

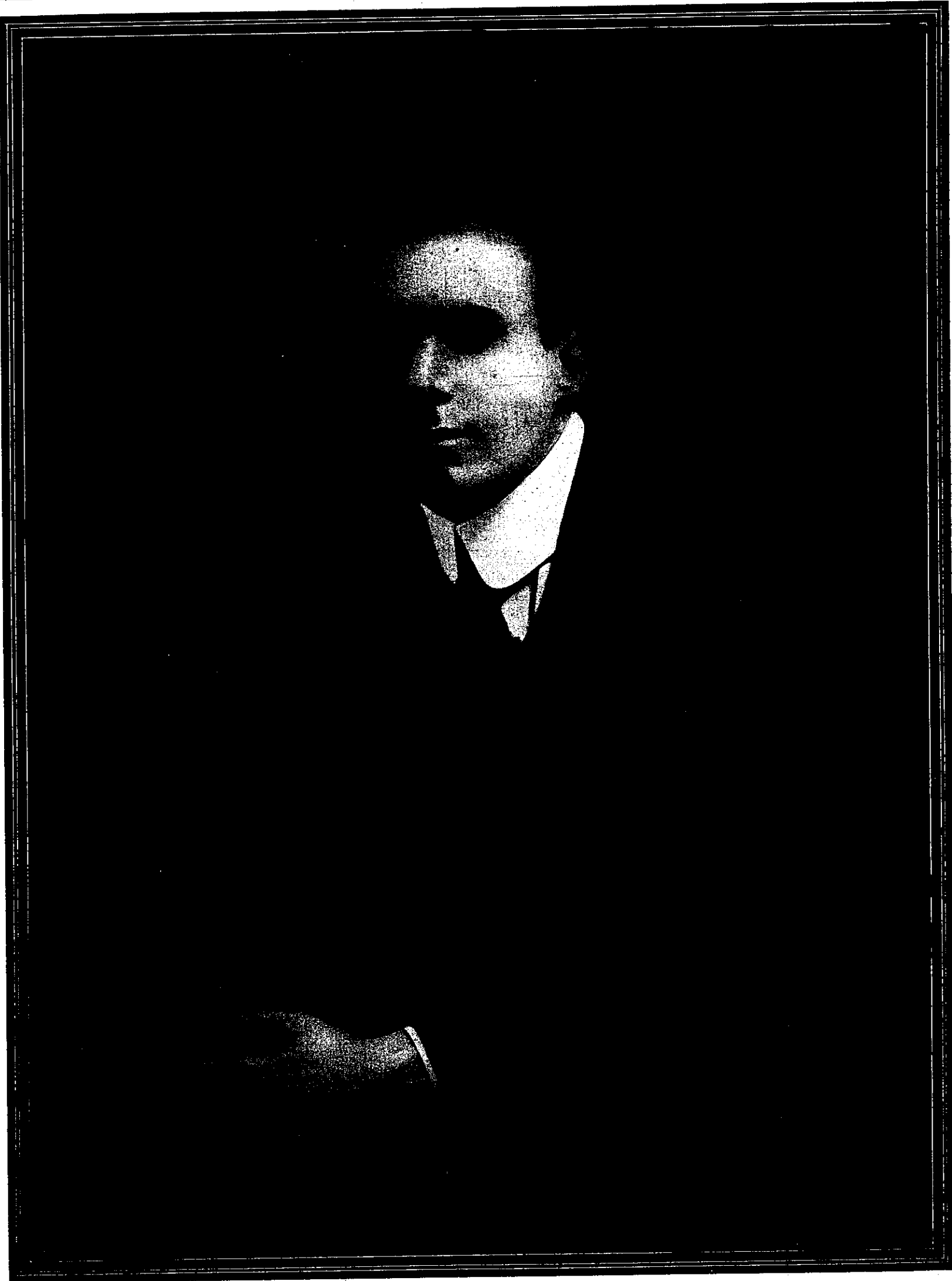
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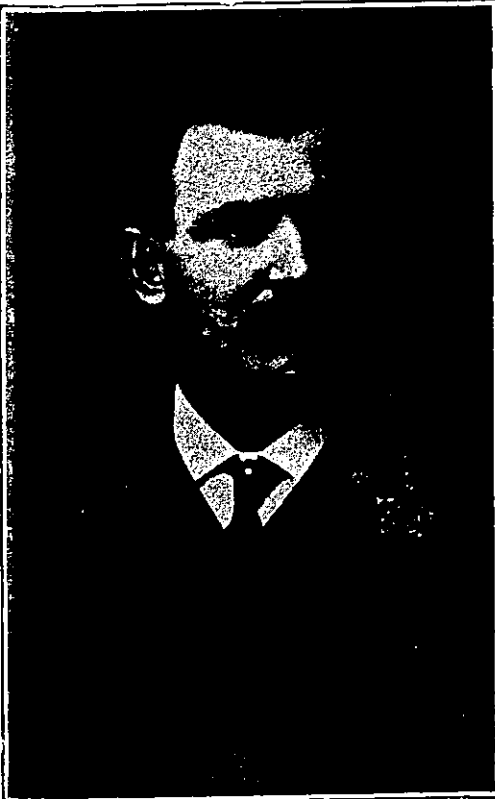
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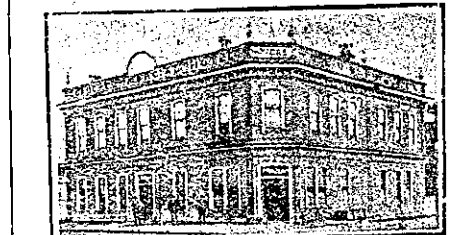
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third. J. Sceats rode a vigorous race on Julian, and to his forceful riding must be attributed the Merriwee gelding's success.

Eight entrants faced Mr. O'Connor in the race for the Pahiatua Cup. On her excellent showing at Ashhurst, and Trentham the Merriwee mare Ariom was made a warm order. Succession was the first to show in front from a splendid start, her nearest attendant being Mataari. This pair carried on the running for a mile when they faded out of the contest. At the straight entrance, Waipunui was prominent, but failed to come on. Meanwhile Ariom had been making up her ground, whilst Passive was coming fast and in a splendid run to the post she won by two lengths from Ariom who was a bare length in front of First Consul. Teotane was the last to finish, his bad running being attributed to his plates, two of which were of a bad fit. Passive's success was well received as she is locally owned and trained, consequently there was some jubilation when her number was hoisted.

The Wellington owned and Hutt trained Ahuapai, was the first to find her feet in the Trial Hack Plate and keeping her position to the end, won easily by two lengths from Jolly Malden, who was a length in front of Foreshot.

Zealand, who ran so well at the Wairarapa and Wellington meetings, was installed favourite for the Telegraph Hack Stakes, but the winner turned up in Seaweed, who defeated Zealand by two lengths with Leahora close up third. Seaweed is a consistent stake earner and there seems every probability of her continuing her victorious career as she is in splendid fettle at present.

The day's racing was brought to a conclusion with the Konini Welter for which Captain Bell was a strong order with backers. The issue was never in doubt, A. Olliver landing the black gelding a winner by a neck from Aimwell, with Epsom Downs, who came fast over the last furlong, in third place. There appeared to be some slight interference on the part of Olliver with Aimwell, but the matter was not considered of much moment by the stewards, so consequently no action was deemed necessary.

SECOND DAY.

The gathering was brought to a conclusion on Thursday under perfect climatic conditions and racing folk again attended in large numbers. The racing, as on the previous day, was very exciting and the finishes in several of the events were in doubt right up to the time the judges' box was reached. In one race there was a dead heat for first place whilst the judge had a few close things to decide in some of the other races. The totalisator staff had a particularly busy day, as £7,336 was dealt with, against £3,124 that was handled at the similar day's meeting last year, making an aggregate for the meeting of £14,401, compared with £6,129 that found its way through the totalisator at the 1910 fixture. As a result of such splendid speculation the club should show a handsome profit on the two days' transactions.

The secretary, Mr. G. L. Hawley Drew, was indefatigable in his efforts to make the meeting a memorable one and to his exertions and up-to-date methods the meeting will rank as one of the best hitherto held by this popular racing institution.

Mr. C. O'Connor's starting was a feature of the meeting, his despatches being marked with evenness and precision.

Proceedings commenced with the Handicap Hack Hurdles for which Millenial was most in demand with backers and the race needs very little description. After Ultimatum, had made play for half a mile, Ribstone Pippin went to the front and coming on in good style on very easily by two lengths from the favourite who was three lengths in front of Dorando. The winner's form was in marked contrast to his first day's performance but on Mr. Hook (owner of Ribstone Pippin), giving a satisfactory explanation, no action was taken by the stewards. Waikaraka finished a long way back last.

The Steward's Handicap was won in good style by Sunbonnet, who came at the right end and won by half a length from Burton with Splash three lengths further back third. Lord Soult again ran badly which is somewhat unaccountable.

There was a splendid set-to in the Newmarket Hack Handicap between Rurik, Leahora and Lady Doris. The judge was unable to separate the pair and gave a dead heat with Lady Doris

third. Ahuapai was fourth with the remainder of the field all in a heap. Merry Fly caused a long delay at the post by refusing to face the barrier.

The race for the Mangahao Welter resolved itself into a duel between Floater and Contour, the former winning by a head with Tulloch Ard, half a length away third. Alf. Shearsby's win with Floater was very popular as this genial trainer has been out of luck for some time past.

Teotane was always in a good position in the Racing Club Handicap and looked to have the race at his mercy and with capable riding the chestnut could not have failed to score. V. Lee, rider of Teotane took matters very comfortable coming up the straight and First Consul coming with a rattle got up in time to beat him by a head with Waipunui, who had been badly placed in the early stages third.

The Maiden Hack Scurry was contested by a very poor lot of equine performers. At barrier rise Septimus, a five year old gelding by The Officer, from Kissing Cup, went to the front and making every post a winning one, ran in a winner by ten lengths from Matapuri with Sunset third.

Rurik, who was burdened with a ten pound penalty, for an earlier win, was always in a good position in the Makauri Hack Handicap and won the event comfortably by a length from Odessa, with British Maid in third place. Rurik is a promising sort and appears capable of winning in better company than was pitted against him at this meeting. Being by Stepniak from Irene, he possesses plenty of excellent galloping powers as is exemplified in his recent excellent performances.

The curtain was rung down on the meeting by the decision of the Grandstand Welter for which The Rover was made a warm order with backers. After Afterthought, and Succession had had a hand in the pace making, C. Price brought The Rover on the scene and in a splendid finish won by half a length with very little to choose between Waiwareware, who was second and Aimwell third and Marton fourth. The last three runners almost finished in line.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The Canterbury Jockey Club held its Summer meeting at Riccarton on Thursday and Saturday last, everything passing off satisfactory. There were no licensed bookmakers, but quite a number were on the course enjoying the racing. The racing was fairly interesting the absence of outside horses robbing most of the events of a certain amount of interest. The only outside horses at the meeting were Bronze, Obsono and Biarritz and they failed to score a win on the first day.

The Trial Stakes brought out some fair performers, Umerboy being sent out favourite, with Aunt Sally next in demand. Getting away smartly, the latter led throughout, winning by two lengths from True Knight, who was a neck in front of Puaka. The winner is a useful four year old mare by Royal Artillery—Gipsy Girl.

The Hornby Welter Handicap brought out eleven starters, Merry Lass having most support. In the early stages of the race, Kilts and Alexis made the running with Armstrong and the favourite at the head of the others. Alexis was in front at the distance, but Merry Lass, finishing strongly, beat him by half a length. Zetland was third, three lengths away, followed by Kilts and Armstrong.

The Filly Stakes was contested by seven three year olds and one two year old, Aphaea, who was making her first appearance in a race. This filly, who is by Stepniak—Britomart, hopped away quickly and soon opened up a big break. At the distance she began to tire and Colleen Mary, coming with a strong run, won by a length. Flambeau was eight lengths away third, Big Blast fourth and Frivolatti fifth.

The Midsummer Handicap field was narrowed down to five, Coroniform, Rose Noble, Outlander, Lady Reina and Cronstadt. The top weight was made favourite. Cronstadt got away with a flying start and at the half-mile post was several lengths in front of the field. Running strongly the son of Stepniak—Madder was never headed and won easily by three lengths from Rose Noble, who beat Coroniform

by a neck for second place. Outlander again ran badly and seems to have lost all form.

In the Lyttelton Plate, Khamsin, Quarryman—Mist, shot out at the start and after leading all the way beat Avarice by nearly a length, Pleasure Bent finishing third, just in front of Pert.

Ten horses saddled up for the Craven Plate, Chief Lochiel, carrying most money. Obsono and Fasnakyle were first away and they led the rest of the field who were in close order. Obsono was well clear entering the straight, but Fasnakyle tackled him at the distance and beat him half a length. Chief Lochiel was close up third just in front of Genius and Prim. Fasnakyle has improved greatly since her present owner, H. Friedlander, bought her a few months ago. She is a bad mare at the starting post and in all her races has given the starter some trouble.

