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GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1910
(Prince of Wales' Birthday).

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 100sovs, or steeplechases of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Winner of any steeplechase after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. About two miles and a-half.

JERVOIS HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Minimum weight, 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 100sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and three-quarters.

GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 750sovs; second horse to receive 125sovs, and third horse 75sovs out of the stake. Over ten flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race or hurdle races after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 5lb; of 200sovs, 7lb; of 300sovs, 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs, with a final payment of 4sovs each. Two miles and a-half.

CORNWALL HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Winner of Jervois Handicap to carry not less than 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

HUNT CLUB HURDLES (HANDICAP) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For horses the bona-fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified during the season of 1910 by a lady member of any such Hunt Club, or by a gentleman member of any such Hunt Club who is eligible as a gentleman rider under the Rules of Racing. No horse will be eligible which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 25sovs (Hunters' races excepted). Horses to be ridden by members of Hunt Clubs, who hold certificates as gentlemen riders under the Rules of Racing, and who must hand to the Clerk of the Scales a certificate from the Master of the Hunt Club that they have hunted during the current year (1910). Owners must hand to the Secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses at time of nomination. Over eight flights of hurdles. Minimum weight, 10st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4th, 1910.

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

RANFURLY WELTER HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Minimum weight, 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs, and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. Winner of any steeplechase or steeplechases after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 5lb; of

200sovs, 7lb; of 300sovs, 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs, with a final payment of 6sovs each. About three miles and a-half.

REMUERA HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. Two miles.

PRINCE OF WALES' HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of the Ranfurly Welter Handicap to carry not less than 10st. Minimum weight, 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Seven furlongs.

THE JUMPERS' FLAT RACE (HANDICAP) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For hurdle and steeplechase horses that have started at least three times in hurdle races or steeplechases in New Zealand, and completed the course each time to the satisfaction of the Stewards. To be ridden by professional hurdle race or steeplechase riders to be approved of by the Stewards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Minimum weight, 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and a-half.

LADIES' BRACELET of 65sovs. A Bracelet of the value of 50sovs for the first horse, and a Bracelet of the value of 15sovs for the second horse. For horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Three-year-olds, 10st 10lb; four-year-olds and upwards, 11st. No other allowances. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Gentleman riders. A trophy value 5sovs to the rider of the winner. Entrance 1sov each. One mile.

THIRD DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8th, 1910.

HUNT CLUB CUP (HANDICAP STEEPLE) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For horses the bona-fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified during the season of 1910 by a lady member of any such Hunt Club, or by a gentleman member of any such Hunt Club who is eligible as a gentleman rider under the Rules of Racing. No horse will be eligible which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 25sovs (Hunters' races excepted). Horses to be ridden by members of Hunt Clubs, who hold certificates as gentlemen riders under the Rules of Racing, and who must hand to the Clerk of the Scales a certificate from the Master of the Hunt Club that they have hunted during the current year (1910). Owners must hand to the Secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses at time of nomination. Minimum weight, 10st 7lb. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. About three miles and a-half.

TAMAKI STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 100sovs, or steeplechases of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. About two miles and a-half.

YORK WELTER HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile.

WINTER STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 350sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. About three miles.

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

FITZROY WELTER HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Minimum weight, 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE MEETING, 1910.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 29th, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.—Great Northern Hurdles Handicap 1sov, Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Winter Steeplechase 1sov, Cornwall Handicap 1sov, Prince of Wales' Handicap 1sov, York Welter Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 13th, General Entry, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Great Northern Hurdles Handicap 3sovs, Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 3sovs.

NOMINATIONS.—Maiden Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Jervois Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Hunt Club Hurdles 1sov, Members' Handicap 1sov, Orakei Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Ranfurly Welter Handicap 1sov, Remuera Hurdle Handicap 1sov, The Jumpers' Flat Race Handicap 1sov, Ladies' Bracelet 1sov, Hunt Club Cup 1sov, Tamaki Steeple-

chase Handicap 1sov, Campbell Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Fitzroy Welter Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 27th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Jervois Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Cornwall Handicap 3sovs, Members' Handicap 1sov, Hunt Club Hurdles 1sov, Hunt Club Cup 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Great Northern Hurdles 4sovs.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Orakei Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Ranfurly Welter Handicap 1sov, Remuera Hurdle Handicap 2sovs, Prince of Wales' Handicap 3sovs, The Jumpers' Flat Race Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Great Northern Steeplechase 6sovs.

MONDAY, JUNE 6th, by 12 noon.

ACCEPTANCES.—Tamaki Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, York Welter Handicap 3sovs, Winter Steeplechase Handicap 3sovs, Campbell Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Fitzroy Welter Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

On or about MAY 9th, 1910.

Great Northern Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25th.

Maiden Steeple Handicap, Jervois Handicap, Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Cornwall Handicap, Hunt Club Hurdles, Hunt Club Cup, Members' Handicap.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd, by 8 p.m.

Orakei Hurdles, Ranfurly Welter Handicap, Remuera Hurdles, Prince of Wales' Handicap, Jumpers' Flat Handicap.

MONDAY, JUNE 6th, in Morning Paper.

Tamaki Steeplechase, York Welter Handicap, Winter Steeplechase, Campbell Hurdle Handicap, Fitzroy Welter, Farewell Handicap.

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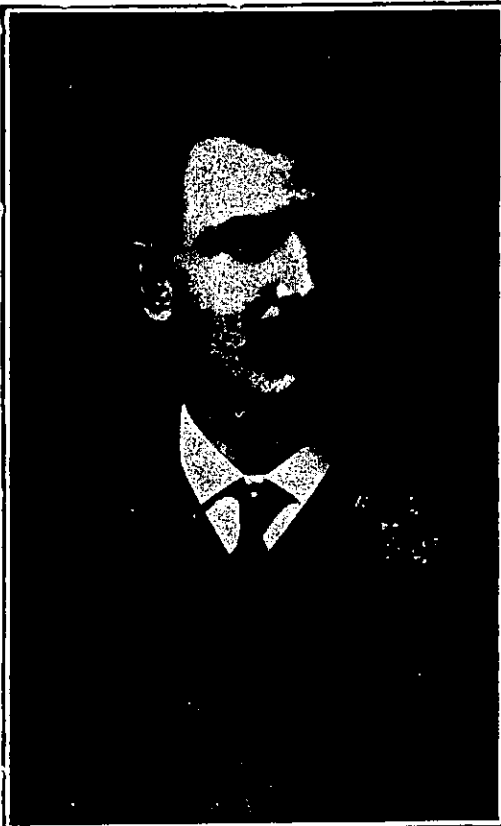
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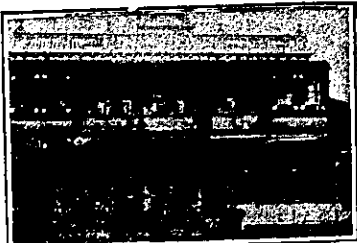
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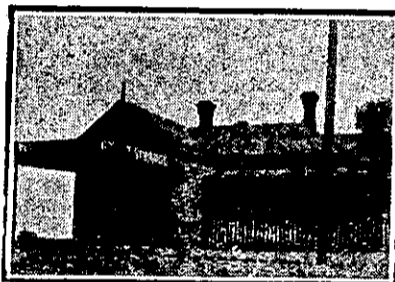
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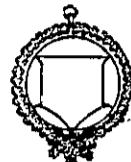


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RACING CALENDAR.

FIXTURES.

June 3 and 4—Dunedin J.C. Winter
June 3 and 4—Otaki Maori R.C. Winter
June 3, 4 and 8—Auckland R. C. Steeplechase
June 15 and 16—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 22 and 23—Napier Park R.C. Winter
July 7 and 8—Gisborne R.C. Winter
August 9, 11 and 13—C.J.C. Grand National

NOMINATIONS.

June 2—Napier Park R.C. Winter
June 7—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup
June 7—A.J.C. Future events
June 7—West Australian T.C. W.A. Derby, Karrakatta Plate and Sires' Produce Stakes
June 24—C.J.C. Grand National (six events)
July 15—C.J.C. Grand National (general entries)

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

June 6—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 17—Napier Park R.C. Winter
June 18—Gisborne R.C. Winter
July 8—C.J.C. Grand National
July 29—C.J.C. Grand National

ACCEPTANCES.

June 10—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 18—Napier Park R.C. Winter
June 29—Gisborne R.C. Winter
July 15—C.J.C. Grand National
August 5—C.J.C. Grand National
September 2—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup
October 21—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup
November 2—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup

FINAL PAYMENTS.

August 5—C.J.C. Grand National

Tan San has been sent from Hawera to Auckland to race at the Auckland Racing Club's winter meeting.

Mr. J. Casserley, of Taiporohenui, Taranaki, has completed the purchase of the thoroughbred stallion St. Paul.

Advices from Singapore report that the Derby was won by the Australian horse Rosemead.

No less than thirteen trainers and thirteen riders got their names on the winning list at the recent Takapuna meeting. H. French amongst the trainers and A. McMillan in the riders, being the only ones to score a double. Other winning trainers were: W. Sharp, C. Coleman, Whale, D. Bannatyne, J. Lowe, P. McLaughlan, T. A. Williams, F. MacManemin, W. Orange, K. Heaton, J. Bowden, and A. Blachford; and the riders, R. W. Brown, H. Hickton, Morris, R. Horne, W. Ryan, H. Gray, C. Brown, M. Ryan, Copestake, J. Conquest, Bowden and Jones.

8.7, Flying Soult 8.7, Peggy Pryde 8.7, Don Quex 8.7, Pairawaatu 8.5, Haku 8.4, St. Terra 8.3, Maroon and Black 8.3, Waitohi 8.2, Taka 8.2, Maika 8.0, Mary Anne 8.0, Monocle 8.0.

The Jervois, a five furlong flutter, has no less than 24 engaged and the start will play a big part in the result of the race. Admiral Soult is galloping along well just now and Contendent should run a good race.

MAIDEN HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Maharanui (In. 7lb pen.) 10.8, Newton 10.6, Woolloomooloo 10.4, Hanga 10.4, Master Paul 10.2, Spectre 9.10, Noteorini 9.7, Freevata 9.2, Sabine 9.0, Royal Day 9.0.

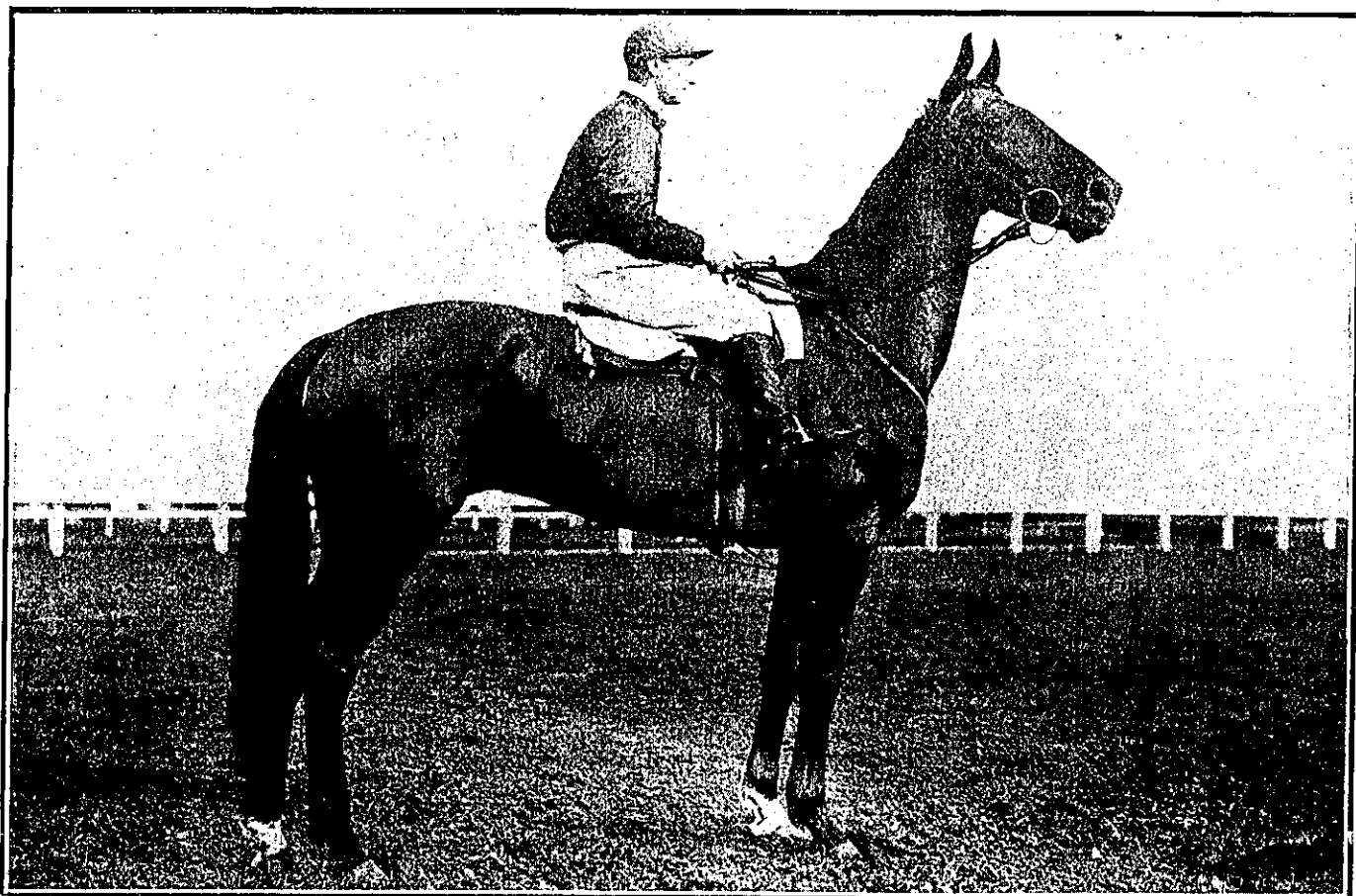
This event looks very open and the contest promises to be a good one. Maharanui and Woolloomooloo each figure in the Great Northern Hurdles to be decided later in the day, but if either start he should be favourite in this event, with Woolloomooloo preferred. Of the others Master Paul should be responsible for a good showing.

THE GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE of 750sovs. Two miles and a-half.

Mr. C. Dawson's br g Ben Jonson, aged, by Ben Godfrey—Hourii	11 3
Mr. E. J. Watt's br g Wimmera, 4yrs, by Merriwee—Mousqueterie (including 7lb penalty)	10 9
Mr. J. George's b g Paritutu, aged, by Castor—Yattaghan	10 7
Mr. C. Morse's b g Te Arai, aged, by Monaco—Frolic	10 4
Mr. V. Bolger's br g Prophet, 5yrs, by St. Paul—Tawhihi	10 4
Mr. Geo. Dunnet's b g Dunborve, 5yrs, by Bluejacket—Lady Peer	10 4
Mr. R. W. Duder's b g Tui Cakobau, aged, by Cuirassier—Hune (including 5lb penalty)	9 12
Mr. W. C. Morgan's br g Sol, aged, by Soult—Lorelei	9 12
Mr. Highden's b g Aorang, aged, by Merriwee—Ponaturi	9 5
Mr. J. O'Driscoll's b g Waitapu, aged, by Gipsy Grand—Waipuna	9 2
Mr. J. Foreman's blk g Maharanui, aged, by Sylvia Park—Pauline	9 2
Mr. J. Hill's b h Armagh, 5yrs, by Salvaden—Leonette	9 2
Mr. A. F. Douglas' br h Woolloomooloo, 6yrs, by Definition—Farthingale	9 0
Mr. F. P. Selby's b g Tui Kitua, aged, by Leolantis—Bessemmer	9 0
Mr. S. Tanner's ch h Rangiaeta, aged, by Rangipuhi—Tawhera	9 0

The event of the day, the Great Northern Hurdles will next receive attention and at the time of writing it looks as though a field of 14 will go to the post. Ben Jonson has not been moving on the track good enough to make one select him to win and the big son of Ben Godfrey will probably find the distance too far especially as the race looks like being fast from the start. Wimmera comes next and the son of Merriwee should be a strong favourite. He has only twice contested a hurdle race and each time he made his opponents look very cheap. His performance at Wanganui last

week in the Century Hurdles was full of merit and those who saw the race say that he romped home and was never asked to hurry. The extra quarter of a mile should not trouble him and on paper his chance of having his name enrolled on the list of Great Northern winners looks very rosy. Paritutu has probably seen his best day and his display at Takapuna was very disappointing and would not lead one to place a tick alongside his name. Te Arai should be suited by the distance, but that is about all that will stand to him as he appears to have had his day over the small sticks. Next on the list is Prophet and those who go for the son of St. Paul will get a great run for their money. At Takapuna Prophet was hampered all through the journey by the riderless Noteorini and Cress, who had the mount on Prophet, had to ride an awkward race. However, Prophet was with the leaders, Tui Cakobau and Armagh, at the last fence, but being interfered with by Noteorini came to grief. Since Takapuna Prophet has been going great guns on the track and his fall has not had any effect upon him. With a suitable rider Prophet may be depended upon to put up a great fight and those who support him should not be far from the totalisator when the race is over. Dunborve is a stayer and that is about all that can be said for him. He has a couple of races down to his credit, but he has not yet accomplished anything out of the ordinary. Tui Cakobau, the sensational horse at Takapuna, will be almost favourite as a result of his displays at Takapuna. That the Cuirassier gelding is an improved animal there is not the slightest doubt, but those who are proclaiming his credentials from the housetops should think a little and investigate his performances at Takapuna. On the opening day, with 9.10 in the saddle, he won the Hauraki Hurdles by a head only from Armagh, with Commander only half a length away, while it will also be admitted that the mishap to Prophet made the way easier for Mr. Duder's horse. Then on the second day Tui Cakobau ran second to Omati in the Hauturu Hurdles. However, on this occasion Jones, the rider of Tui Cakobau, made a mistake and thought the race was another time around, and at the finish he had a great hold of his horse. Omati was going along very easily in front and may have made Tui Cakobau put his best foot forward in any case. On the other hand one would not like to point to the horses which finished behind Tui Cakobau to make him out a champion. That he will carry a heap of coin in Friday's race is beyond doubt,



LAST YEAR'S GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE WINNER: Mr. J. Nelson's b g BULLY, by Freedom—Natator mare. F. L. Speakman in the saddle.

but whether his performances warrant it is another question. Sol can have only a jumper's chance. Aorangi is said to be a good horse and last week finished fourth behind Wimmera in the Century Hurdles at Wanganui. Waitapu is expected to make a fair horse over hurdles but his chance on Friday does not look too bright. Maharani won the Hack Hurdles on the second day at Wanganui, but he only just got there by a head and there seems no reason to extol his prospects. Armagh was responsible for a good race at Takapuna and being an out and out stayer should be very handy at the finish as the extra distance will suit the son of Salvadan. Woolloomooloo is expected to be hard to beat. Tui Kitua and Rangihaua do not read like Great Northern winners. Indications point to the contest being a good one and with so many fast horses engaged with light weights the time registered should be a record. Without the others the race between Prophet, Wimmera and Tui Cakobau should alone be worth going to see.

CORNWALL HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Master Sout 10.9, Sedition 10.8, Waiata 9.12, Dawn 9.7, Waimangu 9.5, Uranium 9.4, Sir Artagal 9.4, Truganini 9.2, Tan San 9.0, Mendip 9.0, Ngapuka 9.0, Manapouri 9.0, Lethan 8.10, Electrakoff 8.7, Bolin 8.6, Rauparaha 8.4, Uenuku 8.2, Explosive 8.0, Baltimore 8.0.

With 19 horses in the Cornwall Handicap the mile and a-quarter race is very hard to pick and almost any of the contestants will pay a good price. Ngapuka appears to be extremely well in, but the top weight, Master Sout, is galloping attractively just now and despite his big weight will take a power of beating. Sedition is a good horse, but being trained at Papakura nothing is known as to his condition.

HUNT CLUB HURDLES, two miles.—Laddie 10.10, Pleades 10.6, Warden 10.5, Powerful 10.3, Totika 10.2, Cutler 10.2, Garrison 10.0, Gordon Regel 10.0, Black Northern 10.0, Boxer 10.0, Antarctic 10.0, Hauteure 10.0.

Very little is known about the hunters and anyone of those engaged may be favourite. Pelades promises to run well, while Warden is looking in good condition.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Nyland 10.3, Wauchope 9.12, Advantage 9.12, Waiata 9.10, Emblem 9.3, Wild West 8.11, General Sout 8.11, Turbine 8.9, Blue Garment 8.8, Lady Frances 8.7, Dogger Bank 8.6, Multiple 8.3, First Wairiki 8.2, Frontino 8.2, Elfish 8.2, Elegance 8.1, Admiral Sout 8.1, Mistime 8.0, St. Toney 8.0.

The first day's programme will close with the Members' Handicap, and as 19 are engaged in the five furlong race luck may have something to do with the result. Advantage, Emblem and Blue Garment promises to carry a fair amount of coin and the first-named may be favourite.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE.

The meeting will be continued on Saturday, when the second "leg" of the big winter double, the Great Northern Steeplechase, will be the principal item on the programme.

THE GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs and hird horse 100sovs out of the stake. Winner of any steeplechase or steeplechases after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 5lb, of 200sovs 7lb, and of 300sovs 10lb penalty. About three miles and a-half.

(Run June 4.)

Mr. J. Cameron's b g Kiatere, aged, by Castor—Victoria	12 4
Mr. W. C. Morgan's br g Sol, aged, by Sout—Lorelei	11 7
Mr. C. Morse's b g Te Aral, aged, by Monaco—Frolic	11 5
Mr. C. Thede's b g Loch Fyne, aged, by Lochness—Pikau	11 1
Mr. J. Twonhill's ch g Capitol, aged, by Leolantis—Jean	10 12
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g Audax, 6yrs, by Birkenhead—Temeraire	10 12
Mr. R. McMiken's b g Le Beau, aged, by Leolantis—Belle	10 10
Mr. A. F. Douglas' ch g Bullworth, aged, by Bulldog (including 7lb penalty)	10 10
Mr. C. Shaw's ch g Red McGregor, aged, by Leolantis—Jean	10 1
Mr. J. Martin's b g Pierre, aged, by Muskapeer—Dellah	9 13
Mr. H. Fryer's ch g Lingerer, aged, by Apremont—Tahoa	9 13
Mr. Noel D. Wilson's br g Lovell, aged, by Huntsman—Mermaid	9 12
Mr. J. H. Howe's blk g Creusot, aged, by Torpedo—Aegyptilla	9 12
Mr. F. Secombe's ch g First Barrel, 6yrs, by Musketry—Minna	9 11
Mr. J. B. Harris' b g Cavalero, aged, by Cuirassier—Clio	9 10
Mr. A. C. Selby's Mozart, aged, by Patchwork—Jean	9 10
Mr. N. Bank's br g Goldsmith, aged, by Gold Reef—Lady Smith	9 8
Mr. M. H. Pickering's b m Melody, aged, by Pinfire—Discord	9 7
Mr. J. O'Driscoll's ch g Pharos, aged, by Jet d'Eau—Opawa mare	9 7
Mr. D. Care's b g King Hippo, aged, by St. Hippo—King Quail mare	9 7

The veteran, Kiatere, has a big load to carry, but the old son of Castor knows the country so well, he having won the race twice previously, while he was also runner-up last year, that he is one of those who look a certainty to finish the course. His sec-

ond at Wanganui on the concluding day would point to him being well off on the score of condition, a big item in a race extending over three miles and a half. Sol is a game little fellow but his displays lately have been disappointing. It is said that C. Cress will ride Sol and this should be all to his advantage. Te Aral, if one could rely on him getting round, would take a power of beating. Te Aral has tried the big country several times lately, but the water jumps have, except on one occasion, proved too much for him and he refuses to take them on. However, last year the same thing happened in his training, but on the day he jumped in good style and finished fourth. He is a better horse than he was then, but, as mention above, is unreliable. Loch Fyne has negotiated the country before and won the race two years ago. He has not pleased on the track lately and may find the opposition too good. Last year's winner, Capitol, looks and is jumping well and as his performance last year was full of merit he is sure to command a large following. Next we have the boomed Audax and also the horse who will, or should be favourite. Two years ago, at Christchurch, Audax showed that he could negotiate big country with the best, while his second to Wimmera in the Century Hurdles at Wanganui last week is ample proof that he has pace and is in condition. Summing the situation up it looks as though the opposition will find Audax a hard nut to crack and they may find the task beyond them. Jack Pot is reported to have injured himself at Wanganui and therefore will not be a starter. Le Beau is striding along in good style and as the son of Leolantis is not harshly treated in the matter of poundage he can be relied upon to be one of the first into the straight. Bullworth was responsible for a good performance when he won the Grandstand Steeplechase at Wanganui on Thursday and he promises to be a hard horse to beat. Red McGregor is looking and jumping well but he hardly reads like a Great Northern winner and the same remark applies to First Barrel and Cavalero. The only other likely starter appears to be Lovell, who is said to be a very fair horse and one that will make a bold fight. If Audax, Le Beau and Capitol go to the post the prospects of a good race are very bright.

THIRD DAY.

Wednesday will see the meeting brought to a close and on this day the chief events will be the Winter Steeplechase and York Welter Handicap. Another interesting event will be the Hunt Club Steeplechase, the acceptances for which are:

HUNT CLUB CUP STEEPLECHASE.—Laddie 11.5, Pleades 10.10, Warden 10.9, Cutler 10.9, Powerful 10.8, Totika 10.8, Garrison 10.7, Gordon Regel 10.7, Boxer 10.7, Antarctic 10.7, Hauteure 10.7.

TURF TOPICS.

Moccasin and Pharos both broke down while contesting the Wanganui Steeplechase.

The Great Northern meeting which opens to-morrow will be continued on Saturday and concluded on Wednesday next.

Powerful, who figures in the Hunt Club Hurdles and Steeplechase, is a full brother to the one-time champion Seahorse.

Audax was sent over the big country at Ellerslie on Tuesday and the Great Northern favourite quite satisfied his supporters by his display and he promises to start a very warm favourite.

Te Aral who has showed a great dislike to the water jumps found them no trouble at all on Tuesday morning. If he could be relied upon to get round he would have plenty of backers in the big steeplechase on Saturday.

Waimangu and Santa Rosa are in good nick to attack the winter meeting and one of the pair should bring a little grist to the mill before the meeting closes.

The statement that the Great Northern Hurdle race favourite, Wimmera, is showing signs of soreness is causing his backers some anxiety and his appearance with the colours up is being eagerly awaited.

Golden Glow, who figures in events for hunters, is a very moderate jumper.

