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THE LATEST PORTRAIT OF MISS BEATRICE DAY, IN HER BRILLIANT IMPERSONATION OF LADY MOUNTFALLON, IN "LUCKY DURHAM," OPENING AT HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE, TO-NIGHT.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

SATURDAY 3rd, MONDAY 5th, WEDNESDAY, 7th JUNE, 1911.

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PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1911.
(His Majesty's Birthday).

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 100sovs, or steeplechases of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Winner of any steeplechase after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. About two miles and a-half.

JERVOIS HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Minimum weight, 8.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

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

GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. Over ten flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race or hurdle races after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 5lb; of 200sovs, 7lb; of 300sovs, 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each, with a final payment of 6sovs each. Two miles and a-half.

CORNWALL HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 8.0. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Winner of Jervois Handicap to carry not less than 9.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

HUNT CLUB HURDLES (Handicap) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For horses the bona fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified during the season of 1911 by a lady member of any such Hunt Club, or by a gentleman member of any such Hunt Club who is eligible as a gentleman rider under the Rules of Racing. No horse will be eligible which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 25sovs. (Hunters' races excepted). Horses to be ridden by members of Hunt Clubs, who hold certificates as gentleman riders under the Rules of Racing, and who must hand to the Clerk of the Scales a certificate from the Master of the Hunt that they have hunted during the current year (1911). Owners must hand to the secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses at time of nomination. Over eight flights of hurdles. Minimum weight, 10.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 8.0. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, JUNE 5th, 1911.

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

RANFURLY WELTER HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Minimum weight, 9.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. Winner of any steeplechase, or steeplechases after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 5lb; of 200 sovs, 7lb; of 300sovs, 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs, with a final payment of 6sovs each. About three miles and a-half.

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

PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of the Ranfurly Welter Handicap to carry not less than 10.0. Minimum weight, 9.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Seven furlongs.

THE JUMPERS' FLAT RACE (Handicap) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For hurdle and steeplechase horses that have started at least three times in hurdle races or steeplechases in New Zealand, and completed the course each time to the satisfaction of the Stewards. To be ridden by professional hurdle race or steeplechase riders to be approved of by the Stewards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Minimum weight, 9.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and a-half.

LADIES' BRACELET of 65sovs; a Bracelet of the value of 50sovs for the first horse, and a Bracelet of the value of 15sovs for the second horse. For horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs at time of starting. Three-year-olds, 10.10; four-year-olds and upwards, 11.0. No other allowances. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Gentlemen riders. A trophy value 5sovs to the rider of the winner. Entrance 1sov each. One mile.

THIRD DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th, 1911.

HUNT CLUB CUP (Handicap Steeple) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For horses the bona fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified during the season of 1911 by a lady member of any such Hunt Club, or by a gentleman member of any such Hunt Club who is eligible as a gentleman rider under the Rules of Racing. No horse will be eligible which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 25sovs. (Hunters' races excepted). Horses to be ridden by members of Hunt Clubs, who hold certificates as gentleman riders under the Rules of Racing, and who must hand to the Clerk of the Scales a certificate from the Master of the Hunt Club that they have hunted during the current year (1911). Owners must hand to the Secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses at time of nomination. Minimum weight, 10.7. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. About three miles and a-half.

TAMAKI STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 100sovs, or steeplechases of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. About two miles and a-half.

YORK WELTER HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 9.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile.

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

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

FITZROY WELTER HANDICAP of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs at time of starting. Minimum weight, 9.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 9.0. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE MEETING, 1911.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 28th, by 9 p.m.
NOMINATIONS.—Great Northern Hurdles Handicap 1sov, Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Winter Steeplechase 1sov, Cornwall Handicap 1sov, Prince of Wales' Handicap 1sov, York Welter Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 12th (GENERAL ENTRY), by 9 p.m.

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

NOMINATIONS.—Maiden Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Jervois Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Hunt Club Hurdles 1sov, Members' Handicap 1sov, Orakei Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Ranfurly

Welter Handicap 1sov, Remuera Hurdles Handicap 1sov, The Jumpers' Flat Race Handicap 1sov, Ladies' Bracelet 1sov, Hunt Club Cup 1sov, Tamaki Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Campbell Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Fitzroy Welter Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 26th, by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Jervois Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Cornwall Handicap 3sovs, Members' Handicap 1sov, Hunt Club Hurdles 1sov, Hunt Club Cup 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Great Northern Hurdles 6sovs.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd, by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.—Orakei Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Ranfurly Welter Handicap 1sov, Remuera Hurdle Handicap 2sovs, Prince of Wales' Handicap 3sovs, The Jumpers' Flat Race Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Great Northern Steeplechase 6sovs.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6th, by 12 Noon.

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

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

MAY 8th, 1911 (On or about).
Great Northern Hurdles, and Great Northern Steeplechase.

THURSDAY, MAY 25th.
Maiden Steeple Handicap, Jervois Handicap, Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Members' Handicap, Cornwall Handicap, Hunt Club Hurdles, Hunt Club Cup.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd, by 8 p.m.
Orakei Hurdles, Ranfurly Welter Handicap, Jumpers' Flat Handicap, Remuera Hurdles, Prince of Wales' Handicap.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6th (in morning paper).
Tamaki Steeplechase, York Welter Handicap, Winter Steeplechase, Campbell Hurdle Handicap, Fitzroy Welter, Farewell Handicap.

J. F. HARTLAND,
Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

To be held on the
WANGANUI RACECOURSE,
MAY 24th and 25th, 1911.

OFFICERS:

President: Dr. Earle. Vice-president: H. N. Harrison. Hon. Timekeeper: A. E. T. Nixon. Judge: W. H. Hartgill. Starter: R. H. Skipworth. Handicapper: Geo. Morse. Hon. Clerk of the Scales: H. M. Speed. Clerk of the Course: G. T. Lynch. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Hatherly. Hon. Veterinary Surgeon: P. Maxwell Edgar. Stewards: President, Vice-president and Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. E. A. Campbell, G. Marshall, James Higgle, D. Campion, Allan Cameron, R. Russell, and Jas. Watt. Committee: E. A. Campbell (Chairman), President and Hon. Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. Alan Cameron, D. Campion, James Higgle, James Watt, H. M. Speed, R. Russell, C. G. Russell, H. W. Hole, G. Marshall, J. C. Paterson and H. E. Good. Hon. Treasurer: J. F. Cutfield. Secretary: W. Hall.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th, 1911.

1. **BOROUGH HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. To start at 12 noon.

2. **WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs and third horse 25sovs from the stakes. Over the Wanganui Steeplechase Course. Distance, about three miles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs.

3. **ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP** of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs.

4. **KAITOKE HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. About one mile and three-quarters. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.

5. **CENTURY HURDLE HANDICAP** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. About two miles and a-quarter. Over nine flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs.

6. **CONNOLLY HANDICAP** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a-quarter. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs.

7. **PURUA HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5sovs from the stakes; distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, MAY 25th, 1911.

1. **WINTER OATS HANDICAP** of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. To start at 12 noon.

2. **GRANDSTAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 300sovs; second horse

to receive 50sovs and third horse 20 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles and a-half; over such course as the stewards shall direct. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs.

3. **BALGOWNIE HACK HANDICAP** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs.

4. **RATA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. About one mile and five furlongs. Over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.

5. **MAY HURDLE HANDICAP** of 175 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. About one mile and three-quarters. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs.

6. **EMPIRE HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs.

7. **FAREWELL HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs.

PENALTIES.

Winner of any steeplechase after declaration of weights to carry 10lb penalty in a steeplechase, of any hurdle race to carry 10lb penalty in a hurdle race, and of any flat race to carry 7lb, two or more such races 10lb penalty in a flat race. No penalty will be required in an open race for having won a hack race or races.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

And Amounts to be forwarded to Secretary Wanganui Jockey Club.

WINTER MEETING,

MAY 24th AND 25th, 1911.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st, 1911, at 9.30 p.m.
NOMINATIONS.—Borough Handicap 1 sov, Wanganui Steeplechase 1sov, Electric Hack Handicap 1sov, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles 1sov, Century Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Connolly Handicap 1sov, Purua Hack Flat Handicap 1sov, Winter Oats 1sovs, Grandstand Steeplechase 1sov, Balgownie Hack Flat 1sov, Rata Hack Hurdles 1sov, May Hurdles 1sov, Empire Handicap 1sov, Farewell Hack Flat Handicap 1sov.

SATURDAY, MAY 6th, 1911 (on or about).
WEIGHTS.—Borough Handicap, Wanganui Steeplechase, Century Hurdle Handicap, Connolly Handicap.

FRIDAY, MAY 19th, 1911 (on or about).
WEIGHTS.—Electric Hack Handicap, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, Purua Hack Flat Handicap.

MONDAY, MAY 22nd, 1911, at 9.30 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.—Borough Handicap 2 sovs, Wanganui Steeplechase 4sovs, Electric Hack Handicap 3sovs, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles 1sov, Century Hurdle Handicap 3sovs, Connolly Handicap 3sovs, Purua Hack Flat Handicap 3sovs.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th, 1911 (at or about) 8 p.m.
WEIGHTS.—Winter Oats, Grandstand Steeplechase, Balgownie Hack Flat, Rata Hack Hurdles, May Hurdles, Empire Handicap and Farewell Hack Flat.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th, 1911, at 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.—Winter Oats 2sovs, Grandstand Steeplechase 2sovs, Balgownie Hack Flat 3sovs, Rata Hack Hurdles 1sov, May Hurdles 2sovs, Empire Handicap 2sovs, Farewell Hack Flat 3sovs.

W. HALL,
Secretary.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

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WINTER MEETING, 1911.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 24.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 50sovs at time of entry. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second pony to receive 15sovs and third pony to receive 5sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hand 3 inches and under. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

EMPIRE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 5lb, of 100sovs 7lb. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES, of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.

HAURAKI HANDICAP HURDLES of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Two miles.

NGATARINGA HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Winner of the Maiden Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1 sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

ROYAL HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Empire Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

PUPUKE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Seven furlongs.

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

SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second pony to receive 15sovs and third pony 5sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

BRITANNIA HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile.

TAKAPUNA HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sovs. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Britannia Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb. Lowest weight 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st, 9 p.m.—NOMINATIONS FOR ALL EVENTS.

WEIGHTS.

MONDAY, MAY 8.—First Day's Racing.

MONDAY, MAY 22.—Second Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 9 p.m.—First Day's Racing.

MONDAY, MAY 22, 12 Noon.—Second Day's Racing.

R. WYNYARD.
Secretary

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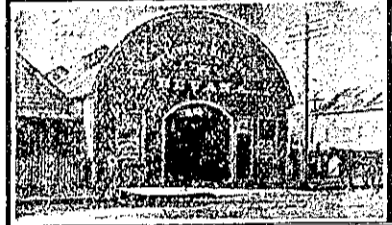
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SEASON 1910-11.

FIXTURES.

May 17 and 18—Egmont R.C. Winter
 May 20 and 24—Takapuna J.C. Winter
 May 24 and 25—Wanganui J.C. Winter
 May 24 and 25—North Otago J.C. Winter
 June 2 and 3—Dunedin J.C. Winter
 June 3, 5 and 7—Auckland R.C. Winter.
 June 3 and 5—Otaki Maori R.C. Winter
 June 21 and 22—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
 June 28 and 29—Napier Park R.C. Winter
 July 6 and 7—Gisborne R.C. Winter

NOMINATIONS.

May 31—Gisborne R.C. Winter
 June 2—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
 June 9—Napier Park R.C. Winter
 July 1—West Coast Breeders' Stakes

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

May 19—Wanganui J.C. Winter
 May 26—Otaki Maori R.C. Winter
 May 25—Auckland R.C. Winter (First day)
 May 26—Dunedin J.C. Winter
 June 9—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
 June 16—Gisborne R.C. Winter
 June 23—Napier R.C. Winter

ACCEPTANCES.

May 18—North Otago R.C. Winter
 May 22—Wanganui J.C. Winter
 May 26—Auckland R.C. Winter (First Day)
 May 27—Dunedin J.C. Winter
 May 29—Otaki Maori R.C. Winter
 June 16—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
 June 24—Napier Park R.C. Winter
 June 25—Gisborne R.C. Winter

FINAL PAYMENTS.

May 26—Great Northern Hurdles, 6sovs.

DATES OF COMING EVENTS.

NEW ZEALAND.

June 3—Great Northern Hurdle Race.
 June 5—Great Northern Steeplechase.

FURTHER PAYMENTS.

Sept. 1—West Coast Breeders' Stakes

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Handicaps for the minor events on the opening day of the Wanganui meeting are due to-morrow.

Nominations for the Gisborne R.C. winter meeting close on Wednesday week, May 31.

Acceptances for the opening days racing of the Wanganui Jockey Club close on Monday next.

Acceptances for the minor events on the opening day of the A.R.C. winter meeting, together with the Hunt Club Cup, fall due on Friday week, 26th inst.

Mr Morse will declare the handicaps for the minor events of the Great Northern meeting, also for the Hunt Club Cup (third day), on Thursday next.

King Hippo was schooled over two circuits of the big country at Ellerslie on Saturday morning, and ridden by McKinnon, he gave a grand display, but he was going at no pace worth mentioning.

Armagh has broken down, and will not be seen out at the Northern meeting. A stablemate in Irish has also gone amiss. This is very bad luck for J. Williamson, who trains both horses.

Blue Lake and Wimmera were wired to Auckland on the opening day at Hawke's Bay as good goods, and as they each won the little punters had a win.

Jack Delaval, who has won four races on end, failed to get under the standard, and consequently will be unable to start in the Pony Handicap at Takapuna on Saturday. He has heaps of pace, and should pay his way in open company.

Sir Artagal and Peggy Pryde were companions over six furlongs on Saturday morning. Sir Artagal finished in front, but his performance was not a pleasing one. Peggy Pryde is well, but does not display her usual dash.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Great Northern Acceptances.

