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DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1910.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS. Brighton Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 1sov, Autumn Steeplechase 1sov, Autumn Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11th, General Entry, by 9 p.m.

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

NOMINATIONS.—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Gore-Browne 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, MARCH 7th.

Brighton Hurdles, Easter Handicap, Autumn Steeplechase.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15th.

Tradesmen's Handicap, Gore-Browne Eden Handicap, Ellerslie Handicap, Nelson Handicap, Tramway Handicap.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26th, by 8 p.m.

Stewards' Handicap, Mangere Handicap, St. George's Handicap, Hula Handicap, Victoria Handicap, Electric Handicap.

MONDAY, MARCH 28th, by 8 p.m.

Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Onslow Stakes Handicap, Autumn Handicap, St. Helier's Hurdles, Buckland Handicap, Tourist Handicap, Auckland Welter Handicap.

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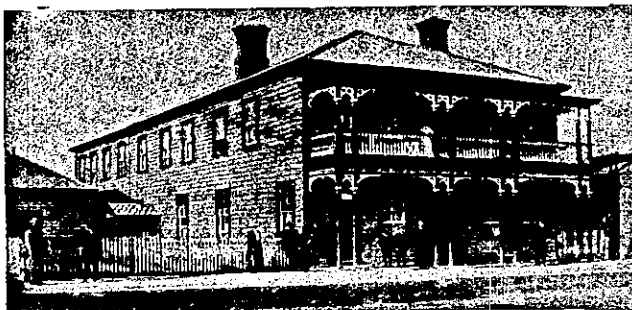
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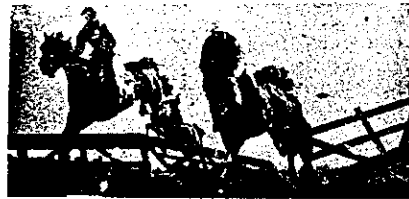
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FIXTURES.

March 17—Opunake R.C. Annual
 March 17—Helensville R.C. Annual
 March 17—Waimate R.C. Annual
 March 17 and 18—Masterton R.C. Autumn
 March 17 and 18—Ohinemuri J.C. Annual
 March 17 and 19—Westport J.C. Annual
 March 19—Oxford J.C. Annual
 March 23 and 26—Greymouth J.C. Autumn
 March 26 and 28—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
 March 26, 28 and 29—Auckland R.C. Autumn
 March 26, 28, 30, and April 2—Australian J.C. Autumn
 March 28—Waipukurau J.C. Annual
 March 28—Patea R.C. Annual
 March 28—Beaumont J.C. Annual
 March 28—Tairi Amateur T.C. Autumn
 March 28 and 29—Felding J.C. Easter
 March 28 and 29—Kumara R.C. Autumn
 March 28 and 29—Canterbury J.C. Autumn
 March 28 and 29—Riverton R.C. Annual
 March 31 and April 1—Westland R.C. Autumn
 April 6 and 7—Reefton J.C. Autumn
 April 6 and 7—Southland R.C. Autumn
 April 6 and 9—Wellington R.C. Autumn
 April 9 and 13—Avondale J.C. Autumn
 April 13 and 14—Manawatu R.C. Autumn
 April 20 and 21—Nelson J.C. Annual
 April 20 and 21—South Canterbury J.C. Autumn
 April 23, 27, and 30—Auckland Trotting Club Autumn
 April 27 and 29—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
 May 4 and 5—Marlborough R.C. Autumn
 May 12 and 13—Ashburton County R.C. Autumn.

NOMINATIONS.

March 18—Westland R.C. Autumn
 March 18—Manawatu R.C. Autumn
 March 19—Greymouth J.C. Autumn
 March 21—Southland R.C. Autumn
 March 24—Avondale J.C. Autumn
 April 1—South Canterbury J.C. Autumn
 April 5—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
 April 8—Auckland Trotting Club Autumn
 April 16—Marlborough R.C. Autumn
 April 23—Ashburton County R.C. Autumn.

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

March 18—Canterbury J.C. Autumn
 March 18—Tairi Amateur T.C. Autumn
 March 19—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
 March 24—Kumara R.C. Autumn
 March 28—Nelson J.C. Annual
 March 29—Westland R.C. Autumn
 March 30—Avondale J.C. (first day)
 March 30—Wellington R.C. Autumn
 March 30—Southland R.C. Autumn
 March 31—Manawatu R.C. Autumn
 April 2—Reefton J.C. Autumn
 April 9—South Canterbury J.C. Autumn
 April 11—Auckland Trotting Club Autumn
 April 15—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
 April 23—Marlborough R.C. Autumn
 May 2—Ashburton County R.C. Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

March 18—Auckland R.C. Autumn
 March 19—Beaumont J.C. Annual
 March 19—Greymouth J.C. Autumn
 March 21—Patea R.C. Annual
 March 21—Waipukurau J.C. Annual
 March 22—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
 March 22—Tairi Amateur T.C. Autumn
 March 23—Riverton R.C. Annual
 March 23—Canterbury J.C. Autumn
 March 26—Kumara R.C. Autumn
 March 30—Westland R.C. Autumn
 April 2—Southland R.C. Autumn
 April 2—Wellington R.C. Autumn
 April 4—Reefton J.C. Autumn
 April 5—Manawatu R.C. Autumn
 April 11—Nelson J.C. Annual
 April 15—Auckland Trotting Club (first day)
 April 15—South Canterbury J.C. Autumn
 April 22—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
 April 29—Marlborough R.C. Autumn
 May 6—Ashburton County R.C. Autumn

SWEEPSTAKES.

April 5—Hawke's Bay Stakes

FIRST FORFEITS.

March 11—A.R.C. Great Northern Champagne Stakes.
 March 14—A.J.C. Doncaster Handicap and Sydney Cup.

FINAL PAYMENTS.

March 18—Auckland R.C. Autumn
 March 23—Canterbury J.C. Autumn
 April 2—North Island Challenge Stakes and N.Z. St. Leger Stakes
 April 5—Manawatu Stakes

There is certainly every indication of a big boom in racing in the Argentine, as this year's programme of the Buenos Aires Jockey Club alone includes two races of £10,000 each for the winner, and a third of £5,000. One of the £10,000 races, the Carlos Pellegrini Stakes, has £1,000 for the second and £500 for the third, the distance being a mile and seven furlongs at weight-for-age.

At Calcutta last month Mr. A.A. Aparcar won the Merchants' Plate, one mile and a half, with his English-bred gelding Mayfowl, who was weighted at 6st. 10lb., and in the hands of the Sydney boy, Kuhn, won by a head from Bulldog, 7st. 13lb. Misty Morn, 8st. 8lb, and the Viceroy's Cup winner, Retort, 9st. 13lb, were, with others, unplaced.

TURF TOPICS.

Races at Napier, Opunake, Waimate, Masterton, Westport and Ohinemuri to-day.

Sandstream won the Dannevirke Cup last week. C. Jenkins was in the saddle.

Nominations for the Manawatu Racing Club's autumn meeting close to-morrow (Friday).

The New Zealander Bobrikoff will make his debut in Australia on Saturday week in the Doncaster Handicap, one mile, in which the black son of Finland will have the steadier of 9.10 in the saddle.

Wharekura and Chauvelin were shipped to Sydney from Wellington last week. As neither of the pair have yet accomplished anything sensational with the colours up, they should not be overburdened with weight.

R. Hatch has ridden the last three winners of the Wanganui Jackson Stakes.

Acceptances for the Patea Racing Club's meeting close on Monday next.

Armet, who, by her victory in the Jackson Stakes at Wanganui, incurred 14lb penalty for the C.J.C. Easter Handicap, was withdrawn last week.

The trotting horse Woodbury was sold at Alfred Buckland and Sons' yards on Friday for 36 guineas.

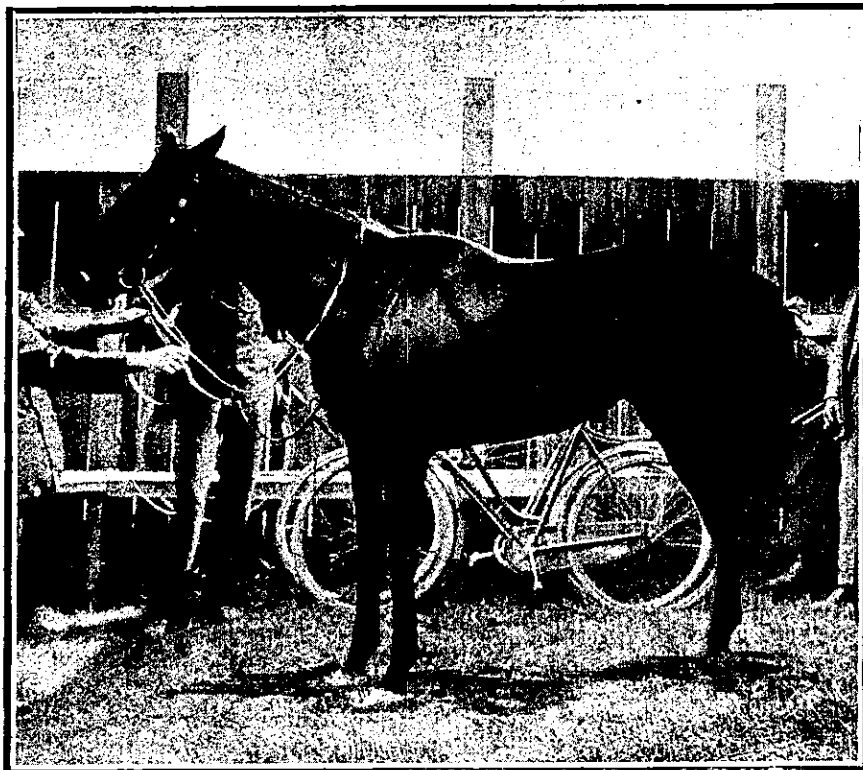
Two ex-New Zealand ponies in Frederick each won a race at the recent Victoria Park meeting in Sydney.

The Auckland trainer, H. Howe, took Aimwell to Dannevirke, but the son of Soult failed to score.

Handicaps for the minor events on the opening day of the C.J.C. autumn meeting appear to-morrow.

Sol was withdrawn from the A.R.C. Autumn Steeplechase on Wednesday last.

Aberbrothock, who went amiss on the eve of the Auckland Cup, is in work again, and will probably make his reappearance under silk at Hawke's Bay in April.



Mr. G. H. Miller's b g SANDSTREAM, 5yrs, by San Fran—Ua, the winner of both the Cup and Autumn Handicaps at Dannevirke last week.

Pierre, who has been doing some good work at Ellerslie, won the steeplechase at the Thames, but the opposition was very weak, the best being Capitol's brother, Red McGregor.

It is stated that the party connected with Jena came in for a fair win over the mare's success in the Thames Cup. The half-sister to Soultline was quickly out in front, and stayed there till the end. Heta and Impulsive, other winners during the day, are stable mates of hers, so it will be seen that the meeting must have been very profitable to the connections of the stable.

Parawai and Necktie have each been responsible for good work at Ellerslie, and R. Hall should not return from Ohinemuri without securing a stake.

After a long string of victories the Menschikoff horse Electrakoff suffered two defeats at the Thames on Saturday.

The Australian-bred mare Lady Medallist, who is the sole representative of the powerful Porirua stable in the Easter Handicap at Ellerslie, has proved herself a most consistent mare this season, and has already won eight races, including the Wanganui Guineas, Masterton Cup and Taranaki Cup.

Pierre gave a clever exhibition of jumping while doing a round of the steeplechase course one day last week.

The acceptances received for the A.R.C. Easter Handicap total 26, or four more than last year.

Acceptances for the minor events to be decided on the opening day of the Auckland Racing Club's autumn meeting, together with the final payments for the Easter Handicap, Champagne Stakes and Great Northern Oaks close with the secretary (Mr. J. F. Hartland) to-morrow (Friday) at 9 p.m.

A peculiar feature of the March Handicap, run at the Dannevirke R.C. meeting last week, was that the whole of the runners finished in the order of favouritism on the machine. Hermia was half a length in front of Sunbonnet, and Liza was a length further back. Then came Expansion, Tarina, and Dervish in that order.

Mr. F. Mackenzie, of Gisborne, has purchased Spate from her breeder, Mr. J. Clark. The mare has been handed over to T. Butler to train.

Russia is the only nation in the world that has more horses than the United States. Russia has 29,000,000, while America has very close on 20,000,000.

Kakama was withdrawn from the Tramway Handicap immediately on the appearance of the weights, and Necktie from the same race on Tuesday.

Beverage, one of Australia's best two-year-olds, has only one eye.

The big steeplechase at Nice (France) only attracted nine runners, and was won by Blaguer. First money was £3,576, second £800, third £400 and fourth £100.

Merrivonia continues to get through her training tasks in a satisfactory manner on the Trentham tracks. If nothing untoward happens in the meantime this promising mare will be a competitor in the Auckland R.C. Easter Handicap.

Gold Crest, who was very brilliant as a three-year-old, has definitely retired from the racing track, and will take up stud duty on his owner's property at Levin.

The following handicaps have been declared in connection with the Te Kuiti Racing Club's meeting:—Trotting Handicap, two miles: Baxter scratch, Eureka 3s., Mark Scott 16s., Virteen 28s., Miss Salisbury 30s., Goosey 31s., Lady Meldon 36s., Flyaway 36s., Livonia 38s., Stonehenge 38s., Bob G. 38s., Kapapuka 38s.

The Cyrenian—Miss Annie horse Cambrian was shipped to Sydney on Monday, and is to be sold at the autumn sales. Cambrian, when well, was a particularly fast horse over short courses, but he would not stand a solid preparation, and a couple of good hard gallops generally found a weak spot.

Shrewd ones put pounds, shillings and pence on Patricia in the Hack Handicap at the Thames on Saturday, but though it was the opinion that she would either have to run off or fall down to lose, she did not do either, and was beaten fairly and squarely in a good finish by Heta. The winner is a member of D. Twohill's string.

Sir Rupert, who won the Maiden Plate at the Thames on Saturday, was once a member of A. Robertson's stable at Ellerslie. At that time he was one of the slowest on the track, and his stable mate Metallist was almost as bad. Sir Rupert, who is a chestnut, is well spoken of by those who saw him race at the Thames.

C. Jenkins, who rode Sandstream in the Dannevirke Cup and the Autumn Handicap last week, has now had the mount on him on four occasions, and has won each time. Sandstream, it may be mentioned, filled second place last year in both the races which he won at Dannevirke this year.

The Masterton Racing Club's meeting opens to-day, and will be brought to a conclusion to-morrow. The principal event to-day is the Waipipi Cup, one mile and a-quarter, in which the following are engaged:—Oairis 8.12, Swimming Belt 8.6, Iranui 8.5, Taitoko 7.10, Riflemaid 7.3, No Trumps 7.0, Lawn Rose 6.7, Hilarian 6.7. The top weight has been having a run of bad luck in big races lately; in nearly every instance having to put up with second berth. However, he may go one better to-day.

The New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase winner Phaetonitis, who is rising 14 years, is being trained in Melbourne. W. S. Cox has the son of Phaethon in hand, and expects him to stand another preparation.

At the sale of Mr. Sol Green's yearlings in Melbourne, Mr. A. Skirving, formerly of New Zealand, purchased the sister of Nautiform, and also the filly by Positano, from Gladsome.

During the late English season the amount won in stakes totalled £546,099, a record. In 1897 the half million was nearly approached; it was passed next year, and has been exceeded every year since.

Auckland horses nominated for the Thompson and Autumn Handicaps at Wellington are Salute, Tamainupo, Master Soult and Advocate.

The death is reported from England of Mr. E. Spencer-Mott, well-known under the nom de plume of "Nathaniel Gubbins." He had been connected with the London Sporting Times for over 30 years.

Maui has been put into work again at Caulfield by D. J. Price, who will shortly resume work with Bribery. Maui was taken from New Zealand to Victoria two years ago, but met with an accident while competing in a hurdle race at Flemington and has been out of work since.

The Sabretache gelding, Buckshot II, nominated for the Autumn Steeplechase at the A.R.C. Autumn meeting, has had his name changed to Garrison.

The New Zealander, Master Delaval, starting at odds on, won the Epsom Plate at Bombay, on January 29.

Substantial prices for first-class hunters are readily forthcoming in England. Late in December there was a hunter sale in Leicester, the property of Viscount Castlereagh, M.P., eight of ten of which were sold at an average of £332. The following were the principal prices:—Cremorne 300 gns, Cromartie 350gns, Crookstick 350 gns, Cromlech 280gns, Charles Edward 300gns, Cecily 320gns, Cavendish 360 gns, Cornflower 270gns.

After being absent from the race-course for nearly two years, His Majesty's steeplechaser Flaxman made his reappearance in the Sutton Plate, run over three miles, at Baldoyle recently. He was on the big side, and was heavily bandaged in front, but was looking well in himself. Want of condition told when a couple of miles had been covered, and he finished last, but Mr. Lushington is hopeful that the son of Hackler and Circle may stand another preparation for the Grand National.

In the Mangaone Stakes at Feilding, Mr. J. E. Henrys has weighted North East and Lord Soult on equal terms. It is to be hoped that both these brilliant sprinters will be well enough to go to the post in this race, as a meeting between the pair would prove a great attraction.

A good story is being told just now at the expense of a southern owner, who has a good handicap horse for sale. It is alleged that he wired to Mr. G. D. Greenwood asking him if he (Mr. Greenwood) would care to buy the said horse. Mr. Greenwood's reply (so it is alleged) ran as follows:—"Do you want to buy Armet. She is at the top of the weights, same as—"

The secretary of the Auckland Racing Club, Mr. J. F. Hartland, has been notified that the appeal lodged by B. Deeley against his suspension by the stewards of the Takapuna Jockey Club endorsed by the Metropolitan Committee, will be heard in Wellington in the first week in April.

Some of the bookmakers operating on the second day of the Forbury Trotting meeting were gathering the gold and keeping it. One is reported to have won £400 and another closed up with £200. Not a bad day's wages. The man who is credited with the £400 win is identical with the penciller who swept in about £2000 over the N.Z. Cup meeting, and dropped £1300 at the last Wellington meeting.

An interesting point was brought under the notice of the stewards of the Thames Jockey Club on Saturday. Mrs. Lindsay, the owner of Goldwin, complained that she had engaged the services of Brown, a jockey, to ride her horse, and that he had agreed to do so. Instead he had arranged to ride Mr. Winder's horse Hikual, and she had only been served with a notice to that effect on the day previous to the races. She contended that this did not give her and the horse a fair chance, and the stewards were asked to deal with the case. They cautioned Brown, but decided that he could have the mount on Hikual. Mrs. Lindsay expressed her intention of bringing the matter before the notice of the Metropolitan Club.

Freemantle, who ran second in the Shorts Handicap at the Thames, possesses speed and was pacing it with Mahinga for over three furlongs. Amongst the field were Hikual and Lady Dot, also fast for half a mile.

Lady Alwynne the dam of St. Alwynne (sire of Lady Medallist) died in England last month.

C. Jenkins and A. Oliver each rode three winners at the Dannevirke meeting last week.

R. E. Brown rode three winners at the Thames on Saturday and McMillan was successful twice. Other riders to score were Scott, Deeble and Greenwood.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond has nominated Bollin for hurdle events at the Wellington Racing Club's Autumn meeting.

It is stated that at a general meeting of the members of the English Jockey Club, to be held in April, a motion will be submitted prohibiting the publication of the weights for any handicap for a longer period than eight weeks before the day of running. There is no reason why there should be any strong objection to such a rule, either, for the probabilities are that in England, as elsewhere, the very early publication of the weights for any big handicap really only benefits one section—the ring.

Mr. John Schoonmaker, a prominent American trainer of trotting horses, arrived in Melbourne recently by the s.s. Orontes. For the past few years he has trained and raced trotters successfully in Austria, Russia, and Italy. Probably the best trotter he ever raced on the Continent was Wig Wag, by Wiggins. This horse trotted the last mile of a mile and three-quarters in 2.8 $\frac{1}{4}$. Mr. Schoonmaker intends settling down in Australia.

The Auckland Trotting Club are in the field with a capital programme for their autumn meeting, which is fixed to take place at Alexandra Park on April 23, 27 and 30. The total sum allotted to the 24 events, which form the programme amounts to £1240, the Stewards' Trot and the Campbell Trot being each worth 100sovs. From the programme, which will be found published in another column, it will be seen that nominations for all events close on April 8, at nine p.m., with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark.

In England some 20 years ago the doubting of pedigrees became such a habit (says "Sport") as to reach the proportions of scandal. Silvio, the Derby winner of 1877, was credited to Macaroni instead of Blair Athol, as his owner represented. The alleged "mix-up" of Bend Or and Tadcaster is to this day a source of gossip. After Galopin became famous a great many refused to believe him a son of Vedette. Up to that time the male line of Blacklock had been scorned by breeders—it was "unfashionable"; and that it had now suddenly produced the best horse in England was too much equanimity of the pedigree faddists. Hence, investigation and conjecture were directed to account for the phenomena.

After all the American jockey D. Maher has changed his mind as to riding as a freelance in England this season. It was announced a little while back that he had been engaged to ride Neil Gow in the Derby, and subsequently he accepted a large retainer to ride all Lord Rosebery's horses trained at Newmarket by Percy Peck, except in the few instances where Bayardo holds a liability in any race, Mr. Fairie having a special and prior claim on his services where the son of Bay Ronald and Galicia is concerned. A London writer remarks that Maher's position is unique, for though Trigg is bound to the Bedford Lodge stable, and Keeble will ride for Sir Ernest Cassel, H. Watts for Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, Howard for Mr. Buchanan, and so on, it is always with the proviso that they will give way to the American when his services are available. This practically gives Maher the pick of the heavy-weight riding in England this year, so it will be surprising if his winning average is not exceptionally good. It is stated that Maher was offered £3000 to ride Lemberg in the English Derby, and is to receive £5000 if he wins on Neil Gow. In England there is a lot more in being a successful jockey than being in the front rank of any profession.

All the French racing fraternity regard M. James Hennessy as the luckiest man connected with the French turf. Not only does his luck hold good in racing, but in other forms of speculation. Writing last month the Continental correspondent of an English paper says M. Hennessy is credited with winning about £40,000 at the green tables at Monte Carlo.

The top weights in the coming Liverpool (England) Grand National are Jerry M. and Cackler, with 12.7 each. Both are owned by Mr. Assheton Smith. Lutteur III., last year's winner, has 12.4.

The Civil Service Cup, of 8000rs, a high-weight handicap open to Arab ponies 14.2 and under, Indian-bred ponies 14.1 and under, and English and Australian-bred ponies 14.0 and under, was run on the second day of the Lucknow meeting (January 31), and won by the English-bred Son of a Gun. Circus Girl, Etna and Hopscotch filled the places. The two last-named are Auckland-bred ponies.

