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AUTUMN MEETING, To be held on Wanganui Racecourse on 3rd and 5th MARCH, 1910.

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FIRST DAY.

- THURSDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1910. 1. 12 noon.—STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 150s; second horse to receive 20 s, and third horse 10s; from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 2s. 2. 12.45 p.m.—PETRE HACK HANDICAP of 100s; second horse to receive 15s, and third horse 5s; from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 3s. 3. 1.30 p.m.—WESTMERE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 175s; second horse to receive 20s, and third horse 10s; from the stakes. Distance, about two miles. Over eight flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 2s. 4. 2.15 p.m.—TAYFORTH HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100s; second horse to receive 15 s, and third horse 5s; from the stakes. About one mile and three-quarters. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. 5. 3 p.m.—WANGANUI CUP HANDICAP of 75s; second horse to receive 7s, and third horse 2s; from the stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters. In the event of any entrant winning a handicap of the value of 100s after the declaration of the 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 Saturday, the 26th February, 1910. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 2s; on Friday, February 25th, 1910, at 9.30 p.m.; and 5s on Monday, February 28th, 1910, at 9.30 p.m. 6. 3.45 p.m.—JUVENILE HANDICAP of 150s; second horse to receive 20 s, and third horse 10s; from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For two and three-year-olds. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 2s. 7. 4.30 p.m.—WRITIOA HACK RACE HANDICAP of 100s; second horse to receive 15s, and third horse 5s; from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 3s. 8. 5.15 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP of 275 s; second horse to receive 35s, and third horse 15s; from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 3s.

SECOND DAY.

- SATURDAY, 5th MARCH, 1910. 1. 12 noon.—AUTUMN HANDICAP of 150s; second horse to receive 20 s, and third horse 10s; from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 2s. 2. 12.45 p.m.—MATARAWA HACK RACE HANDICAP of 100s; second horse to receive 15s, and third horse 5s; from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 3s. 3. 1.30 p.m.—JACKSON STAKES of 500 s; second horse to receive 75s, and third horse 25s; from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For two-year-olds (present yearlings) and upwards. Weight for age. By subscription of 5s each, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows: 1s if struck out on or before Friday, April 23rd, 1909, at 9 p.m., or 2s if struck out on or before nomination night, Autumn Meeting, 1910. All horses remaining in after latter date to pay the subscription of 5s on first acceptance night, Autumn Meeting, 1910. Closed with 121 nominations. 4. 2.30 p.m.—FORDELL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150s; second horse 15s, and third horse 5s; from the stake. Distance, about one mile and three-quarters. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 2s. 5. 3.15 p.m.—OKOIA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 100s; second horse to receive 15s, and third horse 5s; from the stakes. About one mile and five furlongs, over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. 6. 4 p.m.—WANGANUI STAKES HANDICAP of 350s; second horse to receive 40s, and third horse 10 s; from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 3s. 7. 4.45 p.m.—HARRISON HACK HANDICAP of 100s; second horse to receive 15s, and third horse 5s; from the stakes. Distance, one mile and one-quarter. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 3s. 8. 5.15 p.m.—FAREWELL HANDICAP of 150s; second horse to receive 20 s, and third horse 10s; from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 2s.

PENALTIES

The winner of any hurdle race after the 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, AND ACCEPTANCES, And Amounts to be forwarded to Secretary Wanganui Jockey Club.

AUTUMN MEETING.

3rd and 5th MARCH, 1910. MONDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1910, at 9.30 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.—Stewards' Handicap 1s, Petre Hack Handicap 1s, Westmere Hurdle Race 1s, Tayforth Handicap Hack Hurdles 1s, Wanganui Cup 1s, Juvenile Handicap 1s, Writioa Hack Flat Handicap 1s, Flying Handicap 1s, Autumn Handicap, 1s, Matarawa Hack Flat Handicap 1s, Fordell Hurdle Race 1s, Okoia Handicap Hack Hurdles 1s, Wanganui Stakes Handicap 1s, Harrison Hack Handicap 1s, Farewell Handicap 1s.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1910, at 9.30 p.m.

SECOND FORFEIT—Jackson Stakes, 1910, 2s.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1910 (on or about).

WEIGHTS for Cup and Flying Handicaps.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1910. WEIGHTS for Stewards' Petre Hack, Westmere Hurdle Race, Tayforth Hack Hurdles, Juvenile, and Writioa Hack Flat Handicaps.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1910, at 9.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Stewards' Handicap 2s, Petre Hack Handicap 3s, Westmere Hurdle Race 2s, Tayforth Hack Hurdles 1s, Wanganui Cup 2s, Juvenile Handicap 2s, Writioa Hack Flat 3s, Flying Handicap 3s. SUBSCRIPTION—Jackson Stakes 5s.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1910.

REVISED WEIGHTS (if necessary) Wanganui Cup.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1910, at 9.30 p.m.

FINAL PAYMENT—Wanganui Cup 5s.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3rd, 1910 (at or about) 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handicaps.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4th, 1910, at noon.

ACCEPTANCES.—Autumn Handicap 2s, Matarawa Hack Flat 3s, Fordell Hurdle Race 2s, Okoia Hack Hurdles 1s, Wanganui Stakes 3s, Harrison Hack Handicap 3s, Flying Handicap 2s.

WM. HALL, Secretary. P.O. Box 15, Wanganui.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1910. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 1910. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1910.

OFFICERS:

President: E. W. Allison, Esq. Vice-Presidents: J. Bolland, Esq., M.P.; L. Phillips, Esq., M.P. Committee: Mr. E. W. Allison, Mr. E. R. Ford, Mr. J. Mays, Mr. R. S. Reynolds, Mr. E. Allison, Mr. R. H. Duder, Mr. A. Alison, Mr. W. J. Ralph, Major W. Coyle, Dr. Gratian Guinness, Mr. G. S. Lintott. Judge: Mr. W. J. Ralph. Treasurer: Mr. W. J. Ralph. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Clerk of the Scales: Mr. F. Marks. Clerk of the Course: Mr. A. Selby. Handicapper: Mr. G. Morse. Timekeeper: Mr. S. Kohn. Hon. Veterinary Surgeons: Mr. E. D. Halstead and Mr. C. E. Halstead. Secretary: Mr. R. Wynyard.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1910.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 80 s; second horse to receive 15 s, out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 50 s, at time of starting. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. One mile.

CALLIOPE HANDICAP of 100 s; second horse to receive 15 s, out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Five furlongs and a-half.

ZEALANDIA HANDICAP of 100 s; second horse to receive 15 s, and third horse 5 s, out of stakes. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Five furlongs and a-half.

TAKAPUNA CUP (HANDICAP) of 400 s; second horse to receive 50 s, and third horse 15 s, out of stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50 s, after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 3lb; of 100 s, 5lb; exceeding 100 s, 7lb. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 5 s. One mile three furlongs and a-half.

FERRY HANDICAP of 80 s; second horse to receive 15 s, out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25 s, at time of entry. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Five furlongs and a-half.

OREWA HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 s; second horse to receive 15 s, out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. One mile and three-quarters.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 75 s; second pony to receive 10 s, and third pony 5 s, out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Five furlongs and a-half.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100 s; second horse to receive 15 s, out of stakes. Winner of the Zealandia Handicap to carry a penalty of 5lb; of the Takapuna Cup, 7lb. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Five furlongs and a-half.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 1910. MOANA HANDICAP of 80 s; second horse to receive 15 s, out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25 s, at time of entry. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Seven furlongs.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 80 s; second horse to receive 10 s, out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 25 s, at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.

SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 80 s; second horse to receive 10 s, out of stakes. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Five furlongs and a-half.

TAKAPUNA J.C. HANDICAP of 200 s; second horse to receive 20 s, and third horse 10 s, out of stakes. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 3 s. One mile and a-quarter.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 80 s; second pony to receive 10 s, and third pony 5 s, out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Four furlongs.

HOBSON HANDICAP of 100 s; second horse to receive 15 s, out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Five furlongs and a-half.

RANGITOTO HANDICAP of 100 s; second horse to receive 15 s, out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50 s, in value, or races of the collective value of 200 s, at time of entry. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Five furlongs and a-half.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP of 100 s; second horse to receive 15 s, out of stakes. Winner of the Suburban or T.J.C. Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lb; or both, 7lb. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Seven furlongs.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1910. WAIWERA HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 s; second horse to receive 15 s, out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. One mile and three-quarters.

BOROUGH HANDICAP of 100 s; second horse to receive 15 s, out of stakes. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Four furlongs.

SUMMER HANDICAP of 150 s; second horse to receive 15 s, and third horse 5 s, out of stakes. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 2 s. One mile.

THIRD PONY HANDICAP of 75 s; second pony to receive 10 s, and third pony 5 s, out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Five furlongs and a-half.

PONU HANDICAP of 80 s; second horse to receive 15 s, out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25 s, at time of entry. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Five furlongs and a-half.

MARINE HANDICAP of 100 s; second horse to receive 15 s, and third horse 5 s, out of stakes. For maiden two-year-olds that have not won a race at time of entry. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Four furlongs.

DEVONPORT HANDICAP of 80 s; second horse to receive 10 s, out of stakes. Winner of the Borough or Summer Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lb; or both, 7lb. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. Five furlongs and a-half.

WELTER HANDICAP of 100 s; second horse to receive 15 s, and third horse 5 s, out of stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb. Lowest weight, 7st. 7lb. Nomination, 1s; acceptance, 1s. One mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, December 17th, 9 p.m.—Takapuna Cup, 1s; Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap, 1s; Stewards' Handicap, 1s.

FRIDAY, January 7th, 9 p.m.—First Day.—Handicap Maiden Plate, 1s; Calliope Handicap, 1s; Zealandia Handicap, 1s; Ferry Handicap, 1s; Orewa Handicap Hurdles, 1s; First Pony Handicap, 1s; Second Day.—Moana Handicap, 1s; Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1s; Suburban Handicap, 1s; Second Pony Handicap, 1s; Hobson Handicap, 1s; Rangitoto Handicap, 1s; Anniversary Handicap, 1s; Third Day.—Waiwera Handicap Hurdles, 1s; Borough Handicap, 1s; Summer Handicap, 1s; Third Pony Handicap, 1s; Ponui Handicap, 1s; Marine Handicap, 1s; Devonport Handicap, 1s; Welter Handicap, 1s.

WEIGHTS.

FRIDAY, January 7th, 4 p.m.—Takapuna Cup Handicap, Stewards' Handicap.

FRIDAY, January 14th, 4 p.m.—First Day's Racing.

MONDAY, January 31st.—Second Day's Racing.

THURSDAY, February 3rd.—Third Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, January 21st, 9 p.m.—First Day: Handicap Maiden Plate, 1s; Calliope Handicap, 1s; Zealandia Handicap, 1s; Takapuna Cup Handicap, 5 s; Ferry Handicap, 1s; Orewa Handicap Hurdles, 1s; First Pony Handicap, 1s; Stewards' Handicap, 1s.

MONDAY, January 31st, 12 noon.—Second Day: Moana Handicap, 1s; Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1s; Suburban Handicap, 1s; Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap, 3 s; Second Pony Handicap, 1s; Hobson Handicap, 1s; Rangitoto Handicap, 1s; Anniversary Handicap, 1s.

THURSDAY, February 3rd, 12 noon.—

Third Day: Waiwera Handicap Hurdles, 1s; Borough Handicap, 1s; Sumner Handicap, 2 s; Third Pony Handicap, 1s; Ponui Handicap, 1s; Marine Handicap, 1s; Devonport Handicap, 1s; Welter Handicap, 1s.

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AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY,

SATURDAY, MARCH 26th, 1910.

TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP of 200s; second horse to receive 35s, and third horse 15s; out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance, 1s, and acceptance 1s, each. One mile and a-quarter.

BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 200s; second horse to receive 35s, and third horse 15s; out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1s, and acceptance 1s, each. Two miles.

GORE-BROWN HANDICAP of 125s; second horse to receive 20s, and third horse 10s; out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100s, or flat races of the collective value of 250s at time of starting. Entrance 1s, and acceptance 1s, each. Six furlongs.

EASTER HANDICAP of 750s; second horse to receive 125s, and third horse 75s; out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race or flat races after declaration of weights of the value of 100s to carry 3lb; of 150s, 7lb; of 300s, 10lb penalty. Entrance 1s, acceptance 3s, and a final payment of 4s each. One mile.

EDEN HANDICAP of 175s; second horse to receive 25s, and third horse 10s; out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1s, and acceptance 1s, each. Seven furlongs.

ELLERSLIE HANDICAP of 175s; second horse to receive 25s, and third horse 10s; out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1s, and acceptance 1s, each. Six furlongs.

NELSON HANDICAP of 125s; second horse to receive 20s, and third horse 10s; out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100s, or flat races of the collective value of 250s at the time of starting. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1s, and acceptance 1s, each. Seven furlongs.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 175s; second horse to receive 25s, and third horse 10s; out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1s, and acceptance 1s, each. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY,

EASTER MONDAY, MARCH 28th, 1910.

THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 125 s; second horse to receive 25s, and third horse 10s; out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1s, and acceptance 1s, each. One mile.

MANGERE HANDICAP of 125s; second horse to receive 20s, and third horse 10s; out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100s, or flat races of the collective value of 250s at time of starting. Entrance 1s, and acceptance 1s, each. Six furlongs.

NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 500s; second horse to receive 100 s, and third horse 50s; out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 8lb; geldings, 8st 7lb. By subscription of 7s each, unless forfeit of 1s is declared and paid by 9 p.m. on general entry day (Friday, March 4th), Autumn meeting, 1910. All horses remaining in after that date must pay the subscription of 7s on Friday, March 18th, 1910. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP of 750s; second horse to receive 125s, and third horse 75s; out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1s, and acceptance 7s each. One mile and a-quarter.

HUIA HANDICAP of 300s; second horse to receive 50s, and third horse 25s; out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1s, and acceptance 2s each. Six furlongs.

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 300s; second horse to receive 50s, and third horse 25s; out of the stake. Entrance 1s, and acceptance 2s; each. About three miles and a-half.

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 175s; second horse to receive 25s, and third horse 10s; out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Winner of Champagne Stakes to carry 10lb penalty. Entrance 1s, and acceptance 1s, each. Five furlongs.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. The winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

THIRD DAY.

EASTER TUESDAY, MARCH 29th, 1910.
MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 100sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and three-quarters.

ON SLOW STAKES HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds that have never won a race of the value of 50sovs, or races of the collective value of 150sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

GREAT NORTHERN OAKS of 350sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-old fillies, 8st 10lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1909, 1sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in February, 1910, 2sovs forfeit. All horses remaining in after this date must pay the subscription of 5sovs on Friday, March 18th, 1910. The winner of any race (not a handicap) after August 1st, 1909, of the value of 300sovs to carry 5lb extra; of 500sovs, 7lb extra; of 1000sovs collectively, 10lb extra. Maidens allowed 7lb. One mile and a-half.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 750sovs; second horse to receive 125sovs, and third three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 7sovs each. One mile and a-half.

ST. HELLER'S HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.

BUCKLAND HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Seven furlongs.

TOURIST HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

AUCKLAND WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Minimum weight, 8st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1910.

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, by 9 p.m.
SECOND FORFEIT—Great Northern Oaks 2sovs.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, by 9 p.m.
NOMINATIONS—Brighton Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 1sov, Autumn Steeplechase 1sov, Autumn Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY MARCH 4th, General Entry, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Brighton Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 3sovs, Autumn Steeplechase 2sovs.

NOMINATIONS—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Gore-Brown Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Tramway Handicap 1sov, Stewards' Handicap 1sov.

Mangere Handicap 1sov, Hula Handicap 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Electric Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Onslow Stakes Handicap 1sov, St. Helier's Hurdles 1sov, Buckland Handicap 1sov, Tourist Handicap 1sov, Auckland Welter Handicap 1sov.

FIRST FORFEIT—Great Northern Champagne Stakes 1sov.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Gore-Brown Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Tramway Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENTS—Easter Handicap 4sovs, Great Northern Champagne Stakes (sub.) 7sovs, Great Northern Oaks (sub.) 5sovs.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Mangere Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 7sovs, Hula Handicap 2sovs, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Electric Handicap 1sov.

MONDAY, MARCH 28th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Onslow Stakes Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 7sovs, St. Helier's Hurdles 1sov, Buckland Handicap 1sov, Tourist Handicap 1sov, Auckland Welter Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28th.
 Brighton Hurdles, Easter Handicap, Autumn Steeplechase.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11th.
 Tradesmen's Handicap, Gore-Brown, Eden Handicap, Ellerslie Handicap, Nelson Handicap, Tramway Handicap.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26th, by 8 p.m.
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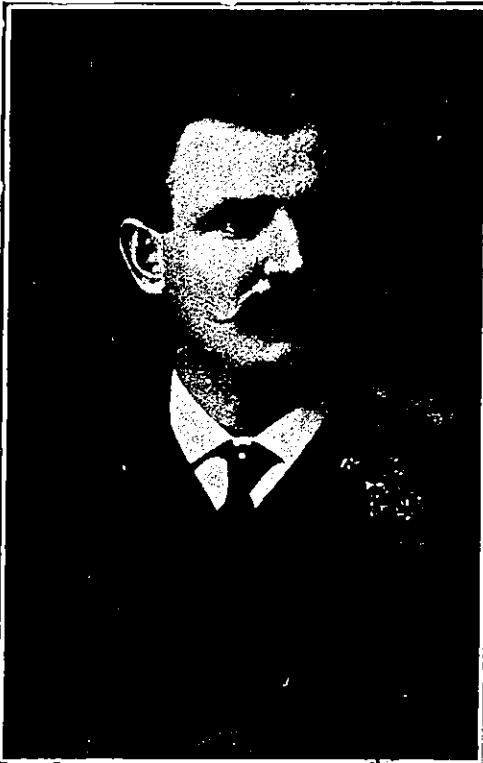
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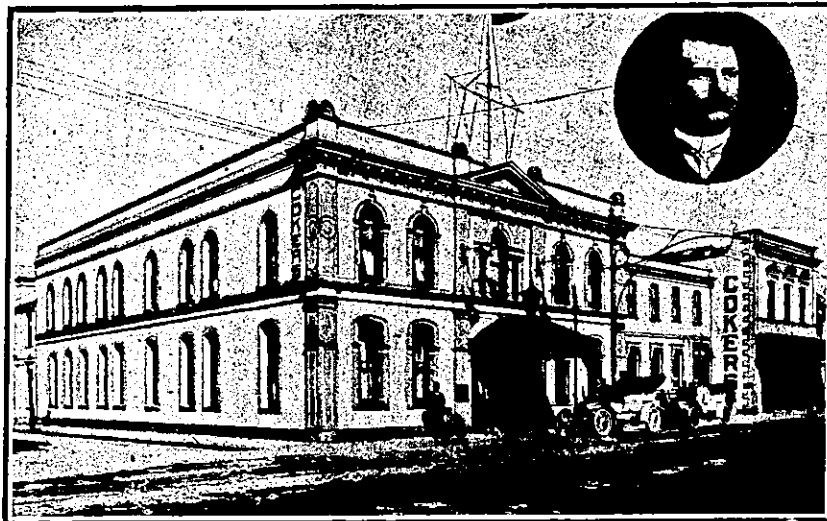
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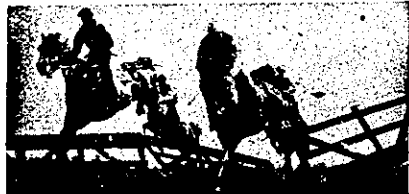
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 Jan. 19 and 20—Gore R.C. Summer Meeting
 Jan. 22 and 24—Foxton R.C. Annual
 Jan. 22, 24, and 26—Wellington R.C. Summer
 Jan. 26 and 27—Tapanui R.C. Annual
 Jan. 29, Feb. 2 and 5—Takapuna J.C. Summer
 Feb. 2—Takaka R.C. Annual
 Feb. 3—Kariol J.C. Annual
 Feb. 3 and 4—Maniototo J.C. Annual
 Feb. 3 and 5—C.J.C. Summer
 Feb. 3 and 4—Gisborne R.C. Summer
 Feb. 9 and 10—Egmont R.C. Summer
 Feb. 10 and 11—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual
 Feb. 10—Wairoa J.C. Annual
 Feb. 16 and 17—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 23 and 24—Woodville District J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 23, 24 and 26—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 25 and 26—Tologa Bay J.C. Annual
 Feb. 25 and 26—South Auckland R.C. Annual
 March 3 and 5—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 March 16 and 17—Napier Park R.C. Autumn
 March 17 and 19—Westport J.C. Annual

NOMINATIONS.

Jan. 8—Gisborne R.C. Summer
 Jan. 8—Gore R.C. Summer Meeting
 Jan. 11—Kariol J.C. Annual
 Jan. 15—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual
 Jan. 19—Wairoa J.C. Annual
 Jan. 20—Tapanui R.C. Annual
 Jan. 21—C.J.C. Summer
 Jan. 21—Maniototo J.C. Annual
 Jan. 21—Egmont R.C. Summer
 Jan. 22—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual
 Jan. 24—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 Jan. 24—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 Jan. 28—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
 Jan. 31—Woodville District J.C. Autumn
 Jan. 31—Tologa Bay J.C. Annual
 Feb. 2—Maniototo J.C. Annual
 Feb. 4—South Auckland R.C. Annual
 Feb. 11—C.J.C. Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps
 Feb. 14—Tologa Bay J.C. Annual
 Feb. 21—Westport J.C. Annual
 Feb. 24—Napier Park R.C. Autumn

HANDICAPS.

Jan. 14—Wellington R.C. Summer
 Jan. 14—Foxton R.C. Annual
 Jan. 14—Takapuna J.C. Summer
 Jan. 15—Takaka R.C. Annual
 Jan. 15—Gisborne R.C. Summer
 Jan. 17—Kariol J.C. Annual
 Jan. 26—Maniototo J.C. Annual
 Jan. 28—C.J.C. Summer
 Jan. 29—Wairoa J.C. Annual
 Jan. 31—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 Jan. 31—Egmont R.C. Summer
 Feb. 4—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual
 Feb. 7—Tologa Bay J.C. Annual
 Feb. 7—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 11—South Auckland R.C. Annual
 Feb. 11—Woodville District J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 12—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 17—Tologa Bay J.C. Annual
 Feb. 19—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 March 2—Westport J.C. Annual
 March 7—Napier Park R.C. Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

Jan. 14—Wairoa County R.C. Annual
 Jan. 14—W.R.C. Wellington Cup and Telegraph Handicap
 Jan. 15—Gore R.C. Summer Meeting
 Jan. 18—Wellington R.C. Summer
 Jan. 18—Foxton R.C. Annual
 Jan. 21—Takapuna J.C. Summer
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SUBSCRIPTION.

Feb. 1—C.J.C. Middle Park Plate
 Feb. 25—Wanganui J.C. Jackson Stakes
 FIRST FORFEITS.
 Jan. 21—C.J.C. Middle Park Plate

SECOND FORFEITS.

Jan. 24—Wanganui J.C. Jackson Stakes
 FINAL PAYMENTS.
 Jan. 14—W.R.C. Wellington Stakes
 Feb. 23—Wanganui J.C. Wanganui Cup.

For exhibiting rooted disinclination to leave the mark when the starter calls "Look out," Overdraft must surely be just about "the limit," says a Southern writer. Out of three occasions on which she went to the post during the Taranaki Christmas meeting she only followed the other horses once, and even then it was a case of follow instead of going with them. As she had incontinently got rid of a light boy at the post on her previous essay, Overdraft's owner put up 7lb. overweight to obtain the services of C. Jackson, who certainly did get her off the mark when the flag fell, but I cannot say that he had all the best of the argument, because the mare dropped him neatly overboard as soon as he walked her out of the bird cage on to the course.

TURF TOPICS.

The Pahiatua Racing Club's meeting which opened yesterday will be concluded this afternoon.

Crucinella, the half-sister to Nonette, and Koran may be taken to Australia before long.

Weights for the minor events on the opening day of the Takapuna meeting will appear to-morrow and acceptances close a week later.

The appeal of B. Deeley against the suspension imposed upon him by the Takapuna Jockey Club was considered by the Auckland Metropolitan Committee on Monday and upheld. However, Deeley is to be notified to attend a special meeting of the committee on Tuesday next to show cause why his license should not be cancelled.

It is stated that in all probability the New Zealand crack, Bobrikoff, will be taken to Australia shortly.

In this issue a two-year-old trotter is advertised for sale, full particulars of which can be had on application at this office.

The programme for the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Betting on the Wellington Cup and Telegraph Handicap is very quiet in Auckland. In the Cup Diabolo is the one inquired for most, while of the sprinters in the Telegraph Armlet and Full Sail are in most demand.

H. Telford, the Porirua horseman, is rapidly recovering from the accident that befell him when riding Waimaria a few weeks back, and has hopes of soon getting into the pigskin again.

The Auckland rider J. Pinker, who received serious injuries through First Barrel coming to grief in a hurdle race, in November, at Ellerslie, has been discharged from the hospital.

There is every probability that El Dorado may be given a chance to earn distinction over the big fences at Caulfield next jumping season. At the present time, the son of Gold Reef is in blooming condition, and he is in constant work on the tracks at Greenmeadows.

Gold Lace was withdrawn from the Wellington Cup and Penates from the Telegraph Handicap on Saturday.

Mahutonga was brought back from New South Wales, by the Wimmera, on Sunday.

The promising Soult—Miss Annie colt that was purchased at the Cambria Park sales by Sir George Clifford was shipped South on Saturday last, where he will join the Chokebore Lodge team.

Sir George Clifford's team which competed in Auckland have arrived in Wellington to assist at the summer meeting. The team comprises Kilwinning, Taskmaster, Sharpshooter, Full Sail and Tenterhook.

Amongst those to steer winners at the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting S. Hamilton and W. Orange tied for first place with three wins each. Hamilton scored with Lady Wilmington (twice) and Lady Park, while Orange was successful with Royal Victor, Gramplan and Mandarene. J. Exley rode Glenora to victory twice. Others to steer a winner were: Harold Rothschild (A. Pringle), Havoc (Nyhan), Nelson (Scott), Robex (J. T. Paul), Phyllistina (Singleton), Bell Briar (A. Hendricksen), Airona (Butler), Viscount (Crotty), Taihoa (May), Bell Gray (A. Lowe), Lady Wilhelmina (Canham), Irish Molly (Nicholson), Rawene (Smalley), Cyrona (H. Gray), Miss Stella (J. Conquest), Miss Stella (Oliver).

The largest dividend paid at Ellerslie was returned by Miss Mischief when she annexed the Summer Cup.

Artillerie has been scratched for the Wellington Cup and Full Rate for the Telegraph Handicap.

The Phoebus Apollo—Roxana horse Annapolis won the Perth Stakes on January 3. The Auckland bred horse carried 9.0 and won easily by half a length.

The Australian rider J. Accola, who did not meet with much success in Auckland has returned home.

The official timekeeper, Mr. A. Kohn, timed Uranium to run the first six furlongs in the Grandstand Handicap in 1.15 3-5. This mare is evidently regaining her past form.

Mandarene's performance in the President's Trot Handicap on Saturday was full of merit as the son of Norval simply played with his field and won easily by five lengths from John Harold in the good time of 4m 54 3-5s. This is just about 2m 27s to the mile.

On Boxing Day, for the first time in six years, the West Australian sportsman, Mr. P. A. Connolly, failed to win the Perth Cup. His nomination, a 3-year-old colt named Jolly Beggar, started favourite and was only beaten by a head by Loch Shiel, who is a 5-year-old by Le Var.

A most promising two-year-old in W. Orange's stable made his appearance on the second day at Alexandra Park. This was Gramplan, a well-bred colt by Norval—Mistle. Although the going was extremely heavy the little fellow rolled into his task in good style, with the result that the Dominion Handicap went down to his credit. On the concluding day he was slow to settle down, but nevertheless showed that he possessed pace by filling third position behind Rawene and Jungle.

Of the visiting horses at Ellerslie one who looks like paying his way is Full Sail. After a poor run in the Railway he finished in a line with Lady Medallist and Salute just behind the placed horses. The third day he simply walked in with the Glasgow Handicap, leaving the seven furlongs behind in 1.28. In the Royal Stakes he put up a great fight and was only beaten a neck by Danube, to whom he was conceding 15lb. Full Sail is still well down in the weights.