Judging by the response made by owners on Friday last when the first acceptance for the Great Northern Hurdles and Steeplechase fell due, Mr Morse's adjustments for the events were favourably received by owners, as with the exception of Prophet, who is amiss, and Hoanga, practically every horse of any known quality remains in the Hurdles, while in the Steeplechase nothing of note has dropped out. With Paisano, Wimmera, and several other lesser, but good performers, engaged in the Hurdles, there is plenty of material for a fine contest, while the quality of those engaged in the Steeplechase leaves no doubt but the contest over the trying three miles and a-half course will be one of the best yet brought off at Ellerslie. The nominations received for the minor events at the meeting are exceptionally good, horses from nearly every part of the Islands being engaged.

The following are the acceptances:

THE GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE of 1000sovs.; second horse to receive 200sovs and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. Over 10 flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race or hurdle races after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs. to carry 5lb, of 200sovs 7lb, of 300sovs 10lb penalty. Two miles and a-half. (Run June 3.)

st. lb.	st. lb.
Paisano .. 12 4	Black Northern 9 7
Wimmera .. 11 11	Taiaha .. 9 6
Compass .. 10 12	John .. 9 6
Reumac .. 10 9	Waterworks 9 5
The Native .. 10 3	Whakaweira 9 5
Bully .. 10 2	Montigo .. 9 3
Paritutu .. 10 1	Don Quex .. 9 2
Auratus .. 10 0	Ribstone .. 9 1
Maidi .. 9 13	Pippin .. 9 1
Delegate .. 9 10	Appin .. 9 0
Sol .. 9 10	Torbelle .. 9 0
Marton .. 9 9	Pat .. 9 0

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

st. lb.	st. lb.
Sol .. 11 12	King Hippo 10 1
Antarctic .. 11 12	Paritutu .. 10 0
Red McGregor .. 11 8	Corazon .. 9 13
El Dorado .. 11 4	Cloudy Morn 9 11
Loch Fyne .. 11 2	Bachelor .. 9 8
Mahara .. 11 0	Castout .. 9 7
Lovell .. 10 9	Torbelle .. 9 7
Le Beau .. 10 6	Hunakaha .. 9 7
Maidi .. 10 4	Commander .. 9 7
Reservoir .. 10 2	Pleiades .. 9 7
The Native .. 10 1	

Takapuna Jockey Club's Winter Meeting.

Another of those popular gatherings held in high esteem by Auckland sportsmen, will be inaugurated on Saturday, when the Takapuna Jockey Club will bring off the first of the two days' racing attached to the winter meeting. The meetings held at Devonport can always be relied upon to prove enjoyable in every particular, and the approaching fixture promises to be no exception to the general order. With the big Great Northern meeting close at hand the doings of the various horses and jumpers in particular, at Takapuna, will be watched with more than the ordinary amount of interest, as several of the candidates engaged on Saturday and Wednesday next figure in the list for the two Northern. With the Club's secretary, Mr R. Wynyard on hand, it goes without saying that everything possible will be done to ensure the comfort of patrons, and it only needs the weather conditions to be favourable to anticipate a record gathering for a winter meeting at Devonport. The Ferry Company will run boats to and from Devonport every few minutes, while the usual number of vehicles will run from the wharf to the course.

Saturday's programme opens with the Maiden Plate seven furlongs, in which Ardferf heads the list. Lloyds and Columbia promise to be in demand in what should be a good betting race.

The Pony Handicap will be robbed of a lot of interest owing to Jack Delaval failing to get under the standard. Red Lupin has a big weight, but he is a good one, and may prove hardest to beat. Leafire is a lightweight that may run well.

The principal event of the afternoon, the Empire Handicap, has a fair field of a dozen engaged. Electrakoff is improving, and as he appears to be a class above the others, he may be the favourite. Two lightweights moving well just now are Sea Elf and Spectre.

In the Maiden Hurdles are a very moderate lot, and Miss Explosion or Montigo should supply the favourite.

The Hauraki Hurdles will hold a great amount of interest, owing to several Great Northern candidates being engaged. Whakaweira, on his running at Hawke's Bay looks promising, and he should be favourite with Delegate next choice. Taiaha is amiss, and will not be a starter.

A big field is engaged in the Ngataranga Handicap, in which there is plenty of room for a surprise. Lady Betty is a good beginner, and appears to be staying better. Presently or Harenoa may be in demand.

The programme will close with the Royal Handicap, which bears an open appearance. Spectre, if started, may be favourite, but the same owner has another engaged in Elegance. Hohungatahi may see out seven furlongs on the Takapuna course.

The following are the acceptances:

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half.—Montigo 10.5, Miss Explosion 10.1, Royal Day 9.13, Master Stead 9.7, Arty 9.6, Denbies 9.3, St. Wood 9.2, Castle Blayney 9.2, Dhudeen 9.11, Napenape 9.0, Sapper 9.0, Captain Paul 9.0, Field Marshal 9.0.

HAURAKI HURDLE RACE, two miles.—Hoanga 10.13, Bully 10.8, Delegate 10.2, Sol 10.0, Black Northern 9.13, Taiaha 9.12, Whakaweira 9.11, Don Quex 9.8, Master William 9.6, Okaihau 9.2, Commander 9.0.

NGATARANGA HANDICAP, five furlongs and a-half.—Blue Mount 9.0, Jolie Pile 9.4, Miss Grizelle 9.4, Lady Betty 8.4, Harenoa 8.2, Mungate 7.12, Falch'on 7.7, St. Amans 7.4, Goodwin Sands 7.3, Presently 7.3, Monocle 7.1, Tiresome 7.0, Hesperion 7.0, Countree 6.13, Reno 6.13, Mangu 6.13, Tipperary 6.13, La Reina 6.13, Bull Crispin 6.13.

MAIDEN HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Ardferf 9.0, Columbia 8.9, Caruso 8.8, Frontino 8.3, Miss Ada 8.3, Miss Grizzle 8.2, Haku 7.11, Virtue 7.9, Lloyds 7.5, St. Amans 7.13, Presently 7.2, Rutangata 6.12, Erindale 6.12, Miss Folly 6.11, Monolope 6.11, Musterer 6.11, Veitalia 6.11, La Reina 6.11, Bell Crispin 6.11.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs and a-half.—Red Lupin 10.10, Jack Delaval 10.0, Mighty Atom 9.9, Peggy Pryde 9.5, Miss Stella 9.0, Te Kapai 7.9, Blue Vale 7.4, Seatonella 7.1, Leafire 7.1, Kuratau 6.10, Manuree 6.10.

EMPIRE HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Electrakoff 9.4, Master Wairiki 8.9, Domino 8.1, Monoplane 7.12, Berengaria 7.3, Bully 7.0, Master Theory 7.0, Flying Soult 6.13, Sea Elf 6.12, Regain 6.11, Spectre 6.9, Fuss 6.7.

ROYAL HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Sir Artagal 8.6, Turbine 8.0, Captain Soult 7.13, Hohungatahi 7.9, Kanewarra 7.5, Impulsive 7.4, Elegance 7.0, Zinnia 7.0, Hyperion 6.13, Solus 6.11, Spectre 6.10, Epsom Lass 6.10, Taka 6.9.

An Unlicensed Trainer.

The following is the judgment of the Racing Appeal Committee in the appeal made by the Tolago Bay Jockey Club against the decision of the Hawke's Bay Metropolitan Committee in upholding the appeal lodged by R. Reynolds, owner of the horse Fashion Plate, in that the said horse was not trained by a licensed trainer:—Thomas Atkins, who had at one time been a licensed jockey, was under engagement to three owners to look after their horses while being prepared for the Tolago Bay races. The horses were all stabled at the private stable of one of the owners, and Atkins received payment from them jointly, but did not provide feed. One of the owners appears to have been constantly in communication with Atkins and the other two only occasionally. All three claim to have instructed Atkins as to the work to be given to the horses, and Atkins that he was engaged as stableman and not as trainer. In each case in the entry form the owner is given as the trainer. At the Tolago Bay races one of these horses (Fashion Plate) came in first for the Ladies' Bracelet, and another (Awanui) ran third, but its jockey neglected to weigh in. On an objection being made, the stewards disqualified Fashion Plate under Part XXI, Rule 2 of the Rules of Racing, for having been trained by an unlicensed trainer. The appeal against this decision was upheld by the Metropolitan Committee, and the Tolago Bay Racing Club in turn lodged the appeal now before us against the reversal of its judgment. Having heard the parties and considered all

the circumstances, we are of opinion that Thomas Atkins must be regarded as the trainer of the three horses under his charge, and that therefore his neglect to take out a trainer's license involves the disqualification of the horses trained by him. We consider that the right of an owner to train his own horses without a license must be considered rigidly as applying to cases where such training is personally supervised and is conducted from stables in the occupancy of such owner. In this we have the facts (a) Thomas Atkins was superintending the working and feeding of horses for three independent owners; (b) two of the owners resided at a considerable distance from the stables; (c) Thomas Atkins had been a licensed jockey and a worker in training stables. Hence we cannot resist the conviction that his professional experience was the main reason for the gathering together of the horses under his care. We are further confirmed in our opinion by the obvious inutility of the restrictions as to licensed trainers if they can be evaded by any owner or combination of owners engaging a person to act as stableman at distant stables with general instructions as to his methods. We also regard Part XXI, Rule 2, as a special warning to owners, trainers, and others against employing to manage their stables any person who has ridden or trained for hire. Such person should under the rules apply for a license. We, therefore, uphold the appeal of the Tolago Bay Jockey Club and confirm the disqualification of the horse Fashion Plate for the Ladies' Bracelet. Under Part XXVII, Rule 3, the owner of Preston Pans, now adjudged the winner, is only entitled to the prize offered for the first horse, as the second prize was not part of the stake, but a separate donation from the race fund. We direct that all deposits be refunded.—(Signed) Geo. Clifford (chairman), R. H. Nolan, R. S. Abraham. May 12, 1911."

Auckland Metropolitan Committee.

At the ordinary meeting of the Auckland Metropolitan Committee, the following licenses were granted:—Jockeys: C. H. Whale, John Kean. Gentlemen riders: Messrs Mervyn Wells and Ernest Alison. The following dates for the 1911-12 season were approved:—Auckland Racing Club: Club: Spring meeting, Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday, November 4, 6, and 8; summer meeting, Tuesday and Friday, December 26 and 29, and Monday and Tuesday, January 1 and 2; autumn meeting, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, April 6, 8, and 9; winter meeting, Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday, June 1, 3, and 5. Avondale Jockey Club: Spring meeting, Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday, September 23, 25, and 27; autumn meeting, Wednesday and Saturday, April 24 and 27. Ohinemuri Jockey Club: Saturday and Monday, March 6 and 18. Rotorua Jockey Club: Saturday and Monday, March 16 and 18. Rotorua Jockey Club: Wednesday and Thursday, February 23 and 24. Takapuna Jockey Club: Spring meeting, Wednesday and Saturday, November 29 and December 2; summer meeting, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, January 29 and 31 and February 3; winter meeting, Wednesday and Friday, May 22 and 24. Te Aroha Jockey Club: Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5. Thames Jockey Club: Tuesday and Wednesday, December 26 and 27; Saturday, June 15. Waihi Jockey Club: Saturday, November 18. Whangarei Racing Club: Friday and Saturday, January 12 and 13.

A.R.C. Committee.

At a meeting of the A.R.C. Committee the following transfers were approved:—William Walters to W. J. Irwin, bay colt, 1yr, by Soult—Miss Helen; William Walters to A. H. Bennett, brown filly, 1yr, by Soult—Erry Roe; William Dunn to Lance Wood, lease of brown filly Monrosae, 1yr, by Monofom—Brown Rose; William Dunn to W. K. Karaitiana, lease of chestnut filly Monella, 1yr, by Monofom—Amorelle; William Dunn to W. K. Karaitiana, lease of bay filly Lassie Doon, 1yr, by Monofom—Cardoon.

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Racing Reviewed.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

As a rule postponed race meetings are not a success from the financial aspect, but such was not the case with the adjourned fixture of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, who pulled off their autumn gathering on Friday and Saturday. The day fixed for the opening of the meeting (Wednesday) was a wretched sample of climate for it rained and blew with solid power from early in the morning, and, at a meeting of the executive of the club, it was decided to postpone the fixture until the two following days. Thursday morning proved no improvement on the preceding day, and after a short conclave on the part of the committee, the fiat went forth that there would be no racing on that day, but it was intimated that wet or fine, hail or sunshine, the heats would be run for on Friday and Saturday. Up to a late hour on Thursday night it looked good business to back the rain to be a fair winner for the morrow; however, this opinion proved erroneous, for Friday morning opened fine, and as the day progressed it was more like an early spring day than one late in the autumn.

The attendance was on a par with that seen at previous autumn gatherings, and that they were financially strong may be judged from the fact that the tote investments showed an increase of £4085 10s when compared with the sum put through at a similar venture last season. Of course, the fact has to be taken into consideration that the bookmakers were not in evidence, and the revenue collected from them last May was absent from the coffers of the club on Friday. Still the profit on the increased amount registered in the machine would, I have no doubt, even up matters. Although a power of moisture descended on the two days preceding the meeting, the going was not at all bad, and some excellent racing was witnessed.

A good field of eleven ranged up under the starter for the opening item, the Longlands Hack Hurdles, Golden Water, who had the services of J. Hercock, being most in demand, Winchester and Rabbiter coming next in choice. The latter soon put his supporters on the losing side, for at the hurdle in front of the stand the first time round he tossed out, and his prospects were gone like his fanciers' coin. Tina Toa, who has not been long in practice at the lepping business, got to the front in the early portion of the game, but when Rangit Thompson asked Appin for some of his best at the half mile post, that was the end of the argument as far as the remainder of the bunch were concerned, for from this out Miss Beckwith's son had the re- came from nowhere in the last couple came from no where in the last couple of furlongs, and along with Winchester had a rattling set-to for second place and dividend, the award coming to the former by a good head. Appin has been very unlucky, for although he has been mighty adjacent on many occasions he has never before been placed a winner on a course where the machine has been in force, his only first place score having been secured at the Woodthorpe meeting this season, which club does not enjoy the privilege of being able to use the totalisator.

