon, Melee, Bonnetter, Impediment, Rose Pink, Demos, Thrace.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP of 1000 sovs, six furlongs.—Michaela, Matatua, Bon Spec, Motuili, Redshire, Kipling, Lord Kenilworth, Inah, Waimatao, Silver Link, Jutland, Philomela, Bo-Peep, Statuette, Surveyor, Spanner, Croesus, Bonny Briar, Acre, Bindle, Lingerie, Ermine, Tigritiya, Birkenvale, Astinome, Swanee River, Sweet Memory, Admyra, Arrowsmith, Maioha, Early Dawn, North Sea, Hymestra, Trespass, The Speaker, Amythas, Murihiku, Torfreda, Chimera, Bonnetter, Onslaught, Royal Stag, Miss Mimic, Rose Pink, Some Boy II.

SECOND DAY.

JANUARY WELTER HANDICAP of 350sovs, one mile.—Prince Delaware, Sonnino, Matatua, Royal Exchange, Paddington Green, Battle Song, Eleus, Philomela, Bagdad, Old Gold, Brackenfield, Hurry Up, Alteration, Demagogue, Maioha, Penury Rose, The Speaker, Burrangong, Nightraider, Melee, Bonnetter, Rose Pink, Lingerie.

FITZHERBERT HANDICAP of 300 sovs, five furlongs.—Wake, Insurrection, Absurd colt, Fabrinate, Halifax, Cantabile, Birkie, Celmisia, Paphian, Blackmail, Truthful, Gate Pah, Melting Moment, Isabel, Demand, Vivition, Askari, Quip, Saima, Gasbag, Caricature, Rimutaka, Phio, Pure Laziness, Handy, All Cerise, Petruvia, Mountain Chief, Tropical, Raceful, Weldone, Kaika, Kildee, Canyon, Little River, Right and Left, Wanigan, La Paix, Fortune Teller.

KELBURN PLATE of 500sovs, four furlongs.—Wiriwhata, Inah, Cantabile, Dunedin, Silver Link, Lord Desmond, Blackmail, Weary Willie, Paphian, Red Bob, Statuette, Spanner, Croesus, Bonny Briar, Askari, Saima, Caricature, Astinome, Sweet Memory, Gloaming, Mountain Chief, Tropical, Raceful, Weldone, Hymestra, Eron Boy, Murihiku, Torfreda, Canyon, Lucullan, Little River, Moorfowl, Right and Left, Wanigan, Rose Pink, Some Boy II.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 1000sovs, one mile and three furlongs.—Pacific Slope, Lucid, Mascot, Red Ribbon, Paddington Green, Bonny Maid, Battle Song, Battle Array, Eleus, Talamai, Bonnie Heather, Teku, Marquetteur, Kilrush, Surveyor, First Salute, Bagdad, Oratress, Old Gold, Punka, Brackenfield, Hurry Up, Vagabond, Alteration, Karo, Crenides, Maioha, Snub, Scornful, Amythas, Affection, Rose Wrath, Onslaught, Heathercote, Nightraider, Royal Stag, Kilmoon, Melee, Bonnetter, Impediment, Starland, Rose Pink, Thrace.

Paddington Green, Battle Array, Eleus, Talamai, Bitholia, Teku, Silver Link, Marquetteur, Jutland, Kilrush, Philomela, Active, Bo-Peep, Spanner, Surveyor, First Salute, Bagdad, Borealis, Acre, Old Gold, Punka, Brackenfield, Ermine, Hurry Up, Vagabond, Astinome, Karo, Rossini, Crenides, Maioha, Hymestra, Trespass, Hindi, Amythas, Burrangong, Affection, Rose Wrath, Onslaught, Heathercote, Nightraider, Royal Stag, Kilmoon, Melee, Bonnetter, Rose Pink, Demos, Lingerie, Thrace.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP of 450 sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Pacific Slope, Lucid, Mascot, Royal Exchange, Paddington Green, Bonnie Maid, Battle Song, Battle Array, Eleus, Talamai, Bonnie Heather, Teku, Kilrush, First Salute, Prince Hal, Bagdad, Oratress, Old Gold, Punka, Brackenfield, Hurry Up, Vagabond, Hymestra, Snub, Karo, Alteration, Maioha, Scornful, Mumble, Voluble, Amythas, Rose Wrath, Onslaught, Heathercote, Nightraider, Kilmoon, Royal Stag, Melee, Bonnetter, Impediment, Starland, Rose Pink, Thrace.

CITY HANDICAP of 500sovs, six furlongs.—Michaela, Bon Spec, Matatua, Motuili, Redshire, Kipling, Lord Kenilworth, Inah, Waimatao, Silver Link, Jutland, Philomela, Bo-Peep, Statuette, Spanner, Croesus, Bonny Briar, Acre, Kilgour, Bindle, Tigritiya, Birkenvale, Astinome, Swanee River, Sweet Memory, Arrowsmith, Maioha, Early Dawn, North Sea, The Speaker, Blissfulness, Murihiku, Torfreda, Some Kid, Chimera, Onslaught, Royal Stag, Miss Mimic, Bonnetter, Rose Pink, Some Boy II.

After the forfeits on Friday evening last the following remain in the WELLINGTON STAKES of 750sovs, five furlongs.

- G. N. Brown's Advantage
G. N. Brown's Advance
Sir Geo. Clifford's Winter Wind
Sir Geo. Clifford's Moorfowl
Estate W. J. Douglas' Mountain Chief
George Green's Stammer
R. A. McKenzie's Askari
I. G. Duncan's Weary Willie
I. G. Duncan's Blackmail
Dwan Bros.' Lord Desmond
R. Elliot's Princess Charming
G. D. Greenwood's Rossini
G. D. Greenwood's Falstaff
J. Goring Johnston's Saima
J. Goring Johnston's Quip
A. T. Laurie's ch g. by Blackguard—Melodie
T. H. Lowry's b f. by Martian—The Hague
T. H. Lowry's blk g. by Finland—Bel-dame
T. H. Lowry's b f. by Finland—War Talk
T. H. Lowry's ch f. by All Black—Aurarius

- T. H. Lowry's ch c. by All Black—Gossip
T. H. Lowry's b f. by Finland—War Talk
T. H. Lowry's b c. by Finland—War Scare
G. L. Stead's Right and Left
L. McKenzie's Valley Rose
A. McDonald's Affection
A. McDonald's Murihiku
A. B. Williams' Gasbag
W. Desha's Ennea
V. and E. Riddiford's Motuili
F. D. Jones' b f. by Solferino—Rose Salterne
P. Soames' Halifax
E. Short's Desert Rose
G. L. Stead's Wanigan
L. G. D. Acland's ch f by Nassau—Martime

ACCEPTANCES.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Dunedin Jockey Club will hold their summer meeting on December 26 and 27, when some excellent racing is promised at Wingatui. Eleven horses have been accepted for in the Otago Handicap (one mile and a-quarter), the principal event on the opening day, while the other races have all received very satisfactory patronage. The first day's acceptances are as follows:

SUMMER HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Hylys 12.13, San Sebastian 11.13, Bore 11.9, Wild Pilgrim 10.3, Jack Symons 9.13, Handsome Boy 9.6, Grafton Tot 9.5, Barrister 9.0, Wilden Loch 9.0, Red Pal 9.0, The Daub 9.0.

SALISBURY HANDICAP, one mile.—Bombproof 9.6, Starlike 8.13, Silver Peak 8.12, Mandrake 8.10, Calauria 8.9, Cannie Jack 8.3, Lady Superior 8.2, All Serene 8.2, Black Mountain 7.13, Vice Grand 7.7, Primum 7.7, Morisco 7.7, Glentanner 7.7.

DUNEDIN HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Listening Post 9.1, Bebehead 7.13, Raconteur 7.12, Jazz 7.12, Smoke 7.12, Last Word 7.7, Reproachful 7.7, Sunshower 7.7.

OTAGO HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Rorke's Drift 9.6, Eleus 8.10, Royal Star 8.5, Lucid 8.3, Warlove 8.2, St. Winnow 7.8, Claverhouse 7.5, Seddel-Bahr 7.4, John Barleycorn 7.2, Amythas 7.1, Kilkee 7.0.

FEDERAL HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Radial 9.7, Kibbrogan 9.4, Bon Spec 8.13, Koesian 8.6, Gamecock 8.1, Redshire 8.0, Borodino 7.13, Sunart 7.9, Robert Bell 7.8, Rokelaine 7.0, Tremena 7.0, Orderdown 7.0.

BURNSIDE HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Mustard Pot 9.9, Ardmore 9.6, Semblic 9.3, Marjory 9.1, Algidus 8.13, Killala 8.12, Irish Elegance 8.11, Mickey Free 8.6, Revolution 8.5, Adeline 8.5, Leaping Burn 8.4, North Sea 8.4, All British 8.4, Pax 8.0, Herbert 8.0, Sartomart 8.0, Adjudge 8.0, Etta 8.0, The Boss 8.0, Cacolet (late Sophisticate) 8.0, Anton 8.0, Heath Lass 8.0.

OTOKIA WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Golden King 9.5, Marsa 9.2, Don Pacifico 9.1, Almorner 8.9, Thaddeus 8.8, Cerberus 8.8, Braid 8.8, Benefit 8.8, Mandrake 8.0, Botanist 8.0, Spectual 8.0.

TRIAL STAKES, seven furlongs.—Twinkle, Apt. Miss Camouflage, Premium, Dilatory, Wilden Loch, Morisco, Flag Lieutenant, Lady Winston, Grim Joke, Strathglass, Honor, Briehton, Pricedes, Glentanner, Gossard, Solicitor, Whincord, Herbert, Sir Christobel, Single Rose, Footlights.

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The acceptances received for the opening day of the Marton Jockey Club's summer meeting, which takes place on January 1 and 2, are of a most gratifying character, and with large fields engaged there is every prospect of some first-class racing. The gathering is assured of very wide patronage during the New Year holidays, and with the Marton Cup (one mile and a-quarter) as the chief attraction racegoers who intend visiting Marton can look forward with confidence to a highly enjoyable outing. The acceptances for the first day are as follows:

FIRST HACK HURDLES of 200sovs, one mile and three-quarters.—Sweet Tipperary 10.5, Combustion 10.3, Hushabye 10.0, Endure 9.8, Hautawa 9.6, Goldstream 9.6, Turpenite 9.2, Sartosta 9.0.

DASH HACK HANDICAP of 175sovs, six furlongs.—Ruddy 9.7, Early Dawn 9.3, Statuette 8.12, Nursing Sister 8.11, Idle Talk 8.2, Black Mark 8.0, Rajput 7.12, March On 7.8, Hupana 7.6, Pinkop 7.3, Admiral Advance 7.3, Idleness 7.2, Farce 7.0, Achillion 7.0, Gipsy Gold 7.0, Promising 7.0, Mida 7.0, Kawhaw 7.0, Gravity 7.0, Tunatau 7.0, Belle of the Camp 7.0, Princess Marion 7.0, Golden Vi 7.0, Sweet Song 7.0, Paonui 7.0.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 200sovs, four furlongs.—Saima 8.13, Bestir 7.12, All Cerise 7.12, Ballowell 7.8, Birkie 7.8, Red Bob 7.8, Bonbrook 7.8, Lord Desmond 7.8, King Mark—Kithara colt 7.8, Demand 7.8, Marie 7.5, Quip 7.5, Maungaronga 7.5, Celmisa 7.5.

MARTON CUP (Open) of 600sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Punka 9.0, Maioha 8.10, Dribble 8.4, Omanu 7.11, Goldshine 7.9, Ladoguer 7.9, Oratress 7.8, Rose Queen 7.6.

LADIES' BRACELET of 110sovs, eight furlongs and a-half.—Moulu 11.6, Warstar 11.6, Lepanto 11.0, Hautawa 10.13, Diamond Nap 10.12, Kapiti 10.10, Pomeroy 10.7, Whetoke 10.7, Some Day 10.7, Kuralitzer 10.7, Student 10.7, Warning 10.7, Whakaruru 10.7, Desire 10.7, Danvegan 10.7, Tunatau 10.7.

RAILWAY HANDICAP (Open) of 350 sovs, six furlongs.—Waimatao 9.0, Maioha 8.11, Bo-Peep 8.2, Dribble 8.2, Arrowsmith 8.1, Birkenvale 7.13, Ruddy 7.13, Kipling 7.10, Admyra 7.10, Bindle 7.9, Ermine 7.8, Statuette 7.4, Coolpan 7.2, Nursing Sister 7.1, Samarang 6.12, Philomela 6.12, Gold Problem 6.9, Gaycium 6.9, Farce 6.7.

NEW YEAR HACK HANDICAP of 175sovs, seven furlongs.—Reparoa 9.0, Railand 8.11, Some Girl 8.10, Salvaless 8.10, Rajput 8.10, Namur 8.7, Moutoa Camp 8.5, Admiral Advance 8.3, Amberine 8.3, Fulica 8.3, Coral Queen 8.2, St. Omer 8.2, Regard 8.0, Whizz Bang 8.0, Kapiti 8.0, Pomona 8.0, Huiarenga 8.0, Campfire Lady Isabel mare 8.0, Better Luck 8.0, Top Dog 8.0.

STEWARDS' WELTER HANDICAP (Open) of 275sovs, eight furlongs and a-half.—Omanu 9.6, Goldshine 9.5, Arrowfield 8.13, Hyttus 8.11, Fabrique 8.9, Ermine 8.5, Combustion 8.0.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

NOTES AND ANTICIPATIONS.

Indications have been good all along for the success of the summer meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, and they have remained so to the last, the acceptances and final payments being such as to leave fields which should at least provide capital racing and the best of entertainment for the thousands that are now heading for Ellerslie and thinking of what is in store for them when they reach the old familiar tryst. Mr. Albert Hill and his ever-busy staff have never had it more up to date, thanks to executive officers of the club, under the presidency of the Hon. E. W. Mitchelson, who have never hesitated to spend the people's money in keeping the racing show-shop of the Dominion, picturesque at all times, pleasing to the eye.

The catering accommodation has been improved by extensions of buildings, the concrete steps in front of the main stand will be found a big improvement, and the pre-issuing machine—a ten-shilling one—will be available for the use of the inside and outside public alike on the boundary between the enclosures. The people must accustom themselves to its use, but they will surely now not have cause to complain so much as in the past. In any case, our advice is to one and all to "shop early"—to make up their minds with as little delay as possible and then act, if they don't want to be left time after time, as so many are who like to wait to the last possible moment before separating themselves from their money. Those who wait to see the gallop past, or the horses at the post are sometimes shut out, and this is more often the case at the big summer meetings than at others.

There are many visitors in Auckland, and accommodation has been booked up very heavily in the city during the holidays. They have come from all parts, north and south.

A welcome rain during Friday night left the course—which had been well watered every night for some time previously—and the club's grounds generally a good deal freshened thereby, but it takes a lot to remove the sting from the ground, and though a lot of horses galloped outside the trestles on the course proper—the bulk of them, in fact—on Saturday morning, so little had what rain fell affected the track that the best of the horses working could easily have got over varying distances in more nearly approaching record times for the outside of the trestles gallops on the course proper. Gloaming was never at his top to run six furlongs alone, with Deeley on his back, in a tick under 1min. 20sec. The two-year-old crack colt Humbug ran half a mile handily in 51sec. Red Ribbon and Dusky Eve, with Mascot handy, must all three have covered a circuit under 2min. 5sec. after running two furlongs at about the same speed. Dusky Eve is such a free worker that he got an early break on the others. Vagabond, on the other hand, worked badly and was 5sec. away at the finish. A mile from the new post was run by Battle Song in 1min. 48sec. These gallops show that the course was not slow. There was another welcome downpour during Sunday morning about the time when all the horses were out at exercise, and a further visitation or two during the forenoon.

Horses drop out of their engagements from one cause or another before meetings, and leave many wondering why, and some of those who will get busy backing their fancies before the day sometimes very sad. Mangamahoe was a well-backed Auckland Cup candidate paid up for on first acceptance day, that was scratched before the final payments, having gone amiss. When it was announced that Gray would be riding Alteration there was a rush to get on Alteration and Simonides by double backers, but Gray had a prior engagement to ride Vagabond, to which he was held, and then set in a rush for Vagabond and Simonides money, and the last payment saw Alteration drop out. The defection of Housewife, Rose Wreath and Tressida could not have surprised many people greatly. Tressida is not coming. Housewife was not doing sufficiently well to cause her owner to take on the long journey, and Rose Wreath has other engagements, and her owner is represented in the Cup by Affection.

Battle Song was left in the Cup the night before he broke down, and could

have been taken out before 11 o'clock on Saturday, to which time the acceptances were extended, had his owner been present. It is hardly likely that so lame a horse as he was on Saturday morning after he registered so good a mile gallop would have been left in in the expectation that he would be got right to start. His trainer, however, has hopes that he will.

Red Ribbon's mishap in striking two trestles during her gallop with Dusky Eve, Mascot and Vagabond, which she won, is another stroke of bad luck as the chestnut mare was in great form apparently, and the field is likely to be reduced by her absence we would think. From what we observed she would be very sore with the concussion the point of her shoulder received, and it would stop her being worked for a while. Red Ribbon and Battle Song were a couple of well-supported ones. The defection of Torfreda from the Railway would cause no surprise, but that of Rossini, who some ways was backed down to a short price with certain Cup horses, would be a hard knock for early backers.

Five dropped out of the Shortland Plate, eleven out of the Robinson Handicap, three out of the Grafton Hurdle Handicap, four out of the Nursery Handicap, eleven out of the Christmas Handicap, and five out of the Derby, each of which it was probably never intended by their owners to leave in.

A few horses claim double engagements during the meeting on the same day. King Abbey is in the Shortland Plate and the Railway Handicap still. Weldone is in the Great Northern Foal Stakes, in which he is held safe by several, and also in the Nursery Handicap. Taiamai is in the Railway and in the Christmas Handicap, and presumably if Lord Kenilworth was not quite himself on the day she would be a standby, and she may be really the better of the pair, as the handicapping indicates. Golden Crozier and Archie were the most extensively nominated pair at the meeting in all classes of races, an indication that their owners take them to be candidates with better prospects than past form suggests. Both are maiden three-year-olds.

Following will be found a list of horses left in each of the races on the opening day (Friday) and in the Islington Plate, w.f.a., on the second day, the Derby on the third day, and the Royal Stakes on the concluding day of the meeting and also in the Auckland Plate, w.f.a.:

SHORTLAND PLATE of 400sovs, one mile.—Explorer 8.2, General Stephen 8.2, King Abbey 8.2, Llansannor 8.2, Ditto 7.11, Archie 7.7, Canowindra 7.7, Glen Canny 7.7, Motuihi 7.7, Starland 7.7, Makepeace 7.2, Phyllona 7.2.

Motuihi, on form, reads the best of this lot. Though there is a suspicion that he may not stay he should do so in this field. Archie, Makepeace and Phyllona may run well.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 1000sovs. Six furlongs.

A. B. Williams' ch c Humbug, by Absurd—Eulogy	8 10
G. L. Stead's blk c Right and Left, by Merry Moment—En Parole	8 10
J. J. Jeason and J. Thorpe's b c Dunedin, by Linaere—Royal Silver	8 10
W. R. Kemball's br c Weldone, by The Welkin—Land Rose	8 10
G. Seifert's br c Lucullan, by Lucullus—Merry Nif	8 10
Ernest Allison's br g Landslide, by Kenilworth—Elegance	8 7
Sir Geo. Clifford's br f Moorfowl, by Autumnus—Kirriemuir	8 5

Humbug, Moorfowl, Right and Left, Lucullan, Dunedin, Landslide and, if started, Weldone may be supported in the order named. Opinions are very divided as to which of the two first-named is the best. Right and Left may effect a surprise.

ROBINSON HANDICAP of 300sovs, seven furlongs.—Ohoreka 8.3, Persian King 8.7, Tinokaha 8.5, Tuipa 8.5, Golden Petal 8.3, Thrace 8.3, Scottish Knight 8.2, Night Time 8.2, Clonmel 8.0, Stammer 7.11, Golden Crozier 7.9, Forest Gold 7.6, Oak Abbey 7.6, Demoiselle 7.4, New Zealand 7.2, Over There 7.2, Te Ore (inc. 7lb pen.) 7.8, Actrice 6.13, Backfire 6.7, Ma Copper 6.7, Hessian 6.7, Arab King 6.7, Merrie Prince 6.7, St. Carl 6.7, Isingarch 6.7.

The three topweights, Tinokaha, Persian King and Ohoreka (the two last-named in the same stable), Golden Petal (who improves a little with each meeting), Golden Crozier and Oak Abbey may be the best of this big lot, and if Golden Crozier is really worth nominating for the open races as she has been she should beat the best of this hack field, unless Tinokaha has improved since he raced at Ellerslie last month. He has lots of speed and could have been better ridden then.

AUCKLAND CUP of 3000sovs. Two miles.

Vagabond	8 10	Dusky Eve	7 13
Mascot	8 10	Tinopai	7 12
Uncle Ned	8 8	Heathercote	7 8
Snub	8 6	Mullingar	7 0
Red Ribbon	8 3	Melee	7 0
Kilmoon	8 1	Affection	6 13
Battle Song	7 13	Rose Wreath	6 7
Karo	7 13	Blue Cross	6 7

At the time of writing (Monday) neither Uncle Ned nor Tinopai had arrived at Ellerslie. Red Ribbon, who was galloping well on Saturday morning, hurt her shoulder through coming in contact with trestles and was lame, but nearly all trace of soreness had left her and she worked steadily on Monday. She may be a little short of work on account of the mishap. Battle Song injured some of the muscles of his shoulder on Saturday, and though out on Monday for walking exercise was not worked, and it is questionable whether his trainer will get him to the post. Kilmoon is being worked on the tan. Dusky Eve has shown much brilliancy in his work. Vagabond has worked sluggishly, Mascot each time soundly. Karo's gallops have not been specially attractive, nor has Heathercote or Melee done anything of note since arriving. Mullingar has done a pretty fair preparation. Snub's last two efforts—a mile on Saturday and a mile and a-quarter on Monday—after two gallops on the Tuesday and Thursday of last week of a mile and a-quarter and a mile and three furlongs, indicate that he should be as hard to beat as any of those carrying over 8.0. The two bottom weights, Affection and Blue Cross, are likely to be a troublesome pair to shake off, well handled, and the three-year-old being a free worker and a puller may force the pace a long way.

GRAFTON HURDLES of 400sovs, two miles.—Multive 11.10, Movement 11.4, Step 10.10, Luperino 10.8, Sonnino 10.6, Tenacious 10.5, Entente Cordiale 9.0.

Though he has been moved up in the weights, 10.10 may not stop Step from going up another stage. Tenacious has been galloping very well, but he is not really good class.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 1000sovs. Six furlongs.

King Lupin	9 1	Tigritya	7 10
Silver Link	9 1	Crowhurst	7 7
Rossini	8 12	Miss Mimic	7 2
Hymestra	8 11	Trespass	7 1
Gazque	8 9	Murihiku	6 10
Taiamai	8 4	King Abbey	6 7
L. Kenilworth	8 2	Comedy Prince	6 7
Simonides (inc. 3lb. pen.)	7 11	No Mistake	6 7

Silver Link, King Lupin, Taiamai, Lord Kenilworth, Simonides and King Abbey had not been seen up to Tuesday at Ellerslie. Lord Kenilworth has not had an altogether uninterrupted preparation but if himself on Friday will be hard to dispose of. Hymestra, Gazque, Miss Mimic and Trespass have each done good sprinting work, and Crowhurst has shown improvement of late. Comedy Prince's gallops have been of the pleasing order, and Murihiku, a recent winner, has shown that she can go fast since her arrival. Of those we have seen working at Ellerslie nothing has pleased more than Tigritya, and perhaps she may cause Lord Kenilworth and Hymettus most trouble.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 400sovs, five furlongs.—Weldone 8.3, Wake 7.13, Potona 7.10, Illumination 7.5, Bonnie Mabel 7.0, Wanigan 7.0, Heather Spray 7.0, Arch Margot 6.12.

Weldone, if reserved, and Potona, of those we have seen at Ellerslie, may be the best. Illumination who has not yet started, has certainly nothing to complain of on the score of weight. Wake may be about the best supported.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 400sovs, one mile.—Taiamai 8.11, Mill o' Gowrie 8.9, Royal Stag 8.5, Waita 8.1, Rose Wreath 8.0, Bitholia 7.7, All Talk 7.6, Scornful 7.6, Ohinewairua 7.6, Fabriquette 7.3, Nightraider 7.2, Lady Energy 6.12, Tabasco 6.12, Risingham 6.7, Kereone 6.7.

Taiamai, Mill o' Gowrie, Waita, Ohinewairua and Kereone had not worked at Ellerslie up to Tuesday. All Talk, Ohinewairua and Fabriquette may hold their own with Rose Wreath and Sir Geo. Clifford's selected.

GREAT NORTHERN DERBY of 1500 sovs. One mile and a-half.

Sir Geo. Clifford's b c Night Raider, by Martian—Glenowlet	8 10
Sir Geo. Clifford's br c Royal Stag, by Autumnus—Kirriemuir	8 10
G. D. Greenwood's b c Rossini, by Martian—Grand Opera	8 10
A. McDonald's b f Affection, by Kiltbroney—Simper	8 10
Hon. E. W. Alison's b g Archie, by Marble Arch—Tiresome	8 7
W. J. Goldsborough's br g Canowindra, by Popinjay—Nancy Stair	8 7
R. Hannon's br g Tinokaha, by Quin Abbey—Freedom mare	8 7
H. Hardman's br g Glencanny, by Pistol—Bridge of Roses	8 7

Mrs. M. A. Perry's ch g Crenides, by Demosthenes—Gold Thread 8 7
A. McDonald's b f Rose Wreath, by Kiltbroney—Christmas Rose 8 5
A. B. Williams' b f Makepeace, by Martian—The Hague 8 5

Crenides may be an absentee. All going well with Affection—who, however, does not look master of Derby weights—he may prove the most likely to give the best of those that may saddle up against Rossini and Royal Stag a race.

25TH ROYAL STAKES of 1000sovs, six furlongs.—Gloaming 9.7, Rossini 9.2, Affection 8.11, Silver Link 8.11, Royal Stag 8.9, Stammer 8.3, Murihiku 8.3, Humbug 7.8, Moorfowl 7.5, Lucullan 7.5, Landside 7.5, Right and Left 6.5, Dunedin 6.5, Weldone 6.5.

The best of the two-year-olds should keep Gloaming or Rossini moving in this race if as good as they are held to be.

AUCKLAND PLATE of 750sovs, one mile and a-half.—Some Boy II, 9.4, Alteration 9.1, Gazique 9.1, Blue Cross 9.1, Comedy Prince 9.1, Killard 9.1, Snub 9.1, Uncle Ned 9.1, Red Ribbon 9.1, Tressida 9.1, Puka 8.11, Gloaming 8.11, Melee 8.11, Windorah 8.11, Kilmoon 8.11, Taiamai 8.11, Bonnie Maid 8.11, Affection 8.0, Rossini 8.0, Lucid 8.0, Warstar 8.0, Nightraider 8.0, Motuihi 8.0, Tinokaha 7.11, Rebuff 7.11, Archie 7.11, Makepeace 7.11, Starland 7.11, Sunart 7.11, Golden Crozier 7.11, Warlove 7.11.

Rossini may be the one entrusted with this job, but should it be Gloaming he would hardly be produced in the Royal Stakes, of the greater value. It will depend on the racing on the three preceding days how these horses will be placed.