The usual monthly meeting of the Auckland Metropolitan Committee was held on Monday, the Hon. E. Mitchelson presiding. The disqualification for life imposed on the jockey A. E. Pearce by the Paengaroo Hack Club for running his horse off the course in the Paengaroo Handicap was endorsed. Licenses were granted as follows:—Trainers: Charles Weal, J. K. Hodge, and T. J. Scott. Jockeys: F. L. Speakman and C. G. Casebourne. The following programmes were passed:—Bay of Plenty Jockey Club, February 24; Waikato Jockey Club, March 5; Te Aroha Jockey Club, March 7 and 8; Ohinemuri Racing Club, March 17 and 19; Helensville Racing Club, March 17. The appeal of B. Deeley against the suspension imposed on him by the Takapuna Jockey Club was upheld on a technicality, but Deeley is to be notified to attend a special meeting of the committee on Tuesday next and show cause why his license should not be cancelled.

A meeting of the A.R.C. Committee took place subsequently, the Hon. E. Mitchelson presiding. Accounts totalling £600 were passed for payment. A statement of accounts in connection with the recent summer meeting was laid on the table and showed a very satisfactory result. The following transfers were approved:—Sir George McLean to W. G. and G. L. Stead, Khamsin; J. B. Reid to John Buckley, brown filly, 1yr, by Killoheran—Ambush; J. F. Reid to W. G. and G. L. Stead, brown filly, 1yr, by Stepniak—Britomart; Sir George Clifford to James R. Smith, bay filly Thistledown.

Nominations for the Poverty Bay Turf Club's meeting close on Saturday.

Weights for the first day of the Wellington Summer meeting appear to-morrow.

The hack hurdle racer Genuine, was recently submitted to auction, but was passed in at 50 guineas.

The trotting mare, Madam Melba has been purchased by G. Nicholson, owner of Irish Molloy. The price is stated to be somewhere in the vicinity of 60 guineas.

Master Laddo has been withdrawn from the Wellington Stakes, and Singer, Ambrosian and Attention from all engagements.

Armagh who has been playing a prominent part in jumping events at small meetings had his wings clipped on the second day at Whangarei when Luscombe beat him.

On Boxing Day, at the Victoria Amateur Turf Club's meeting, the Hastings-owned Seaton Dale won his second race in Australia, when he won the Koornang Welter, of 150 sovs. He was ridden by R. Cameron. Another New Zealander, in Golden Cairn, was second.

The southern trainer, J. M'Combe, has secured stabling accommodation at Trentham, and his team will shortly be shifted there.

There are 133 entries for the Sydney Doncaster Handicap and 87 for the Sydney Cup. The Melbourne entries for the Newmarket Handicap number 93 and for the Australian Cup 54.

The New Zealand Trotting Association last week decided to offer a reward of £50 for information which would lead to the conviction of the person or persons guilty of the nobbling of Mr. H. F. Nicholls' horse Rothschild Junior at Auckland recently. This makes the reward £200, the owner and the Auckland Trotting Club each offering £100 and £50 respectively.

The New Zealand-bred mare Chama (by Uhan) won the Warwick Farm Handicap, Sydney, (one mile and a quarter) on Saturday last.

The s.s. Victoria, which left for Sydney on Monday, had on board a valuable collection of blood yearlings, purchased at the Glenora Park sale. The shipment included the following:—Colt by Soult—Erryroe, colt by Soult—Waiorongomai, colt by Seaton Delaval—Amorelle, colt by Gluten—Lady Rose, and filly by Soult—Lady B. A three-year-old by Explosion from a Cannon mare was also taken to Sydney by the Victoria.

Tamainupo was only produced once at Ellerslie when an unplaced performance in the Railway Handicap went down against his name.

The Sydney entries for the Doncaster Handicap total 105, including the New Zealand horses Bobrikoff, Artillerie, and Don Hannibal. For the Sydney Cup there are 65 entries, including Downfall, All Red, and Artillerie.

With the exception of the A.R.C. Handicap won by Sedition, visiting horses carried off all the big prizes at Ellerslie.

"Mark" Ryan, who has been having a particularly bad run of luck, managed to break the spell at Ellerslie, but it was not until the final day when he landed Apellon a winner in the Sylvia Handicap. Let us hope that the win is only the forerunner of many more for Ryan.

Sir Tristram, one of the Hon. J. D. Ormond team at Ellerslie was not started at the meeting.

After doing his preliminary in the Grey Handicap, Muscadine bolted along the back. His rider sent him up the hill through the trees thinking that would stop him, but the gelding jumped the gate and it was some time before he was returned to the course.

When the last mail left England, Carbine's list for this year was full at a fee of £98.

During the holidays E. Lowe, H. Gray and A. Oliver were the most successful jockeys, with 7 wins each.

Sir Geo. Clifford has no less than four horses in the Telegraph Handicap, at Wellington and two in the Cup.

Soultline has created a very favourable impression since he went to India, and he is expected to pay his way.

Polymorphous, winner of the Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes, was sold as a yearling for 500 guineas to "Mr. Highden," and by winning the Stakes has got his purchase money back in one attempt, without counting the odd 150 sovs received for the Nursery Stakes.

After a number of unsuccessful attempts to score, Miss Stella had her number hoisted on top twice at the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting. There was very little merit in her performance on the second day when she scored as four out of the seven runners fell. However, she showed herself up very attractively on Saturday, when she downed an odds on chance in Mighty Atom. There was no fluke about the win as she wore the favourite down half a furlong from home and won comfortably. "Pat" Jones whose stable shelters Miss Stella had not been having too much luck of late and no one will begrudge him the win of his pony.

A Calcutta correspondent of a London paper says the jockeys' ring in India is a very strong organisation, and in connection with "arrangements" by riders tells the following story:—"At Poona and in Calcutta they have 'crows' nests—erections from which a vigilant steward is able to see, or is supposed to be able to see any funny business that is going on in a race, and when one race in which everything was nicely 'arranged' was being run at Poona, and there was no steward visible in the crowd's nest, great consternation was caused amongst the jockeys as they came to the home turn to suddenly observe a figure climbing up the steps and taking up its position in this point of vantage. It quite upset things, and the wrong horse (for the "heads") had to win! Greater chagrin, however, was subsequently caused when it was discovered that the mysterious figure was not that of a steward at all, but of a sportsman who was himself in 'retirement,' and had merely climbed up aloft to have a better view of the race. The said sportsman was not, it may be mentioned, eligible to get into the enclosure, but as the 'crows' nest' abutted on the public road he was able to avail himself of it when he saw that it was unoccupied by an official sentry!"

"The withdrawal of a protest after it has been lodged generally gives cause for dissatisfaction, and there was considerable growling in connection with a case of this kind at Gatwick (England) a few weeks ago." "In a bumping finish Dandaloo, ridden by Stanley Wootton, just got the better of Silver Bay, ridden by the boy Fitton. The majority of the on-lookers thought that the winner was at fault, and that the objection would be fatal. More particularly was this the belief of those persons who were looking on from the Press stand, which is so situated that its occupants obtained a good view of the incident. The rider of Silver Bay was responsible for the objection, but the owner backed it up by depositing the necessary five. Later, however, the owner asked for, and obtained, permission to withdraw the objection. That the stewards should have permitted this was naturally taken exception to by the backers of Silver Bay, with whom the Winning Post sides as follows:—This is a most incomprehensible proceeding to us. The stewards of the Jockey Club and their deputies—who in this case were the stewards of Gatwick—are not supposed to take cognisance of betting. But they are all aware that without betting racing would soon be of such significance that racecourse shares would be valueless. Yet what happens in this case? Before the horses had returned to weigh, betting took place that there would be an objection, and in the subsequent wagers on the result of the objection, Silver Bay was actually favorite, and his backers lost their money. Truly, we have arrived at a pretty pass, and the stewards of the Jockey Club will be lacking in the performance of their duty if they do not call upon the Gatwick stewards to give an account of their stewardship."

Amongst the winning trainers at the A.R.C. meeting, R. J. Mason and R. Hannon were a tie for leading position, with four successes. The former furnished a brace of double winners, while the latter's score was built up by a treble winner and a single. The following is the winning trainers' list:—R. Mason, Miss Mischief (2); Danube (2); R. Hannon, Salute (3), Uranium; J. H. Prosser, All Red, Lady Medallist; F. Davis, Ambala, Bobrikoff; D. Moraghan, Antoinette, Admiral Soult; W. Mobberley, Lady Patricia (2); F. Macmanamin, Maheno, Apellon; Mr. W. Ring, Wauchope, Hohungatahi; A. Jackson, Roosevelt; S. Waddel, Formby; R. Barlow, Golden Loop; F. Stenning, Dunborve; T. Quinlivan, jun., Killindini; A. Loomb, Goldfinder; P. McLaughlin, Miss Advance; J. Rae, Castadrift; E. Cutts, Killwinning; Full Sail; H. French, Sedition; C. Coleman, Michaeloff.

The winning jockeys at Ellerslie were as follows:—H. Gray, Wauchope, Golden Loop, Antoinette, Miss Mischief, Danube, Hohungatahi; P. Brady, Salute (3), Uranium, Roosevelt; C. Jenkins, All Red, Lady Medallist, Miss Advance; F. D. Jones, Formby, Killwinning; L. Wilson, Ambala, Bobrikoff; A. D. Chapman, Goldfinder, Full Sail; H. Price, Admiral Soult, Michaeloff; A. Julian, Dunborve; F. Cress, Killindini; J. Buchanan, Maheno; P. O'Brien, Lady Patricia; W. Bennett, Miss Mischief; A. H. Cowan, Castadrift; R. E. Browne, Sedition; R. Hatch, Danube; M. Ryan, Apellon; T. Howard, Lady Patricia.

A fairly good point was worked in Melbourne recently in connection with a coup which was successfully landed. A trainer wanted to create a good market price for his own horse

accepted the situation philosophically, and quietly enjoyed the fun that was made out of it by the little circle who had knowledge of the facts.

D. J. Price, who has fourteen horses in work, has shifted his team from Mordialloc to Caulfield.

The "Penang Gazette and Straits Chronicle" mentions that the Straits Racing Association handicapper has not altogether satisfied the critics in Singapore, and then adds:—"But in the Straits—leaving altogether on one side the invidious question as to whether the real 'triers' in an average field here may or may not be reckoned on the thumbs of both hands—there is one insuperable difficulty in the way of the formation of a satisfactory handicap. The large majority of the jockeys who honour these parts would be more at home in a cart—with a net over it—than on a horse's back, and very few indeed can go to scale at less than eight stone."

The following from the Melbourne "Sporting Judge" is a fair example of what can happen in the racing game:—"They were talking about luck the other day, and several very good samples of bad luck were in evidence. A trainer said that he told his jockey to get his office at the post. When the jockey arrived at the post he was declared late. He had not been there more than a brace of seconds, and when turning to get his office the starter shouted "Go!" The office was got all right, and it was to go. Losing half-a-dozen lengths at the start cost him the race. Giving his mount a fair show to make up his leeway, he made it all up bar a head. There was a hundred on of stable



VISIT OF YOUTHFUL AUSTRALIAN BILLIARD CHAMPIONS TO AUCKLAND.—Reading from left: Messrs. H. Gray, F. Lindrum, sen., F. Lindrum, jun., J. Chambers, Geo. Gray.

(it of course happens that a trainer sometimes does not back his own horse), and to do so stepped round to the fielders and backed an alleged rod-in-pickle horse trained by a friend, without, however, putting the latter wise to the move. A few gallery bets were judiciously placed and the result was that the commonly-supposed rod-in-pickle steed was brought to a short price, whilst the Napoleonic mentor of equines above-mentioned had his own horse sent back in the market. As the Napoleonic mentor of equines aforementioned placed his gallery bet he was followed by one or two unknown commissioners, who, acting on his behalf, snapped up the false price created by fielders, who imagined that they were lucky selling a bit of dead stuff. The tricky trainer landed a good stake, and the only excuse is that he "needed the money."

In his report of the Ashurst-Pohangina meeting, "Sir Bedivere" had the following interesting story to tell of Land o' Nod, the winner of the Trial Hurdle Race:—"The winner, who is a brother to Evening Wonder, has a pair of very dicky-looking legs, but he is one of the best-topped geldings that now stand in New Zealand, and if only he keeps sound he may be expected to earn considerable distinction over both hurdles and steeplechase fences. His history will, I fancy, bear relating. Originally he belonged to Mr. F. Armstrong, for whom Gooseman trained him. Having apparently broken down so badly that his racing days were over, Mr. Armstrong made a present of him to Jas. Munn, and Munn in turn gave him and a tenner to boot away to his brother, Dave Munn, who brought him down to Ashurst and there gave Maku, whom James Munn trained, and out-and-out thrashing. James

money and at an average of 7 to 2. The jockey was fined 2sovs for being late, and the handicapper shot his weight up eight. All told, not giving the office at the right time and place cost up direct £450 and in difference £800 extra."

A case involving a series of ingenious frauds upon London bookmakers came before the Recorder (Sir Forrest Fulton) at the Old Bailey recently, when Francis Wood, late a postman attached to the South-Western District office, pleaded guilty to charges of theft and forgery. Counsel said that the prisoner, who until recently was in the service of the Post Office, had for some time past carried out a very artful fraud upon bookmakers. He adopted a scheme of posting letters addressed to himself, using two envelopes. The outer envelope had a square cut out of the right-hand corner so as to expose to view a stamp affixed to the inner envelope. In that way he obtained a plain envelope with a Post Office date stamp upon it. He then enclosed in it a bet on a race that had just been run, and forwarded it as an express letter to a local bookmaker. In this way he succeeded in several instances in getting money from the bookmaker by backing a horse that he knew had won. The man's arrest was eventually brought about as the result of observation kept upon him in consequence of the many complaints reaching the authorities from bookmakers. The Recorder observed that prisoner had been guilty of artful fraud, and sentenced him to six months' hard labour.

The New Zealand-bred pony Norma has been shipped to India from Australia.

The American jockey, W. Miller, has been engaged to ride for Herr Haniel in Germany next season, and has given second claim to the patrons of F. Mau's stable (says a writer in the "Winning Post"). Miller had lately also received an offer from J. Campbell in France, who trains Mr. G. Pfizer's horses. Miller, who was very successful in America, spent last season in England, where he received very little patronage, despite the fact that he was one of the leading horsemen "across the pond."

The Archdeacon of Paris recently received what was possibly a great surprise on being notified that 400 francs were due to him as breeder's premium after Manifestant had won a race at Auteuil. The late Viscountes de Rainneville, who bred Manifestant, had made the Archbishop her heir, hence this payment to the head of the Church.

The last has not yet been heard of the Rose Noble-Tikitere case, as the Ashburton County Racing Club have appealed to the Racing Conference against the decision of the Canterbury Jockey Club, to the effect that the owner of Rose Noble is entitled to the third as well as the first money, for the reason that Tikitere's rider failed to weigh in.

Mr. R. O. Duncan, of Christchurch, recently wrote to the Sydney "Referee" as follows:—"Regarding the paragraph in your issue of December 8, 1909, suggesting a match between the New Zealand pacing mare Sal Tasker and Denver Huon your writer states: "Whether the Sal Tasker people mean business or not is hard to say, but they could be accommodated up to any amount in Sydney by the owner of Denver Huon." Let me first inform your trotting editor that the connections of Sal Tasker always meant business when they offered to match Mrs. Duncan's mare, so his doubts on that point can be dispelled. The Denver Huon people can be accommodated up to any amount in Christchurch by the connections of Sal Tasker. Provided the services of Sal Tasker's former mentor, D. J. Price, can be secured to handle the mare, Mrs. Duncan is willing to match her against Denver Huon, on a suitable track, for three out of five one-mile heats, two out of three two-mile heats, or a straight three miles go—the winner to take the lot. The New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club are willing, I believe, to put up a purse of not less than 250sovs, provided the match takes place on their track at one of their meetings, and the winner can take that as well. Both to ride in harness, draw for the pole for the first heat, winner of preceding heat to take the pole subsequently; flying starts, outside horse to score by the pole horse."

THE BETTING MARKET.

Betting on the Wellington double—Cup and Telegraph—is very quiet, backers evidently waiting for acceptances. A number of horses have been backed in the Cup straight out and in doubles with Armet, Killindini and Crucinella, the three mentioned being the favourite selections in the sprint event. The following prices are on offer straight out on the Cup:—10 to 1 Bobrikoff, 12 All P... 23 Aberbrothock, 16 Husbandman, 14 Roosevelt, 16 Ringdove, 14 Downfall, 16 Diabolo, 20 Sir Tristram, 14 Merrivonia, 20 Elysian, 25 Merrie Zealand, 16 Sandstream, 20 Taskmaster, 16 Prim, 20 Waipaku, 12 Crucinella, 8 Sir Antrim, 8 Advocate, 50 Tawhaki, 20 Paisano, 20 Ngapuka, 16 Muskerry, 20 Maori King, 33 Moloch, 12 Lady Medallist, 12 Equitas, 50 Bollin, 25 First Gun, 50 Kopu, 33 Uhlano, 12 Koran, 14 Ambrosian, 50 Boutade, 33 Uranium, 50 Tiptoe, 20 Chanteuse, 50 Lawn Rose, 33 Truganini, 50 Flingot, 25 Osiris, 16 Perolina, 50 Te Pua, 50 Chauvelin, 50 Miscast, 100 Warlock, 100 Ukraine, 100 Berengaria, 100 Captain Bell, 33 Bismarck.

OLD-TIME STEEPLECHASING.

In a brief interview with one of the old school of Australian cross-country riders, Bob Batty, a Melbourne scribe obtained some interesting "copy" from which the following excerpts are made:

In the seventies Batty was in the first flight of flat race riders, and throughout the eighties he had no superior as a rider over the jumps.

Bob Batty is the only jockey who claims the honour of riding both a Melbourne Cup winner and a Grand National Steeplechase victor.

On Wolloman he won the Melbourne Cup of 1875, and 1881 piloted Mr. F. C. Goyder's horse, Sussex, to

victory in the first Grand National Steeple, defeating a hot favorite in Mr. Martin Loughlin's mare Twilight.

"The country traversed in the early V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase at Flemington," he remarked, "was bigger and stiffer than to-day. Many of the jumps reached 4ft 4in and 4ft 5in. At that time, and until eleven years ago, the Steeplechase course on the river side, after leaving the straight, ran on the outside of the course proper. Here there were three post and railers, which were 4ft 4in high. These fences included a double with about 100 yards between jumps."

Concerning the frequency of accidents in jumping races, R.E. opined:—"Mishaps in cross-country races were not so numerous in the eighties and the reason is that Grand National candidates and cross-country performers were better schooled, and consequently jumped better, than in later periods. It was no uncommon thing for the old-time steeplechaser to be schooled for twelve months before he saw a fence in public.

"Suburban steeplechasing was but little known in those days, and the temptation for an owner to try in races over stiff country a horse who shows aptitude in suburban steeple was not so pronounced."

On the question of the best steeplechaser he has known, Batty gives Sussex pride of place.

"Sussex," he remarks, "is certainly the pick of 'chasers I have seen. He won his Grand National carrying 13.1, and the performance was all the more meritorious from the fact that Sussex hurt himself three fences from home. Another great performance of Sussex was the winning in one afternoon of the V.A.T.C. Maiden Steeple, of two miles and a-half, carrying 11.1, and the Victoria Gold Cup, of two and a-half, carrying 13.5."

After Sussex, Batty places Redleap and Daimio in that order of merit.

DEATH OF A GREAT SPRINTER.

The "Canterbury Times" gives the following particulars concerning the career of Blazer, who died at Feilding a couple of weeks ago.

He was bred by Sir George M'Lean at the Warrington stud in 1894, and was by St. Clair—Mountain Lily, by Totara from a Traducer mare. He was a very plain-looking yearling, and for this reason, added to the fact that his dam was one of the least thought of mares in the stud, he was knocked down at auction for 41gns., being secured on behalf of Mr. S. Solomon, the well-known Dunedin barrister. He made his first appearance as a two-year-old at Riccarton in a selling race, in which he finished out of a place. On the following day he defeated Sir Launcelot (who had dead-heated with Multiform in the Welcome Stakes) in a handicap, and he repeated the performance in the Electric Plate, but Multiform was in front of them both. Later in the season he won the Dunedin Stakes and ran Multiform to a neck in the Musselburgh Plate. His only other win that season was in the Railway Plate at Dunedin. As a three-year-old he finished third in the Stewards' Handicap, but later in the meeting won the Electric Plate. He had five more wins this season, the last being in the Templeton Handicap at Riccarton, with 9st 7lb on his back. He was awarded 9st 13lb in the Stewards' Handicap, but finished out of a place. His first win was in the Musselburgh Plate at Dunedin. Among his other three wins that season was the Champion Plate at Riccarton. He was at his best as a five-year-old, at which age he won nine races out of eleven starts. Among them were the Wellington Telegraph Handicap, with 9st. 8lb; Wellington Electric Handicap, with 10st. 11lb; and Canterbury Craven Plate, with 10st. 2lb. At six years he was set to carry 9st. 13lb. in the Stewards' Handicap. At this meeting, however, he won the Ashley Handicap, with 9st. 13lb, and the Randolph Handicap, with 10st. 9lb. Going on to Wellington, he won the Telegraph Handicap, with 9st. 12lb, and the Metropolitan Handicap, with 10st 11lb. As a seven-year-old his six wins included the Wellington Wainui Handicap, with 9st. 3lb, and Hutt Park Handicap, with 8st. 10lb. At eight years he won three races. One of the most notable events of his career was to defeat Royal Artillery, then a champion three-year-old, in the Electric Plate at Riccarton. His record works out as follows:—76 starts, 35 wins, 9 seconds, 5 thirds and 27 unplaced performances, the value of the stakes won being £4432. In the early part of his career Blazer was trained by S. J. Mercer, and later on by H. Jackson, to whom he was presented when Mr. Solomon retired from racing. Over short courses Blazer was one of the most brilliant and consistent horses that ever graced the New Zealand turf.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

THIRD DAY'S RACING.

The Auckland Trotting Club brought their Summer gathering to a close at Alexandra Park on Saturday, when there was again a good attendance. With the exception of a couple of light showers the weather was favourable, and those present had the pleasure of witnessing a capital afternoon's sport. The racing was good, and with the exception of the Onslow Class Trot, passed off without a hitch. Mr. F. W. Edwards, the Club's handicapper was responsible, in a large measure, for the sport provided and he had backers fairly at a loss to select the winners, favourites being beaten in six out of the eight events, an uncommon occurrence at Alexandra Park. The secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, was not lacking in his efforts to cater for all present and he must be highly satisfied with the results. The various other officers, one and all, filled their respective positions capably, and a select programme of music was rendered by the Garrison Band, under the conductorship of Mr. G. F. Cater.

On the totalisator the sum of £4589 10s was invested, a falling off of £150 10s compared with the concluding day of last year, and making £14,806 10s for the gathering, a decrease of £32 10s over the 1908-9 meeting. The figures, compared with the two previous years, read as follows:—

Table with 3 columns: Year (1907-8, 1908-9, 1909-10) and three rows: First day, Second day, Third Day. Total figures are also provided at the bottom.

In addition, 18 bookmakers were licensed at £10 10s each, returning £189 in fees, or a total of £672 for the meeting, as against £609 last year.

The stewards met twice during the afternoon. On the first occasion they had to consider two alleged cases of boring by Ned Corbet and Mandarene. The complaint against Ned Corbet was dismissed, but that against Mandarene, for causing Conqueror to run wide, was adjourned, in order that the evidence of A. Hendricksen might be taken. A protest, entered against Rawene, winner of the Telegraph Trot, by A. Cameron, owner of Jungle (runner-up), was dismissed after a long inquiry.

THE RACING.

A field of nine went out in the Trial Trot, Diamond Bell being made favourite. Diamond Bell showed the way over a couple of furlongs when Cora Bell ran into the lead, and she was still in front when they passed the stand the first time where Lady Wilmington was running with Diamond Bell in second place, with Wild Marie making up ground fast. Going along the back stretch Lady Wilmington took command, and making no mistakes over the rest of the journey, she won easily by eight lengths from Wild Marie, who beat Cora Bell by three lengths for second place, Lady Wilhelmina was fourth.

All the horses on the card went to the post in the Ward Handicap Trot, for which Francita was sent out a strong favourite. Bell Gray began well and she led for two furlongs when Francita headed her and the favourite led along the back and through the dip with Iago and Harold Abdallah running third and fourth, close up. In the run up the straight Bell Gray closed up again and she was on terms with Francita passing the stand, while Harold Abdallah and Iago were only a length away. Entering upon the final circuit Francita drew out a bit and she had an advantage of two lengths when the run along the back was commenced. However, Bell Gray soon arranged alongside and drawing away at the dip she had matters all her own way, and won by a couple of lengths from Francita, with Harold Abdallah half-a-dozen lengths away third. Iago was fourth and Craigaruskey next, while the last to finish was Special Light.

In the New Year Handicap backers would have nothing but Mighty Atom and the little son of Freedom was made a strong order. There was a delay of about twelve minutes at the post, but the field were eventually sent on the journey. The colours of Mighty Atom were quickly out in front and with Peggy Pride and Miss Stella close up, he showed the way along the back when Miss Stella ran up to within half a length of the leader. Mighty Atom was first to turn for home, but at the distance Miss Stella cut him down and won by a

length and a-half with Peggy Pride a similar distance away third. Mika was fourth.

Scotia was the only withdrawal from the Presidents' Trot and backers made Mandarene favourite, but Conqueror was well backed and so were some of the others. When started on the journey John Harold was soon out in front, while Implore and Woodbury refused to settle down to their work. With Mandarene and Conqueror following, John Harold showed the way till the back stretch was reached the last time when Mandarene took command and Floranz ran up third, replacing the fast tiring Conqueror. Once Mandarene got in front the issue was soon at an end and he won very easily by four lengths from John Harold, with Viscount about two lengths further back, third. Floranz, All Night and Conqueror followed in the order written.

The stewards held an inquiry into the running of Mandarene, but the judge's decision was allowed to stand unaltered.

In the Association Trot most support was accorded to Lady Park, but there was no pronounced favourite. From the outset Lady Park and Day Dawn set out to make the pace and the pair ran in company well out from the others till just before the straight was reached the last time, when Day Dawn broke badly, and this enabled Lady Park to go on and win by about ten lengths from Huon Leal, the rider of whom caught May, on Day Dawn, napping, and beat him a length for second dividend. Albert Edward was fourth and Stranger next.

Lord Ashton was favourite in the Park Trot, but once again disappointed his followers. Gather No Moss showed out for a bit but was quickly headed by Madam Melba and Lady Wilhelmina and the first named was well out in front when the final circuit was entered upon. However, she began to tire and though she was the first to turn into the straight Lady Wilhelmina soon had her measure and won by three lengths with Gather No Moss about a dozen lengths behind Madam Melba, third. Lord Ashton was fourth.

Backers had something to face in the Onslow Class Trot. When the word was given to go Phyllistina refused to start and Miss Vera collided with her. Then owing to some misunderstanding several of the candidates did not run, the only ones to start being Irish Molly, John Harold and Royal Victor. Irish Molly was in front all the way and won by two lengths from John Harold, with Royal Victor third. The other contestants were under the impression that it was no start, but Mr. O'Connor (starter) ruled otherwise. The crowd made a hostile demonstration at the conclusion of the race. Phyllistina was favourite.

The meeting concluded with the Telegraph Trot. Rawene, who had failed to show up at all in her previous efforts at the meeting, being sent out favourite. When they reached the stand the favourite was in front, but was then headed by Madam Melba. However, Rawene quickly took command again and with Jungle and Gramplan as her nearest attendants she showed the way along the back and was well clear when they raced through the dip. Rawene was the first to turn for home and holding off all opposition she won nicely by a couple of lengths from Jungle, with Gramplan about eight lengths away third. Tiahoa was fourth and Manxman next. A protest against the winner, on the grounds of inconsistent running, was dismissed.

The following were the results:—

TRIAL HANDICAP TROT of 40sovs. One mile and a-half. Race results list including Mr. P. McCrory's b m Lady Wilmington, Mr. T. M. Wade's b m Wild Marie, etc.

WARD HANDICAP of 75sovs. One mile and a-half. Race results list including H. A. Coates' ch m Bell Gray, Mr. A. B. Adelaide's b m Francita, etc.

NEW YEAR HANDICAP of 100sovs. For ponies 14 hands 3in and under About four furlongs and a-half. Race results list including Mr. M. Jones' b m Miss Stella, Mr. W. C. Ring's b g Mighty Atom, etc.

Also started: 4. Mistime, 9.0; 2. Malka, 7.7; 3. Nora Sault, 7.7; 7. Lady Ferris 6.9. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 57 sec.