Seventeen runners were hoisted for the Maiden Plate, and with the big pull in the weights that came the way of the two-year-old brigade it was naturally no surprise to see that backers made the Christchurch-owned filly Aphaea a very warm favourite, the two-year-old daughter of Stepaniak carrying a third of the total sum figuring on the automatic dispenser of odds. Monologue, who had A. Oliver as her pilot, coming next on the roll, Merrimac, the two-year-old full brother to Pluck, third favourite. The prophesy of punters worked out fairly accurate, for Aphaea won by a good margin from Merrimac, with St. Bees third. Solon, a fine-looking son of Nestor and Mahi, was fourth. Gray rode one of his well-timed races on Aphaea, for he let the field get well into the straight when he bundled his mount through on the rails and never afterwards gave the opposition the slightest opportunity of arguing with him for he was a clear two lengths in advance of Merrimac as the pole was reached, St. Bees a bad third.

Another well-backed one bore out the accuracy of the anticipations of her followers in the following contest, the Nursery Handicap, the goods being Blue Lake, who comfortably silenced her aggressors. She had the event won in the first furlong as she was first out, and, coming on in great style, the further that she went the farther was she in advance, and the fiat came her way by a good two lengths, and then at no portion of the route was she being asked to do her best. Bootle had his work cut out to beat Rangiatua for second place, the honour only being gained by the barest of heads, Trieze, a nice turned stamp of a gelding by Hierarchy out of Lute, fourth. Royal Scotch, who had accepted for the event, was withdrawn, one of his stable mates in Easy, the full sister to Floater, bearing the blue and white uniform for Mr. E. J. Watt. She was never prominent, and ran very green.

Vibration was a slightly better first favourite than Formby for the Porangahau Handicap, with Nyland in the third post of honour. None of the choice parcels came to light, the best any of the trio could do was that the favourite managed to run second to the Birkenhead mare Hermia, who, despite the fact that Vibration got well out of the slips, was soon up-sides with him and this pair came along by themselves. After a furlong had been compassed the remainder of the bunch (nine in number) toiled along in the rear with no hopely chance of success. As it was, W. Young, on Hermia, by strenuous exertions, just managed to salute the judge in the leading position by a long head, Bircline a clear two lengths to the bad for third money. There is not the slightest doubt that Bircline had the misfortune of the piece, for he got hung up in the cord when the start was effected, and was the absolute last to leave the mark. Under these circumstances the Gisborne-owned neddy put up a good go, and it would be to the benefit of backers if they were to note these facts for future speculation. Nyland, who was sweating a great deal, got rid of Oliver as he came out of the bird-cage and seemed to be in a particularly erratic mood. He was never sighted near the advance guard during the run. Formby was well up in third place to the half-mile post when he subsided and went back to the rear quickly.

When the numbers were hung up for the Hawke's Bay Cup it was seen that there was only one defection from the eleven coloured on the card, the absentee being Gold Lace. Vice-Admiral, who looked as bright as a new-minted sovereign, was selected as the right way out of the difficulty, Bliss, who had been putting in attractive displays on the tryout for some time past, second fancy, and Lady Menschikoff third choice. When the lever was sprung Bliss hopped out in a speedy manner and with Separator in close attendance carried on the running until five furlongs from home was reached when the latter forged to the lead with Cheddar third and Fort William fourth, the favourite well back. Just prior to sweeping around the home bend Bliss had got the better of Separator, and Fort William was slightly better placed than Cheddar. When once well in the straight going Fort William, striking out in vigorous style, rushed to the front, and at the distance post was an assured winner. Lady Menschikoff, who had been a long way in the rear, made a strenuous run when the home bend was reached, and, keeping up her run, soon had Bliss at her mercy, but could not reach Fort William, whose margin at the conclusion of the bout was a full three lengths, a similar distance dividing second and third, Separator fourth, Te Puia fifth. The favourite and Cheddar were apparently hampered by the going for they did not seem to be at ease at any stage of the debate. The connections of the winner were sanguine to the highest degree regarding the chances of the handsome son of Soult, and by the comfortable manner in which he secured the stake, it looked as if they were acting on the best of information.

The coin was lumped on to Whakawera in such a solid manner that there was no doubt who would start favourite for the Karamu Hurdles, and when the machine shutters went down on the affair it was soon discernable that the son of Pilgrim's Progress had nearly half the money invested on the race standing against his number, Hoanga, second favourite, and Corazon third selection, the outsider of the pack being Te Arai. The chaser appeared to be in good fettle, and although he was never

playing from a long suit at any portion of the trip it is quite feasible to assume that later on he will occupy a much more prominent position than was the case last Friday. Reumac and Longner soon put their supporters out of court, for the former went out at the first fence, and Longner followed suit at the next obstacle. Whakawera and Corazon (who fenced in a capital style) were the pioneers right up to the last hurdle, where Hoanga assumed command, and as Whakawera was nearly down at this fence it looked as if the Auckland-owned gelding was sure to get the award. Flynn made a wonderful recovery upon Whakawera, and, catching Brady napping, managed to land his mount a long head winner, Corazon a fair third.

Out of the sixteen who proceeded to the post to try conclusions in the Poukawa Hack Race Soultiform was speedily appointed first favourite, a £300 margin separating him from the second selection, Perceler, Amaru third pick. The favourite landed his backers in a hole, for he was never anywhere near the front at any portion of the excitement. Axis was the first to get moving and coming along in a determined fashion soon had a three-lengths lead from Perceler, who was next in command, the balance of the competitors being strung out like floats on a seine net. Entering the straight Perceler met with a lot of interference and by the mishap his efforts were considerably nullified. All the time Axis was still vigorously asserting her right to the lead, and though Emmerson got Perceler straightened up and rode for his life upon him Axis was not to be denied and victory came her way by a long head, Amaru, who looked to have winning prospects half a furlong from the mark, close up third. Axis paid a sensational dividend, which was cut up amongst very few, the proverbial Chinaman being one of the first at the window when the paying out process was in progress. D. Munn, who trains Axis, had a half share on the mare, and Mrs. Hori Tupaea, wife of the owner, who is a well-known native sport resident at Te Aute, held a couple of chances on the chestnut daughter of Renown and Eland. She was bred by Mr. G. Hunter at Porangahau, and early in last January was purchased by her present owner.

The breeze from every portion of the course murmured sweet and softly Wimmera, when the betting was fairly under way in connection with the concluding item of the afternoon's sport, the Autumn Handicap, and those that listened to the waftings had no reason to complain for the game and gallant son of Mousquetaire just done as he liked with those who lined up against him, never at any stage of the trip being asked to exert himself to the full of his bent, and his annexation was accomplished in the most comfortable manner imaginable. One hundred yards from the post it looked any odds that Bunkum would get second, but he stopped to nothing a few yards from the post and the fast-finishing Peacemaker just got up in time to snatch the honours and dividend attached to second birth by the narrowest of margins from Flatter's son, who apparently was short of a gallop or otherwise he would not have stopped so quick.

SECOND DAY.

Another fine sample of climate was favoured to the spectators on Saturday, and there was again a good attendance. The track was greatly improved when compared with the state on the previous day, and in the major portion of instances improved times were registered. Good, exciting contests were again in the preponderance, a fact which won well-merited encomiums for Mr. H. Coyle, whose work in allotting the avoirdupois gave ample evidence that he had studied the merits and capabilities of the various horses that had come up under his review. As usual with the staff of the metropolitan club they were all up to date in the performance of their many duties and consequently matters were made pleasant for patrons.

That those present had come prepared to back their fancies can be gathered from the statement that when the totals for the day were made up in connection with the totalisator, it was seen that £10,711 had been handled by the staff employed on the tote, this amount being an increase of £2901 over the sum which was put through on the second day of the autumn gathering in 1910, the sum handled for the two days amounting to £21,428, or an increase of £6987 when compared to the total

figures for a similar meeting last season.

Appin's excellent showing in the Longlands Hack Hurdles on Friday had the effect of attracting attention to him in the Ohiti Hack Hurdles, and his numerous partisans by their financial support soon placed him at the top of the poll in the betting over the affair, Golden Water, who had failed to get a berth behind Appin the previous afternoon, coming next in choice, Artie third selection. Punters got very near the correct solution of the problem in their forecasts through the betting machine for after a strenuous, vigorous go with Appin, Golden Water just managed to score from the favourite by the finest of heads. Tina Toa, who had been prominent for the first six furlongs, a poor third. Napper, a big solid gelding by Birkenhead out of Snooze, who carried the all cerise of the Laird of Karamu was fourth.

The following event, the Okawa Hack, produced a regular muddle, for owing to the starter having let the field go at 12.50 instead of the correct time 12.55, the race was declared null and void. In the no race Composed won, with Mira second, Peacemaker third. Only a few minutes were lost in again despatching the field on their errand. Erin, who had not shown out at all in the first attempt, hit the turf smartly when Harry Piper sprung the lever, and that was the finish of the debate as far as first place was concerned, for she never allowed any of her opponents to get on arguing terms with her and at the finish had a margin of quite four lengths from Solon, who was a bare head in advance of Raupare. The latter did not have a single ticket taken out on her number.

In the Hawke's Bay Stakes Bandiera had 154 sovereigns more invested on him than Royal Scotch, this pair between them carrying two-thirds of the total invested on the event. They justified the selection made by their supporters for in a great go between the brace, honours came the way of Mr. Watt's handsome colt, who is a determined, resolute galloper, a remark which also applies to the Stead-owned colt. Both are sons of Royal Artillery, and their displays were a credit to their sire. Madam Madcap was a moderate third, and the balance of the field were like the man who toppled out of the airship—not in it. Altcar set the pace solid from an equitable dismissal, and after going a couple of furlongs it looked as if he would take some gathering, but the hopes of his supporters were of the shortest duration after another couple of hundred yards had been covered, for he then came back to Royal Scotch and Bandiera, and at the finish was a long way out of it. Royal Scotch's annexation marked the first occasion upon which Mr. Watt has secured the Hawke's Bay Stakes.

Out of the thirteen figuring on the card for the Burke Memorial two in Fort William and Queen of Scots declined to go on with their contracts. Bliss was the elect of the bunch in the speculation over the contest, then came Vice-Admiral, Lady Menschikoff, in second and third favourites positions. Vi and Bliss set out to make the pace solid and succeeded in doing so for five furlongs, when the latter apparently had enough of the heat and strain and retired from prominence. Lady Menschikoff was always handy and was not kept out of the go in the early stages as was the case in the Hawke's Bay Cup, and when the straight was reached she was treading the heels of Vi, who a few lengths further on threw up the sponge, and wilted out of the argument. This left Lady Menschikoff in command, and though both Vice-Admiral and Woodhey put in good work to wrest command from Menschikoff's daughter, it was of no avail, the little mare sticking to her task in a resolute manner and capturing by a good length from Vice-Admiral, who was about a couple of lengths ahead of Woodhey when the pole was reached. Te Puia was fourth and Bliss last. Cheddar again failed to make a prominent showing, and at the finish was a considerable distance away from the winner.

Perceler was pounced on as the correct goods for the Scurry Hack, in which he had thirteen others arrayed against him, and the good opinion formed by his partisans regarding his powers was fully and favourably demonstrated, for although Auroa was allowed to steal along in front until the home stretch was reached, Emmerson here had only to shake the favourite up, and the finish was easily guessed, and those that pinned their selection on the chestnut son of Gold Reef made no mistake in their guess, as he came home a decent

winner by a couple of lengths from the previous day's winner Axis, whose forward display in the run none demonstrated beyond question that her score the preceding afternoon was no more. Axis returned a good dividend for second position, notwithstanding that there were ten times more invested on her number than was the case on Friday. Auroa was a moderate third, the remainder of the runners being scattered all over the straight. Amaru, the second favourite, cut up badly, a remark which also applies to Thrave, the third best backed, for they were never adjacent to the leading files.

A trio in Reumac, Hoanga, and Eiya proceeded to the post for the discussion of the Mangatarata Hurdles, the latter being the chosen parcel, with Hoanga second favourite. As usual Eiya quickly got moving, and before you could wink, had a break of twenty lengths from Hoanga, who headed off Reumac as the trio came into the straight for the first time. The opening fence proved the undoing of Hoanga, who toppled over, and gave Brady a nasty bump. Along steamed Eiya, and it appeared as if it was only a question or how far he would win by, for at the half-mile post he had a lead of fifty yards from Reumac, and in addition, the latter was fencing in a very slovenly style. About a couple of furlongs from the chair, Reumac commenced to decrease the gap, and when in the run for home was within striking distance of Eiya, who appeared to be suffering from that tired feeling. At the last hurdle, about a distance from the mark, Reumac got on level terms with the son of Mahaki, and the latter nearly stopping to a walk, allowed Reumac to annex by a good four lengths.

Every other whisper that was heard throughout the length and breadth of the course was win? why of course she will, referring to Blue Lake, and the solid appeared daughter of Blue River was quickly installed first selection for the Juvenile Handicap, with Aphaea in second place, and Eliboat as third fancy. There is no doubt that had the winner, Rangiatua, not met with a mishap just as he got out of the bird cage, when another horse collided with him and unseated his rider, F. Meagher, and also brought him to the ground, he would have had more attention paid to him, for at one time it looked as if Meagher was badly hurt. However, he quickly got seated again, and proceeded to the point of dismissal, and getting the colt out quickly when the cord flew up, soon established a commanding lead, Blue Lake being his nearest attendant throughout the trip. She had to put her best leg foremost in the last bid to silence Trieze, who came at a special speedy turn fifty yards from the settling point. She managed, however, to hold the stable comrade to Fort William in check, though she could not reach Rangiatua, who prevailed by a clear three lengths.

Bobrikoff was one of the seven saddled up for the final item on the card, the Farewell Handicap, and right well did the black champion look. He, however, was the outsider of the bunch, his 10.6 no doubt having the effect of making punters look a couple of times and look hard before they parted with their coin. Directly operations commenced in the betting market, it could easily be discerned that Vibration and Faunus would have a close run for the premier position in the field of speculation, and when the shutters went down the reckoning showed that the former had 73 more sovereigns invested on him than the lop-eared son of The Officer, Hermia having the next best following. The event does not require much description, for the winner, Sunburnt, was first out and first home, his capture being secured in a very comfortable style from Faunus, who was about the same distance in front of Effort, who made up a deal of leeway in the last furlong and a-half. Bobrikoff was an indifferent last.