ELLERSLIE ITEMS.

SATURDAY.

There was enough rain during the night to freshen up the grounds, but not to materially affect the tracks. Most of the work was done on the course proper, three hurdles out, and some of the gallops were keenly interesting.

Dunedin and Wake fluttered over five furlongs in 1min. 8sec. and 1min. 9sec. respectively.

Motuihi beat Oak Abbey at the end of six furlongs in 1min. 21 2-5sec.

Tigritya, alone, sprinted half a mile in 53 4-5sec.

Gloaming, alone, with Deeley in the saddle, commencing slowly, ran six furlongs in 1min 19 4-5sec.

Ohoreka and Arab King skipped over six furlongs in that order. Melee also sprinted a few furlongs, no time being taken. Forward Lady had a credit of 1min. 15sec. from the old five furlongs disc.

Moorfowl was in front of Miss Mimic over half a mile in 54 1-5sec.

All Talk left the new mile post in 1min. 53sec., assisted by War Tank.

Karo and Rossini, in this order, put the circuit past in 2min. 5 4-5sec., Karo being on the inside.

Mullingar, assisted, ran a mile in 1 min. 51sec.

Lucullan, getting the best of the start, beat the Australian-bred gelding, Thrace, easily over six furlongs in 1min. 21 2-5sec.

Royal Stag and Nightraider left four furlongs behind in 56sec.

Clonmel, with Utu to assist, ran six furlongs in 1min. 22sec.

All eyes were centred on Red Ribbon, Dusky Eve, Mascot and Vagabond when they were livened up for a gallop over a mile and a-quarter, but they broke away at the mile and three furlongs post. Dusky Eve made the pace for once round, covered in 2min. 4 4-5sec., and the full distance in 2min. 18sec., finishing in the above order, with Vagabond 5sec. away. When the quartette pulled up it was found that the winner of the heat (Red Ribbon) struck one of the trestles, and she was distinctly lame.

Snub, alone, went round the circuit in 2min. 9 1-5sec., and completed the 10 furlongs in 2min. 23 2-5sec.

Heathercote put in useful work, but was not after time.

Battle Song and Bonnie Maid ran a mile in 1min. 48 2-5sec. Battle Song, who had the best of the bout, walked back very lame.

Humbug made Weldone look small in a half mile sprint in 51sec., Weldone registering 52 2-5sec.

Sandy Macdonald and Merry Prince went six furlongs in 1min. 23sec.

Affection and Makepeace worked separately, and were on the easy list.

Some Boy II, alone, sprinted four furlongs in 53 3-5sec., a task which took Ma Copper (with weight in the saddle) 55sec. to accomplish.

Hymestra, who got a break, acquitted herself nicely when he beat Trespass over half a mile in 52sec. Isingarch was too solid for Entente Cordiale over the same distance in 53 3-5sec.

Ruatara, Scrap o' Paper and St. Carl finished in this order from the new five furlongs post in 1min. 6 3-5sec.

C. Coleman had the track to himself for a try-out with the Cup horse, Blue Cross, and Canowindra. The writer's informant, who had an old verewater, made the circuit 2min. 7 3-5sec. Canowindra led Mountain Gold and Blue Cross home over the same track on Thursday in 2min. 6 2-5sec.

Phyllona ran away from Demoiselle and Lady Energy over three-quarters of a mile in 1min. 22 2-5sec. This mare has made some improvement of late. Crowhurst beat Fabriquette rather easily at the end of six furlongs in 1min. 21sec. The handsome chestnut is showing his best track form to date.

MONDAY.

As the races open on Friday, this morning was made one for solid work on the various tracks, the majority galloping on the grass.

Dunedin and Wake sprinted four furlongs with not much between them in 51 4-5sec. McFlinn rode Dunedin, whom Wake beat by two lengths.

Red Ribbon trotted and cantered on the tan, showing little signs of soreness.

Motuihi beat Oak Abbey over six fur-

longs in 1min. 20 3-5sec.
Gloaming and Rossini ran the best four furlongs of the session in 50sec. the gelding going on past the old mile post ridden out.
Moorfowl and Miss Mimic fluttered over five furlongs in 1min. 7sec.
Blue Cross ran once round in 2min. 5 4-5sec. led by Mountain Gold over the first part of a mile and a-half and brought home by Tresso, in 2min. 48 3-5sec.
Dusky Eye galloped a mile and five furlongs alone in 3min. 1 4-5sec., the last round in 2min. 6 3-5sec.
Karo ran a mile and a-quarter in 2min. 21sec. at an even pace throughout going alone.
Royal Stag and Nightraider were together over six furlongs in 1min. 21 5-5sec.
Mascot had the pull over Heathercote and Meice at the end of a mile and a-half, once round in 2min. 7sec. and a mile and a-quarter in 2min. 21sec.
Scornful beat Trespass over six furlongs, the last five registered in 1min. 8 3-5sec. Humburg covered the same distance in 1min. 8 1-5sec., just beating Right and Left.
Some Boy L.L. ran four furlongs in 52 4-5sec.
Tigritya had a slight lead of Hymestra at the jump off and just beat him over four furlongs in 51sec.
Torifreda ran half a mile in 51 2-5sec. Makepeace beat Phyllona over four furlongs in 51 2-5sec.
Affectation put up the best seven furlongs of the morning, beating Rose Wreath in 1min. 33 4-5sec.
Bonnetter alone sprinted five furlongs in 1min. 8 2-5sec.
Kilmoon, on the tan, ran out a mile, timed by his party. This would compare with 1min. 55sec. for once round—a good working gallop.
Wanigan scampered over four furlongs in 52 4-5sec., running a bit green.
Snub and Vagabond ran a mile and a-quarter in 2min. 21sec., once round in 2min. 7 1-5sec. The pair finished strongly, Snub going the easier, but carrying the least weight. Gray was riding Vagabond.
After breakfast Bitholia ran six furlongs in 1min. 21 1-5sec. alone. A distance which Comedy Prince led Step over in 1min. 20sec., Step taking 1min. 22sec.
Battie Song was out being led about and his trainer says that his lameness on Saturday so pronounced was due to jarring his muscles, but he hopes to have him at the post. Red Ribbon appears likely to be a starter short of a sound gallop or two only.

**AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.
SUMMER MEETING.**

The Auckland Trotting Club's summer meeting, which takes place at Alexandra Park on December 27, 30 and 31, promises to prove the most successful and enjoyable held in the North Island, and visitors from all parts of the Dominion intend patronising the three days' gathering at Epsom. With a dozen horses remaining in the Auckland Trotting Cup there is every prospect of a good race over the two miles, while another important attraction on the opening day will be the Great Northern Derby, in which nine three-year-olds are left after the final payment had been made. The acceptances for the opening day's (Saturday next) events in the order in which the races are to be run are as follows:—
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C. C. SHEATH,
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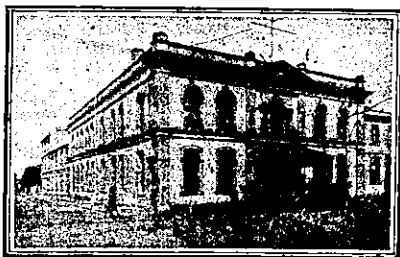
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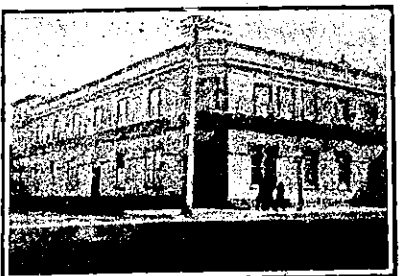
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TURF GOSSIP.

Karo has been training on satisfactorily, and she promises to race well in the Auckland Cup.

Afterglow has done little work of late and is now a confirmed roarer. Even if persevered with she will never be of much use except over short courses.

Percy Coffey left Wanganui last Thursday for the Taranaki and Stratford meetings with Khartoum, Erin's Isle and Pretty Bobby. The last-named has quietened down a lot, and there is every prospect of the three horses named faring well over the Christmas racing. Tairaraka broke down last week and has been sent home to his owner.

A recent addition to A. Godfrey's team at Tauherenikau is a perfectly-turned filly by All Black from Martin Princess. She has just been handled, and will go into work about March. She is the property of Mr. George Hume, who has already refused 1000 guineas for her. The Martinborough sportsman has a filly foal by the imported Absurd from the same mare, which he has promised to lease to a well-known Wellington doctor, who intends shortly racing in his own name.

The question as to the working of mares after four or five months of being in foal must be considered in a variety of ways, says "Bailly's Magazine." It has been shown that a mare five months gone will win a long tiring race under even punishment, with no bad results apparently. Several winners of the Cesarewitch can be quoted, and when Noelle, a French mare, won the Prix Imperial at Paris over four miles, by a short head, in November, and was so exhausted that she had to be supported to the weighing stand, she had a good colt foal the following April, that subsequently, under the name of Don Carlos, was a notable winner over long distances. This proved that neither the mare nor her offspring was injured by a somewhat undue liberty on the former's exertions.

Gloaming has never shown to better advantage in his career than at present. It will take something well above the average to lower his colours at Ellerslie.

The English mail just to hand brings word of the death of the well-known cross-country jockey, William Escott, who died as a result of injuries sustained while riding at Auteuil, in France. He was riding a horse named La Reeve, which fell in the Prix Congress.

Betting on horses, flaring up during the final smashing of Germany, became an infection with the advent of gigantic peace attendances at race meetings (says an English correspondent). It may be doubtful if the bookmakers ever did more business than in the period from February up to the St. Leger in September. Women are now betting in unprecedented numbers. Both on the course and off the extension of punting among them is marked. Much betting, although reprobated by the Football Association, takes place on the results of football matches, particularly in the factories and workshops of the north of England, where bookmakers have their weekly lists of matches and regular agents.

At a horse sale held at Palmerston North on the 13th inst., the brood mare, Apres (Apremont—Inisthona), the dam of Lepanto (who returned a dividend approaching half a century at the recent Feilding meeting), was sold for the sum of 50 shillings. Evidently breeding mares are at a low ebb in the Manawatu district. At the same sale, the eight-year-old mare, Delecto, by Papakura from Apres, was sold for ten guineas. Mr. R. A. McDonald, of Levin, who disposed of the above two mares, has a beautiful filly foal by Quarantine from Delecto, which gives every promise of developing into a useful sort.

Since his exertions at the C.J.C. meeting Rossini has gone on quite to his trainer's satisfaction. Most of his work has been accomplished over short courses, which suggests that the Railway Handicap as well as the Derby may be his mission. In a couple of sprints with Gloaming prior to leaving for Auckland he showed more than average brilliancy.

ACCEPTANCES.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The following acceptances have been received for the first day's events in connection with the Manawatu Racing Club's summer meeting, which takes place on December 26, 27 and 29:—

TOKOMARU HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and three-quarters.—Gang Awa 12.3, Maraetotara 11.9, Whiro 10.13, Zeus 10.3, Sall Home 9.10, Goldstream 9.6, Sir Donald 9.2, Rienzi 9.0, Hautawa 9.0, Sartosta 9.0.

GILLIES HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Early Dawn 9.3, Red Signal 8.9, Statuette 8.9, Arch Lassie 8.8, Nursing Sister 8.8, Elcullus 8.8, Borealis 8.8, Prince Hal 8.6, Kilgour 8.5, Hymarty 8.4, Lord Astolat 8.3, Tamara 8.2, Parorangi 8.1, Matty 7.13, Asterina 7.9, March On 7.9, Kyoto 7.7, Dunstan Rush 7.7, Guanaco 7.6, Idleness 7.5, Restful 7.2, Import 7.2, Beloved 7.0, Farce 6.13, Russet 6.13, Hikoia 6.13, Kinsem 6.13, Amberine 6.13, Paoanui 6.10, Reparoa 6.9, Half-time 6.9, Missland 6.9, Barleycorn 6.9, Conziska 6.7, Princess Marion 6.7, Hallowvonia 6.7.

MANAWATU CUP, one mile and a-half.—Client 8.13, Punka 8.9, Nobleman 8.9, Kilrush 8.2, Crenides 7.13, Dribble 7.12, First Salute 7.11, Battle Array 7.10, Athens II. 7.9, Marquetteur 7.6, Hurry Up 7.5, Demos 7.1, Rose Pink 7.1, Bagdad 7.1, Moutoa Ivanova 6.12, Tressida 6.10, Hyttus 6.10, Rose Queen 6.10, Penury Rose 6.7.

NURSERY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Saima 8.13, Tessares 8.7, Cantabile 7.12, Ennea 7.9, Woden 7.7, Bonbrook 7.7, Verbosity 7.7, Halliwell 7.7, Birkie 7.7, Lord Desmond 7.7, Askari 7.5, Maungarango 7.4, Hady 7.4, Little River 7.4, Gate Pah 7.2, Fortune Teller 7.2, Tropical 7.2, Isabel 7.2, Merry Queen 7.2, Canyon 7.2, Sagacity 7.0, All Cerise 7.0.

TARARUA HACK WELTER HANDICAP, one mile and 55 yards.—Retard 9.7, Wapping 9.2, Riald 8.13, Arch Salute 8.13, Moulou 8.12, Coral Queen 8.2, Woody Glen 8.2, St. Omer 8.1, Admiral Advance 8.1, Dick 8.0, Moutoa Camp 8.0, Festival 7.13, Some Girl 7.13, Elevate 7.8, Kingston Boy 7.7, Gatha 7.7.

FITZHERBERT HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Acre 9.6, Onslaught 8.13, Croesus 8.1, Waimatao 8.9, Maioha 8.6, Chimera 8.6, Demagogue 7.13, Jutland 7.13, Astinome 7.12, Lionskin 7.10, Admyra 7.10, Birkenvale 7.9, Bonny Briar 7.6, Ermine 7.5, Bindle 7.3, Statuette 7.0, Arch Lassie 6.13, Arrowsmith 6.13, Jean Laddo 6.11, Philomeia 6.10.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP, one mile and 55 yards.—Maioha 9.1, Teka 8.8, Dribble 8.5, Ladogeur 8.5, Marquetteur 8.4, Brackenfield 8.3, Jutland 8.1, Bagdad 8.1, Bonnie Heather 7.11, Rose Pink 7.10, Lovematch 7.10, Oratress 7.10, Daytime 7.10, Lord Muskerry 7.9, Multaine 7.7, Goldshine 7.5, Matatane 7.4, Mata-tua 6.12, Imaribbon 6.11, Spangle 6.7.

The following are the entries for the

TRIAL PLATE, seven furlongs.—Admiral Advance, Amberine, Aquilla, Better Luck, Achillion, Bantry, Cheval, Campfire—Lady Isobel filly, Desert Rose, Prominent, Diamond Nap, Glenfinlas, Hallowvonia, Kapiti, Lepanto, Missmorn, Missmaid, Mida, Reparoa, Roihiwai, Sweet Rest, Student, Sycorax, Sweet Song, Tunatau, Turpenite, Rur-arlitza.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The following acceptances have been received for the opening day of the Taranaki Jockey Club's summer meeting, to be held on December 26 and 27:—

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Perfect Day 9.2, Sweet Memory 8.13, Hallow 8.13, Nemaline 8.5, Egmont Park 8.4, Passin' Through 7.8, Otonga 7.5, Zela 7.3, Sartorine 7.0, Aotearoa 7.0, Banogue 7.0.

RAHOTU HACK HURDLES, one mile and a-half and 100 yards.—Khartoum 10.10, Cheddar 10.7, Speedwell Mac 9.13, Te Toa 9.10, Ngakanui 9.10, Ratana 9.6, Applaud 9.3, Signorella 9.0, Blue Moon 9.0, Lonato 9.0.

BOROUGH HACK, five furlongs.—Nemaline 9.0, Prince Formby 8.10, Magistrate 8.9, Kareao 8.9, Lady Paula 8.6, Generalissimo 8.3, Catalina 8.1, Marble Bar 7.8, Wawata 7.8, Kickapoo 7.7, Lady Leo 7.5, Encircle 7.5, Tirakaka 7.5, Polemic 7.5, War Nurse 7.5, Flying Master 7.5, Income 7.5, Queen Victoria 7.5, Kellee 7.5.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Depredation 9.0, Alteration 8.13, Toa Tere 8.4, Paddington Green 7.8, Pretty Bobby 7.5, Munster 7.2, Tiranga 7.1, Bingham 6.10, Trombone 6.7.

LEPPERTON WELTER HACK, seven furlongs.—Simon 10.4, Signorella 9.12, White Ranger 9.11, Florist 9.8, Otonga 9.8, Tetua 9.7, Marshal Neil 9.7, Zela 9.5, Halcyon 9.3, Self Alliance 9.2, Army Service 9.2, Alice Montrose 9.0.

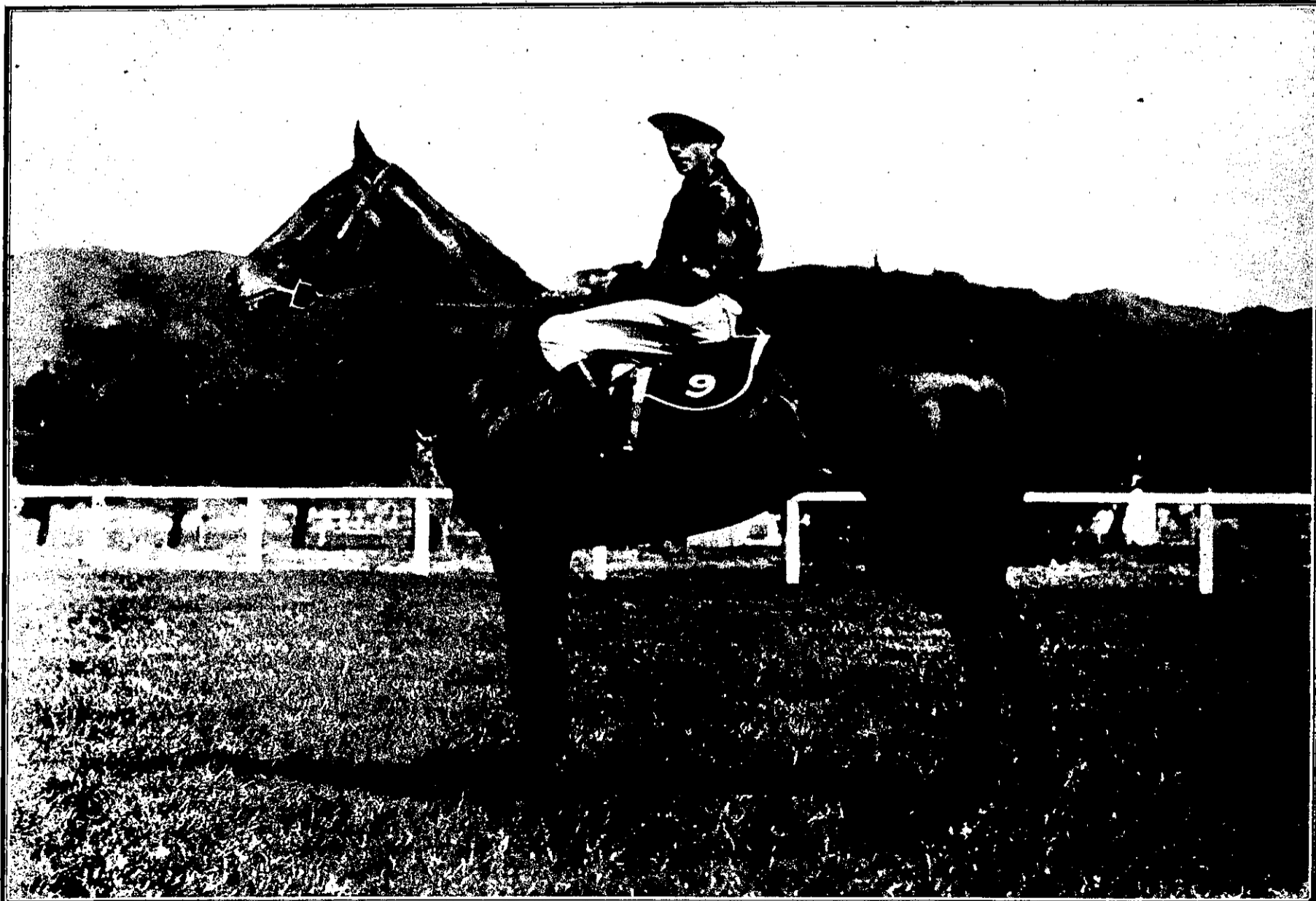
FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Esthonia 8.11, Madam Ristori 8.10, Carmel Arch 8.5, Hushman 8.3, Dingle 7.12, Munster 7.9, Hallow 7.9, Clavis 6.9.

HAUTOKI PLATE, seven furlongs (special weights).—Mount Avis, Jane Douglas, Crystal Palace, Simon, Master Curran, Army Service, Cheer Up, Vagrancepiece, Fair Paul, Haversack, Villantie, Lake Eel, Zerda, Kiko Kiko, Athlone, Kerry Knob, Mimiri, Foremost—Minora filly.

TIKORANGI HACK STAKES, five furlongs.—Floss, Passin' Through, Valencia, Sweet Memory, Polemic, Egmont Park, Prince Formby, Magistrate, Quinora, Mannish, Takaganui, Vivirini, War Nurse, Wawata, Encircle, Rangitapu, Master Curran, Marble Bar, Bell Noire, Income, Aripuni, Catalini, Stork, Legato.

Reports from Christchurch state that a patron of H. Coker's stable has purchased Larissa and Indus, with the intention of racing them at the West Coast meetings.

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TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

**THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,
JANUARY 29 AND 31, 1920.**

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FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1920.

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 200sovs; sec-
ond horse to receive 40sovs, and
third horse 15sovs out of stakes.
For all horses that have not won
an advertised flat race of any des-
cription at time of starting. To be
ridden by apprentices who have not
won more than 15 races previously.
Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination
1sov, acceptance 1sov. Seven fur-
longs.

ZEALANDIA HANDICAP of 250sovs;
second horse to receive 40sovs, and
third horse 15sovs out of stakes.
Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs.
Seven furlongs.

HAURAKI HANDICAP HURDLES of
200sovs; second horse to receive 40
sovs, and third horse 15sovs out
of stakes. For all horses that have
not won an advertised hurdle race
exceeding the value of 75sovs at
time of entry. Winner of any hur-
dle race after the declaration of
weights to carry 7lb. extra. Over
six flights of hurdles. Nomination
1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile
and a-half.

TAKAPUNA CUP HANDICAP of 1000
sovs; second horse to receive 200
sovs, and third horse 100sovs out
of stakes. Winner of any race of
the value of 100sovs after the de-
claration of weights to carry a
penalty of 3lb.; of 200sovs, 5lb.;
exceeding 200sovs, 7lb. Nomination
1sov, acceptance 9sovs. One mile
and a-half.

FERRY HANDICAP of 200sovs; sec-
ond horse to receive 40sovs, and
third horse 15sovs out of stakes.
For all horses that have not won
an advertised flat race of the value
of 150sovs, or races of the collec-
tive value of 400sovs at time of
entry. Winner of any flat race
after the weights are declared to
carry a penalty of 7lb. extra. Low-
est weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov,
acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs.

CALLIOPE HANDICAP of 300sovs;
second horse to receive 40sovs, and
third horse 20sovs out of stakes.
For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Nomina-
tion 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Five
furlongs.

OREWA HANDICAP HURDLES of 250
sovs; second horse to receive 40
sovs, and third horse 15sovs out
of stakes. Winner of the Hauraki
Hurdles to carry a penalty of 7lb.
extra. Over seven flights of hur-
dles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance
2sovs. About one mile and three-
quarters.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 450sovs;
second horse to receive 70sovs, and
third horse 25sovs out of stakes.
Winner of the Zealandia Handicap
or Takapuna Cup to carry a pen-
alty of 7lb. Nomination 1sov, ac-
ceptance 4sovs. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1920.

MOANA HANDICAP of 200sovs; second
horse to receive 40sovs, and third
horse 15sovs out of stakes. For
all horses that have not won an
advertised flat race exceeding the
value of 75sovs at time of entry.
Lowest weight, 7.7. Nomination
1sov, acceptance 1sov. Seven fur-
longs.

**TAKAPUNA HACK HANDICAP HUR-
DLES** of 200sovs; second horse to
receive 40sovs, and third horse 15
sovs out of stakes. For all horses
that have not won an advertised
hurdle race of the value of 250sovs,
or hurdle races of the collective
value of 500sovs at time of entry.
Over six flights of hurdles. Nomina-
tion 1sov, acceptance 1sov.
One mile and a-half.

SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 250sovs;
second horse to receive 40sovs, and
third horse 15sovs out of stakes.
Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs.
Five furlongs.

TAKAPUNA J.C. HANDICAP of 700
sovs; second horse to receive 100
sovs, and third horse 50sovs out
of stakes. Nomination 1sov, ac-
ceptance 7sovs. One mile two fur-
longs and a-half.

HOBSON HANDICAP of 250sovs; sec-
ond horse to receive 40sovs, and
third horse 15sovs out of stakes.
For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Nomina-
tion 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six
furlongs.

RANGITOTO HACK HANDICAP of 200
sovs; second horse to receive 40
sovs, and third horse 15sovs out
of stakes. For all horses that have
not won an advertised flat race of
the value of 250sovs, or races of
the collective value of 500sovs at
time of entry. Winner of any flat
race after the weights are declared
to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomina-
tion 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six
furlongs.

WAIWERA HANDICAP HURDLES of
250sovs; second horse to receive 40
sovs, and third horse 15sovs out
of stakes. Winner of the Takapuna
Hurdles to carry a penalty of 7lb.
extra. Over seven flights of hur-
dles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance
2sovs. About one mile and three-
quarters.

ANNIVERSARY WELTER HANDICAP
of 450sovs; second horse to receive
70sovs, and third horse 25sovs out

of stakes. Winner of any flat race
after the weights are declared to
carry a penalty of 7lb. extra. Low-
est weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov,
acceptance 4sovs. Seven furlongs.

**NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND
ACCEPTANCES.**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 (GENERAL
ENTRY), 5 P.M.**

NOMINATIONS.—First Day: Maiden
Handicap 1sov, Zealandia Handicap 1
sov, Hauraki Handicap Hurdles 1sov,
Takapuna Cup Handicap 1sov, Ferry
Handicap 1sov, Calliope Handicap 1sov,
Orewa Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Stew-
ards' Handicap 1sov. Second Day:
Moana Handicap 1sov, Takapuna Hack
Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Suburban Hand-
icap 1sov, Takapuna Jockey Club Hand-
icap 1sov, Hobson Handicap 1sov,
Rangitoto Hack Handicap 1sov, Wai-
wera Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Annivers-
ary Welter Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 4 P.M.

WEIGHTS.—First Day's Racing.
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 (morning
paper).**

WEIGHTS.—Second Day's Racing.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 5 P.M.

ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Handicap 1
sov, Zealandia Handicap 2sovs, Hau-
raki Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Takapuna
Cup Handicap 8sovs, Ferry Handicap 1
sov, Calliope Handicap 2sovs, Orewa
Handicap Hurdles 2sovs, Stewards'
Handicap 4sovs.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 12 NOON.