The purification of the turf—and never since a certain confederacy of jockeys was broken up has it been in such cesspool conditions—can only come from the stewards of the Jockey Club. And as they cannot be everywhere at once they must appoint stewards who have ability and authority to represent them. We want the paid article—the man who knows racing and fears nothing. And until we get him the turf will remain honeycombed with fraud. "Oh!" cry the optimists, "you mustn't say such things. You are giving the faddists a chance!" Hang the faddists! They cannot kill the turf. The present aim is to save the turf from being killed by self-putrefaction.—English exchange.

The English-bred mare Luminaria, who had previously been so successful in India, was no match for Soultline when she met the latter in the Malabar Hill Plate, of 5000rs., 6 furlongs, at Bombay, on the 12th of last month. The New Zealander, carrying 9.7 to the mare's 9.3, started a shade of odds on, and beat her in 1.14 4-5, Killua was third. The Great Western Handicap (8000rs. to the winner) was run the same day, and Refresher, an outsider, gave the books a "refresher," as he won easily from Master Theo and Master Delaval, the latter carrying top-weight, 9.2. Refresher and Master Delaval are both owned by Mr. Gouldas, as is Soultline. The luck of the owner mentioned did not end with the races mentioned, for during the afternoon he won a third event, the Importers' Handicap, of 2000rs., with a horse named Forfeit.

Scholarly gentlemen make bad book-makers (says the "Pink 'Un"). It is a game at which you must rise from the ranks. We can call to mind a University man who went to reside at Newmarket, where he started a book. He had for clerk a fellow University man, who was a great chess champion, playing in the Chess Congress in the various capitals of Europe. They were both very well received at Newmarket, and the gentleman in question did John Dawson's stable commissions, as well as several others. He did not last for more than a year or so. An Irish baronet has, we believe, done better. "Gentleman" Seaton was another failure, heavily as he won on Bendigo. He is a man that we miss. He was lunching at the Rutland Arms at Newmarket one day with Mr. Dobell, who at that time had The Rush, when he started a story in which the late Mr. Abington was concerned, that would make the fortune of any sensational novelist. It lasted throughout lunch and the carriage journey to the Birdcage, and we all three went into one of the horse boxes to get the finish of it, actually missing the first race! It was a story to tell, but most of the people concerned in it are still alive, and, therefore, to our sorrow, we cannot tell it.

In some comments on the cost of racing in England, Mr. R. Stevier says, among other things: "If an owner would insure himself against risk in travelling his horses, the scale for insuring them is high enough in all conscience. To insure Sceptre for £10,000, less than half what she was sold for, cost us £600 per annum. In addition to all these expenses, entrance fees are extortionate when compared with those of any other country in the world. Take the Grand Prix de Paris, a stake worth £14,000. The initial subscription is £4, for which amount a horse can be left in until May 2nd of the year of the race; by that time an owner should know whether his animal has any chance or not. Should he run, the full amount subscribed is 1000 francs (40sovs). Whereas the owner who would run for the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown, which is now our most valuable prize, will have subscribed 160sovs, or 155 sovs when his animal goes to the post, the former amount for three-year-olds, and the latter for four-year-olds."

The first half-mile of the Champion Stakes, according to Mr. F. H. Heath, the official timekeeper, took 2min. 12sec. to run, the first mile and a half 5min. 26sec.

Wookey, who ran second to Parable in the Napier Park Cup, yesterday, won the event last year by ten lengths.

King Edward's horse Minoru has wintered well, and his trainer is not without hope of seeing him down Bayardo in the Ascot Gold Cup. Marsh has confidence in the Derby winner as a stayer, notwithstanding that most racing men have a different idea. With the exception of Minoru, all the colts leased by His Majesty from Mr. W. Hall Walker have been returned to the latter.

Mr. McGrath, the Opaki trainer, is booked to leave shortly for Australia with a team that will include Osiris, Tumut, and Aberration. H. Cairns is to accompany the team as rider.

Orilne, who captured the Australian Cup, is by imported Orzil from Aline, by Grandmaster (imp.) from Hilda, by Yattendon from Ellsler, by Comrade from Emily, by Operator from Flora McIvor, by Rous Emigrant from Cornelia (imp.). It is a coincidence that the winners of the Newmarket Handicap and the Australian Cup trace back to that celebrated matron, Flora McIvor, who was bred by the late Mr. C. Reynolds at Tocal in 1866. Mala is by Malster from La France, by Carnage from Wild Rose, by Newminster from Primrose, by Goldsbrough from Corisande, by New Warrior from Io, by Sir Hercules from Flora McIvor.

Prince Foote's Champion Stakes (says the "Referee") was a record in one respect—it was the slowest ever run, taking 2m. 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ s. longer than the three miles steeplechase the same afternoon. As the first half-mile took 2.12 to cover, the horses could have little more than walked, and it is said that when they left the straight the first time round some of the patrons of the flat amused themselves by running along, level with the trio and addressing a few remarks (possibly not flattering) to the respective riders. The latter portion of the journey was run at a cracking pace, and, according to all accounts, Prince Foote had to be ridden right out to beat Pendil. Well, in the spring the latter would have had very little chance of troubling the three-year-old at weight-for-age, and that he should be equal to doing so now is suggestive to me that the latter could not have been quite himself last week. At the same time Pendil ran so well in each of his races that there is no doubt as to his being better than in November last.

So many first-class stallions have been exported from England of late years that there is a noticeable scarcity of them for the season which will soon commence, and it is welcome news that one at least has been retrieved, and will reach his native land in the course of the next month or so (says the London "Sportsman"). This horse is Flotsam, by St. Frusquin out of Float, who has made a very great success at the stud of Senor Carlos Reyles in Uruguay, some of his yearlings selling in Buenos Ayres for as much as 4000 guineas, and practically all his first runners being winners. Since, however, the Buenos Ayres Jockey Club have limited a large number of their races to stock bred in the Argentine, Senor Carlos Reyles has decided to dispose of his stud in Uruguay, as he cannot compete with Argentine breeders under the circumstances, and as a result Flotsam has been secured for the Cobham Stud, and will stand there in the coming season at a fee to be shortly announced. His list will be limited to ten or fifteen mares, as he went through a season in the latter half of 1909. Flotsam's merit as a racehorse is well remembered. He beat his stable companion, Rock Sand, for the Middle Park Plate, and never finished unplaced in any race. His victories as a three-year-old included the Newmarket Stakes and the Sandringham Foal Stakes, for which race he carried 10st, and conceded 2lb to Exchequer, who had just previously run a close second to Rock Sand at Ascot, though in receipt of only 7lb from the Derby winner. Float, the dam of Flotsam, was quite the best two-year-old filly of her year, and she is by Sheen out of Footlight (dam of Glare), by Cremorne out of Paraffin, from whom also descend Ladas, Cicero, Neil Gow, Lesbia, Bezonian, Flair and Vivid.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

CANTERBURY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, March 15.

Sir George Clifford has three horses in the great Easter Handicap. Husbandman is weighted at 8.0, Kilwinning at 7.13, and Broadsword 7.4. The last named will probably be the fancied candidate on Easter Monday. The same stable has Husbandman and Taskmaster in the Great Autumn Handicap, and the former will, I think, be the elect on the day.

Perle d'Or is receiving plenty of support for the Great Easter, the rumour having got about that this well bred but disappointing filly is showing brilliant form on the tracks. It is said that she can hold her own with Armet and if this is so it will take something pretty good to prevent Mr. G. D. Greenwood winning his second Great Easter.

Ingoda is doing well since returning from Dunedin, and is one of the fancied candidates at Riccarton for the Autumn Handicap.

Miss Mischief, who met with a mishap at the Auckland Summer meeting, arrived home last week. It will be sometime before she is fit to race again.

W. Brown has commenced work as trainer and is looking after Armamento. This gelding has been enjoying a long spell. He looks well, and his owner expects to get a few races out of him before the present season closes.

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JAMES COATES,
General Manager.
Wellington, 15th March, 1910.

handicaps at Riccarton, this Easter, promise to be much larger than usual, especially the mile and a-half event on the second day. Twenty-one horses have accepted in the Easter and nine-teen in the Autumn.

A well bred mare in Prayer Wheel, by Pilgrims' Progress—Catherine Wheel won the hack handicap at Rangiora last week.

Break, a four-year-old gelding by Finland—Escapade, and Claumena, a four-year-old mare by Clanranald—Rosina, Aunt Sally, by Royal Artillery—Gipsy Girl, Tyrant, by Tyranny, and Shillelagh, by Singlestick II. each won a race at the same meeting.

Taskmaster is showing signs of lameness, while there is just suspicion that all is not right with Kilwinning.

Leonardo and Scotch Plaid have both resumed work, but the former will not be raced before the winter meetings come round.

Southern Cross is jumping well over hurdles just now and should be well forward for the Easter meeting.

M. Hobbs has had two additions to his team, J. R. Hart having placed Chief Lochiel and Scotch Plaid in this trainer's hands.

Quite a large contingent of Riccarton trained horses will go down to the Waimate meeting. Rose Noble, Lovelorn, Federal, Boutade, Zetland, Glenfield, Silk Web, All guns, Genius, Probable, Nightlight and Kronstadt will all leave to-morrow.

The Champagne Stakes promises to furnish a great race on Easter Monday. Formby, Danube, Madam Madcap, Formless, Formeden, Sunburnt and Counterpane are all likely starters, and the winner will assert the right to be hailed the champion two-year-old of the season.

Another fine field is likely to contest the Challenge Stakes. Most of the two-year-olds will be running, while the older division will be represented by Armet, Broadsword and probably Gravitation and Sweet Angelos.

The two hurdle races at the Easter meeting have not attracted big fields, while the quality of horses is only moderate. There are only eight horses in one race, and nine in the other.

J. R. Franks is working a filly by Charlemagne II—Culroy, and a half-sister to Royal Artillery.

Riotori has been a very disappointing filly. She has shown her trainer some good gallops on the track and prior to racing at Wanganui put up one or two smart performances. Those connected with the filly expected to see her give a good showing at Wanganui, but she ran badly each time she started.

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, March 14.

The one per cent. additional tax on race clubs which came into operation on March 1st, meant that the Government benefited to the extent of £300 over the Wanganui J.C. meeting, the first to feel the effect of the added burden. While the larger clubs will not be greatly troubled, perhaps, by the latest imposition, the effect on the smaller, and particularly the one day gatherings, will probably be serious, in some cases at least.

Mr. G. F. Moore has sent a couple of well-bred youngsters to Australia with a view to trying the market there. They are two colts both by Birkenhead, one from St. Evangeline, and the other from Miss Penelope. The son of St. Evangeline is one of the finest looking colts ever seen here, and if appearances go for anything should make a champion. He has been named Ronald.

George Price is at present engaged in breaking a filly by Field Battery—Our Lady. She is a very shapely youngster and gives every promise of developing into a real good one.

By many sportsmen on this coast, the Patea Racing Club's Easter meeting is always looked forward to as providing the chief Easter Monday attraction. Judging from the list of nominations received for the coming meeting a most interesting day's sport appears to be assured. Mr. George Morse, the newly appointed handicapper, may be depended upon to frame the handicaps in a way which will prove acceptable to the majority of the owners. The club has recently spent a lot of money on its track, which is now in capital order, in fact one of the best on the coast, so that some splendid racing should be witnessed on Easter Monday.

Though some profess to think that Waitapu has seen his best day, Mr. J. O'Driscoll appears to be of opinion that he has a good chance of getting

his money (£300) back, as he has hopes that the gelding will win a hurdle race or two during the coming season. Even if Waitapu has lost some of his dash he is a good jumper, and he ought to prove quite fast enough for most of the hurdlers of to-day.

Sincere regret was expressed on all sides at the death of Mr. J. B. Williamson, the well-known Auckland sportsman, who passed away so suddenly at a private hospital here last Wednesday morning. Full particulars of the sad occurrence have already been published, and it only remains to be said that the deceased was one of the most popular of the many racing men who have visited Wanganui. The funeral, a private one, took place on Thursday afternoon. Wreaths from the Takapuna, Avondale and Wanganui Jockey Clubs were placed on the grave.

The well-known jumper Prospector is in work again, and all going well will be a starter at the Wellington and C.J.C. steeplechase meetings.

The tracks have been very busy during the last week or so, as trainers have been sending their charges along in view of the Patea, Opunake, Warrigate and Feilding meetings.

The Warrigate Jockey Club will hold its annual race meeting on Thursday, the 24th inst. This fixture is one of the most enjoyable of the many small gatherings held on this coast. It is one of those meetings whereat farmers and others make a point of assembling and talking over matters of common interest, and where the racing is really regarded in the light of sport instead of business. It is good sport, too, which the club provides, and those who attend always have a splendid day's fun. The club have made all arrangements for the success of next Thursday's meeting, and as good fields are fairly sure to face the starter, the racing should be of a most interesting description.

Crucinella and Koran have both been allowed to drop out of their C.J.C. engagements, but may be started at the Feilding meeting.

Amongst the entrants for the Patea Hurdles is Claremont. The gelding has not raced since his fall in the last New Zealand Grand National meeting. It was due to having contracted influenza that Tiptoe did not fulfil his Wanganui engagements.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, March 14.

Liza, who I commented upon in this column, duly landed the Flying Handicap at Dannevirke and returned a substantial dividend. The half-sister to Ostiak was turned out in nice trim by the Trentham owner-trainer H. Goodman.

J. Ayres, the Trentham trainer, has Merrivonia in nice trim in view of the Auckland Easter Handicap. Those critics who saw this mare's good display in the last New Zealand Cup, when she led Bobrikoff for a mile, anticipate that she will play a prominent part in the decision of the big Auckland event. An effort is being made to secure E. Lowe's services to pilot Merrivonia in her coming engagements.

The local owner, Mr. J. Whitworth, left here for Sydney on Friday last, taking with him Wharekura, and his recently acquired purchase Chauvelin. Both of these contestants should worthily represent the Dominion in racing events on the other side.

It was extremely hard luck for W. Davies, the Trentham trainer, to lose the services of Chauvelin just as he was getting into a winning vein. Davies has spent considerable time on the colt to bring him to a state of perfection, and just as his work is being crowned with success the astute Mr. Whitworth appeared on the scene and purchased the promising son of Sout for 400 guineas.

Mr. S. H. Wilson, manager for Mr. G. F. Moore at Bushy Park, left here by the Moana en route to Sydney on Friday last, taking with him two promising colts, one by Birkenhead from St. Evangeline, who is named Ronald, and the other is Bassano, by Birkenhead from Miss Penelope. Both are fine types of the thoroughbred, and should excite keen competition when led into the sale ring at Sydney. Their career in Australia will be closely followed by admirers of the turf in the Dominion.

Mr. J. H. Price, formerly mine host of the New Zealander Hotel, in Manners-street, and also treasurer to the Wellington Pony and Galloway Racing has taken Oxley's Hotel, at Picton, and enters into possession to-day. Mr. Price has always been identified with

the Sport of Kings, and will be missed from his usual haunts in this city.

Lady Kilcheran, by Kilcheran from Livonia and consequently a half sister to Merrivonia, may accompany her relative to the Auckland meeting. This filly has not yet sported silk, but is reported to be very speedy.

Waione continues to get through some satisfactory tasks at Porirua in view of the Brighton Hurdles at the Auckland fixture, and in which the Wauiku gelding is expected to give a creditable display. H. Telford will pilot Waione in his hurdle essays at the Northern gathering.

Reports from Porirua point to Lady Medalist leading her opponents a merry dance in the Easter Handicap at Auckland. In the matter of poundage this St. Alwyne mare has been very leniently treated in being asked to carry 8st, as she has proved her ability to negotiate distances up to a mile in a very speedy manner.

Wellington and its immediate vicinity is strongly represented in events at the C.J.C. meeting, the list comprising Penates, Sir Frisco, Effort, Gipsy Belle, Gold Lace, Diabolo, and some of the stake money should be secured by owners of the above formidable team.

C. Pritchard, the Lower Hutt trainer, has purchased the half-brother to Penates by Clytie from Housewife, from the sportsman who races as Mr. "Barclay." This black colt has all the qualifications necessary to make a successful racer and it is hoped that the Hutt mentor's latest purchase will turn out satisfactory.

An offer of 600 guineas was recently made for Penates, but Mr. Barclay decided to hold on to the colt for a little while longer in anticipation of securing a better figure.

Diabolo is in good form at Porirua, and this promising black colt should give a good account of himself in the Great Autumn Handicap at the C.J.C. Easter meeting.

There was a large crowd of sporting enthusiasts at Miramar on Saturday afternoon to witness a meeting of the Wellington Pony and Galloway Racing Club. Some interesting racing took place, but several of the events were spoilt through very bad starting. There was some trouble with the bookmakers, who declined to pay the fee of £7 10s for the privilege of betting, and with one exception they refused to do any business. The one exception, a well-known local metallician had the field all to himself and he is reported to have made a handsome profit on the day's transactions. With the exception of some bandage the proceedings were of a very orderly character.

Alf. Shearsby has Royal Maid in capital trim at Levin, and this roan mare should be picking up a stake ere the season is much further advanced.

Mon Ami continues to bowl along in her track work on the Hutt course, and she will be given an opportunity to retrieve her bad display in the Flying Handicap at Wanganui in the same event at the Feilding meeting. If the Sout mare would only reproduce her track form on the racecourse when the colours are up then she would be a severe proposition to her competitors.

Hydrant has been responsible for some excellent work during the last week and the chestnut should show some of his brilliancy at the Easter meeting.

Xavier, who gave such a creditable display in the Hurdle events at the Wanganui meeting has been pleasing Davies by his exertions at Trentham since that fixture. The Tasman gelding's next appearance will be at the Feilding meeting, in which he is expected to play a prominent part in the decision of the hurdle events.

Speaking to Mr. T. O'Neill, the well-known Feilding owner, in town during the week he informed the writer that he had refused a tempting offer for the half-sister to Eclogue. The filly has given evidence of turning out decidedly useful and Mr. O'Neill may be justified in holding on to his promising turf entrant.

J. W. Lowe is just putting through his preliminary facings, at Trentham, a promising two-year-old colt by Sir Laddo from Orchestra, for which a successful turf career is anticipated.

HAWKE'S BAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, March 14.

Sandstream went two better this year at Dannevirke than was the case with him last season at the autumn gathering of the club, for he proved victorious in each of the races that he got second berth in 1909. San Fran's consistent son has proved a most re-

TURF RESULTS.

THAMES RACES.

The Thames Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting took place on Saturday under favourable weather conditions...

MAIDEN PLATE of 35sovs. Six furlongs.

- Sir Rupert, 8.0 (Greenwood) 1
Captain Soult, 7.2 (Buchanan) 2
Totika, 7.5 (Brown) 3

HURDLE RACE of 45sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

- Kaitangata, 10.2 (Scott) 1
King, 11.0 (Windsor) 2
Flying Cloud, 9.0 (Horne) 3

AUTUMN STAKES of 60sovs. One mile and 30 yards.

- Jena, 7.10 (Brown) 1
Waipa, 6.13 (McMillan) 2
Fraulein, 7.0 (Whittaker) 3

SHORTS HANDICAP of 35sovs. Four furlongs.

- Mahinga, 9.5 (McMillan) 1
Fremantle, 6.10 (E. R. Brown) 2
Hikual, 8.6 (C. Brown) 3

George Hope has in work at Hastings a five-year-old half-brother by Mahaki to Theodore and Sublime.

STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 60 sovs. Two miles and a-half.

- Pierre, 11.5 (Deeble) 1
Red McGregor, 9.11 (Windsor) 2
Flying Cloud, 9.7 (Howard) 3

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 35sovs. Six furlongs.

- Impulsive, 8.2 (Brown) 1
Lady Dot, 9.0 (Whittaker) 2
Electrakoff, 9.3 (Brady) 3

HACK RACE of 35sovs. Five furlongs.

- Heta, 7.8 (Brown) 1
Patricia, 8.0 (Oliver) 2
Leonie, 8.0 (Whittaker) 3

WELTER HANDICAP of 30sovs. Seven furlongs.

- Montpellier, 8.13 (McMillan) 1
Waiohahi, 8.12 (Buchanan) 2
Gatenby, 9.3 (Brady) 3

DANNEVIRKE RACES.

FIRST DAY.

SANDSTREAM WINS THE CUP.

The Dannevirke Racing Club's autumn meeting was held on Wednesday in glorious weather. Thirteen bookmakers were licensed...

HACK HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.

- 2-Mr. J. McDonald's b g Moat, by Captain Webb-Escalade, 9.4 (J. Hercock) 1
1-Windage, 11.3 2

MAKIRIKIRI HACK HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

- 7-Mr. T. Sceptor's Curator, by Cure-Konini, 7.11 (C. Cross) 1
2-Toanga, 8.5 2
1-Strathmoira, 8.5 3

DANNEVIRKE CUP of 300sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 1-Mr. G. H. Miller's b g Sandstream, by San Fran-Ua, 6yrs, 8.10 (C. Jenkins) 1
2-Clemora, 7.3 2
6-Parable, 7.13 3

NURSERY HANDICAP. Four furlongs.

- 1-Mr. T. H. Lowry's b g Kohinoor, by Royal Fusilier-Bijou, 8.13 (L. Wilson) 1

- 3-Mr. D. McNamara's Sea Eagle, by Birkenhead-Rain, 8.9 (F. D. Jones) 1
4-Deploy, 6.10 3

TAHORAITI WELTER. Seven furlongs.

- 2-Mr. W. C. Vincent's Passive, by Lethe-Kokiri, 8.12 (H. Cairns) 1
4-Liquid Air, 8.10 2
7-Obscurity, 8.8 3

FLYING STAKES. Six furlongs.

- 6-Mr. H. Goodman's Liza, by Obligation-Miss Betty, 6.13 (C. Emerson) 1
1-Hermia, 8.10 2
5-Sunbonnet, 9.0 3

ELECTRIC HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- 1-Mr. T. Sceptor's Glenspring, by Gentle-Springrose, 8.9 (R. Hatch) 1
3-Ambala, 9.9 2
5-Amaru, 7.0 3

TAMAKI WELTER. Seven furlongs.

- 2-Mr. G. P. Donnelly's Golden Water, by Gold Reef-Kahuwai, 8.1 (A. Oliver) 1
3-Lethan, 9.7 2
4-Marton, 8.9 3

SECOND DAY.

The Dannevirke Racing Club's autumn meeting was concluded in fine weather. For the two days of the meeting the sum of £12,149 was put through the totalisator...

HACK HURDLES. One mile and a-half.

- 1-Mr. J. Northcote's b m Nightmare, by Nestor-Nightingale, 6yrs, 9.6 (E. Abbott) 1
2-Moat, 10.6 2
3-Farronite, 9.0 3

MARCH HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

- 1-Mr. R. A. McDonald's b m Hermia, by Birkenhead (imp.)-Nixie, 6yrs, (A. Oliver) 1
2-Sunbonnet, 8.13 2
3-Liza, 7.9 3

TELEPHONE HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- 2-Mr. T. Wilson's ch g Toango, by Conqueror-Niotti, 5yrs, 9.5 (A. Oliver) 1
3-Amaru, 7.7 2
8-Ascalon, 7.0 3

TAPUATA WELTER HANDICAP. One mile.