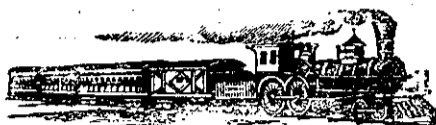
Riding honours over the meeting were headed by W. Young, with four successes, H. Gray, C. Emmerson, and W. Price coming next with a couple of victories apiece, R. Thompson, F. Flynn, H. Tricklebank, A. Oliver, J. Hercock, and F. Meagher each adding a single score to their winning compilation.

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CANTERBURY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, May 16.

The Australian-bred mare Edma Way, purchased by W. H. Norton during the Sydney sales at Easter for £200, is now in active work, in charge of F. Holmes. So far she has not done much galloping, and there is just a suspicion that she is affected in her wind.

The steeplechaser Eurus is getting through some solid work, and will take part in the Wanganui Steeplechase next week.

Another steeplechaser in Corona, who is trained in the Ashburton district, will come to headquarters this week, in charge of C. Giesler. This gelding will also take part in the Wanganui Steeplechase.

Chief Lochiel ran very disappointingly in both his races at Ashburton, and his owner, M. Hobbs, being dissatisfied with Mr Henry's treatment of him in his first day's engagement at Oamaru, decided to scratch him. The same may also apply to Crosbie.

Sea King, who has not won a race for a long time, was successful in the Flying Handicap at Ashburton showing a clean pair of heels to the rest of the field. On the second day the gelding was made favourite for the Autumn Handicap, but he failed to show up prominently.

Quite a surprise was effected in the Ashburton Cup last week, the winner turning up in an aged mare named Routine, by Sir Lancelot—Queen of Trumps. In this race Canterbury made the running, but when once fairly in the straight the Southern mare moved up, and in a pushing finish won by a length, Chief Lochiel being a length away third.

Vice Admiral again let his backers down in the Hawke's Bay Cup. In the Memorial Stakes he was also heavily backed, but only got second to Lady Menschikoff, paying a very small div.

Moraghan has three promising jumpers in his team, Dorando, Gold Pin, and Wedge. This painstaking trainer has the trio in forward condition, and will take them down to Dunedin for the meeting there early next month.

R. E. Harley acted as starter at the Ashburton autumn meeting, and came out with an excellent record on both days. He was warmly congratulated by visiting sportsmen.

Bombastes, who has been running in various parts of Canterbury for some years past, came out and won the Disposal Stakes at Ashburton, and when put up to auction was sold for £15. He is unsound, and it is improbable that his new owner will get another race out of him.

S. Luttrell, a well-known Christchurch architect, is one of the latest additions to the list of racing owners. He recently purchased the Stepniak—Britomart filly Aphaea, from the Stead Bros. and was successful in winning a race at the Hawke's Bay meeting with her.

Armstrong and Crosbie were both double winners at Ashburton. Both horses are very well at present, and should win again before the season closes.

Cronstadt's poor showing in both his races at Ashburton shows that he has gone right off.

There will be quite an exodus of horses from Riccarton shortly. The Oamaru and Dunedin meetings both claim good number of horses from local stables.

White Cockade will undergo a special preparation for forthcoming hurdle events, and his next appearance will be at Dunedin.

Armamento, a Dunedin Cup winner, has been entered for hurdle events at Dunedin. This gelding has not raced for some time.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, May 15.

The executive of the Otaki Maori Racing Club should be well satisfied at the liberal response from owners for their Winter meeting, that takes place on June 3rd and 5th, and there is every prospect of a successful gathering. Mr. Pollock's adjustments for the first day are due at the conclusion of the Wanganui meeting.

Parewanui, the full brother to The-tis, continues to get through some ex-

cellent work on the Levin tracks. Mr. Roe's capable sprinter will compete at the Otaki meeting.

Mon Ami was sent through to Hastings for the Porangahau Handicap, but owing to the sodden state of the tracks, the mare was not seen at her best and finished a long way back from the leading division.

J. W. Lowe, the Trentham trainer, took Gold Lace, Effort, and Mira through to Hastings, but the trio failed to pay expenses. Mira ran second in the Okawa Hack Handicap but on the race being re-run, the grey colt failed to gain a situation. The trip from a financial point of view was disappointing.

Khamsin, who was recently purchased by a popular local sportsman and M.P., who races as Lance Wood, was a competitor at Hastings, but was beaten out of a place. This Quarryman filly can gallop some and should prove a profitable investment for the genial "Tom."

Mr. J. Ames was represented in the Hawke's Bay Cup with Merrivonia, but owing to the soft nature of the ground, the black mare did not run with her usual brilliancy and finished behind the placed horses. She is very well however and there seems every likelihood of her adding to her winning account ere the season closes.

Rosegrove has been acquitting himself well over the steeplechase course on the Amapuni tracks and there is every probability of the chestnut fulfilling his Southern lepping engagements.

Overheard and Defeat were schooled over country on the M.R.C. tracks last week, both jumping splendidly. The pair are expected to play a prominent part in the decision of this winter's chasing events.

J. Sullivan has engaged Moondine, Contour, Windage, Florence Nightingale, and Waipuni at the Otaki meeting. With such a team the genial "Jack" anticipates securing a share of the stake money.

Leolanter is still feeling the effects of the accident that occurred to him when he fell in the hurdle event at Feilding. Some time must elapse ere the chestnut is again seen with the colours up. This is hard luck for the gelding's owner, Mr. T. Nolan, as he gave promise of being returned an early winner.

News from the Rangitikei states that The Native is giving a splendid exhibition of jumping and the black gelding is said to be a likely Grand National winner. Being possessed of pace, Mr. Tiemi Puru's favourite should play a prominent part in early jumping events.

Ribstone Pippin, Torbelle, Castout, and Lovell, are all getting through some capital training work at Porirua. Mr. Prosser is under the impression that the quartet will more than pay their way in approaching 'chasing events.

The Racing Commissioners, Sir G. Clifford and Messrs. Nolan, Cohen, and Rowe, passed through Wellington last week on their way to the Hawke's Bay meeting. There still remains some work to be done ere their report is handed over to the Government. Needless to say their deliberations are being anxiously awaited by racing clubs throughout the Dominion.

Velox, a rather smart filly by Strowan from Miss Riwaka, is shortly to be taken in hand by J. Hathaway, at Awapuni. If the youngster lives up to the meaning of his nomenclature, he should prove decidedly useful to the popular Palmerston North sportsman, who races as F. Bowden.

S. Evans is busy at Ashurst with Hiro, who gives promise of standing another preparation.

Waicola has been hitting out well in her training work at Ashurst and it really looks as if Mr. P. Hanlon was in a fair way to getting back a portion of the money he paid for the mare some two years ago. So far, she has not won a race since coming into Mr. Hanlon's possession.

Roscommon, a brood mare by (Common—Rosmond), arrived by the Moeraki from Sydney on Wednesday last. She is destined for Mr. Currie's stud at Wanganui.

Mr. Douglas' jumper, Woolloomoo, reached here by the Sydney boat on Wednesday. The hurdler was sent on to Hastings on the following day.

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, May 17.

All going well, John will be a starter in the Great Northern Hurdles, in which event Frank Lind will have the mount on the Cuirassier gelding. John was off the track for a few days last week, and this led some to think

that he was amiss, but he put up a good mile gallop on Saturday, and pulled up all right. There are many who regard John as one of the most likely candidates in the Century Hurdles, as he is not only very fast, but a capital jumper, and undoubted stayer.

Shuja, who was reckoned to have a real good chance in the Connolly Handicap, has gone wrong, which is bad luck for Fred Tilley, who had him very well.

Defeat and Rosegrove are said to be pleasing the touts at Awapuni by the excellent displays they are giving over the big country. Te Arai is also doing good work, and is regarded as a sure starter in the big Steeples here next week.

The St. Paul gelding, Valentine, broke a small bone in a leg while schooling recently at Lepperton, but the bone has been set, and an attempt will be made to save the horse.

Mr J. O'Driscoll intends taking his horses, Waitapu and Sinn Fein, with him when he leaves for his new home at Toowoomba, Queensland.

W. H. McKay, who formerly did the riding for Mr G. P. Moore, and later on rode a number of winners for Mr Messena, of Foxton, is going to take on riding again, after a spell of farming.

T. Pritchard has been engaged to ride Winchester in the Wanganui Steeplechase.

F. Coleman will have the mount on Zante in the Hurdles at Hawera on Wednesday. Zante is a very fine jumper, and if started in the Wanganui Steeplechase, should give a good account of himself.

Corazon is expected to arrive in Wanganui in the course of a few days. This gelding is well treated in the Steeplechase, in which he is weighted at 9.12, and as V. Collelo has him very fit just now, he may succeed in scoring a win for Sir W. R. Russell. He will be ridden by Rangit Thompson, so should lack nothing on the score of horsemanship.

Although the Wanganui Steeplechase Meeting is only some ten days off, no outside horses have arrived yet, and the work on the track so far has been confined to local horses. Time was when for two or three weeks before the winter meeting a number of visiting horses were working here, and the touts used to see some very interesting jumping. However, most of the race clubs on the coast now have had schooling fences erected, and the horses are not brought here until a few days before the meeting. No doubt after the Egmont meeting on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, a large number of horses will be brought here, and then the tracks will be very busy.

The acceptances for the first day of the meeting are not due until Monday, so that it is hard to say what may or may not go out. However, there is every prospect of the acceptances being large in all the events, and really fine fields are anticipated in the chief events. Something like a record field is expected to face the starter in the Wanganui Steeplechase, and this should prove one of the most interesting races seen here for a long time. From all accounts Te Arai will be a starter, also Eldorado, Mahara, Lovell, Maku, Corazon, and probably Xavier, Lull, Mount Cook, Sardonyx, Rangitoto, Winchester, and Zante. Whether the Aucklanders Sol, Loch Fyne, and First Barrel will come down remains to be seen, but as the first named is reported to be in great fettle, he may make the trip. Eurus is said to be fencing in his best style at Riccarton, but nothing is known as to whether he will be a competitor here or not. In any case there is every likelihood of a splendid contest. The Century Hurdles will also probably be contested by a big field, which may include Wimmera, Compass, The Native, Gold Bird, Xavier (if not started in the Steeples), Maggie Paul, Auratus, Maidi, Marton Hydrant, John, Sir Prize, Waterworks, Ribstone Pippin, Torbelle, Appin, Te Whetu, and Waiputere. Of this lot Wimmera, Marton, and John are the most fancied at this stage. Marton, perhaps, being the favourite. In the Connolly Handicap, Cheddar, Equitas, Vibration, and Mulga Bill are most talked about, but Gunboat, Te Puia and Meroze will also have plenty of supporters if they accept, whilst there are several others which should run well, if started. It is conceded that the race wears a very open aspect.

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TURF RESULTS.

HAWKE'S BAY RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

FORT WILLIAM WINS THE CUP.

The postponed autumn meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club was commenced on the Hastings racecourse on Friday afternoon in glorious weather, the sun being oppressively hot after the rain of the last few days. There was a very fair attendance of sporting folk present and they were rewarded by witnessing some excellent racing. People came well provided with the sinews of war, for at the close of the day's racing the totalisator staff had handled £10,717, compared with £6631-10s dealt with on the corresponding day last year, when it will be remembered that the bookmakers were largely in evidence. Results:—

LONGLANDS HACK HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.

- 4—J. Stuart's Appin, by The Possible—Miss Beckwith, 9.7 (R. Thompson) 1
 - 7—W. H. Judge's Artie, 9.3 (D. Watt) 2
 - 2—A. Atwood's Winchester, 10.12 (W. Young) 3
- Also started: 1 Golden Water 10.4, 6 Tina Toa 10.0, 5 Burton 9.9, 3 The Rab-biter 9.5, 8 Napper 9.2, 10 Castleide 9.0, 9 Merry Messenger 9.0, 11 Wansted 9.0. Time, 3min 20sec.

MAIDEN HACK RACE. Six furlongs.

- 1—S. Luttrell's Aphaea, by Stepiak—Britomart, 7.7, carried 7.9 (H. Gray) 1
 - 4—J. Maher's Merrimac, 7.7 (C. Emmerson) 2
 - 3—Wire Peroene's St. Bees, 8.5 (H. Curran) 3
- Also started: 18 Solon 8.8, 12 Turqueena 8.8, 8 Scots Fusiliers 8.8, 14 Water o' Milk 8.8, 9 Happy New Year 8.3, 5 Mira 8.5, 15 Lady Edna 8.5, 2 Monologue 8.5, 11 Miriam 8.5, 7 Ngakau 8.5, 6 Manitou 8.5, 16 Matlow 7.7, 10 Moondine 8.1, 8 Ainsdale 7.7. Time, 1min 20sec.

NURSERY HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- 1—B. Lonergan's Blue Lake, by Royal Fusilier—Blue River, 7.9 (H. Gray) 1
 - 3—Hon. J. D. Ormond's Bootle, 9.6 (F. D. Jones) 2
 - 4—D. Buick's Rangiatua, 7.10 (F. Meagher) 3
- Also started: 6 Easy 6.7, 2 Khamsin 8.3, 5 Bellah 7.12, 7 Trieze 7.0, 8 St. Bryde 6.7. Time, 1min 4sec.

PORANGAHAU HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

- 4—R. A. McDonald's Hermia, by Birkenhead—Nixie, 8.7 (W. Young) 1
 - 1—D. Buick's Vibration, 7.6 (F. Meagher) 2
 - 6—C. Morse's Birkiine, 7.1 (J. Conquest) 3
- Also started: 3 Nyland 8.1, 2 Formby 8.5, 5 Sunburnt 8.4, 8 Mon Ami 7.1, 10 Lord Possible 6.12, 7 Winning Post 6.9, 9 Erin 6.7, 11 Remissness 6.7. Time, 1min 17 3-5sec.

HAWKE'S BAY CUP HANDICAP of 400sovs, with a cup valued at 50sovs presented by Mr. W. J. Douglas; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stake. One mile and a-half.

- 4—C. J. Parker's Fort William, by Soul—Siminia, 8.10 (W. Young) 1
 - 3—P. Clareburt's Lady Menschikoff, 7.13 (L. Wilson) 2
 - 2—G. Hunter's Bliss, 7.11 (R. Young) 3
- Also started: 7 Merrivonia 8.10, 8 Te Puia 8.4, 6 Woodhey 8.4, 5 Cheddar 8.0, 1 Vice-Admiral 8.0, 9 Separator 6.7, 10 Queen of Scots 6.7. Time, 2min 40sec.