PRESIDENTS' HANDICAP TROT of 115sovs. Two miles. Race results list including Mr. J. G. Lecky's br c Mandarene, Mr. C. R. Bailey's b g John Harold, etc.

ASSOCIATION TROT HANDICAP of 100sovs. Two miles. Race results list including Mr. C. Wren's blk m Lady Park, Mr. G. McDell's m g Huon Leal, etc.

PARK HANDICAP TROT of 100sovs. One mile and a-half. Race results list including Mr. H. R. Craig's b m Lady Wilhelmina, Mr. W. Lynch's br m Madam Melba, etc.

ONSWLOW CLASS TROT HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile. Race results list including Mr. G. Nicholson's b m Irish Molly, Mr. C. R. Bailey's b g John Harold, etc.

TELEGRAPH TROT HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile. Race results list including Mr. R. Shadbolt's b m Rawene, Mr. A. Cameron's br g Jungle, etc.

THE FATE OF THE FAVOURITE.

The following table shows how the favourite fared on each of the three days at the meeting:—

Table with two columns: Day (FIRST DAY, SECOND DAY, THIRD DAY) and Name of horse. Shows finishing positions for favorites like Lady Wilhelmina, Diamond Bell, etc.

A real sporting match took place over half a mile of the Hastings track a couple of weeks ago, the competitors being Merry Lawn and Aurato, whose owners had backed their respective "geegees" for a new shirt. The pair kept close order all the way, but Griffiths managed to land Merry Lawn a winner by a length at the finish. Aurato subsequently won a double at Petane on Boxing day.

Dreams, forsooth! There are dreams and dreams (says a London weekly), but the champion visionary of the year is that good sportsman, Mr. William Clark, who, in partnership with Mr. Lionel Robinson, owns the horses trained by Brewer at Newmarket. He dreamed that Submit would win the Cesarewitch, and his own horse, Rushcutter, would be beaten. But he did not turn his dream into substance by backing Submit. He then dreamed that Christmas Daisy would win the Cambridgeshire, and on this occasion took 1000 to 70 about him and also backed him for a place. A dreamy person is generally looked upon as sleepy, the one going with the other, but to dream the successful double event of the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire is a most substantial kind of sleep.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

CANTERBURY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, January 11.

W. Clarke is now giving Gravitation some strong work and the son of Birkenhead is doing well. Gwendolina, another member of Clarke's team, has thrown off the soreness she was suffering from a short while back and is now doing plenty of solid work. This mare has been unlucky this season, but if her trainer can get her well she should pick up a decent stake during the autumn.

Ringdove was well backed in Christchurch for the Wairarapa Cup, but she had to be shaken up to win. Ristori was right off colour up north.

J. R. Franks has started work with the Messrs. Stead Bros. team, which now consists of Ringdove, Ristori, Crown Derby, Lily White, and Sunburnt. The team is located at Grasslea stables.

R. J. Mason returned from Auckland last week, and after spending a few days here returned to Wellington with Lady Rema, by Merriewe—Lady Helen. Mason will have a small, but select team at Trentham with Armlet, Danube and Lady Rema. Canterbury stables will be well represented at this year's summer meeting at Trentham. Sir George Clifford will have the largest team which will consist of Husbandman, Sharpshooter, Full Sail, Kilwinning, Broadsword, Saxifrage and Tenterhook. E. Cutts and his son Harry will both be at Trentham looking after the team, which is one of the strongest Sir George has sent to a meeting outside Riccarton.

Bobrikoff and Diabolo are the favourite selections in Christchurch for the Wellington Cup, while Armlet is one of the most fancied for the Telegraph Handicap.

Wet Day, who let her connections down badly at Dunedin, is having a rest. One of her legs appears to be troubling her.

Los Angelos is also showing signs of lameness, but O'Donnell does not anticipate much trouble in getting his horse ready for autumn engagements.

Grand Slam was offered for sale by public auction on Saturday last but failed to find a purchaser. Later on he was sold privately to T. P. Claridge for £80.

M. Hobbs has had another addition to his team in Kora, a two-year-old filly by Stepniak—Demeter. J. B. Reid has leased the filly to F. H. Payne.

R. Longley had a successful trip on the West Coast, winning six races with White Cockade, Montreal and De Witte. The last named was sold to a West Coast buyer at the conclusion of the Greymouth meeting.

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, January 8.

Jimmy Peachey had Irish Rifle very fit at Bulls, but the Musketry gelding went sore before the meeting ended, and will want a spell.

There is stated to be a likelihood of Koran and Crucinella being taken to Australia shortly. Both the son of Pilgrim's Progress and the half sister to Nonette are very well just now and if they do go across to the "other side" should pick up some stake money.

Stayboy's new owner, Mr. J. McCombe, is understood to have paid £180 for that hurdler.

It is understood that Sir Antrim's special mission is the Wellington Cup. As he promises to turn out a stayer there is no reason why he should not give a good account of himself.

The reason Equitas did not start in the Wairarapa Cup, was that she was badly in season. By the way, it is stated that the whole of the racing stock of the Marton sportsman who races as "Mr. F. Preston," are to be submitted for sale shortly, and that the gentleman named will go out of the racing game altogether. It is given out that the reason is that the owner resents the action of the W.R.C. stewards in tying up the Equitas case so long.

Much satisfaction was expressed in racing circles here at the success of Roosevelt in the Grandstand Handicap at Auckland. The colt had run so long with hard luck that everyone was pleased to see him score a win.

Mr. J. Goodwin's mare Dolce was galloped upon in the Ngaire Handicap at Stratford, and sustained injuries which will necessitate her being given a long spell.

Mr. J. N. Coleman, owner of Moose, is appealing against the decision of the Feilding Club in awarding the Hack Hurdles on the first day of that meeting to Pearl Reef, after Moose finishing first. The appeal is to be considered on Tuesday evening by the Wanganui Metropolitan Club.

Howler, the 6-year-old gelding by Sou'wester—Ascot Vale mare, who ran second in the Farmers' Plate at Stratford, is owned by Mr. W. Tucker, a well-known Wanganui sportsman, who also owns Chase Mab. Howler is trained by a lady, who is one of the most accomplished horsewomen on this coast.

Mr. J. F. Mancer, the popular treasurer of the Rangitikei Racing Club, who has just returned from a trip to the Old Country, was back in time to be present at the first meeting of his club on their new course.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, January 11.

H. Cutts has arrived at Trentham with Sir George Clifford's team, consisting of Taskmaster, Kilwinning, Full Sail, Sharpshooter and Tenterhook. Broadsword, Husbandman and Flitaway are still at Riccarton, but will join the team at Trentham during the week. The whole of the horses are reported in capital trim, notwithstanding that most of them had rather arduous times during the holiday racing.

Mr. J. Whitworth, in withdrawing his mare, Artillerie, from the Wellington Cup, explains that although her weight was an equitable one, the mare had not been in active work since her return from Australia and being badly in need of a spell, he had determined not to race her until the autumn meetings come round, when she may again be raced at Randwick.

Gold Lace was also taken out of the Cup by her owner, Mr. F. Hall, the well-known Gisborne sport. The mare's trainer, J. Lowe, it transpires, advised that he feared that training Gold Lace for a distance race would tend to impair her pace and she will be kept at sprinting in the meantime.

Had Artillerie and Gold Lace continued their Cup engagements they would have received plenty of backing. The metallicians had innumerable enquirers immediately the weights appeared, and the prompt withdrawal of the two mares saved intrepid backers considerable cash.

Prosser's teams which were assisting at Auckland and Rangitikei meetings are again installed in their boxes at Porirua. Report credits them with feeling no ill-effects from their racing, and the whole of the Porirua horses claiming engagements at the Wellington Racing Club's meeting will shortly be taken over to Trentham.

R. Hatch has been engaged to ride Ringdove in the Wellington Cup. The English-bred mare greatly impressed those who saw her win the Wairarapa Cup and she is being well supported by the public for the Wellington Cup and in doubles. Armlet, Broadsword, Killindini and Theodore are being persistently enquired after for the sprint event.

Mr. Barclay's fine sprinter, Penates, is reported as showing signs of soreness since his efforts at Manawatu, and may not be seen out at the Wellington meeting. Lares, the property of the same owner, was given a run at Wairarapa, but displayed no pace and will require more time to develop.

The beginning of the end appears in sight so far as Galloway racing is concerned. At a meeting which took place at Miramar on Saturday, chaos ruled. Horses that passed the winning post first were not acceptable to the managers of the show, and in couple of instances they were promptly ruled out and the result was that the police had to be called in to protect those in authority, who were being chased by an infuriated crowd, who came near doing serious damage to those responsible for running the meeting.

Returned visitors to the Auckland Racing Club's Summer meeting agree in saying that they had a most enjoyable time, the hospitality of the A.R.C. executive being highly spoken of. The facilities offered to holiday-makers by the Main Trunk is much appreciated, and Wellington sports can always be relied upon to largely patronise the Queen city's big summer gathering.

Local metallicians report good busi-

ness on the Wellington Cup and in doubles. The following horses have already been supported from the right quarter:—Ringdove, Roosevelt, Merivonia, Merric Zealand, Prim, Wai-paku, Crucinella, Sir Antrim, Paisano, Equitas and Koran.

RIOT AT MIRAMAR.

CROWD RUSH THE OFFICIALS.

POLICE HAVE TO INTERVENE.

The meeting of the Wellington Pony and Galloway Racing Club, which took place at Miramar on Saturday last, was characterised by some extraordinary scenes (says the "New Zealand Times").

The Wellington Cup Handicap was won easily by Petronel. A protest was lodged by the owner of Wharekoa owing to alleged interference during the race. After consideration the stewards dismissed the objection, but suspended Todd (the rider of Petronel) for the remainder of the meeting.

The Newtown Handicap was productive of a disorderly occurrence, and one that will not readily be forgotten. Sirrah, who had run earlier in the day, won comfortably, and as soon as the winner had passed the judge's post there were howls and shouts, principally from the bookmakers, that the stewards should hold an inquiry. This they did, and decided to disqualify Sirrah and ordered the bookmakers to pay out on the second pony, Billy. This was an easy matter for the metallicians, for Sirrah was better backed by the public than Billy. This led to further uproar, for those people who had supported Sirrah demanded their money back from the bookmakers, but this appeal fell on deaf ears, and they were left lamenting. The scene of women and men gesticulating and threatening the bookmakers and the stewards of the club, was ludicrous in the extreme.

If the Newtown Handicap was productive of some uproar it was left for the Tramway Handicap to provide the climax to the day's racing. Flying Wind, who had ran third in the Brooklyn Handicap, was saddled up for the final event, and this pony, who had the benefit of Mallowe's services in the saddle, won by a length. Again the bookmakers were loudest in their shouts that Flying Wind should not get the stake, and people jumped and fell over the fence into the saddling paddock, in their eagerness to attack anybody. The stewards held a meeting and decided that the race should be awarded to Paul, who had run second. This was the signal for a further outburst, and the crowd gathered around some of the club's officials and jostled and pushed them about. The police, of whom there were only three on the ground, aided the stewards to reach a place of safety, and that they escaped from such an infuriated mob says a lot for their agility. The meeting can safely be written down as the most disorderly that has ever taken place in the Wellington district.

In France the gross totalisator turnover for the first nine months of this year was 236,771,230 francs (\$9,470,850), which is an increase of about 5½ million francs on the money taken during the same period last year, but about twelve million francs less than for the first nine months of 1907. The French deduction from totalisator investments is 8 per cent.

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TURF RESULTS.

WHANGAREI RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

Beautiful weather favoured the opening day of the Whangarei Racing Club's summer meeting, held on Friday at Kensington Park. The attendance was up to that of former years. Nineteen book-makers were licensed. The following were the results:-

- SETTLERS' HANDICAP.—Luscombe 1, Wellcast 2, Denbies 3. Won by a neck. Time, 1m. 17s.
KENSINGTON STAKES.—Frontino 1, Dogger Bank 2, Peregrine 3. These were the only horses to get away from the starter, the others having misunderstood the signal to go. Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed, as the hot favourite, Lady Dot, was one of those badly left.
HURDLE HANDICAP.—Armagh 1, Sable 2, Gipsy Queen 3. A close finish.
TROT HANDICAP.—Marsden 1, Aronui 2, Muratal 3. Won comfortably.
WHANGAREI CUP.—Prince Leo 1, Peregrine 2, Castle Blaney 3. Also started: Kremlin and Luscombe. Won all the way. Time, 1m. 55s.
RAILWAY HANDICAP.—Wellcast 1, Denbies 2, Luros 3. Won by a neck.
PUBLICANS' PURSE.—Rarata 1, Matatua 2, Belle Napier 3. Only three horses started. Won, hard held, by 10 lengths.
FLYING HANDICAP.—Lady Dot 1, Frontino 2, Dogger Bank 3. Won comfortably.

SECOND DAY.

The second day of the Whangarei Racing Club's summer meeting was not favoured with the ideal weather conditions of the previous day, heavy showers marring to some extent the day's sport. The racing, however, was quite up to the previous day's standard. The results were as follows:-

- MAIDEN PLATE.—Walata 1, Maroon and Black 2, Luros 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 32s.
HURDLE RACE.—Luscombe 1, Armagh 2. Only two started.
TROT HANDICAP.—Kitty 1, Rufus 2, Murital 3. Won comfortably.
PARK HANDICAP.—Prince Leo 1, Peregrine 2, Denbies 3. Won easily. Time, 1m. 48s.
MARDEN STAKES.—Lady Dot 1, Frontino 2, Nervine 3. Won all the way. Time, 1m. 55s.
FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Frontino 1, Aldershot 2. Won by half-a-length. Time, 52s. Lady Dot finished first, but failed to draw the weight.

WESTLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

There was fine weather and a record attendance for the first day of the Westland Racing Club's summer meeting. The Hon. R. McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie were among the visitors. The sum of £3982 was put through the totalisator, against £2902 for the same day last year. The results are:-

- STAFFORD HANDICAP.—Hillspring 1, Freeland 2, Coxswain 3. Time, 1m. 31 1-5s.
STEWARDS' HANDICAP.—Mangrove 1, Merchantman 2, Blessbok 3. Time, 1m. 1 1-5s.
KANIERI HANDICAP.—Silent Member 1, Slyverle 2, Runanga 3. Time, 1m. 25 1-5s.
WESTLAND HANDICAP.—Nordoff 1, Ito 2, White Lie 3. Time, 1m. 46s.
JANUARY HANDICAP TROT.—Bushranger 1, Sir Bedivere 2, Mawhera 3.
DASH HANDICAP.—Supplement 1, Montague 2, Gien spring 3. Time, 50s.
HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP.—North Pole 1, Coxswain 2, Investment 3. Time, 1m. 55s.
INNOVATION HANDICAP TROT.—Sir Bedivere 1, Parauui 2, Monday 3.
FLYING HANDICAP.—Ito 1, Contingent 2, Merchantman 3. Time, 1m. 5s.

SECOND DAY.

The second and concluding day of the Westland Racing Club's summer meeting was held on Friday in splendid weather. There was again a large attendance. Over £8000 was put through the totalisator for the two days. The results were:-

- GOLDSBOROUGH HANDICAP.—Investment 1, Runanga 2. Time, 1m. 4s.
TELEGRAPH HANDICAP.—Mangrove 1, Merchantman 2, North Pole 3. Time, 1m. 4s.
RIMU HANDICAP.—Glacilis 1, Hillspring 2, Wairapa 3. Time, 1m. 25 3-5s.
HOKITIKA HANDICAP.—Nordoff 1, Ito 2, First View 3. Time, 1m. 40s.
SUMMER TROT.—Welcome 1, Mawhera 2, Margaret 3.
ELECTRIC HANDICAP.—Supplement 1, Montague 2, Barley 3. Time, 51 3-5s.
WELTER HANDICAP.—First View 1, Hillspring 2. Time, 1m. 25s.
EXPRESS TROT.—Mawhera 1, Roosevelt 2, Convent Bell 3. Time, 2m. 35s.
FINAL HANDICAP.—Silent Member 1, Blessbok 2, Ito 3. Time, 1m. 11 1-5s.

GREY TROTTER CLUB'S MEETING.

- The summer meeting of the Grey Trotting Club was concluded on Wednesday in fine weather. There was a very large attendance. The results were:-
WESTLAND HANDICAP.—Ngatimaru 1, Midas 2, Tapanui 3. Scratched: Lady Bella, Diction, Toaroaha. A good race. Time, 4m. 22s.
RUNANGA HANDICAP.—Bushranger 1, Sir Bedivere 2, Searcher 3. Scratched: Wild Palm, NH Desperandum, Possum. Won easily. Time, 4m. 20s.
GREY TROTTER CLUB HANDICAP.—Croesus 1, Chiefting 2, Volcano 3. Scratched: Wild Palm. A splendid race won by a length. Time, 4m. 49s.
TELEGRAPH HANDICAP.—Convent Bell 1, Joe Davis 2, Comrade 3. Scratched: Westland, Rubin, Prudish. Time, 2m. 48 3-5s.

DUNOLLY HANDICAP.—Midas 1, Diction 2, Enterprise 3. Scratched: Black Sand, Seddon's Terrace. Time, 5m. 35 2-5s.

SUBURBAN HANDICAP.—Chiefting 1, Garrett 2, Black Sand 3. Scratched: Jean Allerton. Time, 5m. 16s.

SPEEDWELL HANDICAP.—Atlanta 1, Coin 2, Roosevelt 3. Scratched: Gossip. Time, 2m. 37s.

FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Childstone 1, Diction 2, Joe Davis 3. Scratched: Wild Palm. Time, 4m. 7 2-5s.

MIRAMAR PONY RACES.

The following are the results of the pony races at Miramar on Saturday:-

- FIRST MAIDEN HANDICAP.—Dear-est, 8.9, 1; Gipsy Girl, 8.0, 2; Torrent, 8.10, 3.
BROOKLYN HANDICAP.—Billy 8.12, and Cisco Rose, 8.2 (dead heat), 1; Flying Wind 3.
WELLINGTON CUP.—Petrol, 10.5, 1; Wharekoa, 10.8, 2; Picotee, 8.1, 3.
SETTLERS' HANDICAP.—Firefly, 9.0, 1; Miss Ruby, 9.3, 2; Tricie, 8.6, 3.
NEWTOWN HANDICAP.—Billy, 9.2, 1; Cisco Rose, 8.7, 2; Myre, 10.8, 3.
TRAMWAY HANDICAP.—Paul, 8.5, 1; Paul Beaver, 9.7, 2; Flying Wind, 10.8, 3.

SOULTLINE IN INDIA.

Advices to hand show that the Auckland-bred gelding Soultline (by Soult-Castorline) scored an easy win in the December Plate at the recent Calcutta meeting.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

MAIDEN PLATE.—Prince Leo, Fuss, Monocle, Spectre, Aoroa, Prophet, Waipa, Castle Blaney, Jill, Waiotahi, Pukenui.

CALLIOPE HANDICAP.—Veitalia, Hamadryad, Bonnie Fishwife, Muskewai, Wenonah, His Highness, Master Theory, Minstral, Domino, Doughboy, Solus, Monocle, Lucille, Columbia, Merrigee, Princess Soult, Havilah.

ZEALANDIA HANDICAP.—Hyperion, Monocle, Elegance, Spectre, Zinnia, Aimwell, Excalibur, Admiral Soult, Tarina, Devonport, Explosive, Miss Winnie, Waiari, Mator, Lady Dot, All's Well, Jena.

FERRY HANDICAP.—Fuss, Mary Ann, Lady Betty, Steplink, Haku, Monocle, Spectre, Aoroa, Parawal, Aristos, Flying Soult, Madam Soult, Captain Soult, Matarere, Penfold, Castle Blaney, Pairawaatu, Miss Grizzle, Jill, Lady Ferris, Toa Tere, Muscadine, Rob the Ranter.

OREWA HURDLE RACE.—Hoanga, King, Tui Cakobau, Armagh, First Barrel, Sabre, Ranghaeta, Hautapu, Leo, Pleiades.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP.—Maika, Nora Soult, Effulgence, Mighty Atom, Cyrona, Mistime, Peggy Pryde, Miss Stella.

MOANA HANDICAP.—Osgodby, Prince Leo, Fuss, King, Steplink, Haku, Monocle, Spectre, Aoroa, Flying Soult, Madam Soult, Castle Blaney, Armagh, Jill, Alicia, Lady Ferris, Muscadine, Waiotahi.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE.—Hoanga, Dogger Bank, Red McGregor, Prophet, Lough Finn, Explosive, First Barrel, Sabre, Miss Winnie, Calm, Aldershot, St. Maria, Pleiades, Celtic.

SUBURBAN HANDICAP.—Hyperion, Lady Frances, Monocle, Elegance, Spectre, Aimwell, Excalibur, Admiral Soult, Hohungatahi, Tarina, Devonport, Waiari, Sir Artega, All's Well, Jena, Turbine.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP.—Maika, Effulgence, Mighty Atom, Mahinga, Cyrona, Peggy Pryde, Miss Stella.

HOBBSON HANDICAP.—Hamadryad, Bonnie Wife, Muskewai, Wenonah, His Highness, Master Jack, Master Theory, Minstral, Domino, Doughboy, Solus, Lucille, Monocle, Columbia, Merrigee, Princess Soult.

RANGITOTO HANDICAP.—Osgodby, Fuss, Mary Ann, Haku, Steplink, Hau-raki, Monocle, Spectre, Aoroa, Aristos, Flying Soult, Madam Soult, Captain Soult, Waipa, Goldwin, Castle Blaney, Pairawaatu, Miss Grizzle, Frontino, Hard Rock, Toa Tere, Rob the Ranter, Pukenui.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP.—Rarata, Sea Elf, Monocle, Elegance, Spectre, Zinnia, Admiral Soult, Miss Advance, Devonport, Tui Cakobau, Mistime, Epsom Lass, Ranghaeta, Miss Winnie, Waiari, Sir Artega, All's Well.

WAIWERA HURDLE RACE.—Hoanga, King, Prophet, Tui Cakobau, Armagh, First Barrel, Hautapu, Sabre, Ranghaeta, Leo, Pleiades, Pukenui, Celtic.

BOROUGH HANDICAP.—Mary Ann, Lady Frances, Lady Betty, Monocle, Elegance, Spectre, Aoroa, Hikual, Lady French, Aimwell, Excalibur, Admiral Soult, Effulgence, Hohungatahi, Tarina, Mahinga, Devonport, Captain Soult, Goldwin, Pairawaatu, Frontino, Hard Rock, Lady Dot, All's Well, Rob the Ranter, Jena, Turbine.

SUMMER HANDICAP.—Prince Leo, Sea Elf, Monocle, Elegance, Spectre, Rauparaha, Wauchope, Miss Advance, Coromandel, Devonport, Explosive, Loch-buhie, Epsom Lass, Miss Winnie, Waiari, Rimlock, Aristocrat, Tanekaha, Te Aroha.

THIRD PONY HANDICAP.—Maika, Nora Soult, Effulgence, Mighty Atom, Cyrona, Mistime, Peggy Pryde, Octoroon, Miss Stella.

PONUI HANDICAP.—Flatfish, Steplink, Haku, Monocle, Spectre, Aoroa, Maykoff, Parawal, Flying Soult, Aristos, Madam Soult, Captain Soult, Matarere, Castle Blaney, Armagh, Pairawaatu, Miss Grizzle, Jill, Aldershot, Alicia, Lady Ferris, Toa Tere, Muscadine, Waiotahi, Fuss.

MARINE HANDICAP.—Veitalia, Hamadryad, Bonnie Fishwife, Muskewai, Zuleima, Wenonah, His Highness, Master Jack, Master Theory, Minstral, Do-

mino, Doughboy, Solus, Lucille Miss Ada, Monocle, Columbia, Princess Soult Havilah, Irritation.

DEVONPORT HANDICAP.—Hyperion, Monocle, Elegance, Spectre, Excalibur, Admiral Soult, Hohungatahi, Tarina, Devonport, Goldwin, Tanekaha Sir Artega, All's Well, Jena, Turbine.

WELTER HANDICAP.—Rarata, Prince Leo, Dogger Bank, Azoff, Monocle, Elegance, Spectre, Rauparaha, Zinnia, Miss Advance, Devonport, Tui Cakobau, Mistime, Waipa, Ranghaeta, Uranium, Alicia, Maiora, Rimlock, Te Aroha.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half.—Rawhiti, Reservoir, Kairoma, Tyrannic, Te Kainui, Te Arai.

MAIDEN SCURRY, four furlongs.—Stourton, Scorch, Josie, Manupai, Dazzling, Fort William, Lord Possible, Merry Lawn, First Marshall, Ngarai, Vaultress, Special, The Drummer.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Iranui, Rarata, Mayflower, Millennial, Audearn, Lady Rohina, Pluck, Dazzling, Erin, Lamsdorf, Mundic, Durability, Obscurity.

FIRST HACK FLAT HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Ukui, Magneta, Centaur, Captain Jingle, The Squatter, Continuance, Kaumoana, Ardfer, Merry Lawn, Amato, Sleacombe, Niwaru, Master Stead.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Truganini, Iranui, Dan Leno, Paisano, Dardanus, Bally Heigh, Lamsdorf.

FIRST COUNTY STAKES, six furlongs.—Waimaori, Audearn, The Chef, Spate, Eiya, Hirini, Fort William, Vaultress.

WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Waimaori, Dan Leno, Millennial, Continuance, Innocent Bill, Illustrious, Amato, Merry Lawn, Swarthmoor, Rose Lethe.

PARK STAKES, seven furlongs.—Truganini, Iranui, Rarata, Spate, Baldos, Dazzling, Bally Heigh, Mundic, Fiddler, Durability, Obscurity.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, one mile and three-quarters.—Rawhiti, Reservoir, Kairoma, Tyrannic, Te Kainui, Te Arai.

MAIDEN SCURRY HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Ukuku, Stourton, Scorch, Manupai, Dazzling, Fort William, Lord Possible, Merry Lawn, Ngarai, Masonic, Special, The Drummer.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Magneta, Mayflower, Lady Rohina, The Chef, Hirini, Pluck, Evui, Mundic, Durability, Te Kakato, Special.

LADIES' BRACELET, one mile.—Captain Jingle, Baldos, Evui, Kairoma, Tyrannic, Amato, Merry Lawn, Local Option, Haurangi.

HARDING MEMORIAL HANDICAP, one mile and a distance.—Truganini, Iranui, Rarata, Dan Leno, Paisano, Spate, Dardanus, Bally Heigh, Lamsdorf, Obscurity.

SECOND COUNTY STAKES, seven furlongs.—Waimaori, Audearn, Continuance, Scorch, Hirini, Fort William, Swarthmoor, Master Stead.

SECOND HACK FLAT HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Ukui, Magneta, Centaur, Captain Jingle, The Squatter, The Chef, Stourton, Kaumoana, Innocent Bill, Spate, Eiya, Martyr King, Dazzling, Ardfer, Lord Possible, Amato, Merry Lawn, Sleacombe, Durability, Niwaru, Ngarai, Vaultress, The Drummer.

FINAL HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Truganini, Iranui, Rarata, Waimaori, Dan Leno, Millennial, Audearn, Spate, Baldos, Illustrious, Dazzling, Bally Heigh, Mundic, Fiddler, Durability, Rose Lethe, Obscurity.

HANDICAPS.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

TAKAPUNA CUP of 400sovs one mile and a-half.—Sir Prize 9.0, Ngapuka 8.11, Salute 8.11, Wauchope 8.10, Maheno 8.9, Uranium 8.3, Lochbuhie 8.2, Maiora 8.1, Tattoo 7.12, Te Aroha 7.11, Coromandel 7.10, Akarana 7.10, Tanekaha 7.9, Carmania 7.8, Rimlock 7.8, Scotty 7.5, Tui Cakobau 7.4, Devonport 7.4, St. Tui 6.13, Celtic 6.13, Miss Advance 6.13, Aristocrat 6.13, Azoff 6.12, Noteorini 6.11, Cyrona 6.10, Epsom Lass 6.10, Elegance 6.10, Royal Scotland 6.9, Hyperion 6.9, Prince Leo 6.9, Castle Blaney 6.9, Spectre 6.9, Monocle 6.9, Fraulein 6.9.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100sovs, five furlongs.—Salute 9.10, Miss Winnie 8.1, Devonport 7.11, Hohungatahi 7.7, Necktie 7.6, Carmania 7.5, Akarana 7.5, Sir Artega 7.4, Jena 7.2, Tarina 7.1, Turbine 7.0, Admiral Soult 6.12, Elegance 6.11, Excalibur 6.10, Castle Blaney 6.10, Spectre 6.10, Monocle 6.10.