The largest field of the day, twelve, went out for the Halswell Welter Handicap. Romany Maid, who has been thrice named, was served up a hot favourite. A good start was effected Ambuscade, Nithsdale and Achray being the first to get going. The trio showed the way down the back, but once fairly in the straight Ambuscade got in front, but before reaching the distance she was joined by Nithsdale, Achray and Romany Maid. The last-named then came away and won comfortably by a length and a half from Achray, who was a similar distance in front of Nithsdale. Susa, Night Light, and Obligate, came next in order named.

SECOND DAY.

Most of the events of the second day were contested by good fields, but the racing did not excite much interest, the winners in five out of the seven races getting home with something to spare. In the two year old handicap, the Richmond Plate, Avarice and Aphaea were evenly backed, but the former proved too good for the Stepniak filly and after leading all the way, won easily by a length and a half. Pert finished strongly a neck behind Aphaea.

The Linwood Welter Handicap brought out twelve starters, Chief Lochiel and Medallist carrying most money. Master Paul, who is noted for his quickness off the mark, and Armstrong were the first to show out. They led down the back with Merry Lass leading the others. Turning for home Armstrong came away but Medallist had his measure in the last fifty yards and won easily by two lengths. Alexis was third, half a length behind Armstrong and then came Gold Coin and Zetland.

The Middle Park Plate, the classic event of the meeting came next, the starters being Vice Admiral, Countermine, Orton, Bronze, and Antagonist. The race is easily described as Antagonist shot out immediately the tapes went up and won in hollow fashion by ten lengths from Vice Admiral, who beat Orton by half a length for second place. The winner is a two year old colt by Soult—Miss Annie, and if he keeps sound will be a hard nut for Culprit to crack in the Autumn. He had to be withdrawn from his spring engagements on account of being unsound, but if he stands up to his work and can be landed at the post as well as he was in the Middle Park Plate, the classic events at Easter time will be worth going a long way to see.

Five horses, Coroniform, Rose Noble, Boutade, Outlander, and Romany Maid started in the St. Albans Handicap, which this year was run over a mile and a quarter. Romany Maid was slow in moving while Rose Noble got a big advantage at the start. Making most of his luck, Pine sent the son of Medallion along for all he was worth, but when fairly in the straight Coroniform drew alongside and the pair raced in line to the post. Rose Noble lasted long enough to win by a neck, Romany Maid being five lengths away third.

A big field of seventeen went out for the Selling Race, the winner turning up in The Cornet, who beat that well known plater Alexis by a length. All Guns was close up third.

In the Flying Handicap, Kilts jumped off the mark well clear of the other

eight starters and holding his own throughout won by a length and a half from Queen of Spades, Tenterhook being a similar distance away third. The last-named filly, who has let her connections down badly in more than one event lately, was made favourite. She is just like her dam To-morrow, a most erratic filly.

The meeting was brought to a close with the Post Handicap, six horses facing the starter. Genius, who was heavily backed both on and off the course, easily settled all opposition at the distance and won comfortably by two lengths from White Cockade, Fasnakyle being a length away third.

Obsono, who has been showing very good form lately only cost 27 guineas as a yearling.

After winning the Selling Race at Riccarton on Saturday last, The Cornet was purchased by Mr. D. H. Roberts, of Greymouth, for £100.

Pilgrim's Way, who has been putting up some smart gallops lately could not take part at the C.J.C. meeting last week, owing to suffering from soreness.

Culprit is being treated to a spell from active work. She will be racing again at the big Autumn meeting.

Probably pulled up lame after running in the Post Handicap and will be given a lengthy spell.

Genius changed hands last week, Mr. H. Barlow purchasing the son of Acumen. The colt will be trained by R. O'Donnell.

Antagonist, who cost 820 guineas as a yearling, is one of the smartest colts seen at Riccarton for some time past. What a race it will be when Culprit and Antagonist meet in the Champagne Stakes at Easter! Both must be regarded as flyers.

TURF TOPICS.

The West Australian Derby winner, Renegade, was credited as being owned by Mr. Hockings. This proves to be incorrect as Renegade is owned by Mr. Con. McManus, an old New Zealand sportsman, now mine host of the Bohemia Hotel, Perth.

Handicaps for the opening days racing of the South Auckland Racing Club are due to-morrow (Friday).

The next "big" meeting to claim the attention of sportsmen is that provided by the Wanganui Jockey Club and the weights for the Wanganui Cup and Flying Handicap which are due on Saturday are being eagerly awaited.

Royal Soult, whose term of two years' disqualification has expired, figures amongst the nominations for the principal events to be decided at the South Auckland Racing Club's meeting this month. Much interest will be centred in this little son of Soult's reappearance on the race track.

The N. Z. Cup winner, Bridge, and Maori King were shipped to Sydney last week.

On Saturday morning the two year old Master Baber, met with injuries which necessitated his destruction. He was enjoying a run in the paddock when he tried to jump a picket fence with the result that he got impaled. The colt was owned by Mr. C. Rowley and trained by D. Moraghan and although a maiden, showed promise of turning out well.

Owners are given a final reminder that nominations for the Dannevirke Racing Club's Autumn meeting close with the secretary, Mr. James Spiers Freeman, P.O., Box 50, Dannevirke on Saturday next.

On Monday next the Tologa Bay Racing Club will receive nominations for their annual meeting.

Mr. Jas. Coombes has resigned his position as starter to the Wanganui Jockey Club and Mr. C. O'Connor has been appointed to fill the position.

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Mr. Campton has purchased the pony Pairawatu for 30gns. and the son of Soult is now a stable companion to Flying Soult.

Acceptances for the opening day's racing of the Rotorua J.C. close tomorrow. The adjustments of Mr. R. Wynyard have been favourably received, and the response from owners to-morrow should be quite satisfactory.

Acceptances for the Woodville autumn meeting close on Monday next.

Coromandel, who must surely hold the record for running second, occupied his usual position behind Elegance in the Welter Handicap on the concluding day at Takapuna.

Lloyds was the unlucky horse of the Takapuna meeting, as he was badly placed in the early stages of his races each day, but was running on at the end, and was deserving of better than the two seconds credited to him.

F. Speakman had his collarbone broken when Royal Day came to grief in the Maiden Hurdles at Takapuna.

At Pahiatua in 1909, with the book-makers, the totalisator handled £6129. Last week, without them, the sum was £14,401, an increase of £8,272.

After a long string of unsuccessful performances the pony Miss Stella succeeded in getting her name on the winning list at Takapuna, but there was very little merit in the performance as she was materially helped to victory.

If ever there appeared to be occasion for the stewards of a Racing Club to assemble together and hold an inquiry into the running of a race such was the case at Takapuna on Saturday. But as no inquiry was held we can only assume that the stewards did not, or would not, see anything—they seldom do. Many backers were wondering whether the stewards were present or whether they had left the course after witnessing the first couple of races.

The stewards of the Takapuna J.C. were only called together once during the three days, this being in connection with the protest lodged by the owners of Miss Ada against Wee Olga, winner of the Maiden Plate on the opening day, for alleged interference, which was dismissed.

Tipua cost her supporters a lot of coin at Takapuna, and after her poor performance on the third day, many were found saying she was a long way below a good one. Tipua is a big mare, and I fully expect to see her prove her running at Takapuna to be all wrong next time she sports silk.

Master Sly was expected to run with some prominence but such a long striding gelding found the turns at Takapuna too much for him. On the third day in the Ponui Handicap he ran so wide at the turn, out of the straight that one backer thought he was going over to the water jump for a drink.

Herb. Price the well-known mercer and tailor, 54 Willis-street, Wellington, intends giving two more 18ct. gold chronometers to the most successful jockeys over the fences and on the flat for the season 1910-1911.*

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HAWKE'S BAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, February 6.

The usual monthly meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Metropolitan Committee was held at Hastings on Friday. President: Messrs. G. Hunter (chairman), L. de Pelichet, C. L. Mackersey, T. E. Crosse, H. M. Campbell, J. C. McVay, F. Logan, G. L. Sunderland, E. J. Watt, W. J. Douglas, and the Hon. J. D. Ormond. Correspondence was dealt with as follows:—

New Zealand Racing Conference, judgment in the Mendip-Vi appeal case, upholding the Metropolitan Committee's decision.

G. P. Donnelly as to commission for reduction of totalisator permits. Sub-committee consisting of Messrs. J. C. McVay, G. Hunter, and E. J. Watt appointed to consider the question.

H. G. Paul, with regard to riding at unregistered meetings.—Resolved that the trainer's license held by Paul be cancelled.

T. Quinlivan, regarding an apprentice leaving before the termination of his apprenticeship.—Usual notice in official calendar to be published.

Waioira Racing Club, with respect to protest in Maiden Handicap.—Full particulars of inquiry to be asked for, as provided for under Part XXXI. of the Rules of Racing.

T. Quinlivan, junior, claim on accident fund, £1 5s 6d, for F. Smith.—Agreed to.

Licenses were granted as follows:—Jockey, S. Carncross; gentlemen riders, Messrs. G. H. Williams, E. G. Kelly, R. Pitman, and E. R. Blank.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Committee met on Friday, Mr. G. Hunter presiding. The interim statement for the summer meeting, showing a surplus of £624, was laid on the table.

It was resolved that a general meeting of members be held for the purpose of the election of members on March 3rd.

Accounts amounting to £162 0s 3d, were passed for payment.

J. W. Scott, who has been controlling the stud department at the Hon. J. D. Ormond's establishment at Karame for some considerable time, quits the office on the 22nd of the present month. After that time Scott will be open for engagement, and any one in need of a capable man for stud work could do a lot worse than give him a trial. In addition to possessing a complete knowledge of all and every thing pertaining to the management of stallions, brood mares, and young-un's, Scott has also showed a heap of talent in the preparation of educating equines for the strenuous life in the turf arena.

Ariom's failure at Pahiatua last week cost her party a lot of good solid coin of the realm, for they would not hear of Merriwee's daughter getting silenced. Her owner, Mr. E. J. White, recently purchased her younger full sister, Miriam, and she is now a stable mate of Ariom's, the pair both being under the guidance of Verney Colello.

Merry Messenger, the half-sister to Jolly Roger, Jolly Friar, and Feu-de-Joie, by Knight Errant, is being put through an education over the obstacles on the preparing circuits at Hastings.

Captain Jingle is enjoying a respite from toil. The gelding is running on Te Mahanga Station, where the feed is good and the surroundings pleasant.

Sleacombe, who has quite recovered from the complaint that laid him aside a couple of months back, is going the right way in his work at Napier Park. In his future exertions on the running path he will have the assistance of F. Cress, who has been engaged to pilot the pupils who are being prepared by J. Oldfield.

Martindale Lodge, from where Percy Martin used to send forward Mr. S. H. Gollan's team for battle in the old days, has been leased by Mr. A. F. Douglas, and the members of his string are at the present time located there.

Tigerine has developed a slight splint, and, as a result, Tigress' daughter is not being asked for anything very serious in the way of galloping.

F. Smith, who recently severed his connection with T. Quinlivan, junior's, quarters, has accepted the position of trainer to Mr. Donnelan, a sport well-

known on the West Coast of the South Island.

Merrimac, Victoria Cross' two-year-old son, by Merriwee, has found a new owner, Mr. E. J. Watt having sold the colt to a patron of J. Maher's stable.

The annual meeting of the Waipukurau Jockey Club was held at the Tavistock Hotel, Waipukurau, on Friday evening, Mr. George Hunter occupying the chair. The annual report and balance-sheet were read and adopted. The following officials were elected:—President, Mr. H. Gainsford; Vice-president, Mr. G. Hunter; honorary treasurer, Mr. P. Hunter; committee, Messrs. J. J. Bailey, H. A. Speedy, W. A. Chambers, J. Ormond, junr., G. B. Ashley, A. Johnson, E. Gilbertson, W. Gooseman, and Dr. Godfray.

A committee meeting was held subsequently, at which Mr. H. Gainsford, Mr. J. E. Henrys, and Mr. A. G. Wood, were appointed judge, handicapper, starter respectively for the annual race meeting on Easter Monday, the 7th of April.

The stakes were allocated as follows:—Maiden Plate, £50; Easter Handicap, £80; Hack Handicap, £75; Waipukurau Handicap, £130; Two-year-old Race, £100; Ladies' Bracelet, £50; Flying Handicap, £110; Final Hack Handicap, £75.

The tender of Messrs. Marett and Fox to work and supply the totalisators was accepted.

Bobrikoff is being hacked about. The black champion looks in ruddy health, and gives every evidence that his rest from labours has done him a world of good.

Eiya's owner did not journey to Gisborne to see Mahaki's son have a go, and as the wires did not come to hand in time, he never had a go on his horse, which was provoking, as he generally helps himself liberally when the right information comes to hand.

Loch Maben is getting through serviceable work on the educational circuits at Napier Park. He is a good stamp of horse this son of San Fran and H.M.S. Pinafore, and its a certainty that he will soon be found amongst the list of winners.

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, January 6.

Mr. J. N. Coleman, who a few weeks ago purchased Shannon Lass for £75, from Mr. R. Narelle, has sold the daughter of Merriwee for £120 to a West Coast sport. The mare should pick up a race or two at the autumn meetings at Greymouth, Hokitika, and Reefton.

Prior to running in the Auckland Cup, John bruised one of his legs rather badly, and on returning home he was given a spell. He has been in work a week or so now, and has been galloping in good style. He looks to have a fair chance in the Egmont Cup, to be run on Wednesday, if capable of reproducing his best form.