Although exceptionally well treated in the matter of weight Maheno was very disappointing at Takapuna and she never appeared to settled down to work with her usual dash.

The Porirua candidate for the Great Northern Steeplechase, Lovell, made many friends by the manner in which he negotiated the country at Ellerslie on Tuesday morning.

Mr. V. Cornago, owner of Prophet, is at present lying very seriously ill and it is feared he may have to undergo an operation. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

Nine entries have been received for the Amateur Billiard championship, which commences in Auckland on Monday next. Included in the nominations are several well-known cueists, viz., Messrs. Farrell, Hackett, Lovelock and Russell.

Steplink, who showed pace for a couple of furlongs at Takapuna was sold at Alfred Buckland and Son's yards on Friday for 20½ guineas, Mr. B. Myers being the purchaser.

Lovell, the 'chaser, will be the sole representative of the Porirua stable at Ellerslie. H. Telford will ride the gelding.

Master Sout is hitting out well just now and promises to be on the winning list shortly.

The Workman gelding Shrapnel injured himself while working on the tan on Friday and was consequently withdrawn from the Great Northern Hurdles.

Four previous winners of the Great Northern Steeplechase will be among the field on Saturday, viz., Capitol, Kiatere (twice), Loch Fyne and Sol.

Last week T. Williams lost the services of Leo, Maiora and Shrapnel. To lose three jumpers on the eve of the Great Northern meeting is more than hard and this painstaking mentor who promised to hold a strong hand has only Cavalero and Westerley left to battle over the fences for him. Misfortunes never come singly!

The appearance of Tua Kitua in the list of final acceptors for the Great Northern Hurdles after his displays at Takapuna is hard to understand.

Commander who ran well at Takapuna returned to the Thames but may be brought to Ellerslie again to take part on the second and third days of the meeting.

Present indications point to the field for the Great Northern Steeplechase numbering just a dozen.

The grey gelding Flying Cloud in J. Chaaf's junr.'s stable at Ellerslie was offered for sale at auction on Friday, but was passed in at 40 guineas.

The hero of the Avondale meeting, Waiata, has arrived at Ellerslie and is looking well.

After the pronounced manner in which Mr. "Melrose's" mare Advantage made her opponents look cheap at Takapuna she is certain to have many supporters in any event she contests at Ellerslie.

On the opening day of the Wanganui meeting Jack Pot and Audax were wired to Auckland as the best of good things and a fair amount of money was secured about the double at a good price. Though the double did not win it was pretty close, as Jack Pot landed the Steeplechase and Audax ran second to Wimmera in the hurdles.

The stone wall to be negotiated at Ellerslie after the double is lower in the centre than at either end and it would, perhaps, be advisable to build it up level. As it is at present riders would all make for the lowest part and an awkward fence may cause an accident.

An excellent picture of that one-time champion racehorse, Hohoro, with his rider J. Jellings in the saddle was on view at Mr. Louis Lewis' window, Queen-street, last week, and attracted considerable attention. The painting is from the brush of Mr. R. A. Armstrong, who, in placing both horse and rider on canvas exactly as we see them on the race track, has scored a marked success where many have failed. For some unknown reason those in charge of the Society of Arts Exhibition refused to include Mr. Armstrong's picture amongst the exhibits, much to the surprise of many good judges of a picture.

T. Pritchard will ride Kiatere in his engagements at Ellerslie.

A. Cowan will be on First Barrel at Ellerslie.

Capitol will have his old pilot M. Deeble in the saddle on Saturday.

Blue Garment is getting through some fast sprinting work at Ellerslie and may return a dividend before the meeting is over.

A rising three-year-old in F. Macmanem's stable Royal News, by Wairiki—Bad News, is working in company with Apellon at Ellerslie and the manner in which he hits out in his short sprints augurs well for his future prospects.

Ngapuka appears well treated in the Cornwall Handicap to-morrow, with 9.0. Last year the son of Sout won the race with 9.6 in the saddle and on the concluding day capped this performance by winning the York Handicap with 11.0. If himself it looks as though his opponents will have to hurry to-morrow.

The jumping of the hunters at Ellerslie in the early mornings would not lead anyone to think they had negotiated many stiff fences in their time.

J. Jones may ride Le Beau in the Great Northern Steeplechase and in his hands the son of Leolantis should not lose anything on the score of horsemanship.

Loch Fyne, who won the Great Northern two years ago, will be ridden in Saturday's race by F. Speakman. This rider was on Bully when Mr. Alison's horse won the G.N. Hurdles last year.

The Auckland horseman, B. Deeley, rode Clemora to victory in the Connolly Handicap at Wanganui and her supporters received a two-figure dividend.

Since the Takapuna meeting Prophet has been hitting out in great style and his fall evidently caused no trouble.

J. Rae has Uenuku to do battle for him in the big handicaps on the flat and a win for the son of Stepniak would be pleasing to chronicle.

Wimmera and Tui Cakobau are the favourite selections for the Great Northern Hurdles and Audax in the Steeplechase.

With soft going the Birkenhead gelding Dawn will count a host of supporters in the big handicap.

The highest weight yet carried to victory in the Great Northern Hurdles is St. Simon's 12.12, in 1897.

In the matter of poundage the 12.13 carried by Kiatere in 1907 stands as the record for the Steeplechase.

Paritutu and Sol who failed to gain a place in the G.N. Hurdles last year will be starters to-morrow.

Wimmera promises to start a warm favourite in the G.N. Hurdles to-morrow and Audax will be in most demand in the G.N. Steeplechase.

In this issue will be found a picture of Bully with F. Speakman in the saddle, which combination carried off the Great Northern Hurdles last year.

The whole of the horses in the estate of the late Mr. J. B. Williamson, including brood mares, yearlings, two-year-olds, and horses in training, are to be offered for sale at auction on June 6th, by Messrs. A. Buckland and Sons.

Mr. E. White, of Porangahau, Hawke's Bay, can lay claim to having bred Jack Pot, the winner of this year's Wanganui Steeplechase. His sire is Chain Link, who was by Chain Shot, by Musket. Chain Shot's dam was Locket (imp.). Chain Link's dam was Nautilus, by Traducer (imp.), next dam Water Witch, by Camden, next dam Mermaid (imp.). Jack Pot's dam was Georgina, by St. George, her dam Strenna (imp.) by The Duke (son of Stockwell), her dam Mellona, by Teddington—Honey Dear by Plenipotentiary, My Dear by Bay Middleton—Miss Letty (dam of Weatherbit). On breeding Jack Pot is closely related to some of the best horses in New Zealand, notably Lurline and Castaway, who won a Dunedin and Wellington Cup respectively. Mr. E. Cutts, the well-known Canterbury trainer, bred Chain Link.

Racing Reviewed.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SECOND DAY.

The winter meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club, which opened so auspiciously on Tuesday, the 24th, was brought to a most successful conclusion on the Thursday, when there was again fine weather and an exceedingly large attendance. The sport provided was in every way first-class, the fields being exceptionally large in most of the events, and the racing splendid. A full account of the first day's racing has already appeared in the "Review," and at this stage it would be a waste of space to enter into a detailed review of the sport provided on the second day, though a few notes pertaining thereto may be of interest.

Many could not understand why Maori King and Parable were coupled on the machine at the W.J.C. meeting. The explanation is that Parable is owned by Mr. E. J. Watt, though held on lease by Mr. G. F. Coleman, who rode for Mr. G. F. Moore on the first day, did not have the mounts on True Shot and Beacon in their engagements on the Thursday. However, the change of riders did not benefit the stable in any way, the horses not being up to the mark.

The two wins scored by Faunus in the hack events here showed The Officer gelding up in a most attractive light. He is a remarkably quick beginner, and should quite hold his own in the best of company.

The veteran Kiatere jumped splendidly in the Grandstand Steeplechase, and finished well, though he is sure to be in better fix at Ellerslie, where the longer journey should suit him.

Serenity, a half-brother (by Handsome Jack) to Frisco was started in the Farewell Hack, but failed to get a place. He is a fine cut of a gelding, but Fred Tilley has not got him quite ready yet, though maybe he will shape better at Otaki.

St. Bill has seldom, if ever, been in better nick than A. Hall had him here. The St. Clements gelding was backed by the right people on the second day, but could only run second. A furlong from home he looked to have the race won, as he was going along well within himself, but Maori King came with a wonderful rush, and was in front before anyone realised what had happened. Great things are expected of the gelding when he is put to hurdling.

Kiatere and Woolloomooloo, both of whom are trained by J. M. Cameron, were backed to win over a thousand pounds for the big Ellerslie double during the Wanganui meeting. The former did very well in the Grandstand Steeplechase, and should strip pretty well next Friday. Woolloomooloo will have to show greatly improved form than he did here to win, but then some horses do come on remarkably quick sometimes.

The majority of those who saw the way Oryx made up his ground over the last half-mile in the Wanganui Steeplechase are of opinion that had the Apremont gelding been kept closer to his field in the earlier stages of the race he must have won, as he must have picked up over 60 yards over the last half-mile, and finished much stronger than either Jack Pot or Lovell. However, if Mr. W. Homes was unlucky to lose the big event, he was even more unfortunate on the second day, when Oryx came an awful cropper at the second last obstacle, a hencoop, turning a somersault and breaking his back. But for the fall he must have beaten Bullworth. Up to the jump which proved disastrous, the gelding had been fencing beautifully, but he crashed right into the hencoop. At the time he was going very fast, and was rapidly overtaking the leader.

Golden Loop, who acted as runner-up to Faunus on the first day, repeated the performance on Thursday. The son of Lupin was much fancied by his connections, who put in on him both days, but he met one too speedy for him.

There was some manoeuvring of the betting market in the May Hurdles, and one or two horses went up and down in the quotations in a strange manner. The bookies soon had Gold Bird at a short price, but later on he was knocked right back. He never looked like a winner in the race, though on his showing on Thursday he should have done better

It is reported that Eldorado will be shipped to Sydney this week.

P. Brady will probably ride Prophet in the G.N. Hurdles to-morrow.

The Scout pony Gloss left for Sydney on Friday last in charge of T. Price.

The following were the principal winning owners at the Wanganui meeting:—E. J. Watt £410, Hon. J. D. Ormond £360, A. Ellingham £350, A. F. Douglas £225, G. Castles £200, J. H. Prosser £145, Mr. Highden £125, J. Delaney £80, F. Preston £80, Owen Caldwell £80, J. Foreman £80, Noel Wilson £50.

Fingot and Bourrasque contracted colds while at Ellerslie, and were shipped home by the Rarawa on Sunday last.

A. Julian has been engaged to pilot Paritutu in his races at Ellerslie.

Wafari is galloping fast on the tracks, and may shortly make amends for his disappointing displays lately.

Haldane was sent out over six furlongs on Tuesday morning, but he did not finish too well, and may need a race or two before being seen at his best.

Omati was very sore after his win at Takapuna, but he has shaken this off, and is hitting out very freely again.

Lady Patricia was withdrawn from the Great Northern Hurdle Race on Monday afternoon.

There will be racing at North Otago, Otaki and Ellerslie to-day.

Eurus, who won the C.J.C. Grand National Steeplechase a couple of seasons ago, is doing good work in the South.

Many critics are selecting Sol to run a good race in the hurdles, but after his display at Takapuna it looks as though he would have a better chance in the steeplechase.

The combination, Wimmera and Audax, is quoted at a very short price with the pencilers.

No horse is galloping better at Ellerslie than Prophet, and the son of St. Paul will be the hardest horse to beat in the hurdles to-morrow.

After exercising one morning last week, the Brisbane Cup winner Curve died from internal hemorrhage.

Aorangl will be ridden in his Ellerslie engagements by H. Telford.

Minoru, who was leased by King Edward VII, and who won the Two Thousand Guineas and English Derby last year, has been returned to his owner, Colonel Hall Walker.

The old Hippocampus gelding Moccasin, who has won a Great Northern, Wanganui, and several other less important steeplechase events, broke down very badly in Tuesday's race, and it is questionable whether he can be got ready again in time to compete in further events this season.

Oryx, who had always been considered a safe conveyance over obstacles, came to grief in the Grandstand Steeplechase on the second day at Wanganui, and fracturing his spine had to be destroyed. The jumps at Wanganui are of the solid order, and they must not be taken liberties with. The obstacle which caused the trouble would stand a lot of ill-usage before being seriously damaged.

Speculation at Takapuna on the machines showed a falling off, the sum of £6509 10s being handled, as against £9585 10s on the corresponding day of last year, and making £14,111 10s for the meeting, a decrease of £1459 10s on the 1909 figures. Bookmakers returned in fees £910, as against £820 in 1909.

George Gano, 2.3 3-4, the horse that made a few secretaries lie awake nights a year ago, is a candidate for two-minute honours, says an American writer. He has been bought by Mr. M. W. Savage, owner of Dan Patch and Minor Heir, and will join the International stable on September 1. Meanwhile it is expected that he will continue in the Tommy Murphy string, which may mean that the little horse is to take part in a few races with the fast ones this season.

than he did. Playmate paid a false price, as he had been showing good form on the track prior to the meeting, and as he was not raced on the Tuesday, was fresher than the other starters, who had had a gruelling race over the two and a-quarter miles in the Century.

Waitapu made no mistakes in his jumping either day, but evidently requires more time to get back his old dash so far as pace is concerned.

Clemora, winner of the Connolly, was kicked twice before the start of the Empire Handicap, and this probably prevented her shaping quite so well as she would otherwise have done. Woodhey did not look to have much chance at the entrance to the straight, but Luke Wilson brought the daughter of Birkenhead along with a great rattle, and she cut down her field in rare fashion. Waipaku ran well for a mile, but then faded away. She should be heard of shortly, though.

A. Oliver and F. D. Jones each won two races, while A. Julian, W. Wood, C. Cress, B. Deeley, H. Gray, T. Pine, R. Young, C. Cochrane, H. Telford and L. Wilson all rode winners.

The management of the meeting was up to the usual high standard of excellence set by this club, and Mr. W. Hall, secretary, and the officials associated with him were the recipients of very hearty congratulations on the success achieved.

During the two days the sum of £21,212 was put through the machines—£10,906 on the Thursday and £10,306 on the first day—which is £1877 more than at the last May meeting. The sum of £671 was paid in fees by the bookmakers, and as the gate receipts and all other sources of revenue showed an increase, the profit should be substantial, even after paying the extra taxation.

Mr. George Morse continues to score success after success so far as his handicapping for the Wanganui Club is concerned, and he was complimented on all sides for the really splendid results which were the outcome of his very clever adjustments. The club is indeed fortunate to command his services. Another official who did very good work during the meeting was Mr. Jas. Coombes, who had some large and difficult fields to start, but got them away remarkably well.

COURSING.

NORTH NEW ZEALAND CLUB.

The weather was threatening on Saturday, and a couple of sharp showers were experienced by those who attended Middlemore Park to witness the second meeting of the North New Zealand Coursing Club, but more favourable weather prevailed yesterday, when the meeting was concluded. Despite the weather on Saturday there was a splendid attendance of enthusiasts, and as the sport was of a particularly interesting nature, one and all must have been well satisfied. The hares were a strong lot, while many of the dogs which ran a bit green at the opening of the season showed considerable improvement, with the result that several very exciting courses eventuated. On Saturday two rounds in the Railway Maiden and one round in the All-aged Stakes were decided, and in addition to the finals the Club ran a Novice Stake yesterday. Secretary Tapper saw that everything possible was done to ensure the comfort of all present, and he was ably supported by the various officials of the club. Mr. W. E. Hackett was judge, and gave his decisions promptly, and Mr. G. Steven, slipper, was in excellent form. The results of the courses are as follows:

RAILWAY MAIDEN STAKE.

First Round: Delegate beat Toronto, Prince Foote beat Rawhiti, Dreadless beat Master Wallace, Sandy McGregor beat Sand Jig, Don Hannibal beat Young Jig, Slippery Don beat Bluejacket, Archduke beat Silverdale, Shamrock beat What-a-Devil, Ringbolt a bye.

Second Round: Delegate beat Prince Foote, Dreadless beat Sandy McGregor, Don Hannibal beat Slippery Don, Archduke beat Ringbolt, Shamrock a bye.

Third Round: Dreadless beat Delegate, Don Hannibal beat Shamrock, Archduke a bye.

Fourth Round: Archduke beat Dreadless, Don Hannibal a bye.

Final: Mr. W. Hart's hd d Don Hannibal beat Mr. L. H. Hunt's Archduke and won the stake.

MIDDLEMORE ALL-AGED STAKES.

First Round: Flying Fox beat Sweet Alice, Irish Moss beat Santiago, Sly Grog beat Ropata, All Red beat Fearnought.

Second Round: Flying Fox beat Irish Moss, All Red beat Sly Grog.

Final: Mr. A. H. Whitehead's fd Flying Fox beat Mr. A. Smith's All Red and won the stake.

NOVICE STAKE.

First Round: Fireman beat Ashby, Prophet beat Irish Molly, Irish Lass beat Advantage, Young Jig beat Hone, King George beat Purity, Prince Foote beat Honeywood, Rawhiti beat Fearless Footsteps, Slippery Don beat Maximize.

Second Round: Prophet beat Fireman, Young Jig beat Irish Lass, Prince Foote beat King George, Rawhiti beat Slippery Don.

Third Round: Young Jig beat Prophet, Prince Foote beat Rawhiti.

Final: Mr. A. Wakem's r and w d Prince Foote beat Messrs. Tapper Bros.' Young Jig and won the stake.

PALMERSTON NORTH COURSING CLUB.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, the attendance at the members' meeting of the Palmerston North Coursing Club last week was very good. Mr. T. Richards gave general satisfaction as judge. Mr. H. Webb was a very satisfactory slipper. Results:—

NOVICE CUP.

First Round: Dusky Queen beat Crimson King, Maximise beat Falling Days, Lady Lucy beat Matipo, Ngatua beat Cumberland Beauty, Miss Bodmin a bye.

Second Round: Dusky Queen beat Maximise, Miss Bodmin beat Lady Lucy, Ngatua a bye.

Semi-final: Miss Bodmin beat Ngatua, Dusky Queen a bye.

Final: A. H. Rogers' Dusky Queen beat Miss Bodmin and won.

TERRACE END BRACELET.

First round: Barn Bluff beat Review, Sandy Drummond beat Kilwinning, Balaclava beat Emmett.

Semi-final: Sandy Drummond beat Barn Bluff, Balaclava a bye.

Final: H. Overton's Balaclava beat Sandy Drummond.

MEMBERS' MAIDEN STAKE.

First Round: Dan O'Connell beat Pawelka, Milford Sound beat Sunny Morn, Master Gunner beat Jupiter, Gunsmith a bye.

Semi-final: Dan O'Connell beat Milford Sound, Gunsmith beat Master Gunner.

Final: J. Hannan's Dan O'Connell beat Gunsmith.

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CANTERBURY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, May 31.

Canterbury horses fared very badly at the Oamaru meeting, despite the fact that most of the stable were well represented. Tikitere, All Guns and Shindy were the only winners.

The people behind Silkweb fancied the Soult horse's chance both days at Oamaru, but he could only get third place in each start.

Palette, a three-year-old gelding by Pallas—Bealey won two races at Oamaru in very good style and should win in better company in the near future.

Racing men from Christchurch who patronised the Oamaru meeting are loud in their praise both in regard to the excellence of racing and the conduct of the meeting generally. The racing was voted the best ever seen at North Otago.

Most of the Riccarton stables will be represented at Oamaru this week, between 20 and 30 local horses having engagements.

Gwendolina, who has been more or less amiss for some months has a gone wrong and her owner has decided to retire her from racing.

One member of Cutt's big team, Kilwinning, is reported to be unsound, and it is probable the colt will not race until well into the next season. Another member of the same stable, Husbandman, who has done a lot of racing this season, is going to be spelled till next spring.

Eurus continues to perform satisfactorily over the steeplechase country. The other morning he went once round over the big fences jumping every obstacle with apparent ease. In the past Eurus has on the training tracks shown a decided inclination to run off at certain fences, but this season he seems to relish his work.

Horseman J. Nolan will do the principal riding for W. C. Clarke's stable this winter.

Sea Dog and Ratepayer have been jumping well over the big fences and should be among the winning division this season.

Ristori, the well-bred daughter of Multiform—Helen Faucett has broken down and will be sent to the stud. This filly put up some rare gallops in private, but always failed with the colours up.

Most of the Riccarton horses that raced at Oamaru went down to Dunedin for the meeting there this week.

HAWKE'S BAY

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, May 30.

Eldorado's defeat at Wanganui may be accounted for by the fact that he was off his feed all the while during his stay there, and Gold Reef's son has been none too bright since his return from Wanganui, for he has not picked a bit for the last three days. Had he been fortunate enough to have ner. His owner-trainer (J. McLaughlin) would have been floating along with the best of them, for he had backed Wimmera and Eldorado to win him £1000.

Multiple, who was shipped by the Victoria on Friday night for Auckland, has been doing all that has been asked of him in a meritorious manner. His owner-trainer (J. McLaughlin) leaves by the Northern express on Tuesday morning for Ellerslie.

Cullinan, the elder full brother to Kohinoor and Star and Garter, is making good progress on the preparing circuits at Napier Park, and the good work done by him augurs well for future contests.

G. Collelo has had his team increased by the inclusion of a rising three-year-old son of St. Ambrose and Guiding Star, owned by his patron, Mr. C. Haldane. The stranger is a half-brother to Guiding Step.

J. S. O'Neill has struck bad luck again, as his only pupil, Miriam, a younger full sister to Moriarty, has been attacked with such a severe dose of strangles that she has been laid aside, and the nature of her malady is so bad that it will be months ere she will be able to be put in active commission again.

If Jack Pot's owner adheres to the decision voiced by him the other day, there is no chance of Chain Link's son being seen out at Ellerslie next month.

Blackwater has been purchased by Mr. Ni Puna, of Arapawanui. This native sport has been schooling Donald over the obstacles for the past fortnight, and the ancient gelding has been showing heaps of proficiency in his tasks.

Separator is being treated to a respite from toil. Apparently the holiday is agreeing with Seaton Delaval's son, for he is bigger and brighter now than has been the case with him for months past.

A well-known Clive sportsman has acquired Niwaru, and the Torpedo mare is now one of H. Hickey's students. Niwaru is under orders to proceed to Horowhenua to-morrow to carry on her engagements at the Otaki Racing Club's winter venture.

Stay-at-home punters had a royal time over the late Wanganui meeting, and local backers have had their banking accounts replenished by the success gained by the Bay neddies.

Kopu is being specially prepared for the ladies' jewellery races in connection with the Hawke's Bay winter venture, and should the weights prove acceptable, Mr. G. Hirst will pilot San Fran's son in the lady nominator events. Full Cry is going on in good style since his late accident, and is to be given a rough-up over the big country to-morrow morning. Should he come out of the ordeal all right he will be sent along at top in anticipation of future contests over the big fences.

Oakley and Eve were schooled over the big country at Napier Park on Saturday morning. The brace fenced well and never made a mistake. On the same trying-out grounds Karakoturu and Golden Water were despatched over the small sticks, a good rousing go between the pair resulting in even honours, there being nothing to choose as regards the brace.

One of R. Gooseman's employees, a lad named Matthews, sustained a fracture of the leg caused by a kick on the Hastings track on Wednesday. He was later on sent to the Napier Hospital, and upon enquiries to-day I was informed that he was progressing in a satisfactory manner.

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, May 30.

Prospector and Defeat are reported to be showing every promise of coming back to their best form of a couple of seasons ago, and gave a very fine exhibition of jumping in a go over the fences the other morning at Awapuni.

The popular Wanganui sport who races as Mr. R. Narelle had hopes of winning a race shortly with Waikaraka, but the gelding was sore after his fall in the Connolly Handicap, and is to be given a spell. He was very well and the chances appeared to be in favour of him scoring soon, but as it is he will probably not race again until the spring. When he is next seen in public it will be over the small sticks, for which game he will be schooled when taken up again. The same owner's mare Shannon Lass is to be put into work right away, with a view to early spring racing.

At the next meeting of the Wanganui Metropolitan Committee a petition will be presented asking that the decision of the club in the case of W. Young be reconsidered and that he be granted a renewal of his license. The petition was got up during the recent W.J.C. meeting, and was signed by many prominent trainers.

Rumour has it that a severe caution was administered to a well-known jockey as to his habits by the Wanganui Metropolitan body during the recent meeting.

Continuance, Paisano and Stourton all contracted colds just on the eve of the Wanganui gathering and could not start. They have been railed back to Hastings. As they are recovering it is quite on the cards that they will be started at the Hawke's Bay winter meeting.

In the event of the Marton Jockey Club securing the second permit which the club has applied for it is intended to hold the second meeting about February, probably just prior to the Wanganui Cup meeting.

Wimmera has been showing signs of lameness behind since winning the Century Hurdles and his trainer (T. Quinlivan) was rather doubtful about taking him to Auckland. Yesterday morning the Merriwee gelding was given a gallop on the local track and put up a very good go, but at night he was lame again. The trouble is attributed to muscle soreness. In the hope that the gelding may throw off

the soreness he was entrained for Auckland to-day, with a view to competing in the Great Northern on Friday if well enough.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, May 30.

Excellent acceptances are assured in connection with the approaching winter meeting of the Otaki Maori Racing Club, to be held on Friday and Saturday of this week on the Horowhenua racecourse at Levin. This institution is always a popular one with sporting enthusiasts, and the coming gathering is expected to eclipse all its predecessors.

Trotting has many adherents amongst the Wairarapa turf enthusiasts, and the South Wairarapa Trotting Club, which holds its annual meeting at Greytown to-morrow, promises to provide some excellent sport. Mr. J. H. Pollock has done his work well in the handicapping line, and, taken all round, the fixture promises to be very successful.

Wellington was strongly represented at last week's winter meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club, and returned sports speak very highly of the kindness and attention that was bestowed on them by Mr. W. Hall and the various officials associated with him in the management of the meeting.

The approaching winter meeting of the Auckland Racing Club has not drawn many horses from these parts, the only locally-trained animals from this vicinity being Lovell, Truganini, Advantage, Magneto, and Waiata. The quintette are all very well on the score of condition, and they should worthily represent this district in events at the meeting.

The Soult—Tauhei colt, which injured himself whilst exercising at Trentham last year, and which was sent home to his owner, Mr. F. Hall, of Gisborne, has practically recovered from the mishap, and he will shortly be sent down from Gisborne to join the active brigade in J. W. Lowe's stable.

The win of Advantage on the second day at Takapuna was well received in local sporting circles, and the hope was expressed that some more wins would soon be secured by Mr. "Middleton Melrose."

The Lethe gelding Whatakura, who is owned locally by the sportsman who races as H. Whitney will represent that sport at the Dunedin Jockey Club's winter meeting. This hurdler is in capital condition, and should run creditably at the meeting.