OHAUPO RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

OHAUPO CUP, one mile.—Azoff 9.0, Liberty 9.0, Strathavon 8.5, Fraulein 8.4, Caruso 7.9, Waipa 7.9, Alicia 7.0, Positive 7.0, chestnut gelding by Leolantis—Tetford mare 7.0.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Liberty 9.5, Azoff 9.5, Explosive 8.9, Fraulein 8.8, Caruso 8.0, Positive 7.9, Ka Mate 7.6, chestnut gelding by Leolantis—Tetford mare 7.5, Westward Ho 7.3.

GLENGARIFF HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Explosive 9.0, Fraulein 8.11, Caruso 8.1, Ka Mate 7.7, Romantic 7.7, Westward Ho 7.3, Alicia 7.0.

MAIDEN PLATE.—Miss Grizzle 9.0, Weka 8.8, Westward Ho 8.8, Romantic 8.6, Rukahia 8.2, Possum 7.12.

FIRST HANDICAP TROT.—Robex scratch, Bogey 14s., Young Salisbury 14s., Baxter 15s., Moneylender 28s., Plaintiff 34s., Harry Mace 34s., Mark Scott 40s., Eager 42s., Cyren 42s., Bella Victor 46s., Dido 46s., Verbeen 46s., Miss Salisbury 52s., Lady Mildon 52s.

SECOND HANDICAP TROT.—Robex scratch, Bogey 10s., Young Salisbury 10s., Baxter 11s., Moneylender 21s., Plaintiff 26s., Harry Mace 26s., Mark Scott 30s., Eager 31s., Syren 31s., Dido 34s., Bella Victor 34s., Floxinoa 34s., Miss Salisbury 39s., Lady Mildon 39s.

HACK HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Weka 9.9, Westward Ho 9.0, Romantic 8.12, Winchester 8.10, Hokomal 8.10, Leontie 8.9, Scamp 8.9, Lanella 8.8, Blue Mount 8.8, Ka Mate 8.8, Rukahia 8.8, Alicia 8.7, Aldershot 8.7, Briarus 8.7, Dora 8.5, Rob the Ranter 8.5, Kurapapa 8.5, Possum 8.5, Calm 8.5.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

President: Mr. W. L. Newman. Vice-President: Mr. Newton King. Time-keeper Mr. J. Bennett. Judge: Mr. A. W. Budge. Handicapper: Mr. G. Morse. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Clerk of the Scales: Mr. Ab. Goldwater. Assistant: Mr. W. C. Weston. Clerk of the Course: Mr. J. C. Montefiore. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Fookes. Stewards: President, Chairman of Committee, Judge, and Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. A. Alexander, W. Birdling, Thos. Elliot, E. Elliot, N. King, S. McGuinness, Hon. O. Samuel, M.L.C., F. Watson, A. McL. Thomson, C. H. Weston, A. R. Standish, H. Linn, L. A. Nolan. Committee: Mr. C. M. Lepper (chairman), Messrs. E. F. Blundell, J. H. Hempton, L. A. Nolan, Ab. Goldwater, Newton King, A. R. Standish, O. W. Sole, A. McL. Thomson, A. Alexander, W. C. Weston, L. B. Webster, and the Treasurer. Hon. Treasurer: Col. Ellis. Secretary: E. P. Webster.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1910.

- 1. FIRST HANDICAP HACK HURDLES, of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sovs; acceptance, 1sovs. One mile and a-half over six flights of hurdles, about 3ft 6in high.
2. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 1sovs. Five furlongs.
3. TIMARU HACK HANDICAP of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 1sovs. Six furlongs.
4. TARANAKI CUP HANDICAP of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. In the event of any horse winning a handicap of the value of 100sovs or over, after the declaration of weights, the handicapper may, if he thinks fit, re-handicap each winner. If the weight of any horse is altered, the revised handicap will be published on or about Friday, the 11th February, 1910. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 4sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
5. FIRST WELTER HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 1sovs. One mile.
6. OKATO HACK HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 1sovs. One mile.
7. FLYING HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Six furlongs.
8. HACK SCURRY of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Weight, 8st. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 25 sovs at the time of entrance. Entrance, 1sovs. Five furlongs.

Winners of any handicap after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra, except in the Taranaki Cup, in which race horses may be re-handicapped.

Winners of any Handicap Hurdles after the declaration of weights will carry 7lb extra.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1910.

- 1. SECOND HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 1sovs. One mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in high.
2. GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 1sovs. Five furlongs.
3. OMATA HACK HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 1sovs. Six furlongs.
4. PAUL MEMORIAL HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 3sovs. One mile and a distance.
5. SECOND WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 1sovs. Seven furlongs.
6. KAWAU HACK HANDICAP of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 1sovs. One mile.
7. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1sovs; acceptance, 1sovs. Six furlongs.
8. FINAL HACK FLUTTER of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Open to horses that have never won a race of any description at time of starting. Weight, 8st 7lb. Entrance, 1sovs. Five furlongs.

The winner of any Handicap after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, and ACCEPTANCES, and Amounts to be forwarded to the Secretary Taranaki Jockey Club.

AUTUMN MEETING.

MONDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1910, at 9 p.m.—NOMINATIONS—First Hack Hurdles, Stewards' Handicap, Timaru Hack Handicap, Taranaki Cup Handicap, First Welter Handicap, Okato Hack Handicap, Flying Handicap, Second Hack Hurdles, Grandstand Handicap, Omata Hack Handicap, Paul Memorial Handicap, Second Welter Handicap, Kawau Hack Handicap, and Farewell Handicap, 1sovs each. MONDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1910 (on or about)—WEIGHTS for the First Day's Handicaps.

MONDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1910, at 9 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES—First Hack Hurdles, Stewards' Handicap, and Timaru Hack Handicap, 1sovs each; Taranaki Cup Handicap, 4sovs; Welter Handicap and Okato Hack Handicap, 1sovs each; Flying Handicap, 2sovs. ENTRANCE—Hack Scurry and Final Hack Flutter, 1sovs each. WEDNESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1910, at 8.30 p.m.—WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handicaps. WEDNESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1910, at 9.30 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES—Second Hack Hurdles, Grandstand Handicap, and Omata Hack Handicap, 1sovs each; Paul Memorial Handicap, 3sovs; Second Welter Handicap, Kawau Hack Handicap, and Farewell Handicap, 1sovs each. E. P. WEBSTER, Secretary.

WRESTLING.

THE RUSSIAN LION.

A CHAT WITH HACKENSCHMIDT. HIS MEETING WITH GOTCH.

George Hackenschmidt, who revisits Australasia after an absence of four years, has arrived under engagement to Messrs. Baker and Talbot, of Melbourne. The great wrestler is in splendid condition, but he is a little above his wrestling weight, and consequently looks more burly than he does when right down on mat form. "It is almost impossible to train properly on board ship," said "Hack" to a Melbourne Press representative, "and while I was in South Africa I did not meet anyone sufficiently formidable to necessitate me

Receive for the championship, and it is said that he is now arranging to meet Zbysco. If he should not come here, his action will be inexplicable to me, for he will forfeit to me the title he claims; not that I have any particular need for the title, for I never valued it nor ever used it. I have always wrestled simply as Hackenschmidt; but I do want to meet and beat Frank Gotch."

"You ask me concerning my meeting with him in America? Well I do not wish to expatiate on that incident, but I can give you my word it was not a wrestling match. Indeed when I came out of it, I was ashamed of my face, it was so disfigured. No pugilist ever displayed a countenance so clawed and mauled and I was exhausted by trying to get a hold on an oiled man. However, Rudolf Unholz, who stuck to me and incessantly appealed against the tactics of my opponent, can tell you—

come out again, but wholly for rest and recreation. Messrs. Baker and Talbot are still striving, by cable, to get Gotch out, so that I may yet meet him before my tour ends in July."

N.Z. MIDDLEWEIGHT WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

LOUIS ROBERTSON RETAINS TITLE.

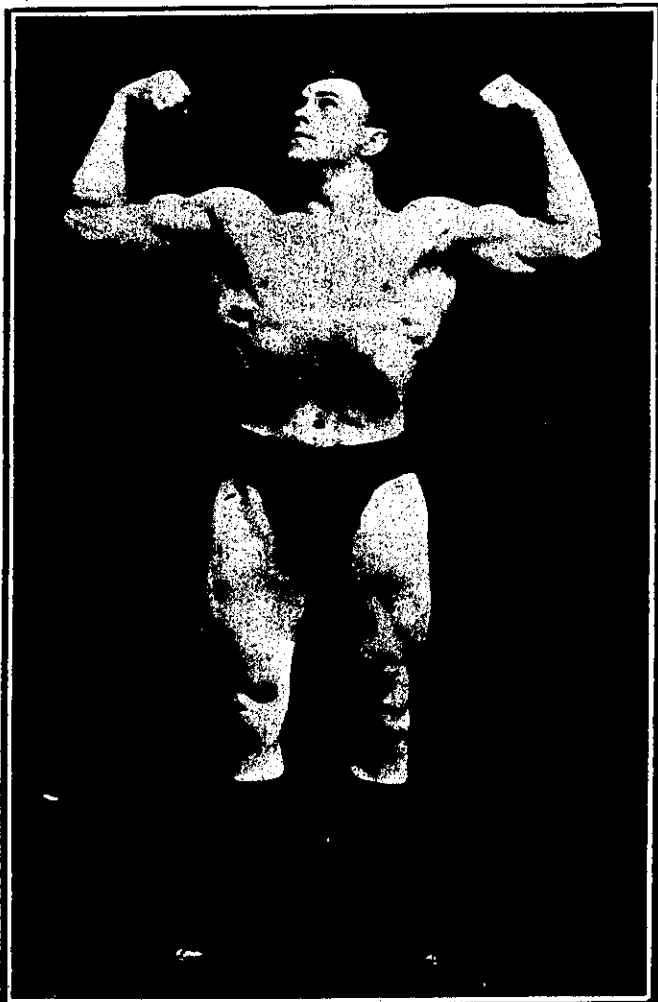
Readers will no doubt remember a challenge that appeared in these columns some weeks ago in which L. D. McIvor, of New Plymouth, accepted a challenge by L. Robertson, of Stratford, who claimed the New Zealand middleweight wrestling championship, to a match for the title and a trophy. The match came off the other evening in the Town Hall, Stratford, in the presence of a good attendance, and provided an interesting exhibition, albeit that it proved of shorter duration than those present could have wished.

lightning rolls and spins getting him out of several tight corners. The weights of the principals were approximately: Robertson 10st. 4lbs., McIvor 10st. 7lbs.

The winner is prepared to meet anyone who disputes his claim to the light and middleweight championships of New Zealand.

A YOUNG WRESTLER'S RECORD.

Just now when interest has been awakened in wrestling matters in New Zealand, and several matches have lately taken place for the New Zealand light and middleweight championships, it is well worth publishing a list of the performances of Louis S. Robertson, who justly claims to be the New Zealand light and middleweight champion. Robertson, of whom we published a portrait in these columns in November last, defeated Constable McIvor of New Plymouth the other night in a match for the middleweight champion-



GEORGE HACKENSCHMIDT'S REMARKABLE MUSCULAR DEVELOPMENT.

keeping up to concert pitch, but I will very quickly be in my best fettle again. I have just learned," he continued, "that Gotch has not arrived, and that Messrs. Baker and Talbot cannot get any reply to their cables to him. This looks as though he intends to evade this meeting with me, for which he and I both signed articles. I am sincerely sorry to think that we may not meet in Australia. I was delighted at the prospects of meeting Gotch in Australia, where he and I could be absolutely sure of a fair and square deal in any circumstances; that is all I want, and that should be all he should want. There would seem to be no ground at present to suppose that he is not in good health, as he recently wrestled

I believe he is in Sydney. Unholz was a good little friend to me that day, but my opponent made thousands of other good friends for me also. I did not give one solitary interview to an American Pressman afterwards, but the general feeling expressed in the Press there was one of repulsion for the tactics used. But, please, do not talk any more about it. If I can meet Gotch again it will be a wrestling match; and though I feel sure I will beat him, I harbour no illwill towards him.

"I have with me one of the best wrestlers in England, Alex. Bain, and Gunner Moir, who is wrestling very well now, is also in my troupe. I am delighted to be again in Australia, and after this tour is finished I will

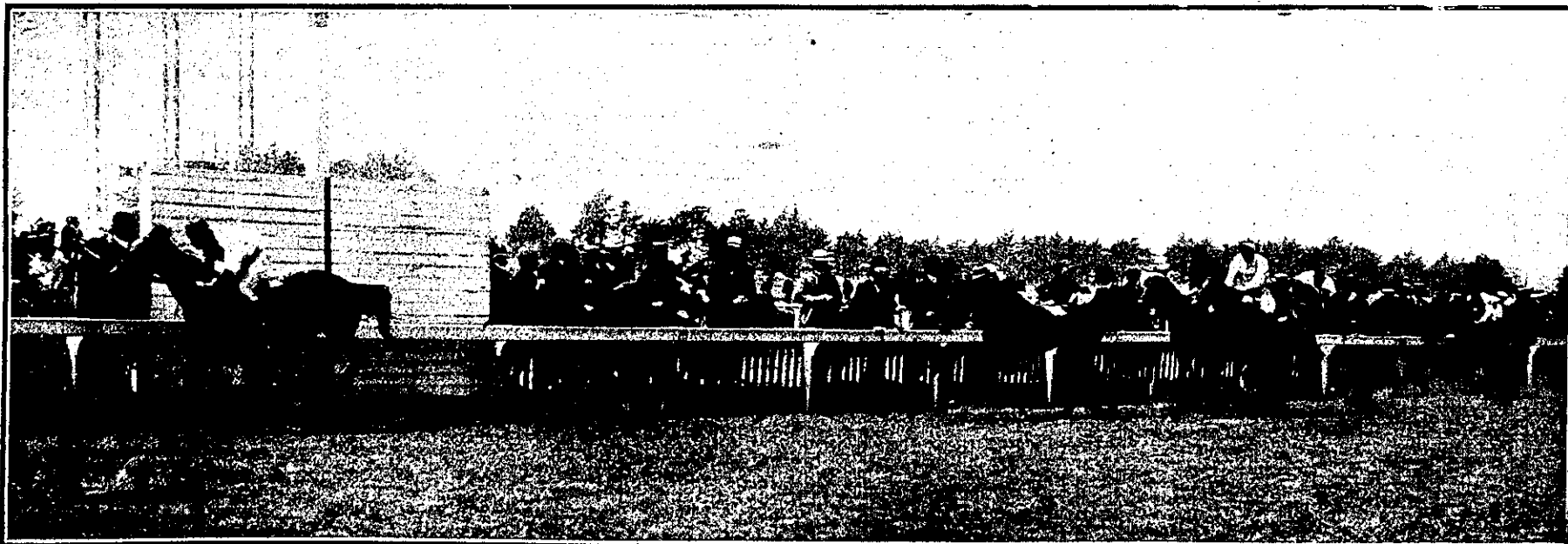


HACKENSCHMIDT READY FOR A WRESTLING BOUT.

This is to a large extent accounted for by the fact that McIvor had been suffering from an attack of influenza for over a week prior to the match, and was not in consequence in a fit condition to exhibit his best form. The first fall occupied 13½ minutes, Robertson eventually throwing his opponent with a half Nelson and crutch hold and knee block. The bout provided some pretty wrestling, and on one occasion the New Plymouth man, who appeared to favour arm holds a good deal, had the local champion in considerable difficulty with a hammer lock, which Robertson at last succeeded in bridging out of. The second bout occupied 7¼ minutes, Robertson at the end of that time putting his adversary down by means of a scissors hold on the head and armlock. The bout was a lively one, Robertson's

ship, and in giving his record we feel certain that we are acceding to the wishes of readers:—

"L. S. Robertson has won the following competitions and matches since he first appeared in the wrestling arena in 1903. Won third prize in the twelve-stone competition held in Edinburgh, September, 1904. On April 15, 1905, he defeated P. W. Mackintosh, of Glasgow, in Town Hall, Cumnock, for the ten-stone championship of Scotland. Won ten-stone competition in Kilmarnock on May 25, 1905, defeating the following men:—J. Brown, Jack Cameron, A. Saxon, J. M'Kenzie. On August 5, 1905, Robertson defeated Jack Cameron of Motherwell for the ten-stone championship belt, the contest taking place at Catrine. Seven days later Robertson defeated A. Lind, of Kilmarnock, in a



Mr. C. Thede's ch m LADY PATRICIA (late Urania) scores an easy victory in the Ponsonby Hurdle Race (1¾ miles). CASTADRIFT, which accounted for the New Year's Hurdle Race (2 miles) on the third day, is seen coming in without his rider (Griffin), having fallen at the last fence. SABRE (next rails) and LEO, which finished second, are the pair racing together.

challenge match at Muirkirk Highland Games. On September 23, 1905, he challenged Scotland through the Glasgow Evening Times to any light-weight wrestler in Scotland, the challenge being accepted by R. Auld, of Ayr, J. M'Kinnon, of Motherwell, and George Kay, of Greenock. Robertson met and defeated all three. In Darvel, Robertson won second prize in a heavy-weight competition, defeating three heavy-weights before being defeated himself. At Helnsburgh Highland Games in 1905, Robertson was third in the twelve stone championship of Scotland, being defeated by James M'Murdo, who ultimately won the competition. On January 5, 1906, Robertson wrestled a draw with Peter Gotz in Catrine Town Hall. Next day at New Cumnock Robertson defeated Tom Robertson for the ten-stone championship. Again at New Cumnock Robertson defeated Jim Galiacher, of Glasgow, on January 13, 1906. On January 27, 1906, Robertson defeated Andreas Karalac, of Sweden, the contest again taking place at Catrine. On April 26, 1906, in Sorn Athletic Club, he defeated Bob Russell, of Motherwell, for the light-weight championship. In Ayr, May 31, 1906, Robertson defeated the following three men in thirty-two minutes:—H. Fingland, 13st.; James Donaldson, 10st. 6in., and W. Wallace, 10st. At Kirkcconnell sports Robertson defeated Jack M'Dermott, of Glasgow, for the 10st. 7lb. championship of Scotland. At Kilwinning on October 19, 1906, Robertson defeated Marcello Senches, of South America. The following week he won the light-weight competition in Queen's Theatre, Glasgow, beating Jack Anton in the final. At Kilmarnock, December, 1906, won a competition for the light-weight championship, defeating Alex. Stewart, 9st. 7lb., champion of Scotland. At Troon, Robertson defeated Jack Dawson, 12st. champion of the North of Scotland, date of contest March 27, 1907. In July, 1907, Robertson won the 10st. championship of Ireland by defeating Tom M'Dermott, Irish champion. In Henglers' Circus, London, Robertson defeated Phal, German middle-weight, April 9, 1908. On April 20, at Henglers' Circus, he defeated Tano Matsuda, of Japan, in fifty-five seconds, also at Henglers' Circus. Robertson defeated Batchelor, London middle-weight in 28 seconds on May 1, 1908, at Henglers' Circus, London. At Stratford, New Zealand, August 3, 1909, Robertson defeated W. T. Colledge, of Auckland, for the light-weight championship of New Zealand. The above are a few of the most important matches Robertson has won in all over one hundred and fifty competitions and matches."

Next Monday the greatest athlete that ever lived—George Hackenschmidt—opens a season in His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, and the visit of the famous wrestler is certain to prove a big attraction. Hackenschmidt, unlike most athletes who only excel in the particular line in which they gain fame, is an all-round athlete, being a champion wrestler, an expert boxer, a physical culturist, a cyclist, weight-lifter, jumper, runner—a combination of athletics which only a man possessed of the finest constitution could participate in without breaking up. Hackenschmidt's splendid development is known in all parts of the world, and one has only to glance at a photograph of the powerful Russian to form an idea of his wonderful stamina. The method of training adopted by George Hackenschmidt is considered by many physical culture experts to be superior to all other systems, and it will be interesting to watch the big Russian exercising in His Majesty's next week. Wrestling, physical culture, posture posing, training and endurance exercises will all be gone through by Hackenschmidt, while a London expert will fully explain the different forms of exercise and the benefits derived therefrom. Such an instructive night's entertainment for the athletic-loving public has not been provided in Auckland since Eugene Sandow's visit to New Zealand many years ago, and a comparison of the physical measurements of Hackenschmidt and Sandow are decidedly interesting, being as follows:—

HACKENSCHMIDT	SANDOW
Height: 5ft 10in	5ft 8in
Weight: 208 pounds	196 pounds
Neck: 22 inches	18 inches
Chest: 52 inches	48 inches
Waist: 33 inches	34 inches
Thigh: 28 inches	26 1/2 inches
Calf: 19 inches	18 inches

Our Greymouth correspondent wires:—On Friday night a wrestling match took place here between Joe Gardner, the English light-weight, and Richard Milky, of Wellington. Late of the American fleet, the winner

to secure two straight falls. Great excitement prevailed throughout the contest, which was won by Gardner, who threw his opponent in the first bout after 12 minutes 14 seconds wrestling. The next fall was obtained by the Englishman in 7 minutes 3 seconds, the scientific holds and superior footwork of Gardner proving disastrous to the American.

Frank Gotch, the American wrestler, who appears to be side stepping Hackenschmidt, is reported to be in good training, and recently defeated Hilding Ardahl, of Rock Island, in a match at Iowa, securing three straight falls within 18 minutes.

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BILLIARDS.

ROBERTS AND HAVERSON PLAY A DRAW.

NOVEL METHOD OF DIVIDING THE GATE.

Veteran John Roberts surprised his friends by the really fine display he put up during the first week of his bout with Harverson in their money match at London (says an Exchange). With 3,000 in 18,000, the South African was only 397 ahead at halfway, the scores being: Harverson, 10,379; Roberts, 9982. The old man proved that he is still to be reckoned with, by making four breaks over 300, and seven over 200. Roberts' friends are rolling up to swell his takings under the novel method of dividing the gate according to which box the admission money is dropped into by the paying public. The modus operandi is—When the public present themselves at the desk, the ticket-seller asks: "Which will you have, sir, Roberts or Harverson?" and, according to the patron's wishes, the money goes to the one he selects. As the B. P. are usually loyal to the old favourites, Roberts should reap the lion's share of the takings. Later advice: The game was eventually drawn, owing to it not being completed in the stipulated time, the final scores being, Roberts 19,808, Harverson, 19,652. On the last day Roberts had a lead of 1042. Harverson made 2781 during the final, 1729 being made in the final session.

THE GRAY-LINDRUM COMBINATION.

After a couple of preliminary matches in Auckland, Fred Lindrum, junior and George Gray, (holder of the world's record break of 836) met on Monday evening at His Majesty's Billiard Parlour, Durham Street, to try conclusions once again. This time the match was one of 8,000 up, Gray receiving a start of 500 points. The saloon had undergone numerous alterations and the seating accommodation was comfortable and left nothing to be desired, the spectators, one and all, being able to see every shot in the game. Everybody, who is anybody, in the local billiard world was present on Monday evening, and although the lads were not seen at their best, they nevertheless gave a first-class display and all present (except the players themselves perhaps) should have been highly satisfied with the efforts of both Gray and Lindrum.

MONDAY'S SESSION.

The game, which was commenced upon a standard table especially erected for the occasion by Messrs. Alcock and Co., manufacturers, was played with crystalate balls. Both lads began quietly, but soon Lindrum, with contributions of 44, 42, 62, and 41 reached 200 while Gray had added 79 to his start. The cues were very damp and were not by any means conducive to the best the boys were capable of. Many of those present were waiting anxiously for Gray to get the red into position, but only once did he look like engaging the table for the night, and on this occasion he made 84 off the red. On one occasion, Gray went to the table four times in succession without adding to his score, while at one part of the game, sixteen visits only realised 41 a sure sign that the balls were running against him. Lindrum, on the other hand, was playing a pretty game of all round billiards and gradually gained on his younger rival. The last of the session came when Lindrum ran to his points with an unfinished break of 48. The final scores were: Gray 1018, Lindrum 728. From this it will be noticed that Lindrum wiped off 201 of the 500 start at the first session. The following shows the value of each visit to the table an x signifying a visit without scoring:—Gray (received 500): x, x, 502, 508, 514, 533, 574 (41 break), 576, 579, 583, 601, 627, x, 693 (6 break), x, 694, 756 (62 break), 760, 767, x, 803, x, x, 811, x, 818, 821, x, x, 823, 830, x, x, x, 844, x, x, 865, 949 (84 break all off the red), x, 950, 953, 984, x, 1004, 1013, x, 1018. Lindrum x, x, 1, 3, 6, x, 21, 65 (44 break), 107, (42 break), 120, 182 (62 break), 223 (41 break), 225, 258, 300 (42 break), 308, 342, 345, x, 355, 375, x, x, 386, x, 413, x, x, x, 436, x, 440, x, 442, 452, x, 489.

x, x, 504, 511, 517, 589 (72 break), 590, 599, 619, 661, 680, x, 728 (unfinished).

THE SECOND SESSION.

BOTH LADS PLAYING WELL.

Play was resumed on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, when there was again a good attendance of interested spectators. Lindrum was the first to commence, and continuing his unfinished break of 45 from the previous evening he made an excellent compilation of 101. Gray's first cue realised 33. Lindrum opened well, but after a time his play deteriorated, and Gray soon had his original sart again. However, in the last hour Lindrum got to work in earnest, and treated those present to some pretty billiards, his slow screw shots in particular being appreciated by the audience. Gray, on the other hand, scored rapidly when he had the red over the centre, and from the one ball made breaks of 84, 71, 63 and 48. A first-class exhibition brought to a close, when Lindrum ran to his sessional points with a meritorious unfinished break of 135. The scores at the end of the session read: Lindrum (in play) 1455, Gray 1649. In other words, Lindrum who is conceding Gray 500 start, is only 194 behind. The following is the score after each cue, an x signify a visit to the table without scoring:—Lindrum: 728, 784 (101 break continued from the previous session), 803, x, 810, x, 834, 844, x, 849, x, 878, 898, x, x, 904, x, 912, 915, 943, 948, x, 973, x, 981, x, 998, 1017, 1087 (70 break), 1108, 1189 (81 break), 1201, x, x, 1229, 1276 (47 break), 1306, 1320, 1455 (135 break unfinished). Gray: 1018, 1055, x, 1076, 1089, 1090, x, 1094, 1175 (81 break off red), 1179, 1193, x, 1266 (73 break), 1272, 1335 (63 break off red), 1337, 1341, 1400 (59 break), x, 1407, 1477 (60 break), x, 1507, 1509, x, 1511, 1520, 1539, 1545, 1565, 1573, 1599, x, x, 1605, x, 1637, 1640, 1649.

The match will be played in sessions every afternoon and evening this week. Mr. S. Lyons has charge of the scoring board, and his work is all that could be desired.

There was a large attendance at Mac's Billiard Saloon, Ponsonby, one evening last week when those two young cueists, Gray and Lindrum, played a game of 750 points. Gray's play was poor, but, on the other hand, Lindrum was in good form and soon ran to game, his average being 29. Gray was only 193 when his opponent ran out. The match was played on an Alcock Standard table.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

A very fine tyre record has just been accomplished by a well-known Melbourne Medico, who, driving a 16-20 h.p. car, got 11,700 miles out of one set of Grooved Dunlop motor tyres fitted to the driving wheels and 18,000 miles out of one set on the front wheels, size of tyres 880 x 120. Considering that the car weighs 30 cwt, and has been used over all classes of roads during the past 19 months, stopping and starting 30 to 40 times a day, it is no wonder that the Dunlop Co., are proud of this fine demonstration of what their tyres are capable of when properly handled. Considering the fine wearing results that are now being got from the world famed "Dunlop" it is little wonder that these hard wearing tyres are becoming so popular amongst Australasian motorists. Another feature in their favour is that they are British made.