- 4-Mr. E. H. White's ch m Obscurity, by Renown-Mystic, 4yrs, 8.8 (F. Hutcheson) 1
2-Liquid Air, 9.1 2
1-Passive, 9.9 3

AUTUMN HANDICAP. One mile and a distance.

- 1-Mr. G. H. Miller's b g Sandstream, by San Fran-Ua, 6yrs, 9.9 (C. Jenkins) 1
4-Truganini, 8.3 2
3-Te Puia, 8.3 3

JUVENILE HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- 1-Mr. D. McNamara's Sea Eagle, by Birkenhead (imp.)-Rain, 9.1 (F. D. Jones) 1
6-Waihekua, 6.7 2
2-Deploy, 6.13 3

MANGATERA HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

- 1-Mr. H. McManaway's Strathmoira, by Soult (imp.)-Aconcaqua, 4yrs, 8.10 (C. Jenkins) 1
2-Golden Water, 9.2 2
3-Aimwell, 7.10 3

KAITOKE WELTER HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

- 2-Mr. G. Morris' br g Marton, by Malachi (imp.)-Flintlock mare, 4yrs, 8.3 (W. Ryan) 1
1-Lethan, 9.6 2
3-Swimming Belt, 10.2 3

PONY MEETING AT MIRAMAR.

A pony race meeting held at Miramar on Saturday by the Wellington Pony and Galloway Racing Club was fairly well attended.

stopped short of anything suggesting riot, and from the second race onwards the proceedings were dull, the racing being for the most part uninteresting.

BELMONT HANDICAP of 25sovs. For ponies 14.2 and under. Four furlongs. Messrs. Anstell and Forest's Miss Ruby, 9.12 (Mallows), 1; Sail, 8.4, 2; Hula, 10.3, 3.

TRIAL HANDICAP of 25sovs. For ponies 15 hands and under. Four furlongs and a-half. Mr. S. Cross' Musketeer, 8.12 (Willoughby), 1; Inkerman, 8.0, 2; Merrimanu, 9.6, 3.

ASCOT HANDICAP of 40sovs. For ponies 15 hands and under. Six furlongs. Mr. W. Wood's Picotee, 9.4 (Ma'lowes), 1; All Gold, 10.5, 2; Petronel, 10.9, 3.

THE ARO HANDICAP of 25sovs. For ponies 14.3 and under. Five furlongs and a-half. Mr. W. Gordon's Billy, 9.10 (Wadhwa), 1; Miss Ivy, 8.5, 2; Myre, 9.12, 3.

CITY HANDICAP of 25sovs. For ponies 15 hands and under. Four furlongs and a-half. Mr. J. Goodwin's St. Flora, 9.7 (Horne), 1; Lurline, 9.2, 2; All Gold, 10.2, 3.

PATEA RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

EASTER MONDAY, 28th MARCH, 1910.

President: Mr. G. Williams. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. G. V. Pearce, M.P., and S. Gilligan. Judge: Mr. A. Pearce.

PROGRAMME.

- 1. HANDICAP HURDLES of 75 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, about one and a-half miles, over six flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high.
2. FLYING HANDICAP of 85 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes.
3. FARMERS' PLATE of 55 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes.
4. PATEA EASTER HANDICAP of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes.
5. KAKARAMEA STAKES of 55 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes.
6. BOROUGH STAKES HANDICAP of 65 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes.
7. ALTON HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP of 80 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes.
8. FINAL STAKES of 55 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, AND GENERAL ENTRIES.

Nominations up to 8 p.m. on TUESDAY, 8th March, 1910. Weights declared about 14th March, 1910.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- 1. A hack is a horse that has not at any time prior to entry won a race of the value of £100 to the winner, or races of the aggregate value of £250 to the winner.
2. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb., and of every additional race 5lb. extra in all handicap events.
3. Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest opportunity.
4. Owners, trainers, and others entering horses for this meeting are notified that no entries will be accepted unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.
5. The Committee reserves the right to alter the time or date of receiving nominations and acceptances, and of declaration of weights.
6. The name of the trainer must in all cases be supplied at the time of nomination.
7. NOTE.-The Post Office closes at 5 p.m., and Telegraph Office at 8 p.m.
8. R. W. HAMERTON, Secretary.
9. Approved by the Taranaki Jockey Club. -E. P. WEBSTER, Secretary.

BILLIARDS.

The well-known left-handed long jenny champion, Mr. W. Lyons, is at present on a visit to Australia. He arrived there just too late to witness the V.R.C. Autumn meeting.

A good deal of soreness was felt by E. Diggle when the handicappers for the big tournament allotted him no fewer than 4000 start from H. W. Stevenson in 18,000 up. Diggle strenuously objected to such implied inferiority on his part, and specially laid himself out in last week's heat with Stevensons to prove that he was right. As a matter of fact, he won on Saturday night by practically half the points he had been given—to be exact, he defeated Stevenson by 1993 points. As was mentioned recently, both men made some big breaks during the earlier stages of the game, and these were added to on Friday by Diggle contributing a carefully-played 303 and Stevenson a fine all-round run of 459.—"Referee."

A recent writer of acknowledged repute, in writing on proper methods of manipulating the cue (says an exchange) is positive that the one great thing in billiards is true cueing, and he is undoubtedly right, for without that consideration no one can ever become a really good player. By true cueing is meant a cue-movement backwards and forwards without the slightest deviation from one imaginary line, no matter how long the movement is maintained. A player first takes his aim at the object ball, then draws his cue away from the ball, advances it to the ball again, and as a rule repeats these movements several times before actually striking the ball—sawing wood it is sometimes called. But unless the cue, as it is drawn away from the ball, travels exactly on a line which is a continuation of the line of aim, and further, unless the cue, as it travels backwards and forwards, moves as though it were sliding to and fro in a tight-fitting groove, true cueing does not take place. It is not too much to say that every professional owes the excellence of his play in a very great measure to this piston-like action of his cue. No doubt this perfection of cue-movement is exceedingly difficult to attain, but the nearer one approaches to such perfection, the more rapid will be his progress, and to make progress consistent practice is absolutely necessary.

Lovejoy did not "make good" with his "sitting down" billiards. In fact, he received a most severe dressing-down from Harverson in their game of 8000 up, in which he introduced "the stool." The ex-amateur's contention was that to such a tall player as himself the new position would make the playing of losers so easy and sure that large breaks of the Gray order would come from his cue with much frequency. The mountain brought forth a mouse in the shape of 99 off the red as his best run, and, although he received 1250 start, Harverson won by 1567 points in addition. During the game only two breaks over 200 were made. Lovejoy's best run was 179.

The initial number of "Billiards Illustrated"—a journal which has taken the place of the defunct "New World of Billiards"—is to hand, and in its general get up is an improvement on its predecessor. In giving reasons for its being, the management says:—"The feature of the paper will be the added prominence given to all amateur competitions and news of all kinds concerning the performances and personalities of the amateur players. We base our view of what is wanted upon the undeniable fact that it is the amateur, or lover of billiards, whatever degree of skill may be his, who keeps the game going."

In answer to criticism by Stevenson, the inventor of the "Lovejoy seat" challenged the champion for £100 aside on a 3ft 1in table, 18,000 up, level, and put in £25 to prove his bona fides. Lovejoy thinks that on a table 3ft high Diggle would easily defeat any other player in the world. So it would appear that the time is coming when the championship of billiards will have varying designations, such as the 2ft 9in champion, the 2ft 10in champion, the 3ft, and so on, ad lib. Somewhat on the lines of the American boxing title, where there is a champion for almost each ounce over 7st.—"Referee."

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WRESTLING.

BIG WRESTLING MATCH AT STRATFORD.

BAIN EASILY DEFEATS SCOTT.

When it was announced a few weeks back that a match had been arranged between Bob Scott, champion wrestler of the Dominion and Alex Bain, Hackenschmidt's wrestling partner, in which the New Zealander agreed to forfeit £20 if he failed to throw Bain three times (catch-as-catch-can style) within the hour, followers of wrestling expressed grave doubts regarding the local man's ability to do so. Whereas Bain always proved troublesome to Hackenschmidt when the pair engaged in combat on the mat, Scott fell an easy victim to the big Russian, being thrown twice in two minutes, so that matters certainly looked favourable for the Scotchman, who was able to justify the confidence which he has expressed in himself ever since the match was mooted, when they met in the Town Hall, Stratford the other evening. A large attendance assembled to witness the match, and Mr. Jas. Sexton acted as referee and Mr. R. H. Burrell, as time-keeper. When the men made their appearance it was seen that Alex Bain, whose weight was 16st 9lb, was much heavier than Bob Scott, who scaled 14st 3lb, and those present were able to realise the task the New Zealander had taken on.

THE FIRST BOUT.

Two minutes had gone before the men got to the mat, and as the time-keeper called "four minutes" Scott was doing some very hard toil trying to shift his huge opponent, who knew too much to be moved a great deal unless he felt like it, and at eight minutes the big fellow was reclining face downwards, while the Stratford man

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pulled and tugged without producing much visible effect. Tiring somewhat of head, arm and body holds Scott next turned his attention to his opponent's legs, but the result not being very encouraging returned once more to the upper portion of Bain's anatomy, and as the timekeeper called "eleven minutes" was sitting well back while endeavouring to pull his foot away from Bain's affectionate clasp. At twelve and a half minutes the big man appeared in trouble by reason of a Scott leg lock under the arms and over the neck, but managed to wriggle out of it, the same thing occurring as fourteen minutes was recorded.

"HARD WORK MR. SCOTT?"

queried Bain, and as "fifteen minutes" was called added in a tone of conviction: "Thank goodness: One quarter gone." At eighteen minutes both men were again on their feet, whence Bain fell composedly to the mat, face downwards, leaving Scott to resume the heart-breaking task of endeavouring to turn the Scotchman's massive bulk on to its shoulders. At twenty minutes Bain suggested a "breather," which the conditions provided for after twenty minutes wrestling. Scott consented, but expressed his opinion that the agreement signed (which unfortunately had not been forwarded from the "Dominion" office in Wellington) only provided for a ten minutes spell after each fall. "You're a toff," quoth Bain, and the men arose from the mat.

THE SECOND BOUT

differed but little from its predecessor, Scott strenuously tugging and hauling at his bulky opponent without, for the most part, producing any particular effect. On two or three occasions, however, the big man appeared to be somewhat in trouble, but each time managed to escape being thrown, though a peculiar leg hold under the arms and over the neck practised by Scott at intervals throughout the match, seemed to cause Bain a certain amount of puzzlement. Shortly after seventeen minutes had been called excitement ran high in the body of the hall, as Scott appeared to have his opponent all but over. To those on the stage, however, it was apparent that Bain's position was not one of particular danger, and the big fellow finally rolled himself back into safety, time being called shortly afterwards.

THE THIRD BOUT

was then begun, the men taking four minutes to get to the mat. A minute later Bain reminded Scott that he would have to gain three falls in that spell, and advised him not to over-exert himself. "Three falls in thirteen minutes, Robert," said the big fellow as seven minutes was called, a remark which he repeated at intervals until eight minutes was recorded, when he changed the tune to "Three falls in twelve minutes, Bobby." Just as "ten minutes" was called Scott, with the leg hold mentioned previously, gained what the referee declared was a fall, though many of those on the stage were of an entirely different opinion; and even Scott said that he did not consider it was a pin fall. After a spell of ten minutes, wrestling was resumed for the remainder of the stipulated hour, but the Stratford man was unable to again throw his opponent, who when time was called was declared the winner of the match.

It is probable that another match will take place between the pair, this time on level terms, soon after Scott returns from the championship meeting, which is shortly to be held at Greymouth.

LOSER CHALLENGED BY ROBERTSON.

During the evening Louis S. Robertson, addressing the audience, offered to deposit £25 to say that Mr. R. J. Scott could not throw him (Robertson) three times in one hour under the same conditions as those granted to Mr. A. Bain for the forthcoming match. Mr. Scott then stepped forward, stating that in arranging matches heretofore he had been in the habit of giving way on certain points, but that after that evening he would insist that anyone at all making a match with him should wrestle under New Zealand rules. The rules of the Affiliated Caledonian Societies of New Zealand, continued Mr. Scott, had been in force since 1889, and provided that immediately both a man's shoulders touched the mat he was down. These remarks brought Robertson one more to the footlights, whence he was understood to express wonderment that although Mr. Scott had not objected to pin falls when meeting the great George Hackenschmidt, he yet was unwilling to wrestle a 10st.

4lb man (Robertson) unless flying falls were allowed.

Robertson has thrown out a challenge to Scott to meet him under the same conditions as he (Scott) allowed Bain, and has offered to back himself for any sum up to £100. Should Scott be unwilling to meet him under those conditions Robertson offers him a match to a finish, strangle hold barred.

THE GARDINER-ROBERTSON WRESTLING MATCH.

(To the Editor.)

Sir.—I enclose a clipping from "Health and Strength" wherein you will see that 10st 6lb is the light-weight limit. However, I am now prepared to meet Mr. Gardiner at 10st for £50 aside. A week or two ago I deposited £25 with the Editor of the "N.Z. Times" to bind a match with Mr. Gardiner. If Mr. Gardiner covers that deposit I shall weigh 10st for a match with him, which, as you will see by enclosed cutting is under the lightweight limit for wrestlers. Whenever Mr. Gardiner covers my deposit I shall put £5 into the hands of the Editor of the "Stratford Post," the said £5 being for Mr. Gardiner's expenses. If £5 is not sufficient for Mr. Gardiner, I will meet him anywhere if he guarantees me £5 expenses. This is my last word to Mr. Gardiner unless he comes to the point.—Yours faithfully,

LOUIS S. ROBERTSON, Stratford, Light and Middle-weight wrestling champion of New Zealand.

[We are in receipt of the clipping mentioned by Mr. Robertson regarding the Alhambra Tournament. It contains among other particulars the following: "My committee," writes Mr. Bettinson, "have decided to slightly alter the weights this year, which will be as follows: Lightweight, 10st 6lb; middleweight, 12st 3lb; and heavyweight, any weight."—Ed. S.R.]

BOXING.

BOB FITZSIMMONS IN AUCKLAND.

VETERAN STILL IN GOOD FETTLE.

HIS MEMORABLE FIGHTS WITH JEFFRIES.

Bob Fitzsimmons, the veteran heavyweight boxer, who is at present in Auckland, is being enthusiastically received each night at His Majesty's Theatre, where he appears in the sketch "A Man's a Man for a' That," and the game fellow is fully deserving of the warm receptions accorded him as it may be safely said that no greater fighter than the ancient Cornishman ever lived. No harder puncher ever delivered a knockout blow. Champion of the world, though a natural middle-weight, Fitzsimmons gradually went back because of advancing years, and in 1907, when Jack Johnson stopped him in two rounds it was generally believed that the end had come. Fitzsimmons will be 48 years old next June, yet he still considers himself a young man and actually believes he can fight as well as ever. Prior to his fight with Bill Lang in Sydney, on Boxing Day last, he had been out of the ring more than two years but declared that the rest has done him a world of good; also that his broken hands are now as well as ever and that he can wallop with the same tremendous power that made him the conqueror of Corbett, Sharkey, Ruhlin, Maher and other noted heavyweights in days gone by.

Fitz has been a good liver and has enjoyed life as much as any man, but his wonderful constitution has enabled him to withstand the ravages of time. When he boxed in London last summer he displayed the same broad shoulders, the long sinewy arms, the great muscles in his back and the pipestem legs. He was remarkably active on his feet and by dint of much strenuous outdoor exercise he seemed to have regained some of his former stamina.

ALWAYS IS CONFIDENT.

Confidence was always one of Fitz's best qualities and it seems that he has not lost it. When he met Hugh McIntosh, the Australian fight promoter, in England last fall he said: "Hi can fight as well as 'eever, Mr. McIntosh, hand hif you'll give me a chance to show the people of Haus-

tralia 'ow Hi can go Hi'll make good."

McIntosh quickly saw an opportunity to provide a special attraction for the fight fans of Sydney and lost no time in signing the ancient Cornishman to meet Bill Lang. He guaranteed Fitz a round trip ticket for himself and his wife and a £1,000 bonus win, lose, or draw.

Jeffries, who is matched to fight Johnson for the world's championship next July after an absence of nearly five years from the prize-ring, owes his world-wide prominence in pugilism to his victories over this same Fitzsimmons. Ring followers who remember how Jeff wrestled the championship from Fitzsimmons never tire of telling the story, which is of interest to the younger generation, no doubt.

Moving pictures cut no figure in the arrangements of the memorable Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight at Coney Island in 1899. Fitz was the champion and he dictated terms that gave him 65 per cent. of the gross receipts, win or lose. He regarded Jeffries as a punk pugilist and did not consider him seriously until he actually got into the ring with him. Then he realized that he had made a fatal mistake when it was too late.

JEFF IN FINE SHAPE.

The writer had a chance to compare

FITZ WADES IN.

When the men faced each other before an immense crowd in the old Coney Island A. C. Jeffries, a magnificent specimen of manhood, stripped at 208 pounds. Fitzsimmons weighed about 160 and looked well, though his intimate friends knew that he was far from his best form. With his usual aggressiveness Fitz waded in as soon as the first gong sounded. He swung his right and then his left in wild fashion, but strange to say he did not aim many blows at Jeff's head. The boilermaker, crouching like a panther, with stomach drawn in and his long left hand extending straight out in front of him, stood coolly on the defensive. He was simply waiting for an opening.

Early in the second round that opening came, Fitz rushed in pell mell and Jeffries smashed him squarely in the face with the left. The Cornishman reeled, only to come back again with a blind rush. Again Jeff's left hand crashed squarely into Bob's face with so much force that the blood spurted from his nose, and tottering momentarily, he fell over, striking the back of his head on the floor. That was the punch that probably whipped Fitzsimmons and won for Jeffries the title now held by the negro Johnson.

When Fitz got up the round was practically over and he staggered to

viction that Jeffries was his master, however. He circulated the groundless report that he had been doped. He demanded another fight, but he didn't get one for three years.

It was in San Francisco they met in July, 1902. Fitz trained in real earnest for this affair and entered the ring absolutely confident. He adopted the same old tactics, but centred the greater part of his attack upon Jeff's head. The boilermaker was in his prime then, yet he soon discovered that he had his hands full. Fitz hammered him without letup in the early rounds, cutting the mouth and one eye open and actually breaking Jim's nose. As a result of this vicious onslaught Jeffries was a sight, but he never weakened and stood up to the gaff with characteristic gameness.

BREAKS A BONE.

Fitzsimmons finally broke a bone in his right hand and was unable to keep up his hot fire, so that Jeff, wise to his condition, cut loose in the eighth round and stowed the Cornishman away. There is no doubt that Fitzsimmons put up a far better fight on that occasion than at Coney Island, and in speaking of it later Jeffries gave Bob due credit. Fitz declared that if his hand had not been disabled he might have reached a vital spot, but of course "it" didn't square his defeat.

What would have happened if Fitzsimmons had refrained from boring in with a never ending attack in these battles? Veteran sporting men who remember them still insist that if Fitzsimmons had stayed away, boxing or fighting at long range, Jeffries could not have knocked him out. These fights with Fitzsimmons are often alluded to nowadays to illustrate the fact that Jeffries never was an aggressive pugilist. In fact it appears to be a matter of record that Jeffries has knocked out or severely beaten every pugilist who has adopted rushing tactics.

Fitzsimmons and Sharkey differ from the negro Johnson in this respect. Johnson is not a rusher. On the contrary, he is a flatfooted, careful, defensive fighter who is an artist at "picking blows out of the air" and using a great right hand uppercut when the proper opening is afforded. He knocked Fitzsimmons cold in the second round when Bob was boring in with his famous tactics, but of course the Cornishman was a back number then.

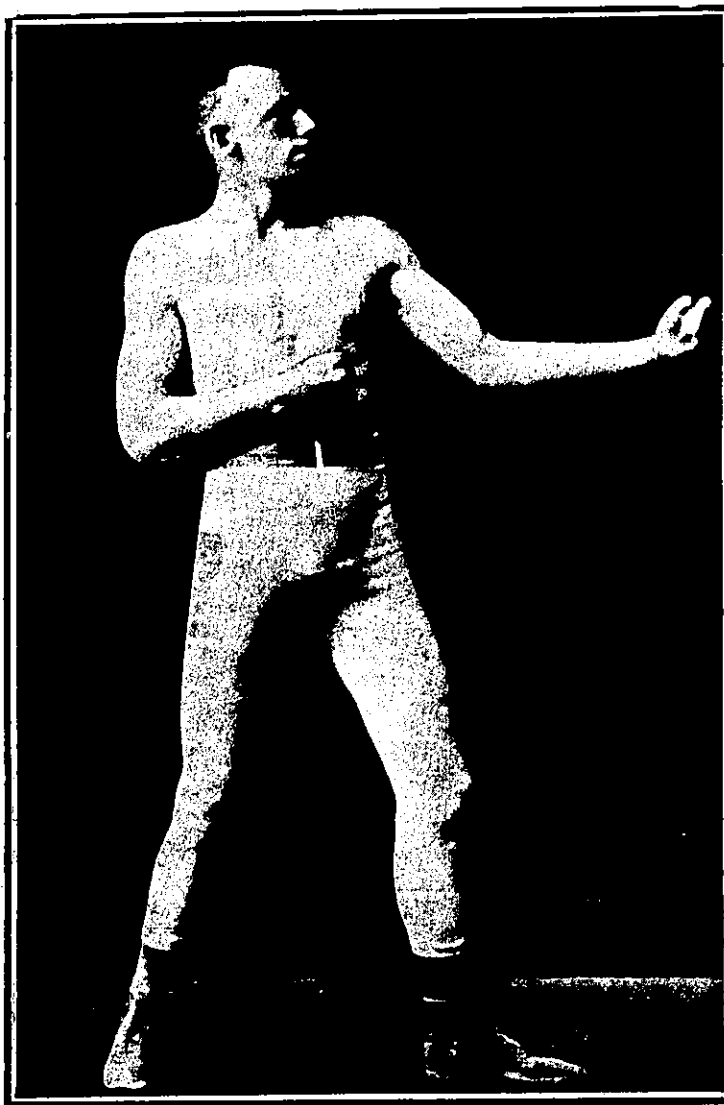
MUST MAKE PACE.

It is believed to be a sure thing, therefore, that when Jeffries and Johnson meet the boilermaker will find that he must make the pace or take part in a long, tedious mill. Johnson will make him lead or there will be no real fighting and no mix-ups. It is predicted by ring sharps that Jeffries will be forced to carry the fight to the negro at the outset of the mill rather than run the risk of being slowly worn out by Johnson's unwillingness to take a chance.