ACCEPTANCES.—Moana Handicap 1

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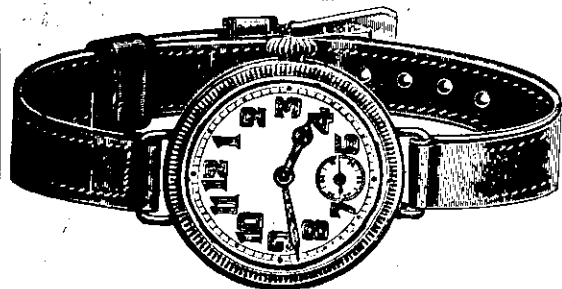
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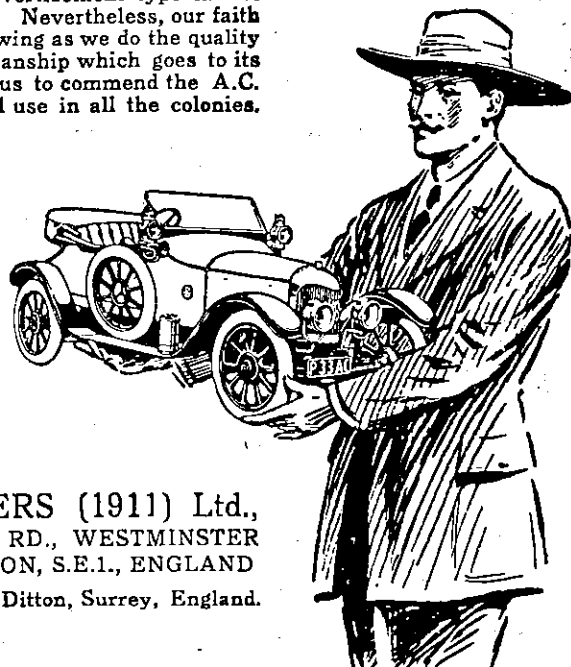
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MISS BETTY COLLINS ON HER CHAMPION PONY, PADDY, A FIRST PRIZE WINNER AT THE 1918 AND 1919 WANGANUI SHOWS IN THE CLASS FOR 12 HANDS AND UNDER.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR RACING FIXTURES.—SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF H. TELFORD'S SELECT TEAM, HEADED BY THE AUCKLAND WELCOME STAKES WINNER, WEARY WILLIE, LEAVING THE STABLES AT TRENTHAM FOR WALKING EXERCISE.

TURF TOPICS.

For the Summer Cup (one mile and five furlongs), to be run at Randwick on Boxing Day, Kenilford and Posiastre share favouritism, followed some points away by British Arch, West Molong, Salvini, Wedding Day, Prince Viridis, Shaded Light, Publican, Sand Bee and Phast Boy, in that order.

Excellent entries have been received for the Rotorua Jockey Club's annual meeting, which takes place on the Arawa Park racecourse on Wednesday, January 14. Weights for the various events, which include the Rotorua Cup, will be declared by Mr. R. Wynyard on Monday, January 5.

The cross-country rider, L. G. Hegarty has been granted a trainer's license by the Canterbury Jockey Club.

Mr. F. J. McManemin will declare the weights for the Northern Wairoa Racing Club's annual meeting, which takes place on the Awakino course, Dargaville, on January 17, on Monday, January 5.

Trotting owners and trainers should not overlook the fact that nominations for all events to be run at the Wellington Trotting Club's annual meeting at Hutt Park on Wednesday, January 21, close with the secretary, Mr. R. W. Short, Box 4, Petone, on Friday, January 2, at 8 p.m.

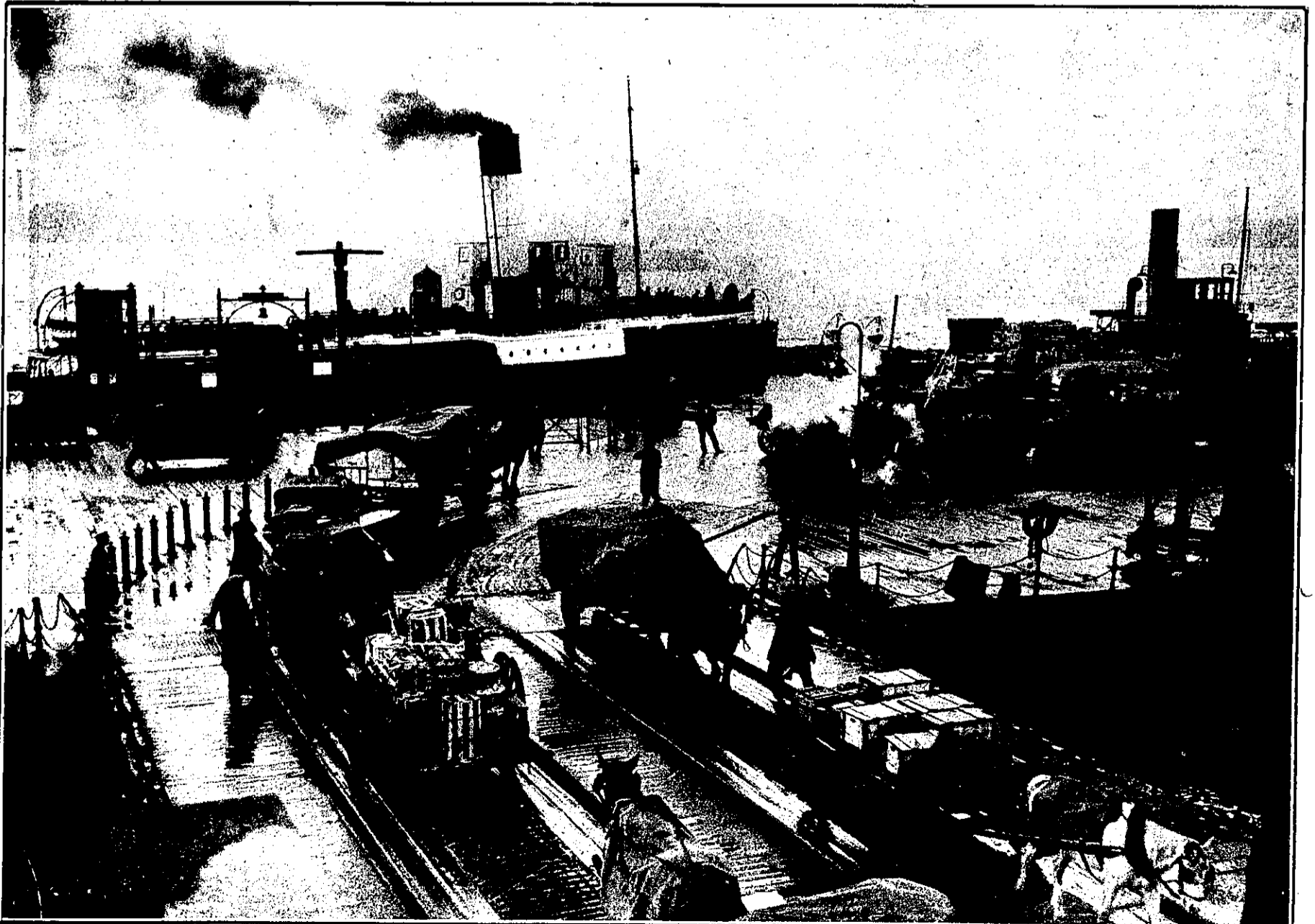
Good progress is being made with the top-dressing of sand to the grass tracks at Wingatui. About 1000 loads will be spread on the grass training tracks, and a similar number on the course proper. A large quantity of spoil is also being stacked up, and will in due course be used as top-dressing material. When the top-dressing has been completed the Wingatui tracks will provide very much better going than what has been the case since the formation of the course. The improved state of the ground will naturally be a great assistance and help to trainers in the preparation of their horses, and give Wingatui a much-needed boost as a training centre.

At a special meeting of the Waipa Racing Club, at Te Awamutu, to give consideration to the question of altering the date of their next racing fixture, to be held on the Te Awamutu racecourse on February 21, as the Otahuhu Trotting Club had notified its intention of holding a meeting on the same date, it was decided that no change be made in the arrangements. Members of the Waipa Club contended that as they had fixed the date of their annual fixture with the Country Racing Clubs' Association, and had been looking forward since July to holding the meeting on February 21, the Otahuhu Trotting Club should be notified that no change in the arrangements would be made.

Nation's Food conveyed by Motor Lorries during the Great Railway Strike in England.

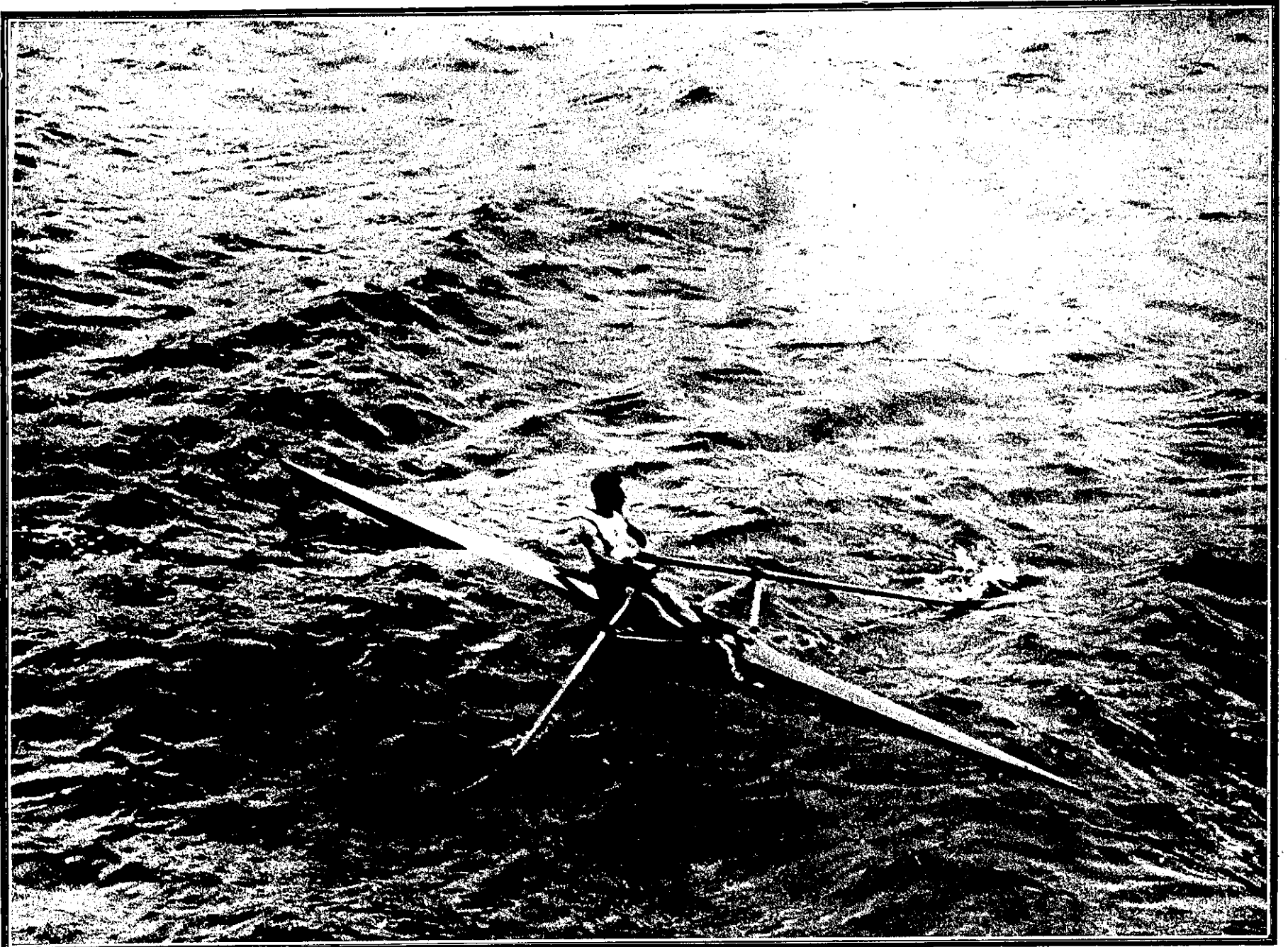


AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT DURING THE RECENT RAILWAY STRIKE IN ENGLAND.—REGENTS PARK, LONDON, CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND BEING USED AS A GREAT CLEARING CENTRE FOR MARKET PRODUCE. The illustration shows motor vehicles lent to the Government by private firms lined up at Regent's Park. The Government organised the food transport system for the whole country on a gigantic scale, the utilisation of motor vehicles for the delivery by road of foodstuffs—flour, meat, sugar, etc.—proving most effectual in meeting the serious situation created by the absence of railway facilities. The Food Commissioners appointed were given power to commandeer any vehicle that they required, from a push-cart to a motor lorry, to ensure that enough transport was available for the successful working of their road transport scheme.

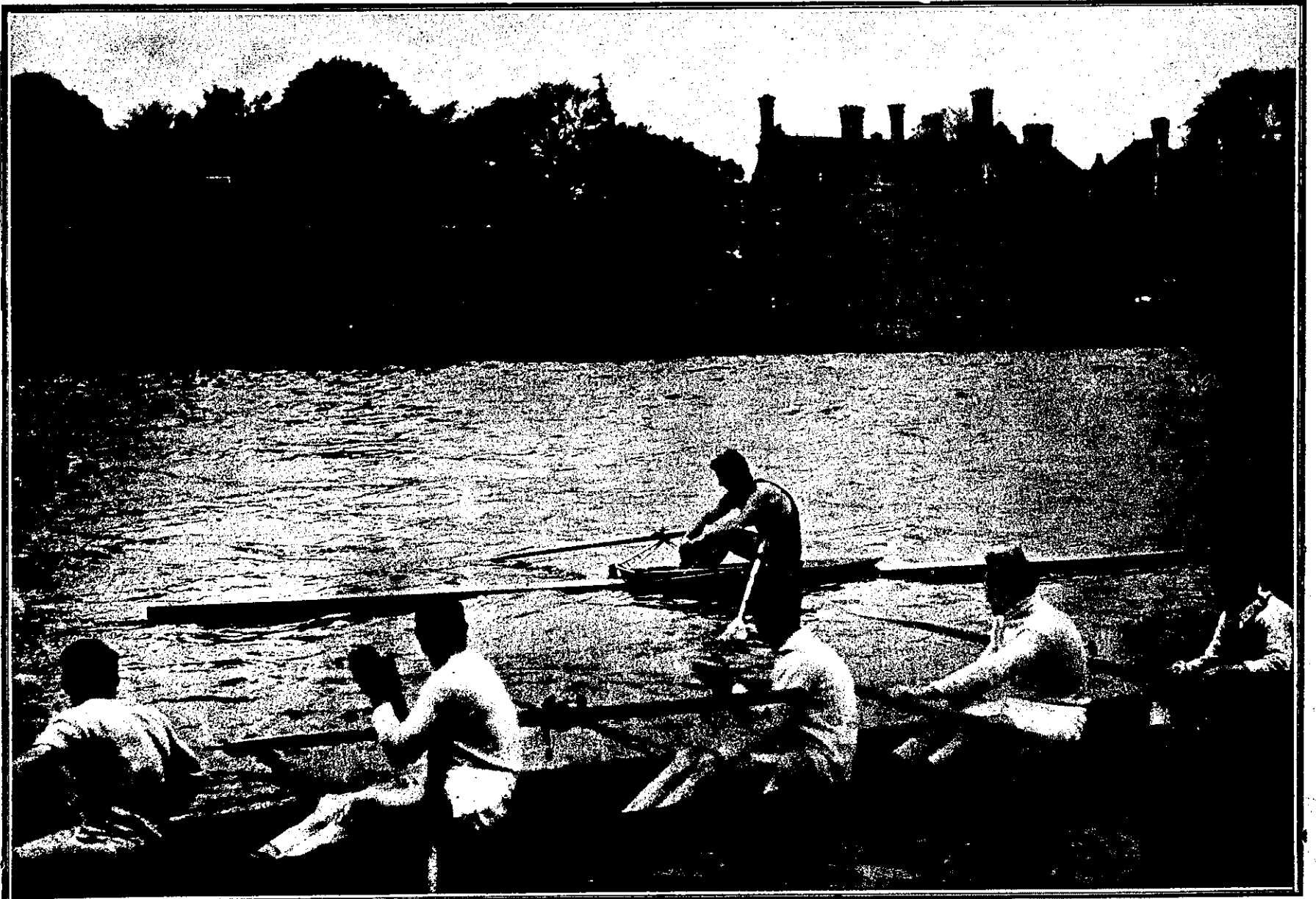


SCENES AT LIVERPOOL DURING THE RECENT RAILWAY STRIKE IN ENGLAND.—TRAFFIC WAITING TO CROSS THE MERSEY. In addition to fulfilling the task of provisioning the nation during the critical period in England the great fleets of Government lorries which were requisitioned were employed in reducing the goods congestion on the railways and at the docks.

The World's Sculling Championship, held over the Thames Course from Putney to Mortlake, on October 27.



THE RACE FOR THE WORLD'S SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP ON THE THAMES—ERNEST BARRY BEING BUFFETED BY WIND AND WAVES IN MID-RIVER, THE ENGLISHMAN BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ERROR IN JUDGMENT IN NOT FOLLOWING FELTON OVER TO THE SHELTER OF THE MIDDLESEX WALL. By keeping in mid-river the champion got all the worst of the wind and water, his efforts in battling against the unfavourable elements taking a lot out of him. Felton is about eight lengths in advance of the Englishman at this stage of the race.

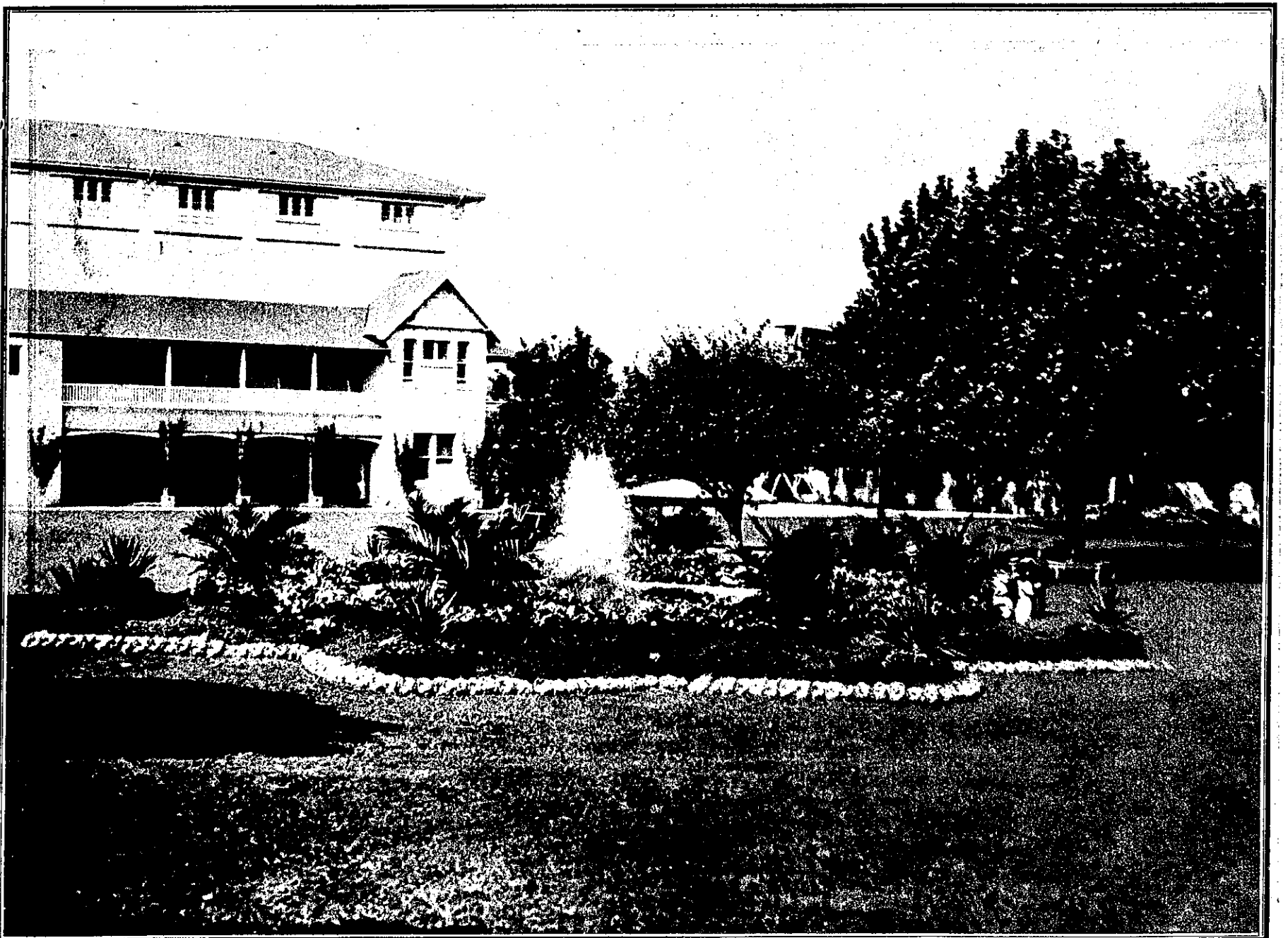


AUSTRALIAN OARSMAN WINS WORLD'S SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.—ALFRED FELTON IS SHOWN JUST AFTER HIS DEFEAT OF ERNEST BARRY BEING APPLAUDED BY HIS PACING EIGHT AT MORTLAKE, THE FINISHING POINT OF THE RACE. Ernest Barry, who held the world's sculling championship since 1912, was defeated on October 27 last by Alfred Felton, the Australian, who won by six lengths. The race was held over the Thames championship course of 4½ miles, from Putney to Mortlake, Felton completing the distance in 25min. 40sec. A return match is to be rowed on the Parramatta River, Sydney (N.S.W.), early in the New Year, Barry having signed a contract to visit Australia with a view of attempting to regain the sculling championship.

Picturesque Views on the Ellerslie Racecourse, the Venue of the Auckland Cup on Friday next.

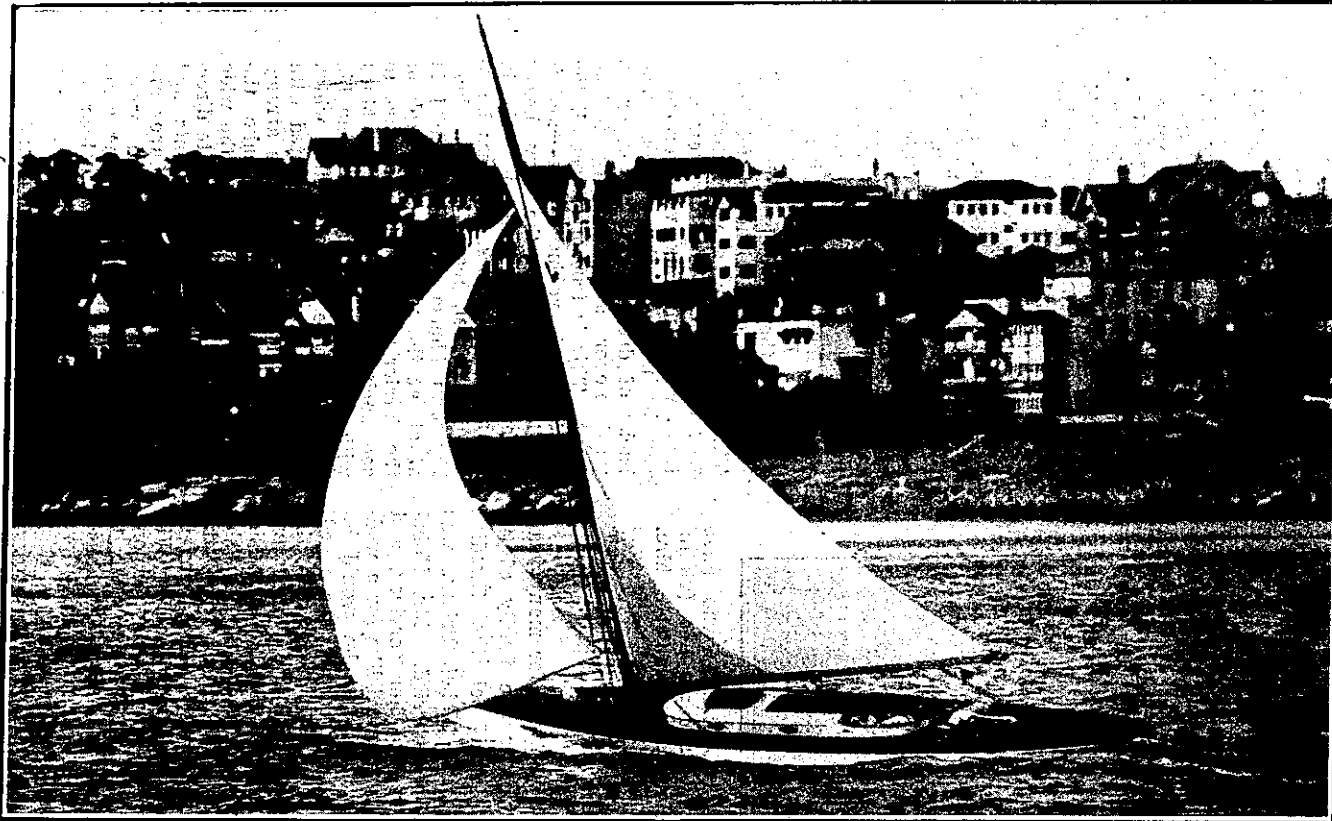


A SHELTERED CORNER OF THE LAWN AT THE BACK OF THE MAIN STAND ON THE BEAUTIFUL RACECOURSE AT ELLERSLIE, THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

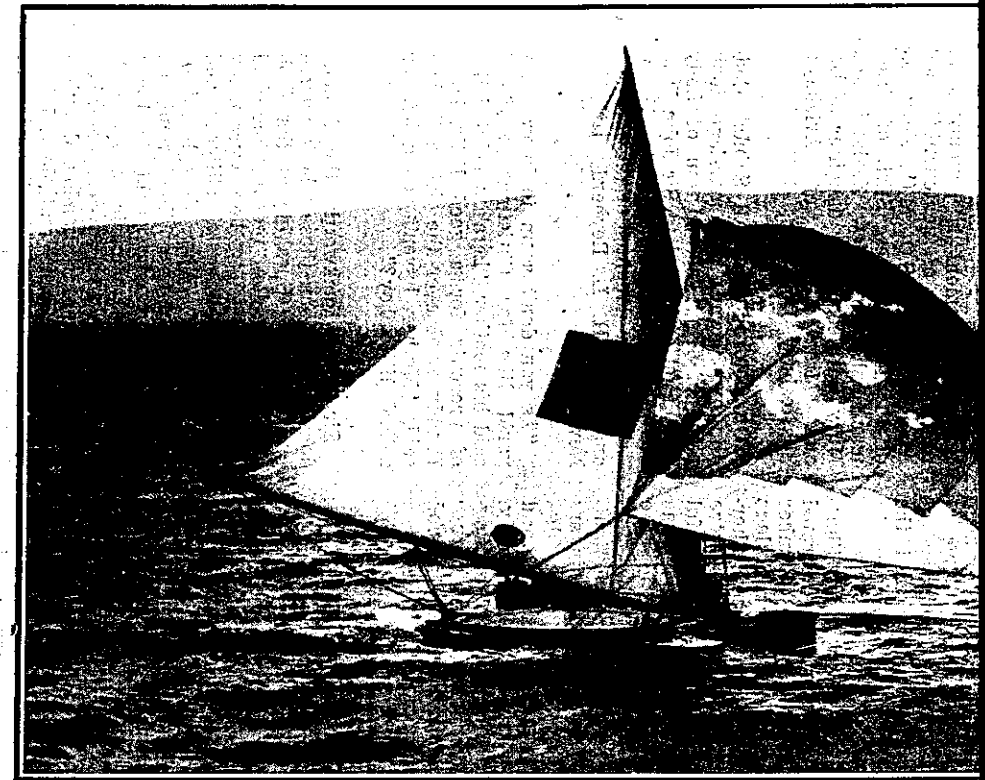


AN ENCHANTING VIEW TAKEN IN THE SADDLING PADDOCK AT THE REAR OF THE STEWARDS' STAND ON THE ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE.