Some interesting particulars are to hand of Latham's hair raising feat at the recent Aviation Carnival held at Blackpool, England, when he flew at the amazing speed of 75 miles an hour. Hubert Latham was undoubtedly the hero of the carnival. "Perhaps my readers would like to know what kind of a man this young French flier really is," writes a well-known English motoring journalist. "I had the pleasure of an interview at Blackpool, and can only say that, judged by personal appearance, he is just about as unlike a hero as anyone could possibly be. He is of medium height, with the learned stoop of a college don, a sallow complexion, which makes him look far from robust. Taken altogether, he looks the last man on earth to perform feats that have aroused the admiration of the world. And yet this young aviator—I think he is only 24, has twice been picked up out of the Channel in his attempts to cross from Calais to Dover. I think I am right in saying that he has had more narrow escapes than any other man. He was born under an unlucky star is a sentiment I heard expressed when he started off on Tuesday, and although his propeller blade caught the top of a bunker and put him out of the racing for 24 hours, still, I think Hubert Latham's luck is exceptionally good, else he would have been killed long ago. He certainly tempted Providence when he started out on Friday in the teeth of a gale that must have been blowing at the rate of 40 miles per hour. What a marvellous display that was, and how the crowd was thrilled with excitement history

alone will tell, for Latham made history on Friday. So magnificent was his display and so dangerous the ascent in a high wind that even the boldest held their breath for a time. There were moments when a deathly silence, I was going to say could be heard, came over the crowd, and some of the fair sex had to turn their heads away for fear the worst would happen. The moments referred to were those when Latham turned in the full force of the gale of wind, and it was a toss up as to whether Aeolus or the plucky young pilot would win. At one time he was blown hundreds of yards out of his course towards the sea, but in the end the man triumphed over the elements, and great was the relief when he steered for earth again. If there had only been one event at Blackpool and that one item Latham's marvellous fly, it would have been well worth going all the way to see, for had not the young aviator proved by his magnificent skill that the high winds of heaven had been almost as completely mastered as the mighty ocean waves. I heard a very well-known aviator say that up to Friday last an aeroplane was useless in a wind blowing at more than fifteen miles per hour. Latham has demonstrated that there is safety even in a storm blowing at twice this velocity. He has done more, as he gave the spectators touches of speed, with the wind at his back, which worked out at over 75 miles per hour. When he descended I venture to say he was the coolest man in the whole enclosure, as he quickly took out a cigarette and got it alight before he shook hands with one of the thousands of people who were clamouring to congratulate the hero of the Blackpool week."

Indications are not lacking that there is a general all-round improvement in cycling, from several points of view. First of all the gentle sex are again taking to the wheel, and are greatly increasing in numbers. The trade in cheap and trashy machines is falling off in favour of a better class of mount, and gauged through the Melbourne Bicycle Club's Austral meeting, renewed interest is again being taken in cycling racing by the public, and it would only require some new blood and interesting programmes embracing tandem racing, multicyle paced races, interspersed with motor cycle races of low power to again draw the public and make the game popular.

Mr. E. A. Pearson the well-known N.S.W. long distance amateur road rider is now undergoing a steady preparation with a view of endeavouring to recapture his Sydney-Melbourne cycle record, which was recently reduced by J. Salvana. The probable date of the attempt will be the next

Easter holidays which will fall in March. As in all his great races, Pearson will again ride a Dunlop-shod Speedwell. The existing figures are 55hrs. 56mins.

CRICKET.

AUCKLAND v. CANTERBURY.

The interprovincial cricket match between Auckland and Canterbury was commenced at Victoria Park on Friday last, when ideal weather prevailed for the king of summer games. The visitors won the toss, but failed to make much use of the advantage, their batting being anything but brilliant. The teams were as follows:—Auckland: Anthony, Hemus Sale, W. B. Smith (captain), Relf, Hadden, Olliff, Taylor, Snedden, Howden and Goode. Canterbury: Reese (captain), Patrick, W. Carlton, Lusk, Orchard, T. Carlton, Crawshaw, Hayes, Addison, Bennett and Boxshall. The umpires were Messrs. A. Sando and C. Garrard.

The first pair to take their stand against the Auckland bowlers, Relf and Hadden, were Patrick and Reese, but the latter fell a victim to Relf's bowling after scoring 9 runs. Howden went to Relf's assistance, replacing Hadden, while W. Carlton was the third man to bat for Canterbury. Patrick batted well and succeeded in making 22 runs before being dismissed after 65 minutes play, his place being taken by Lusk. After reaching 9 runs Carlton was bowled out by Howden, and Orchard, a left-hand player, came on in his place. The combination Lusk and Orchard worked well together, while Taylor relieved Howden. Olliff took Relf's place. When play had ceased for the luncheon adjournment Canterbury's score stood at 91 runs for three wickets, with Lusk 21 and Orchard 20.

On resuming play Olliff and Howden bowled for Auckland and the latter succeeded in clean bowling Orchard for 21 runs, T. Carlton coming on in his place. At the end of two hours' play Canterbury's score had reached the century and on reaching 115 Carlton was stumped for an innings of 9 runs. Lusk continued to score steadily and Crawshaw came on as his partner but was dismissed for a duck's, being caught by Brooke-Smith. Hayes succeeded Crawshaw, but was dismissed for two runs, an over by Olliff gliding off his pad on to the wicket. His place was taken by Addison, and soon after the partnership began Lusk hit a boundary, which was neatly caught by Snedden. Lusk altogether made 38 runs, occupying 80 minutes. Bennett replaced him, while Olliff and Howden continued bowling for the Aucklanders with no little success. After contributing 10 runs to the total, Addison hitting a ball in the air left Howden a catch which he successfully made use of. The last of the Canterbury men to go in was Boxshall, but he was dismissed by Howden for 1 run, Bennett's score at the time being 9 runs (not out), while the total score was 140 runs.

The total of 140 runs was made up as follows:—(D. Reese 9, Patrick 22, W. Carlton 9, H. B. Lusk 38, S. Orchard 21, T. Carlton 9, E. E. Crawshaw 0, W. Hayes 2, Addison 10, J. H. Bennett 9 not out, C. Boxshall 1), while Relf took one wicket for 23 runs, Hadden none for 3, Howden four for 60, Taylor none for 17 and Olliff four for 27.

Auckland then commenced batting, Anthony and Hemus opening operations. Both men hit out in good style, the bowling of T. Carlton and Bennett proving ineffective. After the pair had compiled 30 runs Reese replaced Carlton, but Anthony put in some excellent batting, scoring 14 runs in four hits, much to the delight of the spectators. However, the ex-Canterburyite was a moment later clean bowled by Reese after a very creditable exhibition, Anthony's contribution being 30 runs. Sale then entered into partnership with Hemus, but the latter was dismissed almost immediately after, being caught by Crawshaw, having compiled 16 runs. Hadden went in next and an adjournment for tea was made a few minutes later.

Tea over, play was continued, and Sale and Hadden with Reese and Orchard as bowlers played well, Hadden knocking up 21 runs, which occupied him 36 minutes, before being dismissed by Orchard. Relf joined Sale and the latter fell a victim to the first ball of Orchard's next over, after an innings of 15 runs. Brooke-



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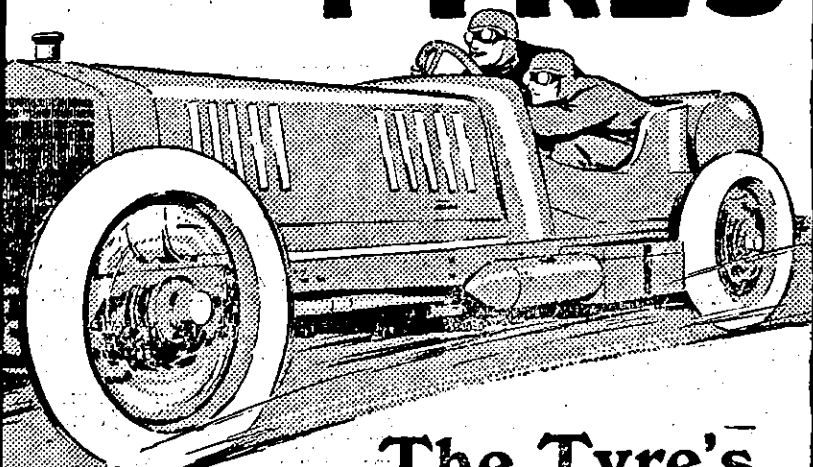
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Smith replaced Sale, and with Relf as a partner, it was thought that the pair would make things warm for the Canterbury bowlers, but the Auckland skipper was clean bowled first ball by Orchard, who thus accomplished the hat trick, a brilliant performance. Relf, however, was in fine form and with Olliff, who succeeded Brooke-Smith, the Canterbury fielders were given some leather-hunting, and the Aucklanders' score was soon equal to that of the visitors after 115 minutes' play. Relf and Olliff continued to hit out in good fashion, and after a very fine innings of 37 runs, scored in 50 minutes, Relf was caught by Bennett. Taylor replacing him was caught by T. Carlton after the second ball, thus having a "duck's" against his credit. Snedden was the next batsman and Olliff, after scoring freely from W. Carlton's overs, was bowled out by the second ball from Reese, who had relieved Carlton. Olliff had thus made top score—43 runs—and had spent 80 minutes in obtaining this total. Howden then went in to assist Snedden, but was caught by W. Carlton after making 9 runs. The next man to go in was Goode and when stumps were drawn at night Auckland's total was 201 runs for nine wickets, with Snedden 16 not out and Goode 1 not out.

Great interest was taken in Saturday's play, and though the weather was threatening the game was continued without any rain falling. Goode and Snedden resumed their batting, and the score began to move up steadily. Crawshaw and Reese bowled for Canterbury, but after Auckland's score had reached 210 T. Carlton relieved Reese, while Orchard relieved Crawshaw. Finally Goode was clean bowled by Carlton after making 32, Auckland's score then being 270 runs, their total for the first innings.

The 270 runs were obtained as follows:—A. Anthony 30, L. G. Hemus 16, E. V. Sale 15, A. Hadden 21, A. E. Relf 37, W. Brooke-Smith 0, C. Olliff 43, T. Taylor 0, R. Snedden 56 not out, A. M. Howden 9, N. Goode 32. Reese took two wickets for 44 runs, Orchard four for 67, Crawshaw two for 24 and W. Carlton two for 35.

At 12.20 Canterbury commenced their second innings, Patrick and Reese taking their stand at the wickets, with Relf and Howden bowling. Patrick only succeeded in making 2 runs, Howden catching him out in neat fashion. W. Carlton replaced the Canterbury batsman, and the pair managed to bring the total up to 20 runs, when Reese was caught by Olliff after making 16 runs. Carlton's next partner was Lusk, who was stumped by Goode after putting together 17 runs. Orchard then joined Carlton, who was playing a fine game, and the pair made matters lively, bringing Canterbury's score up to 102 runs before being caught out by Snedden, after making 36 runs. Crawshaw was the next man to go in, and he compiled 26 runs before falling a victim to Olliff's deadly bowling. T. Carlton went in then, but the second ball sent in by Relf dismantled his wicket and he went out for 2 runs. Hayes came in next with a view to assisting W. Carlton, but he only managed to score 3 runs before Olliff's effective bowling again told its tale. Addison followed, but like his predecessors made a poor stand, being dismissed by Relf after compiling 4 runs. The total was then 173 runs, and W. Carlton was still batting in good form. Bennett replaced Addison and succeeded in making 17 runs before Relf sent in a well-judged ball which quickly dismissed him. Boxshall was the last of the eleven to bat, and the Canterbury men brought their total up to 200 runs after 230 minutes' play, of which number W. Carlton had knocked up 72. The light being bad at 5.30 it was decided to draw stumps and the Canterbury batsmen left the field with 214 runs to their credit and with one wicket to fall. W. Carlton had made 78 runs and Boxshall 4, neither man being out.

The match was continued on Monday when Boxshall increased his score to 17 runs, being bowled out by Olliff. Carlton's score then stood at 88 runs not out, and the innings was completed with a total of 238 runs.

The scoring in Canterbury's second innings was as follows:—Patrick 2, D. Reese 16, W. Carlton 88 not out, H. B. Lusk 17, S. Orchard 36, E. E. Crawshaw 26, T. Carlton 1, W. Hayes 3, Addison 4, J. H. Bennett 17, C. Boxshall 18): Total 214 runs for nine wickets. Bowling for Auckland, Relf took four wickets for 44 runs, Howden two for 67 and Olliff four for 61.

Auckland thus wanted 104 runs to win, and shortly after 12 o'clock on Monday Anthony and Hadden took

their stand at the wicket, being bowled by Reese and Crawshaw. Anthony was dismissed for four by Crawshaw, Hemus replacing him. Hadden knocked up 21 runs before being caught out by Boxshall, and then Brooke-Smith came in. Hemus was batting in his best style and was still going strongly when Brooke-Smith was caught out for 31 runs. Sale then joined Hemus, the score then being 91, and the dozen runs required to win were soon rattled off, Hemus scoring two sixes in the last couple of hits. The scoring was as follows:—Anthony 4, Hadden 21, Hemus 45 not out, Brooke-Smith 31, Sale 0 not out; Crawshaw taking one wicket for 14 runs and W. Carlton two for 30.

Auckland thus won by seven wickets and one run, and retain possession of the Plunket Shield.

AQUATICS.

PONSONBY CLUB'S GALA.

On Friday next the Ponsonby Swimming and Life-Saving Club will hold a gala in the Albert-street Baths. Interest in this particular branch of sport is growing in Auckland and a big attendance may confidently be looked forward to-morrow evening. The arrangements are well in hand, and with splendid entries received a most enjoyable entertainment should result. The following are the handi-

race gave promise of being a highly interesting one, and three river steamers left town crowded with spectators, large numbers availed themselves of motor launches, while several hundreds lined the river banks at the finishing line. Arnst's chances found most favour with backers, although Webb's supporters clung to the hope that the ex-champion might strike his best form. The Australian, Hagney, who had won his heat in good style, had also to be reckoned with, so that a great race was expected.

The race was rowed over a two-mile course, and Hagney, leaving the mark 7sec. before Webb, set out at a pace which plainly showed he was determined to give the back-markers a warm contract, and he was six lengths to the good when Webb started, the ex-champion having 1½ lengths' advantage of Arnst. Webb started off at 32 strokes to the minute, and rowed in an impressive manner over the first half-mile, while Arnst kept going at 30 strokes, skimming through the water at a great rate. Hagney was also getting along in brilliant fashion, and had a lead of five lengths at the end of the first half-mile, there being little change in positions at this stage of the journey. Passing the three-quarter-mile post Webb had reduced his stroke to 27 per minute, while Arnst contented himself with 26 and later 25, but his powerful strokes began to improve his position. At the mile post Hagney was only three lengths in the lead, while Arnst had lessened the gap between his boat and that of the ex-champion. The time occupied in covering the mile was 6min. 8½sec.

At a meeting of the Wellington Swimming Centre on Monday evening indignation was expressed at the council merely "receiving" a letter of protest from the Wellington centre with regard to the allocation of the New Zealand championship meeting. It was resolved that in terms of the resolution forwarded to the council, the centre had no intention of nominating any representatives to compete at the championship meeting at Auckland next month.

A meeting of the committee of the Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta was held in the Palmerston Buildings, Captain H. Parker (chairman) presiding. A letter was read stating that H.M.S. Challenger would be in Auckland on Anniversary Day. It was decided to write to the officers of H.M.S. Challenger asking that the ship's band be permitted to play on the flagship on the day of the regatta. A notice of motion was tabled in regard to classes 6, 8, 10, and 13, which refer to 24ft, 22ft and 20ft mullet-boat classes. "That the resolution that they be unrestricted be rescinded and that the classes be sailed under restricted (Ponsonby) rules. The chairman reported that all boats had been arranged, and that the collectors would commence canvassing for donations to the regatta at once.

ATHLETICS.

George Blennerhasset Tindler, who beat Charlie Hefferon so decisively over a mile at Lord's Ground, Durban, again defeated the "Marathon" crack on November 27 at Lord's, this time over two miles. The weather was unpropitious, which affected the attendance, but those who entered an appearance witnessed a splendid race. Hefferon forced the pace, whilst the Irish crack hung on. At the bell Tindler put on a grand spurt, and drew away, opening up a gap of 25 yards. Hefferon responded well, but was beaten 15 yards in 9min. 39sec. They met again in a three miles match (at Bloemfontein), when the Irishman once more scored a win, this time by a narrow margin. A four miles match at Bloemfontein followed, but it ended in a fiasco, although no details are yet available. Apparently Tindler went to the post in an unfit condition to run.

To those who note figures, the following Scottish records recently accepted will be of interest, but they are also of note because for the first time an Australasian, the ex-New Zealander, Rowland, figures on the record book. The following records at Ibrox park were passed:—120 yards, by R. E. Walker, 11 3-5sec.; 150 yards, R. E. Walker, 14 3-5sec.; 1,000 yards (native), A. Turnbull, 2min. 17 4-5 sec.; one mile and a-half, A. J. Robertson, 6min. 48 2-5sec.; one mile walk, E. J. Webb, 6min. 44 4-5sec.; two miles walk, E. J. Webb, 13min. 57 1-5sec.; three miles walk, A. E. M. Rowland, 21min. 39 1-5sec.; two miles walk and three miles walk (native), R. Quinn, 14min. 28sec. and 21min. 50 8-5sec. An application by R. E. Walker for 100 yards in 9 4-5sec. was refused.



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440Yds Handicap: R. H. P. Royayne, R. Bell, W. Campbell, scratch; F. J. Kernot, 2s; S. W. Kean, 12s; A. Campbell, 16s; C. Buffet, C. B. Walrond, 20s; H. Baxter, 25s; E. Notton, O. Sommerville, 30s; S. Lyttle, H. Stein, G. Cooke, 35s; W. Cowley, H. Gallagher, 40s; H. Carlsen 70s.

WANGANUI SCULLING HANDICAP.

ARNST WINS FINAL.

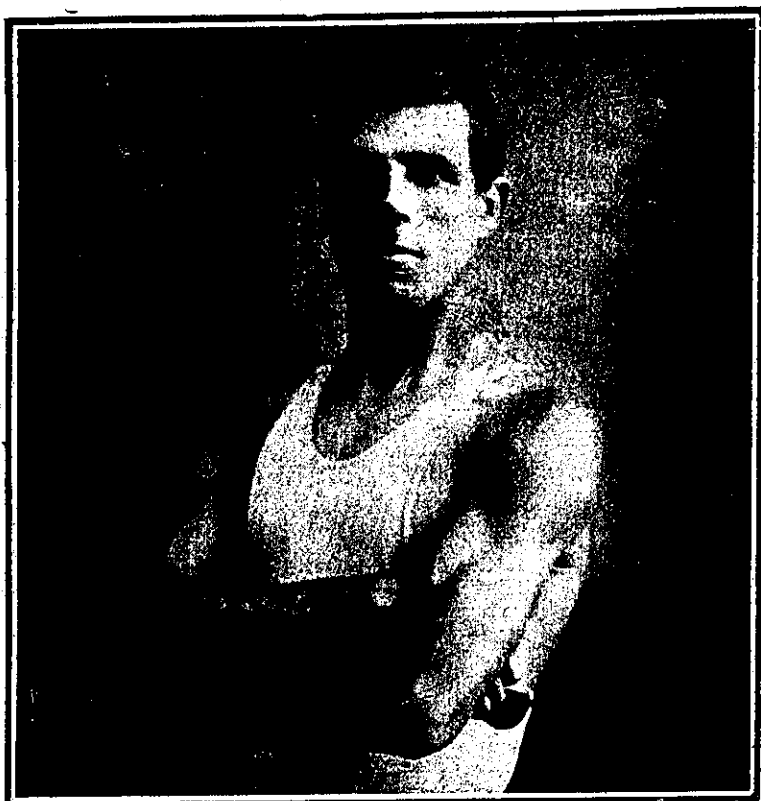
With Dick Arnst (scratch), W. Webb (3sec.), and F. S. Hagney (10sec.) left in the final of the Wanganui Sculling Handicap, Saturday's

During the next quarter-mile Webb made a determined effort, and, spurring away from Arnst, came within a canvas length of Hagney, but this burst of speed exhausted the ex-champion's energy, for he was obliged to rest on his sculls for a few seconds, losing three or four strokes before resuming the race. Arnst had passed him during this stoppage, and though Webb continued to row on in the wake of his opponents, it was apparent that he was done up. Arnst overtook Hagney at the mile and a-half, but the Australian stuck gamely to his task over the last half-mile and kept the world's champion extended. Arnst crossed the finishing line a little over two lengths ahead of Hagney, while Webb was fifteen lengths away last. Arnst's time for the two-mile journey was 13 minutes 33 seconds.

FIRST-CLASS HANDICAP; first prize, £100; second, £50; third, £25. Two miles.

R. Arnst, scratch 1
F. S. Hagney, 10sec. 2
W. Webb, 3sec. 3

A Farewell Handicap for a first prize of £12, second of £8, and third of £5 was also held during the afternoon, being open to competitors not engaged in the final of the big race. Seven competitors started, and the result was as follows:—Kemp, 5sec., 1; Dick Green, 8sec., 2; Larsen, 9sec., 3.



F. S. HAGNEY, the young Australian sculler, who finished second to Dick Arnst in the Wanganui Sculling Handicap



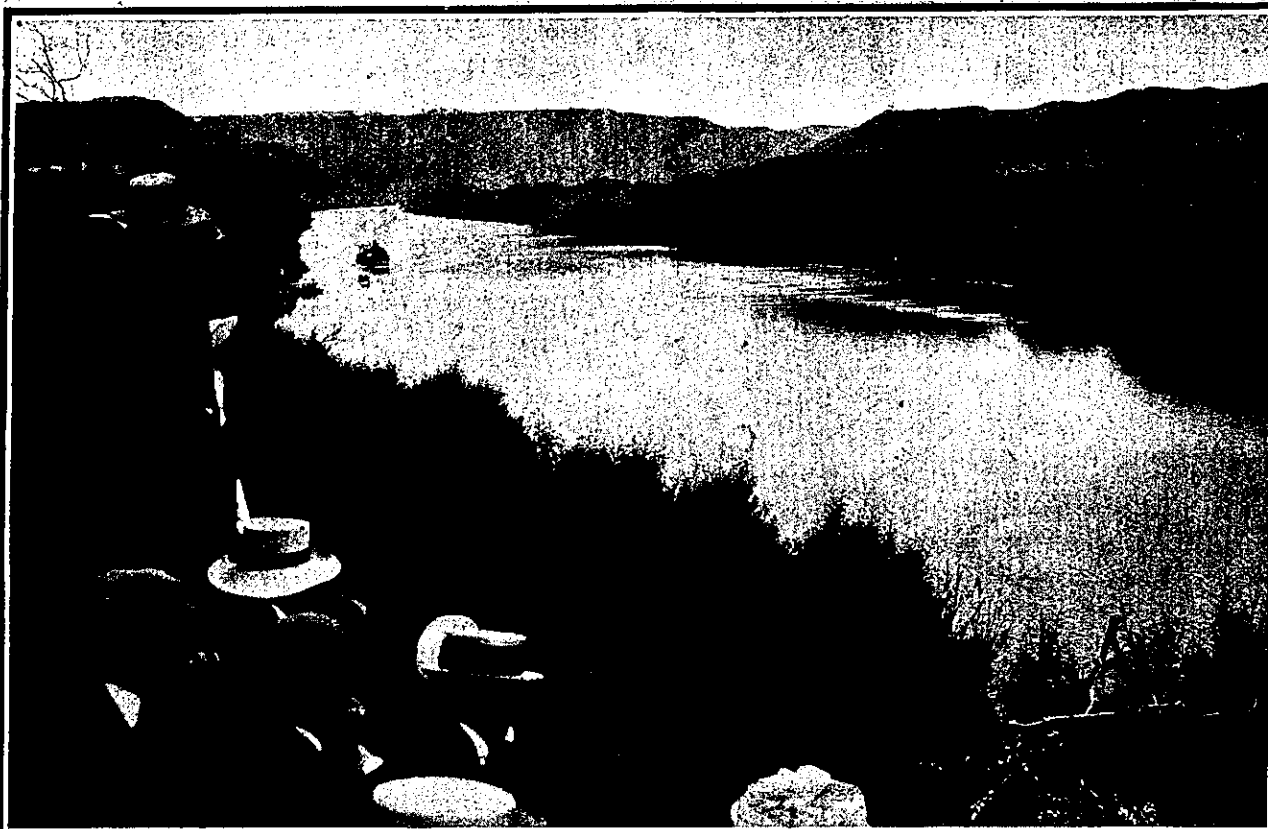
Mr. H. C. Tonks' b g CASTADRIFT (Cowan up), winner of the New Year's Hurdle Race (2 miles) at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting, taking a hurdle.



A Surprise Victory.—Mr. J. H. Walters' br g SEDITION (R. E. Brown up) defeats ALL RED (G. Jenkins up) in the Auckland Racing Club's Handicap (1½ miles).



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THE WANGANUI SCULLING HANDICAP.—Dick Arnet wins his heat, with Felton second and Kemp third.



GROUP OF COMPETITORS IN THE WANGANUI SCULLING HANDICAP, ROWED ON THE RIVER.—From left to right the names are: Dick Green, E. Larsen, Bob Green, S. Kemp, R. Arnet and J. Mitchell.



THE AUCKLAND CRICKET ELEVEN, which defeated Canterbury by seven wickets.—Reading from left—Standing: Sando (umpire), A. E. Relf, A. Anthony, L. G. Hemus, R. Snedden. Sitting: A. Hadden, A. M. Howden, E. V. Sale, W. Brooke-Smith, C. Olliff, F. Taylor. In front: N. Goode.



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CROWDS STILL FLOCKING TO HIS MAJESTY'S.

HAVANA'S FUN AND FROLIC.

In "Havana," the second production of J. C. Williamson's New Comic Opera Company, at His Majesty's, fun and frolic predominate; comedy runs riot, assaults the senses with its mirthful interludes, holds the eyes with its diverting episodes, arrests the ears with its tuneful, topical melodies, and tickles the palate as only a really first-class comedy can. Its atmosphere is distinctly Cuban and revolutionary at that, the scenes centering around the cigar store of Bombito and Co., the patio of the Torre del Campo, where the conspirators foregather with the ubiquitous Englishmen (Jackson Villiers, of the S.Y. "Wasp"; the Hon. Frank Charteris, his friend and fellow voyager; the yacht's boy, Reginald Brown, and Nix, Bo'sun of the "Wasp") who are wrongly suspected of running contraband of war, in support of the revolutionaries, and the harbour at Havana, where the "Wasp" lies at the quay under arrest. Life, motion and colour find ample play all through the chapter, and the fun-makers enjoy themselves nearly as much as those for whose amusement they cater. The stately dignity of the "King of Cadonia" is alone lacking. The play is admirably mounted, the scenery and dresses leave nothing to be desired, the vocal numbers are catchy and full of interest, and the chorus singing is remarkably good, while the orchestration is excellent. The whole play consequently affords a feast of mirth, song and melody, which must be seen and heard to be appreciated—"Havana" is, in short, one of the brightest, funniest and best of the musical comedies so far presented to us by any of Mr. Williamson's companies.

Miss Olive Godwin fills a dashing role—that of the lively Consuelo (Bombito's niece) who is more than half in love with the Don Adolfo, son of the Mayor of Havana (Mr. Frank Greene), while retaining fond memories of her former English wooer, Jackson Villiers (Mr. Herbert Clayton), who returns unexpectedly to press his suit afresh, on the eve of her betrothal to Don Adolfo. She sings well, acts spiritedly and is a distinct success in the part. Miss Lottie Sargent, again, is in her element as Anita, the cigar seller. Like Consuelo, Anita has had an English lover, to whom, indeed, she was married six years before the play opens, her husband being carried off to his ship within half an hour of the wedding ceremony. As she has not heard from him in the interval she has the marriage tie annulled by the simple expedient of having him declared dead. When the "gay deceased," in the person of Nix the Bo'sun, turns up and meets Anita, "the Merry Widow," the fun waxes fast and furious. An admirable little actress, Miss Sargent makes good all through, sings and dances well and plays her part to perfection. In the interpolated duets "The Slopes of Denmark Hill" (sung with Mr. W. S. Percy), and "The Merry Widow" with Mr. Gilbert, as also in the dances with the latter comedian, she was repeatedly encored on the opening night and has been since. Than Miss Sargent, with her faint, piquant ways, there is possibly no greater favourite in the company. Miss Ada Stirling has a somewhat heavier part to play as Isabella (Bombito's sister), one of the chief conspirators and the woman who was to be proclaimed Queen of Cuba once the revolution began. She infuses an amount of life and vivacity into the part and a coyness in her search for a husband that is infinitely diverting. The funniest scene of the evening being that in which she is about to declare upon whom her choice of a husband has fallen, the Englishmen present with the conspirators all seeking a hiding place beneath the table or elsewhere to avoid her amorous clutches. As the cigarette girls Tita, Pepita and Lolita, Miss Ivy Freshman, Miss Elsie Stevenson and Miss Lily Moore are alike

good, the remaining parts of Mamie (the type-writer girl), Teresa (a flower girl) and Gladys, being well filled by Miss Olive Sinclair, Miss Doriene Dayne and Miss Helen Moseley.