The Sou'-wester gelding Moose has been accepted for in the Hurdles at Hawera, where he is in at the minimum. His form in his last few races has been very poor, but the work he has been doing in a cab recently has possibly benefited him. Still he is not likely to carry much coin if he does start.

Kopu, who is engaged in the Wanganui Cup and the Stakes, is now all right again, and all going well may be regarded as a fairly certain starter in the big race here.

Mr. W. Phillips, of Bulls, took his Advance filly, Avaunt, to Pahiatua, but she did not run up to expectations. Avaunt has shown a lot of pace on the tracks, but is a difficult one to handle, being very fractious. Mr. Phillips has got hold of a gelding by Strowan, which promises to develop into a real good one.

Just before Waikaraka was sent out for the hurdle race at Pahiatua on the first day, his owner offered him for sale to a possible purchaser for £50, but no deal resulted. After winning, the would-be purchaser tried to secure the Waiuku gelding at the above mentioned price, but Mr. R. Narelle asked for £75. The gelding will probably compete at the Wanganui meeting, and then be spelled.

Mr. E. J. Watt will be represented at the Egmont meeting by four horses, and at the Wanganui gathering five horses will carry his colours. The team went through to Hawera to-day, and will afterwards return to Wanganui, where they will remain until after the Cup meeting.

The Freedom gelding purchased by Mr. A. Jackson in Auckland recently,

is expected to turn out to be a decent stake winner by those who have seen him.

Walter Raynor is taking Praefectus to Hawera, where the son of The Officer is engaged in the five furlong race on Wednesday. In a spin over the distance on Saturday, Praefectus registered good time, and should run prominently with any luck, but in such a big field as will probably start, over thirty having accepted, there is bound to be a lot of bumping.

The two-year-old Merriwee colt, Grandee, continues to do good work, although so far he has only once been asked to gallop anything over three furlongs. On Saturday he left half a mile behind in good style. He should win a few races for Mr. R. Narelle.

St. Bill, and North East are not being asked to do much, but are just being kept at easy work. Both are looking well, and should be in good fettle by the time the Cup meeting comes round.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, February 6.

A number of sporting enthusiasts contemplate visiting the Autumn meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club, which takes place on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The presence of several local horses at the gathering will add to the attractiveness of a visit to New Plymouth.

Mr. J. H. Pollock's many friends will regret to learn that his wife is suffering from a serious indisposition. His many associates hope that Mrs. Pollock will soon be restored to her usual state of health.

On Succession's running at Pahiatua, this Conqueror mare appears capable of picking up a decent race ere the season is much further advanced.

V. Cotton took three horses, viz., Ahuapai, Mediterranean, and Odessa, to Pahiatua. The former won a race, whilst the other pair ran a second in their several engagements. Since taking over Mr. Whitney's team, Victor has shown that he possesses the necessary patience to prepare winners. The running of the trio on Wednesday and Thursday last augurs well for their future success.

The local sportsman who races as H. Whitney has engaged some of his team for the Nelson meeting. All going well in the meantime they will be seen at Richmond.

Mon Ami continues to get through some excellent training work on the old Hutt racecourse. It is up to the black mare to be landing a stake for Mr. Paterson, as his luck has been out for some time past.

Albert Goodman, the Trentham trainer, has received a couple of additions to his growing team. They consist of a Kilcheran—Morege filly belonging to Mr. W. H. Turnbull, and a two-year-old filly by Signalman, from Hine-nui-te-po, the property of a one-time popular sportsman who races as P. Soames. Both are well-grown youngsters with plenty of substance. A good future is anticipated for them when the time comes for them to sport silk.

A well-known Palmerston North boniface, who races as F. Bowden, is the new owner of Merry Lawn. The gelding is enjoying a brief respite from activity at present, but later on J. Hathaway will prepare him for winter hurdle racing.

Waipaku is still being kept moving along on the Foxton tracks. The Conqueror mare did not show any brilliancy at the local meeting, but she is expected to show better form in her early engagements. She is now in better fettle than she has been for some time past.

J. Ayres is busy at Trentham with Merrivonia, who is striding over the ground in good style. The black mare will fulfill her Wanganui engagements.

J. W. Lowe took a "roughie" in Rumble to Pahiatua. This turf aspirant, who is by Conqueror from Thunder, is said to have shown his connections an excellent trial. What galloping power he possessed was not apparent in his recent effort, as he failed to get amongst the leaders.

Afterthought ran fairly well for six furlongs at Pahiatua, after which she faded away. In races up to three-quarters of a mile the Merriwee mare should more than hold her own.

E. Yuile, a Levin trainer-owner, took Lifeline to Pahiatua, but the Waibawa—Lifebelt mare failed to reproduce her track form at the meeting. She should, however, do better later on.

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next. Brice led throughout the final stretch, and lasted long enough to win by the narrowest of margins from Champion who came very fast over the last 15 yards. Freyberg was a good third. Stranger fourth, O'Hare fifth, and Welson last. Brice and Champion were both given three cheers after the general applause and excitement had subsided. When it was announced that the young Wellingtonian had broken the New Zealand record by a second the applause of the 1500 or so spectators was as hearty as it was loud. Although the official time was given as 63sec., several watches agreed in the better time of 62 3-5sec. At any rate the performance is a capital one for a young swimmer. Brice is only 19 years of age. He was born in Christchurch, but was taught to swim at Thorndon, his earliest tutor being one of the foremost members of the Thorndon Club, Mr. A. W. Smith. Outside of a second in the schoolboys' championships and club victories he has never done anything of special note until the present season. The time of the last man in the final, by the way, was 65 1-5sec, so that every one of the competitors finished inside the standard.

CHAMPION WINS MILE.

Another remarkably fine performance was put up in the mile championship in which Champion, of Auckland, demonstrated very clearly that he is easily the best man in New Zealand over the distance. The Auckland took the lead from the start and swimming without the least apparent effort, steadily drew away from the field. He was not the prettiest swimmer in the race, but his stroke was undoubtedly the most effective. At the end of the first 100 yards the order of the three leaders was: Champion, Welson, Healy. Another 100 yards saw Champion leading by five feet from Healy and Welson, the two last-named being about equal, Healy making up on the turns what Welson gained in the 50-yards stretches. Each lap saw Champion better his position, whilst Welson and Healy kept together with Rich following them and McMillan and Schwartz last. With a quarter of a mile covered Champion had a lead of 17 or 18 yards and Welson was leading Healy by a yard, with the other three competitors in the same order as they stood before, Rich doing much the best of the three. When the half mile was reached Champion's time was 12min 33sec., Healy's 12min 53 sec., and Welson's 12min 54sec. There was a gap of about 35 yards between Champion and Healy at 1000 yards, but the Wellington man had begun to leave Welson, who had dropped back about three yards. Rich was still swimming strongly some yards behind Welson and then came a long space and McMillan and Schwartz. Healy and Welson appeared to be tiring at this stage, but Champion, in the lead, and Rich, fourth, were both going strongly. Leaving the 1200 yards mark Champion was 45yds. to the good from Healy, who led Welson by 20yds., Rich another 18yds. off and well ahead of McMillan and Schwartz. It was now only a matter of waiting for the end and Champion's time. He increased his lead in every lap and never tired a bit, occasionally putting in a spurt as he overlapped one of the back men. Going over the last 60yds. of the journey the leader kicked it in with a will and he eventually finished about seventy-five yards ahead of Healy, amidst loud applause. Welson was about twenty yards behind Healy, and Rich, who had come up well, was only a few feet behind Welson, and McMillan was fifth and Schwartz sixth. When it was announced that the winner's time was 25min. 18sec., or 19sec. better than his own New Zealand record, the applause was almost deafening. Healy's time was 26min. 29 4-5sec., Welson's 26min. 53sec., and Rich's 26min. 56 sec., the first four men all breaking the standard. Some of the lap times for Champion's record journey make interesting reading. They are:—200 yds., 2min. 37 3-5sec.; 300yds., 4min. 2sec.; 440yds., 5min. 58sec.; 500yds., 6min. 55 1-5sec.; 600yds., 8min. 22 4-5sec.; 700yds., 9min. 49 4-5sec.; 880 yds., 12min. 33sec.; 1000yds., 14min. 18sec.; 1300yds., 18min. 36sec.; 1500 yds., 21min. 31 3-5sec.; 1600yds., 22 min. 56 4-5sec.; 1760yds., 25min. 18 seconds.

Particulars of the championship events are as follow:—

100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP of New Zealand. Holder, B. C. Freyberg (Wellington); record, Malcolm Champion (Auckland), 64sec.; standard time, 66 sec.

First Heat.—C. Brice, Thorndon, Wellington, 1; M. Champion, Waitemata

Auckland, 2; C. Atkinson, Opawa, Canterbury, 3. Also started: E. J. Dawson, Dunedin; and J. Grant, Hawera. Time, 63 1-5sec.

Second Heat.—B. C. Freyberg, Swifts, Wellington, 1; A. O'Hare, Waitemata, Auckland, 2; F. Roberts, Thorndon, Wellington, 3. Also started: G. L. Bull, Richmond, Canterbury; and F. Seymour, Napier. Time, 65 1-5sec.

Third Heat.—M. C. Stranger, Wellington Club, Wellington, 1; C. Welson, Waitemata, Auckland, 2; G. Seymour, Napier, 3. Also started: L. Dingle, Richmond, Canterbury; and J. D. Stewart, Waitemata, Auckland. Time, 63 2-5sec.

FINAL:

C. Brice, Thorndon, Wellington, 1
M. E. Champion, Waitemata, Auckland 2
B. C. Freyberg, Swifts, Wellington 3
Time, 63sec.—a New Zealand record.

ONE MILE (35 lengths and 10 yards Championship of New Zealand. Holder, M. Champion Auckland). New Zealand record, 25min 37sec. Standard time, 27min.

M. E. Champion, Waitemata, Auckland 1
D. Healy, Thorndon, Wellington 2
C. Welson, Waitemata, Auckland 3
Also started: A. McMillan, Dunedin; C. H. Rich, Opawa, Canterbury; and P. Schwartz, Addington, Canterbury. Time, 25m n. 18sec.; a New Zealand record.

N.Z. WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP. Winners to hold N.Z.A.S.A. Banner for 12 months, and receive trophies value £5 5s. Present holders: Canterbury.—First heat: Wellington B, 5 goals; Canterbury B, 1 goal. Second heat: Wellington A, 4 goals; Hawke's Bay, 1 goal.

BOXING.

WELL KNOWN PUGILISTS' EXPERIENCES.

Jim Coffroth, the great fight promoter, called on Tom Sharkey on a recent evening, and found the old tar in a reminiscent mood. After discussing the Jeffries-Johnson match the conversation turned to Tim McGrath, who took Sharkey off the ship when he was as green as a pickle. Before Sharkey met Fitzsimmons the first time, Tim McGrath was eating grass in the back yard and sleeping

champion long-distance swimmer across the tank at Sutro baths. McGrath dug up a novice out of a saloon, put a bathing suit on him and dumped him off into the tank with Sharkey. Tom won the race in a walk amid the cheering of the crowd, who paid 2s each admission. The Australian champion was given up for dead when they dragged him out of the tank. Some one held a bottle of beer under his nose and he came to life in a hurry.

When Sharkey went to collect his money, he found McGrath in a downtown cafe, and entertaining several close friends. The bill was £20.

A formidable aspirant for the pugilistic honours now held by Jack Johnson by reason of his recent defeat of James J. Jeffries, is Fred West, a strapping American college athlete, who has won a number of battles in the ring and who is at the present time training and working with some of the best boxers in the business. Fred Irwin, of Buffalo, (U.S.), has taken the management of West and he will shortly issue a challenge to Johnson. To show that he means business and that the challenge will be made in good faith, Irwin agrees to have West take on any three men Johnson names before the latter is compelled to accept the challenge. West, if he wins the three matches, thinks he should be entitled to a match with Johnson. During a recent visit to Buffalo, West worked every day with Paddy Lavin and the latter has great confidence in West. "West has all the appearance of a coming champion," said Lavin. "He is strong as a bull and built apparently for boxing purposes. He is a clever boxer at present and I believe he could give Johnson a strong argument right now. In the hands of a veteran West will make excellent progress and I surely will be at the ring-side if he and the coloured man ever come together."

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

As showing the advance made in the construction of the up-to-date motor cycle, it is interesting to note that at the recent English Olympia Show a light-weight motor cycle was exhibited that only weighed 53lbs. complete. The machine was fitted with a powerful well-built little 2-stroke engine, and all the necessary fittings, including a magneto. The machine, which is now being placed on the English market, is guaranteed not to weigh over 60lbs ready for the road.

Word is to hand from Los Angeles (California) that the crack American motor racing cyclist, J. De Rosier, has recently put up a series of new figures from one to one hundred miles inclusive. The new world's records are:—1 mile flying start, 41 1-5sec.; 5 miles flying start, 3min 37 4-5secs; 10 miles flying start, 7min. 20 3-5secs; 25 miles flying start, 18 min. 36 2-5secs; 50 miles flying start, 37min. 16 1-5secs; 100 flying start, 1hr. 15min. 24 2-5secs. De Rosier rode a 7 h.p. twin-cylindered Indian. He covered 79 7/8 miles in the hour. The performance was made on a circular wooden track, the Motordrome, measuring one mile per lap, and was officially timed and verified.