The "Highden" stable at Awapuni, which is presided over by G. Price, has a couple of useful ones in Aorang and Nyland to run for them at the Auckland winter meeting. The pair are in splendid fettle, and they are expected to play a prominent part in events at the gathering.

The successful Porirua stable was represented in events at the Wanganui meeting with Lovell, St. Felix and Playmate. The trio ran fairly well; Lovell ran second in the steeplechase, whilst Playmate won the May Hurdles. St. Felix did not run too kindly, but the colt may be seen under better auspices at the Otaki meeting.

The idea of a Wellington Trotting Club continues to gain in popularity, and there seems to be every reason to predict that the proposed institution will soon become an accomplished fact. Mr. J. V. Dyke, who is renowned for his perseverance and tact, is working hard to bring the project to a successful issue, and his efforts should be crowned with success.

Foxton-trained horses competing at the Wanganui meeting, and which consisted of Lord Soult, Waiouru, Lady Moutoa, Sir Antrim, Waipaku, and Waitoto, all failed ingloriously in their several attempts, and the only one of the number to get placed was Wapaku, who ran third in the Connolly Handicap. The Foxton sporting fraternity are reported to have lost a considerable sum through the failure of some of Messena's team to land a stake. It will be some time before they recover from the shock.

Ballarat ran a splendid race in the Winter Oats at Wanganui, and the old black mare proved by her display that she must not be considered a back number. Had she won the event she would have returned her supporters a sensational dividend, as she was sadly neglected on the totalisator.

Lady Moutoa, Moutoa Girl, and Stevens have gone into winter quarters on their owner's estate at Moutoa,

near Foxton. The trio will not again sport silk until the spring racing season rolls round.

Waiata is reported in capital trim, and the Tupuhi gelding is expected to represent Mr. Peters with some distinction at the approaching Auckland meeting. It will be remembered that the Hutt trainer met with considerable success with Waiata on his last visit to Auckland.

Penates represented Mr. R. W. Paterson at Wanganui, and the Ruenalf horse, who carried the confidence of his connections on the second day, failed to land the money, and the best C. Jenkins could do was to get the big fellow into fourth place. Weight will stop the best of horses, as was exemplified in the case of Penates.

The diminutive Soult pony Gloss, who was purchased recently by an Australian sportsman, was shipped to Sydney on Friday last. Wren's thousand, to be run at Ascot in September, is no doubt to be Gloss' mission.

Xavier ran well in the May Hurdles at Wanganui, and the Trentham owner-trainer, W. Davies, should soon be picking up a stake with the Tasman gelding, who should soon be at the top of his form, judging by his latest display.

Moloch was taken to Wanganui, but the Mauser gelding failed to reproduce any of his one-time brilliancy, and the Trentham-trained animal finished a long way back from the leading division.

Merrivonia, who is owned by Mr. J. Ames, of totalisator fame, did not run up to expectations at Wanganui, and the black mare must have gone off considerably, judging by her latest exertions.

Mr. T. F. Nolan's gelding Leolanter ran very creditably at Wanganui, and this consistent runner should do his owner a good turn at the approaching Otaki meeting, as Hathaway has the chestnut in good racing trim.

The local sportsman who races as P. W. Sarsfield was represented by Royal Marine at Wanganui, but the gelding failed to reproduce the good form that he showed his connections before leaving home. They were at a loss to account for the discrepancy, but the travelling may have had something to do with his poor display.

A copy of the Canterbury Jockey Club's annual report and balance-sheet is to hand from the secretary. Notwithstanding an increase of £2440 in stakes, and over £7500 spent in improvements, the cash balance is only about £650 less than last season. It is estimated that the increased taxation will add £2500 to the expenditure next season. The main items of revenue are £1785 from subscriptions, £6925 from nominations, £9973 from race receipts, £17,339 from totalisator account, and £6220 from bookmakers' fees. The big sum of £30,240 was paid away in stakes, while £6312 went towards new stands, totalisator house, etc. The assets exceed the liabilities by £39,944. Altogether a very satisfactory state of affairs is disclosed.

The most successful sire at the recent Takapuna meeting was Soult, the gets of which won three races. Advance was responsible for two winners, and Cardigan, Leolantis, Cyrenian, Menschikoff, St. Peter, Seaton Delaval, St. Hippo, Eton, and Cuirassier one each.

When L. Robertson was in Auckland with Dan Patch, he expressed himself deeply grateful to the Auckland Trotting Club officials for the treatment accorded him. During the week Mr. C. F. Mark, secretary of the A.T.C., received the following letter from the Allendale Stud Farm:—"Personally we feel very grateful to you for the very kind attention given to Mr. Robertson when in Auckland. It is nice to be made feel that one is amongst friends when away from home, and your careful attention to details certainly made Mr. Robertson feel he was among friends. In all probability, we will occasionally send a horse or two over to compete at some of your meetings. We would ask you to convey to the president (Mr. Rowe) and your committee the sincere thanks of both Mr. L. Robertson and the proprietors of the Allendale Stock Farm for the kindness shown Mr. Robertson during his visit."

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TURF RESULTS.

THE WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

The winter meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club was brought to a conclusion on Thursday. The fields engaged in the different events were again considerably above the average, and some very interesting racing was witnessed. There was again a large attendance, spectators being quite as numerous as on the opening day. The various officials of the club did their utmost to make the reunion an enjoyable one, and to their efforts the gathering can be written down as one of the most successful yet held by the club. The starting in Mr. J. Coombes' hands gave every satisfaction, good send-offs being the order of the day. As usual, Mr. Hartgill was right up-to-date, and his verdicts were given with promptitude and accuracy. At the close of the day's racing it was found that the sum of £10,306 had found its way through the totalisator, compared with £10,106 that was dealt with on the corresponding day last year. This made an aggregate for the meeting of £21,212, compared with £19,322 that was handled at last year's winter meeting. The fees collected from the bookmakers for the privilege of allowing them to ply their calling amounted to £671, as against £572 that the metallicians contributed towards the funds of the club at the similar fixture last year. The results were as follows:—

WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 150sovs. Six furlongs.

- 5-E. J. Watt's Maori King, by Merrivonia-Indian Queen, 8.11 (H. Gray) 1
2-A. Hall's St. Bill, by St. Clements-Billingsgate mare, 8.7 (W. Price) 2
9-W. Davies' Ballarat, by Gold Reef-Brown Spec, 7.0 (C. Emmerson) 3
Also started: 1 Penates 9.11, 11 Frisco 8.7, 4 Parula 7.12, 3 Emblem 7.8, 6 True Shot 7.7, 10 Kareroa 7.2, 7 Overtime 6.11, 8 Teroti 6.10.
Won by a length and a-half, half a length separating second and third. Time, 1min 15 2-5sec.

GRANDSTAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 250sovs. About two and a-half miles.

- 3-A. F. Douglas' Bullworth, by Bulldog-Badesworth mare, 10.1 (T. Pine) 1
6-J. M. Cameron's Kaitere, by Castor-Victoria, 12.2 (T. Pritchard) 2
1-C. E. Brewer's Sir Lethe, by Lethe-Agnes, 10.5 (C. Cress) 3
Also started: 4 Lingerer 9.11, 2 Oryx 9.10, 5 Senorita 9.8.
Won by ten lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time, 5min 11 3-5sec.

BALGOWNIE HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile and a distance.

- 2-Owen Caldwell's Waimoko, by Menschikoff-Nannie, 7.0 (R. Young) 1
1-H. McManaway's Strathmoira, by Soult-Hakea, 9.5 (C. Jenkins) 2
5-G. Moir's Tam Glen, by St. Paul-Maggie Murphy, 7.10 (B. Deeley) 3
Also started: 3 Research 8.11, 4 First Consul 8.0, 7 Beacon 7.7, 9 Royal Youngster 7.7, 8 Waitoto 7.5, 8 Celeano 7.4, 11 Tewhetu 7.2, 10 Howler 7.0.
Won by a neck, a close third. Time, 2min 0 1-5sec.

RATA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 100sovs. About one mile and five furlongs.

- 6-J. Foreman's Maharani, by Sylvia Park-Pauline, 10.0 (C. Cochrane) 1
1-A. F. Douglas' Woolloomooloo, by Definition-Farthingall, 10.3 (T. Pine) 2
7-W. Tucker's Chase Mab, by Chasseur-Mab, 9.0 (N. Williams) 3
Also started: 4 Pikopo 11.6, 3 Merric Lawn 10.6, 2 Nicotine 10.1, 5 Claremont 9.13, 8 Arc Light 9.1, 9 Beeline 9.0, 10 The Leader 9.0.
Won by a head, half a length between second and third. Time, 3min 6sec.

MAY HURDLE HANDICAP of 175sovs. About one mile and three-quarters.

- 1-J. H. Prosser's Playmate, by Stepniak-Ekaterini Passeropoulos, 10.2 (H. Telford) 1
5-W. Davies' Xavier, by Tasman-Capucine, 9.5 (T. Pritchard) 2
7-J. R. McDonald's Aotea, by Linstock-Sou'wester mare, 9.3 (N. Williams) 3
Also started: 2 Gold Bird 10.2, 6 Maidi 9.13, 4 Pearl Reef 9.6, 1 Aorangi 9.6, 9 Showman 9.4, 8 Tonderghie 9.0, 3 Waitapu 9.0.
Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 3min 18 1-5sec.

EMPIRE HANDICAP of 175sovs. One mile and a distance.

- 5-Hon. J. D. Ormond's Woodhey, by Birkenhead-Goyt, 7.7 (L. Wilson) 1
2-H. Spratt's Mendip, by St. Paul-Sou'wester mare, 7.10 (H. Gray) 2
7-A. Jackson's John, by Cuirassier-Matamaharekeke, 6.12 (C. Monk) 3
Also started: 4 Bridge 8.7 and Parable 7.7, coupled on totalisator, 1 Clemora 8.5, 6 Str. Antrim 8.4, 3 Waipaku 7.7, 10 Merrivonia 7.3, 8 Lethean 7.4, 8 Lady Menschikoff 7.1, 9 Marton 6.13, 11 Mulga Bill 6.7.
Won by a head, a close third. Time, 1min 58sec.

FAREWELL HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2-Hon. J. D. Ormond's Faunus, 9.4 (Jones) 1
3-J. Smith's Golden Loop, 9.1 (R. Barlow) 2
12-T. F. Nolan's Leolanter, 7.9 (L. Wilson) 3
Also started: 11 Ambrosian 9.5, 8 St. Felix 9.0, 7 Moree 8.6, 1 Attention 8.5, 4 Royal Marine 8.5, 9 Valentine 7.13, 6 Voca 7.13, 15 Idolatress 7.7, 16 Apollinaris 7.6, 17 Andrew Mack 7.5, 5 Franzer 7.5, 19 Merriwing 7.4, 14 Lady Moutoa 7.3, 10 St. Lumsden 7.3, 18 Blend 7.0, 20 Sea Wind 7.0, 13 Serenity 7.0.
Won by three lengths, same distance between second and third. Time, 1min 15 4-5sec.

CANTERBURY TROTTING CLUB'S MEETING.

The Canterbury Park Trotting Club's meeting commenced on Saturday in fine weather. There was a good attendance, and £7565 was passed through the totalisator, against £6268 last year. The results are:—

TRIAL HANDICAP of 50sovs, two miles.—Colonial Girl, 20s, 1; Brown Ribbon, 7s, 2; J.C.H., 14s, 3. Won by six lengths. Time, 5min 22 3-5sec.

LADIES' BRACELET of 40sovs, one mile and a-half.—St. Trella, 12s, 1; Ratholina, 2s, 2; Prince Reynard, 14s, 3. Won by three lengths. Time, 4min 8 3-5sec.

EMPIRE HANDICAP of 125sovs, two miles.—St. Swithin, 10s, 1; Princess Louise, 11s, 2; Bellis, 11s, 3. Won by four lengths. Time, 4min 55 3-5sec.

HORNBY HANDICAP of 70sovs, two miles.—Lord Chancellor, 19s, 1; Scottish Mac, scratch, 2; Conqueror, 18s, 3. Won by six lengths. Time, 5min 5 2-5sec.

INNOVATION HANDICAP of 60sovs, one mile and a-half.—Blue Rose, 11s, 1; Rolf Boldrewood, 11s, 2; Albert H., 6s, 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 2min 27sec.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 80sovs, one mile.—Red Ribbon, 7s, 1; Victor Huon, 7s, 2; Ned Corbett, 6s, 3. Won by three lengths. Time, 2min 27sec.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 85sovs, two miles.—Lady Cherry, 23s, 1; Dick G., 14s, 2; Clevehood, 23s, 3. Won by six lengths. Time, 6min 17 2-5sec.

DASH HANDICAP of 85sovs, one mile.—Elector, scratch, 1; Plush, 8s, 2; Harold Dillon, 9s, 3. Won by four lengths. Time, 2min 25sec.

QUEENSLAND TURF CLUB'S MEETING.

At the Queensland Turf Club's meeting on Saturday the following was the result of the principal event:—

THE MORETON HANDICAP of 500sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- Blunderbuss, 8.12 1
Dummy, 7.7 2
Mountain Oak, 7.13 3
Olga, 9.6 4
Sixteen horses started.
Blunderbuss won by half-a-length. Time, 2min 8sec.

NORTH OTAGO JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The North Otago Jockey Club's winter meeting was commenced on Tuesday. There was a fair attendance, and the racing was good. The totalisator put through £4999. The results are:—

EMPIRE HURDLES HANDICAP of 100sovs, one mile and a-half.—Stone Ginger, 10.12, 1; Whatakura, 11.9, 2; Rife Range, 9.9, 3. Won by a neck. Time, 2min 52 1-5sec.

TOKARAI WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs, seven furlongs.—Waiju, 10.0, 1; Fisticuff, 9.4, 2; Armamento, 9.9, 3. Won by a neck. Time, 1min 30 1-5sec.

TRIAL PLATE of 50sovs, four furlongs.—Oblong, 8.7, 1; Beau Brocade, 8.0, 2; Colleen Mary, 8.0, 3. Won by a length and a-half.

OAMARU CUP of 300sovs, one mile.—Tikitere, 9.9, 1; My Lawyer, 8.4, 2; Silkweb, 7.5, 3. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 41 2-5sec.

WAIREKA HANDICAP of 100sovs, six furlongs.—Seagar, 7.11, and Shindy, 8.12, a dead heat; Miss Dorie, 8.8, 3. Seagar and Shindy ran a dead heat. Time, 1 min 17sec.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 50sovs, five furlongs.—Palette, 8.5, 1; Optiform, 8.2, 2; Royal Step, 8.5, 3. Won by a length. Time, 1min 2sec.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 150sovs, six furlongs.—All Guns, 8.2, 1; Cute, 8.6, 2; Balacava, 8.3, 3. Won easily. Time, 1min 16 1-5sec.

SECOND DAY.

The races were concluded next day in fine weather. The racing was exceedingly good. The sum of £8049 was passed through the totalisator for the two days, which was something less than the last winter meeting. Results:—

WAIKAURA HURDLE RACE, one mile and three-quarters.—Stone Ginger, 11.1, 1; Rife Range, 9.11, 2; Ringman, 10.4, 3. Won by three lengths. Time, 3min 15sec.

PARKSIDE WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Balacava, 9.11, 1; Speculate, 7.13, 2; Inchbonny, 7.10, 3. Won easily. Time, 1min 20 2-5sec.

THE SHORTS, five furlongs.—Merribeck, 8.0 and Colleen Mary, 7.7, dead heat, 1; Optiform, 8.0, 3. Merribeck and Colleen Mary ran a dead heat for first place. Time, 1min 4sec.

VICTORIA HANDICAP, one mile.—My Lawyer, 8.3, 1; Paragon, 7.13, 2; Silkweb, 7.9, 3. Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1min 43sec.

REDCASTLE HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Miss Dorie, 9.0, 1; Windward, 8.0, 2; Eaglestone, 8.5, 3. A hard race and a close finish. Time, 1min 17sec.

PUKERUI HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Palette, 9.9, 1; Optiform, 9.5, 2. Won by half-a-length. Time, 49 1-5sec.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Obson, 7.13, 1; Rock Ferry, 6.10, 2; Octave, 8.9, 3. Won by a length. Time, 1min 2sec.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

ACCEPTANCES.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

PACIFIC HURDLE RACE, one mile and three-quarters.—Whatakura, 11.9, Southern Cross 11.9, Coy 10.9, Rife Range 9.13, Homeward 9.10, Shillelagh 9.2, Corona 9.0, Royal Shell 9.0, Jack Ashore 9.0. BRIGHTON HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Tawhaki 9.11, Luperin 8.11, Cashier 8.5, Sarsfield 8.4, Seagar 8.3, Adage 8.0, Wairaki 8.0, Eaglestone 7.13, Royal Step 7.13, Allside 7.10, Freak 7.9, Hukarere 7.7, Red White and Blue 7.7, Invincible 7.7.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Tikitere 9.0, My Lawyer 8.10, Outlander 8.4, Paragon 8.3, St. Aidan 7.10, Stratagem 7.7, Cronstadt 7.5, Astrakhan 7.4, Dabchick 7.3, Grand Slam 6.10, Speculate 6.7.

OTAGO STEEPLECHASE, about three miles and a-half.—Wanganui 11.9, Stone Giner 11.9, Southern Cross 10.11, Deer-slayer 10.9, Homeward 10.2, Bay Lupin 10.1, Antony 10.0, Corona 9.13, St. Kooringa 9.13, Sea Dog 9.11, Honest Tom 9.7, Kimua 9.7, Ironwood 9.7, The Gunner 9.7, Takely 8.7.

TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Balacava 8.13, Czar Kolohoi 8.12, Count Witte 8.12, All Guns 8.11, Sharp-shooter 8.12, Silkweb 8.6, Cute 8.6, Obson 8.0, Octave 7.13, Gunboat 7.10, Fisticuff 7.4, Fasnakyle 7.3, Officious 7.2, Gapon 7.0.

SADDLE HILL HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Palette 10.2, Miss Dorie 9.9, Queen of Spades 9.4, Luperin 9.4, Inchbonny 9.4, Curiosity 9.3, Sarsfield 8.11, Seagar 8.10, Merribeck 8.6, Royal Step 8.6, Windward 8.5, Bluebell 8.4, Glenfield 8.3, Redmond 8.2, Ngawera 8.1, Lady de Vere 8.0, Hukarere 8.0, Lady Ranald 8.0, Glenalan 8.0, Larkspur 8.0.

WINTER WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Waiju 10.9, All Guns 10.4, Armamento 9.9, Cuirosetia 9.8, Fasnakyle 9.4, Linde 8.11, Shindy 8.9, Plui 8.7, Speculate 8.4, Cocee 8.4, Gold Dredge 8.0, Red and Black 8.0, Strathfillan 8.0 Adage 8.0.

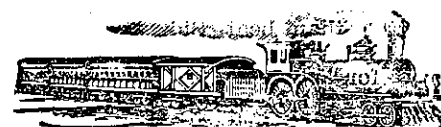
LEADING TWO-YEAR-OLDS THIS SEASON.

The two-year-old season being over, the turf statistician "Pentagraph" has issued his annual interesting table of the winning youngsters and their sires. Those that have won over £100 are:—

Table listing leading two-year-olds and their sires with earnings. Includes names like Formby, Danube, Madam Madcap, Madowla, Koh-i-nor, Apellon, Tenterhook, War Song, Ashby, Formless, Saxifrage, Sea Eagle, Countermine, Aerina, King Soult, Lord Kelvin, Lady Reina, Helen, Formeden, Antoinette, Martyre, Goldfinder, Selene, Wenonah, Killaloo, Winning Post, Kora, Obsidian, Sunburnt, Birkdale, Echo, Martine, Directoire, Princess Soult, Alice.

The Australian-bred horse Bobadil II, by Bobadil from Circe, who was said to have broken down badly in India, won a race at Newmarket (Eng.) a few weeks ago. It was the Long Course Selling Plate of 296 sovs, one mile and a-half, and Bobadil II beat seven others in a canter. The winner started at 7 to 1, and was subsequently sold for 300 guineas to Lord Rosebery, to lead, it was supposed, Neil Gow in his work.

I've had a "close shave," the barber exclaimed, To the policeman while fixing his strops, I've had influenza and I feel quite ashamed To say that they fed me on "slops," "Twas a 'hair-breadth escape," the bobby replied; 'Your life was nearly 'cut short.'" "Without Woods' Peppermint Cure I might have 'died'" Was the barber's final retort.



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

KING'S BIRTHDAY, 3rd, JUNE, 1910.

Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued from any station to any station on the North Island Main Trunk Line and Branches from Wednesday, 1st June, to Friday, 3rd June, and from Mercer, Helensville, and intermediate stations to Auckland by morning trains on 4th and 8th June, all available for return up to and including 18th June.

RACES AT ELLERSLIE, 3rd, 4th, AND 8th JUNE, 1910.

Trains will leave Auckland for Ellerslie Racecourse at intervals as required. The usual 5.41 p.m. Mercer train will not leave Auckland till 7.0 p.m.

BY ORDER.

BOXING.

REPLY TO WRESTLING CHALLENGE.

To the Editor.

Sir—Your issue of last week contains a challenge to me from Joe Gardiner for £100 aside. Mr. Gardiner also issued a challenge to me through the "New Zealand Times," but there he stated that I must weigh in at 9st 7lb—a weight which I cannot get to. Mr. Gardiner is still in Stratford, but although he has talked a lot he has never come straight and asked for a match. It is a case of "ask and ye shall receive," that not only applies to Mr. Gardiner but to any other wrestler wanting a match. If Mr. Gardiner is in earnest let him "ask." It is not my intention to carry on another "paper war" with Mr. Gardiner; if there is to be a match let it be fixed at once.

LOUIS S. ROBERTSON,

Light and Middleweight champion of New Zealand.

[It has been pointed out in these columns before that the lightweight limit for the Alhambra wrestling tournament at Home was 10st 7lb, but in order that there will be but little disparity in weight, a return match between Gardiner and Robertson, neither man to weigh over 10st should be fair to both. To ask Robertson to weigh in at 9st 7lb is unreasonable, as it is well-known that he has to train down very fine to scale 10st, so by splitting the difference between 9st 7lb and 10st 7lb and making the regulation weight 10st, neither of them should complain, as by doing so he only shows a lack of eagerness for such a match to take place.—Ed. S.R.]

DEATH OF PROMISING YOUNG AUSTRALIAN BOXER.

A VICTIM TO RHEUMATIC FEVER.

The news of the death of Sid Russell, the promising Australian heavyweight boxer, who had lately been showing splendid form in his contests in Paris, whither he made his way to from Sydney about a year ago, came as one of the greatest shocks received in boxing circles for some time. With youth on his side, and possessing a well-set-up frame and a wide experience of boxing, Russell was an ideal type of fighter and would undoubtedly have made a great name for himself before quitting the roped arena. His death took place in Paris, a cold which he caught in his last fight causing a terrible swelling of the face and legs, with the result that rheumatic fever overtook him and he was confined to his bed for three weeks, the poor fellow eventually suffering a relapse. The Sydney "Referee," in commenting on his death, says that all Russell's fights abroad had taken place in Paris, where he met such men as Sam McVea and Joe Jeannette—hard hitters and clever boxers. In 'Frisco, six years ago, Jack Johnson only succeeded in beating McVea in the twentieth round. Previously Johnson had won on points opposed to McVea over the same distance. Jeannette fought three "no decision" battles and one draw with the black champion of the world, and was beaten by him on points in a fifteen rounds go. The most recent battle between Jeannette and Johnson resulted in a draw after ten rounds. Neither McVea nor Jeannette could do better than beat Sid Russell on points. Sid's pluck and his great capacity for punishment proved too much for each of the pair and it was the Sydneyite's grit as well as his modest, manly bearing that won the hearts of the Parisians.

"Sid Russell" (his proper name was Reynolds) had lived 25 years. He began his boxing career six or seven years ago with Harry Punch and Harold Smith at the Waverley Pastime Club, then run by Laurie Kearney. At that period Sid was working for a Mr. "Jerry" Barry, a local blacksmith. Afterwards he entered Mr. Trainor's employ, and as Sid's new boss could use his hands to some purpose, that was, no doubt, the atmosphere wherein the youngster yet in his teens caught the fight infection.

It was while employed by Mr. Russell, a city forger of horse shoes and a wheelwright, that young Reynolds worked into the boxing business, and he then adopted the name by which he was professionally known.

Sid's first move was to compete as an amateur, but he failed to make the

weight limit of the division entered for —11st 4lb—and consequently never figured in the competition. A little later the beginner sparred at a benefit at Mr. Brennan's National Sporting Club with "Snowy" Regan as an opponent, and he put up such a good go that the management brought them together in a ten rounds preliminary, which Sid won on points. Another contest—one of those Thursday afternoon affairs at the time—also went Russell's way; Regan stopped in the sixteenth round.

With the rest of the dead athlete's career fight followers are familiar. He defeated such well-known Australian boxers as Jack Willis, Sam Keenan, Joe Costa, "Chewey" Williams, Bob Fraser, Tim Murphy, Alf. James, "Maori" Ruenalf, Alf. Costello "Mallely" Jackson, Bill Smith, Jim Griffin, Billy McCall and Peter Felix, and two or three of those named also won victories over Sid.

Some idea of Russell's condition prior to his death may be gained from the following (written by the paper's Paris correspondent) which appeared in a London exchange dated April 23:—All those who have come into contact with Sid Russell, either as friend, acquaintance, or spectator, will hear with regret that the young Australian is lying seriously ill at Maison's Laffitte. Three doctors have testified that Russell's ring career is at an end for many months and ef-

JOHNSON'S TRAINING IDEAS.

In a letter to a friend Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, gives his ideas of training.

"I am not hiring any one to tell me how to train," Johnson writes. "Of course I will have a large staff of so-called trainers, but they will do what I instruct them to do. In the actual preparation for the Jeffries bout I will follow my own system. My training is all based on how I feel and perform.

"If I could hit as hard as fast and feel as well, I would not care whether I weighed a ton or 150 pounds. But common sense tells me that 198 or 200 pounds is enough to be at my best. I do not expect to weigh an ounce more than 198 when I meet Mr. Jeffries. It isn't that I don't need training, but I don't need trainers."

DICK ARNST DONS THE GLOVES.

The following is taken from a recent Sydney "Sun":—About the most interesting and amusing feature of the Joe Donnelly benefit concert last night was a four-round spar between Dick Arnst, world's sculling champion, and R. L. ("Snowy") Baker, the well-known all-round athlete. Arnst, stripped to the waist, showed up, brown as a berry, contrasting strongly with the white limbs of the gymnasium-trained

from and to all points where boxing is permitted are kept hot with offers and answers.