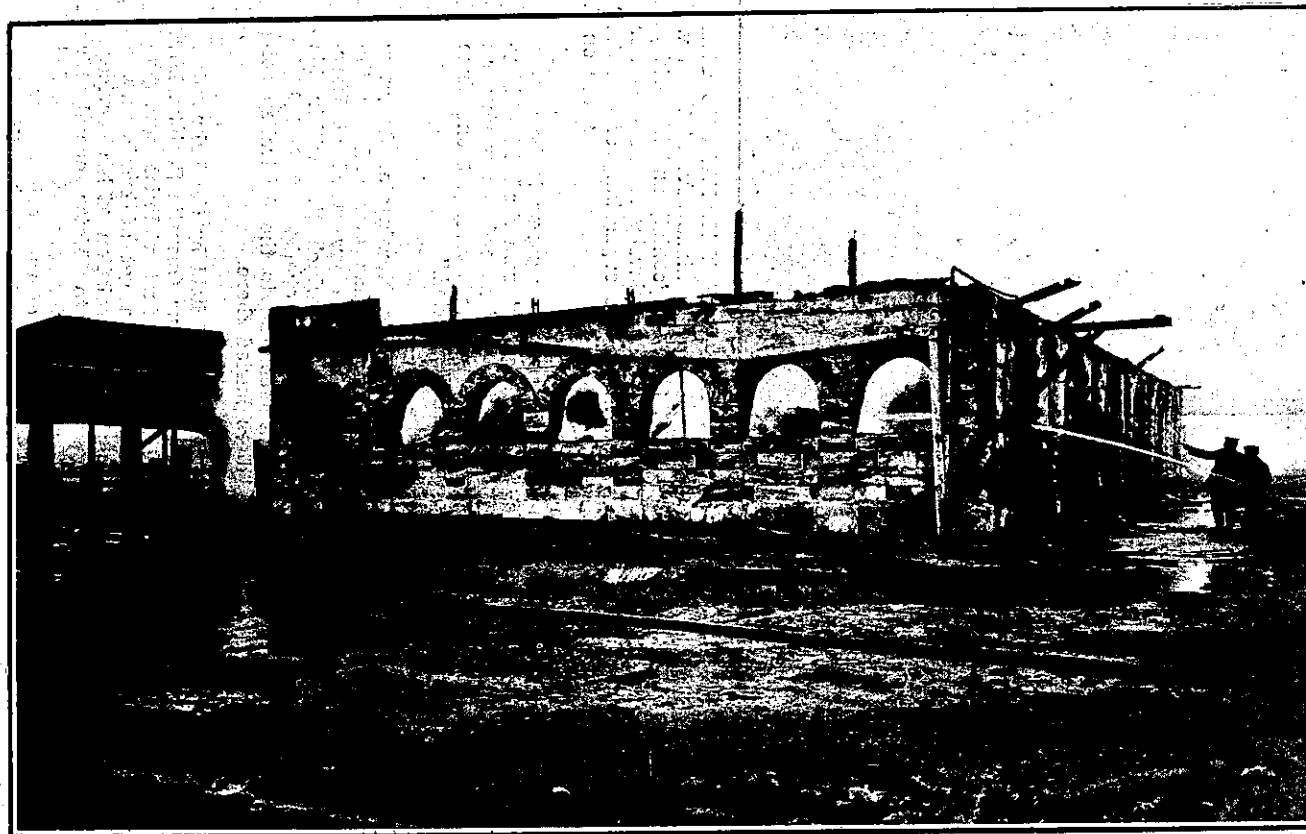
Snapshots on the Sydney Harbour, a Disastrous Fire, and a Crack Auckland Football Team.



MR. A. C. SAXTON'S FINE YACHT AWANUI III. OUT FOR A CRUISE ON SYDNEY HARBOUR.



YACHTING ON SYDNEY HARBOUR—SCOT, WINNER OF THE 18FT. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SEASON.



DISASTROUS FIRE IN SYDNEY.—THE REMAINS OF THE ABATTOIRS AT GLEBE ISLAND, WHERE HUGE STOCKS OF COPRA WERE RECENTLY DESTROYED BY FIRE, THE DAMAGE BEING ESTIMATED AT £50,000.



COLLEGE RIFLES FOOTBALL CLUB SENIOR FIFTEEN, WINNERS OF THE AUCKLAND CHAMPIONSHIP, 1919.—Back Row (from left): Keeper, L. Harty, R. M. Gallagher, A. S. Bagnall, C. Fletcher. Second Row: M. Grierson, F. E. Sutherland, W. A. Laxon (capt.), H. Clay (pres.), L. J. Minogue, J. Grierson. Front Row: F. Pooley. Absent: R. Harty, C. R. Blomfield, A. W. Nisbet.

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.

A branch of the Plunket Society has been formed at Morrinsville. A trained nurse will visit the town every week.

A habit of looking for the best in everybody and of saying kindly instead of unkindly things about them, strengthens the character, elevates ideals, and tends to produce happiness.

Miss Kitty Caselberg has returned to Masterton from South Africa, where she had been staying for some years. For several months Miss Caselberg did V.A.D. work in connection with troops passing through from England to East Africa and vice versa.

French medical writers ascribe the outbreak of influenza, which was severest among women, to the wearing of silk stockings. One doctor declares that he discovered several well-defined cases of female trench feet, which he believed was due to splashing along the boulevards, almost barefooted, in the most bitter weather.

"I am very strongly of opinion that every girl should be taught dancing and deportment, but I think public performances at night are exceedingly bad for growing girls, and I should be glad if parents would forbid their daughters taking any part in such performances during school terms." Miss Butler at the annual prize-giving ceremony at the Girls' Grammar School.

The marriage took place on October 9 at the Parish Church, Edlington, Birmingham, England, of Mr. William Wilson, B.E., late of Auckland University and only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson, "Kirihana," New Brighton, Christchurch, to Miss Florence Ida Boulton, F.S.M., well known in Auckland musical circles and younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Boulton, Stanley Bay, Devonport. Mr. Wilson went to England to assist in war work four years ago.

St. Andrew's Church, Honolulu, was never more beautifully decorated than for the wedding of Paymaster-Lieutenant Reginald Egerton, R.N., on the staff of Admiral of the Fleet, Viscount Jellicoe, of Scapa, and Margaret Falkiner, only daughter of the late Mr. D. McBean and Mrs. L. F. McBean, of Harbury, South Yarra, and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Franc Sadler Falkiner, of Tuppal Estate, New South Wales (states the "Australasian"). The bridal robe of satin was delicately traced with silver and veiled with silver-brocaded georgette, the train being trimmed with bridal flowers and feathers. The Limerick lace veil, lent by Mrs. Norton Grimwade, was arranged over silver flowers. The Rev. Thomas Crick, R.N., chaplain of H.M.S. New Zealand, conducted the service, assisted by the Bishop of Honolulu. Paymaster-Lieutenant-Commander Cecil K. Lloyd, R.N., of H.M.S. New Zealand, was best man, and Lieutenant G. R. Preton, Penny, R.N., groomsman. Miss Ida Knight and Miss Emily Falkiner, cousins of the bride, were bridesmaids. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Alexander Young Hotel, Honolulu, the wedding party and guests later attending at an at home given by Lord Jellicoe and the officers on board H.M.S. New Zealand, where the guests included Lady Jellicoe, the Governor of Honolulu and Mrs. McCarthy, the Bishop of Honolulu and Mrs. Restarick, and most of Lord Jellicoe's staff, as well as the captain and other officers of H.M.S. New Zealand.

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"It will undoubtedly strengthen the crusade against outrageous dress," said Lady Templeton, referring to the boycott of wearers of low-necked transparent dresses that has been proposed by the Genot Catholic Women's Association. Lady Templeton, whose articles on present-day freak fashions caused much comment in London, believes that already the tide is turning in favour of more modest and womanly styles. "At Ascot," she said, "the proportion of dubitable dresses was comparatively small, and wherever I go I detect signs of revolt among the more sensibly minded women. Evidently Continental minds, as well as British ones, are being agitated to protest against the indecencies of feminine fashions. The decision of the Catholic women of Genoa should have a far-reaching effect throughout Italy. Women are fundamentally religious, and when they realise that by wearing indecorous clothes they are helping to weaken the spiritual fibre of the age, they will, I am sure, pronounce an anathema upon the outrageous freaks of modern fashions."

Mrs. Frank Dyer and Miss Lulu Dyer, who have been spending a month's holiday in Auckland and Rotorua, have returned to Wellington.

Bob: "How are you going to keep Christmas Day this year?" Jim: "I don't know. Is there any way of keeping it so it will last until the next one comes?"

The comedietta, "The Fairy Shoemaker," was charmingly performed at the Town Hall Concert Chamber by girls of the St. Cuthbert College singing classes under Mrs. Sutherland's direction. The choruses were excellently sung and showed careful training, while the dressing was dainty and picturesque, and the dances arrayed by Miss Sheila Macfarlan and D. Miller were delightfully done. The principal singers were Miss Eva Robertson, Miss Olga Sturt and Miss Mary Parsons, and they acquitted themselves admirably. The shepherds, Misses Kathleen Bagnall, Lorraine Peacocke, Runa Larner and Florence James, also gave a good account of themselves.

Just live thy life. Seem what thou art,
Nor from simplicity depart,
And peace shall come upon thy heart.
Just live thy life.

—J. L. Stockton.

The engagement is announced in southern papers of Lieutenant-Colonel Alan D. Stitt, D.S.O., M.C., elder son of the late Matthew Stitt, of Braemar, Ashburton, New Zealand, and Mary Kathleen, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harris, of Avishays, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

On October 6, at All Saints', Codrington, Newark, the marriage took place of Hugh, second son of Lady Denniston and the late Sir John Denniston, of Christchurch, to Helen Emily, elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Reynard, Hillside, Newark.

"As you don't seem to know what you'd like for Christmas, Freddy," said his mother, "here's a printed list of presents for a good little boy." Freddy read over the list, and then said: "Mother, haven't you a list for a bad little boy?"

Sir Dyce Duckworth, the famous doctor, is among those who condemn jazz dancing. Speaking at the Æolian Hall, London, recently, he said that in high society there were many signs of carelessness, silliness and ugly conduct. When they heard of those wild dances that went on among people who ought to know better—dances to music good enough only for West African savages—when they saw that in London drawing-rooms, it showed great degradation and demoralisation. He hoped such exhibitions of bad taste and low character would be stopped.

The wedding was celebrated at St. Alban's Church, Eastbourne, on December 10, of Miss Daisy Maud Wilson, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lock, of "Pevensey," Eastbourne, and Mr. Douglas Gordon Jack, of the Public Works Department, Wellington, the Rev. O. M. Stent, M.A., being the officiating clergyman. The bride wore a beautiful cream satin frock, trimmed with gold lace, the upper part of the corsage being composed of cream georgette. Her veil was embroidered with daisies, and caught with clusters of orange blossoms. Her only bridesmaid was Miss Beatrice Wilson Lock. Mr. Norman Jack was best man.

A chronicler of fashion, recently writing from Paris, gives us the lead as to Paquin's decrees in the dress world this season. "The thing that struck me most in Paquin's models," she writes, "is the use of tunics made in pieces. On some dresses they gave the impression of rather larger pockets. In most cases the trimming on these panels runs on the bias instead of straight up and down. This is certainly a very intelligent way of getting something new at a time when nothing very eccentric can be used in the outline. The backs of dresses have never, or almost never, any similarity to the front. This is true of almost all the daytime and evening dresses, and it applies equally to the very heavy materials and to metallic material in brocades and stripes. A dress largely of squirrel, made with a long Egyptian blouse and hardly held in at all at the waist, is a triumph of the furrier's art. It is very rare to see such softness in fur combined with such skill in making. The big capes of sable and chinchilla, which we find at Paquin's, are treated with the same art. The skins are arranged in such a way as to make the wearer look slender, and on the wide border they run in the opposite direction from those of the fronts and the rest of the garment. Capes are most liked by Paquin as a wrap, except for some fitted evening coats in light plush, edged with bear or kid."

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AN ECHO OF THE FAMOUS CHERNIAVSKY MUSICIANS, who have toured New Zealand several times with phenomenal success: Leo (violinist), Mischel ('cellist) and his bride, and Jan Cherniavsky (pianist). Mrs. Mischel Cherniavsky is the daughter of the late B. T. Rogers, who was known as the sugar king of Canada. The wedding took place at Vancouver on August 1.

"The professor seems to be a man of rare gifts," remarked Mrs. Naylor. "He is," agreed the professor's wife. "He hasn't given me one since we were married."

Sir Francis Newdegate, Governor of Tasmania, has arranged for the erection in the graveyard at Harefield Church, which lies within his estate, of an obelisk, 22 feet high, as a memorial to the Australian soldiers buried there.

At a social held by the Palmerston North Amateur Operatic Society, Mr. P. Larcomb, first violinist, was presented with a set of brushes as a mark of appreciation of his services. A welcome to Major-General Sir Edward Chaytor was also accorded by members of the society. Mr. C. Louissou (president) voiced the pleasure of the members at the return of the General, who is patron of the society.

A woman who was for many years a housekeeper in the family of the late Alfred B. Nobel, the Swedish founder of the Nobel Prizes, was leaving to be married. Mr. Nobel wished to reward her services, and asked what she would like for a wedding gift, saying that he would be glad to give her whatever she asked. After consulting with her fiancée, the woman approached Mr. Nobel, and said she had decided what she wanted, but doubted whether she would get it. "Go ahead," said the rich dynamite maker; "I told you to ask for whatever you wished." "Will you give me your income for one day, then, Mr. Nobel?" It took 11 men to reckon it up, but the housekeeper received for a wedding present the sum of £7000.

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Says an overseas writer: The smartest woman in the world—the Parisienne—does not approve of the extreme bareness under the arms, which is popular in England; the ultra-long V—yes; but the armhole must not be too much cut away. They are so wise these Frenchwomen, they realise the fact that the suggestion that some great charm is hidden beneath a fold of tulle or chiffon, is much more alluring than revealing what really is there.

Miss May Fuller, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller, "Geraldine," Devonport, was married at Holy Trinity Church, Devonport, on November 25 to Mr. H. Grubb. The bride looked charming in white ninon poised on satin with court train and handsome veil. The bridesmaids, Miss Madeline Webb and Miss Dorothy White, were in shell pink and blue taffetas respectively, with becoming picture hats. Mr. Nichols was best man. Archdeacon Hawkins performed the ceremony, and the Rev. Mr. Chitty played the Wedding March. A reception was held in the Parish Hall, when over 100 guests were entertained. Various toasts were drunk to the accompaniment of happy speeches, one of the cheeriest and wittiest being made by Mr. C. M. Berkeley, the well-known J. C. Williamson manager.

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Lavished on its beauty. But, O, girl!
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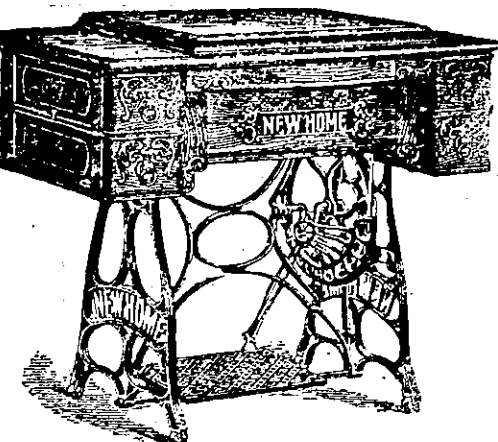
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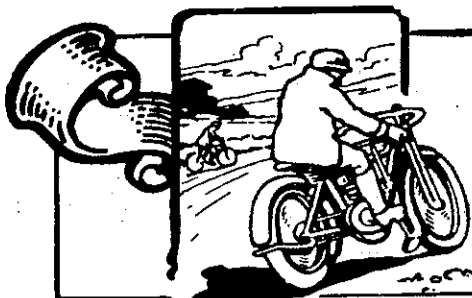
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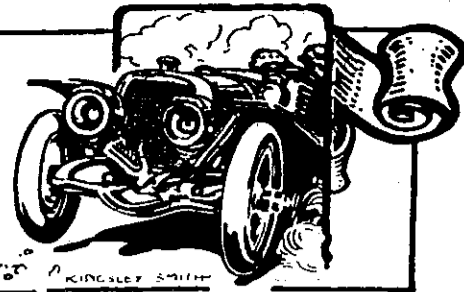
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The Attorney-General, Sir Francis Bell, states that the recent conference on the carriage of benzine cargoes on coastal steamers had considered all aspects of the question in a thorough and helpful manner, and he had no doubt that the result would be that regulations would be framed making for safer conditions than at present obtained. The report of the conference is now being carefully considered by the Government.

Captain L. Isitt flew from Sockburn to Ashburton and back on Tuesday week. He left about 2.15 p.m., and, after flying over the town, reached the aerodrome again about 3.15 p.m., the journey having taken almost exactly an hour. It was an even flight without a hitch, at an average height of 5000 feet. Mr. J. E. Moore was a passenger in the machine.

A serious railway crossing accident was narrowly averted at Whangarei the other day. A motor car driven by a well-known Kamo resident (Mr. J. S. Mackay), who was accompanied by his wife and niece, who proceeded to Whangarei, and when negotiating a level crossing collided with a passing engine. Luckily the car was thrown sideways clear of the track, and the occupants escaped.

The Wellington City Council has had the question of street traffic before it for a number of years, but recently the increase in motor vehicles in the streets had tended to outstrip the efforts made at regulation. The position is now becoming acute, says the "Post," and there is urgent need for the establishment of a comprehensive system of traffic control. A number of valuable suggestions towards securing this were made by the City Traffic Inspector (Mr. L. Drake) in the course of an interview. Mr. Drake is strongly in favour of relieving the congestion of the main channel of traffic through Willis Street and Manners Street by improving the surface of Jervois Quay, Taranaki and Tory Streets, thus furnishing alternative routes between the north and south ends of the city. Most motorists would prefer to avoid the narrow, crowded streets in making a through trip, if they could get a decent road surface elsewhere for locomotion. At present the macadam parts of the suggested alternative routes are not in a condition to attract the motorist away from the main thoroughfare. Mr. Drake holds that the more general good streets are in the city, the wider the traffic will tend to spread and relieve the overcrowded central channels. For the safety of pedestrians, the suggestion is that foot-crossings should be arranged at street intersections, where the traffic is heavy, and notice boards set up to mark the places. A "Safety First" campaign was needed also, and the public ought to be warned against oblique or diagonal crossing of streets crowded with swift-moving traffic. For the control of traffic more thoroughly, it is urged that, if the police cannot spare sufficient officers, the City Council should undertake the work, and train men specially for it as a traffic squad. Patrolmen should attend to all traffic, whether vehicular or pedestrian. In front of schools situated on a street or road where there is heavy traffic or tram service, guard rails should be placed along the kerb to prevent children rushing out of school directly on to the road. It is understood that the City Council is considering in detail the question of traffic control, and probably will discuss a general scheme early next year.

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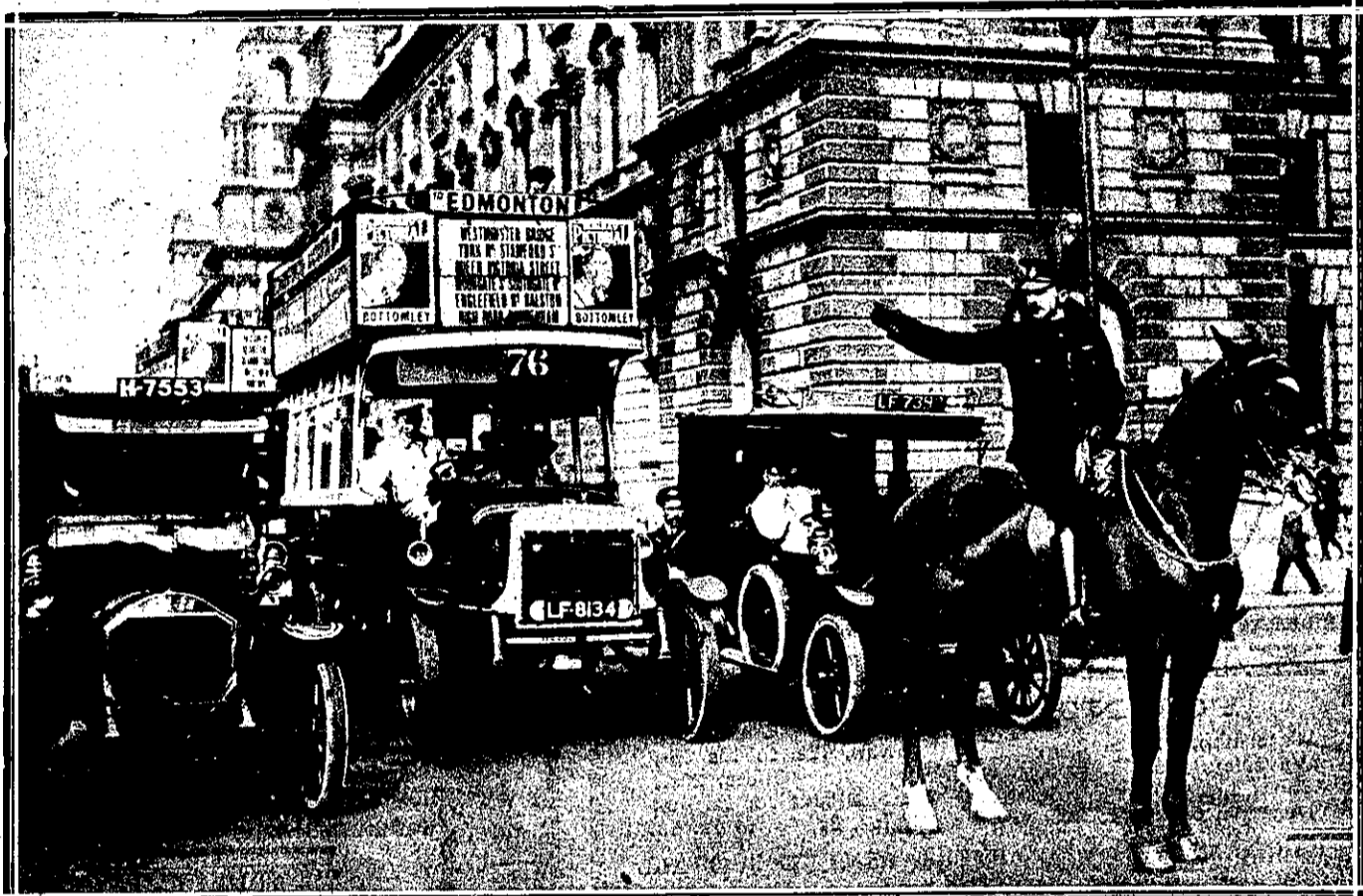
Dargaville had the honour of being the first town in New Zealand to receive a mail conveyed from Auckland by air, and the event was fittingly celebrated by the ringing of the fire-bell and the blowing of the sirens at the local factories and on the river steamers in port. Later, from the balcony of the Northern Wairoa Hotel, the Acting-Mayor (Mr. W. J. Robertson) heartily welcomed the aviators to Dargaville. Mr. Robertson also warmly congratulated the Postmaster-General on his enterprise in having a trial made in the carriage of mails by seaplane and on selecting Dargaville as the first town to enjoy the innovation. The seaplane was a twin-float of 125 h.p., and her crew consisted of Mr. George Bolt as pilot, and Mr. Leo Walsh, director of the Flying School, who was in charge of the experimental run. The aircraft started at 10.15 a.m., and gradually gained elevation, passing the North Head at about 1000 feet above the sea. Following the Rangitoto Channel she made for the Whangaparaoa Peninsula, crossing it at 1820 feet. Opposite

While cranking up his motor car at Geraldine (South Canterbury), the Rev. A. T. Thompson met with a painful accident. The engine back-fired, with the result that Mr. Thompson's arm was broken.

A conclusion was reached before Mr. E. Page, S.M., in the Wellington Magistrate's Court, in the case in which Arthur Turnbull was charged with failing to keep as near as practicable to the left-hand side of the road. The case was a sequel to a recent collision between a motor lorry driven by Turnbull and a tram-car. Defendant claimed that he was proceeding along Lambton Quay from Willis Street, and intended to cross to Featherston Street. He was doing this when a car approached. He endeavoured to turn back, but was struck by the car before he could do so. According to the prosecution, Turnbull was on his wrong side at the time of the accident. The magistrate, after hearing further evidence, fined defendant £1 with costs. Mr. A. M. Salek appeared for defendant.

"In future I intend to impose substantial penalties in cases in which motorists do not observe and comply with the by-laws respecting speeding," said Mr. E. Page, S.M., at the Wellington Magistrate's Court, when a batch of offending motorists came before him. In some of the cases the police evidence was to the effect that the limit of 15 miles per hour had not been greatly exceeded, but in others the offences had been more serious, and the fines were consequently made more severe.

A request for assistance in the maintenance of main arterial roads was brought before the Prime Minister by a deputation representing the Rangiora, Kowai, Waipara, Cheviot, and Amuri County Councils. Mr. G. Witty, M.P., introduced the deputation, which was headed by Mr. R. Evans, who said that the districts concerned were called upon to maintain the main road to Nelson, from which they derived practically no advantage at all. That road cost from six to ten times as much to



PRESENT-DAY TRAFFIC DEMANDS IN LONDON.—MOUNTED POLICE APPOINTED TO CONTROL TRAFFIC. The Metropolitan Police Commissioner is so impressed by the growing seriousness of the traffic problem in London that in order to afford temporary relief he has placed mounted constables on special traffic duty at certain points. The illustration shows a mounted policeman on duty at Whitehall.

Kawau she had made 2300 feet, and at Leigh 3200 feet. Shortly after passing Leigh the pilot bore inland, and when near Mangawai 3900 feet had been gained. When near her westernmost point, over the Wairoa River, she was at her utmost height for the trip (4200 feet), and thenceforward she descended by degrees, finally volplaning to her landing place on the river, opposite Dargaville, sharp at 11.50 a.m.—an hour and 35 minutes from the time of departure from Auckland.

Travellers using the East Coast Road will be pleased to learn that the contractors for the Makarori and Tatapouri sections of the road are making good progress. In a short time the road will be available for traffic, and cut out the necessity of using the beaches at this end. At the present rate of progress the road is expected to be ready for traffic about the middle of January.

Speaking to a "Dominion" reporter, Mr. W. Stuart Wilson said he had been informed that the Government was spending £5000 on the northern side of the Paekakariki Hill. This expenditure, he said, would be of very little use, since that portion of the road had a level surface already. If money were to be spent anywhere on the road, it should be on the Wellington side of the hill, which was the dangerous portion. In any case, the expenditure represented mere tinkering, since the essential work was the proposed deviation.