Fitz states that Jeffries will have his hands full with Johnson, and that if Jim does not win in fifteen rounds he will be defeated. In this outline of what may happen next July the ancient Cornishman has many supporters. Johnson feels sure that he can beat Jeffries in at least twenty rounds, while Jeff says he thinks he can behead the negro with a few well directed punches.

CRICKET.

Perfect weather prevailed on Saturday for the Auckland Cricket Association's district championships, which were advanced another stage, and some really fine performances were put up during the afternoon. The match between Parnell and Grafton which, was concluded at the Domain, was keenly contested amid great excitement, the Parnellites gaining a highly creditable victory, much to the delight of their supporters, who, at one period, were unable to view their chances of winning with any degree of certainty. However, with Sale and Anthony batting in their best form, the Parnell men gave the Graftonites no opportunities, and the match ended in their favour by six wickets—a three point win. This victory places Parnell one point ahead of North Shore for the championship, with two rounds to play. North Shore secured a two-point win over University, at Devonport, both sides giving good exhibitions of batting. At Eden Park the Ponsonby eleven showed exceptionally fine batting form in their match



BOB FITZSIMMONS.

Jeffries and Fitzsimmons at their training quarters a week before the fight. Jeff was in the hands of Billy Delaney and Tommy Ryan. He had taken off 10 pounds of superfluous flesh and was as fit as a race horse. Road runs of 10 and 15 miles were pie for him, and when he was trained to the minute he jumped on the scales one day and weighed exactly 206 pounds. As fast as a welterweight, Jeffries was able to make it hot for the clever Ryan in eight and ten round bouts. No matter how hard he worked the big boilermaker never tired. His powerful lungs and phenomenal strength showed that he was ready for a long fight, while his terrific hitting indicated that Fitzsimmons would go up against a tough game.

The Cornishman on the other hand took things easy at the camp. He ate as much as he wanted, drank various stimulants and exercised in a half-hearted manner. "E's a big mutt," said Fitz whenever Jeffries was discussed. "Hi'll stop 'im with a punch."

"Jeffries is a dangerous young fellow," Fitz, remarked the writer a few days before the mill. "He's fast and strong. He is clever and can hit. You are going to have trouble with him."

"That's the way with all you newspaper fellers," replied Fitz hotly. "Halways knockin' Halways predictin' that Hi'll get ncked. But Hi'm goin' to fool you. Wait and see."

his corner. He came up refreshed by liquor for the third round and found Jeffries filled with caution. It was the same kind of a fight as in the preceding rounds, Fitz rushing and Jeff blocking, also jabbing the great left into the Cornishman's face or ripping the terrible right into the ribs and stomach.

BLOW IS TOO HIGH.

In the ninth round Fitz landed a desperate left swing on the boilermaker's head. It reached a point high up on the jawbone near the right ear. It was a fearful smash and for a moment Jeff tottered. He was near the ropes and he backed into them. Fitz, weary from his incessant onslaught, paused in his attack and before he could renew hostilities the gong rang. Jeffries made his way to the corner, with apparent difficulty, but Ryan, Delaney and Brady soon revived him. He admitted after the fight that this blow was the hardest he had ever received and said that if it had landed on the point of the jaw he would possibly have been knocked out.

Fitz was all in after that and in the eleventh round he fairly threw himself at Jeff's tremendous blows. The boilermaker almost knocked Bob's head off with a straight left in the mouth and doubled him up with an awful body blow. A killing punch on the jaw scored a clean knockout. Fitz could not reconcile himself to the con-

against Eden, over whom they secured a two-point win.

FIRST GRADE.

Grafton v. Parnell.—When stumps were drawn on the previous Saturday Grafton had 157 runs to their credit in the first innings, while Parnell had compiled 34 runs for the loss of two wickets. Continuing their first innings on Saturday the Parnellites increased their score to 111 runs, at which figure the last wicket fell (C. Olliff 8, A. Fairburn 15, A. Jones 32, A. Anthony 11, E. Sale 12 not out). The Parnell men batted one man short. Bowling for Grafton F. R. Mason took three wickets for 40 runs, and R. Neill six for 41. The Graftonites then open their second innings, and after making 62 runs (E. Horspool 17, F. R. Mason 43, Gray 2 not out) for the loss of two wickets they declared their innings closed, in the hope that they could put the Parnell batsmen out in the second innings before the call of time. The Parnell men, however, proved troublesome, and knocked up 120 runs for the loss of four wickets (E. V. Sale 51, H. D. Caro 8, H. Wright 12, A. Anthony 49 not out), R. Neill taking two wickets for 36 runs, Gray one for 26 and Gullett one for 23. Parnell thus won by six wickets—a three-point win.

Eden v. Ponsonby.—On the previous Saturday the Eden eleven had batted first, scoring 242 runs for the loss of nine wickets. On Saturday the Ponsonby men set to work in real earnest and compiled the substantial total of 291 runs for seven wickets (Snedden 16, Woods 35, Hemus 83, Robinson 80, Gavin 49). Bowling for Eden Cummings took four wickets for 87 runs. Ponsonby thus won by 49 runs, with three wickets to fall—a two-point win.

University v. North Shore.—The University men batted on the previous Saturday, their total amounting to 137 runs, while North Shore had 107 runs on the board at the end of the day's play, for the loss of four wickets. Continuing on Saturday the Shoremen brought their first innings to a close with a total of 170 runs (A. Hadden 9, A. Howden 45, Spence 63, T. Mather 11, Dacre 15, Ralfe 11 not out). Bowling for University Taylor took two wickets for 36 runs, Wallace one for 56, Fenwick six for 51 and Jacobsen one for 7. University then made a start with their second innings and after making 114 runs for the loss of four wickets (Graham 12, Jacobsen 52 not out, Speight 14 not out, Goulding 16) they declared their innings closed. North Shore opened their second innings with some good scoring and compiled 63 runs for the loss of three wickets (W. Spence 15, Ralfe 32 not out) before stumps were drawn. The match thus resulted in a win for North Shore by 33 runs on the first innings—a two-point win.

SECOND GRADE.

North Shore v. University.—North Shore, first innings, 221 runs; second innings, 57 runs for two wickets (Farquharson 32 not out, Woolley 14), Lawry taking one wicket for 10 runs, and Rennie one for 10. University, first innings 133 runs (Brown 13, McLean 18, Goulding 51, Ellis 15 not out). Bowling for North Shore McNeill took six wickets for 36 runs, Farquharson two for 32, and Walker one for 7. University, second innings, 84 runs for six wickets (Lawry 51 not out). For North Shore McNeill took three wickets for 18 runs and Farquharson two for 30. North Shore thus won by 88 runs on the first innings—a two-point win.

Eden A v. Parnell.—Eden A, first innings, 144 runs; second innings, 57 runs for six wickets (J. Braithwaite 10, A. Freeman 16, Taylor 16). Bowling for Parnell H. Warner took three wickets for 28 runs, R. Barnsdale one for 13, E. Foster one for 3, and W. J. Dinnison one for 4. Parnell, first innings, 199 runs (W. Andreae, 33, L. Breeze 21, J. Sale 13, D. Dufaur 38, E. Foster 32 not out, C. Resteaux 14, J. Airey 14). Parnell won by 55 runs on the first innings—a two-point win.

Ponsonby v. Grafton.—Ponsonby, first innings, 130 runs; second innings, 120 runs for four wickets. Graf-

ton, first innings, 179 runs (C. Harvey 31, D. Jack 17, H. J. Hill 57, J. O'Shea 45 not out). Bowling for Ponsonby Nesbitt took five wickets for 30 runs, Cossey three for 25 and Walker one for 28. Grafton won by 49 runs on the first innings—a two-point win.

Eden B v. Waitemata.—Eden B, first innings, 106 runs; second innings 121 runs for seven wickets (Bridges 15, Murray 58, I. Mills 25). Waitemata, first innings, 93 runs; second innings, 128 runs for eight wickets (R. Moller 11, J. Riddell 13, Mackay 29, C. Moller 14, Brown 21 not out, A. Riddell 21). Eden B won by 13 runs on the first innings—a two-point win.

THIRD GRADE.

Parnell v. Eden.—Parnell, first innings, 86 runs; second innings 79 runs (G. Sale 18, W. H. Sheffield 11, H. Turbott 17). For Eden Honeycombe took five wickets for 27 runs, Heighway one for 20, Horspool three for 13 and Gordon one for 5. Eden, first innings, 31 runs; second innings, 62 runs (Buckley 12, Johns 22 not out, Gordon 12). For Parnell H. Turbott took four wickets for 32 runs, G. Beresford three for 23. Parnell won by 72 runs—a three point win.

Ponsonby v. North Shore.—Ponsonby, first innings, 82 runs (Anderson 20, Snedden 26); second innings, 32 runs (Snedden 10). For North Shore in the first innings Grace took one wicket for 17 runs, Spence Walker six for 18 and Ashbury two for 8, while in the second innings S. Walker took six wickets for 10 runs, and Ashbury two for 15. North Shore, first innings, 93 runs (Philson 24, Blackwell 18, Grace 21, Walker 10, E. Moore 11); second innings 62 runs (Philson 13 not out, Kent 11, Grace 12). For Ponsonby Cantell took two wickets for 13 runs, McLeod two for 11, and Snedden five for 23. North Shore secured a three point win.

Waitemata v. Grafton.—Waitemata, first innings, 87 runs (Clow 14, Hurley 31, Smith 12); second innings 43 runs. Grafton first innings, 190 runs for six wickets (W. Horspool 53, Moore 45, Budd 45, Lepine 19 not out). Grafton won by an innings and 60 runs—a three-point win.

FOURTH GRADE.

Ponsonby v. Parnell.—Ponsonby, first innings, 15 runs; second innings, 149 runs (Delaney 17, Moore 22, Hobbs 58, Amodio 15). For Parnell C. Vinnimore took two wickets for 22 runs, J. Williams four for 31 and W. Barnes three for 34. Parnell, first innings, 142 runs; second innings 29 runs for three wickets (N. Pountney 10 not out). Parnell won by seven wickets—a three-point win.

AQUATICS.

WAITEMATA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB'S FIFTH CARNIVAL.

The Waitemata Swimming Club will hold their fifth carnival of the season at the Albert Street Baths on Tuesday evening March 22, when an attractive programme of events will come up for decision. In addition to the races it is intended to hold a medley swimming competition in which competitors have to swim 18 yards in five of the following styles:—breaststroke, trudgeon, single over-arm, sidestroke, backstroke, "crawl," style only to count. This novel competition will alone prove a big attraction to swimming enthusiasts.

The events to be decided during the evening are as follows:—100 Yards Handicap, 50 Yards Handicap, 50 Yards Novice Handicap, 50 Yards Boys' Handicap, (under 17), Boy Scouts Relay Championship (180yds, teams of five from each troop), 220 Yards Breaststroke Handicap, Y-Y Handicap.

During the evening, A. Atkinson, the New Zealand breaststroke champion, will make an attempt to lower the world's record for 220 yards.

ST. GEORGE'S CLUB'S TRIAL FOURS.

The St. George's club held a series of trial fours on Saturday for trophies presented by the club's late secretary, Mr. B. Rowsell. The course was from the Railway Wharf to the moorings of the yacht Viking. The results were:—

First Heat: O'Gorman's crew 1; T. Stone's crew 2; Harper's crew 3.
Second Heat: Donkin's crew 1; W. Smith's crew 2; C. E. Stone's crew 3. Won by four lengths.

Third Heat: Bach's crew defeated Alpe's crew by three-quarters of a length after an exciting race.

Final Heat: Donkin's crew won by a bare half-canvas. Also started O'Gorman's crew and Bach's crew. The winning crew were: R. Donkin (stroke), A. E. Spencer (3), H. Laird (2), S. Scott (bow).

AUCKLAND CLUB'S TRIAL FOURS.

The Auckland Rowing Club held trial fours on Saturday for trophies presented by Dr. Stewart Reid, commodore of the Club. The races were held from the club's house at the graving dock. The following were the results:—

First Heat: King's crew, defeated Bloomfield's crew by a length. Second Heat: Hornebrook's crew beat Barger's crew by half-a-canvas. Third Heat: Cannon's crew beat Swain's crew by a length; Farrow's crew was disabled by the breaking of the stroke-oar, and did not finish.

Final Heat: Cannon's crew, won by a length from King's crew; Hornebrook's boat was disabled about 100 yds. from the start by the breaking of a stretcher. The winning crew consisted of Cannon, Gentles, Crossley, and S. Reid.

NORTH SHORE CLUB'S TRIAL FOURS.

The North Shore Rowing Club held pair oar trials at the club-house on Saturday for trophies presented by Mr. H. O. Wiles, who acted as judge. The course was from the North Head to the club-house. The results were:—

First Heat: F. Bennett and H. Grubb, defeated M. Harrison and E. Bongard, by three-quarters of a length.

Second Heat: G. Seager and L. Fraser, defeated E. Bailey and E. McDonald by a length.

Third Heat: R. Spinley and O. Anderson, beat W. Wynyard and B. Johnson by half a length.

Fourth Heat: E. Gilmore and C. Wykes defeated W. Swinnerton and A. Patterson by three lengths.

First semi-final: G. Seagar and L. Fraser won from F. Bennett and H. Grubb by three lengths.

Second semi-final: R. Spinley and O. Anderson, defeated E. Gilmore and E. Wykes by three lengths.

Final: R. Spinley and O. Anderson with B. Goldwater (cox), defeated G. Seager and L. Fraser.

A swimming race was held by the Club for a trophy and was won by R. Harvey, with O. Anderson and L. Spinley tying for second place, and B. Goldwater third.

On Saturday next, the Club hold their "At Home" when races will be held for trophies presented by Mr. H. Schmidt and a challenge cup.

DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB.

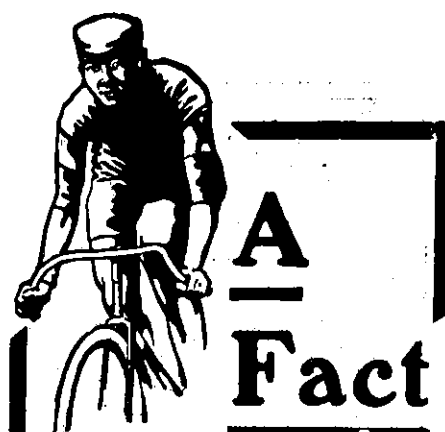
The Devonport Yacht Club held a general handicap race on Saturday afternoon for the Macky Cup over the club's harbour course. Eight yachts started, Ngatira being the first to cross the starting line followed by Waione and Victory. In the run down to the buoy off Brown's Island, the yachts had to contend with a light wind and a strong tide, but on the run home they were able to take full advantage of the wind. The race resulted as follows:—Ngatira (3m.) finishing time 5h. 55m. 55s, 1; Waione (3m.), 5h. 58m. 2s, 2; Kotiri (3m.), 5h. 58m. 40s, 3. Also started: Victory (scr.), Calypso (14m.), Sybil (16m.), Iris (21m.), Daisy (23m.).

The club also held a race for 14ft. and 10ft. dinghies (Waitemata Dinghy Club's restrictions), open to all comers, for points counting for trophies presented by Messrs. W. Bond and E. J. Fenn. The races were held over the usual harbour course, twice round for 14-footers and once for 10-footers. The finishing times were:—10-footers: Tounui, 4h. 13m. 55s., 1; Little Billy, 4h. 33m., 2. 14-footers: Olive, 5h. 3m. 40s., 1; Ikarere, 5h. 0m. 2. Also started: Ayesha (scr.), She, (10m.). She was not timed and Ayesha retired.

The annual regatta at Ngaruawahia takes place to-day, a large number of Auckland oarsmen being engaged in the various events.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

As predicted, Harry Jenkins, the crack Victorian amateur motor cyclist, gave the motor cyclists of the Mother State a taste of his quality at the N.S.W. Motor Cycle Club's Annual Championship meeting, held in Sydney last week. Jenkins started in four events, won three, and would have captured the fourth only for the belt of his machine breaking, when he had the event at his mercy. The principal race, won by Jenkins, was the Amateur Motor Cycle Championship of Australia, run over a distance of two miles, and won by nearly half a lap. J. E. Yee (on a similar machine to Jenkin's 3½ h.p. Triumph) ran second. In a subsequent match, New South Wales v. Victoria, Jenkins played with Yee and then romped home an easy winner in the last lap. No very fast times were recorded, the best being Jenkin's 2min. 30 4-5sec. for 2 miles in his championship heat from a standing start. At the same meeting, Percy Mutton, the crack amateur N.S.W. track rider, made an effort to reduce A Smyth's mile-paced record of 1min. 32 3-5sec. Mutton, who trailed his pace badly, could not do better than 1min. 36 1-5sec.



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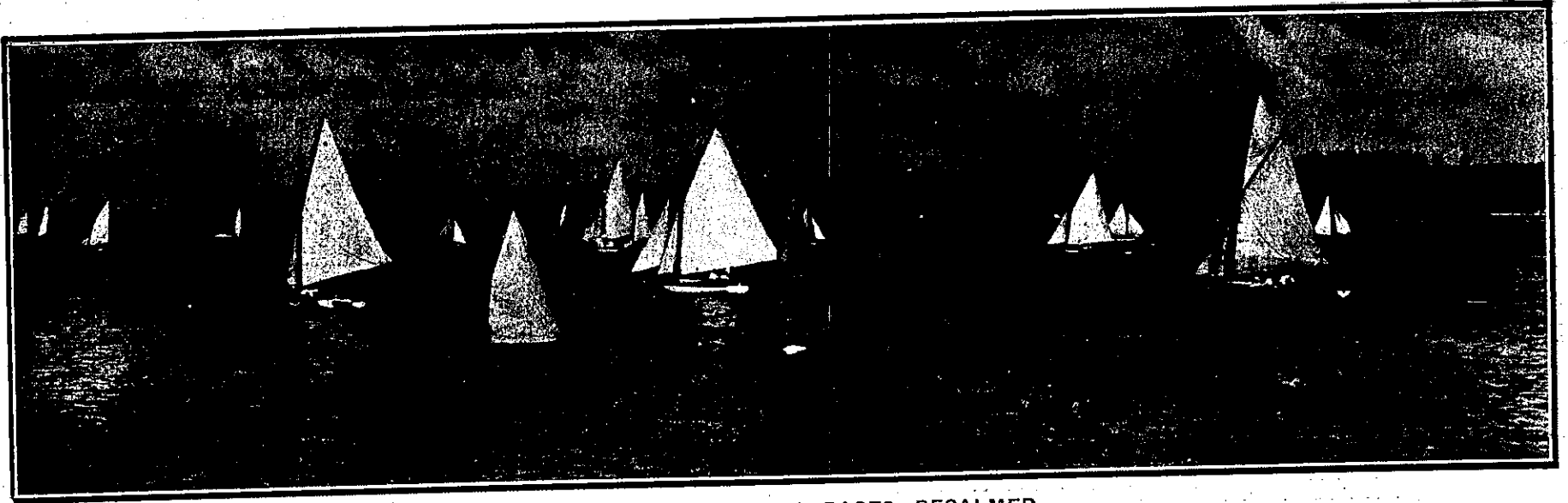