Speaking of the change in conditions recently, Woodman said: "Why, things are so that Sam will have to adopt new methods for keeping in condition. The ordinary way of training is out of the question for Sam. I am going to take the matter up with one of the rail-road companies and endeavour to have them furnish us with a special car, which we are willing to equip with gymnasium apparatus so that Sam can train en route to his battles."

JEFF. AT THE BANK.

Jim Jeffries nearly caused a run on one of the biggest banks in Los Angeles recently, when he entered to have a cheque cashed. Crowds saw him enter and all, eager to get a better view of the big fellow, lined up in front to see him come out. The crowd increased, the traffic was blocked and depositors of the bank, thinking a run was in progress, joined the throng.

When Jeffries emerged he was compelled to all but fight his way through and, retreating to his cafe, he locked himself in his private office. His fellow townspeople have made him their popular idol and he hardly dares show himself on the street, as his appearance is a signal for hundreds to make a rush to get a close view of him.

THE UNLUCKY NUMBER.

Number 13. Who's afraid?

Is the unhappy number of bad luck, with its melancholy train of dark legends, holding its own against the acid test of materialism, or do we still quake at the chance of being ourselves "thirteen?" Do we believe that the thirteenth man always dies within the year? Or do we just think we do?

Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, says he isn't superstitious about the number 13; he isn't even afraid of two of them. The Chicago telephone people recently installed a 'phone in Johnson's new mansion, and tacked the number 1313 to it.

"Sure Ah think that number is unlucky," said Jack the other day in response to a question as to whether he feared that the hoodoo would affect his coming battle.

"Sure, that's the unluckiest number in the world for Jeffries. They say that it has to bring bad luck to somebody and Ah'm going to pass it along to the boilermaker. Nothing mean about me.

"They can't worry me with any hoodoo numbers this time, fo' Ah'm out to win. If this man Jeffries stays 13 rounds, he can consider himself mighty lucky. That's how Ah look at this 13 proposition."

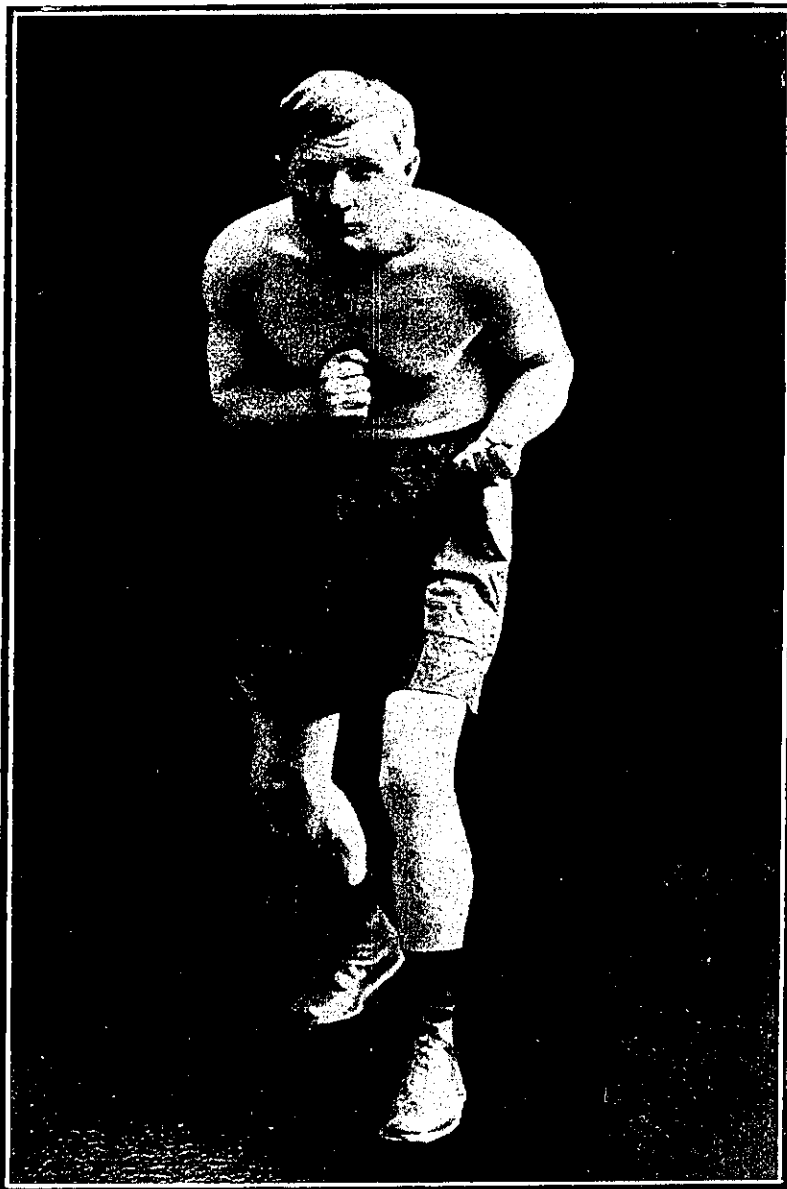
Word has just been received of the first legitimate bet made on the heavyweight championship fight between Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson, on July 4, which has been recorded in San Francisco. Clarence Berry, the millionaire oil and mining man, and Charles Sutro, the well-known capitalist, both of San Francisco, made the wager, Berry putting up £400 on Jeffries against £280 which was furnished by Sutro, who took the Johnson end. By offering the odds of 10 to 7 on Jeffries Millionaire Berry used poor judgment, for had he offered odds of 10 to 9 the chances are that Sutro would have snapped him up just as quickly. On the strength of this bet the chances are that the Johnson admirers all over the country will demand the same odds.

Articles have been signed for a wrestling match between Gordon Smith, of Pahiatua, and Louis S. Robertson, of Stratford, for a side-wager of £50, and the match is to take place at Stratford on Tuesday next, June 7.

What should prove to be the best fixture ever arranged in Brisbane for the little 'uns is that between Billy Elliott, the ex-New Zealander, and Joe Russell, the Queensland champion, which is down for decision on June 4 at the Brisbane Stadium.

LANGFORD IN DEMAND.

Sam Langford is no longer called "Beggam Sam." The tide turned when he met Jim Flynn—and instead of being an ostracized pugilist, as prior to the match, he is more in demand than any man in the United States. Joe Woodman, his manager, has no time for recreation these days. He is as busy as a bee. His mail teems with offers for Sam, and the wires



JIMMY BRITT, the famous American boxer.

forts are being made to get him into a good hospital. That, however, is not the worst. Sid is practically without the necessary means to procure for him the care that his illness demands. Rheumatic fever is the latest diagnosis and Russell has wasted to a mere burlesque of his former burly self. Just as square a fighter as we have had over here, Russell's uprightness won for him the admiration of all who saw him.

That he should have fallen on such bad times just when he was to meet Sam McVea is only made worse by the fact that the boxing season is drawing to its end. I visited Sid a few days ago, and instead of the youthful, vigorous, splendid athlete that I had last seen in the ring with Jim Stewart, beheld a drawn and groaning mass of suffering flesh and bone. What soft clay we are, after all, and how that arch-fiend illness can mould us into all kinds of insignificant beings! There is sadness in pain at all times, but some people— heaven held them!—seem born to suffer, and such instances we contemplate with more or less compassion. But when the ravages of disease play upon Nature's strong men then are such sights demoralising to the utmost degree.

Baker. Those of the audience, however, who were looking for "skin and hair" were greatly disappointed, as the bout was a highly proper and lady-like affair right through. Certainly, Arnst evinced a strong predilection for getting his face in the way of Baker's left hooks, upper-cuts, straight lefts, etc., but these, of course, were only featherweights. Dick carried the long, strong swing which he employs when sculling into his boxing, except that the said swings were not strong. Neither did they touch the dancing, prancing "Snowy." They merely clove the atmosphere, while the sculler was fairly "eating" his opponent's lefts, which were, however, very light and digestible. A roar of laughter greeted the decision, "a dead heat!"

Jones and Brown and Smith,
Are sorely troubled with
A corn that's not a myth;
That's fairly tough.

However, on thin air,
Together they repair,
Across the city square,
To Barraclough.

Sequel: His PROGANDRA for sure,
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ATHLETICS.

ATHLETES' ODD TRICKS TO WIN.

Athletes always develop a lot of theories about little tricks that may help them to win, says an American writer. About as odd a system as any was that of a college broad jumper whose name is on the list of inter-collegiate champions.

This man was not a smoker, or that an occasional puff of a cigarette made him nervous. In order to induce this feeling of agitation he was accustomed to light a cigarette a moment or so before he went on the field for his jumping. He contended that a man had to be on edge to be either a good sprinter or a good jumper, and that even if his feeling of slight agitation were induced by smoking it was, notwithstanding, a good thing.

Another man, who was a more or less successful quarter-miler, both as collegian and club athlete, nerved himself up for the start of his races by swearing profusely at himself. He had the idea that if he got thoroughly angry at himself and swore a lot it would take his mind off the race that was about to start.

One great high jumper used deliberately to practise before the competition actually began by knocking the bar off at all sorts of minor heights. He had an idea that by doing this beforehand he got it all out of his system, and entered his competition with the assured feeling that he wasn't going to slip up on any poor performances.

ALFRED SHRUBB.

TO GO ON THE STAGE.

It is stated that Alfred Shrubbs, the famous British runner, will not race again. He is seeking to obtain the athletic directorship of one of the American universities. He says that he is afraid to run in any more important contests lest he should break down. He feels that he is no longer up to his old form, and he attributes his collapse to his participation in Marathon races, which were really beyond the distances for which he had previously shown special capacity, and, therefore, they entailed too severe a strain upon him. Shrubbs is now living in Toronto, and is said to have saved £5000.

An American journal, writing under date March 26, says:—Alfred Shrubbs, the great English distance runner, is going on the stage and is to appear in vaudeville during the spring season. He has invented a running machine, in which he will perform and show the different stunts of the sprinter and distance-runner.

The machine is constructed on the same plan as a home trainer for cyclists. Wherever he appears, Shrubbs is going to exhibit all the trophies he has won as an amateur, and they are said to be worth £2,000.

The machine is twenty feet long, while the cotton belt which runs it is three feet wide. Unlike all the home trainers constructed so far, there is no sag in the endless belt, while the top surface is perfectly level, the belt sliding over a sheet-iron box which is composed of four sections. On the ends there are large hollow drums, which can be extended outward to tighten the belt.

The machine is driven by a three horse-power, with a controller to regulate the speed. With the motor now attached a speed of twenty-five miles an hour can be attained, which means that a runner would have to go at about the rate of a mile in three minutes. Of course, he could not keep this up long. By regulating the speed, Shrubbs intends to show the strides of sprinters compared to Marathoners, while he can also show the proper position to hold the hands and also the proper action of the legs.

At the inter-university sports at Sydney on Saturday, Davis of Melbourne, won the quarter-mile hurdle race in 57 1-5s., lowering his own world's record by one-fifth of a second.

The ten hours a day, six days' road race at Buffalo, New York, resulted in a win for F. Hill and P. Drobach, two of the youngest riders in the competition. Three of the teams, Hill-Drobach, De Mara-Stein and the brothers J. and M. Bedell, tied at the sixtieth hour with 1353 miles 8 laps. Ivor Lawson and J. Moran, E. F. Root and P. B. Hehir, P. Lawrence and F. Wiley, F. Kramer and J. Fogler, G. G. Cameron and W. L. Mitten, and C. Vanoni and F. West were only a lap

behind. A series of one-mile sprint matches was run to decide the winners, and the first three places were filled by Hill and Drobach, De Mara and Stein and the Bedell Brothers. Lawson and Moran were fourth and Root and Hehir fifth.

The two events for pace-followers at the Easter meeting in Berlin both fell to Fritz Theile. Otto Meyer secured the "Easter Prize" for sprinters, and Eugen Stabe was again to the fore, distinguishing himself by crossing the tape in the most important scratch race next to the "Easter Prize." Rutt won a handicap, and, in partnership with Stabe, finished second in the tandem event, which went to the account of Otto Meyer Schuermann.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

Recently we briefly mentioned that the Australian track champion, A. J. Clark, had won the championship of France from the French crack, Friol, but was disqualified, a decision that has caused considerable discussion in French sporting papers. The championship is decided on points, four events being held. Clark won three, and was second in the fourth event, yet the championship was taken away from him because another rider forced him (Clark) to "run out" when approaching the finishing line. The decision of the officials was badly received on the grounds, and by the French papers, who practically admit that Clark was robbed of the classic event. In a letter to a Melbourne friend, Clark writes: "It was the worst decision handed out to me since I have been racing. They evidently wanted a Frenchman to win very badly, so awarded the race to Friol." Clark states that cycle racing is booming in France, the usual Sunday meetings in Paris drawing from 20,000 to 25,000 spectators. Clark, who is under the management of that able general, Floyd McFarland, has definitely arranged to compete in the World's Sprint Championship to be held next July.

The Dunlop Rubber Co., Melbourne, are in receipt of a cablegram from New Zealand stating that the date of the Timaru-Christchurch Road Race (112 miles), which was originally set down for running on October 29th, has been set back to September 3rd. By the alteration of dates New Zealand riders will be enabled to compete in both the big Dunlop road events the Goulburn-Sydney (131 miles) and the Warrnambool-Melbourne (165 miles), the former probably being held on September 17th, and the "Warrnambool" on October 1st. Had the original date of the Timaru-Christchurch (the premier cycling event of New Zealand) been adhered to it would probably have resulted in no New Zealanders taking part in either the "Goulburn" or "Warrnambool" event, whereas official representatives will now be over for both events.

Aviation meetings in Europe are not always a financial success for the promoters, as is shown by the fact that the Rheims (France) gathering resulted in a deficit of £8,200. The total receipts were £32,000, and the expenses £30,000, leaving a nominal profit of £1,800. But as the guarantee subscriptions of £10,000 are included in the receipts, the profit should be transformed into a loss of £8,200. The Rheims committee has decided to hold the meeting this year from 3rd, to 10th July, when some wonderful aerial flights are promised.

Mr. F. S. Edge, the well-known English motorist, in proposing the toast of the evening at the National Society of Chauffeurs' first annual dinner recently held in London, said he ventured to prophesy that before many years had passed the horse would be forbidden in our streets, and that fifty years hence that animal would be visible no where outside a museum. When this came to pass, the road, which at present was designed for horse traffic, would be paved with something like artificial rubber, so that motor cars could be run with iron tyres, the cost of running being thus reduced to very little more than the price of the motor spirit and lubricating oil. At the same time, he prophesied motor cars to carry three or four people would be sold for something like fifty pounds, the number of chauffeurs would be counted by millions.

BILLIARDS.

A NOVELTY IN TRICK BILLIARDS.

Trick billiards, of a novel and interesting kind, were a new feature in the programme at the Opera House the other evening in Melbourne. M. Brunin has a small billiard table, the peculiarity of which is the resiliency of the top cushion. Playing the ball on to this cushion, he makes it rebound with varying strength, admirably judged, into all manner of unexpected places. His accuracy, which in ordinary billiards, would be called "strength," is wonderful. From the first stroke he played the ball rose and disappeared. With the second extinguished a candle, which was being carried on the head of his assistant, Mdlle. de Lyle. He has a cone-shaped basket fastened to his back and made several balls in succession rebound over his head into it. A very difficult feat, and one requiring the nicest judgment, wound up the turn. Mdlle. de Lyle, with a revolver fastened to her head, rode a bicycle, circling rapidly about the table. When Brunin played his shot the ball flew from the cushion with such wonderful precision at this moving mark that it

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struck the trigger of the revolver and discharged the weapon, a feat that was recognised with loud cheers.

The watch was put upon Roberts during a display by him in the Commercial Travellers' Club in Melbourne. The G.O.M. was in a lively mood, and, having the balls in position, the ticker was set going at 9.27. The pegs were kept flying along the board, and the calling of the third century aroused great enthusiasm, but at 308 the break stopped, and so did the chronometer at 9.40, thus registering 13 minutes for this excellent contribution, or less than four minutes to the hundred, and showing that the ex-champion still retains his break-making speed.

One of the points of billiards little understood is the selection of a cue, and many a good player spoils his game for want of knowledge in this direction. A cue of average weight is 15½ oz; the weight of a billiard ball, roughly, 5oz. Being nearly three times the weight of the ball, and built so that its power gradually works down to the further end, backing up the stroke with increasing force while it is in contact with the balls, the one can do all that is required of its strength. It is the little things that count in billiard-playing; and not the least of these is letting the cue do its work unaided. By letting it lie (says Stevenson) loosely upon your supporting forefinger and thumb, you can throw it at the ball, and the rebound from the ball will throw it back into your hand.

A correspondent of the Sydney "Bulletin" is responsible for the following:—John Roberts is sixty-three, it is said; so he must have been born about forty-five years earlier than the Australian lad, George Gray. A wonderful man in more than one respect is Roberts. He has preserved his facial appearance and figure, whilst maintaining all the characteristics of his "form" in billiards. He seems physically stronger and brighter than the last time he visited Australia, and, except that his iron-grey hair is now rather more grey and less iron, he is identically the same commanding person who came here twenty-five years ago, when Sarah Bernhardt was around. Such spryness as he shows at three-score years and three is the more extraordinary because he carries so much weight. If he took but little exercise he would probably wax fat and go to 18st. As it is, he keeps up his flesh whilst "playing for safety." He abstains and eschews tobacco, and looks in the pink of condition for scoring 750 points at each "session." This time he stipulates for ivory balls, which is a grievance with local players who have suited their billiards to the heavier bonzalines. Roberts, of course, is merely reverting to his original weight of stroke, so to speak. The "click of the ivories" was his only music in the old days, and considering that he afterwards took up the bonzalines and insisted upon using them in his matches, his return to the discarded, implements of warfare is—well, like the old, masterful campaigner. All the same, he can fairly argue that the ivories lend themselves more readily to brilliant strokes than the bonzalines. As a show player the old man is just as good as ever. He has lost some of his capacity for sustaining a delicate manipulation of the balls, and some of his accuracy of eyesight in long shots, perhaps; but his style is free and bold as before, and his variety is charming.

In a recent number of an English paper, H. W. Stevenson pays a glowing tribute to George Gray's record red break of 831. "Enter, if you can," writes the champion, "into the whole of the two hundred and seventy-seven consecutive strokes, and realise, if this be possible, the enormity of the task! Then, too, think of the player's feelings, the tax upon his endurance, the trying period when he passes the previous best on record—his own—at the one hundred and seventy-second stroke, and the tax put upon him as he neared the completion of this truly extraordinary feat. It is something to think about!"

The tobacconist had a cough so bad,
He looked as pale as death;
His "pipes" were stuffed, he only
"puffed."
Could scarcely "draw" a breath,
He looked a "weed" "cut up," indeed,
And thought he'd soon be "clay,"
But Peppermint Cure, that remedy pure,
Drove ill and doubts away.

FOOTBALL.

The third series of the Auckland Rugby Union's club championships was played at Alexandra Park on Saturday, the weather being cold, with a drizzling rain at intervals during the period of play. There was, however, a large gathering of Rugger enthusiasts present to witness the various games, the match between City and Parnell on No. 1 ground attracting most attention. The City team, with an undefeated record this season, and the Parnellites, with two narrow defeats against them, were expected to furnish a close and hard-fought game, and these expectations were fulfilled, both sides settling down to their tasks in real earnest. The game was of an exciting character throughout, and a victory for City was by no means assured until the bell rang for no-side, the red and blacks then having a three points advantage over the Parnellites. The match between Grafton and Marist Bros. brought about a big surprise, the former team meeting defeat at the hands of the Old Boys after a keenly-contested game, the scoring being very even. The Newton club, which were set down to oppose Ponsonby, were unable to muster a full team, and had to forfeit the match to the blue and blacks. The Newton Club, finding it impossible to place a senior team in the competition, have now been compelled to withdraw, leaving six teams in the championship, which does away with the bye.

City v. Parnell.

When the teams lined out on No. 1 ground it was seen that the City men had the advantage of weight, while their ranks included such well-known players as G. Tyler, R. Magee and J. Maguire. Though the Cityites scored early in the game, it did not have the effect of disheartening the Parnellites, who, with a score against them, played harder than ever. In the scrum and line-out the City forwards had the better of the game, but in the open the Parnell front division more than held their own, the red and blacks' citadel being in danger on many occasions as the result of the determined charges of the maroons. The Parnell back division, though weak in one or two places, gave a better display than the Cityites, handling the ball much cleaner and showing superior defence. In fact, the City backs caused their supporters considerable anxiety through faulty handling of the leather, but nearly always seemed to scrape out of danger in the nick of time. City had the advantage of a strong wind in the first half, and were thus able to outplay their opponents, who were kept busily defending. The wind dropped considerably in the second spell, but the Parnell players had the best of matters in this half, and looked like turning the tables on the red and blacks. Many of those who witnessed the match expressed the opinion that the maroons were unlucky to lose, but with a superior forward team to battle against, the Parnell men had a stiff task in front of them, and must be given credit for

putting up such a great fight. By winning on Saturday the City team have placed themselves in strong favour for the championship, and as Ponsonby have lost the services of no less than five of their crack men, the red and blacks should just about annex the title for the 1910 season.

Parnell lost the toss, and City made use of the south-westerly wind, which assisted them considerably. City got to work early, losing no opportunities, and a few minutes after the kick-off R. Magee set the rear division in motion, and the leather passing from the City five-eighths to Stewart on to Estall, the speedy wing-threequarter was over the line in a flash, grounding the ball in the corner. He took the kick himself, but was unsuccessful: City 3, Parnell nil. A struggle ensued in the Parnell 25, but the danger was removed by the forwards breaking away with the ball, Martin being at the head of affairs. City made several attacks on the Parnell citadel, all of which, however, were repulsed, the maroon backs showing good defence. Finally, the Parnellites were penalised, and Magee, taking the kick, landed a penalty goal, and no further score resulting in the first half, the bell rang with City leading by 6 points to nil.

The second half opened fast and furious, and it was an easy matter to see that the maroons were going to give the Cityites a great tussle. For the first quarter of an hour honours were fairly even, City, if anything, having slightly the best of matters. Parnell lost many golden opportunities through hard kicking, the forwards being unable to get up in time to prevent the City backs, who were fielding badly, from clearing the danger. However, once or twice the crowd yelled with excitement as the Parnell forwards fought hard to get over their opponents' line, but eagerness and faulty handling at the critical moment ruined more than one excellent chance of registering a score. City, removing the danger, carried play to the other end of the field, where a desperate struggle ensued right on the maroons' goal line, but Saunders succeeded in relieving the situation. Parnell then took a turn at attacking, and after many attempts to break through City's defence, the ball was kicked over the red and blacks' line, Twiname and several others racing in hot pursuit. The fleet-footed Parnell skipper reached the leather first, and quickly registered the maroons' only try. It was a very close thing, as the leather was kicked too hard and was touched down just before reaching the dead-ball line. Hardwicke was entrusted with the kick, but failed to add the major points: City 6, Parnell 3. Encouraged by their score, Parnell set out to make every post a winning post, and in the final stage of the match had the Cityites hard pressed in their 25, the bell ultimately giving them relief when the Parnellites looked particularly dangerous. The match thus ended: City 6, Parnell 3. Mr. H. Frost had charge of the whistle.

For City the most prominent of the forward division were Tyler, Maguire and Clark, who formed a trio of hard

grafters. S. Magee played a good game on the wing, giving his forwards as many chances as possible.

Buchanan, at half-back, played a very fine game, getting the ball away smartly, besides giving a brilliant exhibition of defensive play. R. Magee proved the mainstay of the City backs, his splendid defence, particularly his tackling, being of great assistance to the red and blacks. Montgomery was not up to form, and several times failed badly in trying to take the ball. The same may be said of Bennett, who was rather a disappointment on the wing three-quarter. Estall played a fair game, but was given plenty of chances. Stewart got in some good work at times, and should turn out a useful centre three-quarter.

Among the Parnell forwards none played harder than Martin, who was in the thick of the fray from start to finish. Muir grafted like a Trojan, while McKinnon got in some good work as the result of his fast following up.

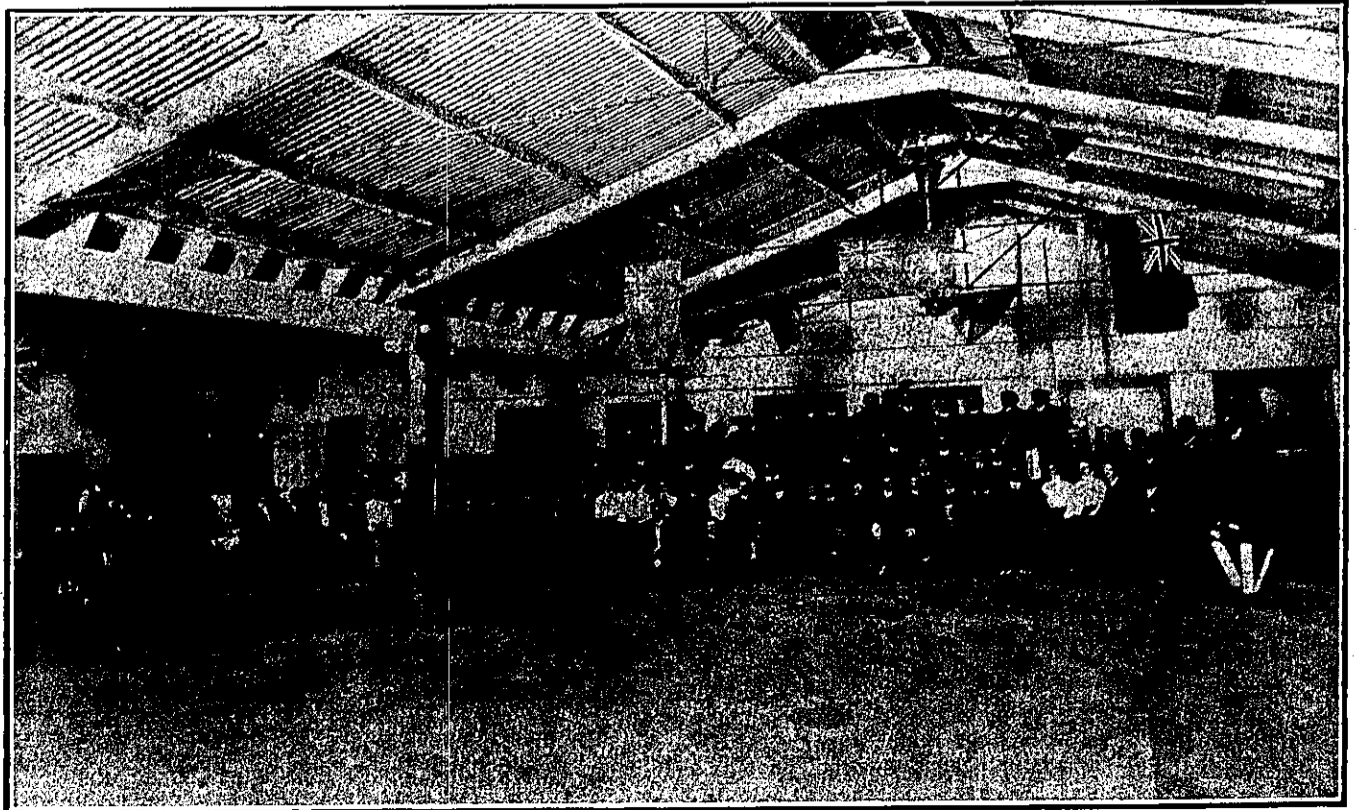
Thomas played a sterling game at half for the Parnellites, taking a prominent part in both attack and defence. He got his side out of some dangerous scrapes, his straight running and tricky play, being loudly applauded by the excited spectators. Twiname did not handle the ball too well on one or two occasions, but shone out in other features of play. His try was obtained as the result of a masterly piece of work, his pace holding him in good stead. Saunders, at fullback, got down to the rushes in good style, but was rather slow in getting rid of the leather.