KARAMU HANDICAP HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.

- 1—H. Catherall's Whakaweira, by Pilgrim's Progress—Espaniola, 9.11 (F. Flynn) 1
 - 2—C. Coleman's Hoanga, 10.10 (P. Brady) 2
 - 4—Sir W. Russell's Corazon, 10.4 (R. Thompson) 3
- Also started: 3 Reumac 11.3, 6 Te Arai 10.0, 5 Longner 9.8. Time, 3min 26sec.

POUKAWA HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- 14—H. Tupaea's Axis, by Renown—Eland, 6.10 (H. Tricklebank) 1
 - 2—C. E. Twist's Perceler, 7.6 (C. Emmerson) 2
 - 3—J. Hennah's Amaru, 8.11 (E. Lowe) 3
- Also started: 1 Soultiform 8.11, 4 Melologue 8.3, 6 Ortygia 8.0, 5 Gold Circle 7.12, 8 Goldfinch 7.10, 11 Wee Rose 7.2, 16 Pipe Clay 7.2, 7 Josie 6.12, 13 Tuatahi 6.10, 10 Hatana 6.10, 12 Waitoke 6.10. Time, 1min 5sec.

AUTUMN HANDICAP. Once round.

- 1—E. J. Watt's Wimmera, by Merrivonia—Mosquetaire, 8.5 (A. Oliver) 1
 - 3—W. K. Karaitana's Peacemaker, 7.3 (carried 7.5) (F. Meagher) 2
 - 4—W. Stone's Bunkum, 6.12 (C. Emmerson) 3
- Also started: 9 Sir Tristram 8.7, 7 V.I. 7.13, 2 Cullinan 7.11, 3 Ariom 7.8, 5 Manupai 7.0, 10 Raupare 6.7, 9 Obscurity 6.7. Time, 1min 54sec.

SECOND DAY.

Fine weather prevailed for the concluding day of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's autumn meeting. The attendance was good, and the course in good order, having dried considerably. The totalisator handled £10,711, as against £7809 10s on the second day of the last autumn meeting. The total for the two days was £21,428, as compared with £14,441 last year, the increase being £6987. Results are as follow:—

OHITI HACK HURDLES. One mile and a-half.

- Mr. J. Armstrong's ch g Golden Water, by Gold Reef—Ja, 4yrs, 10.3 (J. Hercock) 1
 - Mr. A. Stuart's Appin, 10.8 (Rangi Thompson) 2
 - Messrs. J. T. and G. H. Miller's Tina Toa, 9.12 (F. Flynn) 3
- Time, 2min 53sec.

OKAWA HACK HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

- Mr. C. J. Parker's b m Erin, by Menschikoff—Krisie, 5yrs, 8.0 (W. Young) 1
 - Mr. H. M. Campbell's Solon, 7.0 (R. Young) 2
 - Mr. J. W. Fitzpatrick's Raupare, 7.4 (J. Conquest) 3
- Scratched: Cork. Time, 1min 35sec.

HAWKE'S BAY STAKES, of 400sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs and the third horse 25sovs from the stake. For two and three-year-olds. Weight-for-age. Six furlongs and a-half.

- Mr. E. J. Watt's br c Royal Scotch, by Royal Artillery—Barley Bree, 2yrs, 7.8 (C. Emmerson) 1
 - Messrs. W. G. and G. L. Stead's Bandiera, 7.7 (H. Gray) 2
 - Sir Geo. Clifford's Madam Madcap, 9.11 (F. E. Jones) 3
- Scratched: Vice-Admiral, Sunburnt, Odessa and Remissness. Time, 1min 23 4-5sec.

BURKE MEMORIAL STAKES, of 300 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- Mr. G. Clareburt's b m Lady Menschikoff, by Menschikoff—Sister Frances, 5yrs, 8.1 (W. Price) 1
 - Messrs. W. G. and G. L. Stead's Vice-Admiral, 7.12 (H. Gray) 2
 - Hon. J. D. Ormond's Woodhey, 8.1 (L. Wilson) 3
- Scratched: Fort William and Queen of Scots. Time, 2min 11 3-5sec.

SCURRY HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- Mr. C. Twist's ch g Perceler, by Gold Reef—Gold Carp, 4yrs, 7.12 (C. Emmerson) 1
 - Mr. H. Tupea's Axis, 7.9 (H. Tricklebank) 2
 - Mr. F. Carmont's Aurora, 7.0 (R. McDonald) 3
- Scratched: Tuatahi and Lady Edna. Time, 1min 4 3-5sec.

MANGATARATA HANDICAP HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.

- Mr. A. Atwood's br g Reumac, by Explosion—Stepfast, 6yrs, 11.3 (W. Young) 1
 - Mr. A. Symon's Eiya, 10.3 (F. Flynn) 2
- Hoanga, the other starter, fell at the hurdle at the top of the straight on the first round. Time, 3min 28sec.

JUVENILE HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

- Mr. D. Buick's blk c Rangiatua, by Papakura—Elyvia, 7.11 (F. Meagher) 1
 - Mr. E. Lonergan's Blue Lake, 8.7 (A. Oliver) 2
 - Mr. C. J. Parker's Trieze, 6.12, carried 7.2 (R. Young) 3
- Time, 1min 4 3-5sec.

FAREWELL HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

- Messrs. W. G. and G. L. Stead's b c Sunburnt, by Multifirm—Drought, 3yrs, 8.1 (W. Price) 1
 - Hon. J. D. Ormond's Faunus, 7.13 (L. Wilson) 2
 - Mr. J. W. Lowe's Effort, 8.8 (W. Ryan) 3
- Scratched: Fort William and Josie. Time, 1min 17sec.

ASHBURTON RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Ashburton County Racing Club's autumn meeting was opened on Thursday in fine weather. Both the entries and attendance were good, while the racing was, on the whole, interesting. The sum of £5648 10s was put through the totalisator, as against £3141 on the corresponding day last year. Results are as follow:—

LONGBEACH HACK HANDICAP.—Crosbie 1, Stepmeter 2, Bolt from the Blue 3, Scratched: Clannena, Directoire and Torrential. Won comfortably by half a length, the third horse being four lengths away. Time, 1min 14 3-5sec.

FAIRFIELD WELTER HANDICAP.—Armstrong 1, Zetland 2, Gold Coin 3. Scratched: Old Times and Harvest. Won all the way by a length, Gold Coin being three lengths away third. Time, 1min 28 4-5sec.

ASHBURTON CUP.—Routine 1, Canterbury 2, Chief Lochiel 3. Scratched: Adage. Routine and Canterbury alternately led till the straight was reached, when they drew level, and a good finish resulted in Routine getting home by a length. Chief Lochiel was a similar distance away third. Time, 2min 8 3-5 sec.

LAGMOR PLATE.—Fruvillotti 1, Traitor 2, Grand Medallion 3. Scratched: Miss De Vere, Rescued, Mademoiselle Ixe, and Foam Flake. Won by a neck, with Grand Medallion eight lengths away. Time, 1min 1 4-5sec.

MELROSE TROT.—Restoration 1, Bold Maid 2, Torando 3. All started. Won by five lengths, with 40 yards separating second and third horses. Time, 3min 4sec.

TRIAL HANDICAP.—Mademoiselle Ixe 1, Even Wave 2, Torrential 3. Scratched: Sapience, Buff Gauntlet and Miss Terry. Won by half a length, with Torrential a length and a-half in the rear. Time, 1min 16 2-5sec.

GROVE FARM HANDICAP.—Sea King 1, All Guns 2, The Cornet 3. Seven others started. Won comfortably by five lengths. Time, 1min 13 2-5sec.

SECOND DAY.

The meeting was concluded on Friday in fine weather. The attendance was again good, while the totalisator receipts for the day reached £3878. The total for the meeting was £11,526 10s, as against £6183 last year when bookmakers were in attendance. Results:—

MORETON HANDICAP HACK RACE.—Stepmeter 1, Nightlight 2, St. Kevin 3. Scratched: Clannena and Santa Claus. The winner led from the start, and notwithstanding a strong effort by Nightlight in the straight, luster long enough to win by half a length, with St. Kevin two lengths away. Time, 1min 15 3-5sec.

WINCHMORE WELTER HANDICAP.—Armstrong 1, Mumura 2, Zetland 3. Scratched: True Knight. Won easily by three lengths, with eight lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 29 1-5sec.

AUTUMN HANDICAP.—The Cornet, 1 K.Hits 2, Routine 3. Scratched: Outlander. After the initial half mile had

been run The Cornet drew out clear and, though headed by Kilts one hundred yards from home, finished gamely, winning by a bare length. Routine, who finished fast, was two lengths away. Time, 1min 41 3-5sec.

JUVENILE HANDICAP.—Crosbie 1, Gold Coin 2, Frivolitti 3. Scratched: Izdubar, Bolt from the Blue and Mercedo. Won easily by two lengths, with Gold Coin an equal distance in front of Frivolitti. Time, 1min 16 2-5sec.

DISPOSAL HANDICAP.—Bombastes 1, Seaside 2, Kalulu 3. Scratched: Bright Spur. Won by half a length, with Kalulu a length behind. Time, 1min 4 2-5sec.

SILMA TROT.—Moness 1, Black Pride 2, Chanticleer 3. All started. The winner led all the way and, though strongly challenged in the straight, got home by four lengths. Time, 3min 31 4-5sec.

WAKANUI HANDICAP.—Miss Sylvia 1, Kohinoor 2, Silkweb 3. Three others started. The winner and Silkweb were the first to show up and made the running to the straight, and, although Kohinoor beat Silkweb there, Miss Sylvia just maintained the lead and won by a head. Time, 1min 14 2-5sec.

ENGLISH RACING.

RESULT OF THE NEWMARKET STAKES.

At the Newmarket Second Spring Meeting last week the following was the result of the principal event:—

THE NEWMARKET STAKES OF 30sovs each, with 1000sovs added. For three-year-olds: Colts, 9.0; fillies and geldings, 8.11. Across the flat (one mile and a-quarter).

Mr. J. B. Joel's b c Sunstar, by Sundridge—Doris 1
Mr. W. Raphael's b c Beaufrepaire, by Faziman—Politesse 2
Lord Derby's b f Persephone, by Persimmon—Princess Melton 3

RESULT OF KEMPTON PARK JUBILEE HANDICAP.

At the Kempton Park meeting on Saturday the following was the result of the principal event:—

KEMPTON PARK JUBILEE HANDICAP OF 3000sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

Mr. T. Lowry's ch h Bachelor's Double, 5yrs. by Tredennis—Lady Bawn 1
Wolfe Land, 4yrs. by St. Frusquin—May Bruce 2
The Story, 5yrs. by Sundridge—Sweet Story 3

AUSTRALIAN RACING.

THE BRISBANE THOUSAND.

TWO HORSES KILLED.

The following was the result of the Brisbane Thousand (seven furlongs), run on Saturday.

Mr. D. Heydon's b m Destruction, 6yrs. by Havoc—Dulcibella, 9.8 1
Mr. H. Witton's My Gavonni, 9.0 2
Mr. F. Williams' Precious, 9.5 (inc. 10lb pen.) 3

Destruction won easily by two lengths. Time, 1min 30sec. Several horses fell. Lord Lovatt and Nelson's Lady being so badly injured that they had to be destroyed. The jockeys all fortunately escaped without serious injury.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE.—Romp, Reservoir, Bonnie Jean, Bachelor, Dinkum, Whatashot, Rangitane, Cloudy Morn, Maidi, Pleiades, Mozart, Hunakaha, Riroatu, Castout, Connecticut, Sapper, Okaihau, Arty, Commander.

JERVOIS HANDICAP.—Belle Crispin, Hesperian, Master Stead, Columbia, Urekehu, Rutter, Hard Rock, Jolie Fille, Presently, Harenoa, Blue Mount, Goodwin Sands, Monocle, Ohura (late Liberty), Parawai, Alma Rose Mangu, Leafire, Gloy, Maykoff, Musterer, Countree, Lady Betty, Tua Kitua, Luperin, Mary Ann, Polciers, Wee Olga, Haku, Sir Walter, St. Amans, Sphinx, Kingswell, Ruatangata, Morecambe, Spectre, Monolope, Elegance, Tiresome, Tipua, Reno, Kanewarra, Manurewa.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE.—Penfold, Pat, Patrobis, Master Stead, Rambling Rose, Blue Mountain, Captain Paul, Miss Explosion, Napenape, Dhudeen, Kremlin, Mozart, Master William, Luperin, Field Marshal, Royal Day, Sapper, Denbies, Erindale, Castleside, Castle Blayne, Black Northern, Arty, King Hippo.

HUNT CLUB HURDLE RACE.—Rosillan, Romantic, Rebel, Rangitane, Winlata (late Leo Grand), Cloudy Morn, Keiran, Joe May, Tiri, Hunakaha, Golborne (late Pat), Aberdeen, Hina, Mahoki, Comet.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP.—Toa Tuhi, Lucille, Wauchope, Mighty Atom, Urekehu, Dawn, Frontino, Blue Garment, St. Bill, Parawai, Smilax, Hyperion, Luperin, Lord Possible, Turbine, Lady French, Nyland, Dreadless, Elegance, Morecambe, Kanewarra, Red Lupin, Echo.

ORAKAI HURDLES.—Pat, Penfold, Master Stead, Blue Mountain, Little Flirt, Rambling Rose, Napenape, Tiri, Mangu, Miss Explosion, Talaha, Kremlin, Mozart, Luperin, Sabine, Master William, Field Marshal, Wirihana, Denbies, Waterworks, Royal Day, Sapper, Erindale, Castleside, Castle Blayne, Black Northern, Arty.

RAINFURLY WELTER.—Pat, Hesperian, Belle Crispin, Rutter, Bonikoff, Virtue, Gold Circle, La Reina, Presently, Miss Folly, Fuss, Veitalia, Gloy, Epsom Lass, Lloyds, Master Jack, Madam Paul,

Countree, Miss Ada, Tua Kitua, Luperin, Polciers, Wee Olga, Haku, St. Amans, Sphinx, Duma, Kilosteri, Ruatangata, Regain, Mildura, Tipua, Scotch, Monolope, Elegance, Spectre.