It is estimated that there are 8,000 cars in Australasia to-day. At an average selling price of £400 each, the total cost of these cars would be £3,200,000—practically this money has gone out of the country. Surely it is time that something was done towards building cars locally! In the past, the motor car was not standardised sufficiently to warrant establishing local car buildings, but this has



The Canterbury Cricketing Team, Winners of the Plunket Shield, in the Canterbury—Auckland match, played at Auckland last week.

on the steps. He needed the money worse than an Esquimo needs furs, but Tim was a wonder at thinking up new ideas. He got a bear and locked him up in his room. Tim never told where he got the bear. He said the animal had a very sensitive nature, and didn't care to have his folks or relations dragged into the deal.

Tim went to Sharkey and said: "We can both grab a nice bunch of change. We will get a cage and then hire a hall. You put on a pair of green tights and get in a cage with the bear. When he comes at you just sidestep and punch him on the jaw. He's got a yellow streak and will lay down for the full count. A child can do it. It's a pipe!"

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He led Sharkey to the room and allowed him to look through the transom at bruin. The bear was busy finishing the last leg of a chair. Tom gave one look and said: "You had better try it yourself, Tim. His appetite looks too good."

But McGrath still needed the coin. He was not discouraged. He put signs all over the town stating that Sharkey would race the Australian

Jack Johnson's alleged nervous break-down is exposed. The champion has been examined by an eminent physician and declared to be practically as sound as a bell. Thus re-assured, Johnson has decided to shorten his theatrical engagement and return to the boxing ring. The first opponent will be the winner of the Langford-Jeanette match. This will most probably be Langford, as Jeanette, according to latest accounts, is "going back," while Langford is boxing in great form.

Wen Moran and Ad. Wolgast, the English and American crack lightweights, have at last signed articles to meet in a match for the world's light-weight supremacy. The weight agreed upon is 9st. 7lb., at the ring-side. The date is not yet definitely fixed.

The fight between Bill Lang, the Australian heavyweight champion, and Sam Langford, the famous negro boxer, has been fixed to take place on Wednesday next and the result will be awaited with no little interest.

now passed, and it is time that attention was directed towards making cars in Australasia for Australasians. We have the capital, the energy, and the market. The plant and the workmen could easily be obtained. At present over £30,000 worth of cars are being sold weekly in Australasia. This money is going over the seas, and in a protection country like ours this should not be.

BILLIARDS.

In commenting on the remarkable manner in which once-prominent billiard players drop—quietly and unnoticed—from the field of play, and, consequently, from the public eye, a writer in "The Sportsman" says:—"Where is the once brilliant Fred Bateman, one of the best masse stroke and nursery cannon players we have ever seen? What has become of Walter Osborne, a fine plodding player, who was particularly strong on the losing hazard game, and at one time held the Billiard Association Record?"

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lists have appeared in the Colonies, but both musicians and critics are alike unanimous in their opinion of the abilities of Herr Louis Hattenbach on the Cello. Herr Hattenbach is said to conjure musical sounds of exquisite beauty from his wonderful instrument. He will also be heard in a number of accompaniments with Miss Castles. The remaining member of the concert party, Mr. William Conway is—like Miss Castles—Victorian born, though his musical education has been developed amongst the continental teachers. Mr. Conway is claimed to be a most gifted pianist, and his technique and touch, together with his soulful interpretations, have combined to make all his performances stand out to a remarkable degree.

Miss Castles will make her farewell appearance in Auckland, early in April at the Choral Hall.

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Each item on Messrs. Fuller's programme at the Opera House this week has something to commend it, and the evening's entertainment as a whole is excellent. A number of new artists made their appearance on Monday night, and entertained the audience to their evident satisfaction. Miss Mabel Lynne, a charming artiste, fairly brought down the house with her latest coon songs, which she sang in decidedly clever fashion, and she bids fair to become a very strong favourite at the Opera House. Miss Lynne is a vivacious young lady, and her novel antics are executed in a manner which immediately stamps her as being an entertainer of great ability. The juvenile acrobats, billed as the Rodger Quartette, are not on the stage more than a minute or so before the audience realise that they are witnessing child artists who are able to more than compare with the best acrobats that have from time to time visited these shores. The quartette consists of two boys and two girls, and their daring acrobatic display and balancing feats, besides being cleverly performed, are refreshing and, therefore, most interesting from start to finish. A great favourite appearing this week with no end of success is Miss Nada Moret, who holds the attention of the audience in a wonderful manner. First of all she presents a sketch, in which she sings the popular song, "We all came into the World with Nothing," her clever acting and singing being greeted with prolonged applause. Next she is heard to great advantage in a military song, telling of how the Gordon Highlanders stormed the heights of Dargai, this item also meeting with an enthusiastic reception. A pair of musical artists whose efforts are greatly appreciated, are Mart netti and Grossi. These accomplished musicians provide a turn brimful of merriment, and are able to produce music from everything which comes within their reach. They play tunes on a skeleton, chair, etc., while they cause much laughter by pulling a bicycle to pieces, and rendering popular airs on the handle bars, saddle, frame, forks, and wheels. Madam Carelli, the popular Auckland soprano, is once again appearing at the Opera House, and her sweet singing of a couple of effective numbers favourably impresses her listeners. Mr E. R. Martin gives a fine rendering of "Sleep, Sailor, Sleep," his deep bass voice being heard to excellent effect. As an encore he sings, "I'm Going Back to Dixie," in which he is assisted by Miss Nellie Searle, whose sweet voice harmonises beautifully in this pretty plantation melody. Miss Searle also scores a big hit with her humorous song, "Oh George, tell them to Stop." Mr Harry Sadler is deservedly popular with Opera House patrons, and thunderous applause follows each of his much appreciated items. Besides several new songs this week, he has numerous fresh comedicalities with which to amuse the audience, and altogether his turn is a distinct success. The Gibson Girls sing and dance well, and are recalled to the footlights. Mr Bob Harper, vocalist and acrobat, renders several songs in a manner which pleases the audience, each of his items being encored. Master Horace Dentice appears in a catchy song and dance, "Possum," while Master Selwood creates a favourable impression with a soldier ballad. Miss Jessie Lee, Mr Tim Howard, and Mr Will Bla also contribute to the excellence of the programme, which is one of the best ever presented to Aucklanders.

THE KING'S THEATRE.

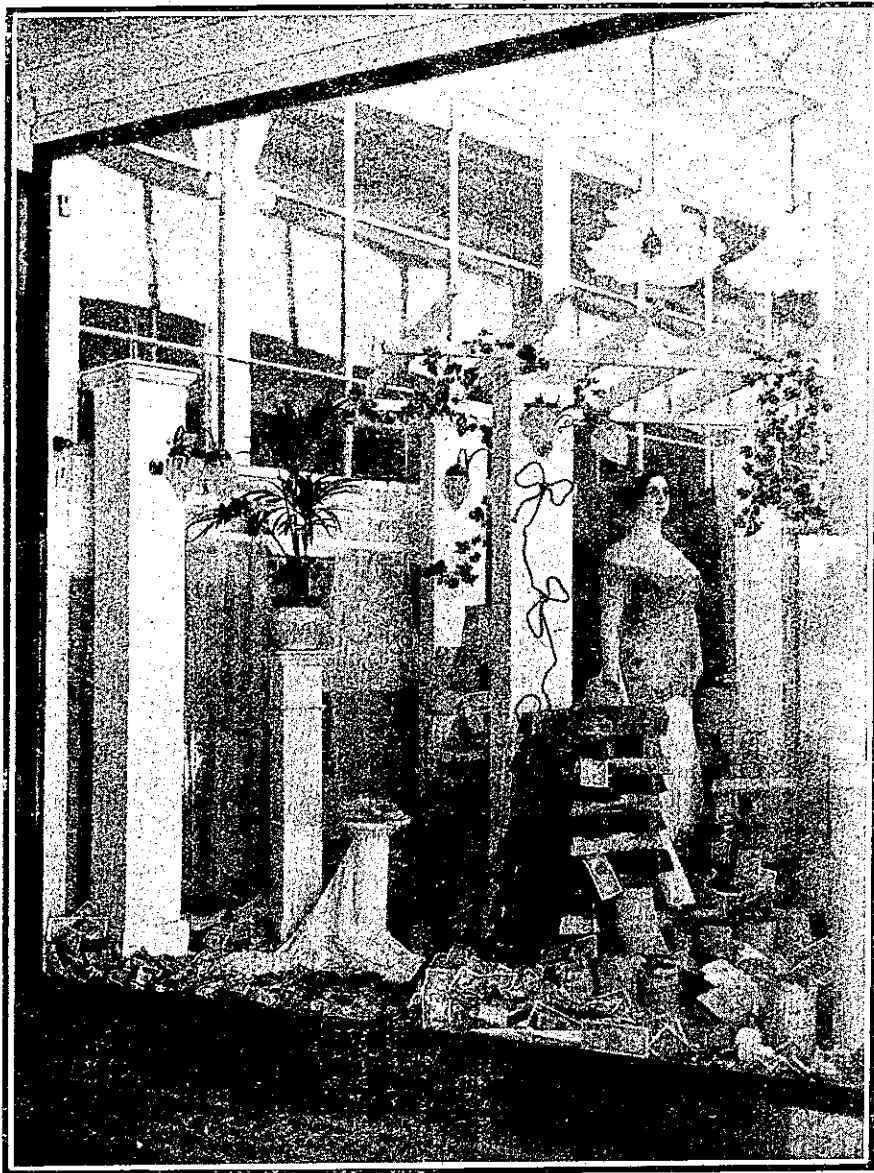
FULLER'S WIDE-WORLD PICTURES.

Always on the look-out for material for the public taste, the management of the King's Theatre, in Karangahape Road have this week got together a pleasing programme, which lacks nothing in variety. A film of intense beauty is the scenic study "Adriatic Riviera," showing the picturesque towns of Riviera, and some magnificent moonlight effects. A dramatic film of great interest is that entitled "The Foreman," depicting the robbery

Harvest at Yarmouth," while a fine scenic film is shown in "Beautiful Gorges of Tarn," in which some excellent views are obtained of Corsican scenery. A couple of splendid films are shown in "Romance of the Rockies," depicting a western love story, and "The Stronger Tie" a pathetic dramatic study. "A Bad Half Sovereign" deals with a heart-felt story of a gang of coiners and two little waifs. The comic films are exceptionally good, and include "Kitty visits the Country," "How Baptiste Lost his Place" and "Tweedledum takes Tragic Parts." Mr. E. J. Burke's orchestra plays an appropriate accompaniment to the films.



MISS FLORENCE YOUNG and MR. REGINALD ROBERTS in "A Waltz Dream."



The unique advertisement of "The Dollar Princess," arranged by Mr. C. M. Berkeley in Milne and Choyce's window, Auckland. [Review.] Photo.]

of the pay roll from a cowboy by redskins and the successful tracking down of the robbers, and their handing over to the sheriff, the foreman, whose story of how he lost the money was disbelieved by his employer, thus being exonerated from all suspicion. The Pathe Gazette throws many important national current events on to the screen, among them being the collision at sea between the Montauk and the Crick, accident to Mr. Graham White, the famous aviator, Czar Ferdinand opening the Bulgarian Parliament, and the great flood on the South Coast. An industrial subject of much merit is depicted in "Herring

What it means to produce a pantomime in these days of spectacular effect and crowded stage, may be gauged from the fact that the pay sheet at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, numbers over 450 separate people. That is counting in the principals, chorus, ballet, auxiliaries, and stage hands of all sorts. And this for one company. Of the six that are at present under the same management, the pantomime has certainly far and away the biggest total, but "The Whip" and "Our Miss Gibbs," in Sydney, both show a very fair aggregate in this particular respect.

Greenroom Gossip.

Miss Florence Young. In the "Waltz Dream," now being played at His Majesty's, Miss Florence Young makes a very handsome Princess, and wears some beautiful frocks, which she carries off to perfection. Particularly admired is her bridal gown, which is composed of pearl satin charmeuse fashioned en Princesse, partially veiled in pearly tulle, with wide panel from corsage to hem of passementerie, heavily encrusted with large pearls. A richly spangled train of brocade, and a tulle veil complete a charming tout ensemble. Later, Miss Young looks regal in a lovely green panne velvet robe, with gold and iridescent embroideries, with which she wears a large black hat, massed with green plumes. Another exquisite frock is of shell pink charmeuse, with chiffon tunic, finished with crystal fringe, and applications of crystal embroidery. Miss Young also wears some lovely jewels.

That Bad Girl!

Mr Duncan Neven writes me as follows:—The biggest success of recent years in the dramatic line is undoubtedly "The Bad Girl of the Family." This piece is simply teeming with thrilling situations, but the Bad Girl is not altogether bad, notwithstanding that there is a big dormitory scene, which is invaded by the police, who are overwhelmed by a number of girls: there is a big wedding scene, where the bad girl, to secure her rights, enters into a subterfuge to marry a man who has forced another girl to marry him, because of the indebtedness of her father, while there is another bedroom scene where the good and the bad girl in the drama are seen doing their toilette. It is in this scene that one of the most stirring incidents of the drama occurs: hence the generally accepted title the "remarkable bedroom drama." It is now in its sixth week in Melbourne, the same as J. C. Williamson's big pantomime, and the only two pieces at present here with such runs to their credit, and both going strong. It will be the opening play for the Marlow Company's tour through New Zealand.