Grafton v. Marist Bros.

The Marist Bros.-Grafton match did not receive the attention which it should have done, it being generally considered that the Graftonites would come through victorious without a great deal of trouble. A surprise, however, was in store for the black and whites, the Marist Bros. defeating them by 9 points to 5. The game was interesting to watch, both teams giving a strenuous exhibition. A feature of the game was the splendid play of the Marist Bros.' forwards, who gave a very good account of themselves.

Marist Bros. were first to attack, and several passing runs by their backs were frustrated when matters looked dangerous. Grafton managed to carry play into the Marist Bros.' territory, but the relief was only temporary, the blues returning to the attack. A passing run by Mahoney and Dervan resulted in the latter registering the Marists' first try. The shot at goal was disallowed owing to the ball touching the ground: Marist Bros. 3, Grafton nil. Following this a period of even play followed, then Grafton attacked hotly, and Wolfgramm securing possession smartly, notched a try for the black and whites. Eaton converted, and the whistle sounded soon after with the score: Grafton 5, Marist Bros. 3.

Matters livened up in the second half, both teams striving hard for victory, but nothing of much moment occurred until Gallagher, gathering in the leather cleverly, succeeded in



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grounding the ball over the Grafton line in the corner, thus registering the second try for Marist Bros. White's attempt at goal proved fruitless: Marist Bros. 6, Grafton 5. Marist Bros. continued to hold a slight advantage over their opponents, and from a vigorous forward rush Dervan placed a second try to his credit. Blake failed with the shot at goal, and the whistle went a minute later, leaving the score: Marist Bros. 9, Grafton 5.

Mr. J. Williams controlled the game.

The star forward of the Marist Bros. was W. Dervan, who went all out from the kick-off till the call of time. In all departments of the game he showed up well, and was a tower of strength to his side. P. Sheehan and Harris can also be credited with playing useful games, the pair getting down to it in willing fashion.

Of the backs the O'Brien Bros. and Little distinguished themselves, all three showing up favourably, while little fault could be found with the others, who contributed their share in securing a win for the blues.

Maguire and Eaton were a hard-working pair in the Grafton forwards, the former playing solidly throughout. There were one or two weak spots in the Grafton rear division, and the team fared badly as a consequence. Wolfram and Roope, however, were responsible for creditable displays, and are deserving of individual mention.

Second Grade.

Newton defeated Parnell by 9 points to 3. For Newton, tries were scored by Moss and Avery, while Spiers kicked a penalty goal. Had-drill was the only try-getter for Parnell.

Ponsonby defeated Grafton by 14 points to 7. For Ponsonby tries were obtained by Harrison, Anderson, Darby and Foote, one of which was converted by McDonald. For Grafton Marshall secured a try and Harper potted a goal.

North Shore had a victory over Marist Bros. by 11 points to nil. The whole of North Shore's points were scored in the final 10 minutes, G. Bailey, E. Bailey and S. Weston being the try-getters, while Willis converted one of the tries.

College Rifles won from City by default.

Third Grade.

University defeated Manukau by 6 points to 3.

Newton beat Grafton by 6 points to nil.

Ponsonby defeated Marist Bros. by 14 points to nil.

Fourth Grade.

Grafton defeated Ponsonby B by 3 points to nil.

Ponsonby A won from Parnell by default.

FOOTBALL BOOM IN SYDNEY.

The month of June will be a Rugby football carnival for Sydneites, as no less than three visiting teams will be playing matches in the New South Wales capital,—the New Zealand team, the New Zealand Maori representatives, and the American Universities team. The New South Wales Rugby Union has arranged a programme, which will provide a rare treat to football lovers, who will have an opportunity of witnessing some exceptionally fine matches. On Saturday, June 18, the American Universities will meet Sydney University and the Maoris will meet New South Wales. On June 25, Australia will meet New Zealand and the American Universities will meet the Maoris. The programme is as follows:—

At Sydney.

Monday, June 6—The Maoris v. New South Wales.

Saturday, June 11—New Zealand v. New South Wales.

Wednesday, June 15—New Zealand v. New South Wales.

Saturday, June 18—American Universities v. Sydney University.

Saturday, June 18—Maoris v. New South Wales.

Saturday, June 25—New Zealand v. Australia.

Saturday, June 25—American Universities v. the Maoris.

In the Country.

Wednesday, June 15—The Maoris v. Northern, at Newcastle.

Wednesday, June 22—The Maoris v. Western, at Bathurst.

Wednesday, June 29—The Maoris v. Central Southern, at Goulburn.

Wednesday, June 29—American Universities v. Hunter District, at Maitland.

Wednesday, July 6—American Universities v. Central Western, at Orange.

At Brisbane.

The programme in Brisbane has been agreed to by the Queensland Union, as under, in connection with the New Zealand team and the Maoris, combination:—

Saturday, June 11—The Maoris v. Queensland.

Saturday, June 18—New Zealand v. Queensland.

Wednesday, June 22—New Zealand v. Queensland.

The dates of the New South Wales team's visit to Brisbane will be notified shortly.

At Melbourne.

Saturday, July 2—The Maoris in Melbourne.

NORTHERN UNION NOTES.

On Saturday the Newton Rangers defeated North Shore by 11 points to 2. For the winners tries were scored by Smith and Houghton (2), while Bonner kicked a penalty goal. Griffen kicked a penalty goal for North Shore.

The match between City and Ponsonby resulted in a win for the former by 9 points to nil, a large crowd assembling at Victoria to witness the game. The play was fast and exciting, and taken all round the game was a very fair exhibition of League football. For City tries were obtained by Britt (2) and Kean.

The junior match between Northcote Ramblers and City Rovers attracted about 400 spectators, to the Northcote ground, and those present were rewarded with some brilliant football. After a keen struggle Northcote Ramblers won by 33 points to 7, the score by no means indicating the play, which was very even throughout.

Byrne, whose name has been closely associated with the Petone Club, Wellington, for some years past, and who also was a member of the late A. H. Baskerville's professional team, has gone to Sydney, where he intends to join the North Sydney Club (Northern Union). It is more than likely that Byrne will sail for England at the end of the year.

James Leytham (Wigan), who is a member of the Northern Union team about to tour Australia is a very powerful threequarter back. He played against the New Zealanders in their 1907-08 tour on six occasions, and scored two tries in four of the games, and one try in each of the others.

The first monthly general meeting of delegates to the Auckland Provincial Rugby League was held at the Northern Union Clubrooms, Camden Chambers on Monday evening. Mr. George Seagar was elected the sitting member on the committee of management in place of Mr. Gladding in terms of the rules, while the appointment of Messrs. Graham and Jackson as sitting delegates on the committee of management were confirmed.

At a meeting of the committee of management of the Auckland Provincial Rugby League, Mr. Graham

(City) reported that one of the members of the City Rovers senior team had injured his wrist on Saturday. It was decided to pay the player's medical expenses and to pay compensation in terms of the league's insurance scheme.

The League are now in possession of the cup presented to them by Mr. A. M. Myers for competition among the various teams.

The following referees have been appointed for next Saturday's matches:—Newton v. Ponsonby, Mr. Sharrock; North Shore v. City, Mr. Stanaway; Northcote v. Ponsonby Juniors, Mr. Hooper; and City Juniors v. North Shore Juniors, Mr. Jaggs.

Mr. A. Bonella, who has been appointed junior selector this season, acted as a line umpire on Saturday in the City-Parnell senior match, on No. 1 ground, while the second grade teams played away to their hearts' content without the critical gaze of their selector to spur them on. With due respect to the keenness and judgment of the popular "Scotty" on football matters, he will find that if he does not take more interest in the juniors than on Saturday last his appointment will not be looked upon as a satisfactory one.

City this week lost the services of a valuable forward in Clark who has gone to Dunedin. On each occasion on which Clark has played for the City seniors this season he has given evidence of being a serviceable forward, and though a new player here he will be greatly missed in Rugby circles in Auckland.

"Hughie" Absolum, who is now playing for the Athletic Club in Wellington, does not seem to impress the local football writers, judging by the following reference to his play during the Athletic-Victoria College match: One of the last incidents of the match was a half-hearted attempt to score made by Absolum, the Blue centre, who sadly lacked condition. With the ball tucked under his arm, he came away at a tangent from a melee, and made for the College lines. A row of Green backs were picketed along the goal-line, and Absolum ran from one to another, and finally took the ball out to touch. From down the line a bit, it looked as if each of the College men had, in turn, said "Shoo," for not a hand was laid on Absolum.

When the season opened everything pointed to Ponsonby again occupying the premier position among the senior teams. The players from the western suburb, however, have been dealt a severe blow by the Maori team taking two of their leading members—Sellars and Cunningham—to Australia, while two others in Francis, their captain, and O'Leary, leave Wellington to-morrow night for Sydney with the New Zealand team. To make matters worse, Nicholson has been undergoing an operation in the hospital, while Morse is reported to have retired from the game, making a total loss of half-a-dozen of their best payers. It will thus be seen that the Ponsonby fifteen will be only a shadow of their original team, and they may suffer more than one defeat before their members return from Australia.

Much sympathy was felt for Jim Ryan when he met with his accident

in the Oriental-Petone match at Wellington (says the "Dominion"). As he was being assisted to leave the field of play the question arose: Might it prevent him from making the trip with the New Zealand team? His numerous admirers will, therefore, be glad to learn that he is making a rapid recovery, but will not be able to play again for a week or two. There can be no doubt but that Petone would have been in a bad way without Ryan, for he was in great form. His accident (it is gratifying to record) will not debar him from going to Australia.

The following team have been selected to represent Wellington against the New Zealand team at Athletic Park, Wellington on Friday next (King's Birthday):— Full back, Thomas; threequarters, Dawson, Bradley, Matheson; five-eighths, Evenson and Walsh; half-back, Tillyard; wing-forward, Avery; forwards, Elliott, Irvine, Rapson, Tannahill, Perry, Bruce, and McKeelar. Emergencies: Forward, McFarlane; back, Kinvig.

The Auckland members of the New Zealand team left on Tuesday night for Wellington by the Main Trunk Express. The quartette consisted of F. Wilson, A. Francis, J. Maguire and J. O'Leary. The two members selected who were unable to make the trip are Hayward and Herring.

The places of Cameron (Taranaki) and Fryer (Canterbury) two of the threequarter backs selected for the New Zealand team's tour of Australia have been filled by F. Wilson (Auckland) and Stohr (Taranaki) respectively.

Peterson, who a couple of seasons back was one of the Grafton Club's leading forwards, has decided to don the red and black jersey for City on Saturday, and his inclusion in the front division should go a long way in strengthening that combination.

The Maori football team which arrives in Sydney to-morrow (Friday) played their final match at Rotorua on Saturday before leaving for Australia. They were pitted against the combined East Coast representatives whom they defeated by 26 points to 8. About 700 people witnessed the match, which was highly interesting despite the big scoring. For the Maoris tries were scored by Small, M. Winiata, Ryland and Rogers, while W. Winiata converted three of the tries, and Tamu one, while two penalty goals were kicked by W. Winiata. For East Coast, Hay and Purcell scored tries, one of which was converted by Z. Mitchell.

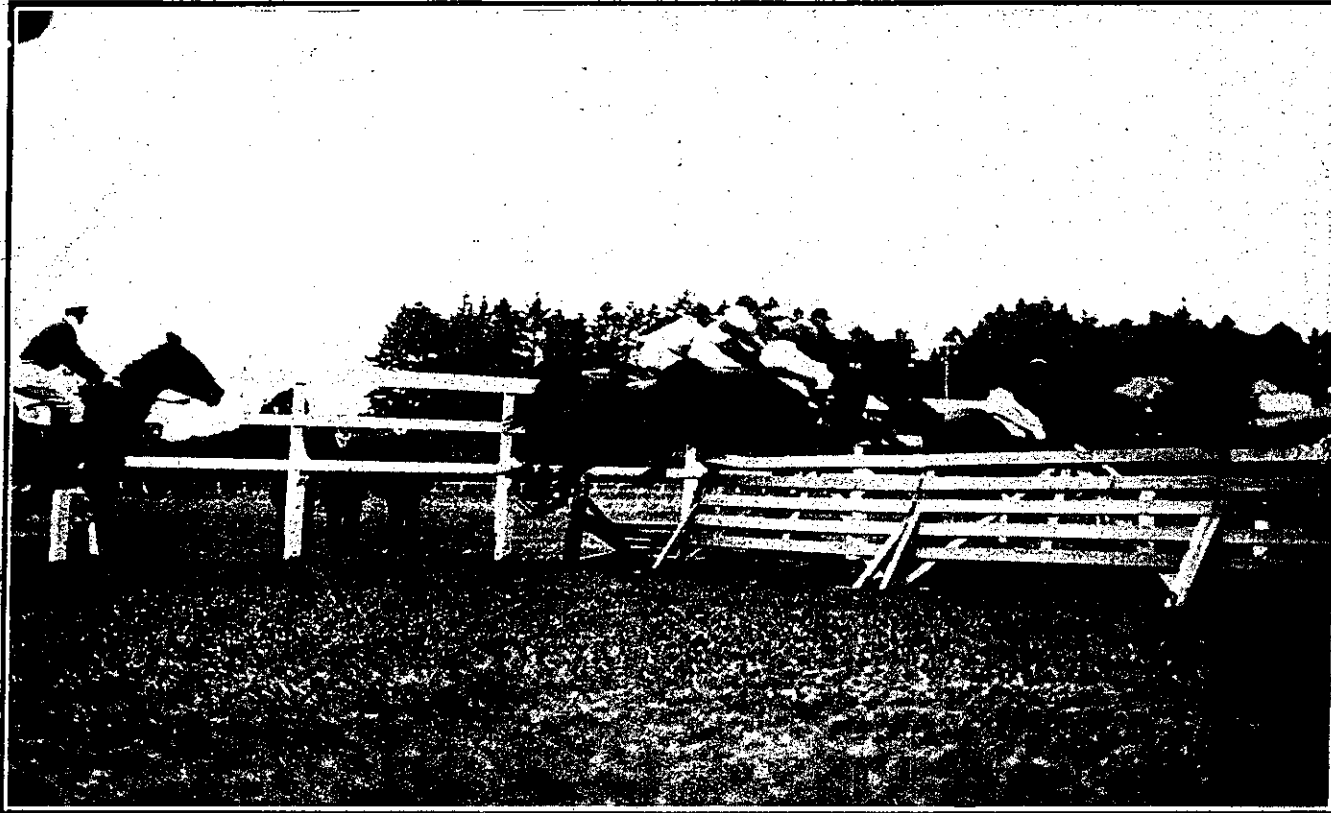
The New Zealand Maori team left for Sydney on Monday night by the Victoria, a large crowd assembling on the wharf to witness their departure. All told, the party numbered 28, Mr. W. T. Parata having charge of the team, every member of which is of Maori descent. As the steamer cast off the Queen Street wharf the crowd gave the natives three ringing cheers, which were replied to with the Maori's war cry, which they will give prior to their matches in Australia.

With the withdrawal of the Newton team from the senior competition, it is stated that a re-draw will take place.

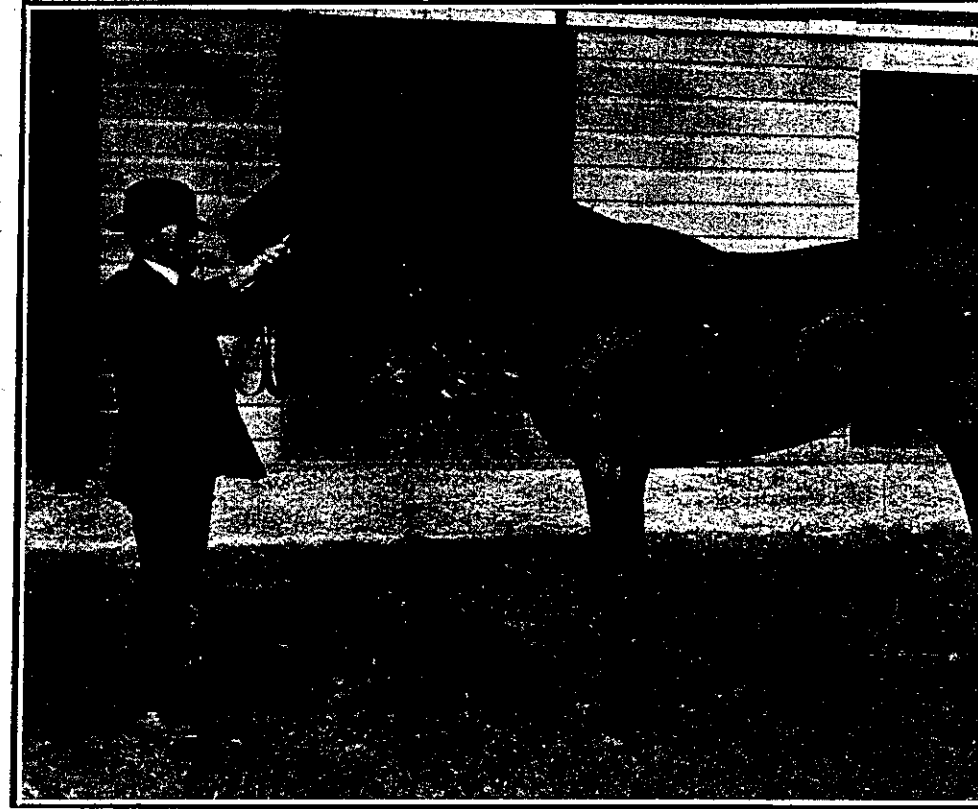


This genuine bag of 26½ brace was obtained as the result of three days' hard work and straight shooting in the Far North by Messrs. Grayson and Sherriffs, who are seen in the picture.

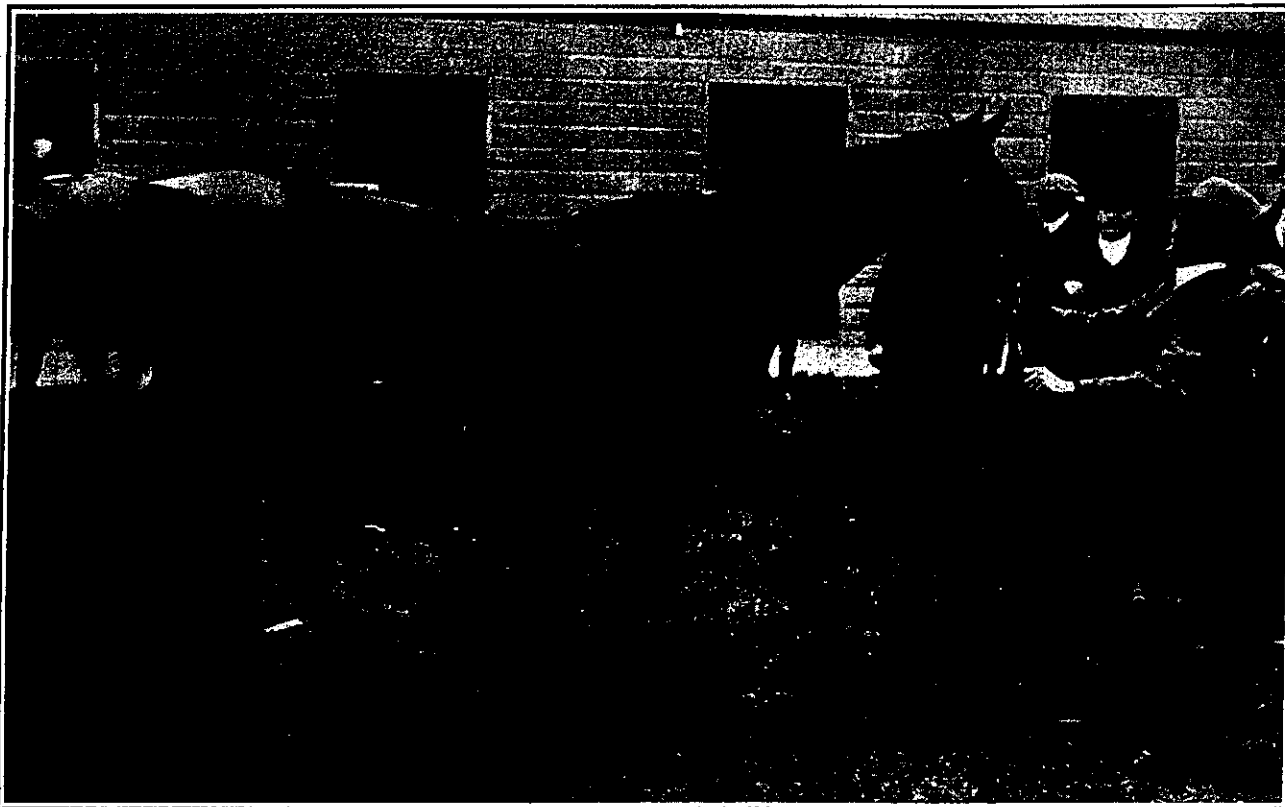
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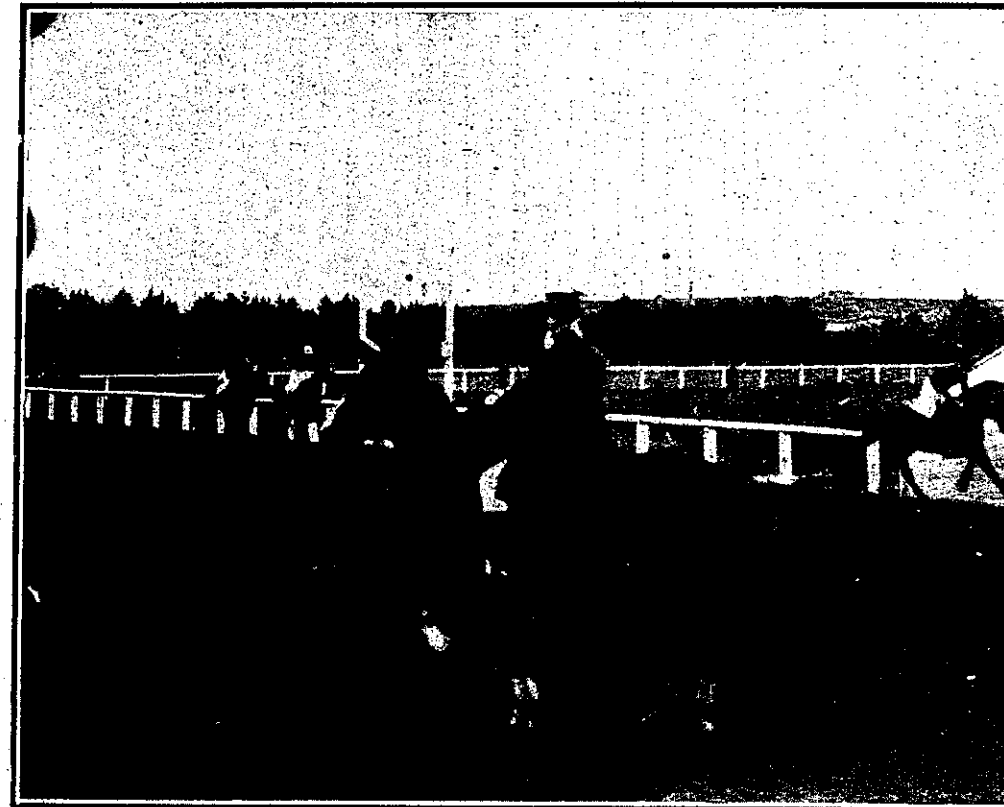
Taking the fifth hurdle in the Hauturu Hurdles. TUI CAKOBAU (in front), HOANGA (inside), BEN JONSON (centre), PARITUTU (outside), LUSCOMBE.



Mr. A. Sadler's b m PEGGY PRYDE, by St. Peter—Gaiety Girl, winner of the First half furlongs).



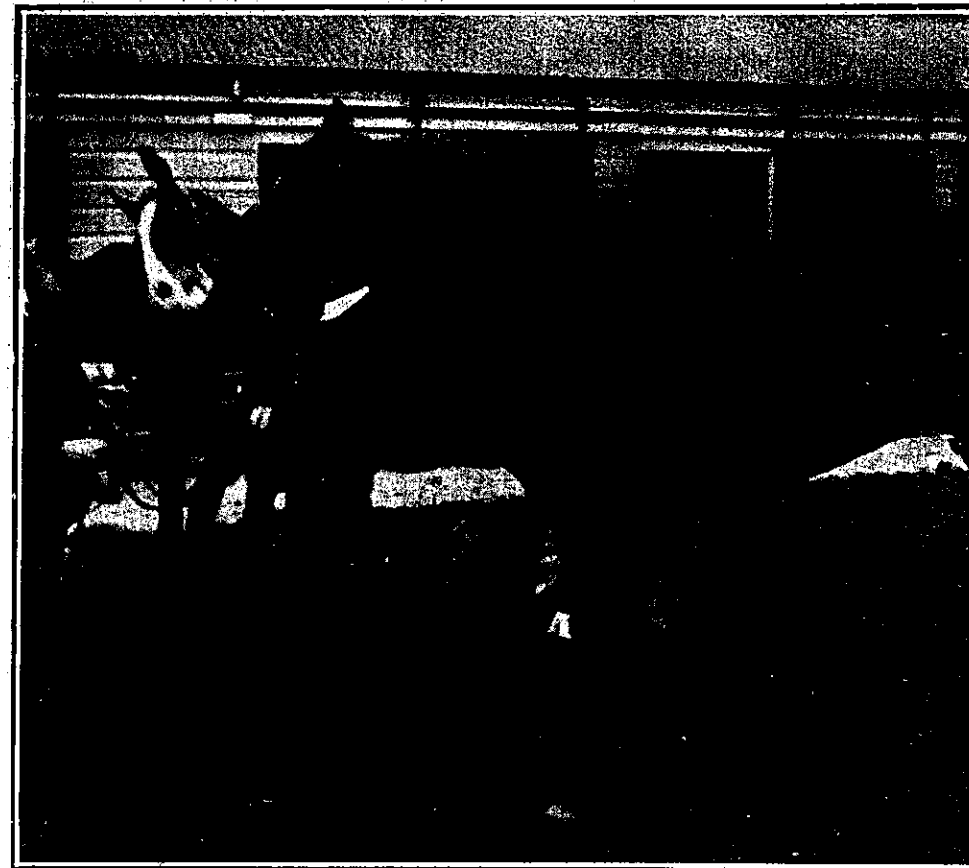
Mr. R. E. Price's b g ELECTRAKOFF, by Menschikoff—Electra, winner of the Britannia Handicap (one mile).