REMUERA HURDLES.—John, Miss Explosion, Compass, Montigo, Paisano, Talaha, Don Quex, Kremlin, Mozart, Whakawera, Master William, Delegate, Appin, Ribstone Pippin, Marton, Waterworks, Hoanga, Bully, Auratus, Poplar, Black Northern, Paul.

JUMPERS' FLAT RACE.—Compass, Patrobis, Castadrift, Lady Patricia, Paisano, Dhudeen, Miss Explosion, Don Quex, Kremlin, Whakawera, Master William, Delegate, Field Marshal, The Native, Marton, Hoanga, Denbies, Bully, Spectre, Auratus, Black Northern, Paul.

LADIES' BRACELET.—Patrobis, Romantic, Blue Mountain, Bogey, Mavourneen, Jolie Fille, Presently, Blue Mount, Monocle, Ben Battle, Lloyds, Master Crispin, The Native, Pip, Monolope, Tiresome, Scotch, Tipua, Castle Blayne, Mildura, Castleside, Manurewa, Highlander.

HUNT CLUB CUP.—Rebel, Rangitane, Winlata (late Leo Grand), Cloudy Morn, Keiran, Joe May, Munakaha, Wirihana, Sabine, Aberdeen, Riro Atu, Potiki, Connecticut, Hina, Comet.

TAMAKI STEEPLECHASE.—Romp, Penfold, Reservoir, Bonnie Jean, Rebel, Whatashot, Maidi, Cloudy Morn, Dhudeen, Pleiades, Hunakaha, Mozart, The Native, Dinkum, Wirihana, Connecticut, Castout, Moa, Hina, Sapper, Okaihau, Arty, Comet.

CAMPBELL HURDLES.—Castleside, Black Northern, Castle Blayne, Poplar, Auratus, Pat, Compass, Montigo, Lady Patricia, Castadrift, Paisano, Napenape, John, Paritutu, Miss Explosion, Talaha, Don Quex, Kremlin, Mozart, Master Phaeton, Luperin, Whakawera, Master William, Delegate, Field Marshal, The Native, Appin, Torbelle, Ribstone Pippin, Waterworks, Hoanga, Royal Day, Bully, Paul, Marton.

FITZROY WELTER.—Rambling Rose, Patrobis, Hesperian, Belle Crispin, Rutter, Master Stead, Columbia, Orella, Virtue, Bogey, Taka, Hard Rock, Presently, Captain Paul, Jolie Fille, Harenoa, Blue Mount, Goodwin Sands, Miss Folly, Monocle, Ohura (late Liberty), Parawai, Fuss, Veitalia, Gloy, Epsom Lass, Master Jack, Musterer, Madam Paul, Countree, Tua Kitua, Luperin, Mary Ann, Master Crispin, Polciers, Wee Olga, Sir Walter, Haku, St. Amans, Sphinx, Pip, Kingswell, Ruatangata, Monolope, Mildura, Tiresome, Scotch, Tipua, Manurewa, Kanewarra.

FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Toa Tuhi, Mahina, Lucille, Wauchope, Hohungatahi, Urekehu, Dawn, Gold Circle, Hard Rock, Frontino, Harenoa, Blue Mount, Blue Garment, Flying Sout, St. Bill, Alma Rose, Smilax, Gloy, Jack Delaval, Grenadier, Hyperion, Luperin, Lord Possible, Dogger, Bank, Polciers, Tattoo, Wee Olga, Winning Post, Turbine, Elegance, Echo, Kanewarra, Spectre, Nyland, Morecambe, Dreadless, Red Lupin.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA TROTTING CLUB'S MEETING.

LADIES' BRACELET, one mile.—Te Wanahau, Late Sown, The Bann, Cliff, Hourua, Allwood, Taumata, Glenidol, Ben F., Child Agnes, G.M.S., Scamper, Todd Bells, Katie G., John H., Terry L., Hova, All Steel, Annie M., Miss Lonsdale, Fashion, Gold Bell, Giggles, Fairfield H., Apolligy, Ironwood, A.T.L.

GREYTOWN TROT HANDICAP, two miles.—Butterfly, Bingana, Franzlena, Waitipipi, John H., Full Sail, Lucky Child, Lord Dillon, Off Chance, Weroa.

BIRTHDAY TROT, one mile.—Fiery, Our George, Ben F., Jackaroo, Glenidol, G.M.S., Halley's Comet, Scamper, Off Chance, Allwood, Fashion, Terry L., Bill Squires, Violet C., Annie M., Dutchman, A.T.L.

TAMAHAU MAHUPUKU MEMORIAL, two miles.—Yreif, Te Wanahau, Bezella, Butterfly, Cliff, Allwood, Miss Wilson, Minting, Grattan Chimes, Stella Morse, Katie G., Hova, All Steel, Silver Child, Ironwood, Floradel, Weroa.

KEMPTON PARK HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Late Sown, Hourua, Bingana, Miss Wilson, Franzlena, Halley's Comet, Glenidol, Todd Bells, Off Chance, Waitipipi, Full Sail, Lord Dillon, Lucky Child, Gold Bell, Weroa, Bill Squires.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, one mile.—Te Wanahau, Butterfly, The Bann, Our George, Cliff, Taumata, Child Agnes, Miss Wilson, Franzlena, Jackaroo, John H., Grattan Chimes, Allwood, Fashion, Terry L., Violet C., Annie M., Miss Lonsdale, Gold Bell, Giggles, Apolligy, Weroa.

Referring to the racing position in America, the New York correspondent of the London "Sportsman" says:—"Outside New York State we have news that racing will probably be restored in the State of Missouri, under the control of a State Commission, and with betting on the parimutuel system. West Virginia has passed a liberal racing law, and it is understood that several prominent eastern owners and supporters of the turf will establish a meeting or series in that State this season. The Codes Committee of the Texas Senate has favourably reported a measure which will revive racing at Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Houston. It is almost certain that sport will be resumed in Tennessee, and that Nashville and Memphis will again be the centres of great horse-racing and breeding. Throughout the country there is a healthy revival of the sport of kings, and it is probable that in this State the present Legislature will go a considerable distance to revoke the preposterous measures which have so seriously affected a large and important part of the population, and which, after all, have not satisfied the so-called reform element, though they did really secure ex-Governor Hughes a life position on the Bench.

BOXING.

A FIGHT DODGE THAT FAILED.

NEGRO WORSTS WHITE MAN.

Among the famous boxers whose names are almost forgotten is the veteran American coloured boxer Dobbs, who is 44 years of age. In his day he was as hard-hitting and speedy a lightweight as ever donned the gloves. He met the best men of his class, defeating Joe Gans in 20 rounds at Brooklyn, (U.S.), in 1897, and fighting a draw with Joe Walcott. In the following year Dobbs went to England and knocked out Dick Burge, the premier British lightweight in eight rounds at Newcastle. And thereby hangs a curious tale:

The match with Burge was arranged by Harry Barnes, the former Canadian sprinter, who was then residing in England, and had sent for Dobbs. Charley Mitchell, the retired English heavyweight, was looking after Burge's interests. At that time coloured boxers were few in England. Those who had tried their fortunes there had done well, as in the case of "Coffee Cooler" Frank Craig; and Mitchell, after he made the match began to figure on a way of making things easy for Burge. He ran into Dobbs on the street one day, engaged him in conversation, and sounded him as to how the negro felt toward his manager. Dobbs, who was a decidedly artful con, perceived the drift of the Englishman's remarks, and told him in seeming confidence that he didn't get along well with Barnes at all. Thereupon Mitchell made a proposition to him. If Dobbs agreed to lie down in the fourth round of the fight with Burge, Mitchell would give him four hundred pounds. Half of this sum would be paid to Dobbs on the afternoon of the day scheduled for the battle, the remaining half when the affair was finished. As the purse hung up for the bout was only £365, Dobbs would be ahead of the game, and Mitchell promised that he would be given a chance to redeem himself in a second meeting. Dobbs said he would think the matter over, and went home and told his manager the whole story. Barnes rubbed his hands with glee, for he saw a chance of beating Mitchell with his own weapons.

That very day a negro hailing from New York, who was stranded in England, had approached Barnes and begged for help. His name was Bunce, and he was exactly the same build, height and weight as Dobbs. Moreover, he was something of a boxer, and had participated in several preliminary bouts before New York clubs. He was not good enough to make a living at the game, however, as he discovered to his sorrow when he came abroad. He was extremely homesick and almost willing to commit murder for the sake of enough money to get back to Gotham. Barnes sought and found the wanderer from the United States and unfolded his plan. Bunce was only too glad to enter into any scheme that would bring him in the shekels, and assented joyfully.

Barnes sent Dobbs away to the country, where he had training quarters, fixed up for him. He then prepared similar quarters in Newcastle for Bunce, who was introduced to all visitors as Bobby Dobbs, the great coloured fighter, who was matched with the British idol. In a spirit of good fellowship Barnes even invited Mitchell to look in at Dobbs' training camp. Mitchell came and watched the supposed Dobbs punch the bag and go through other familiar stunts. It was a case of—"All coons look alike to me," as far as Mitchell was concerned. He believed Bunce to be the nigger with whom he had talked, and once when Barnes's back was turned, the coloured man winked at him with the air of one who understood thoroughly what Mitchell wanted. Barnes left the room for a few minutes, and in a hurried whisper Bunce informed Mitchell that he would do what the Englishman had asked.

PHYSICKING THE NEGRO.

Mitchell was well pleased. He told Burge what he had done, and the pair proceeded to bet all the money they could lay their hands on against Barnes's man. On the afternoon of the day of battle Bunce met Mitchell secretly and received half of the promised sum—£200. But Mitchell was resolved to take no chances. The negro might keep his word, yet in

order to be on the safe side, before he handed over the bribe, he insisted on Bunce swallowing in his presence a big dose of croton oil. This he knew would physic the coloured man so severely that even if he felt disposed to break his word he would not be able to fight hard on account of the weakness caused by the purgative. Bunce didn't like that part of the performance, but the money was there, and shutting his eyes, he gulped down the disagreeable draught.

"You're awright, old chap," said the deeply gratified Charles. "Ere's the bally quids, an' H'll 'and you the best h'of the 'oof w'en the bloomin' mill's finished."

"Mr. Bunce pocketed the money and went away from there. He felt extremely sick from the effects of the dose, cautious Charley had administered, but his heart was glad within him all the same. He took the first train he could catch for Southampton, and boarded a liner for dear old New York, richer in filthy lucre than he had ever been in his life.

HEAVY WAGERING ON RESULT.

Meanwhile Barnes had commissioners out covering the Burge money. Dick's friends, tipped off to a 'certain thing winner' by Mitchell, were offering heavy odds. Barnes took all the bets in sight. Dobbs came from his pleasant country retreat as fit as a fiddle, trained to the minute and ready to travel any distance. Burge had not troubled his head about training. What was the use, when good old Chawley had everything arranged so satisfactorily?

"E looks orful fit, he does," remarked Burge to Mitchell, as he sat in his corner eyeing Dobbs, who had just entered the ring attended by the faithful Barnes.

Mitchell smiled disdainfully. "H't's because 'e's black, Dick," he responded in a whisper. "If he was a white chap, 'e'd be pale as a bloom-in' ghost. Enough to sicken a Jorg, that dose I gave 'im was. Wonder the beggar's able to stand h'on 'is feet."

The battle started. From the first Dobbs took the lead and kept it. Burge couldn't hit him at all, and the negro hammered poor Dick unmercifully. The fourth round, the fatal round in which Dobbs was to earn the other half of the Mitchell bribe went by. Burge was on the floor at the conclusion of it. The bell had cut short the referee's count, and Dick rose and staggered to his corner. Mitchell was as white as his principal. Dimly it was being borne in upon him that he had been badly tricked, and a glance across the ring at Barnes's grinning visage confirmed the suspicion.

"We've bin 'ad, Dick," he whispered to the bewildered Burge. The nigger 'as double-crossed 'us. Go h'in an' do the best you can."

Burge obeyed as well as he was able. He rushed Dobbs wildly, only to run into straight lefts that were like bars of iron. The coloured man battered his opponent relentlessly until the eighth round. Then Burge, breathless, exhausted and bleeding, profusely, signalled to Mitchell, and the latter threw up the sponge in token of defeat. The Barnes coup was complete, and foxey Chawley, the promoter of many a neat little confidence game in connection with the Queensberry sport, was "hoist with his own petard."

LANG'S LUCK TURNS.

AUSTRALIAN DEFEATS LESTER.

AMERICAN RECEIVES PAINFUL INJURY.

The contest between Jack Lester, Tommy Burns' protege, and Bill Lang, the Australian heavyweight champion, was decided at the Sydney Stadium on Saturday night last, in the presence of an enormous crowd. According to the cables to hand the fight proved inconclusive. Five torrid rounds were fought. Towards the close of the sixth, the American delivered a heavy blow at Lang's body, but it landed on the Australian's fending elbow, and Lester's hand was partially crippled. Suffering from pain, Lester turned his back on his opponent, and started to walk to the middle of the ring. Lang followed, and was preparing to deliver a blow when the American dropped on one knee. The referee, Mr. "Snowy" Baker, thereupon disqualified Lester for dropping without receiving a blow, and proclaimed Lang the victor.

Lester showed himself to be a willing, punishing fighter, but wanting in

skill, and Lang outpointed him in every round.

A doctor who examined Lester stated that the blow was driven on the circumflex nerve, near the shoulder, against the bone, causing intense pain. Lester protested ignorance of the rule which lost him the fight, and that he was allowed in America to do as he did. He said he was keen for another match.

The result of the fight, which shows Lang to be the cleverer boxer, is rather disappointing, as but for sustaining the injury Lester would have been little the worse for whatever punishment he received in the six rounds. Lester has made no secret of the fact that he is a fighter and not a boxer, and he fully expected to win on a knockout, so that it is impossible to say whether the American would have succeeded in giving Lang his coup de grace had he been able to fight on. Lester is a dangerous opponent in the ring, and most of his battles have been won by his terrific knockout blows, and like his tutor, Tommy Burns, he is said to grow stronger each round, while he has a remarkable capacity for taking punishment. The unexpected injury which he sustained would upset his plans, and it is certain that Lester will do his utmost to secure a return match. Nobody will begrudge Bill Lang his victory, as bad luck has dogged the Melbourne pugilist ever since he left on his tour abroad, and as he is regarded as one of the pluckiest men engaged in the profession, no boxer is more deserving of a turn of luck than Australia's champion heavy-weight.