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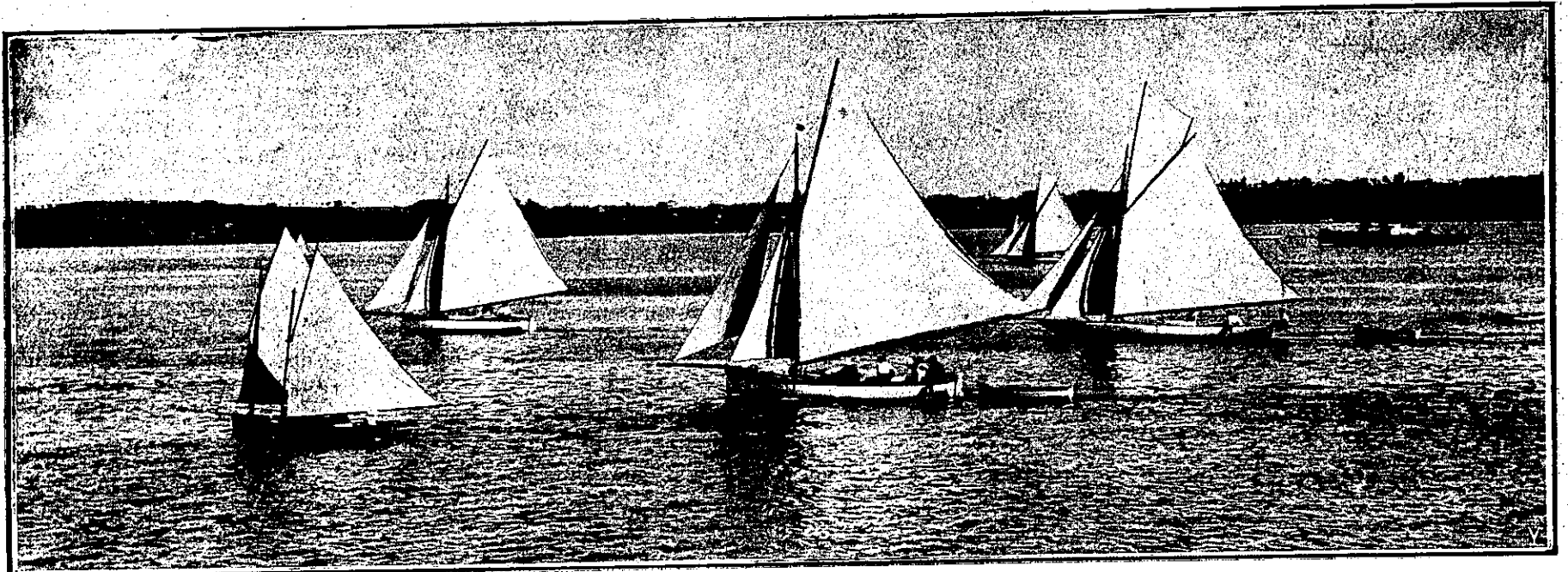
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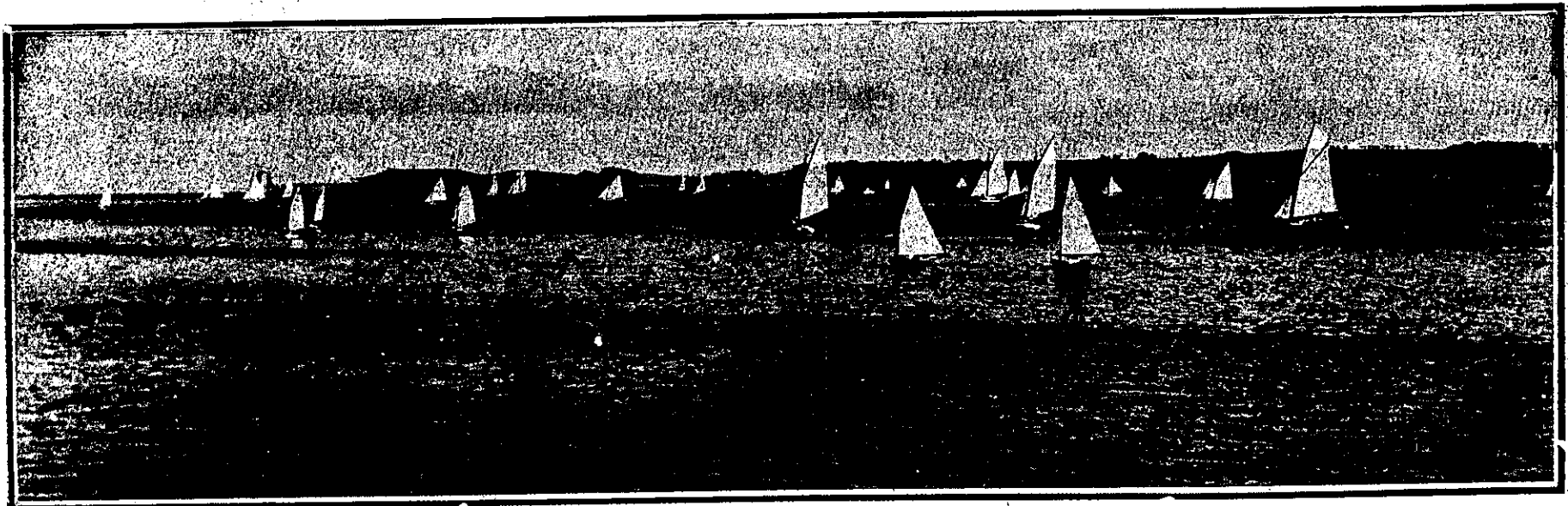
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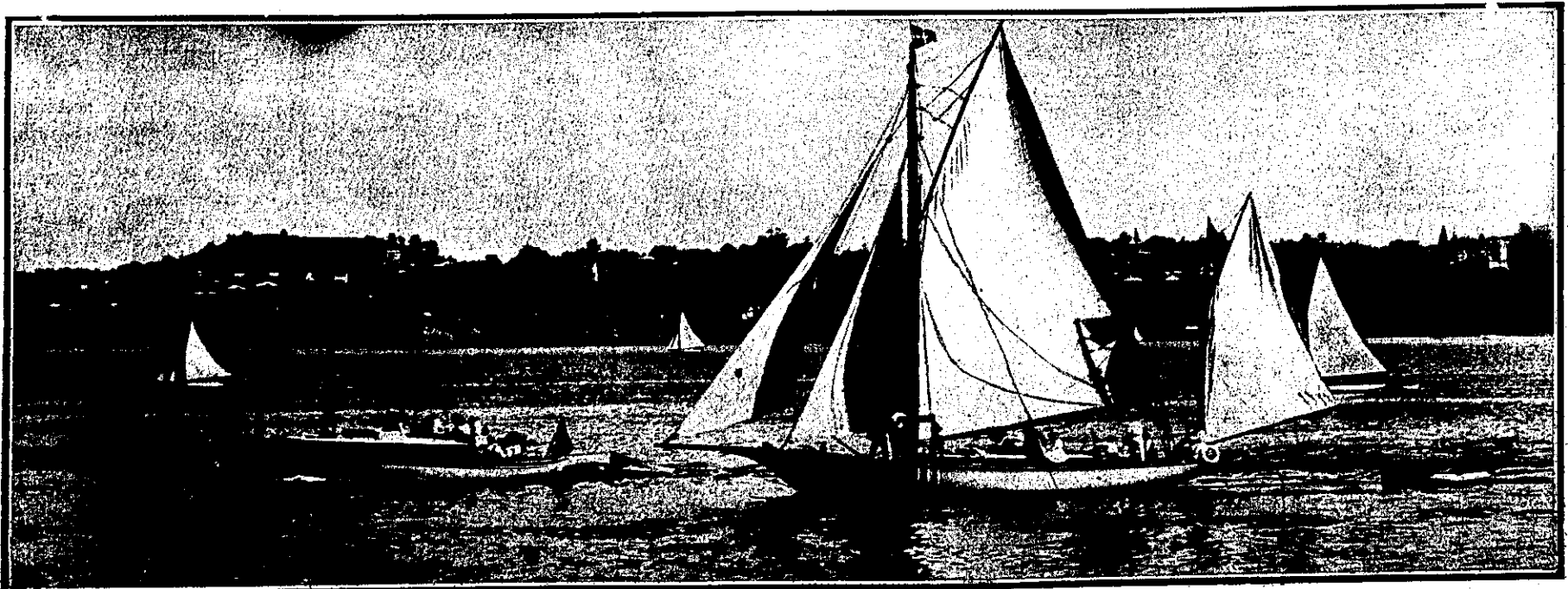
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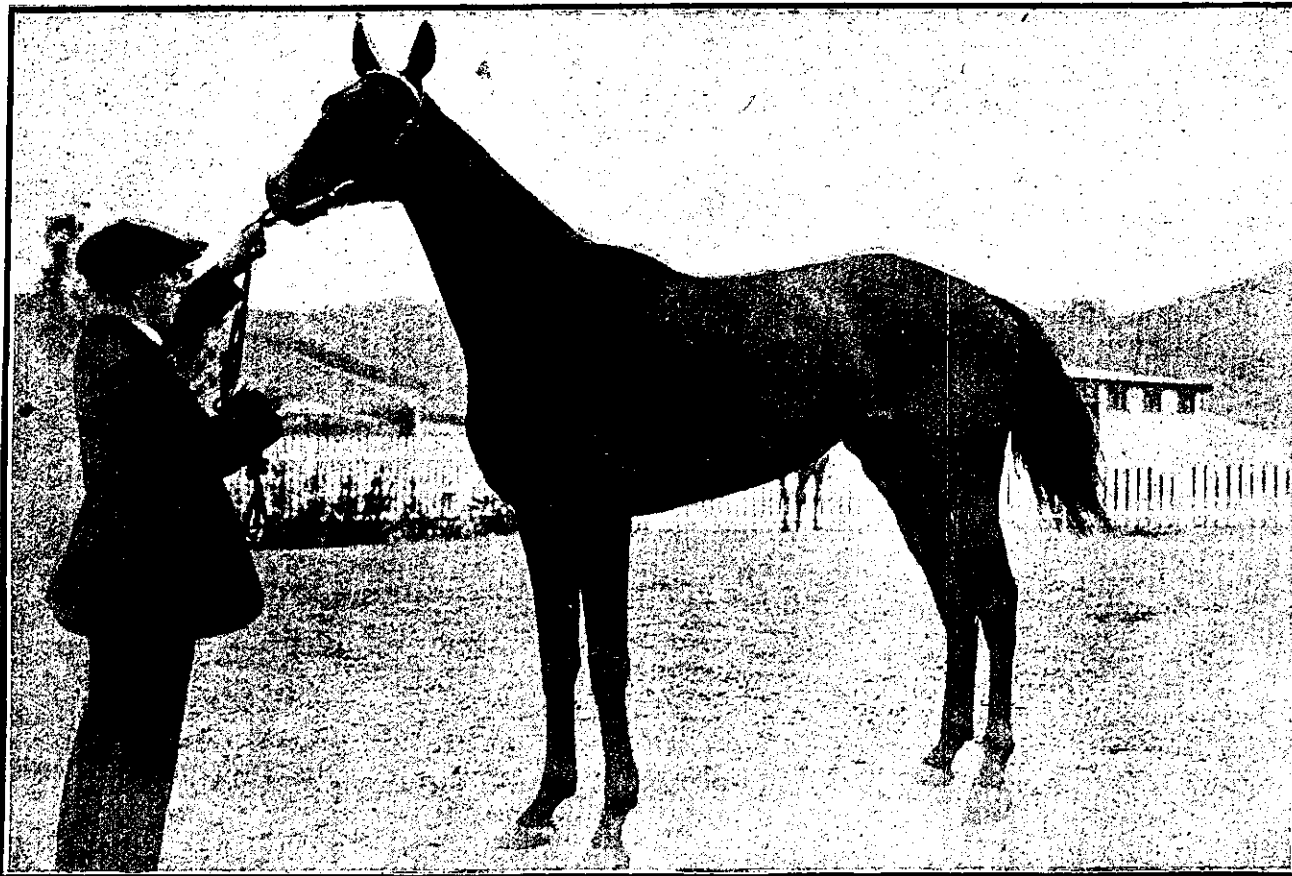
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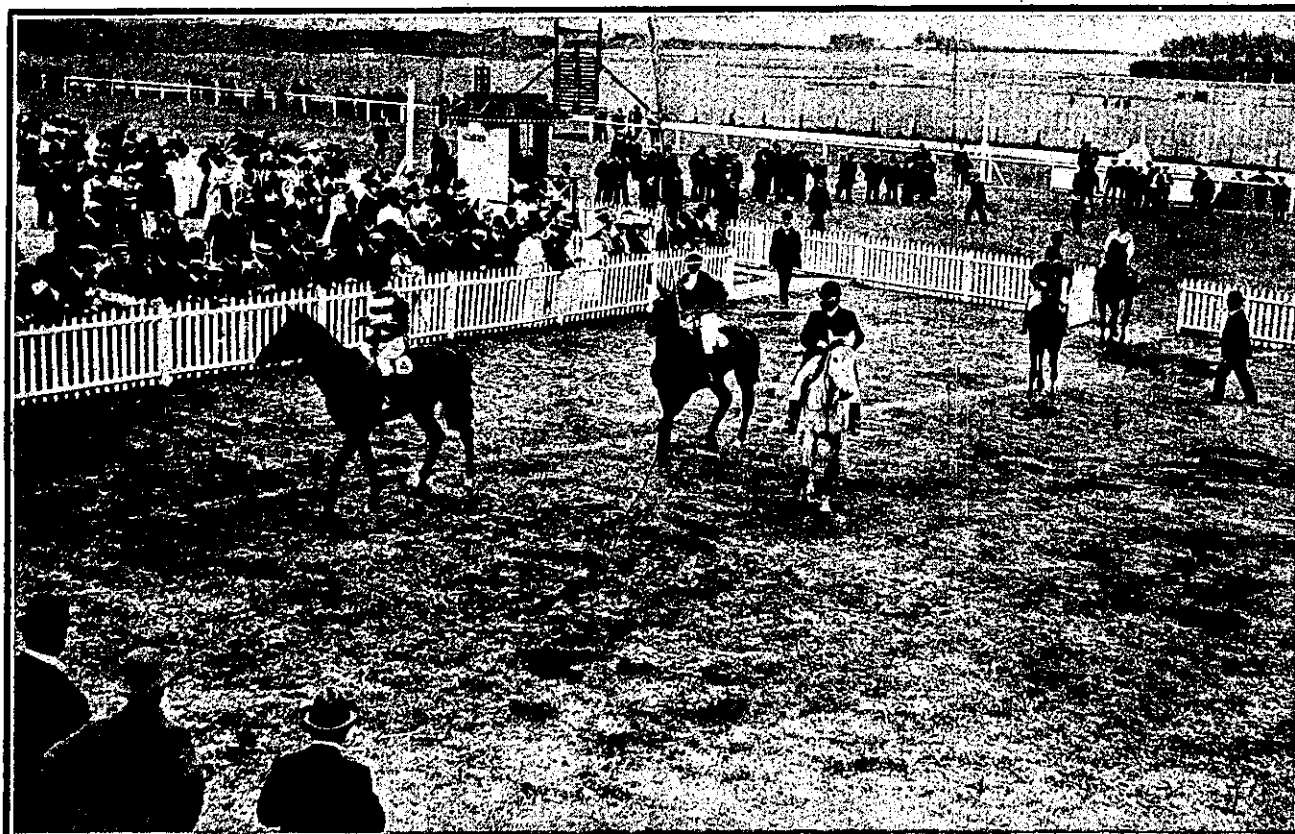
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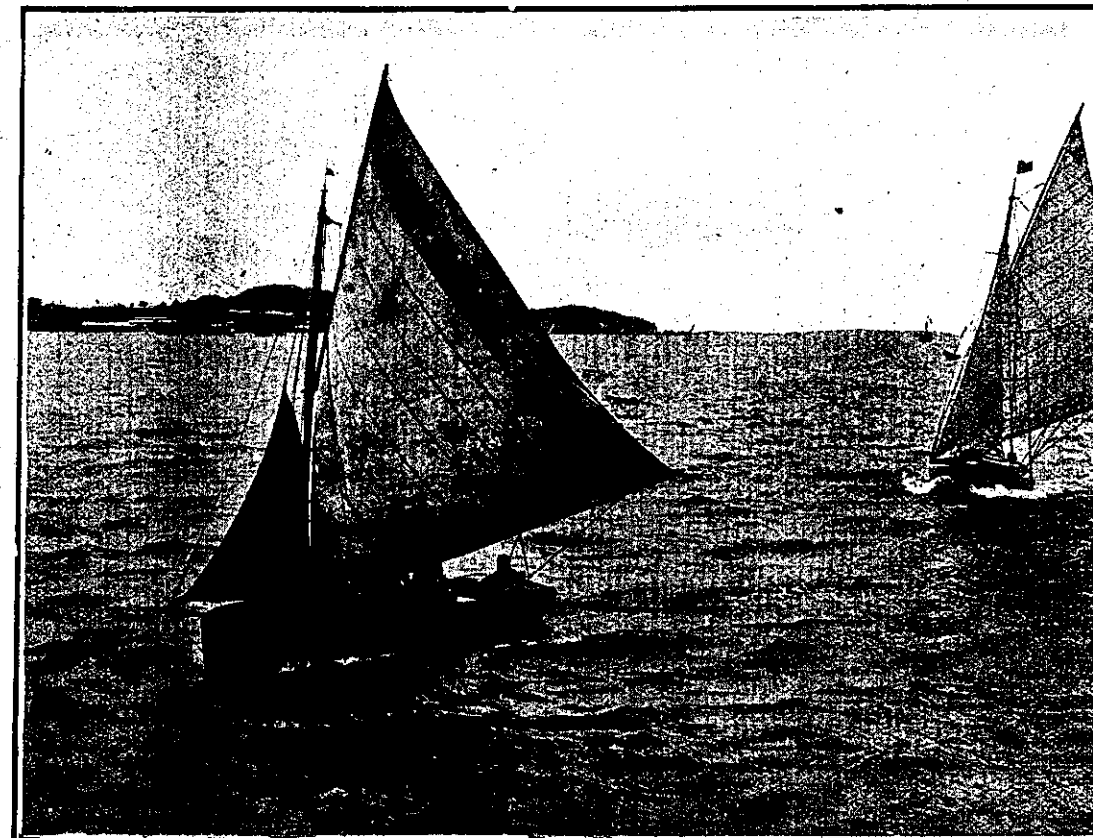
Mr. G. M. Evans' b g OIYOI, 5yrs, by Stepmiak—Hermosa, winner of the Dunedin Cup (1½ miles), in record time for the course—2min 35sec. OIYOI is second top-weight in the Christ church Autumn Handicap.



Mr. R. O'Donnell's c f FORMLESS, by Multiform—Dreamer, winner of the Champagne Stakes the Dunedin J.C. Meeting.



Formless (W. Holmes up) returning to scale after winning the Dunedin Champagne Stakes. The second horse is Sir Geo. Clifford's Counterpane.



A YACHT RACE ON THE AUCKLAND HARBOUR.

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HIS MAJESTY'S.

MR. HARRY RICKARDS' TIVOLI VAUDEVILLE COMPANY.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF NEW ARTISTS.

There is always something good about the vaudeville shows associated with the name of Mr. Harry Rickards, and the new company which has been touring the Dominion under the management of Mr. Allan Hamilton, with our old friend Mr. M. Marcus as touring manager, if not equal to the best of the shows we have had, fully maintains the high-class reputation of the Tivoli companies.

The opening of the Auckland season, on Monday night, drew a big crowd to His Majesty's, and the enthusiastic reception accorded to the new artists showed unmistakably the public appreciation of the novelties introduced. Although Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fitzsimmons (the former the ex-champion heavyweight boxer of the world) were billed as one of the principal attractions of the show, pride of place must be given to Mr. Franco Piper, "the Paderewski of the Banjo," whose unique performances border on the marvellous and demonstrate to what a pitch of perfection banjo playing can be brought. He opens with a dashing interpretation of a march tune, in which all sorts of unexpected effects are produced, playing the instrument as we imagine few others could possibly do. He follows this up with a most astonishing performance, spinning a banjo from one end of the stage to the other, and playing clearly and distinctly a very musical air all through the performance. A second banjo is then introduced, and the two are spun together along the floor, both being played during the process. Two, three and then four banjos are introduced and played together while they are tossed, juggled and swung in the air and finally half a dozen banjos are set spinning in the centre of the stage, connected music being produced from the six all through the performance. A perfect storm of applause greeted each successive feat, and in response to an undeniable encore, Mr. Piper showed his musicianly power by the performance on a fine toned banjo of "The Pilgrim's March," from Tannhauser. The entire performance was an artistic triumph, and well merited the enthusiasm it provoked. More graceful artists than the three sisters Trapnell, described as Europe's leading lady acrobats and tumblers, one can hardly wish to see. They go through a series of the most astonishing feats, exhibiting wonderful dexterity and muscular power, and a grace of movement that is very charming. They are very clever tumblers, and in acrobatic skill are probably unequalled by any performers yet seen in this country. They are assisted by their brother George, who imparts a comedy element that makes the turn the more acceptable with the crowd. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimmons present a clever little playlet, which enables the ex-champion to recite in quiet convincing fashion the story of how he came to launch out on his career as a boxer. The ex-champion winds up the story by giving a capital exhibition of ball-punching. His wife, Miss Julia Gil-

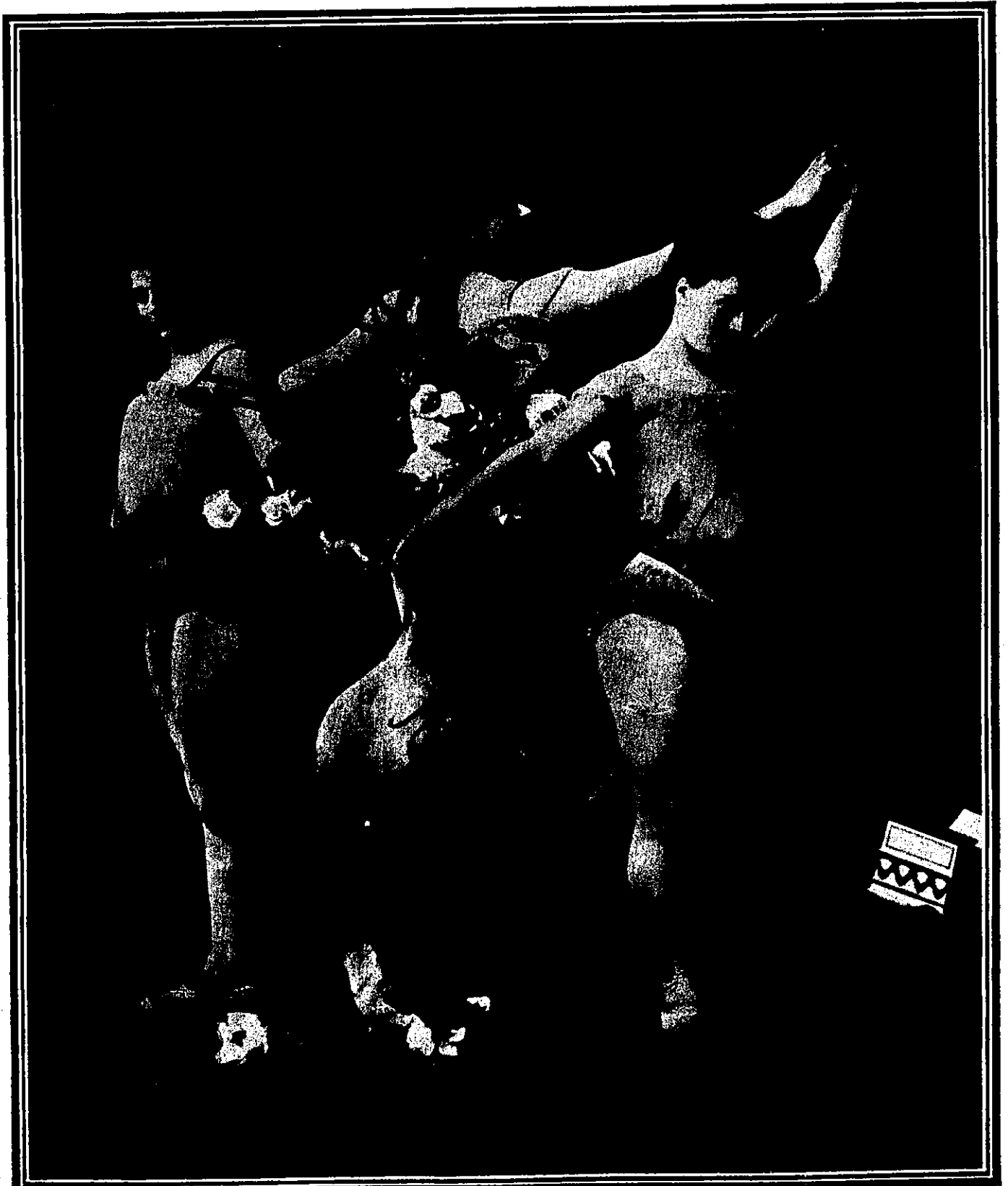
ford, is a vocalist of considerable pretensions and surprised and delighted every one with her beautiful soprano voice. She sings very pleasingly, has a delightful manner, and a rich clear enunciation that makes the operatic airs she sings particularly acceptable. She was encored again and again. The Wheelers (comedy cyclists) who established such a great reputation on their former visit to Auckland, are members of this company also. Their eccentricities and skilful performances are amply appreciated, the climax being reached when they hoop the loop. Messrs. Vaude and Verne are patter comedians of a very whimsical school. They met with decided encouragement, and give a very humorous turn. Mr. Fred Fucett, character vocalist and comedian, introduces a number of new songs in which he is decidedly entertaining. Bioscope pictures of the famous Fitzsimmons-Lang contest, that took place at the Sydney Stadium last Boxing Day, bring a very pleasant evening's entertainment to a close. The company close their season at His Majesty's on Saturday evening.