OMATI (Hickton) wins comfortably in the Hauturu Hurdle Race (one mile and th KOBAN (on outside) second, and RANGIHAETA (on inside)



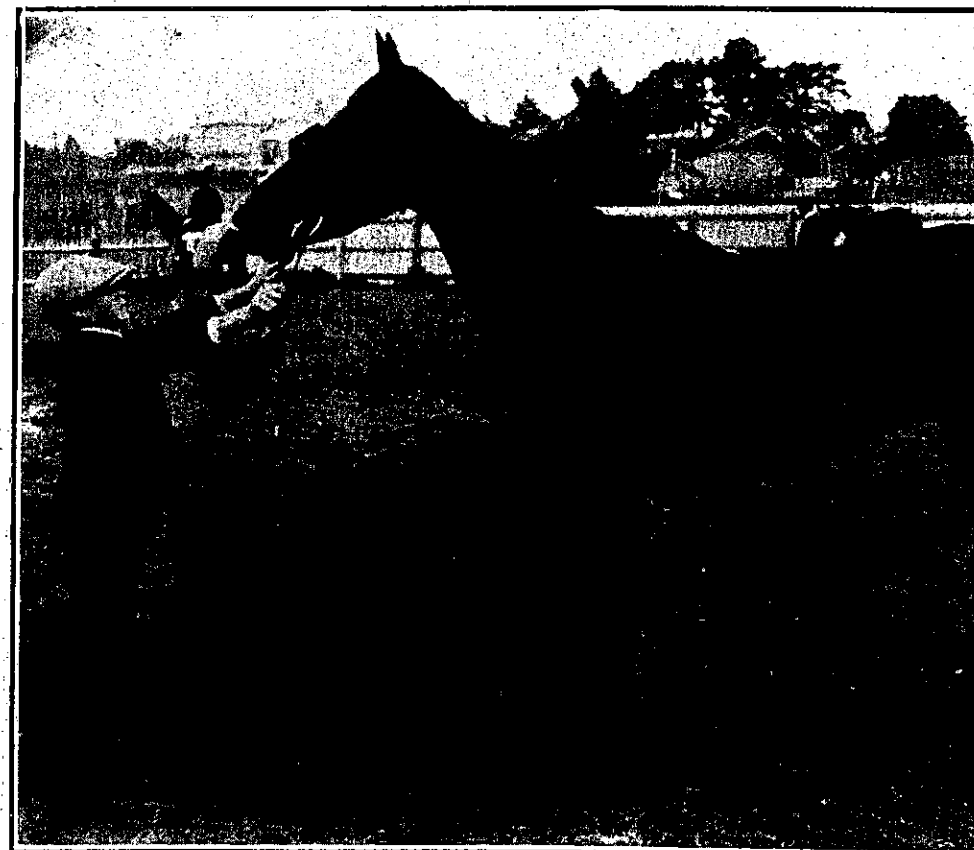
IN THE BOOKMAKERS' CORNER.



Mr. C. W. Coleman's b g OMATI, aged, by Leolantis, winner of the Ha



ELECTRAKOFF (Morris) returning to scale after winning the Britannia Handicap. The other two horses are SIR ARTEGAL (A. McMillan) and URANIUM (P. Brady).



Mr. J. Knott's b m CYRONA, by Cyrenian—Etona, winner of the Second Pony H

THE STAGE

AUCKLAND SHOWS.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

Meynell and Gunn—George Willoughby's "Night of the Party" Co.—May 30 to June 18
 J. C. Williamson's Italian Opera Co., "Madame Butterfly"—June 20 to July 6
 Meynell and Gunn—July 7 to July 16
 Hugh J. Ward—July 18 to July 31
 J. C. Williamson's "Aladdin", Pantomime Company—August 1 to Aug. 13
 Auckland Boxing Association—September 1 to 3
 J. C. Williamson—September 5 to 24
 Allan Hamilton—September 26 to October 19
 Fred. Graham—October 20 to November 4

THE OPERA HOUSE.

Fuller's World-Wide Pictures.—In season

THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

West's Pictures.—In season.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

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BIJOU THEATRE.

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Skating.—In season.

HIS MAJESTY'S.

MR. GEORGE WILLOUGHBY'S NEW ENGLISH COMEDY CO.

"THE NIGHT OF THE PARTY."

The Auckland playgoing public is still laughing over "The Night of the Party," and is likely to continue doing so, even after the curtain falls on the last scene of the final performance on Saturday evening next, when the all too short season of Mr. George Willoughby's English Comedy Co. will be brought to a conclusion. Sir Rupert Clarke and Mr. Clyde Meynell, under whose direction the company is appearing, evidently know a good thing when they see it, and in "The Night of the Party," which they have transferred, with most of the original actors, from the English to the Australasian stage, they have given us one of the finest comedies ever staged in this country. Whimsical, and delicious even, in its absurdities, it is yet so typical of and so cleverly satirises certain phases of society life in the Mother Country that it is impossible to resist its humour or to do other than enjoy the fine vein of comedy running all through it. The subject is one in the hand-

ing of which the author of the comedy, Mr. Weedon Grossmith, probably attains his happiest and most infectiously mirthful moods. It embraces the story of a certain Mr. Crosbie, a "gentleman's gentleman," or valet, who, with easy assurance and cool effrontery born of long contact with Society men, passes himself off as his master, Frank Frayne, during the latter's absence from home. On a certain memorable occasion, when Mr. Frayne is supposed to be journeying towards Paris, on a three months' holiday, the valet gives a party in his master's rooms, to which he invites, indiscriminately, some of his "Society" friends—the people who take him for Mr. Frayne—and the upper-class servants of his acquaintance. The fun begins with their arrival, and is carried on with ever-increasing hilarity until early morning, when the

of the happenings in Mr. Frayne's chambers, which it takes the two succeeding acts to straighten out. Wonderful, in their way, are the embarrassments that seem to surround Crosbie as the result of his masquerades both at Hadstone Hall and back again at his master's flat in Melton Mansions, but more wonderful still is the easy and cool insouciance with which he accepts the most disconcerting happenings in the entanglements with which he surrounds himself by his action.

In Mr. David James we have a comedian of the very first rank. Personally selected by Mr. Weedon Grossmith himself to enact the principal role in the play, that of Crosbie, the part fits him like a glove, the actor's personality and individuality showing itself in methods which are peculiarly his own. Mr. Clement Scott, writ-

es a very capable and clever actress. She has a very striking personality, and as the adventuress, Gipsy Vandelier, presents a perfect picture of the type of flashily dressed, coarse spoken, vulgar girl who makes her living by her wits, and has matrimonial designs upon moneyed men. Pauline, the parlourmaid, and Bogle, the tall porter, are comedy parts of a broader type that find capital exponents in Miss Amy Willard and Mr. Harry Halley. Mr. Harold Parkes, as Captain Bleary, cleverly burlesques the broken down swell, to the infinite amusement of the audience. Mr. Arthur Cornell admirably fills the role of Sir Charles Hampshire. The other parts are satisfactorily filled by Mr. Leopold Stach, as Rundle, the footman; Mr. Harry Overton, as Alderman Hargen; Mr. Gerald Moulton, as Alex. Montessor; Mr. Horace Clonge, as Ulic Brown; Mr. Walter Spinks, as Mr. McRoth; and Miss Lena Langridge, as Mrs. Young. The comedy will be given again to-night, to-morrow and on Saturday, which will witness the final performance.

"PETE."

A capital play, full of love, sentiment, sympathy, and romance, is the description applied to "Pete," which will be staged on Monday at His Majesty's by Clarke and Meynell's specially organised company, headed by those capable artists, H. R. Roberts and Beatrice Day, supported by a powerful company. "Pete" is dramatised by Hall Caine and Louis N. Parker from the former's story "The Manxman," and ran for over 200 nights at the Lyceum Theatre, London, where it broke all records for drama. "Never before," said "The London Times," "has a play of this kind made such a thrilling appeal to the sensations, susceptibilities, and sympathies of an audience. They wept and laughed alternately at the pathos and sweetness of this great play, and Mr. Hall Caine, who occupied a box, had to bow his head at the final fall of the curtain, so tumultuous was the applause of the audience, swept away on a tide of emotion. The story is powerful and thrilling, carried out to a most effective climax. The essence of the drama is a story of love and betrayal, of wicked rascaldom and picturesque heroism. Pete Quilliam goes to Kimberley, and returning, marries the girl he had left behind him, Kate Cregeen, an innkeeper's daughter on the Isle of Man. However, in his absence Philip Christian, Pete's supposed friend, had made love to her and won her heart. When Pete returns a rich man, Kate becomes his wife, for Philip had refused to marry her, putting ambition and position before love and honour in his aspiring to become the Deemster of the Island, and the innkeeper's daughter, he considers, is not a fitting wife for him. How Pete discovers that Kate's love is not his, how she leaves him on account of the guilty secret that exists between herself and Philip, and how ultimately she realises that he, big-hearted, manly husband of hers, is the man she really loves, and how she returns to him a repentant and lovable wife, make the thrilling and pleasant, as well as pathetic, phases of this remarkable drama. After seeing the production at the Lyceum Theatre, London, Mr. Meynell, on his return to Melbourne, set about organising a special company to tour with "Pete," choosing the various artists in accordance with the requirements of the roles, and the particular line of ability. Each member of the cast, therefore, will be thoroughly suited to her or his part. Mr. H. R. Roberts and Miss Beatrice Day will be supported by a strong company, including Mr. Conway Wingfield, Mr. Harry Sweeney, Mr. J. F. Forde, Mr. W. J. Montgomery, Miss Lorna Forbes, Miss Elwyn Harvey, Miss Katie Towers, Miss Ethel Bashford, and Miss Mary Laing-Meeson. The box plan is now open at Wildman and Arey's.



ATHOS, Trick Skater, now of Fuller's Vaudeville Company, Wellington, whose clever performances at the Glideaway attracted so much attention last week.

master unexpectedly returns, and the balance of the company hide themselves, in the best fashion possible, behind curtains, under the sofa and the table, and even within a closed chest that forms part of the dining-room equipment. Taken by surprise Crosbie is hard put to it to explain the suspicious circumstances under which his master finds him, and is only relieved from a severe questioning by the untimely arrival of Lady Hampshire, a somewhat indiscreet Society dame, who has quarrelled with her husband and has called to suggest that Mr. Frayne should elope with her to Paris. Mr. Frayne reminds her of the seriously compromising character of her action and finally persuades her to take a cab and return to her husband. The conversation is, of course, overheard by Mr. Crosbie's hidden guests, these including Mr. Flambert, a pompous individual who, as butler to the Duke of Hungerford, claims to be the leader of the inner circle of the "servatorial" class to which he belongs; Mr. Rundle, footman to Lord Dalston; Mr. Bogle, the hall porter; Gipsy Vandelier, an adventuress; and Pauline, a parlourmaid. Complications consequently arise through their knowledge

ing in the "London Daily Telegraph," paid Mr. David James the greatest possible compliment when he said "he would make us laugh in the dullest of comedies." There is a certain subtle humour about his very appearance which conduces to laughter, and it keeps the audience tuned up to the right pitch of merriment all through the play. As Crosbie he presents the picture of an admirable rogue, whose easy insolence, yet deferential familiarity are infinitely diverting. We doubt if a finer part has ever been played on the Auckland stage. Mr. George Willoughby, as the pompous Flambert, the Duke's butler, appears in a comparatively minor role, but gives a very clever and finished interpretation of the character he assumes, winning much approval both by his manner and bearing. As a comedy sketch it is excellent. Mr. Hugh C. Buckler is a very finished actor and figures to advantage in the role of Mr. Frank Frayne, a typical English gentleman. The part could hardly be in better hands. Miss Violet Paget is a charming actress, has a very graceful presence, acts naturally and well and commands general favour as Lady Hampshire. In Miss Mab Paul again the company possess-



MISS VIOLET PAGET, of George Willoughby's New English Comedy Company.

THE OPERA HOUSE.**FULLER'S WIDE-WORLD PICTURES.**

The Wide World Pictures which Messrs. Fuller are presenting to Opera House patrons nightly, are at the height of their popularity, and each week an entirely new set of up-to-date films are shown at this well-known palace of amusement. Several splendid dramatic pictures are included in this week's programme, that entitled "The Man Hunt" being a particularly fine specimen. It is another stirring picture of cowboy life, events leading up to an exciting hunt after a half-bred Mexican, which contains plenty of thrilling situations. "The Girl and the Judge, or a Terrible Temptation" is the title of another dramatic film, depicting an emotional story which is followed with great interest by the audience. "Picturesque Switzerland" is one of the most beautiful films ever reflected on a screen, this snow-clad land presenting a remarkably fine spectacle as seen from the train, which takes one through miles and miles of interesting country. A story of intense dramatic interest is contained in the film "His Last Burglary," which depicts the stealing of a baby from the house of some kind well-to-do people in whose mansion the child has been placed by its parents, who are reluctantly compelled to part with it owing to poverty. To the burglar and his wife, who are childless, the entrance of the little one into their cottage is like a ray of sunlight. The father of the child, however, who at the time of parting with the infant had fallen upon bad times, receives a telegram from a large engineering firm acquainting him of the fact that his invention has been approved of and offering him 5,000 dollars for the patent. On receipt of the glad news the parents' first consideration is to go to the mansion where their child had been mysteriously left, but on arrival at the place they are told that no child was found as supposed. Inquiries are made without success, and the mother becomes ill with pining for her babe. The burglar who has stolen the child, secures a billet as coachman in the employ of the doctor's house, wherein the child had been left in the first place, and learning of the weak state of the mother, the reformed burglar restores the infant. A highly instructive film is shown of "The Cotton Industry," the modern machinery used in the manufacture of this widely used article being well worth seeing. "The Land of Eternal Summer" and "The Falls of Potomac" are two scenic films which find particular favour with the audience. An amusing picture is that entitled "A Pair of Schemers" depicting the clever manner in which a young fellow and his wife take in the former's uncle. A great deal of fun is also derived from the film "Taming a Husband," the unsuspecting but jealous husband challenging his wife's lady friend, who is garbed as an earnest lover, to a duel. An awe-inspiring film is shown of Mount Etna in eruption, a series of panoramas having been taken of this inferno at a great risk. Rivers of boiling lava are seen issuing from the safety valve of this volcano and running down its slopes. "Calino plays Billiards" and "Fools-head, 'Am I Mad'" are a couple of side-splitting films which keep the audience in the merriest of moods, the former being ludicrously funny. Mr. E. Burke's orchestra renders a much appreciated programme of musical items.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL.**WEST'S PICTURES.**

That West's pictures at the Royal Albert Hall have made a "hit," as the saying goes, with the public there is not the slightest doubt, and the large numbers who roll up night after night to witness the pictorial entertainments provided is wonderful. Throughout the last week the audiences have been exceptionally good, and on Saturday evening, when the management presented an entirely new programme, numbers were unable to gain admission, and were turned away. Some very fine pictures are being shown this week, and the whole programme meets with the general approval of the audience. A dramatic study representing a search for gold and giving some examples of the hardships to be encountered, is presented in "The Adventures of Golden Valley." In this picture some beautiful scenery, naturally coloured, is shown. "A Jump to Death" tells a dramatic

story of the most sensational character. A most interesting, and at the same time instructive, film was "The Cotton Industry," and the applause from the audience was genuine. A film of no mean order is "The Land of Eternal Summer," depicting, as it does, tropical scenery in all its colour. Another scenic is "Picturesque Switzerland," and the audience are treated to a train journey through villages, mountains, and past pretty streams and water-races, the whole making a very entertaining film. "Elephants in India" is an interesting study, and shows these great beasts at work stacking timber with the utmost ease. A good picture of our late Majesty King Edward VII., opening a new museum, proves welcome, and is one of the best on the programme. Those who favour comic pictures are well catered for, as this week they are a particularly good collection, one of the best shown for some time being "Hubby Cures a Flirting Wife." Besides those mentioned above are included "Legend of Ancient Babylon," "The Samaritan's Courtship," and "The Baby, the Boy and the Teddy Bear." The management promises to give an exhibition of "hustle" in cinematography on June 27, on which date a film taken on the line of route of the late King's funeral will be shown at the Royal Albert Hall. This series of pictures was despatched from London the same day as it was taken, and is coming out by the most rapid means available.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

Good houses have been the order nightly at the Tivoli Theatre, and the house was comfortably filled on Saturday evening, when the new programme was ushered in. This week's bill of fare is right up to requirements, comprising at it does high-class films of every description. The best item is a film showing a motor boat race at Home, and the sight presented is magnificent, while the speed at which these small craft skim through the water is a revelation. There are several very acceptable dramatic films on the programme, but the best are "For the Flag," and "Incidents in the Franco-Prussian War." Both are responsible for some stirring situations, and are genuinely applauded by the audience. A series of pictures taken of wild animals at the London Zoo proves interesting, and is at the same time educating. Judging by the splendid view obtained, the cinematographer must have taken the pictures at very close range. A prominent part in the programme was played by comic pictures, and amongst several good ones shown are "The Broken Window," "A Glass of Goat's Milk," "Dancing Tabloids," and "Adam II, the Celebrated Ape." Last evening the house was crowded, when Parker, the "Handcuff King," commenced a season of six nights. His work with the handcuffs was good, and showed that he was all that was claimed for him. To those wishing to spend an enjoyable evening at little expense, a visit to the Tivoli Theatre can be recommended.

THE PRINCE'S RINK.**FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL.**

Skating is having a merry run at Prince's rink, the day and evening sessions seeing large numbers added to the ranks of devotees. M. Gonard exercises autocratic sway over the skating arena, and whether with novice or expert, is impartial in his attention to their comfort and enjoyment, assisting the beginner, perfecting the more advanced with equal suavity, and displaying a tact and discrimination in his supervision that is making Prince's Rink one of the most pleasurable rendezvous of the hour. "Our aim is to protect the ladies," M. Gonard says, gallantly, and his words are translated into action. On Wednesday the rink was the scene of a brilliant gathering, when a fancy dress carnival was held, and its success proves that skating has established a firm hold on the Auckland public, its increasing popularity more than justifying the enterprise of Mr. Henry Hayward. Special seating accommodation was provided for spectators at the carnival, and altogether, including the skaters, there were nearly 1000 people present. Overhead were hung myriads of vari-coloured electric globes, which enhanced the picturesque costumes of the skaters, the whole forming a strikingly effective scene. There was a wide array of costumes, artistic, original and comic, testifying to the ingenuity of the wearers. Peasant

and cavalier glided round together, summer and winter were on the same footing, all nations were represented, and fraternised upon neutral territory. The awards were made by a trio of well-known ladies, representing the three biggest drapery firms in the city, and difficult though the task was, the judging met with unanimous approval. Miss Campbell, representing Butterfly tea, secured the prize for the best poster lady, the design being admirably carried out in golden gauze, wrought in tiny butterflies over green silk, and complete in every detail. Miss C. Norton, in a striking dress of silvery-spangled black net, was awarded first prize for best fancy costume amongst the ladies, Mr. L. Berry, as Monsieur Beaucaire, a handsome figure in mauve satin, carrying off similar honours in the gentlemen's class. "Chanticleer," in the person of Mr. J. Pelham, advertising Cambridge shirts, was a most cleverly-devised outfit, and easily crowed over the rest, while Mr. G. H. Parr was first for the most original costume in his realistic representation of a penguin. "How I learned to skate" was the text of Mr. Sheath's costume, who gained pride of place for the most comic design, caricaturing the unfortunate beginner's experiences at the rink in highly amusing and typical fashion. Mr. J. Pelham and Mrs. Wilkie were successful in the waltzing competition, and the winners of the team competition turned up in Misses Goddard (2), Rose and Buckworth, driven by Mr. Metcalfe, masquerading as Maoris. During the evening Mr. B. B. Raynes gave an exhibition of fancy and trick skating, his graceful and clever gyrations evoking hearty applause. The carnival was repeated last night, and attracted another large and interested gathering. In addition to the prizes already mentioned, a number of consolation prizes were awarded, the distribution taking place last night.

THE GLIDEAWAY RINK.

That the fascinating pastime of skating has many devotees there is not the slightest doubt, and it is surprising to see the large numbers who attend the Glideaway Rink, Coburg-street, at each and every session. The rink is spacious and well ventilated, while the management see that nothing is left undone which would go to provide comfort and enjoyment for skaters. A number of the skaters who patronise the Glideaway are performers of no mean order, and their gyrations on "wheels" is an entertainment in itself. The rink is in excellent order, and is open every day and evening.

Greenroom Gossip.**MR. HARRY ROBERTS.**

Messrs. Clarke and Meynell's production of Hall Caine's celebrated drama of pathos and passion, "Pete," at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday, promises to mark an epoch in the theatrical annals of New Zealand. Mr. H. R. Roberts (the author's ideal) will be seen as Pete, and this clever and popular actor will be called upon to enact a very difficult but congenial role. The successful portraying of Pete calls upon all the qualities of the experienced and inherent actor, and Mr. Roberts is not only a born actor, but has profited by his training and experience in New York and London, where he starred among the world's stars.

MISS BEATRICE DAY.

Miss Beatrice Day is well and favourably known throughout New Zealand, and can look forward to a hearty reception from her legion of friends. Miss Day was specially selected to play the part of Kate Cregeen in "Pete," her pretty face and handsome figure, together with her histrionic ability, all making for a superb interpretation of this great character of a loving but passionately human woman.

TAKING PART IN "PETE."

Mr. Conway Wingfield will play Phillip Christian, Mr. Harry Sweeney, Ross Christian; Mr. Greenaway, Black Tom; Mr. W. J. Montgomery, Dr. Mylchreest; and Mr. John F. Forde, Caesar Cregeen. Miss Lorna Forbes will be seen as Nancy, Miss Elwyn Harvey as Mary, Miss Katie Towers as Grannie, Miss Mary Laing-Meeson as Sarah, and Miss Ethel Bashford as Meg. Miss Ethel Bashford, a protégée of Miss Maggie Moore, will be the

ingenue of the Harry Roberts-Beatrice Day Company, producing "Pete" and "The Hypocrites" throughout New Zealand. Miss Bashford first appeared as the Nipper in "Struck Oil," which part she played for some years until her age outgrew her utility for child parts. Like Miss Marie Lohr, Miss Bashford intends going to London to perfect her theatrical education whilst she is in her teens. She and her chaperone will leave for England by the R.M.S. Moldavia, which leaves Sydney in December. Before leaving for England Mr. Clyde Meynell personally supervised the rehearsals of "Pete," and Mr. J. W. Devereil, assisted by Mr. Syd Smith, directed. Three producers of their experience should just about perfect any performance.

THE "ALADDIN" PANTOMIME CO.

The Pantomime Company were accorded the heartiest of send-offs at the termination of their successful ten weeks' season in Sydney. A packed house assembled to see the last of the popular organisation, and there was noticeable that stir which marks the special occasion in theatrical annals. All the artists were at their very best, and the comedians especially took advantage of the occasion to draw a few additional laughs from the audience. Mr. Jimmy Campbell, with a laudable ambition to be right up to date with his gags, mildly requested the limelight man to give him "some of the comet." The limelight man certainly did not comply with the request, but the audience enjoyed the joke immensely, and Mr. Campbell had the satisfaction of knowing that his joke was not ill-timed.

EXPENSIVE DRESSES.

The Melbourne "Age," referring to the Clarke and Meynell production of "The Arcadians," said: "The dresses in 'The Arcadians' cost a fabulous sum. The cheapest of them in the race scene cost £30. The 'Chanticleer' hats run into more than £250, and cannot be made use of after the play has had its season. The cost of staging such a production is enormous, but the prices have not been raised to the public. Theatre-goers in this country have nothing to grumble about. The standard is high, and the prices of admission low."

AN IMPOSING FIGURE.

An imposing figure in "The Night of the Party" is Mr. Hugh C. Buckler. Some years back he was one of the London and provincial monologue entertainers, and was noted for his versatility. He has also figured prominently in Shaksperian plays. His wife is Miss Violet Paget.

A DISTINGUISHED ACTRESS.

Miss Violet Paget, who takes the part of Lady Hampshire in "The Night of the Party," is as clever and popular as her husband. Her father was for some years Governor of some of the West India islands, and before that was Chief Justice of Mauritius. Miss Paget is a first cousin to the Marquis of Anglesea. Theatrically, she has made a name for herself, and has played in Sir Herbert Tree's Shaksperian revivals, taking the lead in "Anthony and Cleopatra" at a couple of hours' notice with instant success. This is her first trip to New Zealand, and she is taking it partly for health reasons.

MISS KATHERINE GRAY.

Speaking of Miss Katherine Grey's performance in "The Third Degree," Mr. Julius Knight says he has never been held by any other impersonation in a play as by that of Mrs. Jeffries, jun. He acknowledges that when Miss Grey comes into the office which he occupies as Richard Brewster, the lawyer, he feels his heart go out to her and experience a choking sensation in his throat. He considers that in Mrs. Jeffries, jun., Charles Klein has created the loneliest woman in the world, and Miss Grey conveys her. He thinks that her portrayal of the part is further accentuated by the fact that she always appears in the same dress, in her manner and gestures and even by her forced cheerfulness which bespeaks the aching heart which she vainly endeavours to hide. Altogether Mr. Knight feels that nobody could be proof against the convincing power which Miss Grey throws into the part.

"A JOLLY AMERICAN GIRL."

A newspaper man described Miss Grace Edmonds on her arrival in Sydney by the last Vancouver boat as "a jolly American girl," and aptly hit off the latest addition to J. C. Williamson's new Comic Opera Company.

