

down the hill when the crown of the front forks worked loose. "The handles began to wobble," she said, "and the bike was getting away. So a bit, but if I hadn't let go I would have gone right over the mountain. "I came all the way by myself, and carried a basket with a few clothes, weighing about 15lb. I stayed at the towns I passed through each night, and had meals on the way. There was no difficulty in finding the way; not a scrap. Mr. Sydney Day had given me a map, and whenever I was in doubt about the route I just took out the map."—*Sydney Morning Herald.*

**BILLIARDS.**

All the arrangements in connection with Auckland Tattersalls' Club tournament are nearing completion, and the event will shortly be in full swing. As some of the best cueists in Auckland are members of the club, considerable interest is being taken in the event.

Fred Lindrum has had his revenge on young George Gray in a couple of games played lately, one in Horsham and the other in Murton, Vic. In each game Lindrum gave Gray 50 points start in 750 up and won by 498 in the first instance with best breaks of 181, 169, and 112, and in the second game he won by 400 points with 162, 116, 99, and 96.

A match of 16,000 up was begun on May 2 at Messrs. Heiron and Smith's rooms, 216 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, by F. Weiss, champion of Australia, and F. Smith, sen., champion of N.S.W. A standard table and bonzoline balls are being used. Smith, who received a start of 3,000, did badly in the afternoon, whereas Weiss was in excellent form. Breaks of 56, 114, 69, 148, 49, 53, and 98 unfinished enabled Weiss to score 666 to his opponent's 178. Smith's best efforts were 49 and 52. At night Weiss took his unfinished break to 103, and afterwards he got 105, 76, 66, 102, and 69 unfinished (66 off the white) reaching 1332, while Smith advanced to 3,633 (including his start of 3,000). Smith played in better form, his best breaks being 71, 52, 44, and 64. Play will be continued each afternoon and evening till the match is concluded.

John Roberts the famous Englishman, was in splendid form on May 2 in the match with Campbell at Melbourne. In the afternoon he made 280, and at night he reached 227 and 129. Roberts scored 750 in 15 visits to the table to 330 by Campbell for 14 cues. The scores at the end of the evening session were:—Campbell (receives 7,000) 12,650, Roberts 10,500.

Fred Weiss, champion of Australia challenges to play anyone in Australasia 16,000 up upon a Heiron and Smith

table, and with bonzoline balls, for £100 aside. No man is barred, and in saying "first come first served." Weiss further states that his challenge is particularly directed to Roberts, Williams, Lindrum, and Gray.

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French races, and set up several records. He is the recognised professional champion of France. His time of 2hr. 36min. 18sec. is a record.

Writing on March 22, the New York correspondent of the London "Sportsman" says: "Our Canadian athletic friends made a neat cleaning up during the New York Athletic Club's annual indoor meeting at Madison-Square Garden last week, and did quite a good deal more than pay their expenses when Jack Tait, of Toronto, rather easily defeated George V. Bonhag, Irish-American A.C., in a special race of one mile and a-half. The Canadian ran the distance in 6min. 52sec., and experts agree that it was the best performance seen here since the palmiest days of the little Irish marvel, Tommy Conneff. In the race last week Tait, running easily, was leading at the mile, his time being 4min. 42 sec. On September 2, 1895, when Conneff ran a mile and a-half outdoors in 6min. 46 2-5sec, he reeled off the mile in 4min. 29sec., and it is believed if he had been extended he could have done better, but then again in the match Tait was running his own race, and when he finished 20 yards ahead of Bonhag he was by no means "pumped." I am glad to say that there is not the slightest question about the measurement of the track, an important note where our records are considered."



INTERIOR OF THE PRINCE'S RINK, AUCKLAND, SHOWING TEA ROOMS AT SIDE.



INTERIOR OF PRINCE'S SKATING RINK, AUCKLAND, SHOWING BAND STAND.

**WRESTLING.**

A wrestling match for the welter-weight championship of the Goldfields was decided at Waihi on Monday night, the contestants being H. May and A. Oates, two local athletes. The men were very evenly matched, and victory finally went to Oates who succeeded in forcing May's shoulders to the mat after 1 3/4 hours' wrestling. At the conclusion of the contest Ingram, a claimant for the amateur lightweight championship of New Zealand, challenged the winner for a stake of from £5 to £50.