The fun and frolic of the play centre around Mr. Bert Gilbert and Mr. W. S. Percy. The former's presen-

tion of "Nix, the Bo'sun" is admirable and leaves nothing wanting. The character is one of the many types of sea-faring men made famous by W. W. Jacobs and might have stepped out of Sunwich on to the stage. Mr. Gilbert's serious drooler and the Jacobs' flavour go well together and make the character

simply irresistible. The audience laughs till it cries and cries till it laughs again at the exquisite and yet perfectly natural absurdities presented. The conception is great and probably ranks as the most meritorious of Mr. Gilbert's performances. His songs "Smile, Smile, Smile," and

knowledge since he made his first bow before an Auckland audience. When he came upon the stage in the role of the Ship's Boy, Reginald Brown, on Thursday night, the crowd simply rose at and applauded him to the echo. It was his first appearance this season and everyone was delighted to see him again. And there was a certain rollicksome touch about everything that he said, sang, or did, that seemed to say the pleasure was mutual. The new Percy more than made good during the evening and was correspondingly elated. His song "Fillbuster Brown" is one of the successes of the evening.

Mr. Herbert Clayton had a livelier part to play than in "The King of Cadonia." He loses somewhat in dignity but gains in public favour, as his genius of song and versatility of talent is made more apparent. He plays the part of Jackson Villiers, the skipper of the S.Y. "Wasp," with much spirit, sings and dances admirably, and gives general satisfaction and pleasure in the role. In the musical numbers he is heard to greatest advantage in his song with the Flappers, "Would you like to Motor with Mater?" and in the duet "A Little Supper Table for Two." Mr. Frank Greene as Don Adolfo makes merry with the Flappers—a bevy of handsome young ladies with whom he flirts and enjoys himself tremendously and sings with great acceptance "Hello people, People hello" and "Cupid's Telephone," the latter, if anything, having the finer effect. He adds greatly to the enjoyment of the play. Mr. J. R. Hogue, as the Hon. Frank Charteris; Mr. Victor Prince, as Bombito del Campo (Mayor of Havana) and Mr. P. Bathurst, as Diego de la concha, are also good, the minor parts of Hilario, Alejandro and the Sentry being well filled by Mr. A. Sharples, Mr. H. Vincent and Mr. Arthur Lissant.

"A COUNTRY GIRL."

To-morrow evening J. C. Williamson will stage for the last three nights of what has so far been a remarkably successful season, James Tanner's refreshing musical play, "A Country Girl." Of all the "Girls" that have been presented to us in the musical comedy way, from time to time, the "Country Girl" has proved the most enduring from a popular point. The management unhesitatingly affirms the presentment, by the present company, of this charming play as the most comprehensive and convincing of any previously submitted. Miss Dorothy Court will be the new Marjorie Joy, a part that she has played with much distinction throughout England and America, Miss Lottie Sargent the Sophie, Miss Ivy Scott Nan, which, by the way, she is the original of in Australasia, and Miss Olive Godwin the Indian Princess. The new "Geoffrey Chalonner" will be Mr. Herbert Clayton, and an old "Barry," although new here, will be found in that very favourite comedian Mr. W. S. Percy. The company play up till and including Saturday night, leaving for New Plymouth on Sunday evening.

THE HACKENSCHMIDT SEASON.

OPENING ON MONDAY.

The presence of Hackenschmidt in New Zealand is sure to create a much-needed revival in wrestling and athletics generally. The popular Russian is arriving in this country on the 16th inst, by the Maheno, from Sydney, where he has been appearing with conspicuous success in a very attractive programme, which includes exhibitions of wrestling, physical training exercises, posture posing, muscle culture and the many feats of endurance by which Hackenschmidt has proved himself justly famous. Accompanying "The Russian Lion," as trainer, is Gunner Moir, and his chief wrestling partner is Bain, the Scottish giant. Hackenschmidt's principal object in visiting Australasia was to meet Gotch in a contest for the championship of the World and a purse of £5000 offered by



MR. BERT GILBERT in his famous conception of Nix the Bo'sun in "Havana."



MR. BOYD IRWIN of the Williamson Dramatic Company in "The Cheat," to be staged at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, on Monday, January 24th.

tion of "Nix, the Bo'sun" is admirable and leaves nothing wanting. The character is one of the many types of sea-faring men made famous by W. W. Jacobs and might have stepped out of Sunwich on to the stage. Mr. Gilbert's serious drooler and the Jacobs' flavour go well together and make the character

"How did the Bird know that?" with their topical allusions, add greatly to the enjoyment and appreciation of the crowd. Mr. W. S. Percy's reception on the opening night was flattering in the extreme. He is a great favourite with the ladies and is not without warm admirers amongst the men. He has improved out of all

Messrs. Baker and Talbot, of Melbourne.

This match was mutually agreed upon, and duly drawn up, as far back as May last, and should have taken place this month in either Melbourne or Sydney. It was for a time held up owing to Gotch cabling he had to undergo an operation, which it was further stated would necessitate a 12 months' rest. It transpired, however, that Gotch had met Racevitch, the Italian champion, and defeated him in the interval. Gotch's unexpected return to form prompted Messrs. Baker and Talbot to cable to America, suggesting the necessity of Gotch meeting Hackenschmidt as arranged. To this and other communications the promoters are, however, unable to obtain a definite reply, and, in the meantime, Hackenschmidt is to open a season at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday evening, in his unique athletic demonstrations, supported by Gunner Moir and Herman, together with a specially selected company of London entertainers. Films of Hackenschmidt's recent contests will also form part of this interesting entertainment. The box plans open at Wildman and Arey's to-day.

The inspiring and prodigious physique of George Hackenschmidt fascinated Bergas, the famous German sculptor, to such an extent that he made the mighty Russian many tempting monetary offers to remain in the German capital for a period and sit, or rather stand, for studies of the ancient masters. Bergas completed one heroic statue of Hackenschmidt, as "Prometheus Bound," beside which, it is said, even the classic Hercules no longer appears gigantic. Hackenschmidt's father was German, and his mother Swedish. He was born in the city of Jurief, in the Baltic provinces of Russia, on July 20, 1877. After graduating from the local gymnasium he went to St. Petersburg to study civil engineering at the university, but at this time he defeated Paul Pons, champion wrestler of the world. Since then he has thrown all the Terrible Turks, Ferocious Frenchmen, Itinerant Irishmen, Burly Britons, Doughty Dutchmen, Bulging Belgians, Grinding Germans, Roaring Russians, Insistent Italians, Sly Spaniards and Awful Americans who came to his hands.

Hackenschmidt maintains that to be born strong and keep strong, heavy weight lifting is the only proper method of development. The modern dumb-bell is, in the Russian's opinion, a toy which merely creates a temporary strength, but in the handling of suitably strong weights, natural strength—real power—is established, and is one of the forms genius takes when it expresses itself physically. These and other feasible contentions are thrashed out in Hackenschmidt's work on physical development, just to hand from the London publishers.

THE OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S WIDE WORLD PICTURES.

With a programme of exceptional merit being presented, it is not surprising that the Opera House is well filled nightly with appreciative patrons, who thoroughly enjoy the up-to-date pictorial fare provided by the Messrs. Fuller. The principal film shown this week is that of "The Airship Destroyer," an actual motion picture presentation of Mr. H. G. Wells' "War in the Air." The film is of great present day interest, and shows the possibility of the aerial vessel taking an active part in modern warfare. Airships laden with soldiers and ammunition are seen leaving their quarters to proceed to the scene of action, and their evolutions in the air are illustrated in graphic fashion. The film then takes a different turn and a beautiful girl and her lover are seen walking arm in arm along a scenic drive, and on reaching the former's homestead the young fellow asks the father of the girl for his daughter's hand but is met with a refusal. One wonders at this period what this circumstance has to do with aerial war, but this is revealed by subsequent events. The young fellow is the inventor of an airship destroyer, and after the rejection of his suit he returns to work on his invention. War breaking out the airships are seen dropping shells on to towns and wrecking buildings, causing great destruction and loss of life. The airships gliding about and discharging shells form a novel sight, and one which may be perhaps actually realised in years to come. A shell falling on the homestead owned by the girl's father, the house is wrecked, and the young fel-

low displays much courage in rescuing the inmates from the ruins. With the assistance of his mechanic he gets his airship destroyer into position, and firing a few torpedoes at the vessels gliding through the air succeeds in damaging the biggest of them, and the aerial monster falls to the earth a complete wreck. The suitor, needless to say, wins the hand of the girl whose life he has saved. A fine picture presentation is shown of Shakespeare's famous play "Macbeth," the various characters being taken by leading professionals, while the staging is done on a magnificent scale. An exceedingly fine film is presented entitled "The English Clock-making Industry," the modern machinery used in the construction of clocks being an eye-opener. Two pictures of general interest are those of "The Lord Mayor's Show of 1909," and "Rulers of Europe," the latter being an extremely fine film showing the heads of the different European countries. A stirring Indian adventure is depicted in "The Leather Stocking," an exciting fight taking place between a party of red Indians and some white men headed by a faithful Indian. "Nick Carter's mysterious Package," is the title of another exploit of the great detective of fiction, and is greeted with loud applause by the audience. An emo-

ROYAL ALBERT HALL.

PATHE PICTURES.

The Royal Albert Hall has been packed to the doors each evening this week by those wishing to see the special attraction presented by Mr. Hayward in the form of a film showing Lieut. Sir E. Shackleton's dash for the South Pole. Everybody has read of the trials and hardships suffered by the great explorer and his party in their scientific research and now they have the opportunity of not only reading, but of seeing for themselves. The thrilling adventures met with in the Polar regions, their hair breath escapes and great courage, hold the audience as has no other picture yet shown at the Royal Albert. Each and every detail of the expedition, from the departure of the Nimrod, to the planting of Queen Alexandra's flag at "Furthest South" is clearly depicted, together with the good work of the ponies and dogs, a very important item in an expedition. No one should miss spending an evening and witnessing this great work of cinematography, the exclusive rights of which are held by Mr. C. Spencer, of Sydney, who paid £4,000 for the same. Besides this great film other interesting

BORN TO COMEDY.

MR. BERT GILBERT'S INTERESTING CAREER.

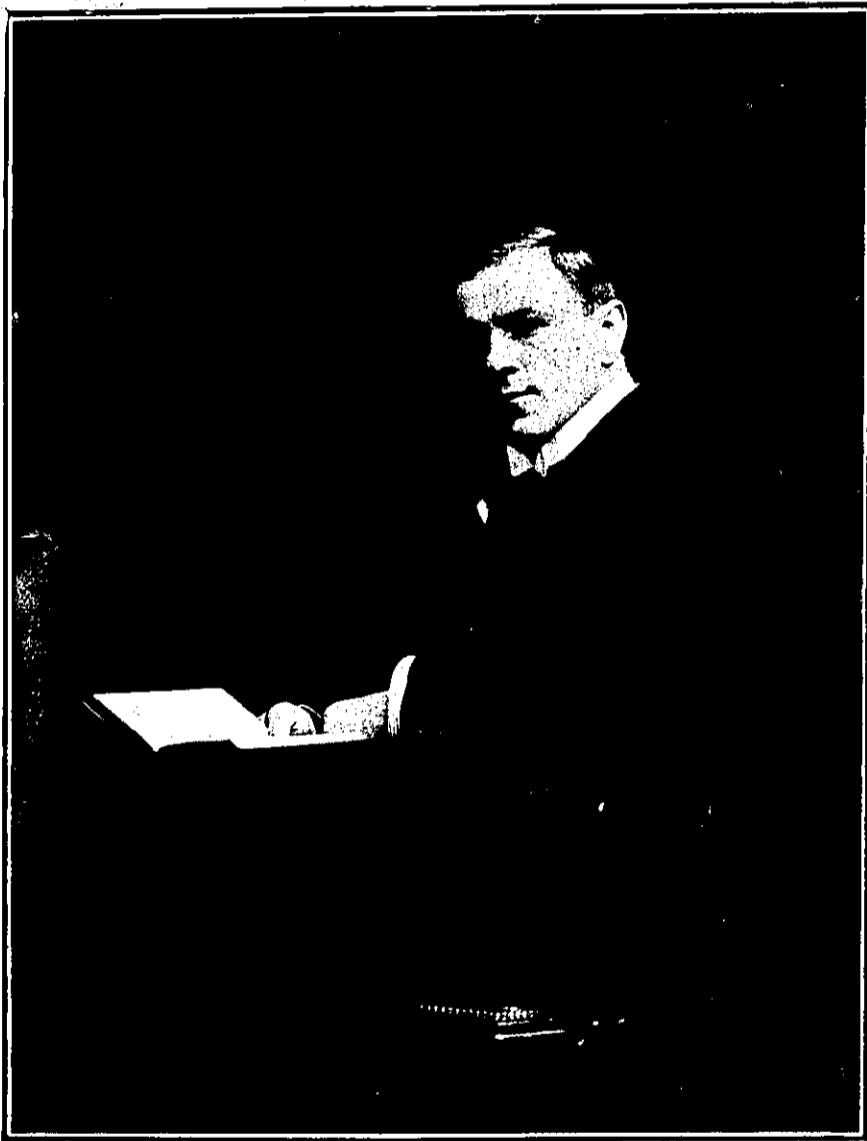
THE WILLIAMSON PRODUCTIONS.

Mr. Gilbert Hazelwood, or give him the stage name by which he is more fully and favourably known, Mr. "Bert Gilbert" has been before the public from his very infancy. He made his first appearance on the stage as the babe in Pizarro, being, of course, carried on. He was then only three months old. On that occasion he convulsed the audience, as he has convulsed hundreds of audiences since, by his behaviour, yelling vehemently at the most critical moment in the tragedy, and covering the leading members of the company with confusion. It was a successful first appearance in its way, but who amongst those present could have dreamt of the many successes that were to follow it in the maturer years of the infantile performer.

Born to the stage and to comedy, possibly best describes Mr. Bert Gilbert's mission in life. Off the stage he is a quiet, mannerly, well-spoken citizen, with the habits, tastes and demeanour of a gentleman, and little or nothing about him to denote the profession he follows. On the stage he is a humorist of the first water, with an infinite capacity for tickling both the eyes and the ears of his audience. He combines the most admirable fooling with an archdeacon's gravity of features and of manners, and has a merry wit of his own that makes him a favourite wherever he goes. "Dull care" takes a back seat, or vanishes altogether, in his presence. He is a man to be admired, esteemed and made much of, because there are so few men like him. It is not too much to say that he is the life of the New Comic Opera Company and that more than half the success of the "King of Cadonia" and of "Havana"—those brilliant musical comedies that have taken Auckland by storm—are due to his genius.

Mr. Gilbert Hazelwood comes of an old and talented theatrical family, well-known in London and the Midlands. His ancestors on both sides of the family were well-known members of the profession. His great-grandfather, Mr. H. B. Edwin, was the original Ezekiel Homespun at the Drury Lane Theatre. His grandfather, on his father's side (Mr. Colin H. Hazelwood), was a playwright of more than ordinary notoriety, who created a record by writing a play a week for the Britannia Theatre, Hoxton, North London, for something like ten years—truly a prolific and unexampled performance. His grandfather, on his mother's side, Mr. Huggins, was proprietor of the Rotherham-Doncaster circuit. In those days, it should be explained, proprietors of companies travelled round the country, visiting theatres in which they had proprietary rights and playing for two or three months at each theatre, hence the word "circuit." Mr. Hazelwood's father, Mr. Henry Collin Hazelwood, was manager of the Highbury Barn Theatre, North London, and afterwards lessee of the West Bromwich Theatre, and also manager for Mr. Brewster at the Star Theatre, Wolverhampton, of which he eventually became lessee. His mother, Ruth Edwin, was a tremendous favourite with London and Wolverhampton theatregoers, and was admittedly one of the finest and most convincing actresses of her day.

When interviewed last week by a "Review" representative, Mr. Bert Gilbert (to again give him his stage name) chatted freely of his past career. He explained that he had made the stage his profession from his earliest days, "walking on" in juvenile parts when quite a little fellow and graduating through stock plays such as "East Lynne," "Little Joe" (the dramatised version of "Bleak House") to the comedy parts he has since made his speciality. That he was doing good work in the Old Country and was highly thought of, is proved by the fact that rather more than two years ago he was selected by Mr. J. C. Williamson as the leading comedian for the Pantomime Company of that year, and that when he was invited to come to Australia and accepted the invitation, he left behind him engagements for three years, which will have to be filled on his return to the Old Country. He first visited New Zealand with the Humpty Dumpty Pantomime Company two years ago, but unfortunately met with an accident during one of the Auckland performances that placed him hors de combat for the greater part of the company's New Zea-



GEORGE HACKENSCHMIDT, the famous Russian Athlete, who appears at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, on Monday next.

tional drama of everyday life is portrayed in the film "A Friend of the Family" in which a husband goes within an ace of breaking up his home for love of another woman. "Plain Mame" is another strong dramatic film, which meets with a popular reception. "Circumstantial Evidence" and "Jones' Burglar" provide the humour of the evening, both being excellent specimens of laughter-making films. Mr. E. J. Burke's orchestra renders a delightful musical accompaniment to the pictures, which is greatly enjoyed by patrons.

According to the latest file of American newspapers to hand, two of the most popular members of the J. C. Williamson "Squaw Man" Company out here have added to their laurels recently in America. Mr. Charles Waldron has made a big hit in "The Fourth Estate" and Rapley Holmes (Big Bill) as the sheriff in the Wild West drama—"The Round Up." In New York "The Climax" is still playing to sound business. It has already put up a record of eight months which is a fine run for a dramatic piece on Broadway and so far there is no word of its withdrawal.

Madame Melba sings her last song in Australia on January 29. She leaves for London on January 31.

films figure on the programme, and the entertainment is certainly the best of its kind yet shown at the Royal Albert.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

NATIONAL VAUDEVILLE COMPANY.

On Saturday evening last the National Vaudeville Company bade farewell to Auckland after a successful stay of several weeks. Pictures made their reappearance on Monday evening, when there was a good house. The management are giving Tivoli patrons a treat this week in presenting "Lieut. Sir E. Shackleton's dash for the South Pole" which is also proving the attraction at the Royal Albert hall, both halls being controlled by Mr. H. Hayward. Numerous other good pictures, including dramatic, scenery, pathetic and humorous are shown, and those who visit the Tivoli during the present week should be highly satisfied with the programme being presented.

The J. C. Williamson management during the year staged 23 pieces in Sydney, twelve of which were new productions—an average of one a month.

land season, during which he was kept a close prisoner in a private hospital and threatened with the loss of one eye. Mr. Gilbert's experiences of New Zealand have, consequently, been so far of a more or less depressing character, and he confessed to the interviewer that he was none too favourably impressed by the reception accorded the "King of Cadonia" company on the opening night of its present season at His Majesty's.

"But I thought they gave you a great reception," said the interviewer, "you had a crowded house, had you not?"

"Yes, but the audience gave us one and all the impression of being coldly critical. We all had the same feeling about it. I do not think that I ever played before an audience that kept so thoroughly cool and was so undemonstrative. It seemed as if they were saying 'We've heard a good deal about you; this play has been boomed up tremendously; we don't believe half what we've read about it, and we're here to see if the other half is true.' It made it fearfully uphill work for all of us."

"But surely that was exceptional?"
 "Yes, I suppose it was. The attitude of the Monday night's audience was really cold; that of the Tuesday night was just the reverse."

"And since then?"
 "Well, we have no reason to complain of any lack of generous treatment, the atmosphere has changed completely."

Asked how Australian and New Zealand audiences compared with English audiences, Mr. Gilbert said he thought, if anything, the Australian public were more responsive, but none the less critical. He expressed surprise at the way in which Australasians patronise the theatres. It was no small thing, he said, to run a play like the "King of Cadonia" for nine nights in succession in a city like Auckland, with a population of less than 100,000. There were very few English managers, he said, who would venture to act similarly in towns of the same size in the Old Country.

"By the way," said the interviewer, "that reminds me of a question I should like an expression of opinion upon. We have one or two very Superior People in this country—'critics' they call themselves—who are for ever running the Williamson companies down, and who are fond of telling us that the plays and the artistes Mr Williamson sends to New Zealand are only second and third rate and that we seldom get a play presented or mounted as it should be

and as it is presented at Home. How does that tally with your experience?"

"I do not know of a single manager at Home," Mr. Gilbert said, speaking with marked deliberation, "who would take the risks that Mr. Williamson does. There is not an English manager who would take a company such as ours (I think there are about 127 of us all told, including mechanists, property men, orchestra, etc) and ship it, with all the scenery, dresses and appliances, across from London to America. The cost would be about the same as from Melbourne to Auckland; he would deem the risk too great, although the population of the States is at least 60 times as great as yours. And when it comes to 'mounting' a play, I tell our people every time I write Home, I only wish they could see the scale of magnificence in which everything is done here. Cost is quite a secondary matter with Mr. Williamson I can assure you. Just take the Court dresses in the 'King of Cadonia.' You can go round to the back of the stage and examine them yourself. Every dress—and all are made of the very best material—carries a coat of arms—all different and all embroidered by hand in Melbourne. Why the attention to detail is simply wonderful. I should say those Superior People of whom you were speaking don't know what they are talking about. So far as I have experience of them the Williamson productions compare more than favourably with English productions of the same class.

Mr. Gilbert is a great reader. His favourite authors are Charles Dickens and W. W. Jacobs, of whose works he has made a very careful study. He falls back upon Dickens in moments of mental rest and recreation and finds much to amuse and interest in the volumes he has read over and over again. In his Musical Comedy parts his favourite characters are the Duke Alexis in the "King of Cadonia," "Nix," the Bo'sun in "Havana," and Mickey O'Dowd, in Sydney Jones' opera "My Lady Molly." He was, by the way, the first to play in the latter part. The two former characters offer opportunities for consistent work right through, and those who have seen him in the parts must admit that he has made a careful study of both. In the character of "Nix" he is the living image of one of W. W. Jacobs' old skippers and carries himself as only the versatile actor who has made an intelligent study of the character could do. There is nothing forced or unreal, nothing exaggerated or

overdrawn; the conception is true to the life.

And that Danse des Apaches. If the reader has seen Mr. Gilbert in the character of the Parisian rough he must admit that here again is another great conception—lifelike and realistic. The dance is not lacking in a certain grace, despite its brutality. It is one in which the passions predominate, fierce love striving with deadly hate. In it Mr. Gilbert sinks all trace of himself and becomes the typical Apache so long the terror of decent Parisian Society. Those who have had the opportunity of seeing the dance, as it is given in London, say that Mr. Gilbert has a better conception of its character and possibilities, although he has had to figure it out for himself from a mere verbal description, than its originators.

Greenroom Gossip.

THE WILLIAMSON DRAMATIC COMPANY.

The J. C. Williamson Dramatic Company which has been playing to crowded houses at the Wellington Opera House, opens its Auckland season at His Majesty's on Monday week, January 24th in "The Thief," which is spoken of as one of the most powerful plays yet staged in the Dominion, the interest it excites being all absorbing. The company has those well-known artists Mr. G. S. Titherage, Miss Ethel Warwick and Mr. Thomas Kingston playing in the lead, its repertoire including "The Flag Lieutenant," a brilliant naval comedy; "Brewster's Millions," "Sherlock Holmes" and "The Silver King."

MISS VALERIE COLLINS.

Miss Valerie Collins of Northern Wairoa, who for the past two years has been studying music in Sydney under Madame Christian, is on a visit to Auckland and gives a concert at the Y.M.C.A. Concert Hall this evening. Miss Collins, it is interesting to recall, sang before Madame Dolores when that popular songstress was in Auckland last, and Madame was so favourably impressed with her voice and its possibilities under expert training, that she strongly advised her to place herself in the hands of Madame Christian, and devote herself to earnest study, with a view to proceeding home eventually. Acting on this recommendation, Miss Collins threw herself heart and soul into her work, and her natural ability, combined with

vocal talent and up-to-date methods of voice culture have evidenced themselves in the marked progress she has made. To-night will give the public an opportunity of hearing for themselves this charming young contralto, who will be supported by leading local artists.

AN UNPLEASANT INCIDENT.

An incident which was not particularly pleasant to the individual most directly concerned, is related by Mr. "Bob" Barry, the young American comedian in "Aladdin." Mr. Barry himself happened to be the individual most directly concerned and this is the tale he has to tell. He was touring with a stock company in Texas and in order to make a scene in one of the pieces they were playing as realistically as possible and to suit the taste of the audiences in that part of the world, the management had arranged for a lynching effect. Mr. Barry was cast for the part of the bold, bad man whose end was to be hanged by the neck till he was dead, though for obvious reasons arrangements were made so that although to the onlookers the whole scene was perfectly real, Mr. Barry was spared the pangs of strangulation. But one night a brawny American strolled into the playhouse and took his seat within full view of the stage. He fell asleep during the earlier stages of the play and slept on till the preparations were being made for bringing to a successful issue the most thrilling scene of all. Then the big man awakened up and sprang on to the stage and calling two of his satellites to his assistance, announced that he was the Sheriff and that he intended that the business should be carried through in an orthodox manner after the fashion of such affairs in Texas. Mr. Barry did not wait any longer. He took to his heels and ran for about three miles before he stopped to recover his breath. The Sheriff sent a gun shot through the drop scene and attempted to give chase, but fortunately for Mr. Barry he became entangled in some scenery and the stage manager was eventually able to pacify him and explain the situation.

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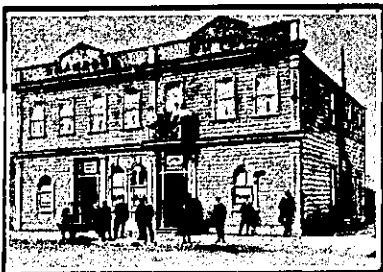
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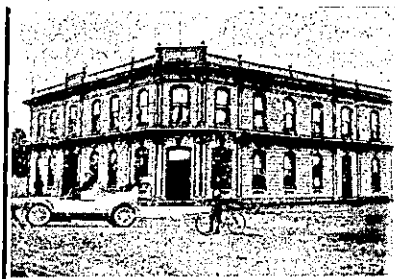
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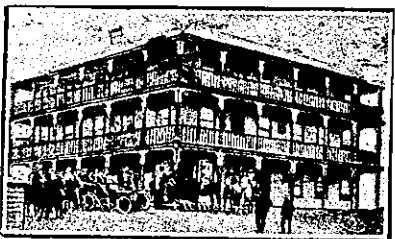
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METHODIST PARSON'S "HOME JOURNAL" TACTICS.

"People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones." That most excellent proverb is one that our Prohibitionist friends (save the mark!) should bear in mind ere entering upon the new campaign they are planning for themselves. They should not, moreover, forget that they can only lay claim to a monopoly of the graces and virtues, and to rank as better men and women than their adversaries, in so far as they can support the assertions they make against them. The man who slanders and vilifies his opponents may, for a time, escape general condemnation; but, in the long run, when his conduct is seen in its true perspective, he loses caste irretrievably and is found to be the thing of clay he really is, rather than the angel of light and liberty that he claims to be.

AN INTERESTING RESURRECTION.

Some two months prior to the last General Election, an article appeared in the now dead and buried publication, "The Home Journal," which has a considerable bearing upon the theory and actual operation of No-license, compared with the true doctrine of Prohibition, and therefore a resurrection of portions at least of that article may be warranted. They certainly afford an interesting commentary upon Prohibitionist morality and tactics. The article was, by the way, signed by one "Leonard M. Isitt," who is, we believe, identical with the one-time Methodist parson of that name. Not only was it signed by that gentleman (save the last word), but in order that he might emphasise the points he conceived he was making against the "Trade," he added this note to his signature:—"I sign this article that I may take full responsibility for its charges." The article itself dealt with the visit of the American fleet to Auckland, and is not only grossly libellous in its incidence, and distinctly untrue, but is couched in such terms that any and every hotelkeeper in Auckland might have prosecuted the ex-Methodist parson for criminal libel, or in the alternative have sued him under civil process for damages. They would have been well within their rights in doing so. But the article, or, rather, the portions of it we reproduce here (it is too long to be given in its entirety) may be left to speak for themselves.

THE VISIT OF THE AMERICAN FLEET.