MR. BERT GILBERT as Jeremy Joy in "A Knight for a Day," to be presented by Mr. J. C. Williamson's Comic Opera Company, for the last two nights of the present season.

AUSTRALIAN HAPPENINGS.

(From Our Sydney and Melbourne Correspondents.)

A curious result of "The Quaker Girl" success in London is that the plot has become a fact in real life. In the piece which the J. C. Williamson management will introduce in due course to Australia, Madame Blun, a French dressmaker, sees Prudence in a quiet little English village in a quiet little quaker dress, and declares that she will make the quaker costume the rage of Paris. She does so, but it is a very idealised and charming dress that is evolved at the Madame Blun establishment. The curious result referred to is that the quaker dress has become the rage of London. There is good reason, too, for with its soft white cap, lace fichu, and mittens, it is certainly a charming attire.

Mr Vybert Stanford, who has "The Balkan Princess" production in hand, tells a story of a young girl being once recommended to him for a chance on the stage. She was said to be very pretty, and with a voice above the ordinary. On the strength of this he asked his friend to send the girl to the theatre, the Company was then appearing at Manchester. "On my honour," he says, "she was the worst chorus girl I ever saw in my life. When I would ask her to do anything she would burst out crying. She kept her job through crying, for I hadn't the heart to put her off. Last year when I was in New York for Mr J. C. Williamson," continued Mr Stamford, "I met a girl in Broadway, whose face was familiar, but I couldn't place her. "Don't you remember me?" she said. "I was in 'San Toy.' Then she gave an imitation of herself, crying, and I remembered her as the girl who had cried herself good in my chorus. She said she was appearing in emotional roles in a touring Dramatic Company, and from what I gathered, she was making a good living out of crying parts."

The phenomenal success of George Marlow's venture in the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, has been the talk of the theatrical profession here ever since Mr Marlow opened here with "The Bad Girl of the Family" on Boxing Night. For many years the Princess has not been regarded as the best situated house in Melbourne, but Mr Marlow on top of the fact that his new Sydney Theatre would be opened early in March, took a long lease of the Princess Theatre, as advised, and his initial venture has

proved a big success, so much so that "The Bad Girl of the Family" is now in its sixth week, and people were turned away again on Saturday evening. The piece is such a success that pantomime gags are even given about the Bad Girl every evening.

People who visited "Our Miss Gibbs" at the 120th performance in Sydney, found Mr Bertie Wright had altered, so they thought, his reading. "He's excruciatingly funny," said a man in the interval to a group discussing the English comedian. "Yes," agreed one of the party, "he's so woe-begone." As the evening progressed he became even more sorrowful, and the audience laughed at his melancholy in the most unrestrained manner. What really was the case, it seems, was that Bertie Wright could hardly hold his head up for a cold contracted by the unseasonable weather of the past week in Sydney. And the more the audience roared, the more unsympathetic he thought them, and the worse he felt.

The biograph show managers in Sydney admit that "The Whip," now in its fourth week at Her Majesty's, is the strongest opposition they have yet encountered. One of the biggest men in the moving picture field remarked on the subject, "The Drury Lane Drama so completely fills the eye with its continually changing scenes—their colour and completeness of detail that it would make an ideal film. As a dramatic entertainment it has the advantage over moving pictures that the characters are all articulate and comedy, humour and pathos reach the audience by the spoken word as well as by the acting. Picture managers can never hope to screen anything quite so exciting as "The Whip."

Mr John Lemmone, who has been practically round the world with Madame Melba, and is intimately acquainted with all the details for the Melba Grand Opera season in Australia, arrived back here on the Orontes last week as enthusiastic as ever about the great Diva, and also the Company, which has been engaged for the big season that is to eventuate in September.

At the conclusion of "The Christian," at The King's Theatre, Melbourne, William Anderson will probably present a new version of Marie Corelli's renowned work, "The Sorrows of Satan."

One of those consistent patrons of the theatre whom managers love to

meet, was overheard discussing "Jack and the Beanstalk" in the foyer of the Grand Hotel in Melbourne the other day. Evidently he was a gentleman who spoke with knowledge, as he confessed to having seen all the other pantomimes—from "Mother Goose" onwards, and to liking the latest as well as any. Pressed as to the number of times he had seen each, he owned to something between 50 and 75 visits to "Mother Goose," "Jack and Jill," "Humpty-Dumpty," and "Aladdin," and asked what his total was for the present season, he considered a moment and then replied, "Well, I have not been to any matinee yet!" leaving it to be understood, of course, that each evening performance had seen him at the theatre.

Some idea of the immense hold that "Our Miss Gibbs" has established may be gauged from the fact that no less than 6,000 copies of the vocal score have been sold in Australia, since the first night of the opera in Sydney. This total (which is from an authoritative source) exceeds that of the total sales for any three years of any opera ever played in Australia. The record is enhanced even further by the fact that the opera has not yet finished its run in Sydney, and has never been played outside that city, and when it comes to Melbourne it may confidently be expected that the total of 6,000 will be very nearly if not quite, doubled, while it is certainly difficult to estimate what the grand aggregate will be when the piece has completed its tour of Australasia.

Foreigners aver that the English take their pleasures very seriously. As a proof of this, Mr Redgrave, when playing John Storm in England, almost daily received letters from people in distress, asking his advice and guidance. The following are a few extracts from some of the letters:—"Dear Sir,—Seeing you are such a kindly man, can you find me a situation?" "Dear Sir, God bless you for the good work you are doing amongst the unenlightened." "Dear Father Storm, would there were more to spread the Gospel as you are doing it." "Honoured Sir, I was always a religious man, and last night you moved me. I am a stoker on board H.M.S. —, and any time you'd like to look over her, I shall be only too honoured."

Having so triumphantly passed its 50th performance at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, "Jack and the Beanstalk" is now reaching out after

the century, and if present appearances go for anything, the big extravaganza should have no difficulty in achieving that coveted distinction. The J. C. Williamson shows in the two big centres just now, are evidently inoculated with whatever bacillus induced long life. Of course "Our Miss Gibbs," with its 120th performance in the rear, towers head and shoulders above the others, but "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "The Whip," both of which started on the same night (December 17), are each going strong. The former with a matinee, a week extra, has forged a little ahead, but "The Whip" has just reached its 50th performance, still without losing its grip on public favour.

Bert Levy tells in an American newspaper a delicious story of an encounter between Henry Arthur Jones and "a stout autograph pest." All three—cartoonist, dramatist, and lady afore described were passengers aboard the "George Washington," bound for New York. "Oh, Mr Jones," said the lady, "I enjoyed your lovely play "The Whip," at Drury Lane, so much. It was just bully! Won't you autograph my book?" The dramatist without a smile, wrote this quotation from Raleigh and Hamilton's play, "I want to see Charlie Peace!" under this he wrote the names of the two authors of the big sporting drama (large) and his own signature (very small).

CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes:—To-night, February 2, the Plimmer-Denniston Co. open a seven night return season at the Theatre Royal. The pieces to be staged, viz., "A Message From Mars," "Lovers' Lane," and "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," have all been seen here before, (the first-named, of course, many times), and as the company has only recently been showing in Auckland, it is unnecessary to say more concerning it at present. Fuller's Opera House continues to draw big audiences nightly. Just now the bill is an exceptionally attractive one. Miss May Dahlberg is not only a clever vocalist and comedienne, but an accomplished dancer; Martinetti and Grossi, billed as "the American surprise and novelty entertainers," are well named, for much that they do comes as a surprise, and is of a distinctly novel character; Daphe Leslie is a capital serio; Alf. Holt is a wonderful mimic, with a style all his own; the two Denos are

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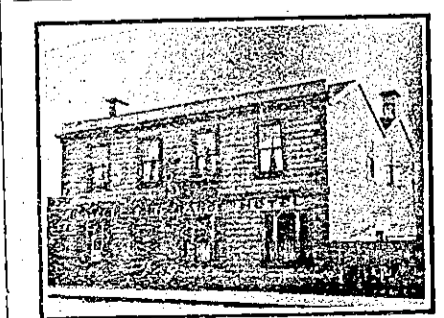
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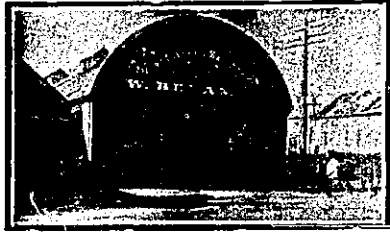
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The Hayward-West Pictures are deservedly popular. Recent successes in the way of films include: "The Girl of the Golden West," an American drama of the greatest interest; "Patricia of the Plains," and "The Message of the Violin." The other picture show-house, the Colosseum, is crowded at every performance. A few hits recently shown: "The Sepoy's Wife," "The Cigarette Maker," "A Romance of the Rockies." Everything that the management of this popular place of amusement can do to promote the comfort and pleasure of patrons is done. The result is good business all the time.

On February 15, Amy Castles will appear (with Tait's Concert Co.) at the Theatre Royal. The season will last only three nights. On February 20, another songstress will open at the Royal—Dolores, she is sure of a welcome. The Hugh Ward Co. will be here in mid April, and play for 12 nights. There is nothing more to tell you this week, except that a third picture show is now running in one of our most populous suburbs. This is the Sydenham Empire. Truly the vogue of the moving picture is wonderful!

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L.V. ASSOCIATIONS MOVING.

THE NEED FOR ACTION.

We are glad to notice that the Auckland L.V. Association is taking definite action to bring the allied trade interests into line, with a common plan of campaign for the Local Option polls that will be held toward the close of the year. The necessity for such action is obvious. The fact that the opponents of the Trade have their agencies at work in every electorate; that their propaganda is practically incessant, and that their whole energies are turned in the direction of completely overthrowing the licensed trade, and the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic liquors of any and every description, in itself, constitutes such a direct menace to the varied interests at stake, that those engaged in it would be false to themselves if they remained idle and unconcerned in view of the attacks repeatedly made upon them. On previous occasions we have expressed opinions that have been received with more or less of favour. Financial considerations, in certain instances, may have prompted the feeling that it is more or less hopeless to enter upon the propaganda and educative work which is seen to be necessary, if public opinion is to be influenced in favour of the Trade. But, as against this, it may be urged that as all reforms are best undertaken from within the ranks of the party or organisation in which such reforms are seen to be desirable; so the first and foremost duty must be that of educating the Trade from within. It is scarcely conceivable, yet we are assured that such is the case, that there are those engaged in the Trade itself who grudge the very small contributions they are called upon to pay towards the maintenance of their Trade Associations. These individuals unfortunately hold aloof, or at best accord very grudging support to what are really their Trade Protective Associations—Associations to the development of which the executive officers devote much valuable time and attention without looking for either fee or reward. The Associations are at all times prepared to act the part of "guide, counsellor and friend" to their members; to provide them with legal advice and assistance when their difficulties are of such a nature as to necessitate outside help, and to bind together in one common bond of unity a class of men and women whose occupation is barred by a by no means inconsiderable section of the community, and who should, therefore, be in a position to state their case fairly, squarely and definitely to the public. Obviously they are not in the position to do this as individuals, but collectively much can be done.

BEGINNING AT HOME.

The work of organisation must, therefore begin at home. The Trade must obtain that solidarity that is essential to the successful representation of the interests involved. There must be a better recognition of the responsibilities and duties entailed upon those who are engaged in the Trade itself, both towards the general public and themselves. A great point was made by the writer of the very excellent paper on "Organisation" that was read at the annual conference of the New Zealand L.V. Association, in Wellington, last September, of the importance of "an enlightened cohesive and educated trade," as a "controlling factor in directing the public mind upon this great social question. While in certain cases local organisation has proved fairly successful, the results obtained have been nullified by failures and defects in other districts, and it becomes increasingly evident that unless the Dominion combination of the Prohibitionist can be emulated and maintained, it will be a very difficult matter for the Trade to hold its own against a movement that is almost

world wide in its operation. By organising the Trade within, by impressing upon everyone engaged, or interested, in it the need for his or her personal co-operation, both financially and otherwise, much may be done to educate public opinion on lines that are invariably ignored by the Prohibitionists. But apart from the work that may be undertaken in licensed districts it is necessary that educative work should be entered upon in the No-License districts, and in each Province the L.V. Associations concerned should make themselves responsible, with the allied Trade interests for the necessary campaigning, by which only public opinion can be reached in those districts. For, it must not be forgotten that votes may be cast in those districts that will count towards Prohibition. And most of us remember the fable of the dog who having lost his tail in the trap, endeavoured to persuade other dogs that it was a good thing to lose their tails also. Many a man who has voted for "No-License" and who sees no prospect of bringing about a return to license, in his own district, may be persuaded

into voting for National Prohibition. And that is one of the dangers that must be guarded against and minimised as far as follows. With the details of necessary trade organisation we need not now concern ourselves. That must, or should, be left to the discretion of the various Executives charged with the responsibility of advising and directing the affairs of the Association themselves. But every member of the Trade ought to personally acquaint himself with the ethical side of the question involved in the abolition of the licensed trade both locally and nationally. He should further be in a position to meet the arguments of those who are seeking to convince the public that the Trade is unnecessary, and who in the pursuit of their propaganda to not hesitate to vilify and disparage the men and women whose very living depends upon the continuance of the Trade. We are glad to know that at least one of the Provincial Associations is already actively at work, and working on lines that promise a very fair measure of success. Its example will, we trust, be

followed shortly by all the Associations, and on lines that will provide for the proper working of every electorate in the Dominion.