**AQUATICS**

The final of the "Parramatta Hundred" is to be rowed on Saturday, when the following men who qualified in the heats for the final will be pitted against one another:—R. Arnst (scr.), Fogwell (18s.), Felton (32s.), S. Kemp (36s.), Norman Towns (38s.), Zietsch (46s.), G. Matterson (46s.), Theo. Towns (60s.), F. Matterson (65s.). Dick Arnst is a firm favourite for the big event, and expert sculling men predict a victory for the New Zealander.

Referring to Arnst's performances his heat in the "Parramat a Hundred" a Sydney writer says:—In the third heat Champion Arnst's style drew forth cheers from the onlookers from the time he came abreast of the steamers at Uhr's Point (1/4 mile), where some of his competitors had nearly 400yds. lead, till the finish of the race, he was urged on by the crowd to complete his herculean task. His work was a revelation to many, and partial as the crowd is to every champion it is no straining of language to say they idolised "Dick." With the boats strung out over a quarter of a mile stretch the task seemed well nigh impossible; but Arnst set about his journey in a business-like way. Swinging the whole force of his powerful back into it, and backing his strokes with a tremendous and well-blended leg-drive, he fairly made his shell leap on the top of the water. The best part of his performance was in catching Syd. Pearce, who quite recently went under to Fogwell, at the mile after allowing him 20 seconds. And Arnst did not take a breather till he had pushed through the field and forged himself into third position at the two miles. From thence on to Cabarita he went at his men, but after catching and passing Matterson, was caught napping in the last few yards home.

**ATHLETICS.**

**THE CHAMPIONSHIP SPRINT.**

In the recent professional sprint race of 100 yards, writes the Johannesburg correspondent of the London "Sportsman," I understand Holway was affected a good deal by Johannesburg's altitude, and did not do himself justice. It is thought he would give a very different account of himself in a race at the coast or at sea level. It is, perhaps doubtful if the official authorities governing the times of races for the recognition of athletic clubs throughout the world will accept Donaldson's time of 9 3/8 sec. One of the best known authorities on athletic matters in South Africa informed me that he thought 9 3/8 sec or 9 4-5sec, would be found to be nearer the mark. The race itself was an epoch-making one, and there is a universal opinion on this side that Donaldson is a great sprinter, without a superior, if an equal, in the world, but there is little doubt that the officials at the finishing end of the race were taken off their guard by the firing of the starting pistol just a fraction of a

second before they were ready for it. I am afraid where fractions of seconds are concerned, criticisms of times, honestly intended, no doubt, are inevitable, but the general impression formed was that whatever Donaldson's time was, he will equal it again before long, and then the checking conditions will be, perhaps flawless. To have beaten Postle in the swiftest race Johannesburg has ever seen is Donaldson's greatest claim to recognition in the athletic world. If Don-

aldson has a superior on the path he must be a marvelously fast man indeed.

At latest advice C. E. Holway (U.S.A.), and B. R. Day (Ireland) were matched to run 220 yards in England for £50 aside.

At the Agricultural Hall, London, on March 19, in the presence of about 5,600 persons, L. Bouchard (France) won a professional Marathon (indoors) race of 26 miles 385 yards in 2hr. 36min. 18sec., thereby winning a championship challenge belt and £100. A. Aldridge (England) was second, about one and a-half miles behind the winner, W. Swan (Wales) third, and J. Fegan (Ireland) fourth. C. W. Gardiner (England), T. Heddow (Scotland), and J. Lynch (Ireland) also ran, but did not finish. The pace was fast throughout. Haddow led at a mile (ten laps of the track) in 4min. 7sec. Bouchard was in front at 15 miles in 1hr. 23min. 36 3-5sec, and was not afterwards headed. He covered 20 miles in 1hr. 54min. 13sec., and 25 miles in 2hr. 28min. 17 2-5sec. The winner is 26 years of age. Until three years ago he was an amateur, and won international and national

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