Billy Crawford, of Napier, Hawke's Bay, the well-known professional featherweight boxer, is at present on a visit to Auckland in search of matches. Crawford is desirous of meeting any boxer in New Zealand at 9st., but states that in the event of his opponent being unable to turn the scale at this weight he is not averse to giving away a few pounds up to not more than 9st. 4lb.

Franisch, the Austrian strong man and wrestler, who left Auckland several years ago for Sydney, met the Scottish wrestler, McMurdo, at Warrnambool, Victoria, last week, the latter winning the match in 22 minutes. McMurdo, who was giving away weight to Franisch proved the most experienced wrestler, and though the Austrian when thrown to the floor, defied all the Scotchman's efforts to turn him, McMurdo finally brought his two shoulders to the mat with a half Nelson. Franisch's second, Jack Graham, complained that Mackenzie, McMurdo's second, had rushed round the ring giving instructions to his man, and after an argument the contestants left the ring, not, however, before a further match had been arranged between the pair for £100 aside.

Jimmy Clabby, who in his last contest in Sydney was defeated by Dave Smith, sustained a serious injury in his second contest in England. He met Harry Duncan at Mr. H. D. M'In'osh's Olympia. In the first round of the contest he caught Duncan a terrific punch on the head and smashed the middle knuckle of the right hand. This was the second time the bone had been broken, and, consequently, Clabby's medical adviser states it will be quite three months before he is able to use it again. Clabby is returning to America.

When Bill Rudd, the New Zealand heavyweight boxer, met Jack Blackmore, at Hastings, on January 26 of this year, and lost to the Sydney man on a foul, he was exceedingly angry at the decision being given against him on that occasion, and one of the chief reasons of his journeying to Australia was to have another encounter with Blackmore. The second match between the pair duly came off at the Sydney Stadium the other night, before a very small attendance, and after three uninteresting rounds Rudd knocked his opponent out. Blackmore clearly proved that he is not the boxer of a few years back, and he made a decidedly poor showing against the New Zealander. The punch which broke Blackmore up was a right swing that landed on his right glove, bumping it to the jaw, and he fell back helpless, with his right arm across the top rope, which, being taut, prevented him from falling. Rudd stepped back, and Blackmore, in a dazed manner, swung a wild right and missed, and, although he recovered himself sufficiently to put his right up as a guard, Rudd's right again crashed to the glove, and another right to the side of the head put him out.

FOOTBALL.

SENIOR CUP FIXTURES.

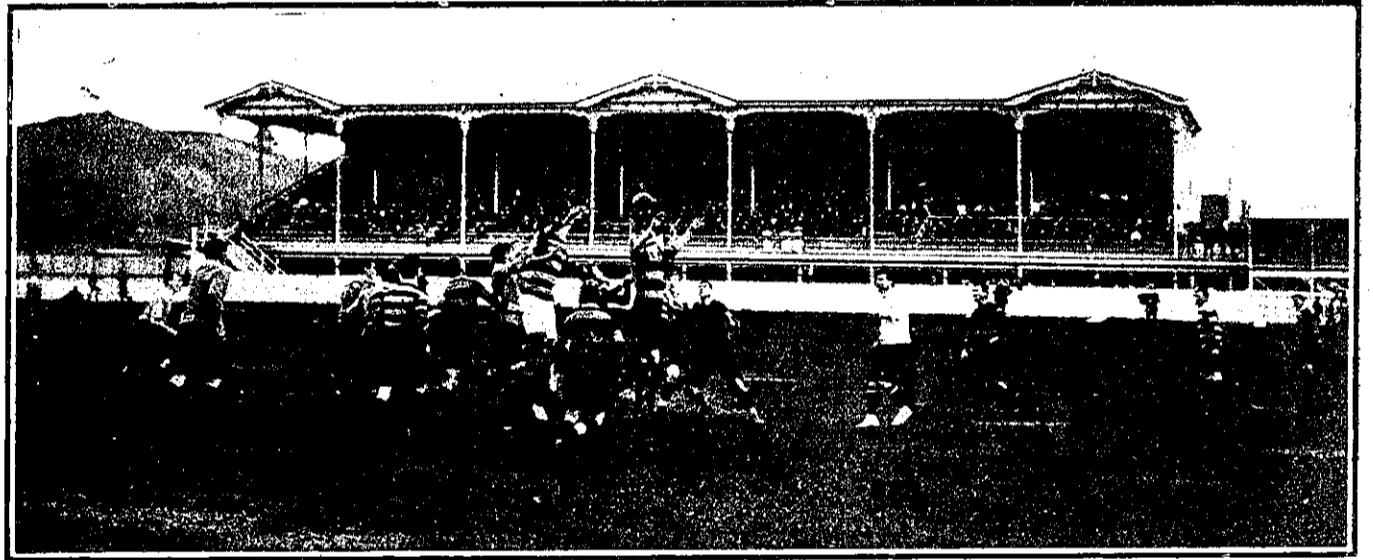
May 20—Grafton v. University, City v. Ponsonby, Marist Bros. v. Newton, Parnell a bye.
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 June 3—Grafton v. Marist Bros., Parnell v. City, Newton v. Ponsonby, University a bye.
 June 10—Grafton v. Newton, Parnell v. Marist Bros., University v. City, Ponsonby a bye.
 June 17—Grafton v. Ponsonby, Parnell v. Newton, University v. Marist Bros., City a bye.
 June 24—Parnell v. Ponsonby, University v. Newton, City v. Marist Bros., Grafton a bye.

Opening of the Season.

Fine weather prevailed on Saturday for the opening of the Rugby football season in Auckland, and enthusiasts assembled at Alexandra Park in large numbers, the attendance being estimated at about 2500. For the opening matches, play was of a high order, the University-Ponsonby and Parnell-Grafton games being splendidly contested, the result in each instance being in doubt right up till the time the referee declared no-side. The faultless manner in which many of the players handled the leather was a revelation to the majority of the spectators who were prepared to make allowances for shortcomings in this respect on the opening day's play, while the matches lacked nothing in willingness and strenuousness. In two of the three senior matches the enthusiasm of onlookers was at fever heat, and the wild excitement of supporters of the rival clubs was a sure sign that interest in the Rugby game this season is as

encenced in senior football, and those who were present to witness the match were well rewarded for their trip to Epsom. The game had not been long in progress before the Ponsonby men realised that they were up against a tough proposition, and they threw away as few chances as possible. The swift play of the students kept the blue and blacks extremely busy, and though the Ponsonby players had the best of matters in the earlier stages of the game, the second half resolved itself into a battle royal for supremacy. Both sides had rear divisions of no mean strength, and as the game was fast and open, the backs were thoroughly tested. The work of the Ponsonby backs was not as nippy and certain as that of the Varsity players, who gave a neat and heady exhibition. They made use of every opportunity, and saved their forwards to a considerable extent. A feature of their play was their sound tackling, the students smothering their opponents to great advantage. The Ponsonby rear division got plenty of opportunities, but erratic passing often brought their runs to a halt. With Webb, Morse, O'Leary, Murray, and McGregor great things were expected of the blue and blacks, but they found their equals in the students in Saturday's match, and their repeated attacks met with the most stubborn resistance. In the forwards it was thought Ponsonby would show marked superiority, but the students, despite their lightness, held their own, their clever tactics in the open enabling them to keep the blue and blacks in check. The light blues exerted every ounce of energy, and, with

forward after making a fine dash down the line transferring to Clark, who darted across and scored. Francis was entrusted with the shot at goal, but his attempt proved fruitless. Ponsonby 6, University nil. No further score was obtained in the first half, the bell sounding with the Ponsonby men attacking strongly. The students were not discouraged and on resuming play they put no end of vim into their efforts; with the result that after hard pressing the Ponsonby players in their own 25, Wilkes secured the ball from the scrum and broke through the opposition and scored amid the wildest excitement. Schofield took the kick and landed a certain goal. Ponsonby 6, University 5. University obtained their second try as the result of one of the prettiest pieces of play in the match. Wilkes snapping up the leather in Ponsonby's territory, set the blue rear division in motion by passing to Gray, who transferred to Wilson, and the speedy Varsity three-quarter sprinted for the line. When about to be tackled by McGregor, Wilson passed to Geddes, and keeping parallel with the latter, he took the return pass from Geddes, and sprinted over the line, registering a try in the corner, to the accompaniment of loud cheering. Schofield again took the kick, and succeeded in piloting the ball over the bar amid a scene of enthusiasm. University 10, Ponsonby 6. Ponsonby rallied, and a passing run by their backs, ended in Murray kicking over the line and Webb pouncing on the ball, this being the blue and blacks' third try. O'Leary failed to add the major points. University 10, Ponsonby 9. A great tussle ensued during the remainder of the game, but try as they would the Ponsonby men could not find a weak spot in the defence of the light blues, and the bell rang for no-side with the University team victors by 10 points to 9.



A THROW-IN IN THE PONSONBY v. UNIVERSITY MATCH.

great as ever, a fact which augurs well for the success of the A.R.U. competition. The University-Ponsonby match occupied pride of place on No. 1 ground, and though a victory for last year's champions was regarded as a foregone conclusion, the students surprised their most hopeful supporters by triumphing over the blue and black combination by the narrow margin of 10 points to 9 after one of the best spectacular games witnessed at the Park. Grafton and Parnell disputed honours on No. 2 ground, the match ending in a draw, each side scoring 9 points. City and Newton also tried conclusions, but as expected, the game proved of a one-sided character, the Cityites winning easily by 28 points to nil. The other team engaged in the senior competition, Marist Bros. Old Boys, had a bye, and held a useful practice during the afternoon. With the exception of the public school matches, no other games were held under the jurisdiction of the Auckland Rugby Union, the junior grade competitions being fixed to commence on Saturday next.

University Defeats Ponsonby.

The defeat of the favourites, Ponsonby, was the cause for general rejoicing in most quarters, as the public have become so accustomed to witnessing the blue and black colours in the ascendant that the general opinion is a beating or two would not come out of turn to the Ponsonby men, and further would lend additional interest to the senior competition. That the University fifteen, whom many regarded as a trifle on the weak side, should come out and defeat the Ponsonby team in the opening match of the season, was one of the greatest surprises that Auckland Rigger enthusiasts have experi-

enced in senior football, and those who were present to witness the match were well rewarded for their trip to Epsom. The game had not been long in progress before the Ponsonby men realised that they were up against a tough proposition, and they threw away as few chances as possible. The swift play of the students kept the blue and blacks extremely busy, and though the Ponsonby players had the best of matters in the earlier stages of the game, the second half resolved itself into a battle royal for supremacy. Both sides had rear divisions of no mean strength, and as the game was fast and open, the backs were thoroughly tested. The work of the Ponsonby backs was not as nippy and certain as that of the Varsity players, who gave a neat and heady exhibition. They made use of every opportunity, and saved their forwards to a considerable extent. A feature of their play was their sound tackling, the students smothering their opponents to great advantage. The Ponsonby rear division got plenty of opportunities, but erratic passing often brought their runs to a halt. With Webb, Morse, O'Leary, Murray, and McGregor great things were expected of the blue and blacks, but they found their equals in the students in Saturday's match, and their repeated attacks met with the most stubborn resistance. In the forwards it was thought Ponsonby would show marked superiority, but the students, despite their lightness, held their own, their clever tactics in the open enabling them to keep the blue and blacks in check. The light blues exerted every ounce of energy, and, with

The Scorers in the Ponsonby-Varsity Match.

In regard to the match itself, it was not until 3.25 that the leather was kicked off. Ponsonby were the aggressors in the early periods, and the first score went down to their credit, a pretty passing run by the backs enabling O'Leary to notch a try in the corner. He took the kick himself, but failed at goal. Ponsonby 3, University nil. Francis was instrumental in the blue and blacks securing their second try, the Ponsonby

Players in the Limelight.

Wilkes, who was a member of the North Island team last year, played a sterling game for University, distinguishing himself both in attack and defence. His generalship proved most serviceable to the light blue forwards, and he took a hand in everything. Bamford also gave a good account of himself, being of great assistance to his side. Gray was responsible for a highly creditable display in the Varsity backs, his work being of a useful and tricky nature. F. Wilson played at the top of his form, his great pace and clever handling standing him in good stead. Dr. Borrie's showing was watched with no little interest, and the ex-Otago representative acquitted himself well, his tackling particularly being of a very sound order. Of the Ponsonby forwards Francis shone out most prominently, proving a tower of strength to the Ponsonby men. The other forwards were not seen at their best. Webb at half-back, displayed much cleverness, and should he retain his form throughout the season, he is certain to gain representative honours. O'Leary shone out conspicuously at five-eighths, but had an off day with his place kicking. McGregor demonstrated that he is still the cool and heady player of last season by the quickness with which he made use of all openings, and he should take a prominent part in registering tries for the blue and blacks.

Parnell and Grafton Draw.

The match between Parnell and Grafton attracted a large number of spectators to No. 2 ground, where they witnessed a game, which, though not characterised by exciting incidents, was stubbornly contested. A practice match between these teams on the previous Saturday pointed to

an even game, and such Saturday's exposition proved to be, nine points going down to the credit of each side. From start to finish both teams played hard and fast football, the game being exceedingly willing for the first of the season. In the forwards the teams were well matched, although there were times in the game when one side would appear to be infinitely superior to the other as the result of a vigorous combined rush. The game did not consist of a battle between the forwards, as the backs were called upon to do their fair share of the work, the object of both teams apparently being to open up the game. It was one of those matches the result of which looked difficult to predict from the start—even when the spell had ended with the score six points to nil in Grafton's favour it was evident that Parnell had not yet played their best card. The Graftonites grafted particularly hard in the first spell, fully recognising the big advantage it is to a team to place points to its credit in the first half. The second spell saw neither team give the other any quarter, and a strenuous struggle right up to the call of time made the game decidedly interesting. The maroons showed up a great deal better in the latter half, playing with more combination, and on several occasions they went within an ace of scoring tries. The condition of the Parnellites lasted out better than that of the wearers of the black and white, and in the final twenty minutes' spell the play was confined to Grafton's territory most of the time. Though Grafton's score was made up of three tries—all secured by O. Wolfgramm—and Parnell's points were obtained as a result of three goals kicked by J. Hardwicke, it does not follow that Grafton were unlucky to lose, as the fates were against the maroons on more than one occasion when a score looked imminent. The Parnell backs, with one or two exceptions, acquitted themselves well individually, but there appeared to be a weak link in their combination, the consequence being the ball did not travel as smartly through their hands as was the case with the Grafton back division. Again, there was a disinclination on the part of one or two of the Parnellites to go low for their man, their tackling leaving considerable room for improvement. The Grafton backs threw the ball about in a praiseworthy fashion, but towards the finish of the game the Parnell men gave them few opportunities to get going properly.