AUCKLAND L.V. ASSOCIATION.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

A meeting of the Auckland Licensed Victuallers Association was held at the Association offices, Durham-street, on Monday afternoon, Mr J. S. Palmer, President, in the chair, there being a full attendance of members. In opening the proceedings the president expressed the keen regret, which he said he was sure was felt by every member of the trade, at the losses sustained during the last three weeks by the deaths of such well-known citizens as Mr John Mowbray, Mr J. C. Davis, Mr J. J. Russell, and his old and esteemed friend, Mr Branson, the president of the Dunedin L. V. Association. In each of these gentlemen, they had lost friends whose integrity and up-rightness made them simply invaluable in the counsels of the trade. Their sturdy common-



THE AUCKLAND LICENSED VICTUALLERS ASSOCIATION'S CRICKET MATCH.—THE RETAIL REPRESENTATIVES.—Back row from left: Messrs. M. Walsh, A. Sainty, A. Whitehead, J. Molloy, R. Noton, W. Ibbotson, J. Parker, M. Molloy, J. S. Palmer. Front row: Messrs. T. Foley, J. H. Pagni, C. Lomax, C. J. Flewellyn, T. Buxton.



THE AUCKLAND LICENSED VICTUALLERS ASSOCIATION'S CRICKET MATCH.—THE WHOLESALE REPRESENTATIVES.—Back row from left: Messrs. Knight, Menzies, R. Jones, G. Hume, O'Dowd, Hodgson, Samuel, Colton. Front row.—Messrs. C. Von-der-Heyde, E. Bond, D. Ingram, P. Purcell, E. Harvey, Johnson.

sense and keen practical insight into business, had helped them in many a time of doubt and difficulty, and it was to be regretted that at a time when they should be organising their forces in view of the 1911 option polls, the trade associations generally were bereft of their counsels. He felt sure that their sympathies were with the sorrowing relatives and friends of these gentlemen, and he would ask them to approve of the letters of condolence already despatched, and those that were to be sent by the secretary to the relatives and friends of those who had joined the great majority, and whose loss they all mourned.

Mr Palmer then moved accordingly, the resolution being carried in silence, all standing.

It was decided to take action forthwith to organise the several branches of the trade, in view of the coming option polls, the secretary being instructed to address communications to kindred associations and organisations, and to arrange for a conference, if necessary, with representatives of the wholesale interests.

Labour troubles engaged the attention of the meeting for some time, and the president was empowered to interview the officials of the Labour Department, with the view of more clearly defining the position of retailers under the Shops and Offices Act, in regard to certain of their employees.

Other business of a routine character was transacted, and the proceedings adjourned.

TRADE TOPICS.

The Trade in Auckland has sustained another severe loss in the death of Mr John J. Russell, proprietor of the Star Hotel, Otahuhu, who was discovered dead in bed on Sunday morning by his son, Mr Percy Russell. Deceased was in good spirits the day before, and had attended a sale at Papatoitoti, retiring to rest at night without showing any symptoms of illness. When discovered in bed his feet were cold, but his body was still warm. Heart failure is ascribed as the cause of death. Until recently Mr Russell had lived in Onehunga, where he was long and favourably known, especially for his connection with Masonic and friendly societies. He held the position of secretary in Court Pride of Onehunga Foresters for six years, and was treasurer for three more, while for some years he acted as treasurer of Lodge Manukau, the Masonic Lodge at Onehunga. It is only a few weeks since Mr Russell's wife died suddenly, while his father and mother have each passed away during the last twelve months. The interment, which took place at Wai-karaka on Monday afternoon, was of a private nature. At the inquest (Mr A. Harris, Acting Coroner), the medical evidence was to the effect that the deceased had suffered from acute heart trouble, and the jury brought in a verdict in accordance with this testimony.

Mr Lamartine Dwan, of Dwan Bros., Hotelbrokers, Wellington, who has been on a visit of inspection to the East Coast, in connection with land properties, is at present in Auckland, still "on business bent."

"Ted" Donnelly, who has just sold his interests in the "New Zealander" Hotel, Wellington, to Mr McManus, late of the Central Hotel of the same city, is spending well-deserved holidays in Auckland.

Among the visitors who are staying at the British Hotel, are: E. Allen, Johnsonville; J. R. Bills, Otaki; D. Burn, Wakefield, Nelson; W. F. Butters, Warkworth; and S. Wadsworth, Talivera, delegates attending the biennial meeting of the Grand Lodge of Druids, at present being held in Auckland.

Mr G. McArthur, the proprietor of the Star Hotel, Tauranga, is at present in Auckland, and is staying at the British Hotel.

Mr A. E. Brunette, proprietor of the Grosvenor Hotel, Blenheim, arrived here last Sunday morning, in connection with the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Druids, which is expected to last till the end of the week.

Of the late Mr C. B. M. Branson, President of the Dunedin Licensed Victuallers' Association, and Vice-

president of the New Zealand Association, who (as stated last week), passed away on the morning of the 1st inst, our Christchurch correspondent writes:—Mr Branson was one of the most popular members of the Trade in the Dominion. A man of the most scrupulous honor and integrity, widely known and respected, he will be greatly missed. For about twelve years he was the proprietor of the hotel which bears his name in St. Andrew's street, Dunedin, and conducted the house in the most exemplary way. From being quite a minor hotel, "Branson's" has become, under its late proprietor's wise rule, well and favourably known to travellers, and a very valuable property. Mr Branson had a paralytic stroke on Xmas Eve, but the doctors held out great hopes of his recovery. He gradually sank, however, and the end came on the first of the month, as already announced. Mr Branson ("Charley Branson" as he was universally known), leaves a widow, two sons, and a daughter to mourn his decease, all of them well-known and highly esteemed. The Trade has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Mr Branson.

Mr Victor Cornaga is evidently quite at home at Gleeson's Hotel, of which he took possession recently. Under his direction the old Hobson-street hostelry is proving more popular than ever. More power to Victor! May his shadow never grow less!

Mr F. C. Bass, late of the Northern Wairoa Hotel, Dargaville, is again in harness. After a short holiday spell he has taken over the management of the Prince Arthur Hotel, having purchased Mr T. B. O'Connor's interests in that well-known house of call. Mr Bass's many friends on the Northern Wairoa are certain to look him up on their periodical visits to town, and under its new management the Prince Arthur will compare more than favourably with the best hotels in town. We wish Mr Bass every success in his new venture.

Mr Agnew's many friends will regret to learn that he is again in a private hospital. He underwent an operation for appendicitis some few weeks ago, and had so far recovered as to get about again, when he caught cold, and, suffering a relapse, was ordered back to bed. He was on the eve of taking over the management of the Thames Hotel, during Mr Buxton's trip to the Home land. The delay that has thus occurred in the arrangements made for his taking the hotel over will, it is hoped, be of short duration only, the mischief being likely to be remedied by a few day's rest and careful treatment.

"I had not touched drink for six months, and the little I had overcame me," said a man at the Thames Police Court, London. But the rising sympathy of the court fell hurriedly when the assistant-gaoler explained. "He was only released that day, after six months' imprisonment."

A Westport message states that the police are appealing against the decision of the magistrate in dismissing the informations against Westport publicans for selling liquor on December 26. The appeal will be heard in the Supreme Court at Westport in March.

At the Auckland Magistrate's Court, Mr C. C. Kettle, S.M., gave judgment in a case in which the Auckland Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union (Mr C. E. Skelton) proceeded against G. Hyde (Mr Singer), licensee of the Star Hotel, for engaging a barmaid otherwise than through the secretary of the union. The facts in connection with this case were that Mr Hyde had made application to the secretary of the union on November 21 for a barmaid, but one was not supplied. Subsequently he telegraphed to Wellington, and secured a barmaid. His Worship said that in his opinion the defendant's action was justified, on the ground that the union did not supply his requirements within a reasonable time. The case was dismissed. His Worship said that he would consider the question of costs for the defendant.

The question of the legality of selling soft drinks on Sundays was brought under the notice of the Prime Minister on Saturday by a deputation representing the restaurant-keepers and others. It was stated that the police were now contending that under section 17 of the Police Offences Act, soft drinks could not be sold on

Sundays, even to customers who preferred them to tea or coffee. It was stated that over 100 prosecutions were pending, and that 24 summonses had already been issued: The police, it was stated, claimed that they had the power to close refreshment rooms altogether on Sundays, although barbers were allowed to work until nine o'clock on that day. Sir Joseph Ward replied that the Government could not interfere with the enforcement of the Act, and if any hardship existed the only remedy would be to amend the Act next session. He was in favour of soft drinks being obtainable on Sundays, but any movement towards the initiation of a system of general Sabbath trading should be

checked. He would, he added, make a statement on the subject after consulting the Crown law officers. The deputation was introduced by Mr Arthur M. Myers, M.P.

THE WORLD'S WINE CROP.

FRENCH AND GERMAN VINEYARDS.

OUTLOOK NOT TOO PROMISING.

Several reports from various wine growing districts have already appeared showing that the season of 1910 has been disastrous. Messrs. Gilbey's annual report has appeared and only confirms the most pessimis-

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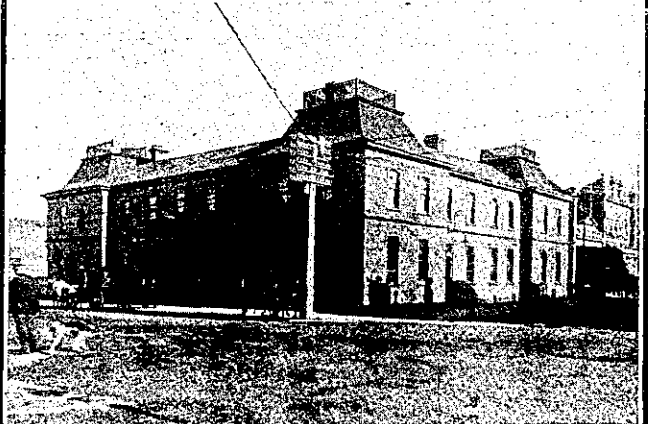
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tic estimates that have preceded it.

Not since 1810, it seems, has disaster been so complete. The mischief originated in the early spring and summer, when the continuous humidity engendered every form of destructive insect life which blighted and withered the grapes. In many vineyards, especially those of France and Germany, few perfect bunches were to be seen. The beautiful weather of September and October would have ripened the grapes if there had been any. But only in a few favored districts were there any to ripen. In the more northern wine growing parts of Europe the quantity is so insignificant that the quality of 1910 is commercially of small importance.

ONE-TENTH OF A CROP.

In Germany along the Rhine and Moselle there will barely be one-tenth of an average crop. In the Champagne and Saumur districts and in the Burgundy and Chablis districts of France the vintage is positively a blank. In Cognac no brandy will be distilled this year. In the Medoc and other districts of Bordeaux, more favoured than any other part of France, there will be little more than one-third of the average quantities of claret and Sauterne made.

In Austria-Hungary the crop is estimated at one-third and in Italy not much more than one-half. In Sicily there will be about two-thirds of an average from the old vines, but the young vines, planted since the invasion of phylloxera, are producing well, so that the island's total crop will probably be as in 1909. In northern Spain and also in the south and sherry districts there may be from a half to three-quarters of a crop.

The Portuguese yield is nearly average and the quality is good. Thousands of tons of grapes have been sent from Lisbon to France and Germany, whose idle presses will thus have been occupied and the duty on imported wines escaped.

MADEIRA NEARLY AVERAGE.

Outside Europe crops have been fairly good. Madeira's vintage is nearly average and of good quality. Algeria has an excellent vintage both in quantity and quality, while the wines have doubled and in some instances trebled in value. Fifty years ago Algeria produced no wine. Now the output is nearly 200,000,000 gallons annually. Nearly all this is consumed in France, where it is in greater request and more highly appreciated than many of the cheaper home productions. Being grown in a French colony this wine enters France duty free.

The normal annual yield of the European vineyards is computed at 3,000,000,000 gallons. This year France's production will only be 400,000,000 gallons. As France is both the largest producer and consumer of wine the failure of this year's harvest is nothing less than a national disaster. Assessing the wine at a price of only 8d a gallon the loss to France this year would be some £20,000,000. The report gives some striking examples of what this loss means. Extreme poverty will be brought upon smaller growers and all employed in industries which depend upon the production of wine. The greater part of the wine grown in France is consumed in the district of production before it is a year old. Thus there will be a veritable famine of the staple beverage of the majority of the population, who consume on an average 100 bottles a head per annum.

SMALL GROWERS PENNILESS.

In the champagne district small vineyard owners are penniless and dependent upon the shippers for money and for the cultivation and care of the vines till next year's harvest. The hospital of Beaune, in Burgundy, famous as a splendid charity, depends for part of its income on a dozen vineyards, the wines of which realise from 45,000 dollars to £11,000 a year. This year not a gallon will be made.