Fleet Week, with all its excitement, its teeming crowds, its banners and illuminations, its banquets and entertainments, is over. Our cousins of the United States have come and gone. The mighty fleet that crept so silently into our harbour in the grey mist of the Sunday morning glided still more silently out, for not even a saluting gun fired its farewell shot as the great war engines left the Waitemata, and now all that is left are memories sad and pleasant, and the confident hope that the cordial welcome given by New Zealand to America's sons must result in deepened regard and closer friendship between John Bull and Father Abraham.

Right good fellows we found many of our visitors to be, and the men who were privileged to spend an evening with the chaplains of the fleet at the dinner given by Mr. Caughey at the Pacific Club will carry with them through all the years to come a very high estimate of the American Navy chaplain.

Of the rank and file of the men we formed a very good opinion. We trust

we are not disloyal when we say that in our judgment they were quite up to the level of a British fleet hastily recruited under similar circumstances. For the most part they were mere boys, drawn from the village farm or city street, as the case happened. Many of them fine, clean-minded, steady lads, some as rough and low in talk and thought as many of the hoodlums that are to be found in our Auckland streets. Of one thing we are confident, that if no open liquor bars had been in waiting to lure these lads into evil, Admiral Sperry could have turned them all loose upon us, at once abolished his truncheoned pickets, and still harmony and good-fellowship would have prevailed.

Drink, strong drink, was the one element, the only discordant element, in the week's proceedings. But for the greed of publicans and brewers, every man in the fleet and every visitor to the city would have had a good time, been benefited by the experience, and received good value for any money spent; but the vile liquor bar intervened, drunken men and women staggered in dozens along our streets, and on Wednesday especially the scenes witnessed were both distressing and repulsive. As we have said

Uriah Heep, and Stiggins combined equal this?

What you! you drink-sellers of Auckland, who for weeks before were preparing your snares, engaging your touts, laying in your stock of poisons; who decorated your drink dens with mottoes of welcome and national flags for the express purpose of enticing Jack into your webs, that you might fleece him of money, self-respect, and reputation. You, who made these men drunk by the score, and then hustled them out lest they should disgrace you! You, who would, if you could, have made the whole 15,000 drunk, reckless of everything except your own filthy gain, have the brazen impudence to cant about the terrible language of these low sailormen. Talk about Satan reproving after this. But, gentlemen, were the members of the American navy the only men who, inspired by the beverages you supplied them with, talked profanely? Were not your pure ears offended, your righteous souls vexed, by a large number of New Zealand visitors who, succumbing to your ensnarements, reeled and staggered through the streets, cursing, quarrelling, vomiting over the footpaths; sat huddled up against the walls of your dens, or propped them-

that legalises it, and the community that permits it to be driven in their midst. May God move the people of this Dominion to its speedy ending.

I sign this article that I may take full responsibility for its charges.

LEONARD M. ISITT.

BEARING FALSE WITNESS.

There are scores, hundreds, of people who might even say thousands, of reputable men and women in Auckland who know that this fanatical outburst, this abusive tirade against and wholesale condemnation of the Auckland publicans is as unjustifiable as it is dishonest, reprehensible, and maliciously untruthful. But it is the sort of pabulum with which the Prohibitionist agitator elects to feed the credulous minds of the multitude. It is the style of argument we shall hear used ad nauseum during the next eighteen months or more. Auckland's alleged infamy, its allegedly vile publicans—the greater number of them better, truer, more generous men than those who so grossly libel them and theirs—their "greedy recklessness" and "filthy gains," and so on and so on, will be magnified and form the



"A COUNTRY GIRL."—ACT I: TO BE PRODUCED THIS EVENING AT H.M. THEATRE FOR THE LAST 3 NIGHTS OF THE SEASON.

elsewhere, the navy men, even in their cups, were not on the whole of a quarrelsome type, but the vile beer and vile whisky served out to them would make a rabbit spit in the face of a bull-dog, and on Wednesday we saw eight fights occur in the space of fifteen or twenty minutes.

It will be news to our readers, however, that the gentlemen in the community who were most shocked by the reprehensible conduct of the American sailors were some of our worthy and respectable publicans. We make this statement on the authority of a gentleman with whom we travelled to Mt. Albert in the 9.45 train on Saturday evening, August 15th. He did not know who the writer of this article was when he saw him, and after volunteering the statement that he was the Canterbury representative for two Auckland papers, he told us in impressive tones that certain publicans of his acquaintance were horrified by the filthy talk and habits of the American sailors. We only said "Indeed!" We wanted to say so much that we only said "Indeed!" very sweetly, and waited for more. But more did not come. Still, is more wanted? Think of it! Ye gods and little fishes, think of it! The Auckland publicans complaining of the bad language of the wicked American sailorman! What loathsome cant! Could Pecksniff,

subject up to your window sills; crawled away to back streets, dark corners, and vacant lots, to lie like dead men, recovering from the effect of your poison? I say again, that after the disgrace your vile business inflicted not only upon Auckland, but the whole Dominion; after the greedy recklessness with which you supplied liquor to men who had already had more than enough; for you to talk of the bad language you induced, is cant of a sickening nature. And hear one man's honest opinion of your business: I say deliberately, I would rather spend all my life as a street scavenger, earning a weekly pittance by cleansing the gutters and streets of Auckland, than I would be the wealthiest of you, bedecking my wife and children with finery thieved from the pockets of muddled men; for, while the Government may legalise your trade and call it honest, every decent man and woman who watched its effects during Fleet Week, and saw poor silly men, stupified with liquor, fooling away in an hour or two the wages of weeks, felt that no legislation can make the trade in strong drink other than it is—a vile trade, the very sum of all villainies; a trade that robs its customers of everything noble and virtuous, and leads them into all that is degraded; a trade that disgraces the men who engage in it, the country

subject of many a horrible story with which the chadbands of the Prohibitionist party will regale select audiences. By the way, there is more than a touch of insolent bravado in Leonard M. Isitt's references to Pecksniff, Uriah Heep and Stiggins. All three professed themselves to be good Christians and worthy citizens of the Isitt type. The immortal Stiggins was a parson—we are not sure that he did not belong to the same sect as "Leonard M. Isitt"—and a temperance lecturer to boot. Hypocrites of the first water he and they all were, no doubt; but, unless we are very much mistaken they could easily be matched from the ranks of those who advocate Prohibition to-day.

THEY DON'T WANT PROHIBITION.

Lest any reader of this article should consider we have erred in our estimate of "Leonard M. Isitt" and his friends, let them carefully ponder over the significant fact, previously emphasised in these columns, and again disclosed in the following excerpt from the "New Zealand Times" of Saturday, January 8th, that the advocates of "No-license" and "Prohibition" are afraid to stand their ground and carry their propaganda to its logical and natural conclusion. They are too fearful, too mean-spirited

ed to let the public grasp the true significance of their attitude on the liquor question. They want to make the importation, manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors impossible in this country, and they are afraid to say so—afraid to accept the straight-out issue of "No-license, no liquor," even when their opponents practically concede them nine points of the game. Such pusillanimity disgusts honest men, and the fact should be emphasised again and again that the No-license advocates are afraid of the issue they themselves have raised. Here is what the "New Zealand Times" says in its "Current Topics" column:—Proposals were recently formulated by Mr. J. S. Palmer, president of the New Zealand Licensed Victuallers' Association, for an alternative compromise between the No-license party and the trade on the basis of (a) discontinuing the taking of a local no-license poll and substituting therefor a Dominion prohibition poll; (b) embodying a State control issue in the ballot paper; (c) a bare majority to carry any issue; (d) six years' notice to quit in the event of prohibition being carried. It was suggested in regard to present "dry" areas that votes for restoration should count for continuance and votes for non-restoration for Dominion prohibition, and that in the event of continuance for the Dominion being carried all "dry" areas

TRADE TOPICS.

Oamaru managed to get some beer for Christmas (writes a Dunedin correspondent). It is said that the common plan was, and is, to order it through a carrier, per 5 gallon keg, which costs 11s 6d delivered. Some idea of the extent of this trade may be obtained from the fact that one carrier alone booked 463 of these orders.

At Taihape last week the S.M. fined Jas. McCulloch, a boardinghouse keeper, £5 and costs for selling a bottle of beer without a license. John Ryan, for sly-grog selling, was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour and John Cryer, for the theft of whisky, to fourteen days' hard labour.

At the Ashburton Police Court, last week, Richard Nealon, boarding-house keeper, was fined the maximum penalty of £50 on a charge of keeping liquor for sale in the No-License district of Ashburton. Nelson has twice previously been convicted of sly grog-selling within the last five years, but the Magistrate, Mr. V. G. Day, upheld counsel's contention that, as the licensing district of Ashburton had since the last convictions undergone a change in its boundaries, and was



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should revert to license. Unofficial views elicited by a "Times" reporter from prominent No-license men indicate that there is no likelihood of the party agreeing either to sacrifice the local option poll or to put State control as an issue. The suggestion that an aggregate continuance and restoration majority should involve reversal to license, irrespective of the nature of the verdict in the individual electorates, is regarded with special disfavour. Opinions differ as to what would be the effect on other votes of the State control issue being put. One of those interviewed avowed his belief that more votes would thus be lost to the trade than to prohibition, whilst others were inclined to think the departure would be inimical to the party's interests.


A difficulty has arisen in no-license districts with regard to the housing of bodies pending inquests. In license areas the Act provides that the owners of licensed houses must receive dead bodies, and a specific payment is allowed. The provision does not apply to no-license districts, and the owners of houses which were previously licensed cannot now recover the specified amount. The question has been raised in Ashburton whether it will be right to hold the owners of no-license hotels responsible if they refuse to receive bodies awaiting inquest.

not now identical with the licensing district in which the previous offences were committed, they could not be taken into consideration in fixing the penalty. Imprisonment was thus avoided.

The Waihou Hotel, a few miles from Te Aroha, was burnt to the ground early on Friday morning. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is supposed to have been caused by rats. It broke out in the store room adjoining the back of the hotel. The fire was first discovered by Mrs. Lewis, wife of the licensee, who lost no time in rousing the inmates. So sudden was the occurrence, and so rapidly did the flames spread that there was not time to save anything beyond a few articles of clothing and money. Everything else was destroyed, including the furniture, stock, and personal belongings of the proprietor. The building was the property of Messrs. L. D. Nathan and Co., and the particulars as to insurance have not been ascertained. Mr. Lewis was partially covered by insurance over the contents in the Phoenix Office, but he will be a heavy loser, apart from the loss and inconvenience to which he will be subjected at this busy season of the year. The Waihou Hotel was originally built over 30 years ago, before the foundation of Te Aroha, but the first building was burned down some 12 years ago. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Glynn-Lewis in his loss,

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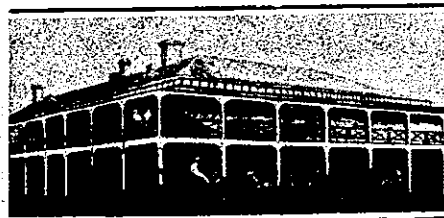
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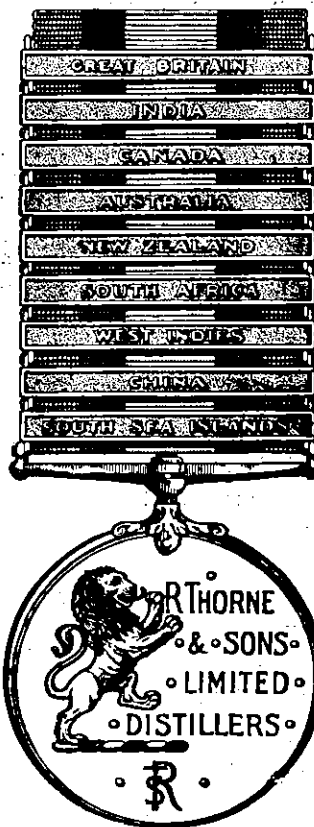
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"I was in Waihi just before the raid," related a friend from Arateatea, "and I met a policeman. It was a hot day and I remarked casually, 'I suppose one could get a refresher somewhere in this Gehenna?' The peace functionary in blue smiled inscrutably. Pointing his finger in one direction he said 'do you see that building?' I said I did. 'Well that's the church. Do you see that one?' I said I did. 'Well that's the church. Do you see that other?' Again I spoke in the affirmative, as the reporters say. 'Well,' said the bobby with an ineffable smile, 'that's the church, and them's the only three buildings in Waihi where you can't get a drink.' And then he squared his heels, spat on the pavement, and said he would see me later." Everybody laughed, except William, who is not, as the Scots say, very "gleg at the uptake." "What," he repeated, "you could get grog everywhere except in the churches? I don't believe it. When I was there I couldn't get a drink anywhere, except one place." "That was after the raid, William?" "Yes," agreed William. "And where did you get it?" "A friend took me to one of the churches (it was not on a Sunday) and yanked a bottle out from under the porch." I am afraid William was romancing.—So writes "Ariel" in the "Te Aroha Mail."

SELLING LIQUOR TO NATIVES.

ALLEGED SALE IN KING COUNTRY.

At the Magistrate's Court Hamilton, John Oliver was charged with having on February 18, at Kawa, sold whisky, and with having four bottles in his possession, Kawa being within a prohibition district.

The alleged sale took place at the opening of a Maori ruanga-house, at Kawa, as far back as February 18th last year, when accused was known to have had a large quantity of whisky planted in the vicinity. In the

early part of the day, the natives, who were present in large numbers at the meeting, were perfectly sober, but as the day wore on, it became evident that some of them were under the influence of liquor. Constables Fraser and Fitzgerald searched a plantation from which the inebriated natives were seen to issue, but discovered nothing until accused came on the scene wearing a large overcoat, although the day was very hot. Accused had been seen at the meeting earlier in the day when he was without the overcoat. As several natives were following accused and one was calling out to him "give me the whisky now," Constable Fraser searched him and discovered four bottles of whisky in his possession. A glass was also found in one of accused's pockets. The constable took charge of the liquor, and when he went to serve a summons on accused next day he had left the district.

Both constables gave evidence, and mentioned that when charged with the sale of whisky, on the day in question, accused admitted having brought twelve bottles from Kihikihi the same day. When asked what he had done with the additional eight bottles he replied that that was for the police to find out.

A native named Kohu Tahī said that on the day in question accused offered him the whisky at 7s 6d a bottle, but he did not see accused later.

Accused pleaded not guilty to selling the liquor though he admitted having had twelve bottles of whisky in his possession. His account of the missing eight bottles was that his horse fell and the sack containing the twelve bottles struck the ground when eight of them were broken. He had bought the whisky for the use of himself and several mates with whom he was going to work. A Maori had asked him for some of the liquor but he (accused) refused to give him any.

His Worship thought the evidence was clear that accused had sold the whisky to the natives. The case was a very bad one and it was a very wanton act on the part of accused to go to a meeting of that kind and debauch the Maoris. He would inflict the maximum penalty of £50, on the charge of keeping liquor for sale. In default accused was ordered to be imprisoned for three months as the maximum term allowed under the J.P. Act.

PROHIBITION AND TRADE

A PRONOUNCED SHRINKAGE.

ATTRIBUTED TO NO-LICENSE.

During the past week a reporter of the Eketahuna Express instituted inquiries as to the condition of trade in Eketahuna so far as cash receipts were concerned, and elicited the fact that although there was more cash in circulation during Christmas week than for the corresponding period last year, there was a pronounced shrinkage in the cash takings for the months of October, November and December.

Asked for an unbiased opinion as to the shrinkage in trade, a prominent citizen, who is in business, attributed it chiefly to no-license. "It is a fact beyond dispute," he said, "that the country people north of Newman, who

in previous years made Eketahuna their place of call, now take the train for Pahiatua and elsewhere, and with them go their cash. No-license has lamentably failed so far. It has not decreased the consumption of liquor as anyone can ascertain by watching the different avenues whereby liquor comes into town and district, while the present scarcity of cash explodes the theory that no-license increases the spending capacity of the individual.

Still another local resident was of the opinion that money was not being saved under the new conditions. The Railway returns provided amazing information, and in addition to this constant supplies were obtained from a neighbouring town by road. For instance, the day before Christmas one load of liquor only was brought in by a lorry and four horses, while similar carriers had been kept very busy.

"I want you to let the public know my opinion of no-license," remarked a visitor from the Manawatu district to the writer on Boxing Day. "Hitherto," he stated, "I have always voted no-license, but after what I have seen in Eketahuna I am satisfied that open drinking in licensed houses is preferable to the existing conditions. It is no wonder that business people complain of scarcity of cash considering that those whom I know to be moderate drinkers now make bars of their homes. I was thunderstruck at the number of half-intoxicated persons who paraded the streets, even on Sunday night when people were going to church, such a spectacle to be seen rarely in licensed districts. It seemed to me that sly drinking—by this I mean drinking done in private homes and at different back doors—was heavier than open drinking when the licensed houses existed. I was invited to the back premises on one establish-

ment and what was taking place there astounded me. Around the table heavily laden with bottled beer and whisky, sat a number of young fellows who simply poured the stuff down their throats as fast as the glasses could be filled, and all got gloriously exhilarated, and without fear of police interference for after-hour drinking. I have never seen anything in open bars to equal this exhibition of drinking. I am fully satisfied that more decency obtains in districts where license exists, and did those who so strenuously advocated no-license get a glimpse behind the scenes as I have done, nothing but no-license-no liquor would suffice for them."

HE COLLECTED THEM.

After the service the little boy lingered behind, and insisted on seeing the missionary. At length his wish was gratified.

"Ah, my lad!" said the kindly clergyman as he patted the boy's head, "do you wish to consecrate your young life to this noble work?"

"No, sir," replied the boy, "I wanted to know if you have got any foreign stamps!"

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A well-known humorist entered a railway carriage, in which was one of those ladies who travel in constant fear of collisions. At every jolt or sudden stop she cried out, "Have we left the rails? Is it an accident? Are we going to be killed?"

Her fellow passenger paid no attention, but remained wrapped in silence.

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Pat had been in the service of a militia officer for a number of years, and was on terms of such intimacy with the soldier that he dared to be witty at his master's expense. The officer one day was discussing with his coachman the possibilities of war, and after casting some reflections upon the courage of his retainer, he asked: "Pat, what would you do in case a war broke out?"

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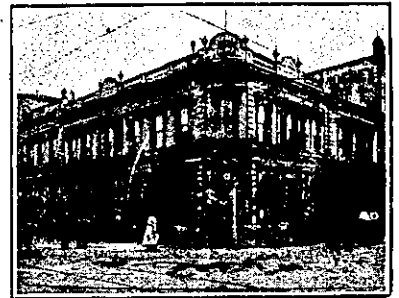
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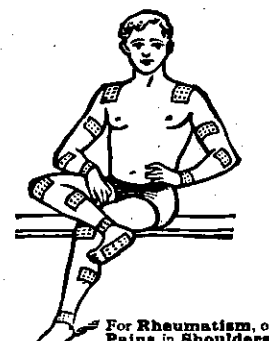
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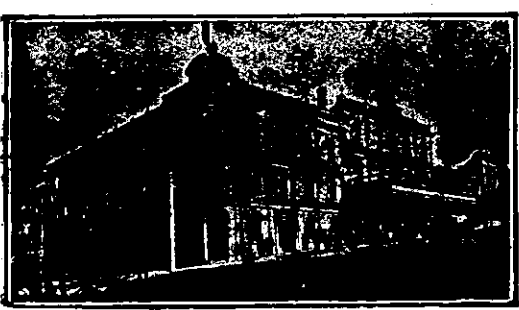
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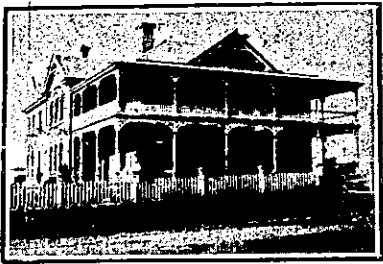
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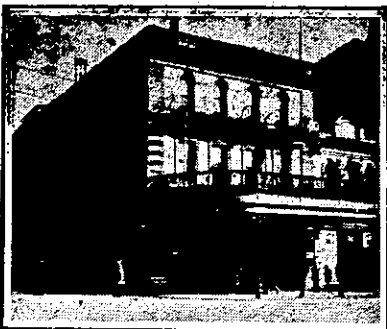
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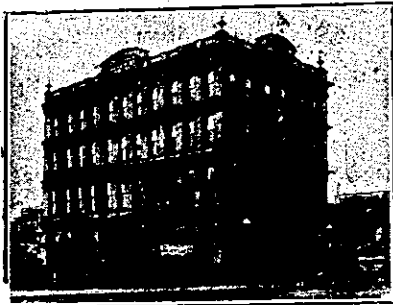
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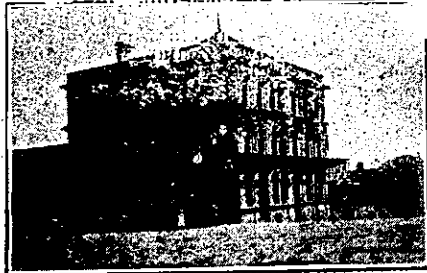
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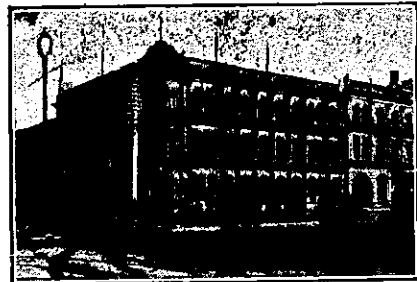
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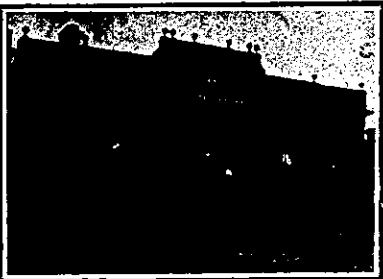
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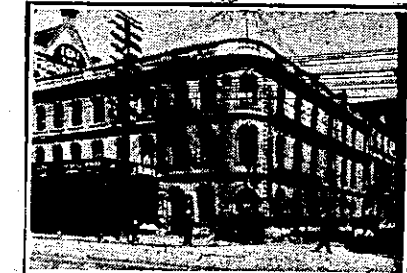
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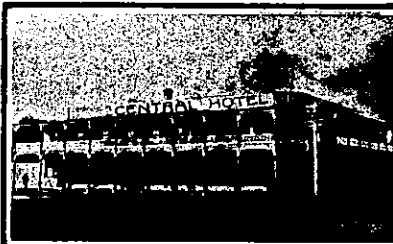


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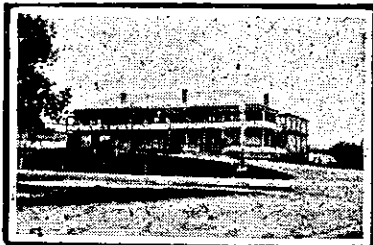
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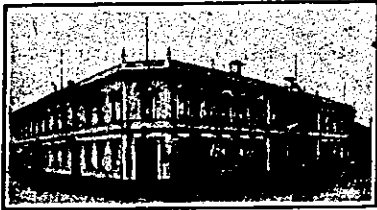
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NORTHERN WAIROA HOTEL, DARGAVILLE.

EVERY POSSIBLE CONVENIENCE FOR THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC. The BILLIARD ROOM is fitted with one of Alcock's Best Tables. Good Stables and Paddock adjoining the premises. F. C. BASS Proprietor.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE CENTRAL HOTEL, DARGAVILLE.

(Close to Wharf and Railway Station).

Is now under the Management of MR. H. M. DYER.

And the Travelling Public will find it one of the most Convenient Houses in the District.

A1 ACCOMMODATION.

BEST BRANDS OF WINES AND SPIRITS.

Telegrams Promptly Attended To.

DRURY.



RAILWAY HOTEL, DRURY.

This Hotel is within easy distance from town, being only 2 1/2 miles by rail direct. There is splendid Shooting in the district.

First-class Table. Moderate Tariff. Special arrangements for week-end parties. Mrs. M. LINGLE Proprietress.

DUNEDIN.

BOWLING GREEN HOTEL, DUNEDIN.

Corner of Frederick and Cumberland streets, DUNEDIN.

W. D. Wyatt, late of Wellington begs to inform his Friends and Country Visitors that he has taken the above well-known Hotel, which has been thoroughly Renovated and Refurnished, and is now in a position to offer his Patrons First-class Accommodation.

TERMS MODERATE. NOTED HOUSE FOR BEST WINES AND SPIRITS.

SOUTHERN HOTEL, PRINCES STREET, DUNEDIN.

H. T. ANDREWS Proprietor. (Late of Wolseley Hotel, Winchester).

Splendid accommodation for Visitors. Only the very Best Wines and Spirits Stocked.

GLADSTONE HOTEL, MACLAGGAN-STREET, DUNEDIN.

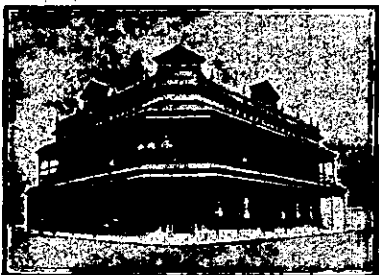
JOHN COLLINS Proprietor. (Late of Al Hotel, Pelicet Bay).

The most Centrally-situated Hotel in the City. First-class Accommodation for Tourists Travellers, and Boarders. Suites of rooms for Families. Charges Moderate. A Special Feature: is Lunch from 12 to 2 o'clock. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. The Very Best of Wines, Ales, and Spirits supplied.

CRITERION HOTEL, PRINCES STREET, DUNEDIN.

First-class Accommodation for Boarders and Travelling Public. Prompt attention to Letters and Telegrams. Night and Day Porter kept. SPEIGHT'S ALES ON DRAUGHT. Telephone 211. P.O. Box 421. JAMES MURPHY Proprietor.

ELTHAM.



CORONATION HOTEL, ELTHAM.

J. H. BLEAKLEY, Proprietor. Excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public. The Proprietor wishes to announce that he has just taken over the above hotel. The furniture and fittings throughout are all that can be desired, and visitors can rely on getting the best of attention. Only the best of Wines, Ales, and Spirits kept. Letters and Telegrams promptly attended to. Hot and Cold Shower Baths.

FEATHERSTON.

EMPIRE HOTEL, FEATHERSTON.

The EMPIRE is the appointed Hotel to the Wellington Commercial Travellers' Association and N.Z. Cyclists' Touring Club.

JOHN WILLY Proprietor.

FEILDING.

Advertisement for Empire Hotel in Feilding, featuring a large diagonal banner and text: 'WHEN VISITING FEILDING, DON'T FORGET Harry Parker AT THE EMPIRE HOTEL. EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION for Travellers and Tourists. LETTERS AND WINES PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.'

FEILDING—Continued.

CHELTENHAM HOTEL, NEAR FEILDING.

Having taken over the above Hotel, I wish to notify the Residents of the District that I have stocked it with the best Liquors, etc., and customers can rely upon getting the brand they ask for.

R. W. BEADNALL.

CITY BREWERY.

MANCHESTER STREET, FEILDING.

XXXX SPARKLING ALE. XXXX SPECIAL INVALID STOUT. Brewed from Choicest Malt and Hops. Orders delivered to any part of Town or Country.

A TRIAL SOLICITED.

REDWOOD & CO.

FEILDING.

FOXTON.

POST OFFICE HOTEL, FOXTON.

THE LEADING HOTEL IN "FLAXOPOLIS."

Coaches leave Hotel for Shannon and Levin.

BEST OF WINES AND SPIRITS. SPEIGHT'S BEER.

GEO. GRAY Proprietor.

GISBORNE.



DOMINION PRIVATE HOTEL, Gisborne (just over Kaiti Bridge from Post Office). Every convenience for visitors to Gisborne. All local people say the Dominion Private Hotel is the BEST PLACE to stay. First-class Meals, Civility, and Cleanliness our speciality. Terms: £1 per week, 4s 6d per day.—NAT. BURGESS, Proprietor. Telephone 409.

HAWERA.

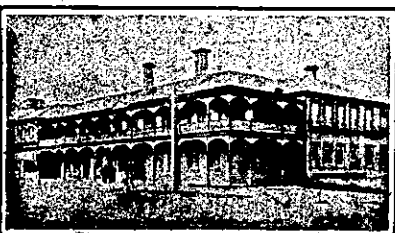
CENTRAL HOTEL.

THE WELL-KNOWN HOUSE IN HAWERA FOR TRAVELLERS AND TOURISTS.

EVERYTHING OF THE BEST.

B. HARRINGTON, Proprietor.

HAMILTON.