At last meeting of the Otago Motor Club (Mr. A. E. Ansell presiding), a letter was read from the town clerk (Mr. G. A. Lewin) to the effect that the City Council would make an effort to enforce the existing by-law restricting the speed of motor vehicles to four miles per hour at street intersections, and while passing stationary tramcars. He also stated that when the next by-law on the matter was being prepared it was intended to include a provision prohibiting motors from passing trams while stopping to set down or take up passengers. As the association's representatives at the conference to be held in Dunedin in February for the purpose of forming a South Island Motor Association, Messrs. Ansell, Halliday, Stevenson, Wright and Roberts were appointed.

The motor car as a means of transportation is driving all the electric car lines bankrupt, remarked Mr. D. H. Rundle, of Nelson, in a letter written from San Francisco. Whenever you want to go in California these days you can go in twin six cars, costing here £1000 each. They are very comfortable, and 50 per cent. cheaper than railways. Mr. Rundle adds California to-day has an auto for every six of population. The country towns are crowded with them, driven or owned by people of almost every nationality. Petrol runs about 1ld. a gallon, though to local people that sounds high, as in 1914 they got it for 4d.

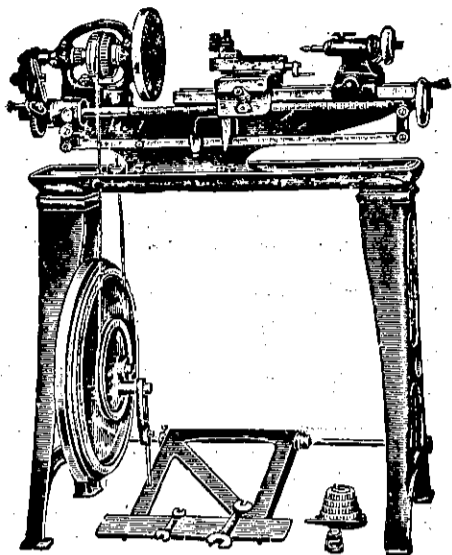
maintain as any other in the country, owing to the heavy motor traffic upon it, and Mr. Evans suggested that the local bodies should be subsidised £ for £ on whatever they spent on such roads. After hearing other speakers, Mr. Massey said that, as far as main roads were concerned, we were now in a transition stage, and what was good enough 50 years ago was not good enough now. He noticed that many districts were now going in for tar-sealing, and he thought that a very good idea, one which would get over the difficulty to some extent. Whether the main roads were taken over by the Government, or whether an arrangement was made with the local bodies, it was quite certain that the Government must assist. Some revenue, he considered, must be got out of the motor traffic to help in keeping the roads in repair. Better transit for the people in the back country was imperative, and the railways could not totally relieve the situation. He advised the deputation to get its proposal before the Minister of Public Works, and it would come before Cabinet. He quite sympathised with the deputation, and agreed that something after the nature of what had been suggested should be granted.

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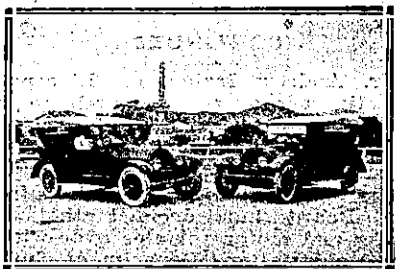
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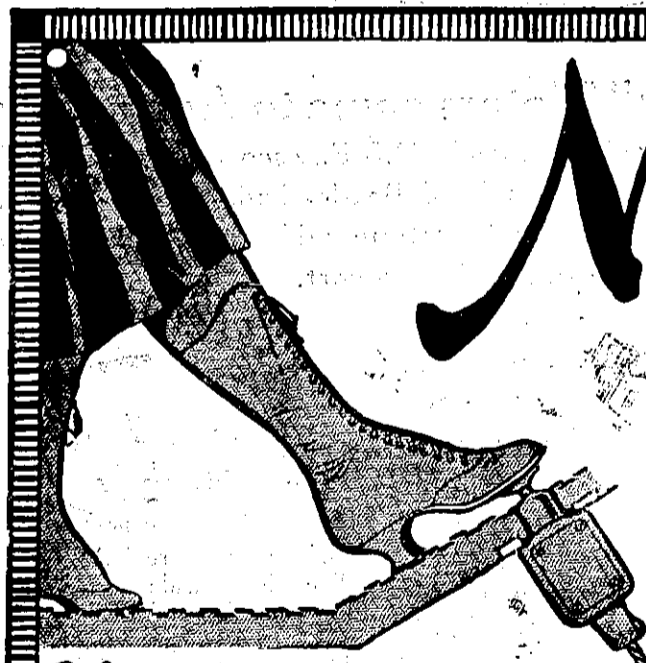
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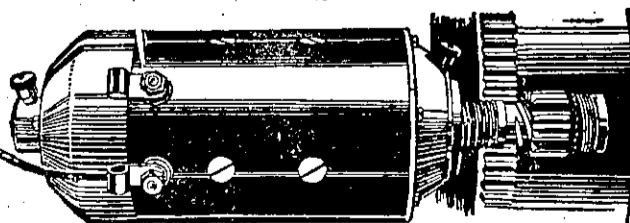
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Mr. Andrew Irvine, of Liverpool, recently rode on a motor cycle to the top of Voel Fras, near Llanfairfechan, which is 3000 feet high.

The Wellington District Repatriation Board has decided that all trucks and motor vehicles over which the Repatriation Department holds security shall be covered by a comprehensive insurance policy.

In a recent advertisement, the advertiser offered to accept a car in part payment for two houses on long lease.

A meeting of business men in Sydney adopted a motion recommending commercial men of Australia to support financially the promotion of commercial aviation, internal and overseas.

Captain J. C. Gleeson, of the American Air Force, intends making an extended tour of New Zealand next year. He is a son of Mr. C. L. Gleeson, of New York, who has been connected with many successful industries. Captain Gleeson was stationed at Old Sarum aerodrome, Salisbury, England, while being trained, and soon became one of the most promising pilots. He saw considerable service with the American Air Force in France, and was looked upon as one of their most courageous aviators when he "crashed" badly near Bapaume, and after a lengthy spell in hospital was compelled to go on one of the instructional staffs.

As a result of representations made by Mr. McKinnon to Sir James Allen during his visit to Otago Central regarding the formation of the new Gladbrook Road, the Hon. D. H. Guthrie (Minister of Lands) has now informed Mr. McKinnon that the work of forming this road, which will serve many of the new soldier settlers of the district, is to be put in hand at once.

From time to time some very fine motor car drives are recorded in Western Australia. One of the latest was that of Mr. H. McLeod, who drove from Carnarvon to Perth, a distance of 770 miles, in 56hr. 50min. Through taking a wrong bush track, he actually covered an additional 80 miles. On paper the figures do not look much, but those who know the country recognise the merit of the drive, which easily beats the rail time.

The entry of American cars, says an English writer, will do much to stabilise the British motor industry. It is bound to bring about a lowering of prices, which will make itself noticeable far beyond motoring circles. Even the threat of the American invasion will produce effect over here, for manufacturers will know that if they fix their prices too high, the prospective purchaser will prefer to wait for an American car. We know, however, that the United States is suffering from a shortage of cars, so that the number able to be spared for exportation must be very limited. Moreover, prices have advanced in the States, and cargo space is scarce. For example, at present the list price asked in England for a certain representative American car of 1919 is £475, whereas the same make of car of slightly higher power in 1914 was sold here for £275. The additional £200 asked for the post-war car includes more than import duty and freight.

The adoption of the 28in. by 3in. wheel for high-powered motor cycles has certainly been attended by good results, and where roads are not good or machines have to be driven over very irregular surfaces an ample crack case clearance is a boon. In this country the need of such is keenly felt. The mischief is, however, that so many people making or possessing such machines are apt to nullify the advantages thereof to some extent by fitting low-built side-cars, and the driver, conscious of the fact that the crank case clears the ground by eight inches or more, thinks he can steer any course he likes on the worst of roads or tracks. Many nasty hits have been registered in this way, the side-car chassis in some cases sustaining severe damage. If we are to have big clearance for the engine, then, to be logical, the whole turnout must be built higher from the ground.

A fire in the motor garage owned by Mr. Greg Neilsen, Waipawa, destroyed four cars in for repairs, two of which were uninsured. The bulk of Mr. Neilsen's stock was saved.

Mr. Percy Coleman had just returned from America, where he has been competing for the past two years, bringing with him the latest eight-valve 7 h.p. Indian racing model. Mr. Coleman will be a competitor at the Napier Club's meeting on the Napier Park racecourse on Monday, December 29.

In connection with the aerial service between London and Amsterdam, two sets of aeroplane landing wheels and tyres to suit the special conditions of the Dutch landing grounds were required in a hurry. The Palmer Tyre, Ltd. (who it will be remembered made the landing wheels and tyres of every bombing and fighting seaplane that left England during the great war) did not happen to have this particular type in stock in London at the moment, but with their usual enterprise immediately got into touch with their Paris house. The tyres were handed over to the Paris representatives of the Aerial Transport and Travel, Limited, brought over to London by the next "Aircro" machine, and within five hours these landing wheels and tyres were ready for fitting to the British Aerial Transport Company's machine, waiting to proceed to Amsterdam.

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There are many motorists who do not realise the importance of changing the oil in the base chamber periodically. They do not realise that the oil becomes dirty and loses body by use, and very often the first indication they get that something is wrong is the overheating of the engine. Some, however, fail to take the hint. A man lately complained bitterly that his car had lost power and was overheating on the hills. Upon taking it to the agents, the firm's expert put various leading questions to him, and at length asked him when he had last changed the oil in the base chamber. His reply was that he had not done so at all. On being asked what mileage he had covered he mentioned 10,000. It is little wonder that his car was suffering from overheating, for even though replenishing from time to time, the lubricating qualities of the mixture in his base chamber must have been very poor owing to the amount of residuum deposited and the remnant of oil which had lost its body.

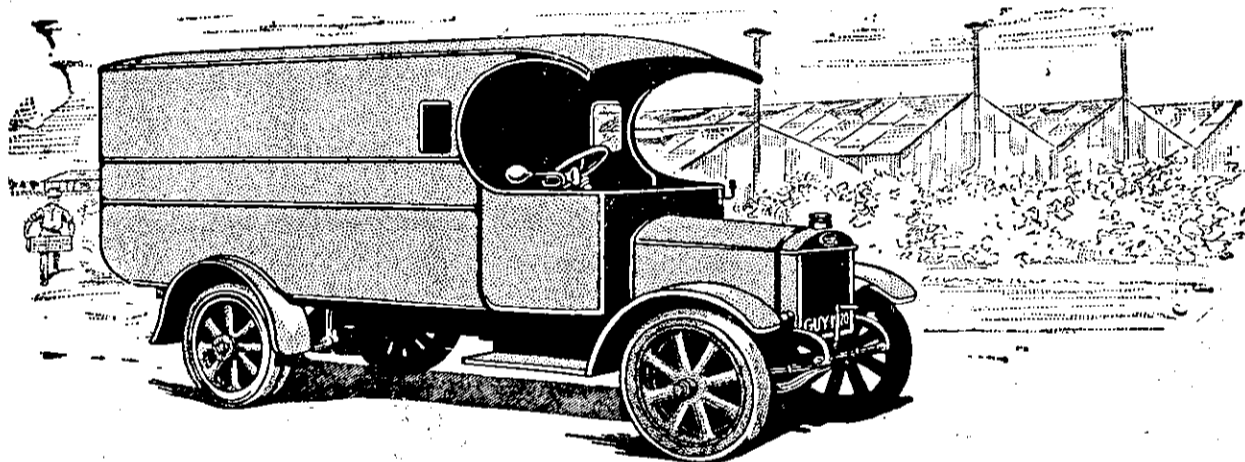
At a conference of the London Aero Club, Mr. Andrew Fisher, High Commissioner for Australia, decided that subject to verification of his machine, Captain Ross Smith was the winner of the Commonwealth Government's prize of £10,000 for the first to fly from England to Australia, having fulfilled all the conditions. The "New York Times" says editorially that Captain Ross Smith has done a wonderful thing for the prestige of the British Empire. He must be hailed as the foremost living aviator, for he never blundered or faltered.

The proposed experiments in the carriage of mails by seaplane in the Auckland district are to be made early in January. The Postmaster-General, the Hon. J. G. Coates, states that the trial runs will take the form of a round service between Auckland, Dargaville, Whangarei, Thames, and back to the city. One of Messrs. Walsh Brothers' seaplanes will be used in the first instance, but a new machine is being secured by the Postal Department for use in the later developments of the service.

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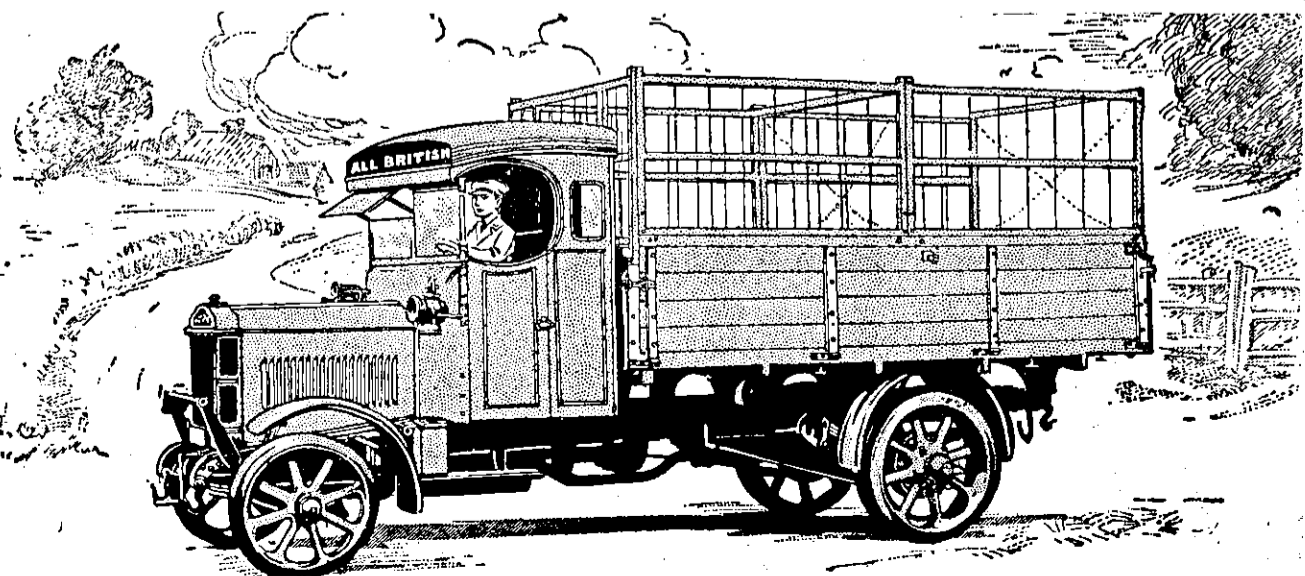
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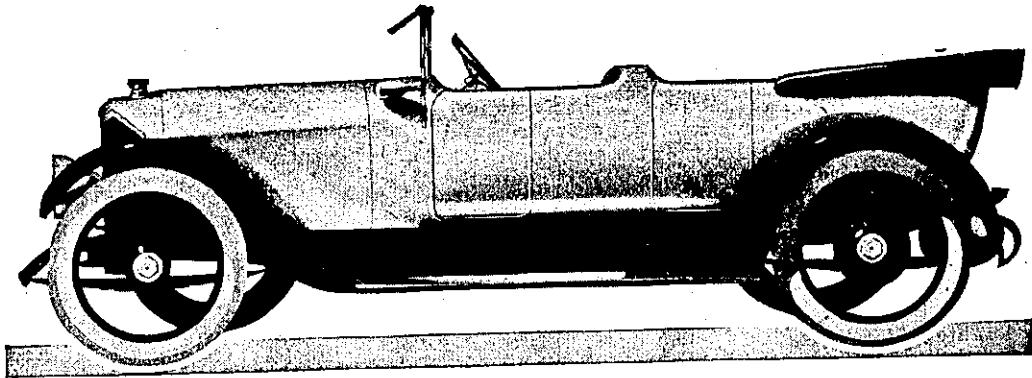
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SYDNEY'S BEAUTY GIRLS.

A TIVOLI PROBLEM.

It seems that at least five thousand girls in Sydney, who were either born beautiful, had beauty thrust upon them, or had acquired beauty, were prepared to accept ten pounds a week, and be starred and featured into the bargain! (says the "Sydney Daily Telegraph").

Many were called, but only six were chosen, with an emergency six in case of need. And the job of getting down to that six has been causing a lot of trouble at the Tivoli lately. Photographs by post settled many fates; personal visits blighted the hopes of hundreds, and countless tears were shed. Till out of the thousand only 47 were left.

Somewhere about here the Tivoli authorities gave the affair best, and called in artists Sass, Julius, and Carter to find the six. And after a three hours' struggle they found them.

The judging was carried out from the middle of the Tivoli stalls, and Beauty, in forty-seven pulsating bundles of alluring femininity—cold, coy, and shy; loving, bold, and demure; from classic to so-so; from the fairest of the fair to the darkest of the dark, with dashes of red in between—took the stage with halting steps.

Beauty takes a lot of coaxing, especially into borrowed frocks, and the first batch tripped before the footlights—plenty of amber; Mr. Claude Flemming master of ceremonies, for the dangerous afternoon insisted on that—posed, smiled, swayed, and floated off again.

Batch succeeded batch, and then thirty remained.

More weeding narrowed the thirty down to eighteen, and the exhibition officially started. For the eighteen had discarded the borrowed frocks, and the scene lost its kaleidoscopic appearance. They arrived in charming blushes, filmy camisoles, silken bloomers, and faery stockings.

The only additional barricades the artists put up were large cigars, and they retired behind the smoke and their pads, and reduced these things of beauty and joys for ever to so many cold pencilled figures.

As the girls grew tired and more used to themselves they began to look really pretty, and unsuspected attractions were revealed. And the prettier they looked the harder the artists figured.

It was getting exciting. They went up to the front row of the stalls; they marched the wearied girls up and down; sent them out for a rest; brought them back again; walked them about in pairs; singly; up and down till the stage resolved itself into a hopeless, glorious tangle of bewitching legs and dimpled arms—then out of the ruins rose the pretty lucky winsome Six—I. Astor, H. Griffith, N. Conrade, A. Barbour, S. Quist, and L. de Beere; all local girls. And an alluring six they were—you wondered where they came from; how the artists found them; but there they were and they were worth the beholding.

Then the emergency six were selected from the disappointed remainder, and the artists sat back and sighed—contentment over a task done well.

Slowly the maidens marched off the stage; sadly and gladly they picked up their clothes, and were lost in the gloom at the back; like the Arabs, they had folded their tents, and as silently stolen away. . . . And all was peace.

The selected six are appearing in the Tivoli production "As You Were," as show girls. Their engagement is for six months.

It was decided at a well-attended meeting held in Hamilton to invite the New South Wales State Orchestra to visit the town. A committee was appointed, with Mr. A. E. Manning as chairman and Mr. A. E. Webb as secretary, and it was decided that the guarantee should consist of 60 at £5 each. All present signed the guarantee.

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The de Bakers, classical poseurs, are back in New Zealand on the Fuller circuit and are at present gracing the Auckland bill.

How the theatres fared during the musicians' strike in Sydney is told in the Sydney "Sun"—Her Majesty's presented the most serious proposition, and the big audience no doubt included many who expected to see some fun outside that supplied in the "Going Up" musical comedy itself. Punctually at 8 the orchestra of two pianos, four violins, trombone, flute, clarinet, 'cello and double bass (most of the "strings" were ladies, including the double bass and 'cello), and drum, made its appearance, and received a round of applause. Mr. Andrew McCunn then came on the scene with his white gloves as immaculate as ever. The overture opened unsteadily, as if the players were a wee bit nervous. But matters soon righted themselves, and at its conclusion there was a bigger round of applause. The band, of course, was small and lacked the rich orchestral colour. But the players bravely stuck to their guns, and the accompaniments to the songs, merry jingles and dances were played without a cue being missed or a serious mishap of any kind. At the back of the dress circle the members of the J. C. Williamson firm assembled in force. Later they were joined by members of other managements, and there was a lot of good-natured chaff going about. At the end of the performance the principals and chorus assembled on the stage and cheered and applauded the conductor and his band, in which latter the audience joined, the applause lasting for some minutes. The Tivoli carried on the musical accompaniments to "My Lady Frayle" with a couple of pianos, a few violinists and a flute. The Palace had two violins and a piano, and Fullers' vaudeville and the Grand Opera House were independent with their orchestral piano-organ.



Some of the Aviation Ballet in "Going Up," to be produced during the Auckland season of the J. C. Williamson Musical Comedy Company.

Miss Emelie Polini says she does not know any country of the approximate dimensions of New Zealand which presents such a variety of scenery and topographical contrasts as does New Zealand. "I thought," she said in the course of an interview, "that after three weeks in Wellington I knew pretty well what sort of place New Zealand was, but on reaching Auckland I saw that I had judged a little rashly, for after the bracing non-stop winds of Wellington I found myself in a city like the beginnings of another Sydney, a place with a very beautiful harbour, dotted with interesting islands of innumerable seaside spots, each with a shelving beach of yellow sand, with the languor of a sub-tropical country in the air on its sunniest days. This, I thought, was the real New Zealand. But I came here (Christchurch), and I find myself in a nice subdued English provincial town, with its long, flat streets, all radiating from an old grey cathedral, and a dear little soft-flowing stream with green banks, to waft me back to Canterbury, or Leicester, or Stratford-on-Avon. Indeed, I can't for the life of me believe




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Miss Rosina Buckman has been engaged by Sir Thomas Beecham to appear at his coming season of grand opera in English at Covent Garden. For the first time the great mystery drama "Parsifal" will be sung in English.

There is a strong French flavouring about "Yes, Uncle," the latest piece in the repertoire of the New Musical Comedy Company. The musical farce hinges upon the predicament of a young artist who married the new love before he got rid of the old. Caught in a more than merely tight corner, he arranges for a friend to impersonate him, not knowing that his wife has made a similar arrangement. The inevitable rich uncle turns up to pour his fortune into the lap of a nephew who is really no relation, and a niece-in-law who is in fact a typical merry widow with nothing to do with the case in point. And that's only the beginning of the tangle, which receives its eventual solving in a sensational last act.

The great English actor, Sir Henry Irving, had his own intensely gay and humorous side, says Mr. Clement Scott, in old Bohemian days. His lifelong stage manager, Harry Loveday, used to say that the only time he ever saw "the chief" at a loss for words was at a dress rehearsal of "Henry the Eighth," in 1892, when the situation appealed so strongly to his sense of humour and sent him into such fits of laughter that he simply couldn't speak. Wearing the gorgeous geranium pink robes of Cardinal Wolsey, the actor-manager stepped off the stage, and up to the back of the auditorium, to watch the gorgeousness of the scenes as arranged by Seymour Lucas, A.R.A. He was standing there all alone, and thoroughly enjoyed the fanfare of silver trumpets, the magnificence of the processions, the choristers with their lace-trimmed albs and scarlet soutanes, the servitors, the retinue, the retainers, the rose-robed cardinals who acted as the judges, when everything came to a sudden halt. A "silence that could be felt" swept over the whole crowd. Everybody paused breathlessly. Irving shouted as loudly as he could: "Keep it up. Why this wait? For heaven's sake, don't let it down at such a moment! Loveday—where's Loveday!" On trotted little Mr. Loveday from the wings, not a smile on his face. "I'm here, Mr. Irving." "What's wrong? Who is keeping the whole stage waiting like this." "It's your cue, Mr. Irving," replied Harry Loveday, quietly. "Arc you coming?"

that I am not in England when I stroll in the early morning along the banks of the stream and under oaks and chestnuts that lead to the museum and college. It is all so intensely English that it makes me just a tiny bit homesick. I don't know Dunedin yet, but am now primed for any surprise. In the meantime I'm brushing up my knowledge of Burns in case of accidents."

A music-hall programme by film is the latest development in the kinema world in England, and a British firm is arranging to issue such a series in one-part pictures. "Our great aim is a true variety of short subjects," said a member of the firm. "The films we have in hand at present show 'turns' by dancers, acrobats, performing animals, swimmers, jugglers, and skaters and there is also a series of what might be called 'potted' revues. The comedy element will be supplied by short British comedies like the series called 'Till Our Ship Comes In.' They will be genuine comedy, with no reliance on horseplay or 'knock-about.' Further variety will be added by scenic pictures.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

To be held on the Club's Course, Te Hapara.

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AND 7, 1920.

OFFICERS:

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FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1920.

- To start at 12.15 p.m.
- 1. **FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles.
- 2. **TE HAPARA HACK HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. To be ridden by apprentices who have not won more than 15 races. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Seven furlongs.
- 3. **VI PERE MEMORIAL HANDICAP** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Six furlongs.
- 4. **MAIDEN SCURRY** of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For horses that have never won a race of any description. Weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Four furlongs.
- 5. **GISBORNE CUP HANDICAP** of 500 sovs (450sovs in specie and a cup value of 50sovs); second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 40 sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 100s. One mile and a-quarter.
- 6. **FIRST WELTER HANDICAP** of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. One mile.
- 7. **RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Five furlongs.
- 8. **PARK HANDICAP** of 160sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1920.

- To start at 12.15 p.m.
- 1. **SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. One mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles.
- 2. **TARUHERU HACK HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Six furlongs.
- 3. **FLYING HANDICAP** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Six furlongs.
- 4. **MAIDEN SCURRY HANDICAP** of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For horses that have never won a race, except the winner of the Maiden Scurry the first day, which shall be eligible. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Five furlongs.
- 5. **GISBORNE RACING CLUB HANDICAP** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 30 sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. One mile.
- 6. **SECOND WELTER HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Seven furlongs.
- 7. **AWAPUNI HACK HANDICAP** of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Five furlongs.
- 8. **FINAL HANDICAP** of 160sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Seven furlongs.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any race after the declaration of weights may be re-handicapped.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events close on FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1920, at 8 p.m. WEIGHTS declared for First Day's Handicaps on SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1920.

ACCEPTANCES for the whole of the First Day's Events close on FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1920, at 8 p.m. WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handicaps declared on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1920 (Night of First Day's Races) at 8.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the whole of the Second Day's Events close on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1920, at 9.30 p.m.

H. E. DODD, Secretary.

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

HAWERA.

SUMMER MEETING.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AND 12, 1920.

President: R. H. Nolan. Vice-President: J. Gray. Stewards: President, Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer, W. C. Adamson, R. Hicks, H. Spratt, S. Adamson, Junr., G. Larcom, C. H. Washer, A. Good, C. H. F. Macpherson, W. O. Williams, W. Good, C. J. Preston. Starter: C. O'Connor. Clerk of Course: T. C. Sutherland. Clerk of Scales: F. W. Sutton. Handicapper: H. Coyle. Timekeeper: T. F. Goddard. Judge: J. Cameron. Hon. Surgeons: Drs. J. McGehe, W. M. Thomson, Hon. Vet. Surgeon: Major Neale. Hon. Treasurer: F. G. Kimbell. Secretary: V. B. Stratton.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1920.