The natural result of this shortage will be an increase of price all around. Champagne is the wine in which public interest in England is perhaps greatest, and the report has some interesting information as to the present stock. Official figures show that in April 168 millions of bottles were in the cellars of Reims and Epernay, apart altogether from stocks in the hands of merchants in other parts of France and the rest of the world. This represents the world's consumption of champagne for at least four years. In the ordinary course 40 to 45 millions of

bottles would have been added to the stock. As it is there will not be a single cask bottled for champagne this year.

Little of the celebrated vintage of 1898 remains. The excellent champagne of 1900 is the one now being chiefly consumed in England. The vintage is 1904, which has been the principal champagne shipped from France during the last two years, is much appreciated for its lightness and elegance. The coming vintage of excellence is that of 1906, to be shipped to England next year. It already has a high reputation in the trade. The next champagne year was 1907. This wine is now generally admitted to be much finer than was originally anticipated.

With regard to clarets, the famous vintages of 1899 and 1900 are becoming very scarce. Three later vintages are of acknowledged merit, viz: 1905, 1907 and 1909. The 1909 clarets have been the surprise of the century. Owing to the bad summer they were not made till late in October, but they unexpectedly developed such extraordinary good qualities that the whole of the classified growths and most of the premier bourgeois wines of Medoc were bought up by the Bordeaux merchants within a month at comparatively high prices, and the whole of the 1908 vintage was left in the hands of the growers.

IN THE PROHIBITION AREA.

"So this is the only liquor difficulty in all these mountains," remarked the visitor to a little mountain settlement in North Carolina, in a tone that was half questioning.

"It do be," said the mountain whisky-maker.

"How much do you turn out in a day?" asked the stranger.

"Well, I reckon we makes along about twenty gallons a day."

"And is that all the whisky that's drunk in these parts?"

"Say, you be-ent no revenue sharp, be you?" he demanded suddenly. "Cause if you be, I ain't nothin' to say. I pays my taxes, as ever one knows, an' that's all there is to it."

After a time the stranger persuaded him that there was no ulterior motive in his questioning, and the old man explained the whisky situation:

"I told you this was the only still around here, an' so it is—the only one that pays a tax. But," he continued, "every old woman in these mountains has a copper kettle in which she boils her washing. Every old woman has a lid that fits the copper kettle tightly, and that can be fastened down. They boil clothes in them on Monday, and they boil whisky in them the other six days of the week."—New York "Tribune."

AN APPEAL TO CUSTOMERS.

The following, which attracted a good deal of attention, was issued by the Executive of the Midland Counties District of the National Trade Defence Association, during the recent British general election:—

"To my customers,

"Will you help me to get justice and fair play?

"Because I am a publican, acting on the advice of my trade union, and because I have stood up for my trade like other Englishmen, I have been taxed out of all proportion to the taxation levied on the rest of the community.

"While my taxes have increased, my trade has decreased.

"The law has recognised that my property has depreciated under the heavy load of taxation imposed upon it.

"Why am I singled out for unfair and disproportionate taxation?

"Because I have fought my customers' battle, have stood up for the rights and privileges of the public-house and the liberties of the working classes who use it.

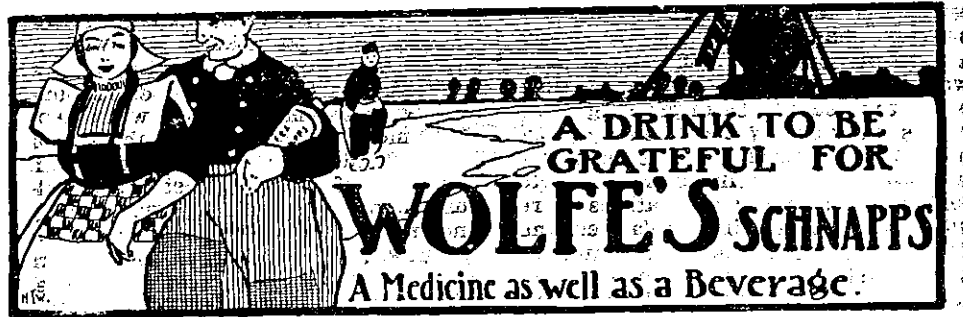
"I have fought for fair play for the working men.

"Working men, will you fight for fair play for me?

"Working men, all I ask is fair play."

ETHER DRINKER'S EXPERIENCE.

From Ireland comes word of an incident, which, though it might have been attended with very serious consequences, was not without its humorous side. A peaceful old citizen was standing on the main street of the little town and lighting his pipe. Suddenly flames burst from the air about his face, completely raining a fire



crop of whiskers and causing the unhappy victim to raise his hands and yell vociferously. Prompt assistance was rendered him, but not till he was severely burned about the face and head.

There was considerable local superstition about the origin of the mysterious flames until it developed that the peaceful citizen was an ether drinker. Subsequently investigation disclosed the amazing fact that this uncanny potion with the soothing vapor has been quietly making great headway among the peasantry.

It had its origin many years ago as a cholera specific, and was introduced from Glasgow. A canny doctor noticed that an acquired taste often followed its use; he laid in a barrel and the habit began. Ether costs so little anybody can afford it. In some villages in Ireland it is estimated that from 10 to 25 per cent. of the women take a nip now and then. It is also very frequently taken by old alcoholics, and has all the effects, if you take enough of it, of good Irish whisky. And that is saying a great deal.

DRINK AND LONGEVITY.

In a recent volume entitled "The Prolongation of Human Life," Dr. Metchnikoff, one of the greatest physicians of Europe, has collated some interesting facts concerning old persons whose habit it was to drink to excess.

Catherine Raymond drank vast quantities of pure wine daily from young womanhood until she died at the age of 127 years.

Polittman, famous as one of the oldest of men, was an eminent surgeon who lived for 140 years—1685 until 1825. He was drunk every night for eighty years, his habit being to become intoxicated at the close of his day's work among his patients.

Gascogne, a butcher of Frie (Hautes-Pyrenes), died in 1767 at the age of 120 years. He was drunk regularly twice a week.

Brawn, a famous Irish landowner, died at the age of 120 years. He was seldom sober and was roaring drunk twice each week. There was a saying in his parish that death was afraid of Brawn when in his cups.

Many communities of heavy drinkers—especially wine drinkers—have been noted for their long-lived persons—not a few, but scores of them. Cote-d'Or, a village of the old province of Burgundy, had, in 1897, 523 inhabitants. Twenty were past eighty years of age and many were old men and women in good health. All had been heavy drinkers from early years and were at the time. Many smoked to excess and were also heavy coffee drinkers.

Metchnikoff's book ranks high as a scientific contribution to the subject of longevity. The foregoing statements may seem remarkable, but the name of Metchnikoff puts them above the class of irresponsible assertions.

TEMPERATE DRINKING.

Temperate wine drinking gives life to the fancy, strengthens the mind and senses, the impressions will be quick and clear and the opinions will be the movements of the muscles are easier made, the voice becomes stronger and fuller, tiredness of mind and body will disappear; a feeling of comfort and pleasure follows, which relieves the mind of all worry and troubles. People in general, who live in wine districts, as on the Rhine, Moselle, Pfalz in Germany, and over most of France, drinking grape wines almost with every meal, are more serene, brighter and more sociable; they are more open-hearted and accommodating in their behaviour, and bear no grudge after being made angry. Intemperance and too quick drinking, no matter if water, beer, wine, coffee, tea, or any other beverage, is just as injurious to the health as intemperance or too quick eating.—Albert Angarmer, wine expert, U.S.A.

TOO LATE.

An experienced telegraph operator can, from merely listening to the sound, understand a message on one kind of telegraph instrument without seeing it at all.

One day an inspector walked into an office and began to question the clerk in charge. Suddenly a message began to arrive, and the clerk sat down to write it. The message was:

"Look out for squalls; the inspector is somewhere on the line, and will be poking his nose in everywhere."

The inspector smiled as he listened to the message, whilst the poor clerk looked quite helpless.

His superior, however, went to the instrument, and sent back the answer: "Too late! He has already poked his nose in here."

ONLY A TITLE.

"Father, what is an empty title?" "Well, an empty title is your mother's way of calling me the head of the house."

PACING THE SNAIL.

Howell: Rowell is pretty slow?"

Powell: "Slow? He'll make a snail look as if it had been exceeding the speed limit."

MRS MALAPROP.

The Police Commissioner of Broughton Ferry near Dundee some time since compelled house proprietors to lay down concrete on the footpath in front of their properties. An old lady, residing in a cottage, proudly told a friend the other day that the front of her house had been "Consecrated up to the vera doorstep."

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TOO URGENT.

Two Irishmen were out shooting with one gun between them. The man with the gun saw a bird on a twig, and took careful aim at it. "For the love of Heaven, Mike!" shouted the other hunter, "don't shoot! The gun ain't loaded." "I've got to," yelled Mike. "The bird won't wait."

NATURE'S TEACHING.

"There is much moral teaching in Nature," remarked an inveterate moraliser, who was noted for his proximity. "We ought never to forget there is a sermon in every blade of grass." "Quite true," admitted an acquaintance who had been much bored by the moraliser's persistent and inopportune lecturing; "and we ought also to remember that grass is, at certain seasons, cut very short!"

WHY HE WOULDN'T HURRY.

They were riding to church and were late. Several of the party were worried and one remarked, "The audience will be waiting." "Well," observed the old pastor (who was to preach that forenoon), "don't let's fret over it, if we are a little late. It reminds me of the man who was being taken to execution. His guards were greatly exercised over the fact that they could not possibly get there on time. "Never mind," said the poor fellow, philosophically. "Don't fuss over it. The people can wait. There'll be nothing doing till I get there."

SHE WAS NO SAILOR.

They were on their honeymoon. He had bought a boat, and had taken her out to show her how well he could handle a boat, putting her to tend the sheet. A puff of wind came, and he shouted in no uncertain tone, "Let go the sheet!" No response. Then again, "Let go that sheet, quick!" Still no movement. A few minutes after, when both were clinging to the bottom of the overturned boat, he said:
"Why didn't you let go that sheet when I told you to, dear?"
"I would have," said the bride, "if you had not been so rough about it. You ought to speak more kindly to your wife."

THEY ALL MEANT WELL.

A gentleman invited three Highland "crofters" to dinner, and knowing their national liking for the "mountain dew," he provided himself with a good supply of extra strong "Long John." After a hearty dinner, the Highlanders thought it would be right to show their gratitude by complimenting their host for his kindness. Accordingly one of them rose and said:
"You've been ferry goot to me in-teet, sur, an' to my twa frents here, mirover too; put this'll pe ta finest whusky that I never tastit any mohr."

When he resumed his seat, after th's extra burst of eloquence, number two made a great effort to second the vote of thanks by exclaiming: "Naather did I too!"
The rapture of these remarks took away number three's breath, but he was able to chime in: "And so did I naather."

SOLVING THE MYSTERY.

A gentleman puzzled to know why his fowls never laid, purchased two dozen eggs and took them down to his place in the country. At night he slipped half-a-dozen of these eggs into the nests.

"Well," he said next morning to his man, "none of those fowls laid yet?"
"No, sir," said the man, "they're very slow, sir, to lay, at this time of the year."

The same thing occurred on the two following nights and mornings. On the fourth morning the attendant appeared with one egg saying, "They'll soon beg'n to lay now, sir; here's one on 'm already."

"Why, you scoundrel," said the master, "I have myself put four-and-twenty eggs into the nests, and you pretend the fowls have only laid one. You clear out."

JONES' NIGHT OUT.

Jones "dined out" with an old acquaintance the other evening.

"Don't wait up for me, dear," he said to his wife. "I may be rather late, but it can't be helped."

At breakfast next morning he was stonily silent, so was the breakfast-room clock.

"Maria, dear, there must be something wrong with that clock. I am sure I wound it up last night," he ventured at last.

"No," answered his wife. "You wound up Freddy's musical-box instead, and it played 'Home, Sweet Home' till three in the morning, and the hall clock has stopped."

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Brown was an easy-going old fellow. He believed in taking things as they came. Not so Mrs Brown.

"Don't you think," she remarked one Sunday afternoon, "that we should be considering Mary's future? 'Tis time she was married, she's already twenty-four years old."

"Oh, I shouldn't worry," replied old Brown, languidly. "Let her wait until the right sort of man comes along."

"Why wait?" returned Mrs Brown. "I didn't."