THE OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S WORLD-WIDE PICTURES

The high standard of excellence attained by the pictures shown nightly at the Opera House by Messrs. Fuller is being kept up by the enterprising management, and this week sees an entirely new programme of pictorial gems. The fine dramatic film "Was Justice Served" is received with great enthusiasm by the audience, this powerful story of fate's cruel trick and finally the release of the innocent prisoner appealing strongly to all those who witness this splendid picture. A convict after leaving gaol determines to lead a good life and returns to his wife and child, who with his mother-in-law have greatly missed him in the desolate home. One day, however, meeting two prominent citizens in a lonely village, one of whom he bumps into he enquires of them the residence of a certain person and is told where the said person lives. Shortly after he has left the two citizens, one of them unconsciously drops his purse

lined with notes, which, in the course of events, is picked up by a by-stander after the pair have moved away. On finding that his purse is gone he believes he has been robbed and immediately suspects the ex-convict. In the meantime the finder of the purse has taken the notes out of the purse transferred them to his pocket and thrown the empty purse away. By the hand of fate it happens that the ex-convict discovers the purse and is in the act of examining it when the police arrive upon the scene and place him under arrest. Then follows a great trial scene of a very original character. It so happens that the man who has really emptied the purse of its contents is amongst those on the jury. The purse being produced in court he immediately recognises it, and the unhappy condition of the prisoner's wife and child arouse the manly side of his character. On the jury retiring he is the only one of them that disagree with the verdict of "Guilty," and all attempts to make him fall in with the verdict utterly fail. He is at last forced to tell his fellow jurymen that he committed the



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act that the prisoner is charged of and replaces the stolen notes. The jury-men admire him for the stand he has taken and before filing out to give the verdict of "Not Guilty" pledge themselves to say nothing of what they have learned in the inner chamber. The verdict comes as a surprise to many, but the prisoner's acquittal is received with tears of joy by his wife and child. "The French Cork Industry," and "Breeding Poultry" are two highly educative films and are watched with the greatest interest. An amusing film is that entitled "The Kingdom of Lilliput," in which the characters are enacted by quaint mid-gets. A picturesque film is shown of "Around Bettws Y. Coed" the scenery being of rare beauty. An exceedingly fine picture is shown entitled "Fior-ella, the Bandit's Daughter," being a pathetic story of love and passion. A sensational film is that of "In the Window Recess," the ending being of a very exciting character. One of the most enjoyable films presented is that of "Bear Hunting in the Arctic," the shooting and dragging aboard ship of a grand specimen of polar bear being decidedly interesting. "The Devil Woman" is a picture of great dramatic interest, depicting the power a villainess has over a man whose father's fortune she wishes him to obtain by foul methods. Of the humorous pictures "Mrs. Clarke's Birthday," and "Calinos' Fire Extinguishers" are first-rate laughter producers and keep the audience in the merriest of moods. Mr. E. J. Burke's orchestra renders the usual enjoyable accompaniment during the entertainment.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

"THE GIRL FROM TENNESSEE."

The Phil Walsh Dramatic Company continues to do good business at the Tivoli, which is becoming increasingly popular amongst the better class of theatregoers as a result of their stay. "The Girl from Tennessee," presented for the first time in Auckland on Thursday night last, is a mining drama of considerable merit, produced under the personal direction of its author (Mr. Phil Walsh). The plot centres around the fortunes of Tennessee Kent (Miss Eva Marius-Paigne), whose father, an unsuccessful miner, was killed some years prior to the opening of the story the drama develops, by a fall of earth in the claim in which he was working. His partner, Caleb Swan (Mr. Stuart McRae), continues to remit money to Tennessee, as from her father, of whose death he says nothing, but finding mining so unremunerative he has turned gambler, and it is from his winnings at the faro table that the girl is kept supplied with funds. The play opens at Red Dog, a Nevada county, with the scene in which Geewhittaker Hay (Mr. Phil Walsh), Bud Ryan (Mr. George Gardner), a miner, and Sheriff Barlow (Mr. W. Hayes) are discussing the movements of Caleb Swan's latest partner, Asa Bice (Mr. Donald Logan), who has gone to Sacramento to get married. Owing to Caleb's handiness with his gun, neither of the trio is anxious to question him as to his knowledge of his partner's movements although all are consumed with curiosity on the point, and a good deal of humorous by-play is introduced, while they await the arrival of the coach from Sacramento. When it does come it unexpectedly has on board Tennessee Kent, who has come to the conclusion that it was high time she saw something of her father. She is introduced to Mrs. Geewhittaker Hay (Miss Eleanor Wade), the only other woman in the camp, who gives her a very cool reception, and advises her to go back to Sacramento. It is sometime before the distressed girl understands that her father is dead, and that it is Caleb Swan, the gambler, that she has been indebted for the income she has enjoyed. Caleb explains, however, that the money is legitimately hers, and hands her 10,000 dollars, which he declares is due to her as her father's share in the mining claim. Asa Bice and his wife Kate Romaine (Miss Fanny M. Paigne), with the latter's brother Tom Romaine (Mr. Percy Mitchell), are now introduced as new arrivals from Sacramento, and more exciting scenes are engendered by the villainy of Tom Romaine, who is practically blackmailing his sister on account of her shady past. He demands that she shall obtain a large sum of money for him, which she declares is impossible for her to raise, and is looking around when he discovers a bag of gold, which he is about to appropriate when Tennessee, who has by this time made herself at home with Mrs. Geewhittaker Hay, appears

on the scene, and he temporarily relinquishes his booty. In "cleaning up" Tennessee comes across the gold and hides it in the sewing machine, placing the bag of counters in the cupboard where the gold has been. Romaine later on returns and appropriates what he believes to be the gold, and is captured by the miners, but gets away to plot further villainies in conjunction with a certain Dr. Kelly (Mr. A. Sully), the principal of a lunatic asylum, situated away in the hills. A clever little love scene is introduced into the play during the second act, Bud Ryan, Sheriff Barlow and Caleb Swan in turn proposing for the hand of Tennessee Kent, and laying their fortunes at her feet. She rejects the two former, but accepts the latter. The situations become more exciting as they develop. Caleb is practically ruined by the loss of his gold, Tennessee is carried off and held a prisoner at the lunatic asylum pending her signature to the transfer of her father's claim, which is now understood to be extremely valuable, Asa Bice, treacherously led to believe that his wife who has disappeared, has fled with Caleb Swan, is in pursuit of the latter, and Caleb is searching around for his betrothed. While all this is happening Tennessee is held in durance vile at the lunatic asylum, where she is very roughly treated by the doctor, and Kate Romaine and her brother, making it their headquarters, the former takes pity on Tennessee and is preparing to help her to escape when she is shot by her own brother, Geewhittaker Hay, who is also held as a prisoner by the doctor, manages, with the connivance of Caleb Swan, disguised as the warder's substitute, to lock the doctor in one of his own cells, and to cleverly turn the tables on the conspirators. In the final act matters are, of course, cleared up to the satisfaction of everybody, and Caleb and Tennessee are happily married, while the villains meet with their deserts.

The play was, considering the smallness of the stage, admirably mounted, the scenery being particularly good, and the acting, generally speaking, very spirited.

This week the company is entertaining theatregoers with Dion Boucicault's Irish comedy-drama, "Conn the Shaughraun." The piece is so well-known that to describe it again would only be superfluous. In the title role Mr. Walsh, of course, is the mainstay of the piece, and a good deal of the success earned is due to him. His conception of an Irish lad with a "devil-may-care" kind of air at once appeals to the audience, who were not slow to show their appreciation. Miss Eva Paigne was responsible for some good work as Claire Ffolliott, and though her part was by no means an easy one, she was a success. Miss Fanny Paigne, as Moya Dolan, did not have a great deal to do, but all she was allotted was accomplished in her usual style and she is now a firm favourite at the Tivoli. The role of Corry Kinchella fell to Mr. W. Moylan, who though he gave satisfaction, was hardly sympathetic enough. As Robert Ffolliott, Mr. Percy Mitchell has plenty to do and did it well, leaving very little room for criticism. Mr. Stuart McRae was a satisfactory Captain Molineaux, and the other characters were: Arte O'Neal, Miss Eleanor Wade; Mrs. O'Kelly, Miss Claire Desmond; Nancy Malone, Miss Jean Inglis; Father Dolan, Mr. Donald Logan; Marvey Duff, Mr. James McKenna; and Mangan and Doyle (two smugglers) Messrs. W. Hayes and George Gardner. A feature of the piece is Miss Paigne's excellent rendering of "The Wearin' o' the Green." "Conn the Shaughraun" will be produced every evening during the present week and then the company will introduce "Perplexity."

ROYAL ALBERT HALL.

PATHE PICTURES

The Royal Albert Hall still continues to attract large audiences nightly with the excellent pictorial programme provided by Mr. H. Hayward. On Wednesday evening another fresh budget of pictures was presented, and for all round excellence the new programme would take a deal of beating anywhere. A strong feature is the part played by dramatic films, and in "The Woman who Didn't" the management have secured a picture which may be classed with the best yet shown in Auckland. Besides the one mentioned other dramatic pictures on the present bill of fare include "Sealed Instructions," "The Poem of Life," and "The Unspoken Good-bye," every one of which is well worth seeing. A beautiful and interesting scenic film is "Aix le Thermes." The humorous

portion of the programme is particularly strong, containing as it does "Wouldn't it Tire You," "A Stick Proposition," and the "Uncomfortable Motor Cycle," the latter especially being responsible for considerable laughter. An industrial picture entitled, "The Burmese Milk Supply," besides being interesting is also educating. Taken all round the present programme is one hard to find fault with, and those who favour this form of entertainment should not miss paying the Royal Albert a visit. On Wednesday next an entirely new budget of pictures will be presented.

FEDERAL HALL.

EMPIRE VAUDEVILLE COMPANY.

Saturday night saw the advent of the New Empire Vaudeville Company at the Federal Hall, Wellesley-street, when the public were introduced to Messrs. Dunn and Smith's complement of vaudeville artists. The management must have been gratified by the attendance, which was very encouraging. The company includes amongst others, James T. Williams, descriptive vocalist, who was received with great enthusiasm; Over, who gives an entrancing musical specialty act "The Two Low'd Fiddle," "The One-string'd Violin," and the xylophone, and who was treated to uproarious applause, and recalled; Bert Madigan, styled "The Champion American Cake-walker," Miss Milbrowe Prescott, a gifted young English soprano.

Prince Olrac, described as the world's greatest fire king and human volcano (assisted by Miss Edith Carlo—the queen of the smokers), greatly amused and startled the audience with his fire-eating exploits. The singing of a song entitled "The Fire King" with a lighted cigar concealed in the mouth, and which was again brought to the lips and "puffed at" at the end of the song, brought forth prolonged and enthusiastic applause, the "turn" proving a particularly interesting one. Mr. Neville Blackmore (baritone) sang "Dear Little Girl" with much acceptance, and Mr. Edward Headlam, the English society entertainer, with his mimicry of various singers and players, also scored. Archie Vincent, comedian and vocalist was enthusiastically received, his rendering of "One of the Boys" being greatly appreciated. Pat Reece, patter comedian, with his funny experiences and songs was also well received, the evening's performance concluding with the laughable comedy sketch entitled "Bifton's Burglar," in which Mr. Bert Madigan, Mr. Edward Headlam and Mr. Chas. Prentice took part. Miss Ivy Akerstein, as the accompanist, gives every satisfaction.

MISS EVA MARIUS-PAIGNE.

(See Frontispiece).

Miss Marius-Paigne, leading lady with the Phil Walsh Dramatic Company, is a Victorian, and comes on her father's side of theatrical stock. Mr. Alexander Paigne was an associate of Messieurs Coquelin, Bernadotte, Chevin, and others of that brilliant coterie which made the Comedie Francaise the centre of all that was great in the production of high-class drama. Miss Marius-Paigne since early childhood was destined for the theatrical profession. In the intricacies of her art she had the tuition of her gifted father, studying under his guidance Madame Bernhardt's most famous parts, both in French and English. At a very early age she showed such aptitude for her adopted profession that she was chosen from many others to appear in support of Miss Nance O'Neil in the great production of "Marie Antoinette." This was on the occasion of Miss O'Neil's last visit to Australia. Since then Miss Marius-Paigne has been with Mr. Williamson's organisations until joining Mr. Andrew Mack, and on his return to America Miss Paigne accepted her present position with Mr. Walsh, and has played many and various parts under his direction. Her greatest successes have been in emotional drama, Camille, Lady Isabella, Leah, Esther. These and about 20 or 30 other leading parts in two years have comprised Miss Marius-Paigne's experience, so it will be readily granted that she is a worker. She is a versatile and clever lady, with a delightful personality, and should in time to come achieve further and greater distinction in the profession. Miss Marius-Paigne has played a wide range of parts during her present engagement at the Tivoli, and is a warm favourite with the patrons who nightly throng that pretty playhouse. This week "Conn" is being presented, Mr. Walsh in the name part and Miss Marius-Paigne as Claire.

Greenroom Gossip.

MR. GEO. MARLOW'S ENTERPRISES.

Mr. Stanley Grant, general manager of Mr. George Marlow's enterprises, arrived by the Mahenc from Sydney on Sunday to supervise the arrangements in connection with the forthcoming season of the "Married to the Wrong Man" company at His Majesty's.

BESSES O' TH' BARN.

Mr. Kerry, junr., the phenomenal euphonium soloist accompanying the Besses o' th' Barn Band, made an immense impression during the band's recent appearance in Christchurch. The "Christchurch Press" thus refers to his performance: "Mr. Kerry's euphonium solo revealed possibilities of the instrument which, up to now in solos, have only been vaguely hinted at. The brilliant variations and cadenzas were played with a facility and clearness of tone that were something to be wondered at. Runs, extending from the upper to the lower notes, were given with as much ease and clarity of tone as a simple melody, and Mr. Kerry's performance stamped him as a soloist of the very highest rank."

MISS MADGE TITHERADGE.

A London cable dated March 9th announces the marriage of Miss Madge Titheradge, daughter of Mr. G. S. Titheradge, the well-known actor, to Mr. Charles Quartermaine, a London actor. Mr. Charles Quartermaine, who is 32 years of age, played from 1896 to 1901 with F. R. Benson's Shaksperian company. Leaving Mr. Benson, he appeared with Beerbohm Tree as Sebastian in "Twelfth Night" and as Siender in "The Merry Wives of Windsor." He accompanied Sir Chas. Wyndham to America in 1904, and toured the States with Olga Nethersole in 1905-6, since which time he has had London engagements. Miss Madge Titheradge made her first appearance at the Garrick Theatre in 1902 as the second baby in "The Water Babies," and has since played continuously in London and the provinces.

MELODRAMATIC SUCCESS.

In connection with the forthcoming visit of the George Marlow Dramatic Company, it is interesting to note their success in Brisbane. The Sydney "Referee" says:—"One of the most remarkable sights for some time was witnessed on Saturday evening on the occasion of the opening of the season of the George Marlow Dramatic Company. The reports that had preceded the company of the opening production, "Married to the Wrong Man," prepared the people of Brisbane for something unusually good in the melodrama line, and, judging by the enthusiasm of the packed house, they were not disappointed. Early in the afternoon people commenced to sit on the gallery stairs and stall entrances, and the doors were opened shortly after 6 o'clock, and a little after 7 o'clock the house was filled, only some of the reserved seats being vacant. No late door tickets were sold for any part of the house."

"THE WEDDING RING."

One of the trump cards presented by Mr. George Marlow's Dramatic Company is "The Wedding Ring," a sensational drama by Mr. B. Landeck. "The scenic effects and dressing of the piece were gorgeous," says the Brisbane "Daily Mail" in a eulogistic notice, "and the scene depicting the wreck of the London express was very realistic, being without a doubt one of the best stage effects seen in Brisbane for some time."

"PETER PAN."

At last New Zealand playgoers are to have the desire of their hearts gratified and at Easter time Barrie's delightful play "Peter Pan" will begin a short tour of the Dominion, opening in Wellington on Easter Saturday. Mr. J. C. Williamson has taken especial trouble over the arrangement of the cast and after carefully considering the claims and abilities of several of his young artists, finally selected that very clever girl, Lizette Parkes, for the part of Peter, "the boy who wouldn't grow up." Miss Parkes has done brilliant work and she will have a rare opportunity as Peter. Then there will be Mr. Thomas Kingston to play the roles of Hook and Darling, and that talented actor should give a very fine rendering of the dual part. In other respects the cast will be akin to that of the original production and there is every promise of full justice being done to the dainty and exquisite fairy play. Mr. Harold Ashton, who returned a few weeks ago

from his successful tour through America on the firm's behalf, will have charge of the Company.

A POPULAR SONGSTRESS.

Miss Amy Castles, who has just returned from a triumphant tour of Western Australia, speaks in gratified terms of the hospitality shown to her in the Western State. Everywhere she appeared she was the honoured guest at some fete or other, and, in fact, passed through a round of festivities that will ever remain a delightful recollection. Not only was she publicly welcomed at all the cities that she visited, but was invited to numerous motor trips and drives by representative people; attended a series of garden parties, dinners, and other semi-private functions; and in one case was serenaded at her hotel by a large town band. Moreover, she was just as successful and popular in a professional way as she undoubtedly was in a social sense. Each one of her concerts was attended by enormous crowds, and hundreds were unable to obtain admission. In Perth, for instance, numbers were always turned away from Her Majesty's Theatre, where the young songstress gave four brilliant recitals.

KITCHENER AND "THE COUNTRY GIRL."

During his brief stay in Christchurch, New Zealand, Lord Kitchenier was a visitor to the theatre there to see a performance of "The Country Girl," by the new Comic Opera Company. He had, as usual, a rush and scurry visit to that town and after a rather late arrival had to undergo a civic reception and one or two other functions before he could go to the theatre. However, he arrived there at last and the company stopped the performance and massed together on the stage to welcome him. At the close of the performance he thanked Mr. Stewart and asked him to convey his thanks to the company and tell them how much he had enjoyed their performance, with whose work he was most delighted.

A LESSON IN ENGLISH.

The leading members of J. C. Williamson's Grand Opera Company, who were passengers by the "Koenigin Luise," arrived in Sydney last week, looking as if their sea trip had thoroughly agreed with them (says my Sydney correspondent). The only fly in the ointment during their passage out here seems to have been the fact that they were debarred from speaking their native language, for Mario

Hazon, in his determination to make them perfectly familiar with the English tongue ere their opening in Australia, had decreed that they should be fined a shilling every time they reverted to their mother tongue as a medium for expressing their thoughts. Signor Hazon was delighted to welcome them in Sydney and set them to work at once. The Melbourne portion of the chorus had already arrived in Sydney and from now on the complete company will be hard at work until the opening of "Madame Butterfly," on Easter Saturday.

CALVE PHONOGRAPHED.

Madame Emma Calve, the illustrious soprano who will be appearing in Australia in a few week's time, has been at length induced to bequeath to posterity phonographic records of her marvellous voice. Speaking recently to an interviewer from "Le Gil Blas" (Paris), she mentioned that two records of her voice had been carefully taken, and are to be preserved for the benefit of future generations. One record has been solemnly interred at Rodez in her native Aveyron, and is not to be exhumed for fifty years. The other, into which she sung with Litvinne, Caruso, and several others, has been buried in the vaults of the Opera House, Paris, and is to remain undisturbed for another century. Calve, by the way, has also arranged with the great inventor, Thomas Edison, to construct an instrument on the lines of the cinephone, which was recently exhibited by Messrs. J. and N. Tait at the Glaciarium, Melbourne. This instrument, when completed, is to enable people both to see and hear the famous diva in her world-renowned portrayal of Bizet's "Carmen."

AN ARTIST OF THE FIRST RANK.

Evidently Madame Emma Calve still retains her old fascinating ascendancy over the press and public of the world's greatest city. Recently she made a welcome reappearance in London, and was received with not a whit less of the fervor which greeted her first introduction to London in 1892. The press was exceedingly eulogistic, particularly "The Morning Post" which declared: "Whatever be the medium she selects, it never fails to establish the fact that Madame Calve is an artist of the first rank. The vitality with which she invested many of the songs of small ambition she placed on her programme served to show how great are her artistic capabilities." Not less flattering was "The Daily Telegraph" which remark-

ed: "Her art remains as ever most beautiful, and the voice, too, retains its singular purity and sympathy of timbre." "The Daily Chronicle" among many others, added its testimony in the following graceful terms: "Her voice is as sweet as it was when she electrified the patrons of opera at Covent Garden." It is worth nothing that Calve made her London debut about five years after Melba and five years is about the difference in the ages of these respective stars, Calve being the younger.

MELBA'S AMERICAN TOUR.

Mme. Melba will begin an extensive American concert tour in August, (says the London Stage). The opening concert will be given either in Halifax or Montreal. The tour will occupy about four months, and will comprise from fifty to sixty concerts. Mme. Melba will commence her 21st season at Covent Garden in May. The forthcoming concert tour will be under the sole direction of Frederick Shipman.

MR. KENNETH HUNTER.

The soldier's uniform sits well on Mr. Kenneth Hunter, who is at present playing juvenile lead in Mr. Geo. Marlow's Dramatic Company at the Palace Theatre, for he served in the South African War. He is an Englishman by birth, and, on the outbreak of hostilities, with a craving for adventure, he proceeded to the Cape, and there enlisted with De Lisle's column. He saw service throughout the campaign. Then he joined the theatrical firm of Sass and Nelson in South Africa, and played in costume-drama, drama, and comedy roles, principally in juvenile parts. Among the more prominent pieces were "The Second in Command," "Lord and Lady Algy," and "Mice and Men." Then Mr. Edward Branscombe secured him, and he came to Australia about four and a half years ago with this entrepreneur's Comedy Operetta Company headed by Mr. Haviland Colard. After a comparatively short tour with this organisation he joined Miss Lilian Meyer's Dramatic Company, playing lead in all her melodrama pieces for over two years. With this lady he toured the whole of the Commonwealth—backblocks and cities. About 20 months ago he became associated with Mr. Edwin Geach's enterprises, and he has played leads right along. His chief parts with Miss Meyers were, Armand Duval in "Camille," Julian Grey in "The New Magdalene," and Dalroy in "Caste." Among the more prominent

roles he played with the Geach-Marlow combination were Leslie Carrington in "Lured to London," Sid Armstrong in "A Woman Pays," Dr. Leslie Fairfax in "The Power of the Cross," Pietro Donelli in "A Modern Adventuress," and his present role of Jack Gladwin in "Married to the Wrong Man." Mr. Hunter has only been six years on the stage, five of which have been spent in Australia.

CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes: Matters theatrical are just a wee bit quiet since the Royal Comies departed for the South. However, Easter will soon be here, and then the Pollard Opera Company will be with us once again, and we shall be introduced to that fascinating young person "Miss Hook of Holland." I understand this piece is proving a real money-maker for Tom Pollard and Co. . . . It is rumoured here that Mr. W. S. Percy, the popular comedian of the Williamson Royal Comies, and who was for many years a favourite member of the Pollard Lilliputians, is going to England in quest of fresh laurels. Personally, like the historic Scotchman, I hae ma doots as to the correctness of the report. Still, more unlikely things have happened. . . . I hear my old friend Harold Ashton is likely to business-manage the Peter Pan Company, which will shortly tour New Zealand. I hope this is true. It is a long time since Mr. Ashton came through this way, and plenty of people will be glad to welcome his return to the Dominion. . . . The weather has been as changeable, in Christchurch of late, as a lady's temper—red-hot one day, cold and stormy the next. But hot or cold, rain or shine The Colosseum never fails to attract the public. The present bill is a capital one, one fine film showing the recent floods in Paris and their effects. This will show you how up-to-date is the management. Another specially attractive film is "A Corner in wheat. There is always something worth seeing at the Colosseum. . . . Frank Yorke, an old-time favourite, is re-appearing at Fuller's Opera House after some years' absence from Christchurch. He is the same old Frank, only funnier than ever. Other notable turns at our popular vaudeville house are supplied by Jack Russell, actor-vocalist; Victor, the great ventriloquist, and the Klimos; and on Monday, 13th inst., "Deay's Merry Mannikins" (direct from New York) will make their bow to a New Zealand audience.

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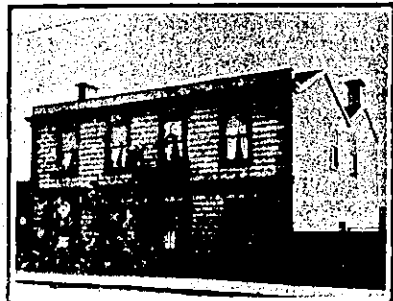
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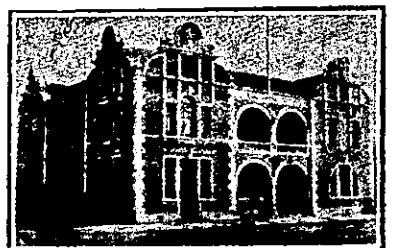
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Mr. George Marlow's "Married to the Wrong Man" Company that opens at His Majesty's on Easter Saturday, has a very extensive repertoire of new plays, including a typical production that has been meeting with crowded houses in Australia. Concerning "That Woman from France," which will probably be the second of the Marlow productions at Auckland the "Daily Mail" Brisbane of March 7th had the following:—Phenomenal success has been attending Mr. Geo. Marlow's Brisbane season. The production of "That Woman from France" at His Majesty's Theatre on Saturday proved no exception to the rule, and another large audience followed with great interest the scheming of the daring Countess Donati and her gang of robbers. The seats in the popular portion of the house were filled shortly after the doors had opened, and those who came late had to be contented with standing room.

The piece, which is written by Frank Thorne, proved a great success in London, and had not been produced in Australia before. Its initial production, however, stamps it as a first-class melodrama, and it is sure to be a great draw card. The story deals with the doing of a notorious gang of thieves, the leaders of which call themselves the King, Queen, Ace, and Knave. The Queen, who is tired of her husband, the King, sets him out to do a difficult piece of work, during which he is captured and sentenced to four years' imprisonment. The play opens with a scene at Bellagio, an Italian watering place, where preparations are being made for the carnival. The Queen, who is staying at the leading hotel, under the soubriquet of Countess Donati, schemes to win the love of a rich young Englishman, Cecil Carrington, who eventually succumbs to her infatuation and asks her to be his wife. She accedes to his request—to filch him of his wealth. At this point Latimer Londer and Phillip Charrington, known as the Ace and Knave, arrive upon the scene and demand a share of the spoils. Fate is playing into their hands, when John Beaumont (the King) turns up and threatens to hand them over to justice. To escape, the Countess stabs the King, and departs for England, where she is to be married. The scene then changes to the Manor House, Desmond, where Sir Edward Charrington forbids his son, Cecil, the house, for refusing to give up the Countess and marry his cousin, Beryl Stancliffe. They part in anger, and Sir Edward disinherits his son, leaving all his property to Beryl. The Knave, who is Sir Edward's eldest son, informs the Countess of this change, and together they plot to murder the old man and obtain the will. This they do, but during the struggle the will is picked up by the Ace. Cecil, who is suspected of the murder, escapes, and his brother Phillip marries the Countess and reigns in the Manor in his stead. The King, who recovered from the knife wound, comes to England in search of vengeance. He is befriended by Beryl, and after making his pile on the gold-fields of Australia returns to England and befriends the escaping Cecil. He has everything ready for his escape from the country, when the Countess and the Knave discover them hiding in the Abbey ruins. Latimer Londer, suddenly remembers where he left the will, and on producing it ruins the plans of the other members of the gang. The Knave is arrested, but the Countess cheats the law by jumping over the cliffs.

As Camille Nicol, alias the Queen and Countess Donati, Miss Essie Clay left nothing to be desired. Her acting was forcible, and showed that this versatile young lady acts equally as well as a scheming adventuress as she does in the role of a persecuted heroine. Mr. Hubert Bentley played the rather thankless part of John Beaumont, the King, effectively, while Messrs. J. H. Goodall and Hilliard Vox as Cecil and Phillip Charrington respectively, gave excellent renderings of their characters. Mr. Tom Curran and Miss Louise Curbasse, as Latimer Londer and Winnie Williams, kept the house in good spirits with their humorous passages. The remainder of the characters were ably sustained by the other members of the company. A specially trained choir had been engaged to sing the music in the old village church, and the scenic effects and costuming of the piece were excellent.

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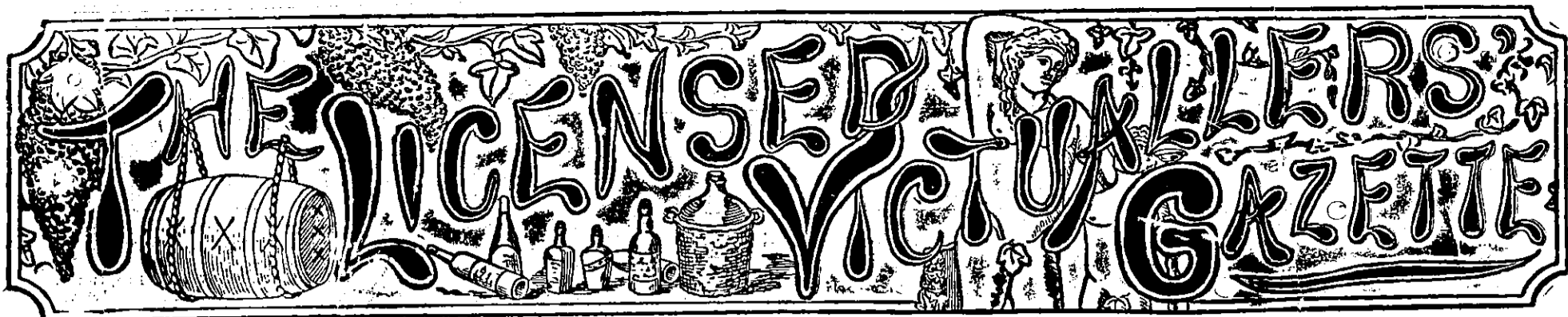
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"PREFERENCE!"

HOTELKEEPERS' NEW ROLE.

RECRUITING SERGEANTS FOR THE UNION.

The "preference" clause in the dormant agreement between the Auckland Hotel and Restaurant Employees and the Auckland Industrial Union of Hotelkeepers, is one to which public attention may very well be directed at this juncture. The agreement, as we have pointed out on more than one occasion, was practically forced upon the hotelkeepers "at the point of the bayonet," and under such conditions that it would have been an act of positive madness for the hotelkeepers to have refused compliance with the demands made upon them. Those demands, as readers of this journal know, were preferred on the eve of the General Election, and under an implied threat that if they were not accepted the union would advise its members, as Mr. E. J. Carey boasted he advised his, to vote the "No-license" ticket. The hotelkeepers were consequently in the position of the man who has his hands tied while the other fellow is punching him. The "preference" clause of the agreement thus thrust upon the hotelkeepers provides, *inter alia*,

(a) That all future applications by employers for labour of a permanent character shall be made through the workers' union in the first place, and

(b) That if any employer shall hereafter engage any worker who shall not be a member of the union, and who within one calendar month after his or her engagement shall not become and remain a member of the union, the employer shall dismiss such worker from his service if requested to do so by the union, provided there is then a member of the union equally qualified to perform the work required to be done, and ready and willing to undertake the same.

Surely a more monstrous act of coercion was never foisted upon any body of employers than is entailed under this clause!

BUILDERS OF THE UNION.

At the time this demand was made we are justified in asserting that not one-third of the Auckland hotel employees were members of the workers' union. As a matter of fact, we believe the membership of the union was a negligible quantity. But its secretary had the ear of the Trades Unions, and it was well understood from the active part he played in the counsels of the Auckland Trades and Labour Council, that failure to comply with the demands he had formulated would antagonise the unions, and through them the workers, who would be in a position to retaliate in a manner they are unable to do in any other trade, by voting against the continuance of the licenses upon which the very life of the L.V. trade depends. Whatever the executive of the L.V. Association may have thought, therefore, they were compelled to look, first and foremost, to their own safety, and to agree to conditions which would have been repudiated in almost every other trade. And now look at the irony of the business. Every hotelkeeper bound by the agreement becomes, practically, a recruiting sergeant for the union. When a man or woman goes to him for employment, he is compelled to ask him or her, "Are you a member of the union?" If the reply is "No," the only course open to him is to refer the applicant to the union. He may vary the procedure by applying to the union first, on the offchance of its being unable to supply his wants, and failing its ability to do so

he may engage the applicant. But then the union has the pull over both the hotelkeeper and his new employee, for if the latter does not become a member of the union within a month of his or her engagement, the union may demand that another worker be engaged to displace the non-unionist. And thus the hotelkeeper is actually made the recruiting sergeant for and the bulker up of the union, and, incidentally, is made to pay the tolls levied upon himself and the worker by the paid agitator Mr. Millar, as Minister for Labour, was so anxious to see displaced.

HOW IT WORKS OUT.

We feel justified in discussing this business at some length on account of its importance to both employers and employees. Theoretically the idea of preference to unionists may appear sound; in practical operation it is otherwise. When the union secretary sends a worker along to an employer as a certified member of his union, it is assumed such member is of good character and fully qualified for the position he or she is expected to fill. But in more than one case that has been brought under our notice there is evidence that something is lacking. Take the case we cited the other day. A man went to an Auckland hotelkeeper and asked for employment. The hotelkeeper was favourably impressed by the man's appearance and asked the usual question, "Are you a member of the union?" The answer being in the negative the applicant was told that his engagement as a non-unionist was out of the question, and he was referred to the union secretary. The man went along, joined the union and came back with his certificate of membership, which, in the eyes of the hotelkeeper, was regarded as *prima facie* evidence of the man's respectability, competency, and good character. But things were right on the surface only; the new hand proved very unsatisfactory and finally disappeared. After he had gone his employer was astonished to learn that his late employee, of whose honesty he had very grave suspicions, was an ex-inmate of Mount Eden Gaol, and had newly completed a five years' sentence. We do not for a moment suppose the secretary of the union was aware of this fact; but we do say he should have ascertained the character of the man before admitting him to the union. In another case a barmaid was suspected of "polling," i.e., helping herself to a portion of the bar takings. When taxed upon the subject by her employer she coolly informed him that the business was too small, and that she "couldn't poll enough" for her requirements, and that if the business was bigger she would poll more. Her engagement ended on the spot. In yet a third case, the attempt was made to foist a man who has since been sentenced to three years' imprisonment in one of the Commonwealth States, upon quite a number of hotelkeepers who were applying for barmen; but they were all more or less distrustful of his appearance. The moral of all this is, of course, obvious, and before any future award is made the hotelkeepers should see to it that their interests are sufficiently safeguarded by the union in this matter of "preference." The clause as it stands should certainly be amended if it is not actually eliminated from the next agreement.

Travellers whose business or pleasure takes them to Greymouth will find excellent accommodation at the Royal Hotel, where Mr. J. S. Vial the proprietor attends personally to the comfort of his guests. The tariff is only 6s per day, and the cuisine is second to none in the Dominion. The hotel is the first house from the Grey-mouth Railway Station and next to the Government Buildings.

TRADE TOPICS.

Mr. H. Eyre-Kenny, S.M., has been gazetted Chairman of the Egmont, Patea, and Stratford Licensing Committees, vice Mr. W. G. Kenrick, S.M., who is absent on leave.

Mr. Walter Isherwood has disposed of his interest in the Manutahi Hotel, (Patea), to Mr. D. Roe, who takes over the premises at the end of the month.

The Royal Hotel, Palmerston North, which has recently been taken over by Mr. A. H. Rogers, (late of the Albion Hotel, Wanganui), has been completely renovated and refurnished, and should prove a most popular house for the travelling public. Special rates are charged for commercials and professionals. The appointments are superior and up-to-date in every particular, and under the capable regime of Mr. Rogers, the Royal Hotel should stand high in the public estimation.

In addressing Mr. H. W. Bishop at the Christchurch Magistrate's Court, concerning a contract which, it was alleged, had been signed by a man who was drunk, Mr. Cassidy said that the transaction had taken place in a hotel at night. "Do you wish me to assume that because a man signs a contract in a hotel at night he is drunk?" asked Mr. Bishop; "if so, it is the greatest argument in favour of prohibition I have heard for some time." "I wish you to assume, sir, that the meeting was not a dry one," responded Mr. Cassidy smilingly.

At the Auckland Police Court on Friday, before Mr. E. C. Cutten, S.M., an elderly man named Thomas Godken, was charged with selling liquor without having a license. It appears that the accused was the keeper of a small retail shop in which, among other things, he sold ginger beer and cordials. In addition to this liquid refreshment a local wine was also offered for sale. A sample bottle of this was purchased by the police, and subsequently analysed. The wine was found to contain a large percentage of alcohol, calculated to cause intoxication if taken in sufficient quantities. The defendant, while admitting the sale of the wine, stated that although he charged one shilling a bottle for it he made less profit on it than he did on lemonade. A fine of £3, with £3 10s costs, was imposed, time being allowed in which to find the money.

Rather a curious defence was put up by a "drunk" at one of our prohibition towns up north the other day. "What have you to say for yourself, sir?" demanded the Magistrate, indignantly. "You look like a respectable man, and ought to be ashamed to stand there." "I am very sorry sir, but I came up from Auckland in bad company?" "What sort of company?" "A lot of teetotalers!" was the startling response. "Did you mean to say teetotalers are bad company?" exclaimed the Magistrate, in surprise. "I think they are the best company for such as you!" "Ah, you don't understand, sir," said the prisoner, "I had a bottle of whisky and I had to drink it all myself!"—Wellington Free Lance.

There was a house-warming at the Poroti Hotel, Whangarei, last Thursday week, when some 25 gentlemen foregathered from the four corners of the district to welcome the popular tenancy of the new landlord Mr. D. Ruddell. Among the guests was a brake party from Whangarei, and there were individual friends who had journeyed over 30 miles to the ceremony. Sumptuous refreshments were tackled with avidity, and afterwards the evening was accounted for musi-

cally and mirthfully, until 9.15, when the party dissolved into its several parts and made its several way homewards. Mr. Ruddell is a well-esteemed district resident of long standing, and bids fair to make a very good name for himself in his new vocation.

Says an American paper: "For a period of ten years, L. J. Coburn must not drink liquor, visit a place where liquor is sold or associate with a person who is a habitual drinker. This alcoholic exile was imposed by Judge Bledsoe when he agreed to parole Coburn, who had pleaded guilty to the charge of forging cheques. He is a son of ex-Sheriff Coburn, of Riverside county. Another condition made by Judge Bledsoe was that Coburn should love and care for his wife and two little children. To play safe from the liquor habit, Coburn will go to an isolated Montana ranch owned by relatives and will report through the nearest peace officer at least twice a year."

A special meeting of the Waikato Licensing Committee was held to consider applications from the Te Kuiti Racing Club and the Hamilton Polo Club for booths at their meetings at Claudelands on March 23 and April 2, respectively. Mr. Swarbrick, who appeared in support, urged that it was preferable that the liquor which was certain to be consumed on the ground should be supplied under proper control, and as the Licensing Act provided for the issue of conditional licenses as a convenience to the public these should be granted unless very strong reason was assigned against them. The committee decided to refuse both applications.

Mr. Jno. Endean, senr, one of the best known and most popular of Auckland hotelkeepers has decided to take a holiday and was a passenger to England by the Mongolia yesterday. His many friends will wish him a most enjoyable trip. In the meantime the Thames Hotel will be in charge of Mr. J. A. Endean, junr, who takes over the license and business.

Mr. McIntosh has bought out Mr. T. H. Hewitt's interest in the Mangawhare Hotel, Mangawhare.

The Seacliff Hotel, (Dunedin) now unlicensed was burned down shortly after midnight on Saturday. It was insured for £500 and was occupied by a man named Berry.

GERALDINE LICENSING CASE.

At the Magistrate's Court, Timaru, Mr. V. G. Day, S.M., gave judgment as follows in the case *Police v. Kennedy*—

The facts in this case are not in dispute. One Michael Scully, sent from Geraldine, which is in the no-license district of Ashburton, to the National Mortgage and Agency Company, of New Zealand, Limited, at Timaru an order for beer in the words following:—"Kindly send me out one ten-gallon keg of Hote's beer. Please send addressed to me in care of Mr. John Kennedy, your Geraldine agent, whom I shall pay when I take delivery." The company has a branch agency in Geraldine, of which the defendant is an employee. The point to be decided is whether the sale was complete in Timaru or whether it was completed at Geraldine. Defendant is charged with "selling," which charge I think must fail. He has however, committed the offence of "assisting" in the commission of an offence punishable, which, under section 53 of the Justice of the Peace Act, 1908, is a substantive offence. I therefore amend the information from the charge of "selling" to that of "assisting to sell." The defendant, in my opinion, has acted innocently in this matter without any intention himself of committing a breach of the law,

but he has, nevertheless, broken the law. The defendant is convicted of "assisting to sell," and fined 20s and costs of Court 7s and one witness £1 6s 2d.

A TRAVELLER'S RIGHTS.

HOW FAR MAY THEY BE ENFORCED?

THE AUCKLAND CASE AGAIN.

The hearing of the charge against Sydenham James Flewellyn, licensee of the Royal Hotel, Victoria Street of refusing without valid reason, to give accommodation to one Henry Temple was continued before Mr. C. C. Kettle, S.M., on Friday. Sub-Inspector Hendrey appeared for the police, and Mr. F. Earl for defendant. The facts elicited at the previous hearing were that Mr. Temple had stayed in the hotel for some time, and when he left the licensee telegraphed him saying he would not allow him to return to the hotel. Mr. Temple replied that he would insist on receiving accommodation, and accordingly drove up to the hotel, where accommodation was refused him. The defence was that Mr. Temple's conduct had been so objectionable as to constitute a valid excuse for refusing to receive him, and in pursuance of this defence further evidence was called as follows:—

Margaret Flewellyn, wife of the licensee, stated that Mr. Temple was in the house from January 16 to February 16. Late in the evening of February 12 witness was stopped by Mr. Temple, who complained that her two daughters had been occupying the supper-room for over an hour, to the exclusion of boarders. Witness asked what business that was of his, and he replied: "I will make it my business. Not only do you have your daughters to supper, but you have the impudence to have your nieces to dinner, occupying the lounge." Mr. Temple added that if witness and her husband did not know how to run a hotel he would have to show them, and that he would make it hot for them next day. Mr. Temple used similar language to Mr. Flewellyn, and said he was not fit to run a hotel like the Royal. The two gentlemen who, Mr. Temple alleged, had been excluded from the supper-room were in the reading-room, and Mr. Flewellyn went to see them. They said that had they had any complaint to make they would have come to Mr. Flewellyn. One of the other boarders stated that he had been insulted by Mr. Temple, who had imputed bad motives to him in taking one of the Misses Flewellyn in to supper. When Mr. Temple said he would make it hot for Mr. Flewellyn the latter called him a "bounder," and a "cad." Mr. Flewellyn did not use bad language, but he did say that if Mr. Temple were not an old man and delicate, he would put him out in the street. Witness also gave Mr. Temple a bit of her mind, and recalled that a few days previously he had said in a loud voice of a gentleman who was sitting with his feet on the lounge: "Look at that bounder. He has no business in a decent hotel." Witness further called Mr. Temple a "dirty cad," and said he was jealous because the young people were enjoying themselves. She used no harsher terms than these, the word "bounder" suggesting itself to her because it was constantly on the lips of Mr. Temple, who used to sit on the lounge and pass comments on guests. His criticism of one young lady, who was rather masculine looking, was that she ought to be home milking cows and not staying at a hotel like the Royal. On another occasion he asked where witness got all the ugly women who were staying at the hotel. Mr. Temple admitted one day that he was the most hated man who ever stayed at a hotel, he did not know why. He also criticised other hotels in the city. On one occasion when he went to a tennis party he said he got nothing but stale cake and rotten bananas. When he went out to dinner one night he returned saying that he had had a terrible evening. He never at any time expressed satisfaction with the attention shown him at the hotel, nor with the hospitality extended to him outside.

To Sub-Inspector Hendrey: Witness could only recollect two instances of Mr. Temple speaking ill of those who had entertained him. She could not give the names of any who had heard Mr. Temple speaking uncharitably, beyond one young lady, who was a witness, but he was always grumbling. After cross-examining witness regarding an allegation that in the precincts of the Court she said to Mr.

Temple: "You dirty cur, you dirty dog," the sub-inspector drew an admission that she used the words "he is a dirty cur" to a companion, but did not intend Mr. Temple to hear them.

Malcom Chas. Farrington, a farmer of Levin, who was staying at the Royal Hotel, stated that there were four seats to spare in the supper-room on February 12 after the Misses Flewellyn had taken their seats. He generally corroborated the former witness.

Fredk. E. Jackson, merchant, Auckland, said that prior to the case coming on, he had only seen Mr. Temple about twice. The first occasion was when Mr. Temple was introduced to the Savage Club as a guest. Mr. Temple contributed an item to the evening's entertainment, which consisted of anecdotes, which witness thought very indecent. As a result of this his introducer was asked to tender his resignation, or publicly apologise before the club.

Cross-examined by Sub-Inspector Hendrey, witness stated that the Savage Club incident took place 12 or 14 years ago.

John William McCoy, a mining engineer, said that some years ago he had been a member of the Orphans' Club, and on one occasion Mr. Temple appeared there as a raconteur. He told stories on that occasion which were "hot stuff." Witness thought they were obscene.

Cross-examined by the sub-inspector, witness said that the incident referred to, took place in 1896 or 1897.

Sub-Inspector Hendrey here made application for permission to call a witness for the prosecution, who had come to the Court from a sick bed. The application was granted, and the sub-inspector called James Shaw, who stated that he was a mining engineer; he was on the justices' list for most of the Australasian States, was the first Mayor of Coolgardie, and was at one time Mayor of Adelaide. He gave evidence as to the high reputation for uprightness and honesty as a gentleman which Mr. Temple had enjoyed among his friends.