She won't be twenty-one till the fall, and it's spring in America now. Full of youthful enthusiasm, Miss Edmonds is certainly a jolly companion. She was a great favourite on board the s.s. Marama, from the deck of which she twice saw the comet. Her mother is travelling with her, and has always done so since her daughter began her stage career. That was at the age of fourteen. "We begin early in America," said Miss Edmonds, "I was in dramatic work first, my ambition being to become an emotional actress. Then I discovered—or, rather, it was discovered for me—that I had a voice, and I stepped right into the prima donna role in 'The Girl from Broadway.' Yes, I missed the chorus drudgery. Then I decided to have my voice trained" (and she did under Clemente de Mecchi, who coaches grand opera artists). "The rest has all been easy." Miss Edmonds' Australian debut will be as Alice Condor in "The Dollar Princess."

FAREWELLED AT SYDNEY.

The popularity which the Grand Opera Company has gained with audiences in Sydney was demonstrated by the large crowd of admirers and well-wishers who gathered at the wharf, to say farewell to the members of that organisation on the occasion of their departure in the Ulmaroa for New Zealand. There was (writes an esteemed correspondent) much hand-shaking, and bouquets of flowers were in abundance. Just as the boat was leaving Bel Sorel showered her friends on the wharf with loose violets. Autograph hunters were busy among the principals, and succeeded in gathering into their albums quite a sheaf of signatures. The strains of "Auld Lang Syne," sung by the company, mingled with "Say Au Revoir and Not Good-bye" by the ship's trumpeter, were to be heard as the boat swung out from her moorings and steamed down the harbour.

AFTER NUGGETS.

David James says there are still some Londoners who imagine that gold can be picked up in the streets of Melbourne. The principal comedian made his first joke immediately he stepped off the Orontes. "Can any one inform me," he asked a passer-by, gently, "where I can find a few of those nuggets I have heard about?" The stranger smiled. "I can tell you where can lose some gold, if you have any. Just walk down the street, and some of the 'tugs' will catch you. They're always on the look-out for distinguished-looking visitors."

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"MADAM BUTTERFLY" IN AUSTRALIA.

PREPARING FOR PUCCINI'S WORK.

Grand opera has its musical side, though one is apt to lose sight of it unless one keeps in touch with the conductor. If, however, he is kept too closely in view one may lose sight of the fact that there is any other side to an operatic production. What, therefore, seems most necessary in the man directing the performances is a nicely-balanced sense of proportion. The commencement of his duties antedates the season by many months, and even then he begins after others have worked long on the general scheme.

The J. C. Williamson venture, which has introduced to Australasia "Madam Butterfly," will help to an understanding of what is entailed in the organisation of grand opera for the territory that the enterprise of that management covers. For it must be remembered that the conditions obtaining here are not as favourable as those governing the operations of impresarios in Europe and America where opera is concerned. We are farther from the musical centres whence the artists have to be enticed than Buenos Ayres. Five complete companies are recruited in Milan every year for South America. As Dooley's friend Hogan would probably say: "It is the regular migratory flight of gregarious song birds." He would mean thereby that the Italian artists had "the full band parts of the place," and knew what exactly to expect.

Australian managers are met only in the Galeria at intervals of several years. Artists are conservative—their business is voice production, and they study our geography no more than Sharpless studied ornithology. Our immigration literature has not as yet formed part of their daily mail. With these disabilities managers have to reckon. Signor Hazon was not long in discovering this. Mr. J. C. Williamson had held the Australian rights of "Madam Butterfly" for three years before the distinguished conductor suggested the possibility to the manager of something being done with Puccini's work. He wrote to Signor Hazon, telling him to meet him at Genoa some months after the receipt of his letter, and in the interim to get busy. What he wanted was artists who could sing in English. Do you know Signor

Hazon? Then you can hear him say, "But to sing in English! That is impossible!" And, knowing Signor Hazon, you can see him getting busy just the same.

This was the time when Signor Hazon would have liked the combined Tourist Department of the Commonwealth and New Zealand to have bombarded him with their most alluring arguments in the "Come to Australia" chorus. As they didn't, he prepared a rhapsody in his mother tongue which he fired off at the sopranos, the tenors, the baritones of Milan. "What's wrong with us remaining here under the shadow of 'La Scala?'" they replied in their own idiom. And if you can forget you are a New Zealander for the moment, you can see that the maestro needed to be ready with something attractive. If the editor of this paper were offered a similar post on the Howard Island "Bi-valve," the chances are he would turn it down, whatever money was forthcoming. Signor Hazon found the game he was trying to bag very shy. When he pointed out that Melba came from Australia, he was reminded that she didn't stay there, and that topic was irreparable. "Come and I will make you a Melba!" he urged. "Melba was made at this end of the world," was the answer.

But Signor Hazon has a genuine love for Australia. His rhapsodies had "heart" in them, and his hearers were emotional. When Mr. Williamson arrived at Genoa his musical director had "options" on a number of operatic singers, one of whom was Bel Sorel. He had her sign an undertaking to tour not a day too soon; the agent of the Manhattan Opera House, New York, was bidding for her. Signor Hazon was one of many on a similar quest for prima donnas. Mr. Williamson completed the engagements for the company, and visiting England and America, was back in Australia before the final selection of artists embarked at Genoa on their voyage here. The tour was booked and everything set in train. It was, of course, necessary that, on the arrival of the imported principals, everything should be so far forward that no time be lost in opening the season. An orchestra of 43 had to be secured, in itself no light matter. The supply of musicians for grand opera is limited. Instruments of the rarer order are required for Puccini's orchestral effects. The players were gathered from all over Australia, with Ernest Toy, the young Queensland violinist, as leader.

Sydney and Melbourne supplied the chorus. Voice trials continued over

weeks. Many were "called," but few were chosen. Sydney was strong in contraltos and weak in sopranos, Melbourne vice versa. Nothing could be done with orchestra or chorus until Signor Hazon arrived. He came on two boats ahead of the principals. Passing through Melbourne he gave Mrs. Taylor Darbyshire the tempi, and she immediately began rehearsing the Melbourne chorus contingent. The musical director wasted no time reaching Sydney, where, in addition to approving of the chorus and orchestra, he put "the small-part people" for "Madam Butterfly" through their vocal work. These Mr. Henry Bracy, the stage director, had carefully selected from Australian sources.

With the advent of Signor Hazon there was great activity. He worked late at night on his score and lived laborious days with the chorus and "band." With the former he sang himself hoarse, with the latter he reduced his voice to a fibrous whisper. Mr. Williamson, crossing the stage one day when the conductor was doing violent calisthenics on his stand, cheerily remarked, "Music seems to be in the air, Hazon." "But I try hard, Mr. Williamson, to get air in the music" was sent back by the energetic Italian. His method with both the vocal and instrumental forces was to take a few bars over and over again and never pass a mistake. "If you once get them in you can't get them out" was his diction. To a much-abused instrument he would remark, when his patience was about giving out, "I don't know whether you are right or I am wrong, but I hope you are right!" And Jack Johnson could not send his left more promptly to a weak spot than the same Signor Hazon sent his baton to a discordant instrument. At rehearsals he was always worth watching, for the reason that his attitude seldom conveyed to the onlooker his real feelings. For example, his hands at times would be spread as if he were pronouncing a benediction, but his lips would mutter an imprecation, for Puccini's score is lyric and full of melody. Discord cannot be hid or passed for profound musical expression—"the sound of the universal laws promulgated"—as in the "abattoir" operas of Wagner and Strauss.

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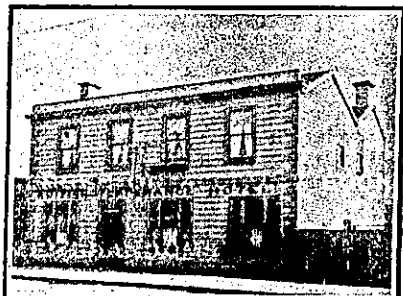
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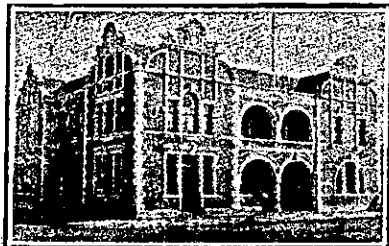
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paint frame—Mr. John Gordon, his models of the scenes showing every stage detail, long since completed to his conception of Japanese settings, splashed at something very like a ten-league canvas, even though his brushes were not of "comet's hair." His work in the light of day does not stand for beautiful—there is a raw unloveliness and an aggressive smearing that even close range does not wholly explain. When the stage lighting—limes and electrics—illuminate it, however, the transformation is wholly wonderful. This lighting has to be allowed for, and to be able to intuitively do so is the scenic artist's sixth sense. The beautiful first set in "Madam Butterfly" to depict the wane of the long day, the climb of the slow moon, and the harbour lights of Nagasaki plumbing the mystic ocean, had little romance in it when seen in the paint room. Stage illusion is a wonderful thing; it mostly comes from where it is most easily lost—the same paintroom.

Another illusionist is the property master, Mr. Rocke Phillips. He made the set of Japanese gods of whom Suzuki, while she rings her prayer bell, asks to grant that Butterfly shall weep no more. He also does much to give verisimilitude to "the background of varnish and lacquer." Pinkerton, in ecstatic song, gives Butterfly. Every chattel on the stage emanates from this department, and when it is not the genuine article it shows that Mr. Rocke Phillips wasn't born in Birmingham to no purpose. All the properties come within the general artistic scheme of colour and atmosphere, and this is so also with the costuming. Bel Sorel's dresses were designed by Carambra, whose art is a big feature of the production at La Scala, Milan, and the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, while the kimonos of the Australian prima donna, Amy Castles, and those of the chorus were purchased in Japan.

As rehearsals progressed the scenery and properties came to the theatre, so that everybody should become used to both. Mr. Bracy then was confronted with the task of contriving stage "business" that fitted with the music. All the time the rehearsals were in progress the theatre was full of workmen—painters and decorators, who performed their brushwork to Signor Hazon's all-compelling beat. The action of the opera interested them all so greatly that at an exciting movement they would all take a few bars' rest. One day when "Sharpless" had just urged Butterfly to accept the hand of the wealthy Yamadori, Bel Sorel sang her amazed, "Your Augustness, you tell me this!" there was a general thrill of surprise. Even the theatre watchman, who is remarkably like E. K. Chesterton, turned round in the stalls and regarded the Consul with pained astonishment.

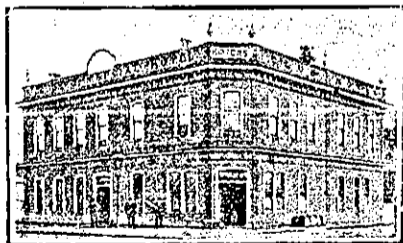
There was only one dress rehearsal for each prima donna for "Madam Butterfly." At all the others the members of the company wore ordinary street costumes. To see them all thus attired, acting their characters was to witness what was often laughably incongruous. That Pinkerton should offer Sharpless a whisky lost its "easy-dayness" under such circumstances. To watch the tenor grasping a chair while he sang an exultant love song also had its humorous side, and a prima donna reaching for and finding a top note, when her face to her nose was hidden with a huge hat, while the birds looked down from the fresco, was to momentarily lose control of one's features. But the earnestness of everybody caused one to forget all but the work in hand, after the first shock, and to catch the prevailing enthusiasm. The chorus master, with his head through an interstice in the shoji, one eye on Signor Hazon's beat, the other on his invisible choir, while the bouche fermee effect was being tried, likewise became part of a serious piece of work. You only had to hear the musical director say, "The attack, ladies, is faulty. That will never do" to understand that the occasion was not one for levity. If further confirmation of this were needed the books of the management would show that before the curtain rose on the production several thousand pounds had been sunk in the enterprise.

I get no "peas," the gardener said;
"Bean" coughing all the night;
With scarlet nose of fey red,
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CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes:—"Peter Pan" is making quite as big a hit in Christchurch as it has made in the other Australasian centres where it has been produced. It is just a nursery tale dramatised, and while it never fails to delight the little folks, in whose interest it is supposed to have been written, it appeals no less irresistibly to "children of a larger growth." It is a beautiful story, beautifully told, full of fun, full of quaint conceits, and with more than a suspicion of pathos. The lessons it teaches are admirable. All of which has so impressed the playgoers of this "livery" town that they are rolling up, hundreds upon hundreds of them, nightly to see one of the most successful theatrical productions of recent years. . . . Latest advices from Wellington are to the effect that "Madame Butterfly" is taking the Windy City by storm. The Christchurch season begins on July 13 and ends on July 23. . . . We had hoped to have seen Harold Ashton in advance of "Peter Pan," but Harold has other fish to fry, and but newly returned from Murka, is once more on his travels in quest of "novelties," having accompanied Mr. Williamson to England and the Continent. By the way, did you know that Mr. Ashton is now a partner with J. C. Williamson? He is, I believe, with characteristic modesty, keeping this very quiet, but I have learned on excellent authority that it is true. That so, Harold? If so, hearty congratulations. . . . The Marlow Dramatic Company open here in June and say good-bye on June 22. You Aucklanders have already seen these clever people, so I need say no more about them now. . . . The Theatre Royal will not be disengaged for some time. Present bookings run right up to Boxing Night, almost without a break. . . . May Beattie and hubby (Ed. Laurie) are playing at the London Halls with a good deal of success. Present bookings run well into 1914. May would much like to return to the Colonies, but sees small prospects of doing so for the next few years, anyhow. . . . West's Pictures are filling the New King's Theatre, in Gloucester-street, every night. A very popular film just now shows the late King Edward opening the new museum in London. He was accompanied by Queen Alexandra, Queen Mary and the present King, and excellent "counterfeit presentments" of all are thrown upon the screen. . . . Fuller's Pictures are still drawing over-flowing audiences to the Colosseum. Rival theatrical shows in the same town and playing on the same nights often "kill" each other. Not so with picture shows, because people visit each in turn, and then compare notes. The Fuller management certainly gives splendid value for money, not only at the Colosseum, but at the Opera House also—our permanent home of vaudeville.

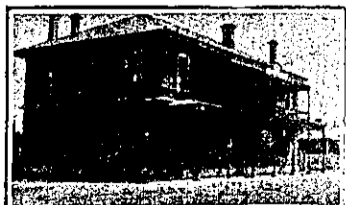
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THE LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE

THE AUCKLAND EAST ELECTION.

MR. ARTHUR MYERS' CANDIDATURE.

In connection with the Auckland East election, the members of the Trade are left in no uncertainty as to whom they should collectively and individually support. It has been said in these columns again and again that the licensed victuallers of this country dare not identify themselves with any particular candidate, party, or movement, for fear of offending the opposing interests that are, unfortunately, so often in a position to injure the Trade at the licensing polls. Three candidates are contesting the seat vacant by the death of Mr. F. E. Baume, K.C.—Mr. Arthur Myers, who served for four years as Mayor of the City of Auckland with infinite honour to himself and much credit to the city; Mr. William Richardson and Mr. G. McKnight. Mr. Richardson stands first and foremost as a Prohibitionist, but it appears tolerably certain, from the action of the Labour party in bringing Mr. McKnight forward, that he will divide the so-called "temperance" vote with that gentleman. Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.P., the noted Prohibitionist and No-license advocate, is in Auckland, with the express idea of helping forward the candidature of the Labour nominee, and may be said to have fired the first shot in the campaign at the "No-license" rally held in the East-street Methodist Hall on Tuesday, when he declared that "it was amazing to him that a city such as Auckland should think it unnecessary to challenge the ambitions of the biggest brewer in the city to get a seat in the Legislature of the Dominion." Mr. Taylor also said that "he came to Auckland, not to make speeches, but to endeavour to persuade a candidate to come out and contest the Auckland East seat against a brewer and a monopolist." Even the Mayor of Grey Lynn, Mr. W. J. Holdsworth, declared that "it was the duty of all well-wishers of the community at large to vote against a brewer going to Parliament." But Mr. Myers has other and wider business interests even than those of the brewery with which the Prohibitionists seek to identify him. Even were it otherwise why the mere fact of a man's calling should be used against him in this way is beyond our comprehension. Mr. Arthur Myers is one of our most public-spirited citizens; his money has been made fairly and legitimately; his word is regarded by those who know and have business dealings with him as his bond—and that is more than can be said of Mr. T. E. Taylor's friends of the New Zealand Alliance—and he is capable of rendering the city and province infinitely greater service in Parliament than he has yet accomplished on their behalf outside of its walls. Those interested in the Trade and the great moderate section of the community who object to have their habits, tastes, morals and appetites regulated by the State, have just as much right to deny the fitness of men like Mr. T. E. Taylor to represent them in Parliament, as Mr. Taylor has to condemn Mr. Myers' candidature. So far as the Trade is concerned in Auckland, there can be no questioning the fact, despite the differences of opinion that exist between the wholesalers and retailers (none of which, however, are so serious as to be incapable of equitable judgment) that Mr. Arthur Myers is the one candidate whom they can all loyally support. Mr. Myers' well-known abilities, his earnest work on behalf of the city, the fact that he is standing as a purely independent candidate, untrammelled by pledges to support either party, and that he enjoys the confidence of the leading business men of the city, may all be urged in his favour, and we trust to see him returned as one of the city representatives to Parliament on polling day.

TRADE TOPICS

A prohibited person obtained drink in a most ingenious way at one of the Te Aroha hotels, says a correspondent of the "New Zealand Herald." He disguised himself in a Druid's beard and boldly walked up to the bar. The drink was a costly one, however, as he was subsequently fined £3, with the alternative of 48 hours' imprisonment.

Messrs. Richardson Bros., of Feilding, have an announcement in our advertising columns. Having recently taken over the Manchester stables, clients may rely upon receiving the best attention at the hands of the new proprietors.

Miss Pearl A. Billings is said to be the youngest hotel woman in America. Several years ago she inherited the lease, furnishings and goodwill of the Newberry Hotel from a cousin. By good management Miss Billings has made it a success without a bar, a thing which the hotel men of Chicago told her would be impossible. Of the fifty employees less than one

dozen are men. Miss Nell Billings, her cousin, is the manager, and there are women book-keepers and clerks.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, who have recently taken over the Cosmopolitan Hotel at Westport, are well known in the trade, having been connected with a comfortable hotel at Crushington for some five years. They are universally liked and respected. They take a pride in conducting their hotel business on strict lines, and in keeping the best of everything for their guests and the general public.

In the paragraph which recently appeared in these columns concerning the Empire Hotel at Greymouth, the name of the proprietor was erroneously stated as "Bevine." It should have read "Beirne." The mistake, a typographical one in the first place, escaped the eye of the proof reader, and we now trust Mr. Beirne will accept our expressions of regret at the mistake that occurred.

During the past three years the Licenses Reduction Board closed 320 hotels (says a Melbourne message), the compensation for which was borne by the trade, amounting to £150,000.



"CONGENIAL SPIRITS:" AT THE WHITE HART HOTEL, MARTON.



MR. C. C. McDONALD, manager of the National Dancers, now touring the Dominion.

A shocking fatality is reported from Lyttelton. Mr. R. Richardson, a well-known resident, proprietor of the British Hotel, was killed by falling from the 4.30 p.m. train from Lyttelton to Christchurch on Monday night. He was standing on the gangway between two carriages, lost his balance, and fell on to the track, and was cut to pieces.

Mr. Keller's Hokitika Hotel has a well-deserved and wide reputation for catering for the tourist and the better-class trade. Both the New Zealand and Australian Commercial Travellers' Associations have entrusted their certificates with Mr. Keller, who is also fortunate in arranging everything for the tourist with a line of coach proprietors and motor launch proprietors for trips to the Glacier and Lake Kanieri and other places of interest. The house is most extensive, with comfortable dining-room and commercial and writing rooms and private suites, and the cuisine is excellent. Mr. Keller enjoys the confidence of the travelling public in every respect, and conducts his hotel with credit to himself and staff.

We understand that the Albion Hotel, Patea, has been taken over by Mr. C. Vogel, who was for some 20 years in the service of the Gear Company at Wellington. Mr. C. Diamond, the retiring licensee, has been in possession of the Albion Hotel for three years, during which time he has earned the cordial esteem of a wide circle of friends. His departure, and that of Mrs. Diamond, will be greatly regretted.

The Club Hotel, Greymouth, which faces the Quay and the shipping of the port, is quite a different house to what it was prior to Mr. Alex. Lennie's proprietorship. Under this gentleman's regime the house has become very popular, and is voted one of the best-conducted hotels on the West Coast. Now one can rest secure and comfortable, well fed and cared for, and Mr. Lennie, who is a good fellow and also a good sport, takes special pains to please all patrons of his house and to see that everything runs smoothly at his hotel; and the tariff, which is only 5s per day, is really worth double that sum. Mr. Lennie's only hobby is racing, and in this connection he is the fortunate owner of several well-known horses, which have turned him many an honest penny, and we wish him luck with both his hotel and horses.

At the Auckland Police Court, a half-caste Tahitian, Baron Delovey, was fined £50 for illegally selling beer.

Mr. S. F. Amer, of the Marton Hotel livery and bait stables, Marton, announces through our advertising columns that he has recently purchased a 12-15 h.p. Clement-Talbot car, which is at the service of his patrons. Trips can be arranged to Foxton, Feilding, Palmerston North, Wanganui and Hawera. Mr. Amer is a skilful driver, and thoroughly understands the mechanism of his car.

"We hold that the evils of intemperance are due fundamentally to social conditions, to low wages, bad housing, lack of public meeting places, and, above all, to the profits that flow from the private ownership of the means of manufacture and distribution of intoxicants. We believe that the solution of the liquor problem is to be found in improving the living and working conditions of labour and in the destruction of the profit element in the manufacture and sale of liquor."—Resolution of the Socialist party of Chicago.

A house which is doing a large share of the better class trade in Christchurch is the Clarendon Hotel, so picturesquely situated on the banks of the Avon, and yet only a stone's throw from the Cathedral. Many friends of the members of the Federal Club,

which nearly adjoins the hotel, are patrons of this fashionable resort. Mr. D. Collins, the popular proprietor, is an Englishman of wide experience in hotel management, and this fact is at once discernible in every department.

That prohibition has failed to decrease the consumption of alcoholic beverages is clearly shown by the United States Commissioner's report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909. In twelve years over one-third of the United States, geographically speaking, has gone "dry," and during these twelve years the production of distilled spirits has increased over 100 per cent.; it will scarcely be contended that the population of the United States has increased 100 per cent. in twelve years, therefore the pro rata consumption has also increased.—Captain Smith, of the National Model License League.

The advocates of the prohibition law, when chided with the fact that these laws do not lessen drunkenness nor prevent crime, answer that neither do laws against murder prevent the taking of human life. No attempt has ever been made to prevent murder by forbidding the manufacture or sale of the weapons by which murder is committed. Legislation against murder is directed entirely against the unlawful use of the weapon. The law against murder is the result of the wisdom of the ages, and has accomplished its purpose far more successfully than have the prohibition laws. Then, why should not those persons who would reduce drunkenness and its attendant evils to a minimum, follow the theory of the criminal law by punishing the improper use of the article, rather than seek to prevent its manufacture and sale?—Captain Smith, at National Model License League Convention.

The imports of wine in March from the various wine growing countries of the world totalled 1,507,628 gallons valued at £518,263 which compares with 1,330,343, of the value of £461,837 in March, 1909. France sent more than all the other countries put together, namely, 503,828 gallons of the value of £315,982. Of this quantity, champagne figures for 177,464 gallons of the value of £251,837. This does not include Saumur, which increased from 11,506 to 14,668 gallons. Portugal sent 352,399 as against 321,164 but there was a decline in both Spanish red and white; the imports of the former amounted to only 180,940 gallons as compared with 230,223. Germany's shipment increased from 94,963 gallons valued at £27,722 to 104,484 of the value of £33,835; and Italy sent only 36,184 gallons as compared with 32,271. The Netherlands and Algeria also sent more, but the shipments from Madeira declined from 3,724 to 2,965 gallons. The Australian wine trade shows up exceedingly well, the imports having risen from 66,546 gallons valued at £11,050 to 137,420 of the value of £22,879. This Colonial wine industry (remarks the L.V. Gazette, London) would undoubtedly receive a great filip if the Government would only grant preferential treatment and this will come if the Unionists are returned to power at the next election.

A laugh was caused at the Royal Commission the other morning, says the Ohinemuri Gazette, when Mr. Asher Cassrels was giving evidence. Witness was telling about the depreciation of his property, including the Criterion Hotel. When Mr. Myers came to cross-examine he asked if witness attributed the depreciation of the value of the hotel since 1907 to the flood or to the drought. The sally was immediately recognised in Court, and there was a general laugh.

Referring to the recent test case to determine the responsibilities of vignerons in no-license districts, says the "Wairarapa Daily Times" So far, there are but seven hundred acres of vines in New Zealand, yielding crops which may be worth £200,000 per annum. This is not a large sum, but it constitutes a local industry of a decided value, and the bulk of the money is spent in labour. The community generally approves of this industry. There have been no scandals in connection with the sale or the distribution of the excellent wines it turns out, and on moral grounds there does not appear to be any reason for objection. Mr. Lamb and his fellow vignerons whose vineyards are in or near prohibi-

tion districts have been kept in a state of suspense for the past six months. They had heard of the legal kink, and did not know whether it would compel them to give up their vineyards and start the world again with some other occupation. All has ended happily, but a body of respectable and industrious settlers ought not to be subjected to worries of this kind when they are building up a local industry. We should not have referred to this question only that it has absolutely nothing to do with the broader issue of License and No-License.

While a case under the Licensing Act was before him at the Masterton Magistrate's Court Mr. C. C. Graham, S.M., mentioned that various perfumes contained alcohol, and were consumed by sections of the public. Eau de cologne was particularly fancied by some people. The question was raised by counsel whether the sale of eau de cologne in lesser quantities than two gallons was permissible in a no-license district.

The Dominion Private Hotel, at Levin, better known as Cheeseman's Hotel, was severely damaged by fire on Tuesday, the diningroom being gutted and the kitchen and some bedrooms practically destroyed. The occupants had barely time to get out of the building, having to grope their way through dense smoke. Both building and contents were partially insured.

THE HOTEL EMPLOYEES' DISPUTE.

A FURTHER ADJOURNMENT. ILLNESS OF MR. J. S. PALMER.

The Conciliation Council was sitting the greater part of Monday in connection with the dispute between the Auckland Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union of Workers and the Auckland Licensed Victuallers' Association and others. The assessors for the employers were Messrs. James Rolleston, John Morrison, and Joseph Molloy, and for the Union of Workers, Messrs. George Phillips, E. Mulligan, and E. Kceami.