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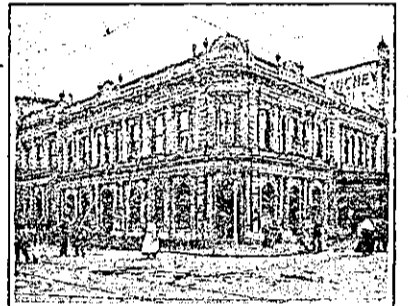
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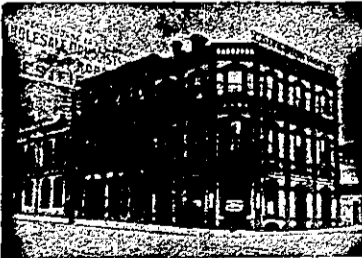
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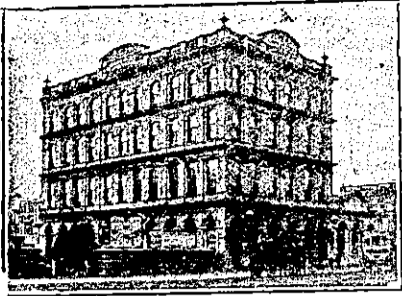
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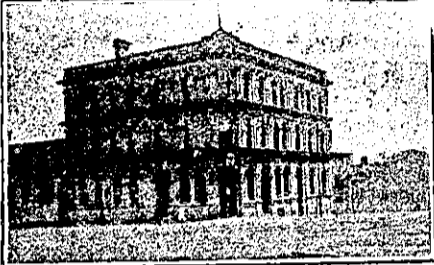


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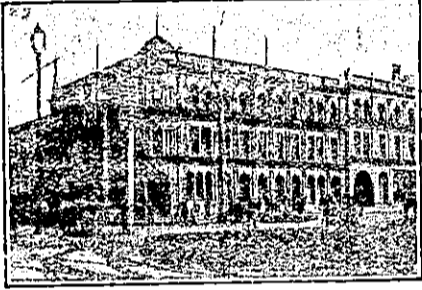
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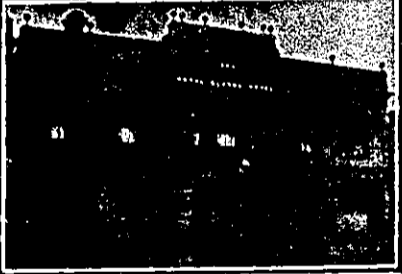
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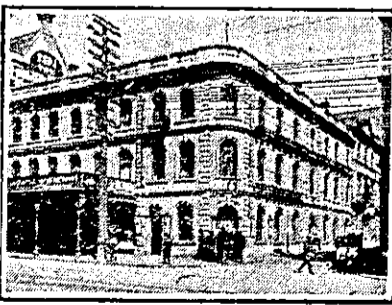
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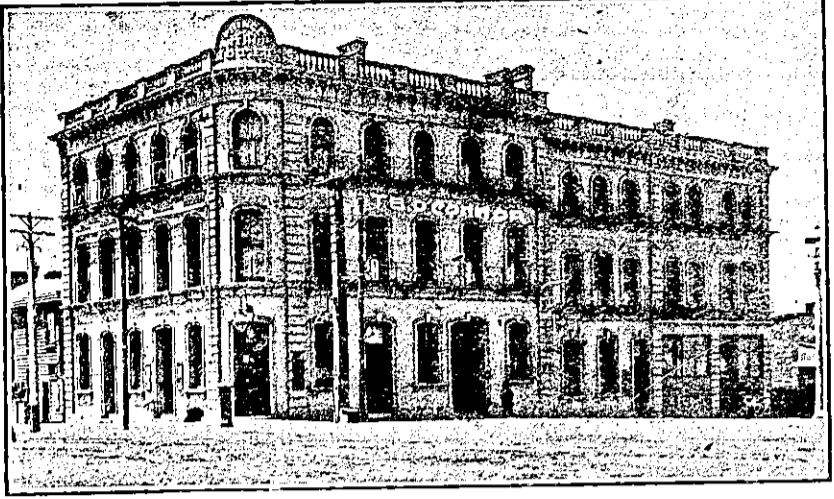
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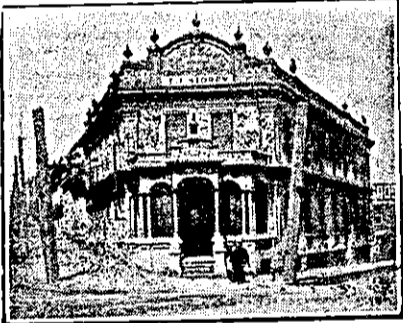
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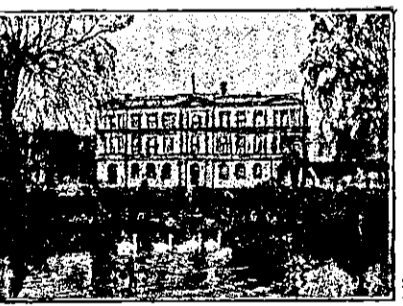


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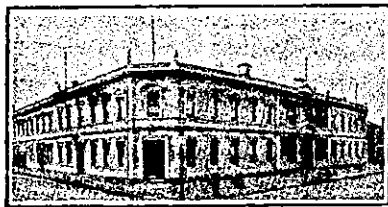
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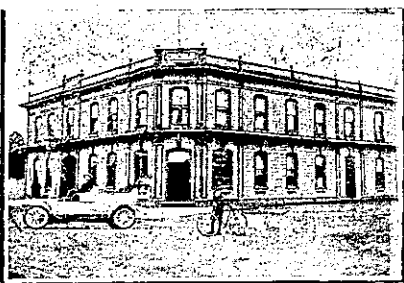
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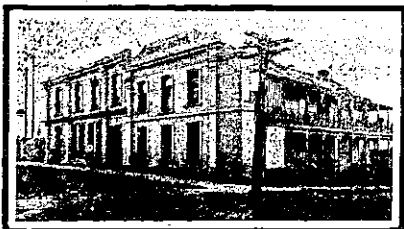


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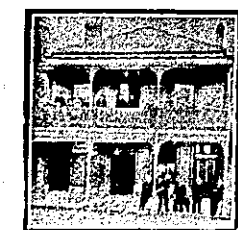
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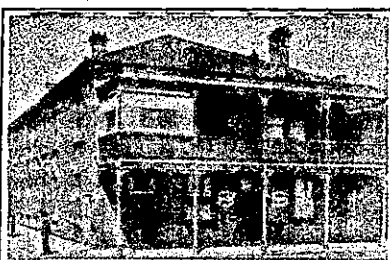
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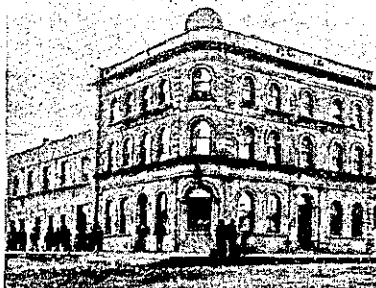


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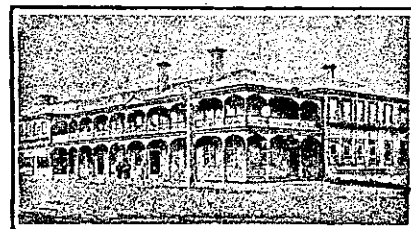
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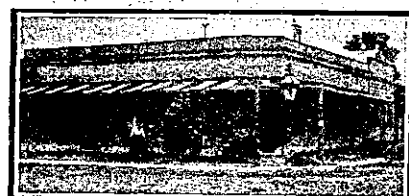
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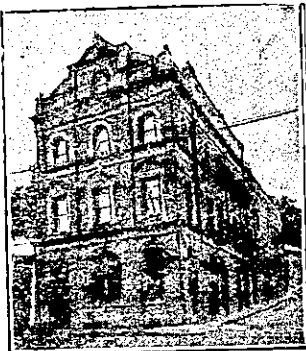
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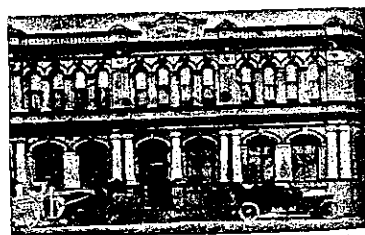
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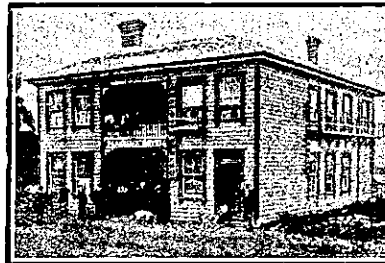
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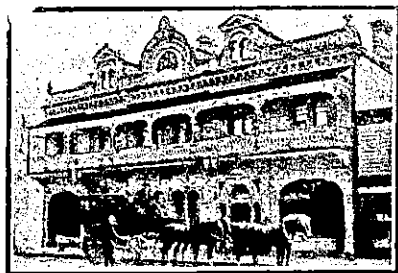
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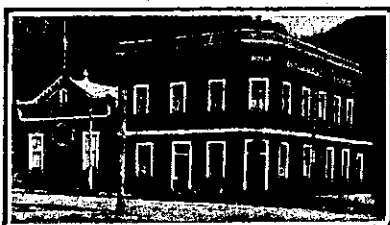


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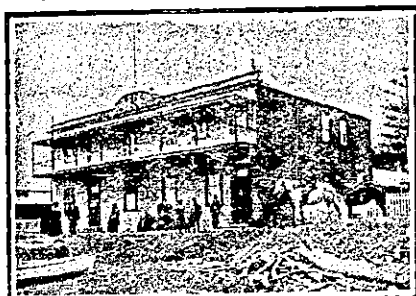


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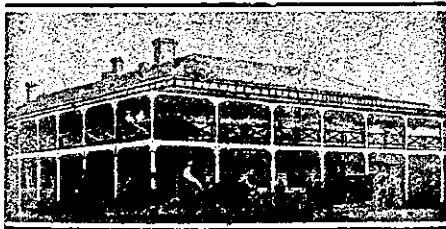
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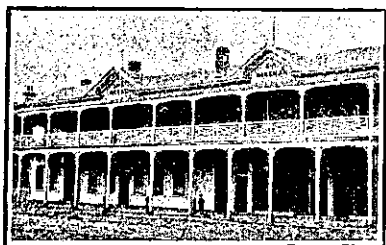
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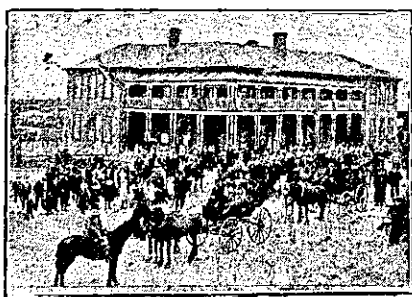
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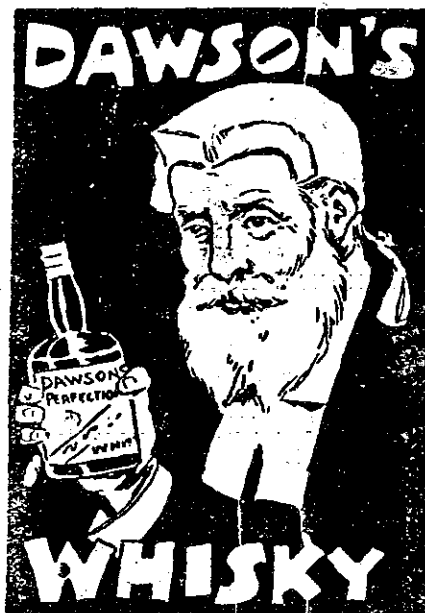
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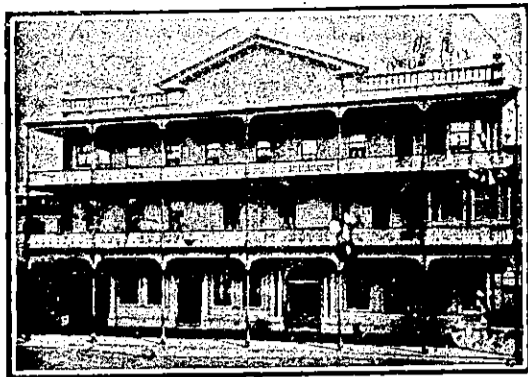
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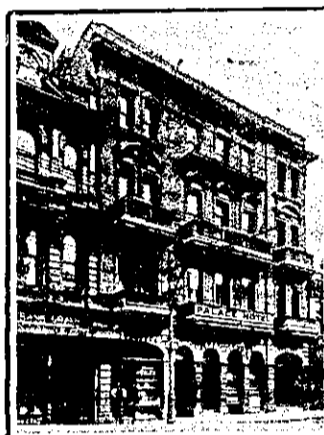
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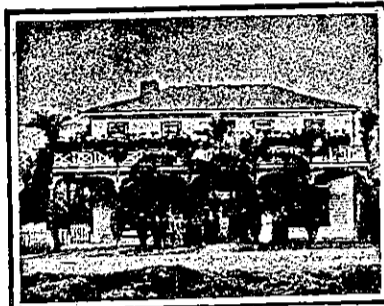
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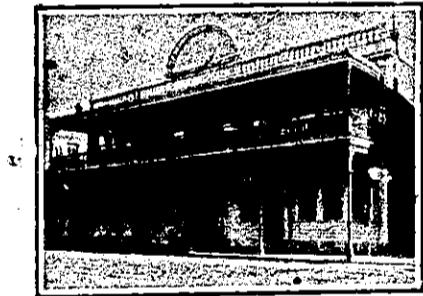
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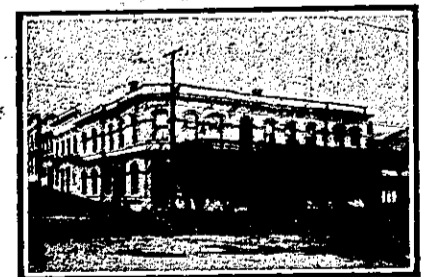


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