- OHAWE HURDLES**, a Handicap of 220 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles about 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile and three-quarters.
- FLYING HANDICAP**, a Handicap of 350sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 50s. Six furlongs.
- MERE MERE HACK FLAT**, a Handicap of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stakes. Minimum weight 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. Five furlongs.
- EGMONT CUP**, a Handicap of 800sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 7sovs. One mile and a-half.
- LADIES' PURSE (Hack)** of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. For gentlemen riders. Weight 10.7. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 20sovs on the flat at time of starting. A trophy value 5sovs to the rider of the winner. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Eight furlongs and a-half.
- EGMONT STAKES** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stakes. For horses two year old and upwards at time of starting. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after August 1, 1919, of a race or races collectively of the value of 250sovs to carry 3lb., of 500sovs 5lb., of 750sovs 7lb., of 1000sovs 10lb. extra. Maiden four-year-olds and upwards at time of starting allowed 10lb., three-year-olds 7lb., two-year-olds 3lb. (Closed.) Six furlongs.
- WAIPAPA HACK FLAT**, a Handicap of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stakes. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. Seven furlongs.
- WHAREROA WELTER**, a Handicap of 250sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stakes. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1920.

- OKAIAWA HURDLES**, a Handicap of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles about 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. One mile and a-half.
- WAIMATE HANDICAP**, a Handicap of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs.
- FARMERS' PLATE HANDICAP (Hack)** of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. For gentlemen riders. Minimum weight, 10.0. A trophy value 5sovs to the rider of the winner. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a distance.
- ATKINSON MEMORIAL STAKES**, a Handicap of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
- MAIDEN HACK SCURRY** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Open to horses that have never won a race of any description at time of starting. Weight, 8.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs.
- HAWERA STAKES** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stakes. For horses three years old and upwards at time of starting. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after August 1, 1919, of a race of the value of 250 sovs to carry 3lb., of 500sovs 5lb., of 750sovs 7lb., of 1000sovs, 10lb. extra. Penalties not accumulative. Maiden four-year-olds and upwards at time of starting allowed 10lb.; three-year-olds 7lb. (Closed.) One mile.
- INAHACK FLAT**, a Handicap of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stakes. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. Six furlongs.
- NORMANBY WELTER**, a Handicap of 250sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stakes. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Eight furlongs and a-half.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any race after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb., of two or more such races, 14lb. Horses handicapped at 8.7 or over half the above penalties.

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

No penalty to be incurred in an open race for having won a hack race.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES.

And Amounts to be Forwarded.

NOMINATIONS for all Races 1sov, FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1920, at 8 p.m. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1920, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Ohawe Hurdles 2 sovs. Flying Handicap 50s., Mere Mere Hack Flat 30s., Egmont Cup 7sovs, Ladies' Purse 1sov, Waipapa Hack Flat 30s., Whareroa Welter 2sovs.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1920, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Okaiawa Hurdles 30s., Waimate Handicap 2sovs, Farmers' Plate Handicap 1sov, Atkinson Memorial Stakes 4sovs, Maiden Hack Scurry 1sov, Inaha Hack Flat 30s., Normanby Welter 2sovs.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1920, at 8 p.m. SECOND FORFEITS of 2sovs.—Egmont Stakes, 1920, Hawera Stakes, 1920, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1920, at 8 p.m.

SUBSCRIPTION of 6sovs.—Egmont Stakes, 1920, Hawera Stakes, 1920.

WEIGHTS for First Day on or about FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1920.

WEIGHTS for Second Day WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1920, at 8 p.m.

N.B.—The foregoing programme is subject to revision by the Committee prior to closing, as to dates of entry, acceptances, etc.

The Committee reserve the right to alter the date on which the handicaps appear, should they deem it fit to do so. Nominations and Acceptances will be received at the office of the Club, Hawera, Telegraph Office closes at 8 p.m.

No entry will be received after the hour named under any pretext whatever.

All Nominations and Acceptances made by telegram must be confirmed by letter immediately afterwards.

Definition of Hack.—As per Rules of Racing, Part XI.

V. B. STRATTON, Secretary.

Box 51, Hawera. Phone No. 437.

Approved this 18th day of November, 1919, by Taranaki District Committee.—E. P. WEBSTER, Secretary.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 22, 24, 1920.

FIRST DAY.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1920.

- 1. **TRENTHAM WELTER HANDICAP** (Hack Conditions) of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third horse 25sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile.
- 2. **NURSER Y HANDICAP** of 400sovs; second horse to receive 80sovs, and the third horse 40sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. Five furlongs.
- 3. **ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP** of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 80 sovs, and the third horse 40sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. One mile.
- 4. **TRIAL PLATE (Hack Conditions)** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60 sovs, and the third horse 30sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Weights: Three-year-olds 7.7, four-year-olds and upwards 8.3; fillies and geldings allowed 3lb. Entry 3sovs. Seven furlongs.
- 5. **WELLINGTON CUP HANDICAP** of 1500sovs; second horse to receive 300sovs, and the third horse 150 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 15sovs. One mile and a-half.
- 6. **WELLINGTON STAKES** of 750sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, the third horse 50sovs, and the nominator of the winner 50sovs from the stake. For two and three-year olds. Weight for age. Winners after August 1, 1919, of any race or races of the collective value of 200sovs, 3lb extra; of 300sovs, 5lb extra; of 400sovs, 7lb extra; 500sovs, 10lb extra; 700sovs, 14lb extra. By subscription of 8sovs each unless forfeit of 1sov is declared and paid before nine o'clock p.m. on December 19, 1919, after which date the full subscription is payable. (Closed.) Five furlongs.
- 7. **TELEGRAPH HANDICAP** of 1000 sovs; second horse to receive 200 sovs, and the third horse 100sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 10sovs. Six furlongs.
- 8. **RUAPEHU HANDICAP (Hack Conditions)** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third horse 25sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1920.

- 1. **MUNGAROA WELTER HANDICAP** (Hack Conditions) of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third horse 25sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.
- 2. **JANUARY WELTER HANDICAP** of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70 sovs, and the third horse 35sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile.
- 3. **FITZHERBERT HANDICAP** of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 60 sovs, and third horse 30sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds that have not won a race exceeding the value of 200sovs at the time of starting. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Five furlongs.
- 4. **KELBURN PLATE** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third horse 50sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds and up-

wards. Weight for age. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. Four furlongs.

- 5. **WELLINGTON RACING CLUB HANDICAP** of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs, and the third horse 100sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 10 sovs. One mile and three furlongs.
- 6. **DURO CUP HANDICAP (Hack Conditions)** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third horse 50sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. One mile.
- 7. **METROPOLITAN HANDICAP** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third horse 50sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 6sovs. Six furlongs.
- 8. **CAMP HANDICAP (Hack Conditions)** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third horse 25sovs from the stake. Riders to be apprentices who have not won more than 15 races. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Five furlongs.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1920.

- 1. **WALLACEVILLE WELTER HANDICAP (Hack Conditions)** of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and the third horse 25sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.
- 2. **MELROSE WELTER HANDICAP** of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70 sovs, and the third horse 35sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 8sovs. Seven furlongs.
- 3. **HOPEFUL STAKES HANDICAP** of 400sovs; second horse to receive 80 sovs, and the third horse 40sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. Five furlongs.
- 4. **WATERLOO STAKES** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third horse 50sovs from the stake. Weight for age. The winner of any race or races since August 1, 1919, of the collective value of 500sovs to carry 3lb extra; 750sovs, 5lb extra; 1000sovs and upwards 10lb extra. Maiden two and three-year-olds allowed 5lb and 7lb respectively. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. Six furlongs.
- 5. **SUMMER HANDICAP** of 750sovs; second horse to receive 150sovs, and the third horse 75sovs. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 7sovs. One mile.
- 6. **CONSOLATION HANDICAP** of 450 sovs; second horse to receive 90 sovs, and the third horse 45sovs from the stake. For horses that have not won a race at the meeting. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
- 7. **CITY HANDICAP** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third horse 50sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. Six furlongs.
- 8. **KAITOKE HANDICAP (Hack Conditions)** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third horse 25sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Five furlongs.

Horses entered for the Fitzherbert Handicap or the Consolation Handicap save their fees if ineligible to start.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any race or races on the same day shall carry a 7lb penalty in handicaps, except in the Wellington Cup, Wellington Racing Club Handicap, and the Summer Handicap. No penalty to be incurred in open events for wins in races with hack conditions.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

N.B.—All events close at nine o'clock p.m. unless stated to the contrary.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1919.

NOMINATIONS for all Open Events close at 9 o'clock p.m. FORFEIT (1sov) due for Wellington Stakes.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1920.

NOMINATIONS for all events with Hack Conditions close at 9 p.m. WEIGHTS declared for the First Day's Open Events.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1920.

WEIGHTS declared for the First Day's Handicaps with Hack Conditions.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1920. ACCEPTANCES for First Day's Events close at 9 o'clock p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1920.

WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handicaps, in morning papers. ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's Events close at 12.30 o'clock p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1920.

WEIGHTS for Third Day's Handicaps, in morning papers. ACCEPTANCES for Third Day's Events close at 12.30 o'clock p.m.

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NORTHERN WAIROA RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

To be held on the Awakino Course, Dargaville, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1920.

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PROGRAMME.

1. FINLAYSON HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 8sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. One mile.
2. MAIDEN HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 8sovs out of stakes. For horses that have not won stakes to the value of 50 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 30s. Six furlongs.
3. NORTHERN WAIROA CUP of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Nomination 30s., acceptance 30s. One mile and a quarter.
4. SETTLERS' HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 8sovs out of stakes. For horses that have been owned by bona fide residents in any county north of Riverhead, and that have not won a race at time of starting. Entrance 30s. Five furlongs.
5. RAILWAY HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.
6. DARGAVILLE HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 8sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.
7. AWAKINO STAKES of 50sovs; second horse to receive 8sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Five furlongs.
8. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 8sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. All races to be run under the Rules of Racing as adopted by the Racing Conference of New Zealand.
 2. NOMINATIONS close at the Secretary's Office, Dargaville; or with Blomfield and Co, Gleeson's Buildings, High Street, Auckland, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1919, at 5 p.m.
 3. Entries by telegram must be confirmed in writing by the first mail.
 4. Owners, trainers and others, are notified that entries and acceptances must be accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.
 5. When nominating, the name and address of the trainer must be given; also, the name (or assumed name) of the owner, with his address.
 6. All colours must be registered, or a fine of £1 will be imposed.
 7. Any owner running a horse in colours other than those named at time of entry will be fined.
 8. All persons intending to withdraw horses are required to give notice to the Secretary or Clerk of Scales one half-hour before the time appointed for starting the race.
 9. Prior to any race the Stewards may order a parade in front of the lawn.
 10. The Stewards reserve the right to alter the date or time for the declaration of nominations, weights, or acceptances, as they think fit.
 11. Winner of any race or races after the declaration of weights may be re-handicapped by the Handicapper.
 12. The Stewards may, if they deem it desirable, postpone the races from time to time owing to inclement weather.
 13. WEIGHTS will be declared on or about MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1920.
 14. ACCEPTANCES close with the Secretary, at Dargaville, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1920, at 5 p.m.
- J. P. STANAWAY,
Secretary.

HAMILTON RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

To be Held on the Claudelands Course, HAMILTON, SATURDAY AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7 and 9, 1920.

OFFICERS:

President: Mr. G. W. Vercoe. Vice-President: Mr. F. R. Seddon. Judge: Mr. R. B. Lusk. Handicapper: Mr. F. McManamin. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Clerk of Scales: Mr. E. O'Meara. Clerk of Course: Mr. R. Casey. Timekeeper: Mr. J. Douglas. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. Dalgliesh. Auditors: Messrs. Sanson and O'Meara. Hon. Vet. Sur.: Mr. Glover. Stewards: Messrs. G. W. Vercoe (President), F. R. Seddon (Vice-President), J. Bruce, T. Clarkin, I. Coates, J. Dalgliesh, A. N. Dingle, H. T. Gillies, E. Goodwin, A. Miller, W. C. Morgan, T. Platt, J. C. Potts, S. Tapp, H. Windsor. Secretary: Mr. R. J. Gwynne.

FIRST DAY.

1. TRIAL HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the

stakes. For horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of starting. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile.

2. CLAUDELANDS HANDICAP of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1½sovs. Distance, five furlongs.
3. TAMAHERE STAKES HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stakes. For two and three-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, five furlongs.
4. HAMILTON CUP HANDICAP of 1000 sovs; second horse to receive 200 sovs, and third horse 100sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 9sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.
5. WAIMAI HANDICAP HURDLES of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters and 50 yards.
6. KARAMU WELTER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stakes. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1½ sovs. Distance, one mile.
7. CAMBRIDGE HANDICAP of 600 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. Distance, six furlongs.
8. HAUTAPU HACK HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stakes. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

1. FRANKTON HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stakes. For horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of starting. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.
2. TAUWHARE HANDICAP of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1½sovs. Distance, five furlongs.
3. MATANGI HURDLE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters and 50 yards.
4. WAIKATO HANDICAP of 700sovs; second horse to receive 140sovs, and third horse 70sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 6sovs. Distance, one mile and a distance.
5. TAUPIRI HACK HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stakes. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.
6. RUAKURA STAKES of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stakes. For two and three-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1½sovs. Distance, five furlongs.
7. KIRIKIROA HANDICAP of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, six furlongs.
8. TE KOWHAI WELTER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stakes. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1½sovs. Distance, one mile.

OWNERS AND TRAINERS PLEASE NOTE.

All entries and acceptances must be accompanied by necessary payments. Entries and acceptances sent by telegram or phone must be confirmed by letter at once, otherwise the fine under the Rules of Racing will be imposed. The course is just over a mile in circumference, and the track is in first-class racing order.

CONDITIONS.

Winners after declaration of weights liable to be re-handicapped. ENTRIES for all events close with the Secretary, Mr. R. J. Gwynne, Waikato Times Buildings, or P.O. Box 26, Hamilton, or Mr. C. F. Mark, c/o Messrs. Blomfield and Co., Gleeson's Buildings, High Street, Auckland, at 8 p.m. on FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1920. WEIGHTS will be declared not later than MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1920. ACCEPTANCES for First Day will be received up to 8 p.m. on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1920, by the Secretary, or Mr. C. F. Mark, at the above addresses. WEIGHTS for Second Day about 8 p.m. on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7. ACCEPTANCES for Second Day close with the Secretary at 9 p.m. on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

R. J. GWYNNE,
Secretary.

Waikato Times Buildings,
P.O. Box 26, Hamilton.

NORTHERN WAIROA BOXING ASSOCIATION.

BOXING CONTEST.

To be held on JANUARY 17, 1920.

The Well-known Featherweights,
GUS VENN (Taumarunui)

V.
W. OLIVER (Auckland)

15 ROUNDS CONTEST FOR A PURSE OF 50SOVS.

Several Other Interesting Bouts are Being Arranged.

The fight will take place on the evening of the Northern Wairoa Racing Club's Meeting, and should prove an Additional Attraction to the Sporting Fraternity.

HUGH LLOYD, Secretary.



NORTHERN BOXING ASSOCIATION.

TOWN HALL.
TOWN HALL.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 30,
TUESDAY DECEMBER 30,
AT 8 P.M.

HEAVY-WEIGHT CONTEST.

J. TRACEY
J. TRACEY
(AUSTRALIA.)

V.

A. POOLEY
A. POOLEY
(NEW ZEALAND.)

15 THREE-MINUTE ROUNDS.
FOR PURSE OF £200.

BEST LOCAL AMATEURS APPEARING IN PRELIMINARY BOUTS.
ADMISSION: 6s. (reserves), 4s. 3s. 2s.
Box Plan Wildman and Arey's.

A. H. GYLLIES,
Hon. Secretary.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF NEW ZEALAND, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED .. £3,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP .. £1,000,000
RESERVE FUND .. £1,000,000

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND for the half-year ended 30th September last, at the rate of Twelve (12) per cent. per annum, has been declared by the Directors, and will be paid to Shareholders in the Dominion on the 5th January, 1920.

D. W. DUTHIE,
General Manager.
Wellington, 22nd December, 1919.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, 1920.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST DECEMBER, 1919.

A train will leave Auckland for Helensville at 6.30 p.m.
A train will leave Auckland for Mercer at 5.30 p.m.
A train will leave Cambridge for Frankton at 6.10 p.m.
A train will leave Frankton for Cambridge at 9.30 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, THURSDAY, 1ST JANUARY, 1920.

On this date the ordinary timetable will be suspended. The following trains will run:—

Auckland to Helensville 7.0 a.m. 8.50 a.m., 11.45 a.m., and 6.0 p.m.
Auckland to Wellsford 11.45 a.m. and 6.0 p.m.
Helensville to Auckland at 7.0 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3 p.m., 4.10 p.m. and 5.0 p.m.
Kaukapakapa to Auckland at 6.30 a.m., 11.40 a.m., and 2.32 p.m.
Wellsford to Auckland 9.25 a.m.
Ranganui to Auckland 12.20 p.m.
Auckland to Frankton 7.15 a.m. and 4.0 p.m.
Auckland to Cambridge 9.15 a.m.
Auckland to Hamilton 5.30 p.m.
Mercer to Auckland 6.40 a.m.
Hamilton to Auckland 7.0 a.m.
Frankton to Auckland 7.7 a.m., 9.45 a.m., and 2.30 p.m.

The usual express trains run from and to Auckland, to and from Rotorua, Thames, Cambridge, Waihi, Taumarunui and Wellington.

A special service will be run between Auckland and Onehunga, between Auckland and Papatoetoe, between Auckland and Papakura, and between Auckland and Swanson.

RACES AT ELLERSLIE.

Trains will run between Auckland and Racecourse on 1st and 2nd January at intervals as required. Usual racecourse fares.

Goods and livestock traffic will be suspended on 1st and 2nd January.

For full particulars of train arrangements and excursion fares see booklet.

BY ORDER.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, 1919.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 1919.

A train will leave Auckland for Helensville at 6.30 p.m.

A train will leave Mercer for Auckland at 12.20 p.m.

A train will leave Auckland for Mercer at 5.30 p.m.

A train will leave Cambridge for Frankton at 8.10 p.m.

A train will leave Frankton for Cambridge at 9.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, 25TH DECEMBER, 1919.

On this date the Ordinary Timetable will be suspended. The following trains will run:—

Auckland to Helensville 9.0 a.m. and 4.5 p.m.

Helensville to Auckland 7.0 a.m. and 4.10 p.m.

Auckland to Frankton 7.15 a.m. and 4.0 p.m.

Auckland to Mercer 10.20 a.m.

Frankton to Auckland 9.45 a.m., 1.5 p.m., 1.18, 1.40 and 2.30 p.m.

Mercer to Auckland 6.40 a.m.

The usual express trains will run from and to Auckland to and from Rotorua, Thames, Cambridge, Taumarunui, Waihi and Wellington.

A limited service will be run between Auckland and Onehunga, between Auckland and Papatoetoe, between Auckland and Papakura, and between Auckland and Henderson.

BOXING DAY, FRIDAY, 26TH DECEMBER, 1919.

On this date the Ordinary Timetable will be suspended. The following trains will run:—

Auckland to Helensville at 7.0, 8.25 a.m., 8.50, 11.45 a.m. and 6.0 p.m.

Auckland to Ranganui at 8.25 a.m.

Auckland to Kaukapakapa at 11.45 a.m. and 6.0 p.m.

Helensville to Auckland at 7.0 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 4.10 p.m., and 5.0 p.m.

Kaukapakapa to Auckland at 6.30 a.m. and 11.40 a.m.

Wellsford to Auckland 9.25 a.m.

Auckland to Frankton 7.15 a.m. and 4.0 p.m.

Auckland to Cambridge 9.15 a.m.

Auckland to Morrinsville 5.30 p.m.

Mercer to Auckland 6.40 a.m.

Morrinsville to Auckland 6.0 a.m.

Frankton to Auckland 7.7 a.m., 9.45 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

The usual express trains will run from and to Auckland to and from Rotorua, Thames, Cambridge, Waihi, Taumarunui and Wellington.

A special service will be run between Auckland and Onehunga, between Auckland and Papatoetoe, between Auckland and Papakura, and between Auckland and Swanson.

RACES AT ELLERSLIE.

Trains will run between Auckland and Racecourse on 26th and 29th December at intervals as required. Usual racecourse fares.

Goods and livestock traffic will be suspended on 25th and 26th December.

For full particulars of train arrangements and excursion fares see booklet.

BY ORDER.

HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CONTEST.

J. TRACEY V. A. POOLEY.

The Northern Boxing Association will hold a tournament at the Town Hall, Auckland, on Tuesday evening next (December 30), when the principal draw will be the 15 rounds professional heavyweight contest between Jim Tracey, of Australia, and Albert Pooley, of Auckland, for a purse of £250. The prospect of a sterling contest between these two well-known boxers is certain to attract a large number to the Town Hall and their encounter should prove easily the best ever witnessed between heavyweights in Auckland. In addition to the big match a number of interesting amateur bouts are promised.

K. Tucker, the Victorian lightweight, who did some of Mr. Kemball's riding in Melbourne, will do Mr. Kemball's riding at the Manawatu and Wairarapa fixtures.

The following are the probable riders in the Auckland Cup:—Vagabond, H. Gray; Mascot, L. Morris; Uncle Ned, L. H. Hewitt; Snub, J. O'Shea; Red Ribbon, R. Reed; Kilmoon, H. Goldfinch; Battle Song, A. J. McFlinn; Karo, B. Deeley; Dusky Eve, W. Ryan; Tinopai, T. Glover; Heathercote, T. Reid; Mullingar, R. Horne; Melee, —; Affectation, R. Bagby; Blue Cross, Downing.

THE STAGE

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

MUSICAL COMEDY FOR XMAS.

"YES, UNCLE."

Great musical comedy fare is promised in the reappearance of the J. C. Williamson New Comic Opera Company in the big London success, "Yes, Uncle." The season commences at His Majesty's Theatre to-night (Tuesday). The company has been greatly added to since its last visit, but still holds all the old favourites so popular in previous performances here. The initial production, "Yes, Uncle," has been one of the outstanding successes in England for the past two years. It is a musical farce of the ear haunting variety. The original London version has been added to considerably, but in such fashion as to heighten rather than detract from the consistency of the plot. One song that is sure to become a bath-room specialty is "Carry on the Good Work." This falls to the lot of Alfred Frith, and the comedian is assisted by the now famous "Exquisite Eight." He who hesitates is lost, and so is he who ventures to think seriously for even two seconds during the performance of "Yes, Uncle." There is a strong plot from which is suspended specialty upon specialty. Catchy tunes and bright dancing, these are outstanding memories after the performance. It is said the all-favourites cast has never been better or more brightly suited. The principals are as follows: Messrs. Alfred Frith, Field Fisher, William Greene, George Willoughby Cyril Ritchards, Jack Hooker, Fred Maguire Harry Wootton, Misses Gracie Lavers, Cecil Bradley, Marie Eaton, Madge Elliott, Fred Nugent, Millie Engler. "Yes, Uncle" will be played for the first six nights, and will be succeeded by "Going Up," "High Jinks," and "The Only Girl." The box plans are at Wildman and Arey's.

OPERA HOUSE.

Paul Stanhope's Revue Company made a happy return at the Opera House on Monday to specially mark the festive season, and met with a rousing reception from crowded audiences. Mr. Stanhope has a slogan of his own in "Fine! Fine! Fine!" and his methods of getting it across the audience are signally effective. The opening piece, "Pick-a-Dilly," introduces the company in a fun and music trifle abundantly seasoned with surprises. The Ginger Girls play a conspicuous part in keeping the action lively with their action choruses and ballets. The Grafters' Male Quartette also stand out as a pleasurable feature, their items being enthusiastically encored. Miss Maude Miles and Miss Ethel Bennetto, both well-known Australian artists, and Miss Helen Le Cain figure attractively in the feminine lead, and the male portion is augmented by the evergreen favourite Ernest Pitcher, Trueman Neilson, Harry Hart and Bert Morrison. In the vaudeville section there are several star acts that should not be missed by the holiday-seeker. The Kenna Brothers' aeroplane specialty is a tonic in itself, standing out notably for its daringly humorous nature. No entertainer is more versatile than Henri French, and he has a stage full of perquisites that he manipulates cleverly and amusingly. Keldine and Klimo also invite laughter and astonishment with their skill on cycles, and their extraordinary defiance of the regular rules of locomotion. Lieutenant Harper, who excels in the yodelling are, should soon establish himself a general favourite. Colino juggles with ease, and has an interesting routine of acts. De Bakers' models are seen in a fresh series of beautiful poses, making an offering of distinctive note.

A specially-arranged programme will be given on Christmas night.

Mr. Ben J. Fuller is at present in London seeing on the average four shows a day, with a view of selecting acts for the circuit.

ALFRED FRITH, COMEDIAN.

A breezy interview in the "Sydney Theatre" with Mr. Alfred Frith, the clever comedian with the J. C. Williamson Musical Comedy Company, is prefaced by the following pointed references:

Experience will do a lot. But comedians, primarily, are born. The truth of this is illustrated in Alfred Frith. From a soldier without the least stage preparation he became at one bound principal comedian in a musical comedy company. That was in India nearly 15 years ago. Later he was engaged by Maurice Bandman, and under his management was seen in the East in a list of plays of staggering dimensions. Since coming to Australia, five years ago, Mr. Frith has been with J. C. Williamson, Ltd. Through the lengthy runs of the productions with which he has been associated he has in all that time appeared in less than ten roles. But in these theatregoers

The Rev. Jasper Calder, who enjoys a wide popularity for his broad-minded views, has resigned his position as curate of St. Matthew's Church, and has accepted an offer from the Chautauqua Association to tour America as a lecturer for six months. He will leave Auckland in April next, accompanied by Mrs. Calder.

Of late years the New Musical Comedy Company has been noted for offerings with sensational climaxes. This holds supremely good of "Yes, Uncle!" which the company holds to be its best and brightest to date. The final scene shows the Bohemian event of the year in Paris, the notorious Quat-z-Arts Ball. One of the features is a collection of waiter-brigands under the whistle of Alfred Frith as the arch-soup-spiller. There is also a dancing specialty contributed by Miss Madge Elliott and Mr. Cyril Ritchards well out of the ordinary.

Miss Ada Crossley, the famous contralto, announces her retirement. She does not desire a series of farewell concerts, so has bidden the public a silent farewell.

Mr. Maurice Ralph, after a lengthy stay in New Zealand, representing J. and N. Tait interests, has left for Australia. It is probable that Mr. Ralph will return about the end of January with another big Tait attraction, "Daddies," a delightful play with a child interest.

The New South Wales State Orchestra will leave Sydney on December 31, arriving in Auckland on January 4. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in securing accommodation for so large a body of visitors at the holiday season.

At the close of Miss Beresford's dance recital one of the most promising of her pupils, Vivian Watson, was presented with a special prize awarded at the recent Floral Fete for her dance specialty, which was in a class by itself for originality of conception.

The J. C. Williamson Christmas attractions will be as follows:—The pantomime extravaganza, "The Sleeping Beauty," at Her Majesty's, Melbourne; the Royal Comic Opera Company in "Theodore and Co." at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne; "The Bing Boys on Broadway" at Her Majesty's, Sydney; at Sydney, Criterion, John D. O'Hara in "Lightning." In New Zealand, the firm will have the Muriel Starr Co., the Grand Opera Co., and the New English Musical Comedy Co. (at present in Auckland.)

Miss Eve Lynn, who is playing Princess Beauty in the big J. C. Williamson extravaganza, "The Sleeping Beauty," at Melbourne Her Majesty's, took the title role in "Katinka" throughout America, and prior to coming to Australia was one of the leading principals in the famous Ziegfeld Follies in New York. It has been said of this famous show that no one appears in it who is not beautiful. Miss Lynn is well qualified for inclusion, for she is charmingly pretty—small and dainty, with a wealth of copper-tinted hair, hazel eyes, a peachlike complexion and a most fascinating personality.