Mr. J. S. Palmer appeared for the employers, assisted by Mr. J. H. Pagni, while Mr. Thomas Long appeared for the Union. Leave was granted to add the names of Messrs. Bennett (Marine Hotel, Howick) and Brodie (King's Arms Hotel, Newton), also to alter the names in the case of the Freeman and Wynyard Arms Hotels, owing to changes in licensees. The claim of the Union was for increased wages, shorter hours, and generally improved conditions of working.

Mr. T. Harle Giles (Conciliation Commissioner), in opening the proceedings, suggested that it would facilitate matters if they merged into a conference, and that course was adopted. The conciliation Council was accordingly adjourned sine die, and the assessors became delegates for their respective sides. The whole of Monday was occupied in a general discussion regarding the claims, and a good deal of useful work was done. When the conference was resumed on Tuesday, Mr. Rolleston asked for an adjournment, stating as his reason that Mr. Palmer nearly got to the rooms when he was taken suddenly so unwell that it was imperative to send him home again as quickly as possible.

Under the circumstances, the hearing was adjourned to the sixth of June when, in the event of Mr. Palmer not being able to appear, a substitute will be provided. On the motion of Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Mulligan, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Palmer, and hope was expressed for his speedy recovery.

NEW ZEALAND WINES.

EXEMPT FROM THE LICENSING ACT.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

One of the most interesting cases that has come before the Masterton Magistrate's Court for some time was heard on Friday, before Mr. C. C. Graham, S.M., when William George Lamb was charged, at his own request, with selling liquor and keeping it for sale within the No-License area of Masterton. Mr. Lamb contended that on account of the fact that his wine was manufactured from New Zealand grapes, no breach was committed, and in order that a test case might be brought before the next sitting of the Supreme Court in Masterton he asked Sergeant Miller to witness an alleged breach of the Act. The whole point of the proceedings lies in the fact that

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 - 4 1/2 Years' Lease; rent, £18; trade, £150. Price, £3500.
 - 8 1/2 Years' Lease; rent, £10; trade, £150. Price, £5200.
 - 3 1/2 Years' Lease; rent, £2 10s; trade, £45. Price, £1050.
 - 3 1/2 Years' Lease; rent, £12 10s; trade, £160. Price, £4000.
 - 3 Years' Lease; rent, £5; trade, £50. Price, £2000.
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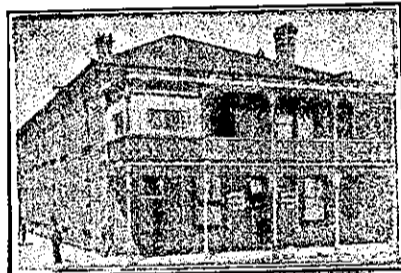
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the Licensing Act of 1881 provides that that Act shall not apply to wine made from grapes grown in New Zealand. In opposition to that, the Alcoholic Liquors Control Amendment Act of 1895 provides that liquor shall not be sold in a No-License area, no distinction being made between New Zealand-grown liquors and others. These two Acts have since been consolidated (in the year 1908), embracing the conflicting clauses. The information was laid under the latter Act, and Mr. Lamb's contention, under legal advice, was that he was not prohibited from selling, as the Act of 1881 has not been repealed.

Mr. Blair, for Skerrett and Wylie, appeared for defendant, and admitted they were guilty of the charge unless they came within the exception of the Act, which he contended they did. Before coming to a decision, it was necessary to ascertain what was the intention of the Legislature when framing the Act. The Act commenced with certain exceptions, which clearly meant, it was contended, that the legislature never had any intention of interfering with the wine industry in New Zealand. As he understood No-License, there was no intention to prevent anyone getting as much liquor as they cared to buy. The only difference was that instead of purchasing it by the pint, they had to purchase it by the gallon. In short, it was intended to prevent people from continually purchasing small quantities. The position was this: Was Mr. Lamb's vineyard to be of use to him or not? If an adverse decision was given, it would not be of use. There were at present some seven hundred acres of vineyards in New Zealand which the Government had spent considerable sums in fostering and from which three hundred thousand gallons of wine were made each year. Was it likely that the Legislature intended to do away with this industry?

His Worship said he had given the matter full consideration, and was quite in accord with Mr. Blair's remarks. Both informations would be dismissed.—"Wairarapa Times."

HARRY LAUDER ON PROHIBITION.

Harry Lauder, the Scotch singer, has come to the front with a theory that should be of interest to prohibitionists. Summed up briefly, this is the theory:—

"If you don't want people to drink whisky, pass a law compelling them to drink whisky, and the result will be that everybody will break the law."

"There are, no doubt," said the little Scot, "thousands of most estimable people who believe in prohibition, among them thousands of ladies. Far be it from me to go counter to the ladies, but I can not see the beauty of prohibition. Man is an obstinate and contradictory animal. He hates to be driven. If you wish to enforce temperance, pass a law compelling everyone to drink nothing but whisky. In a month everybody would be fighting for the privilege of filling up on tea."

THE MODEL LICENSE.

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

LEVELLING UP THE TRADE.

Model License Leagues are now working in the United States of America which are attracting a good deal of attention. The Californian League recently issued the following manifesto embodying the reforms at which it is aiming.

The National Model License League comes before the Trade in the nature of a reform movement, and its platform must give satisfaction to the press and the general public.

We are satisfied that what the public wants is reform and not prohibition, and if we can convince them that we are in earnest on this point, we will have, in a great measure, won over to our side a vast number of sensible, thinking people who are now against us.

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and the lawless saloon is nearly over. We don't want them to exist any more than the general public wants them, and they must either be brought up to the proper standard or else be abolished altogether.

The National Model License League stands for reform, and its platform and principles are based on the reformation and elevation of the liquor traffic. It advocates that laws should be passed requiring a holder of a license to be an American citizen of good moral reputation; that he must have lived in a community for a specified time before being granted a license.

License should be limited in proportion to the population of the city, town, or village to which the license applies.

The cost of license should be reasonable (not excessively high nor ridiculously cheap).

No vulgar or lewd pictures should be allowed to be exhibited in saloons.

In a word, the saloon shall be conducted on the same lines as any other legitimate business, and made to be a desirable and not an undesirable factor in society.

We also advocate the adoption of laws which will give the retail liquor dealer a license free from the influences of politics, and make the life of a license dependent on the obedience of the holder to all or the laws.

If the license holder violates the laws—take away his license by means of a law so framed that the court has no choice but to suspend the license upon the retailer's first conviction for any offence, and to cancel it upon the second conviction. Such a law would make it more profitable to obey than to disobey the law, and the law would be obeyed. Violation of the law is more profitable than obedience under the present system in many sections, and is far more so under prohibition.

We do not believe the general public wants prohibition, but there isn't any doubt that it wants the retail liquor business brought up to a much higher standard than it occupies at the present time in some places.

We are satisfied that a model license law will compel our trade to come to such a standard if enacted into a law. It will do us no good to try to deceive the public in any way, and it is imperative that we shall stand absolutely for obedience to the law and for the elevation of the retail liquor business.

HOW PROHIBITION WORKS IN AMERICA.

"Liberty has always been the boast of Democracy, and the home of Democracy is the South. The right of a man to eat, drink and wear whatever he chose, so long as he did not interfere with anyone else's rights, nor disturb the peace, was fundamental. Sumptuary laws were anathema. Now, (says a Cincinnati daily paper) springing up since the fanatical wave of prohibition which has hardly swept over the South, we find laws in derogation of personal liberty, and exercising a degree of tyrannical government which can hardly be equalled under any autocracy. In Alabama the

law forbids all citizens to have wines or liquors in their own homes, and authorises the invasion of the home by search warrant to discover them. In Mobile lately five deputy sheriffs entered the house of a Mr. Nelson and searched it from top to bottom. In the words of Mrs. Nelson: "The deputies turned our beds upside down, ransacked bureau drawers, writing desks, sideboards, etc. Finally they went into the rooms of my daughters and demanded that the trunks be opened. My husband told them they would have to break them open. I finally unlocked the trunks, and the girls had to take their clothing out of the trunks with the deputies standing over them. The only liquor found was a half-pint bottle in a sideboard drawer. The deputies carried this away with them."

HAVE TO TIP.

There isn't a tipless place left in New York, writes a correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star. Half a dozen valiant pioneers have tried the experiment, with tipless restaurants and barber shops and other places of common call, but every one has failed. The tipless barber shop went under because New Yorkers were afraid to be seen entering the place, although it charged a higher fee and gave better service than the ordinary face-renovating establishment. The tipless restaurant failed because the patrons insisted on slipping the waiters the customary fee and because the waiters were quite as insulting as the ordinary breed of menial if not so slipped. Over in Boston there is a first-rate restaurant—one of the top quality—where waiters are paid just double the usual rate for their craft, and are not allowed to handle money, are discharged if they take a tip, and a reward of 5 dollars is offered the patron who succeeds in crossing a reluctant palm with silver. But that will never go in New York, because New Yorkers are so accustomed to the tip evil that they would never obey the rules.

"DRY" WAIHI.

AN ALLEGED FORGERY.

At a sitting of the Police Court at Waihi on Tuesday, before Mr. F. J. Burgess, S.M., a young man named Joseph William Kneebone was charged with having committed forgery by signing the name of one Patrick O'Dwyer to an order for a consignment of liquor from the Great Northern Brewery Company, of Auckland. Sergeant McKinnon prosecuted for the police, and Mr. Matthews appeared for the accused.

Evidence was given by O'Dwyer that he had not given accused authority to use his name in ordering the liquor.

Kneebone admitted having signed O'Dwyer's name to the order, and alleged that it had been done with the latter's knowledge and consent. He said he had also signed the name of one or two others to orders under similar circumstances.

His Worship committed Kneebone to stand his trial at the next criminal

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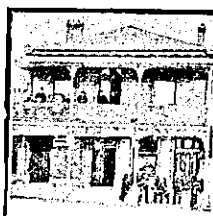
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TOMMY'S SURMISE.

Tommy (after a long lingering survey of his uncle who has lost an arm and a leg whilst fighting for his country) "Is that why you are on the halfpay uncle?"

TRUE TO LIFE.

Isabel: "I'll never have another photograph taken."
Dorothy: "Why, not, dear?"
Isabel: "Oh, if it looks like me I don't like it, and if it flatters me my friends don't like it."

WORKED BOTH WAYS.

Possible Boarder: "Ah, that was a ripping dinner, and if that was a fair sample of your meals, I should like to come to terms!" Farmer: "Before we gang any further, was that a fair sample o' yer appetite?"

THE PRISONER'S HOPE.

Magistrate—"If I remember rightly, this is not your first appearance in court?" Prisoner—"No, your honour; but I hope you don't judge by appearances!"

THE REAL GRIEVANCE.

"You are always complaining. You ought to be satisfied with the money you've got." "I am. It's with that which I haven't got that I am not satisfied!"

WANTED GOOD MEASURE.

"Do you call this a pint?" asked the sharp servant girl of the milkman. "Yes." "Well, it won't do. When we want condensed milk we'll buy it at the grocer's."

NO USE FOR IT!

O'Grady: "An' why do you want to sell yer night-shirt?" Finnegan: "Sure, an' what good is it to me now, whin I've me new job iv night watchman, an' slape in th' dav toimes?"

THE MAN WHO DIDN'T RISE.

It was married men's night at the revival meeting.

"Let all you husbands who have troubles on your minds stand up!" shouted the emotional preacher at the height of his spasm.

Instantly every man in the church rose to his feet except one.

"Ah!" exclaimed the preacher, peering out at this lone sitter, who occupied a chair near the door and apart from the others. "You are one in a million!"

"It ain't that," piped back this one helplessly, as the rest of the congregation turned to gaze suspiciously at him. "I can't get up, I'm paralysed!"

HOW IT WAS.

Against an old Georgia negro, charged with stealing a pig, the evidence was absolutely conclusive, and the judge, who knew the old darky well, said reproachfully: "Now, uncle, why did you steal that pig?" "Be-kase mah pooh family wuz starvin', yo' Honor," whimpered the old man. "Family starving!" cried the judge.

"But they told me you keep five dogs. How is that, uncle?" "Why, yo' Honor," said uncle, reprovingly, "you wouldn't spect mah family to eat dem dogs!"—Harper's Magazine.

QUESTIONS FOR CAPTAINS.

The captain of one of the American liners has been relating the troubles of his responsible position. The chief among these seems to be that he is continually having unnecessary inquiries put him by anxious passengers. There are nine questions, he says, that are invariably asked him on each voyage as soon as the ship leaves port. The nine matters on which information is demanded are as follows:

Have you ever been shipwrecked? Are there any whales in this latitude? What tips should one give, and to whom? How many times have you crossed the Atlantic? What is the best cure for sea-sickness? Why are they always painting the ship? Will you let me come up on the bridge one day? Do you remember my cousin who crossed over with you in '06? I suppose the passengers ask you a great many silly questions?

Another very common inquiry is "Where is the nearest land?" One harassed captain, on being asked this question for about the fiftieth time, pointed over the vessel's side and blandly replied, "Madame, the nearest land is at the bottom of the sea!"

WHAT HE DROVE.

A witness at a recent trial, who had been cautioned to give a precise answer to every question put to him, was interrogated by a blustering lawyer as follows:—

"Do you drive a waggon?"
"No, sir. I do not."
"Why, did you not tell my learned friend so just this moment?"
"No sir."

"Now, I put it to you on your oath. No prevarication, mind. Do you drive a waggon?"
"No, sir."

"Then, for goodness sake, what is your occupation?"
"I drive a horse."

RETURNED.

A Blackburn weaver, on his way to the football match between Sunderland and Blackburn Rovers, met a friend, and in a cheery voice asked: "Are you goin' to the match, Bill?"
"No," said Bill in a sad tone, "I can't afford it."

"Now, look here," said Jack, moved by a generous impulse, "I've got a bad sixpence, an' if you like to try and pass it I'll treat you."

"Let's have hold of it," said Bill. "You can back me to pass it. I've done that sort of thing before."

Off they went together, and on arriving at the ground Bill boldly put down the bad sixpence, and walked through the turnstiles.

Jack came next and put down a shilling, and, to his great and unspeakable disgust, received the bad sixpence as change!

A POWERFUL WEAPON.

They were examining an old-fashioned shotgun of murderous build. It looked as if it would be an effective weapon against anything short of an elephant, and its owner was boasting, with that scorn of fact which is allowed the successful hunter, of its power. "Doesn't it kick like anything?" asked one. "Oh, yes, it kicks some," said the proprietor, "but that's the beauty of it. Why, once I shot at a grizzly that was charging me. I missed him, and on he came. If it had not been that the gun kicked me so far that I had time to reload, I shouldn't have been here to tell the story."

JUST A SUGGESTION.

The conjurer on the pier was in his best form. He had produced rabbits from hats, handkerchiefs, cannon-balls from hats, half-crowns from halfpennies, watches from ears—"I beg your pardon, sir, but I believe you are secreting a sovereign in your mouth. Thank you!"—and green parrots from nowhere.

He had also produced several packs of cards and numerous Japanese fans from his sleeves. But, of course, the audience never for a moment suspected this.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen," he concluded—this was his chief item—waving his wand towards a pretty, decorated cabinet, "I want you to give your careful attention to the last

illusion of the evening. I want some lady in the audience to enter the cabinet. I will then close the door, and, when opened again, the lady will have miraculously disappeared."

A gleam of hope flashed into the mind of one of the hearers—a dilapidated-looking little man, who sat beside a very powerful, big woman, with a chin like a man-of-war's ram.

"Maria, dear," he whispered, timidly, "wouldn't you like to go up and oblige the gentleman?"

QUITE IRISH.

Irishman (after waiting at the theatre entrance for a long time on a cold night): "Shure, it's myself wad sooner walk fifty miles than shtand five!"

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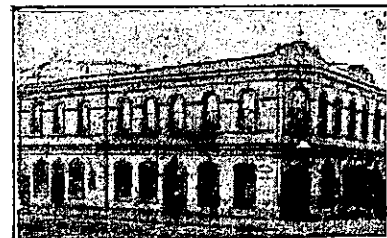
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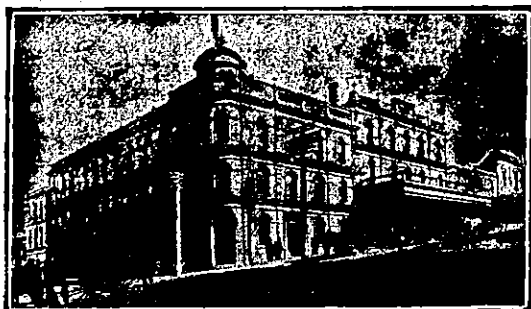
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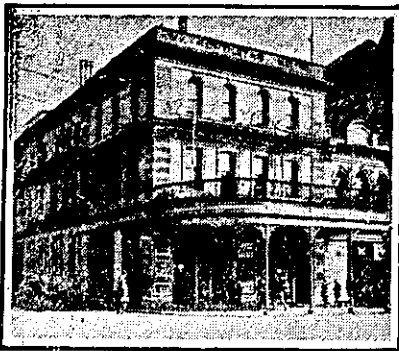


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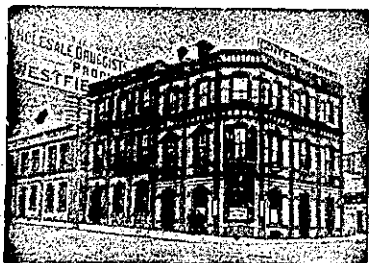
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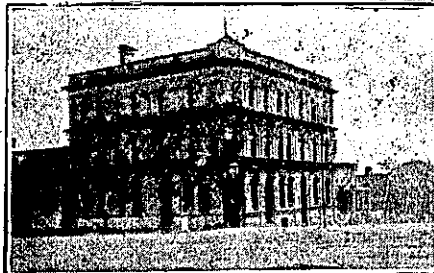


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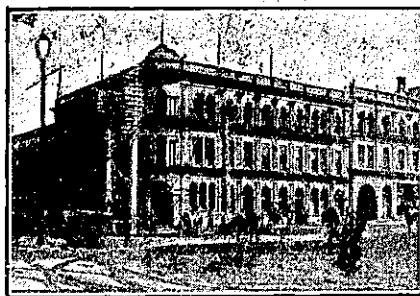
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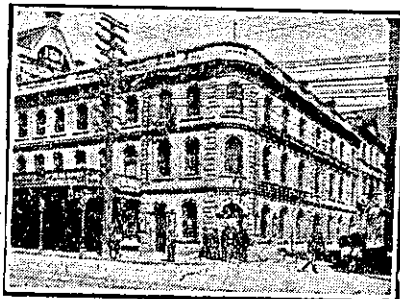
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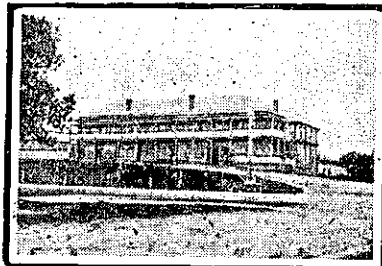
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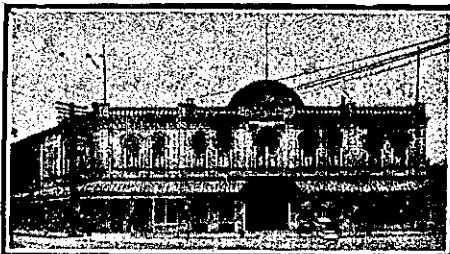
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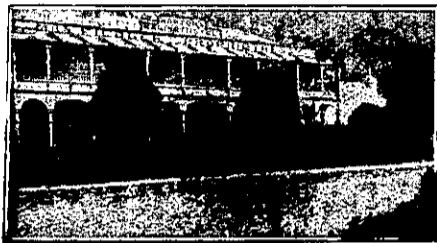
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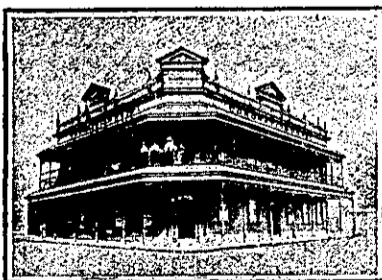
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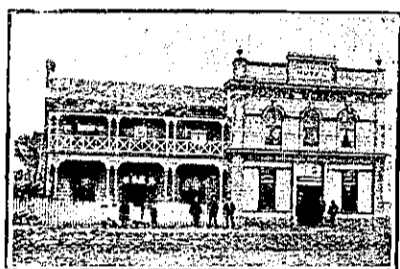
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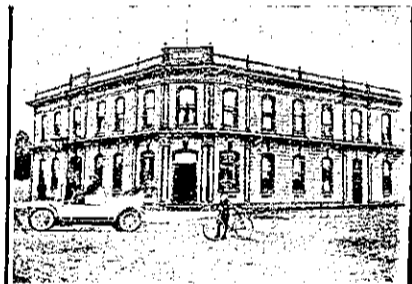
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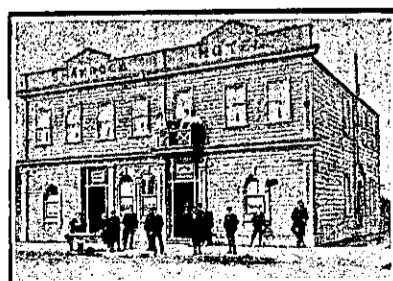
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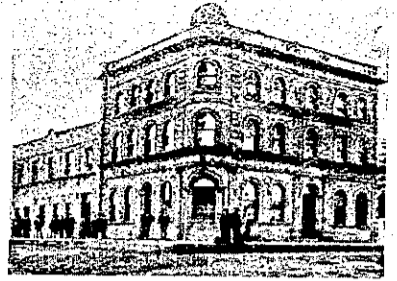


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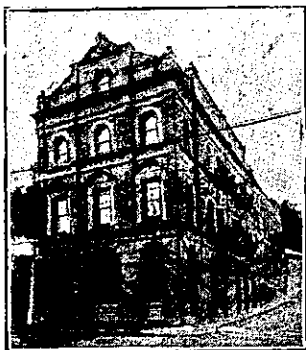
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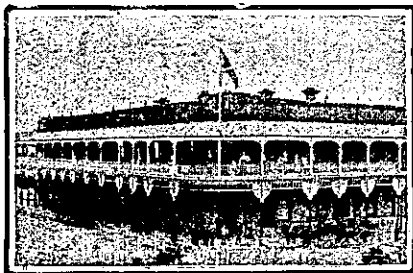
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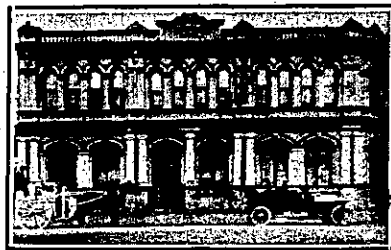


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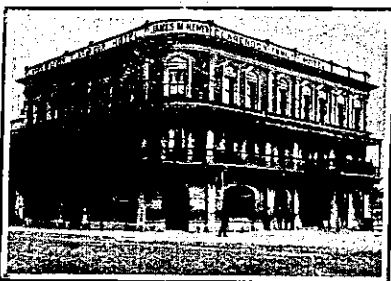
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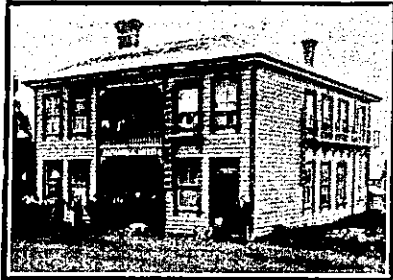
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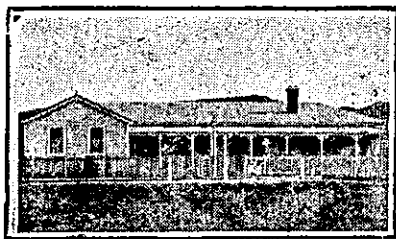
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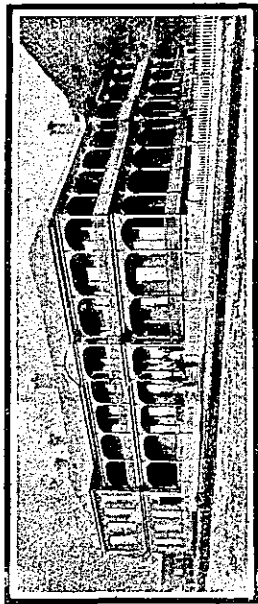
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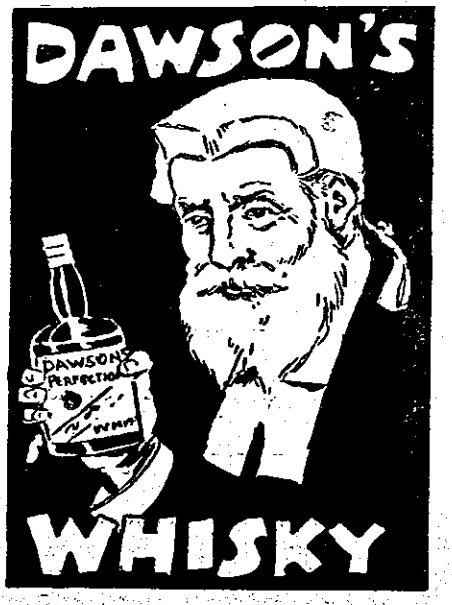
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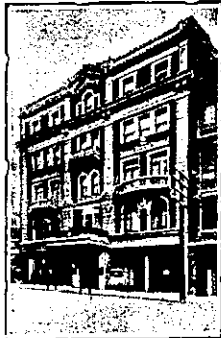
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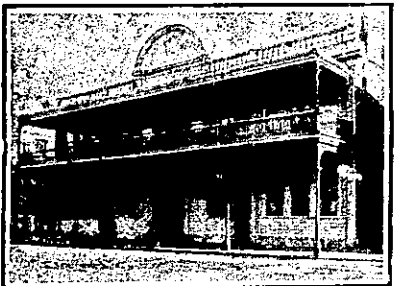
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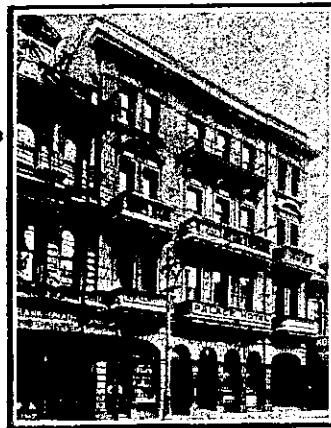
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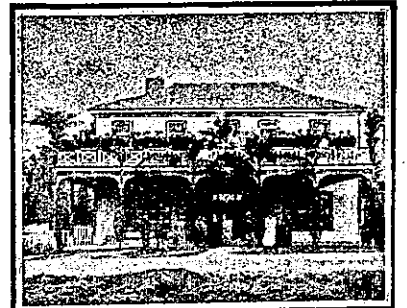
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