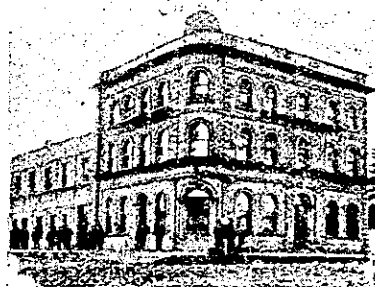


HAMILTON HOTEL, HAMILTON.

J. B. HOOPER Proprietor

This Commodious and Up-to-date Hotel is replete with every modern convenience for the Comfort of Visitors. The Cuisine is first-class. Tariff Moderate.

ONLY THE BEST OF LIQUORS KEPT ON STOCK.



WAIKATO HOTEL, HAMILTON EAST.

The travelling public will find every modern comfort and convenience at this well-known and popular Hotel. Coaches meet all trains.

J. W. H. BRIGHT (Late of Hamilton Hotel), Proprietor.

HAMILTON—Continued.



COMMERCIAL HOTEL, HAMILTON.

DAVID NORDEN Proprietor.

The Travelling-Public specialty. Catered for.

TERMS MODERATE.

Telephone No. 13.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.



WESTCOURT, HAMILTON (Opposite Railway Station).

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

TARIFF: 4s 6d PER DAY.

D. McVICAR Proprietor.



ROYAL HOTEL, HAMILTON EAST, WAIKATO.

F. MOLESWORTH Proprietor.

Beautifully situated on the east side of the town. Affords Accommodation of the best for Travellers and Boarders.

HOKIANGA.



KOHUKOHU HOTEL, KOHUKOHU, HOKIANGA.

THE PRINCIPAL TOWNSHIP IN THE NORTH.

Every Accommodation in this New, Clean, and Tidy Hostelry. All Liquors of the very best. Billiards, Stables, Good Meals. Charges in all Departments—Moderate. JOHN NICHOLSON Proprietor.

HOKITIKA.

KELLER'S HOTEL, HOKITIKA.

Patronised by the Leading Commercial men on the West Coast. Only the best brands, etc., supplied.

W. KELLER Proprietor. Under Vice-regal Patronage.

HUNTERVILLE.

HUNTERVILLE HOTEL, HUNTERVILLE.

E. D. HAMMOND Proprietor

The Proprietor wishes to intimate that he has just taken over the above premises. This Hotel offers superior Accommodation to Travellers. Good Table. Best of Wines, Ales, etc. Terms: 4s 6d per day.

ARGYLE HOTEL, HUNTERVILLE.

First-class Accommodation for the Travelling Public. Everything of the best quality. Moderate Tariff. Letters and Telegrams promptly attended to.

H. McMANAWAY Proprietor.

HUNTLY.

HUNTLY HOTEL, HUNTLY.

L. B. HARRIS Proprietor.

This Hotel is now one of the largest in the Waikato. All trains stop at Huntly, and the Hotel is a few yards from the Station. First-class Accommodation and Excellent Table.

NEW ZEALAND HOTEL DIRECTORY—(CONTINUED). — PATRONISED BY HORSEMEN, CYCLISTS, MOTORISTS, SPORTSMEN, COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS, AND THE THEATRICAL PROFESSION.

KAMO.

KAMO HOTEL, KAMO. A. J. J. MEYER .. Proprietor. Good Accommodation for Visitors and Travellers. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits. Good Stabling and First-class Pad-dock.

KIRIKIRI.

STAR HOTEL, KIRIKIRI. Under New Management. DANIEL COOPER .. Proprietor. FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION. ONLY BEST BRANDS OF ALES, WINES AND SPIRITS STOCKED.

KIMBOLTON.

POOLE'S FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL HOTEL, KIMBOLTON. First-class Accommodation for Tra-vellers. W. S. POOLE Proprietor.

MAR-3K.

CLUB HOTEL, MARTON. R. J. WALTERS Proprietor.

First-class Accommodation for Visi-tors and the Travelling Public. Only the Best Brands of Ales, Wines and Spirits kept. First-class Billiard Room.

WHITE HART HOTEL, MARTON.

The Leading Family Commercial Hotel in the district. Lit throughout with Electric Light. Well-lighted Sample Rooms. Hot and Cold Shower Baths. Only the Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept.

MARTON HOTEL, MARTON.

J. HANNAN Proprietor (Late of Makutuku). Begs to state he has recently taken over this popular House.

TARIFF MODERATE.

DAWSON'S WHISKY advertisement featuring a portrait of a man and a bottle of whisky.

CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT.

PROVINCIAL HOTEL, NAPIER.



(Two minutes' walk from Railway Station and convenient to all parts of Town and Suburbs).

J. BERRYMAN begs to announce that he has taken over the above Hotel, and hopes by strict attention to busi-ness to receive the pa-tronage of the travelling public and residents of the district.

BEST WINES AND SPIRITS Always in Stock.

MORRINSVILLE.

NOTTINGHAM CASTLE HOTEL, MORRINSVILLE. (Five minutes from Railway Station). JAS. GANLEY Proprietor. This Hotel has recently been re-novated and many additions made. First class Accommodation for the Travelling Public. Meals at all hours. Wines and Spirits of Best Brands only.

NAPIER.



CRITERION HOTEL, HASTINGS-ST., NAPIER.

An Up-to-date Hotel with every Mod-ern Convenience. New Commercial Sample Rooms. PERCY MARTIN .. Manager (Late Railway Hotel, Hastings).

ROYAL HOTEL,

CARLYLE-STREET, NAPIER (Right opposite Recreation Ground).

GEO. H. GILDING Proprietor.



EMPIRE HOTEL, NAPIER.

(Close to Post Office.) Thirty-eight Bedrooms, Commercial Room, Sitting Rooms, Study, etc. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Tam-o'-Shanter and Oban Whisky. Speight's and Man-ning's Ales. Tariff, 6s. per day; 25s. per week.

JOHN BURRIDGE - - Proprietor. (For 23 years manager of Hawke's Bay Club.)

SIMPSON'S

CENTRAL HOTEL, EMERSON-STREET, NAPIER.

Now prepared to receive the Cravel-ling Public. First-class Accommoda-tion. Beer, Wine, and Spirits guaran-teed of the best.

ALBION HOTEL,

NAPIER.

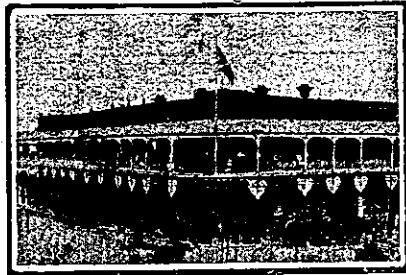
H. CLAUDE FOX, PROPRIETOR.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

BREAKWATER HOTEL, MOTUROA, NEW PLYMOUTH.

Situated three minutes' walk from the Wharf. Only the best of Ales, Wines and Spirits kept. Excellent Accommoda-tion and Good Fishing. Telephone, 152

TOMMY KNOWLES .. Proprietor.



WHITE HART HOTEL, opposite Post and Telegraph Government Offices, NEW PLYMOUTH

C. CLARKE Proprietor. P.O. Box 80. Telephone 48.

The above well-known Hostelry is the appointed house for the Commercial Travellers' Association. Only the best brands of Wines and Spirits. Speight's Dunedin Ale always on draught. First-class Accommodation for Tourists, Tra-vellers, and Families.

IMPERIAL HOTEL,

NEW PLYMOUTH.

This well-known house of call is one of the most centrally situated hotels in New Plymouth, and one of the oldest estab-lished in the province. Its proximity to the railway station offers facility to the travelling public of being able to leave by the early morning trains. Guests may depend upon being called in time and obtaining breakfast before leaving. The bedrooms are well and comfortably fur-nished. Special attention has been paid to the fire-escapes.

Wines, Ales, and Spirits of First-class Quality only are kept in stock.

Correspondence promptly attended to. Telephone No. 123. TARIFF: 6s. 6d. per day. Arrangements by the week.

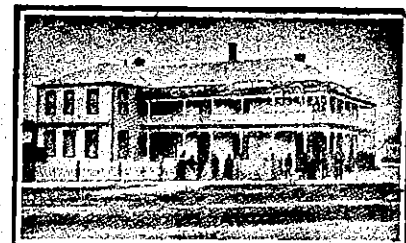
J. SMITH - - - - Proprietor.



Being centrally situated, is unequalled for Tourists and Commercial Gentlemen. The Table is maintained at a uniform standard of excellence, and visitors can be certain of obtaining the best Menu in New Plymouth. Hot and Cold Baths always available. Sanitary appointments are well up to date. Night Porter in attendance.

J. McKEAN - - Proprietor. P.O. Box 21. Telephone No. 30.

NGARUAWAHIA.



WAIPA HOTEL, NGARUAWAHIA

S. DRAFFIN, having taken over the S. ABOVE WELL-KNOWN HOTEL. Wishes to remind his Friends and the General Public that he still maintains his reputation for keeping the very Best Brands of Ales and Spirits procur-able. Train stops within a few yards of the Hotel, and Cleanliness, Comfort, and Civility await all those who may favour him with a call.

OHAUPO.

OHAUPO HOTEL, OHAUPO.

This Hotel is now under the Manage-ment of W. G. ABBOTT, late of N.Z. Railway Refreshment Rooms and Bar, Mercer.

Excellent Accommodation for Tourists and the Travelling Public. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept in Stock.

DUSTIN'S, LIMITED.

THE PREMIER CATERERS, WANGANUI

PALMERSTON NORTH.

OHAKUNE.



GRAND HOTEL, OHAKUNE.

SPECIALLY APPOINTED BY COOK'S TOURIST DEPARTMENT AND RE-FERENCED BY GOVERNMENT TOURIST DEPARTMENT.

The largest and most Commodious Hotel in Ohakune, the special feature being the large number of Single Bed-rooms. Three Sitting-rooms, Commer-cial rooms, and Sample rooms. Hot and Cold Water Baths. Lighted throughout by Acetylene Gas. Night Porter kept. The Proprietor has Comfortable Coaches running to meet all Trains. Telegrams: Grand Ohakune

H. W. LITTLEWOOD .. Proprietor.

OPOTIKI.

MASONIC HOTEL, OPOTIKI.

Wines, Spirits, Ales and Cigars of the Best Brands only. Table a Specialty. Every attention. Speight's XXX always on draught. Commercial Sample Room. The Leading Commercial Hotel Bay of Plenty. Excellent Accommodation for Tourists, Travellers and Visitors. Tele-graphic Address: "Mann," Opotiki. G. H. MANN Proprietor.

OTAKI.

THE TELEGRAPH HOTEL,

OTAKI

JAS. WOODS Proprietor.

This New Hostelry is now open to the public, and the Proprietor will be pleas-ed to greet old friends and new at the Hotel.

The whole of the Furniture, Fittings, etc., are absolutely New and Up-to-Date, and Customers may rely on re-ceiving the best of attention, and most comfortable apartments at the Tele-graph.

ALL LIQUORS OF THE BEST BRANDS.

JAMES WOODS.

PALMERSTON NORTH.



CLARENDON HOTEL, THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH.

(Under New Management). J. MCKEWEN (Late of Prince of Wales, Dunedin) Proprietor.

Furnished with every convenience for Families and Travelling Public. Best Brands of Liquors Stocked

MASONIC HOTEL (late Mulooney's), Opposite Station, PALMERSTON NORTH.

J. A. PAWSON, late of Hunterville and Marton, begs to inform the public that he has taken over this well-known House.

All Trains Stop Ample Time for Refreshments.

CENTRAL HOTEL, PALMERSTON NORTH.

A. MOYNIHAN - - Proprietor. The Central Hotel on Main street West in Palmerston is surely the best. The tables good, the bedrooms fine. With best of spirits, beer and wine; Fine sitting-rooms, baths hot and cold. And a welcome sure for young and old. So call on me when next you pass. And we'll enjoy a friendly glass.

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL,

PALMERSTON NORTH.

F. CHILDS Proprietor. The proprietor of this conveniently-situated Hotel having had the pre-mises entirely renovated and remodelled, is prepared to receive travellers and the public generally, and guaran-tee strict attention, the best of Wines and Spirits, and trusts to obtain by these means a fair share of patronage.

Show Catalogues, Trade Price Lists, Receipt Books, Billheads, Order-Forms, Handbills, Invoices, Circulars, Large and Small Posters and Playbills, etc., etc.—ARTHUR CLEAVE AND CO., Ltd., Vulcan Lane

THE NEW CALEDONIAN HOTEL, Hastings Street, NAPIER. Write or Wire for Rooms. Everything New and of the Best. Promenade Roof. A. C. BARNES, Proprietor.

NEW ZEALAND HOTEL DIRECTORY—(CONTINUED). — PART COMPILED BY HORSEMEN, CYCLISTS, MOTORISTS, SPORTSMEN, COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS AND THE THEATRICAL PROFESSION.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Continued.

THE NEW RAILWAY HOTEL,
(Opposite Railway Station)
PALMERSTON NORTH.

J. HURLEY Proprietor.

Over 70 Rooms, 8 Bathrooms (hot and cold water), newly furnished throughout. Up-to-date in every respect. First-class Table. Best Liquors only. Terms Moderate.

BURTON BREWERY CO., LIMITED.
PALMERSTON NORTH.

ALES AND STOUT
IN BULK OR BOTTLE.
Brewed only from Choicest Hops and Malt.

To be obtained at all the PRINCIPAL HOTELS IN THE WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

PAPAKURA.



PAPAKURA HOTEL,
PAPAKURA.

Under New Management. Recently Renovated throughout. Splendid Accommodation and Cuisine. Large Rooms for use of Clubs. Saddle Horses and Buggies for hire to all parts of district.

W. PARKINSON Proprietor.



GLOBE HOTEL, PAKAPURA.

J. T. GRAY Proprietor.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION. BEST BRANDS WINES AND SPIRITS. GOOD TABLE.

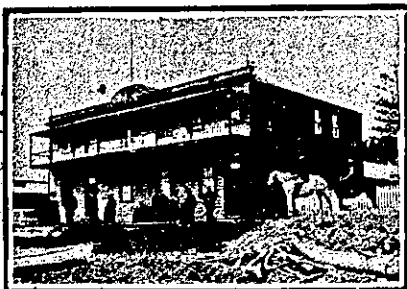
PORIRUA.

PORIRUA HOTEL,
PORIRUA.

This well-known and popular house has just been rebuilt. Visitors to Titahi Bay and the surrounding district will find this favourite hostelry a boon. Superior Accommodation is available for Tourists and Families. Hot and Cold Baths; excellent cuisine, combined with civility. Only the best of Wines and Spirits stocked. Staples' XXX on tap. Good Stabling. Tariff, 6s per day, special arrangement for permanent Boarders.

N. O'HALLORAN .. Proprietress.

RUSSELL.



DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH HOTEL,
RUSSELL BAY OF ISLANDS.

DAVID FORSYTH Proprietor. Wishes everyone to know that he has taken over the above long and favourably-known House. Attention and Civility, as well as a Good Table, guaranteed, with "some" Fish of the choicest almost every day. Give the House a Call, and try the new Proprietor. Boats and Horses for Hire, Billiards, etc. Charges Reasonable. Nothing but the Best of Beers and Liquors kept in Stock.

TAURANGA.

TAURANGA HOTEL, STRAND,
TAURANGA.

Under New Management T. R. NIXON, (Late of Carpenters' Arms, Auckland). Desires to intimate that he has taken over the above popular House, where he will be pleased to meet old and new Patrons. Extensive Alterations and Improvements have been effected, and Visitors will find every comfort and convenience. Tariff moderate. Wines and Spirits of Best Brands only. Night Porter in attendance.

TARAWERA.

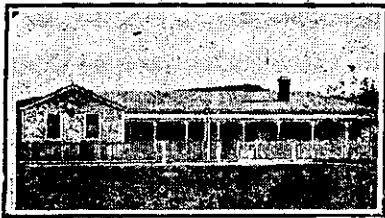
TARAWERA HOT SPRINGS HOTEL,
DUNCAN MACKAY .. Proprietor.

This Hostelry is well known as a Tourist Resort and is situated half-way between Napier and Taupo. The Hotel is new and up-to-date, and affords those in search of a holiday a quiet and restful spot. The famous Hot Springs are adjacent to the Hotel, and are noted for their curative properties in cases of Rheumatism, Sciatica and allied complaints. The rooms are lofty and well ventilated, while a first-class Table is provided.

Telegrams and Letters are fully and promptly attended to. WINES AND SPIRITS of the Best Brands only kept.

DUNCAN MACKAY .. Proprietor.

TAUMARANUI.

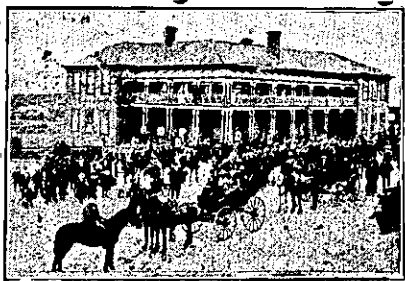


MEREDITH HOUSE,
TAUMARANUI, N.Z.

Trunk Line). First-class Accommodation. Excellent Cuisine. Cook's Coupons Accepted. Telegraphic address: "Mathias." Taumarunui. Every attention given to Telegrams.

KERR AND MATHIAS, Proprietors.

TE AROHA.



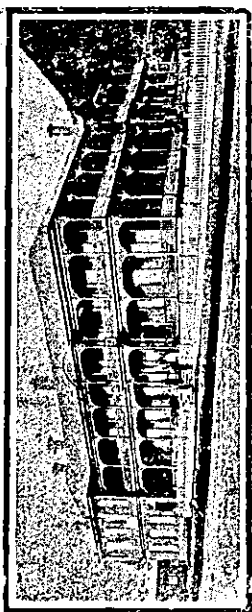
PALACE HOTEL
THE PREMIER HOTEL OF THE AROHA.

FRANK PILLING Owner.

Offers Special Accommodation for Tourists, Families and Visitors. Commercial Sample Room. Telegrams Promptly Attended to. Spacious Bedrooms, Private Parlours. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths.

TARIFF: From 7s Per Day.

THE SPORTING HOTEL OF THE DISTRICT



HOT SPRINGS HOTEL, TE AROHA.

UNDER DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE.

R. L. SOMERS Proprietor.

TE AWAMUTU.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, TE AWAMUTU.

JOSEPH BATHURST .. Proprietor.

EVERY MODERN CONVENIENCE.

BATH ROOMS, BILLIARD ROOM. FIRST-CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS

TE AWAMUTU HOTEL,
TE AWAMUTU.

JAMES JACKSON .. Proprietor.

First-class Accommodation; Moderate Tariff. Only Best Brands Ales, Wines. A Free House. Dunedin Beer on Draught.

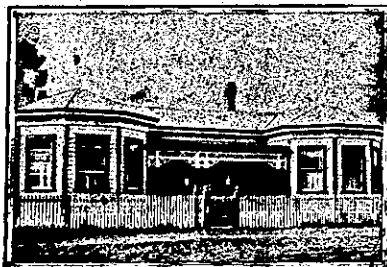
TE KUITI.



RAILWAY TEMPERANCE HOTEL,
TE KUITI.

F. H. SIMS Proprietor.

Owing to the great increase of business, F.H.S. has been compelled to erect 12 additional rooms, including Large Commercial Room. Every Comfort and Attention, Travellers by the Early Train specially catered for. Next to Post and Telegraph Office. Telegrams: "Sims." Te Kuiti.



ROKWOOD,
TAUPIRI-STREET, TE KUITI.

These Fine Premises have been lately erected, and are newly furnished throughout. Splendid Accommodation for Tourists and the Travelling Public. Special attention given to Commercial Men.

Three Minutes from Railway. Hot and Cold Baths. Porter meets all Trains.

MISS MILLS Proprietress.

THAMES.

PURIRI HOTEL, PURIRI.

(10 Miles from Thames).

JOHN GANLEY Proprietor.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION. CHARGES MODERATE. ONLY BEST BRANDS ALES, WINES AND SPIRITS KEPT.

SALUTATION HOTEL,

MARY STREET, THAMES.

H. BROWNLEE Proprietor.

SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION. BEST BRANDS OF BOTTLED ALES AND FOUNTAIN SPIRITS, WINES, ETC. SPEIGHT'S DUNEDIN ALE ON DRAUGHT.

TIMARU.

CROWN HOTEL, TIMARU.

W. H. ANDERSON .. Proprietor (Late Excelsior).

W. H. Anderson has pleasure in informing his Friends and Travelling Public that he has had the Hotel renovated and refurnished up-to-date, and can offer accommodation equal to anything in Timaru.

Wines, Spirits and Ales of the Best Brands. Prompt attention to Letters and Telegrams. Terms from 6s. per day.

MELVILLE HOTEL, TIMARU.

J. REILLY Proprietor

(Late of Wallingford Hotel, Temuka). The Proprietor will be pleased to see Old and New Friends at the Melville. BEST WINES AND SPIRITS ONLY.

CLUB HOTEL,

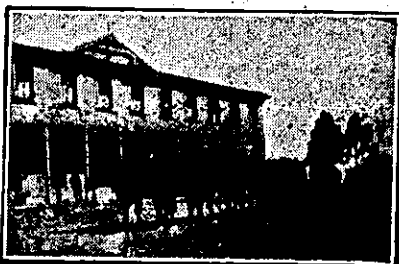
TIMARU.

Close to Railway Station, and offering Excellent Accommodation to Travellers.

Liberal Cuisine. Hot and Cold Baths. Best Brands of Liquors Stocked. Moderate Tariff.

E. WARD Proprietor.

WAIPIKURAU.



WAIWASTOCK HOTEL, WAIPIKURAU,
HAWKE'S BAY.

The above Hotel has just been rebuilt and refurnished throughout, and is now replete with every convenience. Waiwastock is the noted health resort of the province. Good fishing and shooting. Excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public.

DONALD McLEOD .. Proprietor. (Late Whangarei and Feilding.)

WAIMATE.



WAIMATE HOTEL,
WAIMATE.

This Hotel is a Fine New Modern Brick Building, up-to-date in every respect.

Superior Accommodation for Travellers, Visitors and Tourists. Hot and Cold Shower and Plunge Baths. Sample Rooms. First-class Table. Every Attention.

T. TWOMEY Proprietor.

WAIPAWA.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAIPAWA.

Private Suites of Apartments and every Convenience for the Accommodation of the Public. WINES, SPIRITS and BEER OF THE BEST QUALITY ONLY. A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE. Good Stabling and Paddock Accommodation.

W. FELLOW Proprietor.

WAITARA.

MASONIC HOTEL,

WAITARA.

MRS. M. CUSACK - Proprietress.

The leading house for Commercial and Tourists. First-class accommodation for the travelling public at a moderate tariff. BEST WINES AND SPIRITS ONLY KEPT IN STOCK.

WAITARA HOTEL,

WAITARA.

MRS. YOUNG - Proprietress.

EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

WINES & SPIRITS OF THE CHOICEST AND BEST BRANDS.

CLUB HOTEL,

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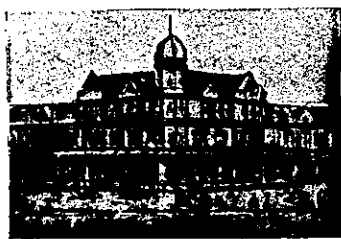


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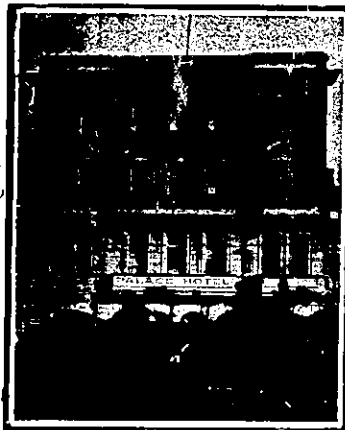
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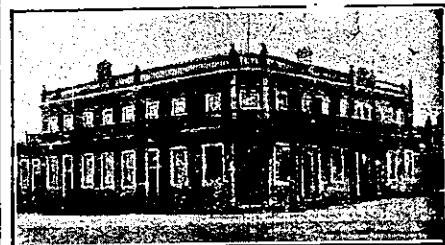
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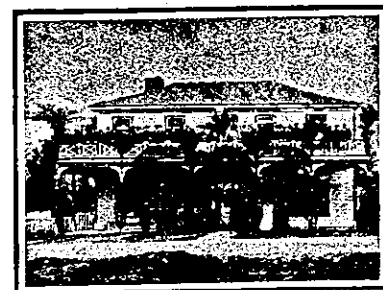
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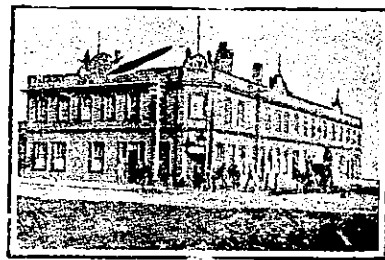
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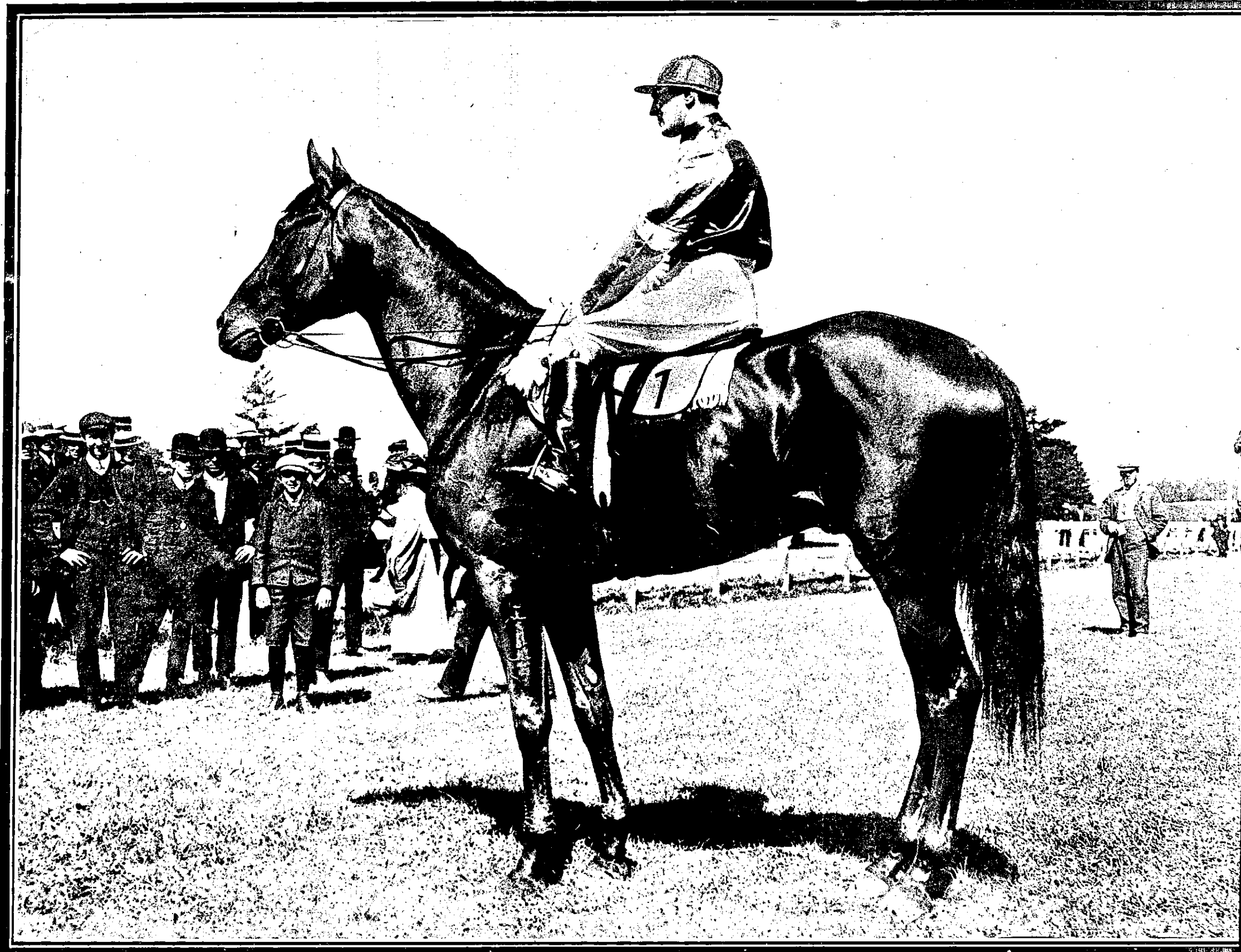
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