The famous Brothers Egbert—who, by the way are real brothers and not merely "related" for stage purposes—are to appear as Walter and Bill in the J. C. Williamson pantomime, "The Sleeping Beauty," at Her Majesty's, Melbourne. The Brothers Egbert are world-famous. They had a unique compliment paid them when the London "Daily Chronicle" published the following:—"At the Alhambra the other night the King professed the greatest delight with all he saw. But he singled out for special approval the Brothers Egbert, whose antics kept their Royal auditor in roars of laughter."



MISS GRACIE LAVERS, who takes the part of a young merry widow in "Yes, Uncle."

have had ample opportunity of judging him. The outstanding features of his comedy are its ease and spontaneity. There is never a suspicion of a laboured note in anything he does. Compared with Mr. Frith there are highly-placed comedians by the dozen who are mere puppets pulled by strings. Unlike him they lack that prime essential of being funny without suggesting to the audience that they are trying to be funny. Certain it is that in such characters as those which have fallen to him here Mr. Frith has never had an equal in Australia. He hints that he may next year be going to England. If he does his success in a wider field is more than assured. For wherever you turn, gifted, natural comedians—the category in which Mr. Frith undoubtedly ranks—are distressingly rare.

The Wellington "Post" pays the following tribute to the Lyric Quartette (Auckland), who are singing with the Chautauquas: "Once again its members scored an undoubted success. Singing without accompaniment and in perfect harmony, they did what numberless quartettes in the past have failed to do—they showed that human voices blended properly can produce a far more musical effect than the most tuneful combination of instruments."

"Peg o' My Heart" is being revived at the Sydney Palace, following the end of the "Old Lady 31" season, which revealed Sara Allgood in her true metier of character comedienne. This will be the fourth revival of the comedy in Sydney. Michael, the dog in "Peg o' My Heart," is the most consistent performer in the cast. He has never missed a performance, and has played more times than any of the other artists.

News have been received of the marriage of Daisy Jerome, the "live-wire" comedienne, who came out here to J. C. Williamson, Ltd., some years ago, and, transferring to the Fullers, played twice over their "time." Daisy took marriage as she took her stage work—on the jump. The whole affair, from the meeting of the couple to the tying of the knot, occupied 48 hours. It was the railway strike that brought them together. Daisy was filling an engagement at the Palace, Southampton, at the end of September, and Commander La Touche (the happy man) could not get his boat—the Royal Indian transport Dufferin—clear of the port owing to the strike. They met, fell in love, and were married in two days, and half an hour later the commander sailed for Bombay. The bride remains in the Old Country for the time being.



MR. CYRIL RITCHARDS, whose dancing is such a feature of the J. C. Williamson Musical Comedy productions.



THE CREMONA ORCHESTRAL FAMILY, A TALENTED COMBINATION WHO WILL APPEAR IN THE TOWN HALL CONCERT CHAMBER, AUCKLAND ON DECEMBER 29, 30.

THE CREMONA FAMILY.

A bright and clever band of musicians and entertainers, known as the Cremona Orchestral Family, are to appear at the Concert Chamber on December 29 and 30. The Cremonas' offerings are many and varied, comprising full string orchestral renderings of Brahms' "Hungarian Dance," Balfe's "Bohemian Girl," quartettes, trios, violin and 'cello solos, songs and solo dances, humorous character sketches and monologues. The family consists of ten versatile performers, the youngest being a gifted little girl of five, who plays, dances and recites most artistically. The Cremons should make a strong appeal to the holiday public.

TOWN HALL CONCERT CHAMBER.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 29 AND 30.

FOR TWO NIGHTS ONLY.

THE CREMONA ORCHESTRAL FAMILY.

TEN TALENTED ARTISTS.

Instrumentalists, Singers, Dancers and Entertainers.

Presenting an Enchanting Melange of STRING QUARTETS, TRIOS, VIOLIN SOLOS, 'CELLO SOLOS, SOLO DANCES, SONGS, MUSICAL MONOLOGUES, AND SKETCHES.

Including FULL STRING ORCHESTRAL SELECTIONS.

"The Hungarian Dance" No. 5 (Brahms), "The Bohemian Girl" (Balfe).

Prices: 3s. (Reserves), 2s. 1s. (plus tax).
Box Plan at Wildman and Arey's.

FULLER'S OPERA HOUSE.

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TO-NIGHT — AT EIGHT — TO-NIGHT

MAMMOTH HOLIDAY BILL.

PAUL A. STANHOPE'S MUSICAL REVUE COMPANY.

Presenting the Dainty Trifle of Song, Jest and Story, for the First Time in Auckland, "PICK-A-DILLY."

Specially Augmented Cast Will Include: Paul Stanhope, Trueman Neilson, Maude Miles, Ethel Bennetto, Helen Le Cain, Ernest Pitcher, Harry Hart, Bert Morrison, and the Famous

GRAFTERS' MALE QUARTETTE.

Six Star Vaudeville Acts Headed by

KENNA BROTHERS,

DE BAKER'S MODELS—KELDINE AND KLIMO—THE GREAT HENRI

FRENCH—COLINO—LIEUT. HARPER.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME XMAS NIGHT

D.C. and All Stalls, 2s.; Up. Circle, 1s.; Res., 2s. 6d. Plan at Richardson Piano Co., Ltd. (opp. Milne and Choyce), 110 Queen St., till 5; thereafter at Segedin's (opp. Theatre), till 7. Phone 3748.

New acts which have just arrived in Sydney for the Fuller vaudeville circuit include the Three Fishers, with a picturesque novelty, entitled, "A Florida Enchantment"; Jack and Cora Williams, with a song and dance act, into which an element of sensation is introduced; Le Mounier, the athlete, who has just returned after four years active service; and Nora Burke, who played the title role of "A Little Bit of Fluff" in England.

Something of an "embarras de richesse" is promised during the coming season of the J. C. Williamson Musical Comedy Company. Opening with the big London musical success, "Yes, Uncle," this popular company will be seen in revivals of "Going Up" and "High Jinks." The concluding gem of this interesting season will be "The Only Girl," a brilliant musical farce new to Auckland.

"It has always struck me as strange how many will remember what is a mere incident in a performance to the exclusion of the principals and even the name of the play itself," says Alfred Frith. "I had an instance of this the other night going home in a Clifton Hill tram. Some young fellows sitting opposite me were talking of theatres. One said he hadn't been to Her Majesty's for a long time. 'Not,' he added, 'since I saw that piece in which a fellow comes out in a bathing costume and wins the V.C. for life-saving.' The reference was to me in 'So Long, Letty.' I'm sure the speaker hadn't the least idea that I was the identity to whom he was alluding. There were really four parts in 'So Long, Letty'—those played by Connie Ediss, Dorothy Brunton, Field Fisher and Charles Workman. I just blew on in the first act for a few minutes.

Yet the scene was to the person of whom I am speaking the most enduring recollection he had on the play. Many other performers could, of course, give similar instances of this peculiarity on the part of theatre-goers."

WELLINGTON NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, December 20.

A unique interest attaches to the coming grand opera tour, which is to be inaugurated at the Grand Opera House on Monday evening next by the J. C. Williamson Grand Opera Company, and the enterprise should be nothing less than the first chapter of a permanent grand opera organisation for Australasia. There has never been any doubt that in this part of the world we possess the voices and other resources—opportunity has alone been wanting. Of course, everything has its beginning, and so at last has come the chance for establishing grand opera in a permanent way here.

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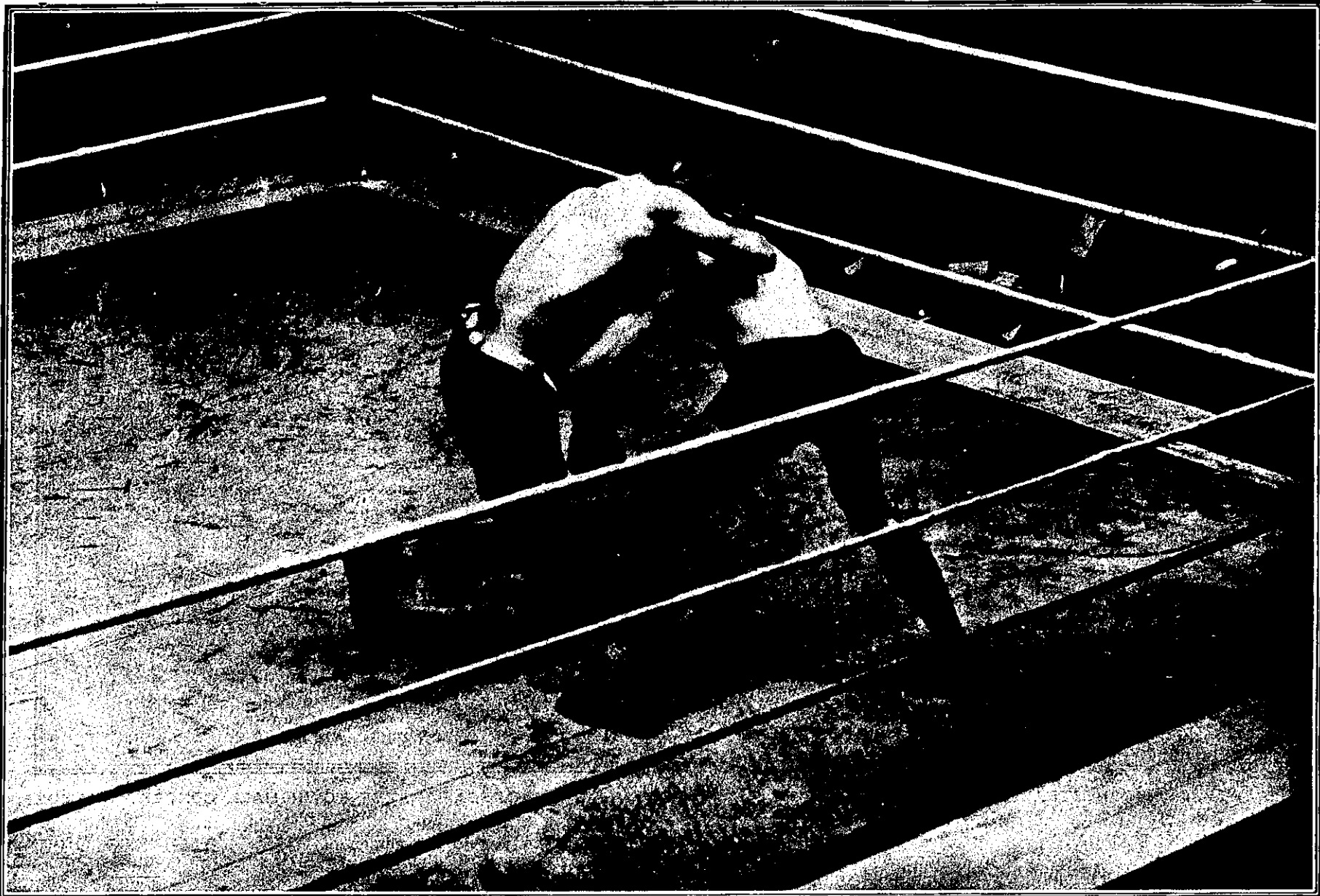
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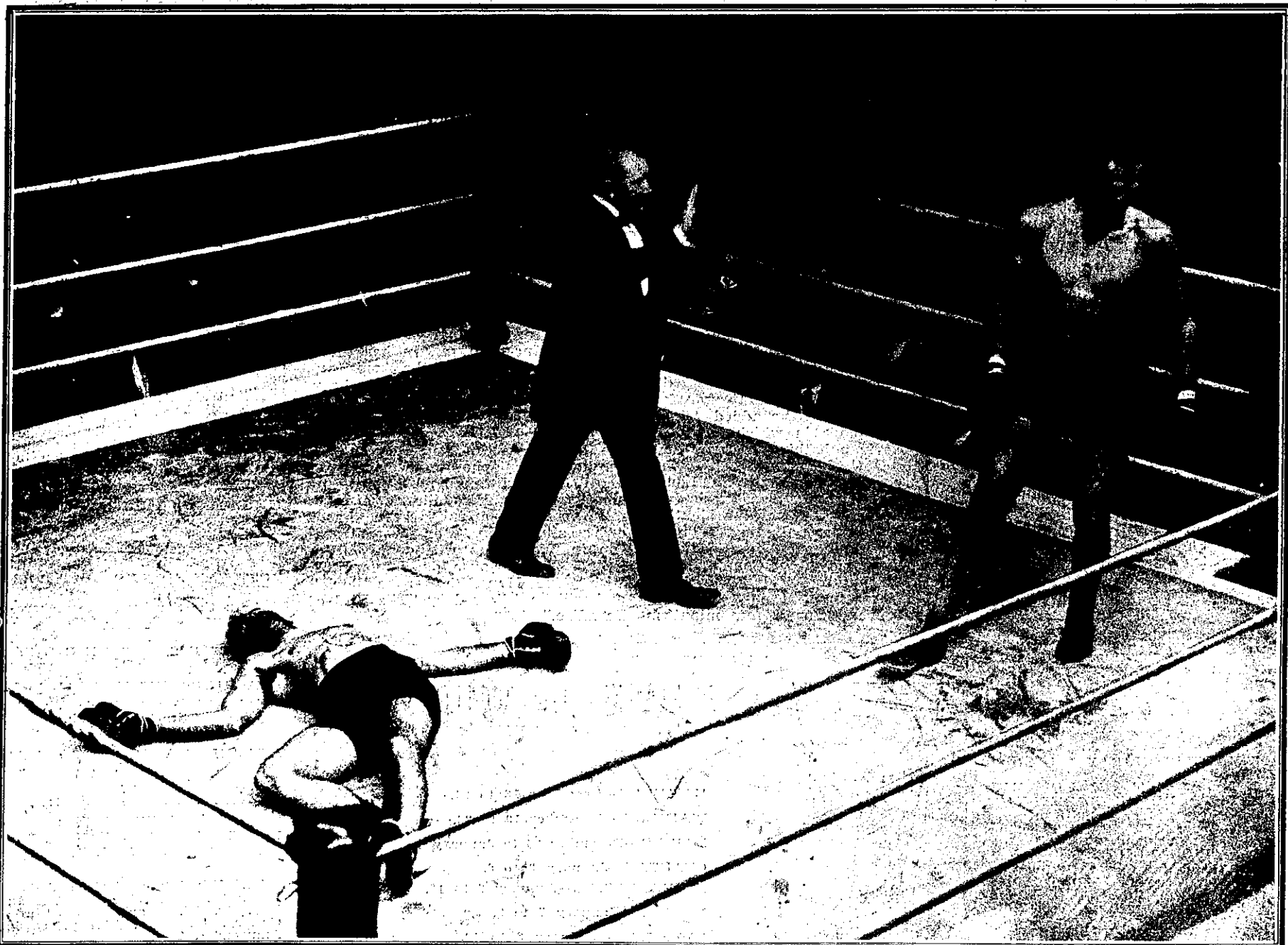
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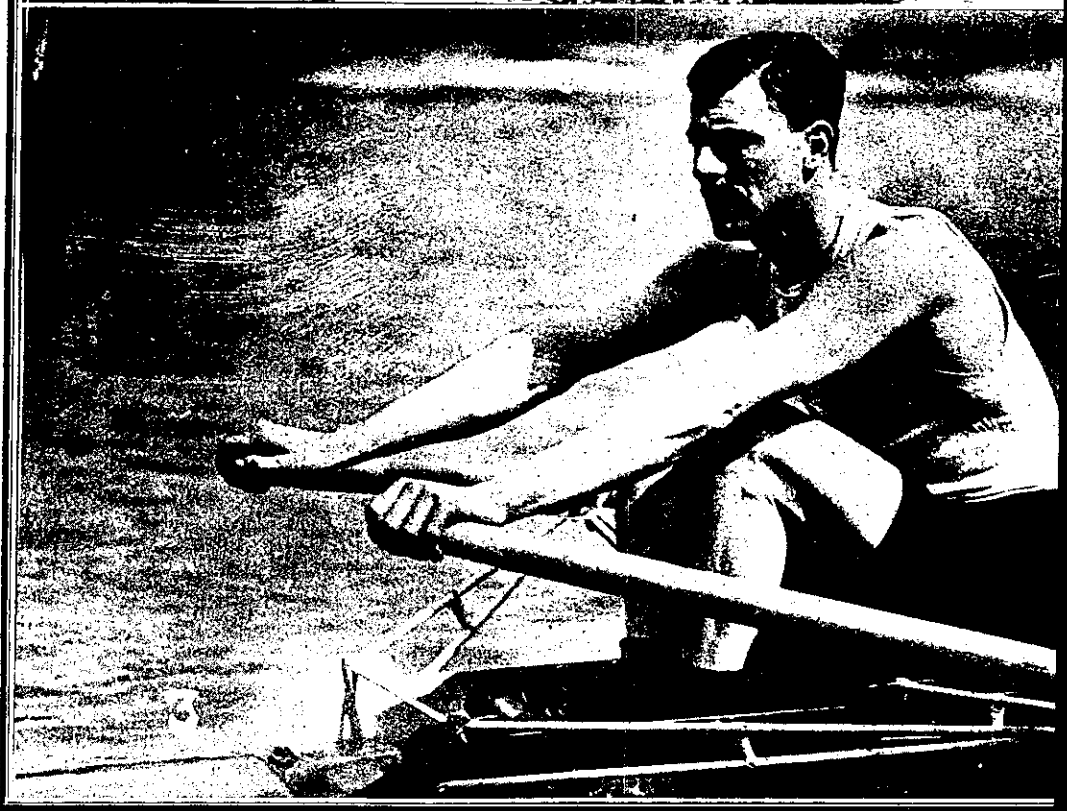
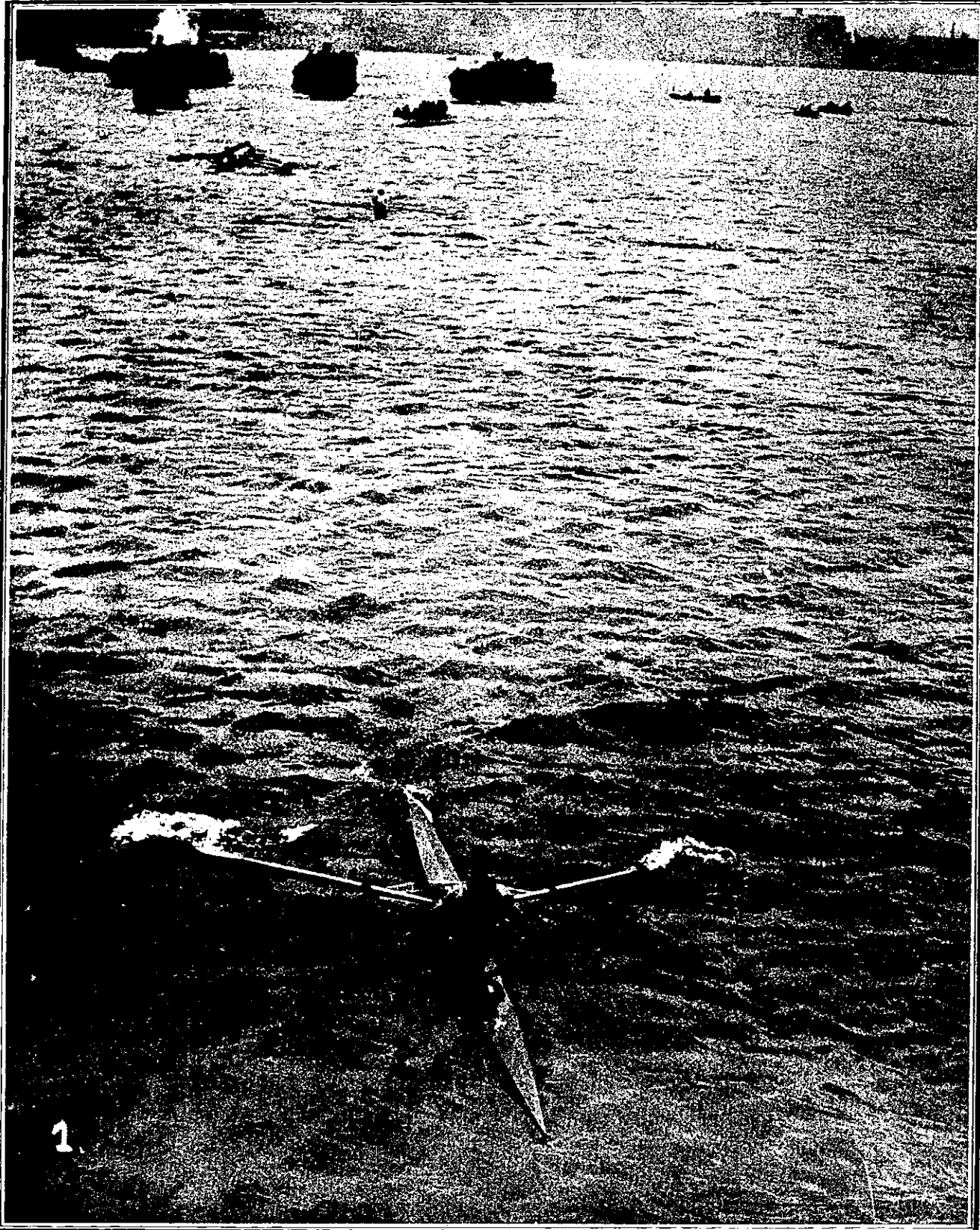


THE HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING BETWEEN BOMBARDIER BILLY WELLS (ON RIGHT) AND JACK CURPHEY, OF SALFORD, AT THE HOLBORN STADIUM LONDON. The return to the ring of the British ex-champion boxer, Billy Wells, was watched by thousands of people with curious interest. The Bombardier proved that he is not yet a back number by knocking out Jack Curphey in the 2nd round of the 20 rounds scheduled contest.



FRED FULTON, THE GIANT AMERICAN BOXER, KNOCKS OUT THE AUSTRALIAN HEAVYWEIGHT, GORDON COGHILL, IN THE THIRD ROUND OF THEIR SCHEDULED 20 ROUNDS CONTEST AT THE HOLBORN STADIUM LONDON. The referee, Mr. Eugene Corri, is sending Fulton back to his corner after his opponent has taken the count. Although the match was regarded as a good thing for Fulton, considerable interest was centred in the meeting of these two rival heavyweights owing to the American's supporters claiming that he was the equal of the English champion, Joe Beckett, with whom he has so far been unable to secure a match since his arrival in England. Fulton experienced no difficulty in defeating Coghill who appeared nervous, but his form was not impressive. He is a powerful, slow-thinking, slow-moving boxer of the Beckett type. Beckett's failure against his quicker and more skilled opponent, Georges Carpentier, leaves no doubt that the Englishman would be much more at home with a boxer of his own stamp like Fulton, and should these two powerful fighters get together in the ring a keen battle is expected.

The Finish of the World's Sculling Championship, and the Rival Contestants.



1. The finish of the World's Sculling Championship between Ernest Barry (England), holder, and Alfred Felton (Australia), challenger, on the Thames course from Putney to Mortlake (4½ miles) for the Man Challenge Cup. Alfred Felton wins by six lengths. 2. ALFRED FELTON, the new world's sculling champion, photographed after his victory over Barry. 3. ERNEST BARRY, who held the championship since 1908 and the world's championship since 1912, until defeated on October 22 last by Felton, when he suffered defeat for the first time in a match over the Thames championship.

TOURIST AND TRAVELLER

HERE AND THERE.

Dr. Burt, of Sydney, is on a visit to Dunedin.

Mr. N. Alfred Nathan returned to Auckland last week, after a six months' visit to England.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith, who have been absent in Australia for a considerable time, have returned to Wellington.

Mr. Platts, Government Resident Agent at Rarotonga, and Mrs. Platts, have arrived at Wellington by the Moana, on a holiday trip.

Mr. E. Mills Joyce, who is to be second in command of the Cape Polar Expedition, left for London by the Ionic last week.

Mr. G. A. Keall, of Wellington, who has been on a business visit to the United Kingdom, contemplates leaving for Australia, via the United States, about the end of December.

Mr. Percy Sargood, of the firm of Messrs. Sargood, Son and Ewen, has come across from Sydney to spend a few weeks in New Zealand. He is accompanied by Mrs. Sargood and the Misses Sargood (two).

M. Paul Saldaigne, the Belgium operatic tenor, who has been a resident of Dunedin for some years, is about to return to the Continent, where he purposes again entering grand opera. His pupils waited on him at his residence, York Place, and presented him with a handsome Kaipo rug and pocket wallet.

"What is the matter with the world to-day?" asked Mr. J. B. Firth, headmaster of the Wellington College, at the annual prize-giving ceremony. "What is at the bottom of the general unrest? Simply selfishness and want of sympathy. If the building of a memorial to those pupils who had died or been killed on active service," he added, "did nothing else, it would provide an outlet for self-sacrifice and sympathy, and would be well worth achieving."

The future success of the farmers depended upon their sticking together and undertaking to look after their own produce, remarked Sir James Wilson at the annual dinner in Wellington of shareholders in the New Zealand Farmers' Co-operative Distributing Co., Ltd. He referred to the Farmers' Institute as a fine example of combination. Townspeople were inclined to think that the farmers were monopolists because they owned a few motor cars. They knew nothing of the disadvantages under which the farmers laboured.

An interesting discovery is said to have been made at the Maori Pa, Nelson, the other day, when an old cannon, nearly buried with sand and stone and shell-encrusted, was found close to the Maori cemetery. During the high tide the sand bank at the end of the Boulder Bank had been washed away to a greater extent than usual, and just above high-water mark the relic was found. With some difficulty the sand was cleared away, when it was seen that the cannon was of similar pattern to the one which years ago was on the signal station on the Port Hills. It is about four feet long, and has a bore of eight inches. The "Colonist" says the cannon has evidently been there for many years, and it would be interesting to know how it came there. On January 22, 1846, a brig called the Guide was wrecked in the vicinity, and it has been considered likely that the relic may have come from the vessel.

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Experts estimate that the restoration of Rheims Cathedral will cost £2,000,000.

Judge G. D. Alden, of Boston, Mass., who came to New Zealand to lecture under the Chautauqua banner, has undergone an operation in Auckland, and was, at the latest, making a good recovery. It is hoped that he will be able to take up his duties in connection with the southern tour at the beginning of the year.