Further evidence was then called by Mr. Earl.

Alfred Jackson, a waiter at the Royal Hotel, gave evidence as to Mr. Temple's grumbling about the cooking and the management of the hotel.

The head waiter at the hotel (George Burgoyne) said that in spite of efforts made by witness and others it was found impossible to satisfy Mr. Temple. Some people wanted to be moved from the table where Mr. Temple was sitting, though they did not assign any reason for wanting a change.

To Sub-Inspector Hendrey: Witness denied having said to Mr. Temple in the Albert Hotel recently that Mr. Temple had always behaved like a gentleman.

Miss Bessie Laherty, a barmaid at the Royal Hotel, said Mr. Temple seemed to be continually annoyed, and made remarks about the place to witness and others. He criticised one or two of the hotel customers to witness. Of one he said that he was a bounder, and that he ought to be in gaol.

The further hearing of the case was then adjourned until yesterday.

HOTEL WORKERS' DEMANDS.

PLAIN SPEAKING AT WELLINGTON.

The demands put forward by the hotel workers, through their union, were the subject of a further conference which was held before the Conciliation Commissioner (Mr. P. Hally) at Wellington on Monday morning.

The employers were represented by Messrs. John Beveridge (Grand hotel), Francis M'Parland (Hotel Cecil), and Joseph Dwyer (Club Hotel). The representatives of the employees were Messrs. E. J. Carey (secretary of the Wellington Cooks' and Waiters' Union), Thomas Long (representing the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union of Auckland), T. Helyer, and E. Mark.

Mr. Beveridge said the employers could not for a moment listen to any demand for an advance in wages or a reduction in hours.

Mr. Carey: You think 65 hours a week is a fair thing for women workers?

Mr. Beveridge: I would not commit myself to say that, so far as women workers are concerned.

Mr. Carey: Are you then prepared to agree to a reduction of hours for women workers?

Mr. Beveridge: Not in hotels.
Mr. Long: We are only here to dis-

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 - 8 1/2 Years' Lease; rent, £10; trade, £150. Price, £5200. 52
 - 3 1/2 Years' Lease; rent, £2 10s; trade, £45. Price, £1050. 31
 - 3 1/2 Years' Lease; rent, £12 10s; trade, £160. Price, £4000. 18
 - 3 Years' Lease; rent, £5; trade, £50. Price, £2000. 15
 - 3 1/2 Years' Lease; rent, £3; trade, £25. Price, £1000. 82
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cuss the question so far as it relates to hotels.

After further discussion Mr. Carey proceeded to put the case for the workers. He asked how it was that six-penny restaurants were compelled by law to work their girls a maximum of 52 hours a week, while hotelkeepers under the award could work their female employees 65 hours. If legislation was a fair thing for women workers in restaurants, why was it not so in the hotels? The restaurant-keepers had agreed to 52 hours a week for their workers; why should the hotelkeepers have the advantage?

Mr. Beveridge: The conditions that obtain in hotels are quite different. Mr. Carey: Not at all.

Mr. Beveridge: That's just where we differ. The women in hotels have a good enough time. The conditions of employment are wholly different.

Mr. M'Parland: Has there been any complaint from women employed in hotels about overwork?

Mr. Carey: We have complaints day in and day out.

Mr. M'Parland: Well, I employ over forty, and I have asked them if they had any complaints and they say they are completely satisfied.

Mr. Carey: That's the old question we have heard in the Arbitration Court: "Are you satisfied with conditions?" "Yes, I am satisfied." The workers feel that they might get the sack otherwise. Why, we have had complaints from every trades union in the city that it is disgraceful to tolerate such conditions for women workers, that we should seek the intervention of the Legislature or the Arbitration Court to get a reduction in the hours for women workers. I am trying to get it, but we can get no satisfaction from the employers at all.

Mr. Beveridge said he had made a calculation of what the demands, if granted, would cost him. It would be a matter of more than £1300 a year.

Mr. Carey: The system of shorter hours is in actual operation on the other side.

Mr. Beveridge: How long has it been in operation? And is it working properly? What about the case of the Hotel Australia? They had to raise the tariff to 15s a day in consequence of the increase in the wages. Do you think you could get 15s a day out of the public here? Not on your life. If the employees are to be considered on one side, the employers are to be considered on the other, and you must consider the general public as well.

It was suggested that if a Fair Rent Bill could be passed, to stop high rents and goodwills, the employers might be in the position to listen to the demands.

Mr. Carey: I know that they have got you against the wall—the brewers and the people who own the freeholds. It is not a satisfactory thing at all, but there we are. We want to settle this case now, and we have come here to settle it, and we hope it will be settled.

The conference then proceeded to discuss the clause seriatim. The issue being finally narrowed down to the bedrock demands of the employees. These the representatives of the employers decided to place before their association.

The conference decided, yesterday, to refer the dispute to the Arbitration Court.

HOW TO DRINK.

The question of "how to drink" is as important as "what to drink." Some French doctors have had the subject under consideration. "Drink according to your thirst," says Dr. Lancereaux, who is an authority on alimentary hygiene. "But it is best

to be rather moderate. Not to drink, however, would be much more disastrous." Professor Doleris, of the Academy of Medicine, says: "Wine is good for the health; it aids digestion; it cleanses and stimulates the digestive canal. It should be drunk in small quantities, and with a small addition of water." Professor Marcel Labbe counsels moderation, advises drinking rather at the end of a meal, and, better still, in the intervals. Liquids swallowed with food distend the stomach. Taken fasting they are better assimilated and expelled." As for wine, the professor thinks an active worker can take a maximum of a litre per day, a sedentary worker half that quantity. A litre is about a quart, English measure. The writer had occasion recently to consult a leading New South Wales medical specialist, who recommended wine or whisky diluted with water with meals. For workmen, and those who undergo physical exertion, there is nothing so refreshing as beer. The Emperor of Germany, a typical busy man, we are told by "The Gentlewoman," an English fashion paper, takes two glasses of beer per day. He also drinks whisky. "The chief steward of the Hamburg-American steamship 'Hamburg,' on which his Majesty took a trip (continues our contemporary), says that he drank one glass of Rhine wine at dinner. At dinners where the Emperor is the guest of honor he allows his glass to be filled a second time with champagne. He, therefore, well deserves the designation of being a moderate man, acknowledging the due restraints of true temperance." After all, in drinking, as in other things, moderation and temperance are the ideals. But temperance is not teetotalism—quite the reverse! —Sydney Fair Play.

KANSAS AND THE SALOON.

In all the State of Tennessee, U.S.A., there is (says an Exchange) but one liquor saloon, and it is situated on the top of a high hill far out of the ordinary paths of civilisation, Tennessee has a prohibition law of a somewhat novel kind. It does not in so many words prohibit the sale of liquor in the state, but reaches the same practical effect by making it unlawful to sell liquor within four miles of any school house. Tennessee, though mountainous, is a pretty closely populated state, and it was thought by the legislators that it would be impossible to come within the four corners of the act and legally sell intoxicants at any point within the boundaries of the state. One enterprising dealer, however, discovered a spot high on a hill about eighteen miles from the town of M'Minnville, with no school-house in a radius of four miles. Tennessee's only saloon is not a very ornate establishment. In fact, it is but a log cabin, built of rough hewn green lumber, and consisting of but one room. The man in charge is a hunter. He has a good stock of wines, beers, and spirits, and although no big trade has yet sprung up, men do travel from more or less distant parts to this spot, which enjoys the novel distinction of being the one place in all Tennessee where intoxicants may be bought and sold without breach of law.

It is not very strenuously denied, however, that by a little ingenuity a thirsty mortal can get all he wants in the cities. The most drastic prohibition law in the world has just gone into effect in the State of Kansas. It not only shuts up all saloons, but prohibits the sale of intoxicants in drug stores or in clubs. Further than that, a man may not own his own bottle and drink out of it, and it is even said that alcohol is barred for

mechanical and scientific purposes. It is believed that two-thirds of the drug stores in the state will go out of business, as they cannot make expenses without the profits from liquor sales.

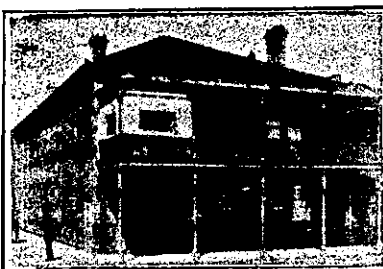
Kansas is full of cranks, and the West generally is fairly hospitable to delusions, especially about what can be done by legislation. We learn that Kansas is now experimenting with a new rum-proof liquor law, under which no alcoholic liquors can be sold in the state for any purpose. The drug-store bars are to be closed up under it, and the Attorney-General has ruled that no man can even drink liquor in a club-house. The druggists and the clubs are going to law about it. The Attorney-General (Jackson) is very earnest, and is encouraging towns (so the Springfield "Republican" reports) to limit the amount of beer that a man can have shipped to his home from outside the state. Some towns allow a case a week, some a case a fortnight, some two cases a week. A bad feature of the prohibition laws, as Brother Brisbane is truthfully pointing out in the "Evening Journal," is that they bear hardest on the light, bulky drinks, wines and beers, that do least harm, and stimulate the traffic in the more violent sorts of liquors. The West, Kansas included, must try its own experiments with the regulation of habits, and we trust will work through in the end to wise and reasonable laws. Meanwhile the processes are trying. In Washington the cigarette has been declared to be felonious, and cannot be smoked, we understand, at the Seattle Fair. How the patent medicine business is doing in Kansas does not appear.

NOT DUE TO ALCOHOL.

Dr. Claye Shaw, presiding at a meeting of the British Society for the Study of Inebriety recently, said that many things led to crime besides alcoholism, and that crime was in the nature of man. When Cain killed Abel it was not from alcohol, but from innate crime. For the perfection of crime there were teetotalers. A clever swindler in ninety-nine cases out of 100 cases was not alcoholic. Anarchists were not alcoholic. Murder was chiefly found committed among the lower orders, and he thought it almost entirely due to environment. The lower orders had not been trained to check their impulsiveness like the higher classes had.

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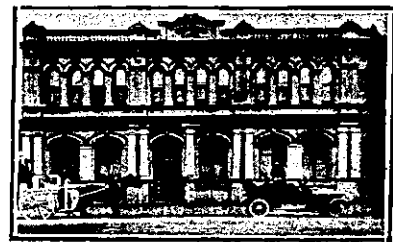
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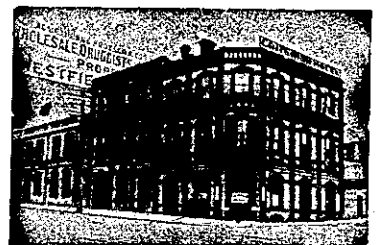
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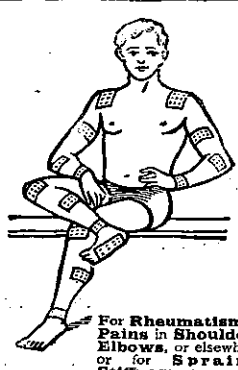
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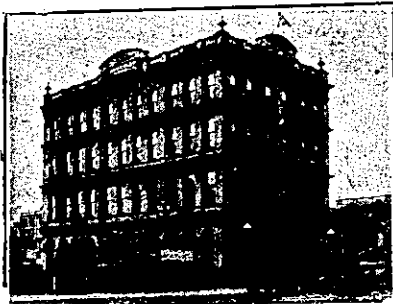
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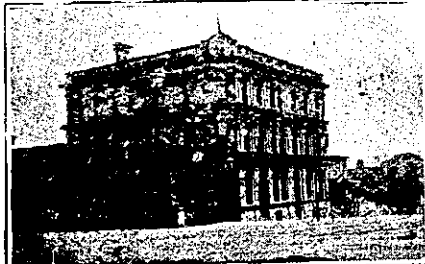
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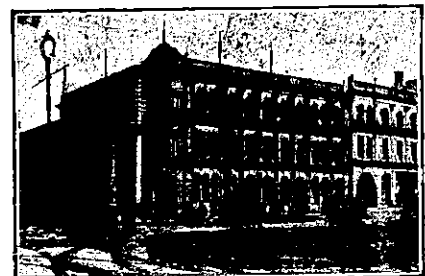
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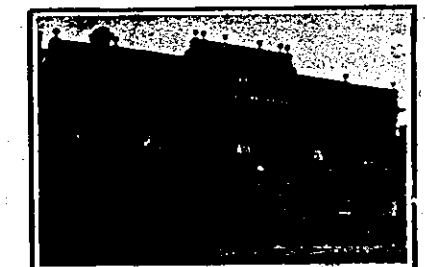
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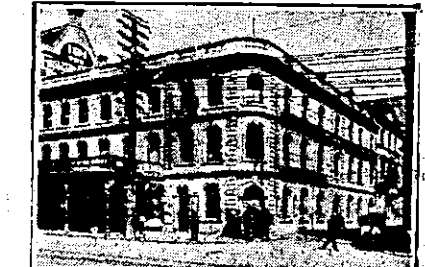


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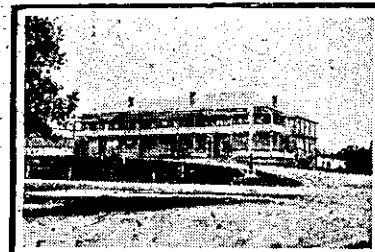
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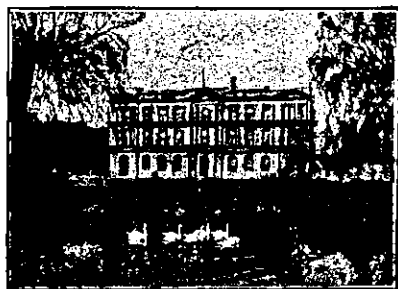
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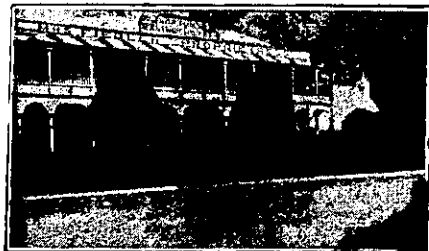
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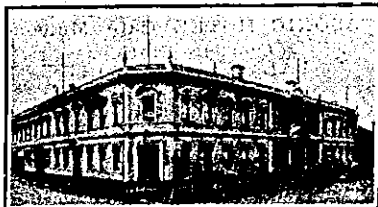
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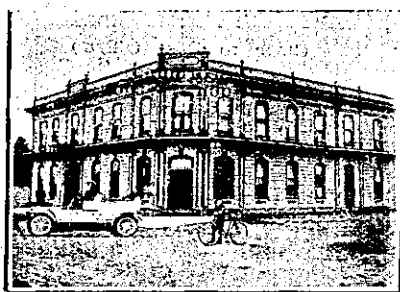
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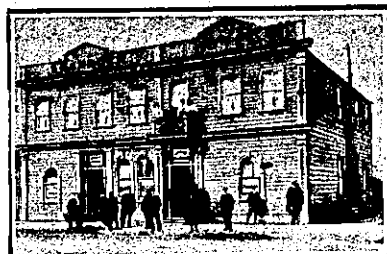
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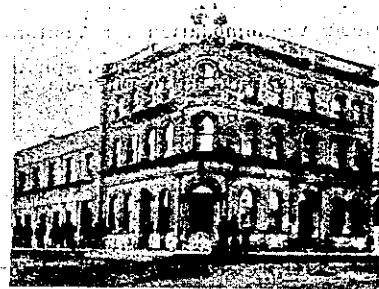
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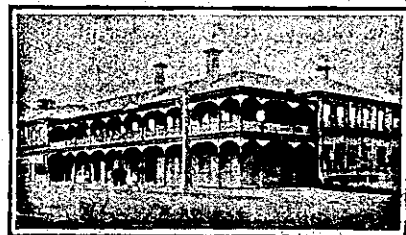
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An Up-to-date Hotel with every Modern Convenience.
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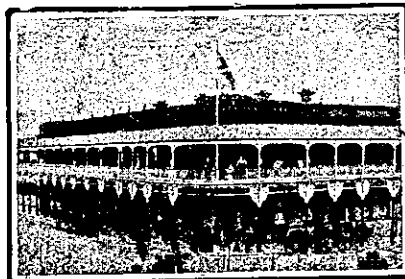
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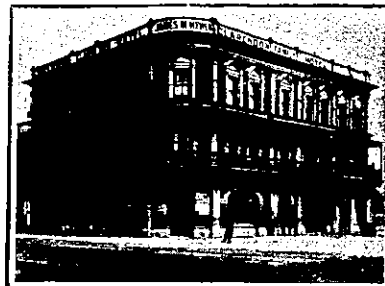
This New Hostelry is now open to the public, and the Proprietor will be pleased to greet old friends and new at the Hotel.

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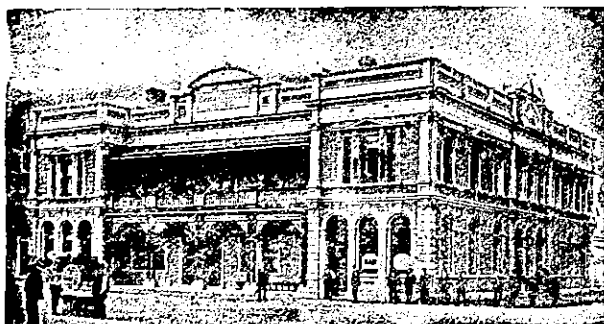
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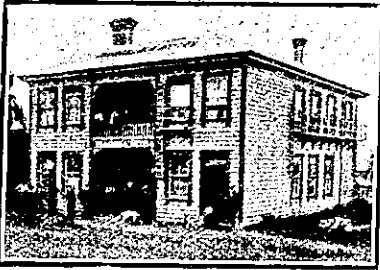
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FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION. BEST BRANDS WINES AND SPIRITS. GOOD TABLE.

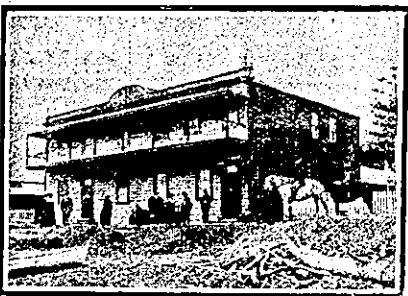
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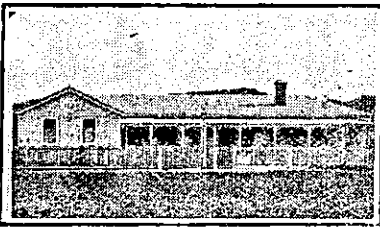
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This Hostelry is well known as a Tourist Resort and is situated half-way between Napier and Taupo. The Hotel is new and up-to-date, and affords those in search of a holiday a quiet and restful spot. The famous Hot Springs are adjacent to the Hotel, 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.

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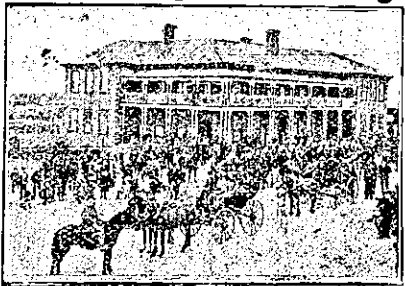


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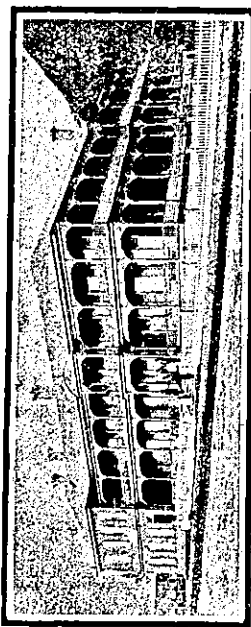
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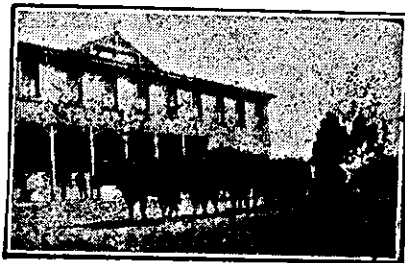
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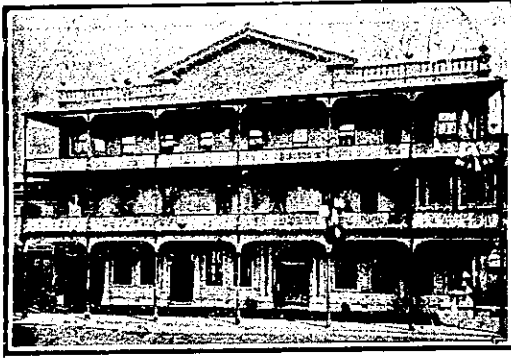
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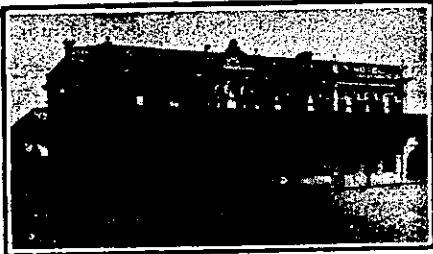
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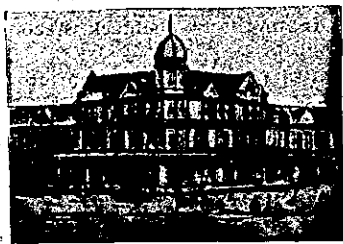


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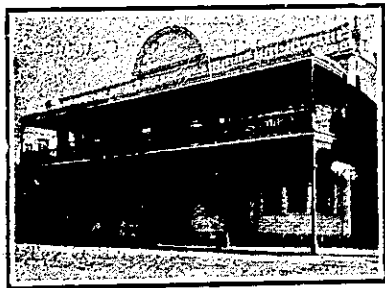


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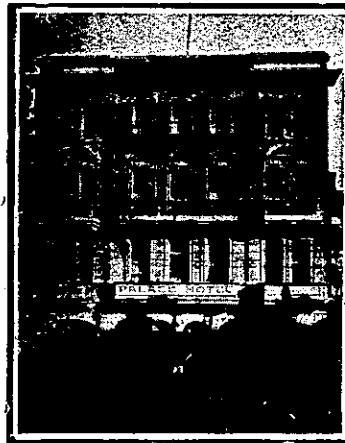
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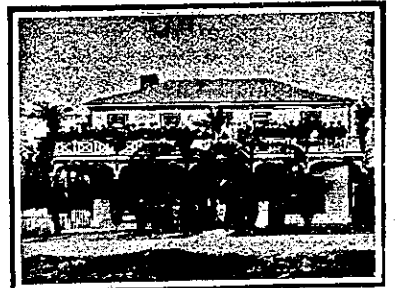
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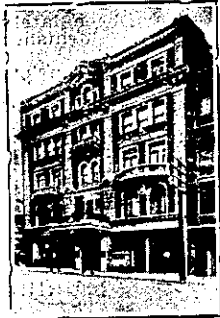
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