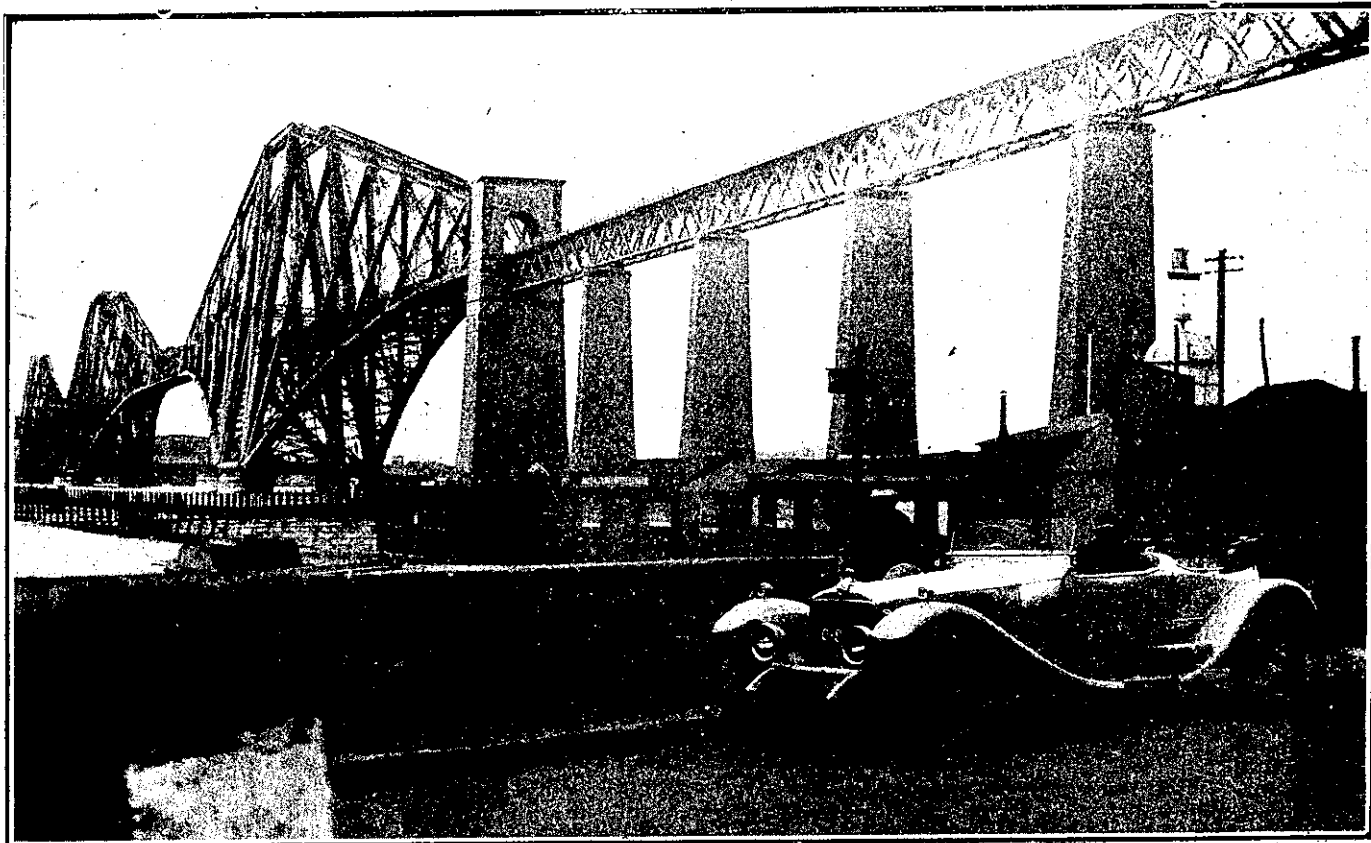
Mr. H. P. Kissling, who succeeds Mr. J. Buttle as general manager of the New Zealand Insurance Company, returned to Auckland last week after an absence of seven months. During his tour abroad Mr. Kissling twice visited the United States, and also spent two months in England, besides visiting Japan, China and Manila.

Word has been received that Norman Ross, the swimming champion, will visit New Zealand in March, and the president and executive of the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association are now making the necessary arrangements.

The "Wairarapa Daily Times," in a recent issue, says: A few weeks ago a resident of Tenui won a substantial prize in Tattersall's sweep, and the East Coast village has now further enhanced its reputation for luck by another man, who has been working near Tenui, coming into a fortune representing about £28,000. The legacy comes from a relative in South Africa, and embraces shares in well-known diamond mines. The lucky one is a returned soldier, and is at present under medical treatment in Masterton.

Dr. Ick-Hewins, who has been resident in Marton for the past eighteen months, has purchased a practice in Auckland, and leaves for the northern capital shortly.

Reference to the departure from Christ's College, Christchurch, of Mr. H. B. Lusk was made by Mr. G. E. Blanch (headmaster) at the annual prize-giving. Mr. Lusk, said Mr. Blanch, had been on the teaching staff of the College for 13 years, and was about to take up the senior housemastership at King's College, Auckland. His skill in the classroom, his unfailing good humour, and his invaluable work in connection with all the out-door sports of the College, the cadets, and the camera club, would make him remembered with respect and affection for very many years to come.



The Forth Bridge at Queensferry, Scotland, a wonderful example of engineering.

Mr. J. H. Gunson, Mayor of Auckland, and Mrs. Gunson, who have been on a visit to the United States, returned by the Niagara, after an absence of five months.

Mr. W. A. Beddoe, Canadian Trade Commissioner, who has been on an official visit to Canada, returned to Auckland last week.

Thirty New Zealand cadets who have been attending the Royal Military College, Duntroon, Australia, have returned to New Zealand. Of these, eleven having completed their four-year courses, have graduated, and will be posted in due course to the New Zealand Staff Corps with the rank of lieutenant. The names of these eleven are: Lieutenants G. W. Butterfield, A. de T. Nevill, J. I. Brooke, S. C. V. W. Sugden, K. R. Robertson, E. O. Pleasants, A. W. Greville, C. H. G. Davis, A. K. Lambly, W. G. Gentry and S. F. Allen. The balance, who have come to New Zealand for the Christmas vacation and will return to Duntroon in six weeks' time, are: Cadets A. G. Scholes, D. T. Maxwell, G. M. McCaskill, C. S. I. Duff, St. J. A. Hill, F. C. Ewen, C. A. D'A. Blackburn, S. H. Gillman, J. A. M. Clachan, A. J. L. Whyte, H. H. Goss, S. R. Crisp, I. R. Withell, D'A. H. Moir, and F. E. G. Bayley.

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Lieutenant-Colonel G. S. Foljambe, C.B., a cousin of the Governor-General, the Earl of Liverpool, arrived by the Niagara on a visit to New Zealand. He was accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Foljambe.

Mr. J. B. Clarkson, Australian director of De Dion Bouton, Ltd., of London and Paris, also director of Hope Gibbons, Sons and J. B. Clarkson Ltd., of New Zealand, arrived in Wellington by the Moeraki. Mr. Clarkson has just been placed on the convalescent list after undergoing a serious but successful operation, and his trip to New Zealand is a combination of business and recuperation. He is accompanied by Mrs. Clarkson.

The family which can "sport" a turkey as Christmas fare can certainly say that they are celebrating "regardless," says the "Christchurch Sun." It is almost impossible to obtain these birds in the ordinary way, and then only at an extraordinary high price. Indeed, all classes of table poultry are extremely scarce, and prices show an advance of about 40 per cent. over last season. The reason for the scarcity is that providers of vessels have secured large quantities of poultry, and the special festivities since the spring also have made inroads into the supply. One large dealer states that usually he has about 500 turkeys for the Christmas season. So far, he has none in hand. They certainly would not retail at less than 30s. apiece.

Mr. W. Salt, the well-known mountaineer, has organised a skiing party to climb Ruapehu.

Writing to the general manager of the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, Mr. W. R. Blow, New Zealand Government Agent at Sydney, states: "I am daily receiving numbers of written inquiries from people who state that they intend visiting New Zealand in the near future, and in reply to these letters I am sending parcels of literature and full information of how to travel. In addition to this, prospective tourists are calling at the office continually for similar information, and in each case they are supplied with as many particulars as possible. Amongst some of the distinguished people from Sydney who will be visiting New Zealand during this season are Judge Harvey and party, Mr. Maughan, K.C., and Mr. Sloman, headmaster of the Sydney Grammar School. Passenger accommodation on the inter-colonial steamers for the last two weeks has been full, and the shipping companies report to me that all the available passenger accommodation for the inter-colonial steamers, and for the steamers on the C.A. Line, has already been booked up until early in January. It is very pleasant to note that so many Australians are visiting New Zealand this season, especially as the shipping companies are still charging the very high fares which they brought into existence while the influenza epidemic was on last year."

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Mr. G. Service Jones, of Christchurch, has returned to New Zealand after an extended visit to England and America.



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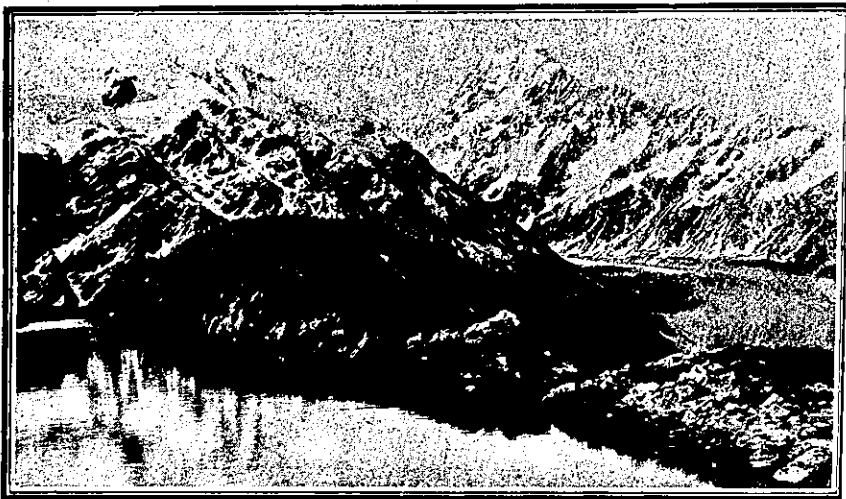


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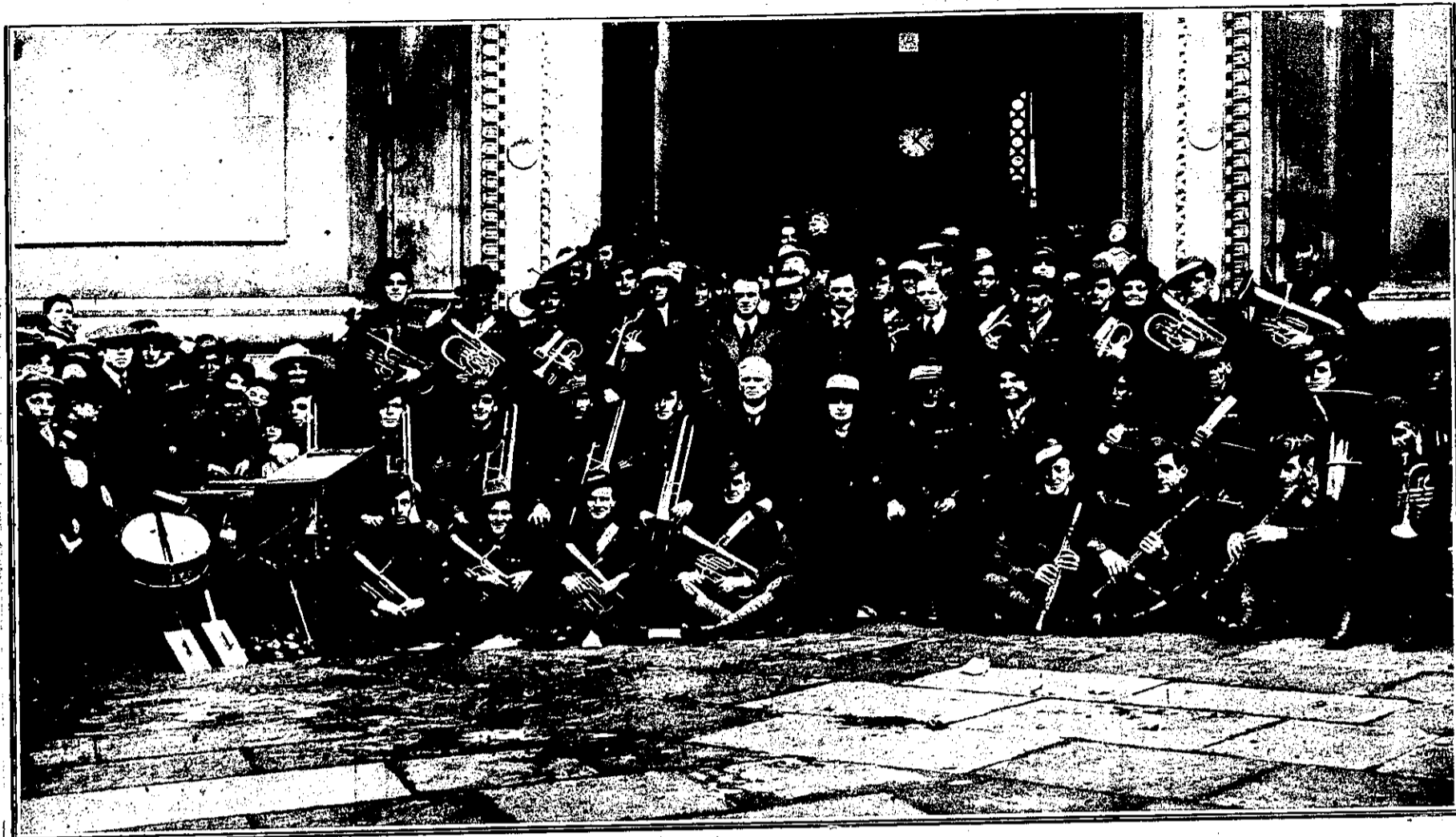
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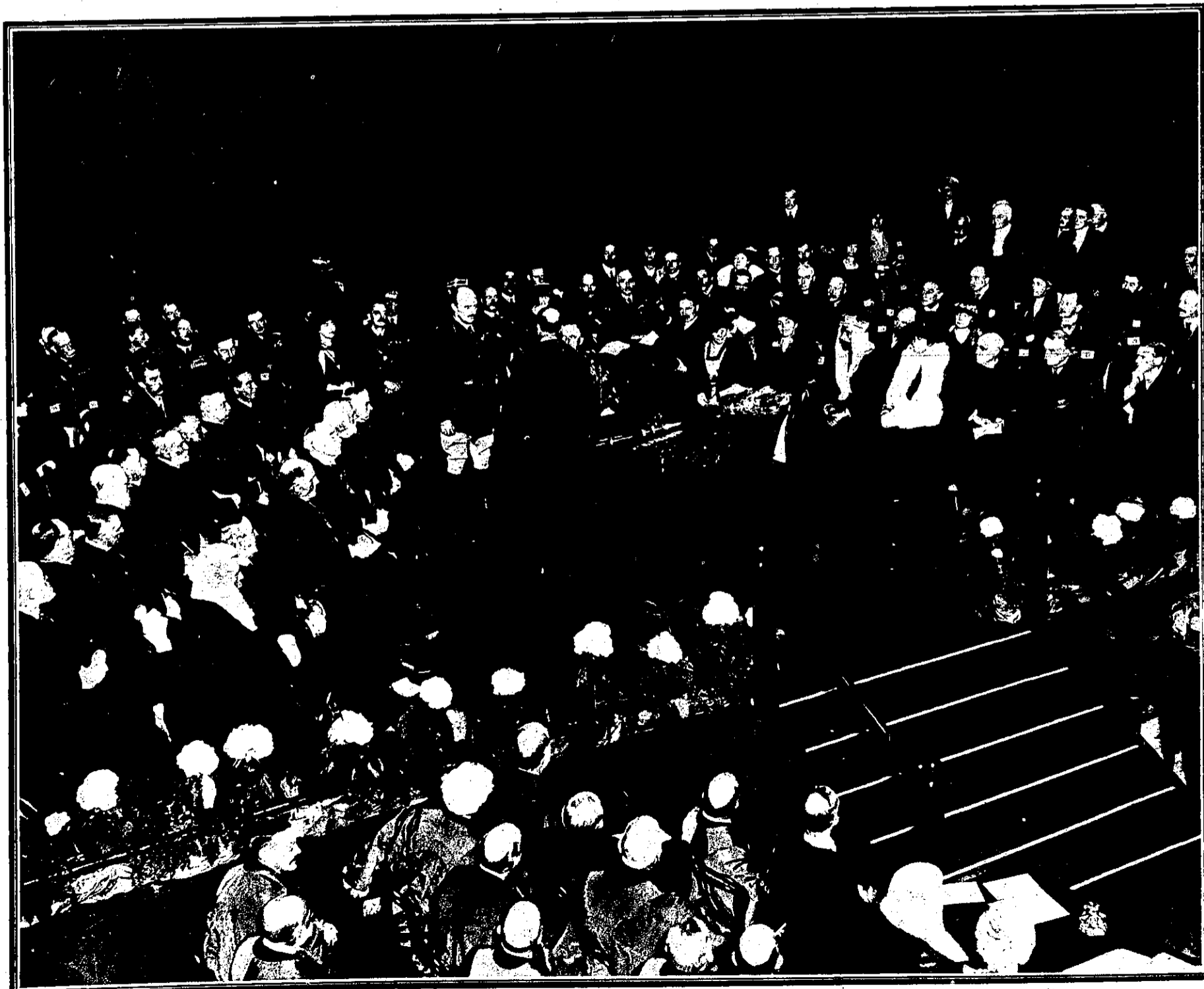
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"Houses in Wellington City and suburbs are still changing hands rapidly, though it is evident that many of the deals are mere speculation and not investments," said a Wellington building contractor to a "New Zealand Times" representative. "I know of one house—an attractive little home of five rooms, which seems to have been built to sell—which has changed hands six times within the last three years. I suppose when it was built some 10 years ago it did not cost more than £700, section and all. It was sold about three years ago for £800, and has changed owners rapidly, with an advance in price each time, until it was disposed of the other day for £1100. It is neither a new nor a particularly well built house, but it has an attractive appearance—and houses are scarce. I shouldn't be a bit surprised if the present owner, or occupier, does not make £50 or so on his bargain, but that sort of thing can't go on for ever."

A large number of Hawke's Bay sheep have been finding their way over to the West Coast on account of the shortage of feed in Hawke's Bay. Last Friday week no less than 7000 Hawke's Bay sheep were yarded at the Feilding sales, but the prices offering (in spite of the superabundance of feed there) did not prove profitable to the owners, and further consignments are not likely. Feed is becoming so scarce in some parts of Hawke's Bay that some owners have introduced the "tailing" system of feeding. As this interferes considerably with the traffic on the roads, complaints are rife against the practice, and owners would be well advised to keep their sheep to the side roads. A well-known Hawke's Bay farmer told a "Telegraph" reporter that the outlook was very discouraging, and, unless there was continued rain in the near future, the outlook would become dark indeed. It is said that one farmer, who bought heavily in recent months, is now finding that his speculation is turning out badly, owing to the scarcity of feed.

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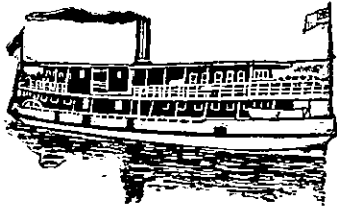
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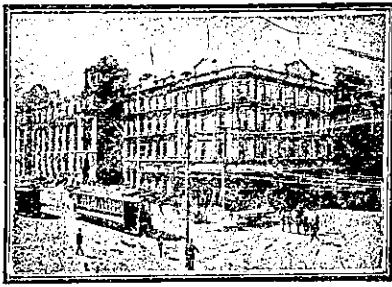
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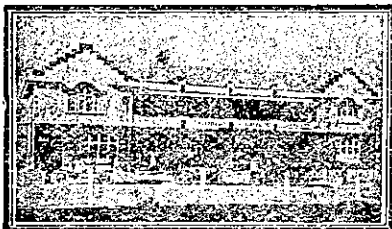
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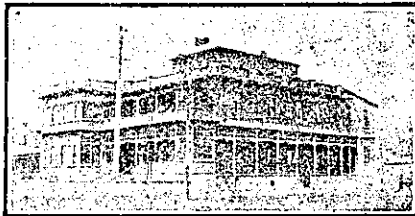
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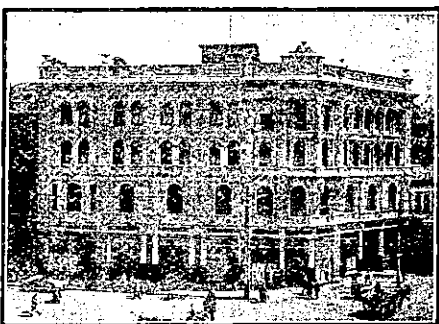
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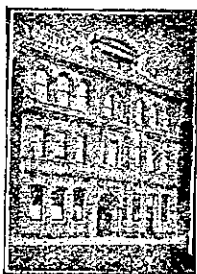
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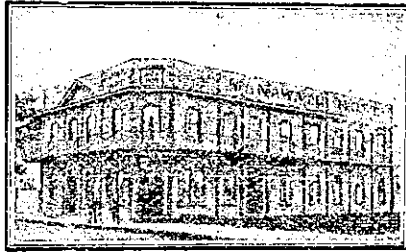
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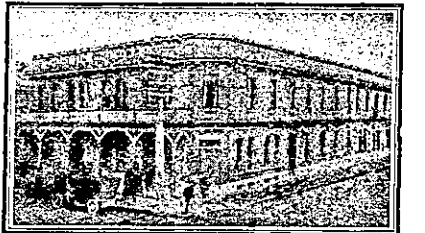
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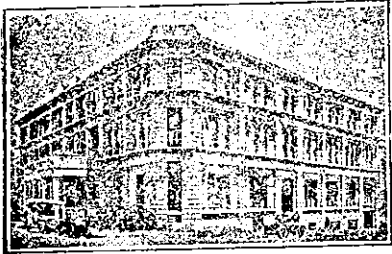
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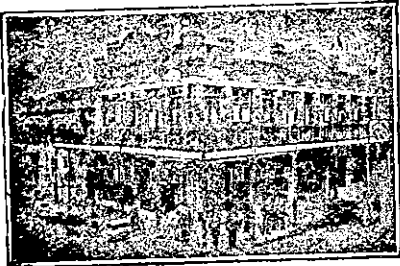
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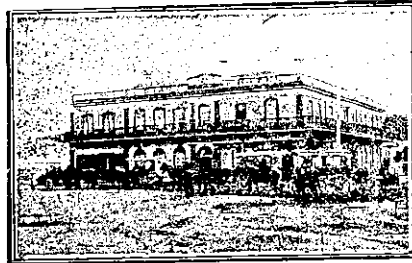
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Chatting to a Dunedin "Star" reporter, Mr. A. M. Frame, an American merchant, predicted a tremendous future in America for rabbitskins, for the reason that all other furs were increasing so rapidly in price. Each of the past four years showed a rise of from 20 to 40 per cent., and this had made them so expensive that even the American public could not afford to buy them as freely as they used to. Another factor was that the dyeing of rabbitskins, which had been done almost solely in Leipzig, was now done in New York, and the skins there prepared so beautifully that they were sold freely as imitation sealskins. The winters in the Eastern States are so cold, said Mr. Frame, that practically every woman owns a fur coat, so the popularity of the prepared rabbitskin coat can be understood. In his opinion the demand will be fully maintained for years. While the better grade skins are used by the furriers, the poorer grades are utilised profitably by the hatters. The New Zealand skins are considered to be much superior to the Australian, and are better graded. Mr. Frame expressed the opinion that rabbit-breeding would never be a success in the United States. Far from becoming a pest, as in Australia and New Zealand, they are, in the State of New York anyway, protected for all but six weeks in the year.

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STAGE NOTES.

An Australian thus summarises Miss Muriel Starr:—She likes to go out driving, and knows how to run a motor, boat, or car—and does it. She cares nothing for any kind of exercise except swimming; she loses less time at work than any other actress known. If the part she is studying gets in a snarl she at once stops and thinks clearly, and lays it aside for a day or two, and when her trained mind has untangled the difficulty she then goes ahead. She knows how to concentrate. She never works hurriedly unless she absolutely has to, but she works swiftly and hard. She makes mistakes like all artistic and temperamental people, and has at times to practically recast things, but usually her parts are wonderfully thought out before any rehearsal. This thinking out in advance is her tensest stage, and is what takes the most effort. She has business affairs to attend to and agents to see. During the war she was one of the leaders in patriotic work—a public-spirited woman, but she is distinctly determined to make money, too. Her favourite part is Mary Turner in "Within the Law," though her best and most artistic performances to date are said to be Marcel in "The Man Who Came Back" and Luana in "The Bird of Paradise." In conclusion, she is certainly the most popular emotional actress that has ever visited Australia. By birth a Canadian.

The Allan Wilkie season is still proving a success, and what I've said invariably in the past, if the management can "deliver the goods" at a moderate tariff they will get the support of the playgoer. Mr. Wilkie has secured the New Zealand rights of the great drama from the pen of Clifford Mills, entitled "The Luck of the Navy." This has been done through the courtesy of the J. and N. Tait management. Other pieces to be produced during Mr. Wilkie's return season will be "The Rotters," and "A Temporary Gentleman."

It will be welcome news to learn that The English Pierrots will open a tour of the Dominion early in the New Year, commencing in the South Island. Miss Elsa Langley is still a member of the combination. Mr. Victor Beck is hard at work mapping out a comprehensive tour.

In the course of a lecture in Wellington, Dr. Tillyard said that he had come to New Zealand to study the neuroptera of the thermal and other districts of the Dominion, primarily in relation to trout fisheries. The Mayflies and their larvae were a very favourite food of the trout; and, unfortunately, they were a form of food which was very soon eaten out when the trout were superabundant. In the Rotorua and Taupo districts he was sorry to say that he found the Mayfly population practically eaten out. There was only one type left, a little fellow, who saved himself by hiding under the stone where the trout could not get at him. We had in New Zealand, he said, the oldest and finest Mayflies in the world, the most beautiful and the largest. Our magnificent Mayfly fauna should make New Zealand a splendid country for trout; and he wished to impress on the Government the importance of preserving that fauna, not only as feed for the trout, but also for the benefit of anglers, who, if they imitated them, would find a splendid lure for trout and would get very good sport indeed. Dragon-flies were also fed upon by trout; and they should be encouraged, not only on that account, but because they in their turn fed upon mosquitoes, while being themselves absolutely harmless. The New Zealand Government, he urged, would do well to import various species of Australian dragon-flies, especially for the northern part of the North Island, so as to keep down the mosquitoes. If any of the yellow-fever-carrying mosquitoes ever effected a landing in New Zealand they would soon, he guaranteed, be dealt with by the dragon-flies; and it would therefore pay the Government well to import them even if it cost £200 to get them over here.

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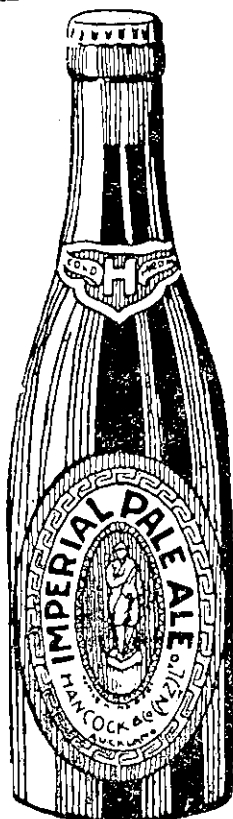
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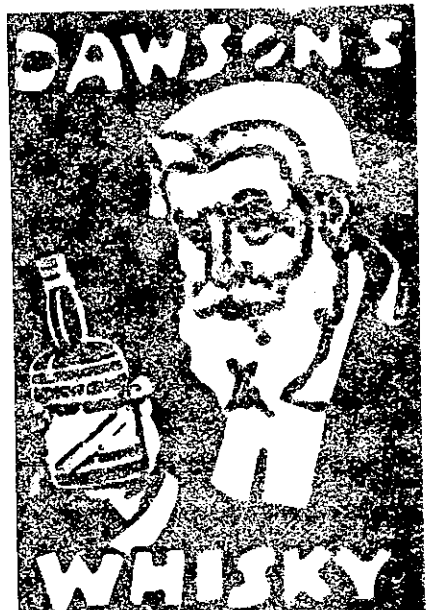
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