Comments on the Players.

O'Brien and Pople were a pair of consistent grafters in the Grafton pack, both getting through a great amount of work. Swainson also gave a creditable display. Among the backs Wolfgramm, Power, Dowe and Candy were all responsible for useful exhibitions. Power rendered his side no end of assistance with his powerful line kicks, which were splendidly judged. Marshall, at full-back, gave a safe display, always succeeding in clearing his goal line from danger. Wilson, centre forward for Parnell, kept the maroons together admirably in the scrum, while in the loose he proved a hustler of the right stamp. His inclusion in the Parnell pack has greatly strengthened the maroons, as his experience in representative football enables him to impart much valued instruction to the younger players. Muir played his usual hard game, being generally in the thick of the fray. Thomas played a first-rate game in the rear division, being very solid on the defence. Hardwicke was in good form, his splendid kicking being all that could be desired. Besides scoring the whole of the nine points for Parnell with his goal kicking, he made several very close attempts to pilot the leather over the crossbar. Twiname acquitted himself creditably, but was given few opportunities on the attack.

The Forward Divisions.

The Grafton forwards are a hard-working lot, and they toiled with a will against the Parnell front division. It was in the line-outs that the Graftonites got in their best work, as they generally managed to secure the leather and shoot it out to their backs. They also showed to advantage in the dribbling rushes, in which they assisted one another whenever the opportunity presented itself. Their dare-devil rushes when properly organised were a source of trouble to the Parnellites, but Thomas proved a thorn in their side, this player rendering yeoman service to the Parnell team with his plucky rush-stopping.

The Parnell forwards should develop into a strong team as the season progresses, as on Saturday they stood out very prominently at various stages of the match. The little combination which they at present lack is certain to come to them during the next few Saturdays, and as they have plenty of dash they should go through the season with credit.

A Brilliant Threequarter.

A feature of the Parnell-Grafton match was the brilliant showing made by O. Wolfgramm, who scored the three tries obtained by the latter team. The Grafton backs were well aware of the scoring propensities of their wing-threequarter, and when the ball was secured from the scrum they lost no time in transferring it through one another's hands to Wolfgramm. Once in his possession, the speedy three-quarter was a power to be reckoned with, and thrice did he outwit the maroon backs and score. Wolfgramm is a strong runner, and being in splendid fettle this season he is certain to take a big hand in notching tries during the cup matches.

City Easily Defeats Newton.

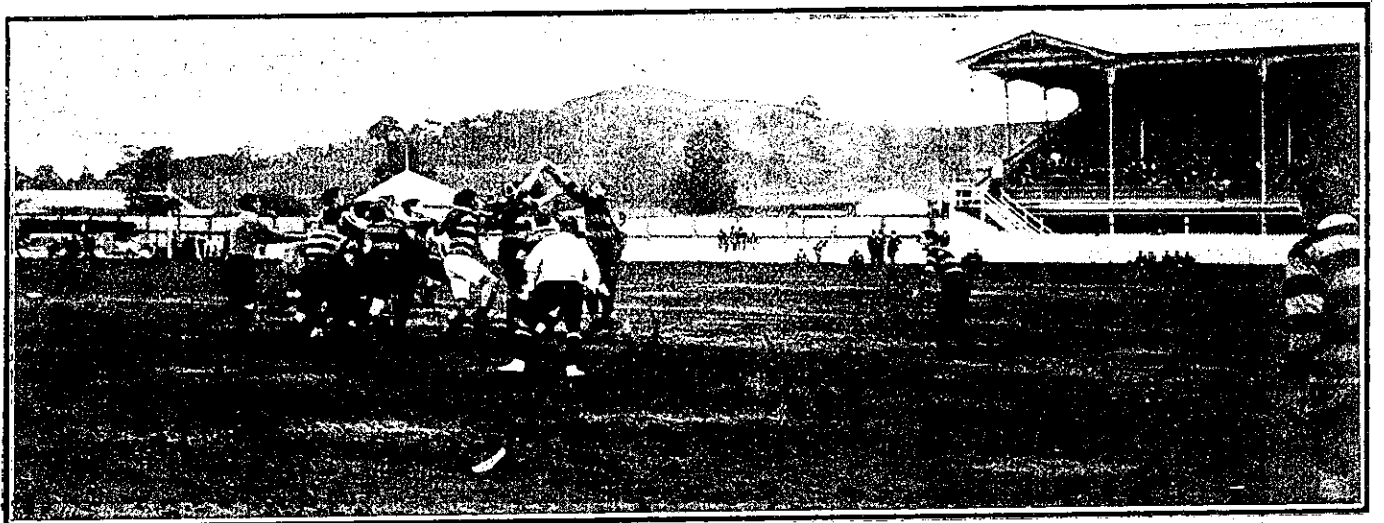
The City-Newton match did not create much interest outside of a desire on the part of a good number to see how the new players that have joined the City Club would shape. The match was voted a good thing for City beforehand, and it was only a matter of how many points the red and blacks would put up. The expected victory came their way to the tune

not in a position to get together a fifteen such as represented them some five years ago. They appear to be unable to secure a heavy enough team for senior football, and as the majority of the first-grade teams are on the weighty side this means a big disadvantage to the Newtonites. Whether Newton will drop out of the senior competition before the end of the first round is a matter for conjecture, but after their praiseworthy efforts in mustering a senior fifteen it is to be hoped that such a step will not be found necessary.

City Score Eight Tries.

The City-Newton match resulted in the frequent invasion of the Cityites of the red and whites' citadel. The first try was obtained shortly after the kick off, and others followed at varying intervals. Stewart drew first blood for City by scoring in the corner, but R. Magee's shot at goal proved futile. Forsyth, the Alhambra (Dunedin) forward, scored City's second try, getting over as the result of a tricky run. S. Magee failed in his attempt at goal. City's next try was obtained by Bruce, the North Island representative forward, who got across the line from a scramble. S. Magee again failed at goal. Several minutes later Fake secured the fourth try for the red and blacks, but S. Magee's shot at goal proved fruitless. Before half-time was called Barclay scored another try, but Fitzgerald was unsuccessful in his attempt at goal, the score then being: City 15, Newton nil. On resuming the Newtonites

the rules, and proceeded to explain the position which led up to his decision. There had been a good deal of boo-hoing during the match, and he thought that some of the language by some of the Athletic players was rather out of the ordinary. He had cautioned the Athletic team as a whole, but he could not pick out any individual. The player in question, when asked for an explanation of his conduct, denied that there was any hooting or that he had given any cause to the referee to order him off. He heard no bad language, and had not the slightest idea why he was ordered off. The Committee, however, decided that the player should be suspended for four playing Saturdays, while a caution was administered to the Athletic team. The other case which came before the Committee concerned a Selwyn player, who was ordered off the field by the referee in the Selwyn-Oriental junior match for striking an opponent in the face with his open hand. Previous to this, the player in question had been cautioned for tackling a man after he had parted with the ball. The player denied the referee was right when he said he (the player) had struck his opponent. The man alleged to have been struck was a personal friend of his own. After some discussion, during which it was urged that the time had come for a strong stand to be taken, it was decided to suspend the player for three months a motion that he should be suspended for a month being defeated.



THE "ALL BLACKS," FRANCIS AND NICHOLSON, JUMPING FOR THE BALL IN THE PONSONBY V. UNIVERSITY MATCH.

of 28 points to nil, the Newton fifteen being no match for them in any department of the game. The Newton players were defending nearly the whole of the time, but they were unable to resist the determined rushes of the Cityites, who continually broke through their defence. The game, though one-sided, was nevertheless interesting, the City men frequently showing flashes of brilliancy in their concerted attacks. The red and black forwards played a solid and serviceable game, and easily outmatched their opponents. The City backs were kept going with passing runs, and with a little more combination should be well up to the standard of the leading back teams in the senior competition. It was only now and then that the Newton players showed anything approaching senior form, their dashing tactics being only a momentary order. The Newtonites certainly deserve praise for placing a team in the senior grade, but it is plainly evident that the Club are

made a determined stand for a while, but the City men soon returned to the attack, Power eventually getting over and registering a try, which Fitzgerald converted. Before the end of the match Stewart scored two more tries for City, one of which was converted by R. Magee, the final score being: City 28, Newton nil.

Two Wellington Players Suspended.

It is gratifying to note that the referees in Wellington are taking a firm stand in eliminating objectionable features which tend to bring Rugby into disrepute, and as the result of reports received at last week's meeting of the Management Committee of the Wellington Rugby Union, two players have been suspended. The referee, who had control of the Athletic-Wellington junior match, reported having ordered an Athletic player off the field for harassing him. The referee stated that he thought that the matter was due to ignorance of

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Beamish, of Taranaki, who was to have donned the jersey for the City Club this season, will not, as originally intended, make the trip to Auckland. This will mean that City will be minus the services of this crack five-eighths, whose loss will be felt by supporters of the red and blacks.

Smythe, the Grafton forward, was an absentee from the Grafton pack on Saturday, this player being on a brief visit to Wellington.

George Tyler did not play for the City team in their match against Newton on Saturday. Tyler will not be able to play for his Club in every match, owing to his inability to get away from his business duties on certain days.

The captains of the senior teams engaged in the Auckland Rugby Union's competition are as follows:—Ponsonby (G. Nicholson), City (R. Magee), Grafton (O. Wolfgramm), Marist Bros. (R. Macdonald), Parnell (A. Twiname), University (F. Wilson), and Newton (Heighton).

At a meeting of the Management Committee of the Wellington Rugby Union last week, a letter was received from the Victoria College Club, asking that they should be allowed to play Auckland University in Wellington on June 3. It was decided that the match could not be played on June 3, and to suggest June 5 for the contest.

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"When Tilly's Uncle Flirted," provided plenty of merriment, Tilly's ubiquity at undesirable times causing her giddy relative's downfall in more ways than one. Pretty glimpses of "The Island of St. Kilda" were shown, also a pathetic drama, "When the wind blows," which introduced a collic called Jean, that was the means of bringing happiness to a home. The music supplied by Mr E. J. Burke's orchestra was exceptionally enjoyable. Another change of pictures takes place this evening.

THE ROYAL RINK.

Sports' night is proving a great institution at the Royal Rink, the attendance being unusually large for that particular programme. The fourth series of the Royal One Mile Handicap was won by Mr. Harvey, last Friday, off the 60 yards mark, after an exciting finish with Mr. Christian, who unfortunately stumbled in the sixteenth lap. The winners of the four heats will compete tomorrow night, and the winner will be qualified to compete for the Royal Mile Championship Race for a valuable cup at the end of the season. A grand fancy dress skating carnival is to be held on Tuesday, May 30, and arrangements are well in hand. It promises to eclipse all previous functions of a similar nature yet held both in brilliancy and novelty. Further particulars will appear later. Valuable prizes are to be presented for the competitions and can be seen at the Rink.

THE WINDSOR RINK.

The quarter-mile walking match on skates is the attraction at the Windsor Rink this evening, and promises to be a very close competition. P. McQuillam won the Mile Handicap, James Rowland securing second honours. The Maypole dance last evening was most effectively performed. It is a pretty item at any time, but with graceful skating added, its charm was twofold and Professor Martin is to be complimented on his up-to-dateness. Next week there is another run of novel attractions. It may not be generally known that lessons in trick, fancy and graceful skating are given free of charge.

CLIMBING THE RUNGS.

MR WALTER DALGLEISH OF WM. ANDERSON'S COMPANY.

Mr Walter Dalgleish, whose portrait is reproduced in this issue, is making his bow before an Auckland audience again after an absence of five years. As Hildred, in "The Prince and the Beggar Maid," Mr Dalgleish, who gives a highly convincing study of the arrogant reigning prince, is quite a familiar figure to Auckland theatre goers, and his extinction in the last act is always the signal for general rejoicing—surely the villain of the play could not be paid a greater compliment! Mr Dalgleish was out here five years ago with Mr Anderson's company, and played "La Loup" in "The Face at the Window." So realistically did he portray the "Face" in all its horrors and gruesomeness, that the memory of it is fresh still in the minds of those who saw it, a doubtful tribute which Mr Dalgleish pleasantly acknowledges. "But it's the hero who gets all the sympathy," observed Mr Dalgleish ruefully.

Fourteen years with Mr Anderson. Mr Dalgleish commenced his stage career with the late John F. Sheridan, and was with him for seven years in all capacities, from dresser to leading man, accompanying that sterling actor to New Zealand ten years ago, and playing leads for him. He has also been associated with George Rignold, and played Gilbert Vaughan to Mr Rignold's Maccari in "Called Back." "I learnt a good deal from Mr Rignold," said Mr Dalgleish. "Pick your part to pieces," he would say, "and see what you would do if were you in that man's position." He was always ready to give good advice and hold out assistance.

Mr Dalgleish takes the part of Jim, the cow boy in "Right is Might," which is included in the company's repertoire, and has to exercise some superior horsemanship to maintain the character of the piece. "I've been brought up with horses all my life, both in my native home, Scotland, and in Australia," so I don't need cobbler's wax to keep my seat! For all that I had a nasty jar just before leaving Melbourne, my horse slipping on the rostrum and rolling on me." Mr Dalgleish has taken a hand in

every department of theatrical life, and has run the whole gamut from call boy to lead. Mr Dalgleish's forte is "heavies." He likes the vigorous movement that goes with the part, and being naturally entertaining, cheery, and energetic, he invests his role with a due appreciation of its worth, and convinces one of the soundness of his work, and of his still greater possibilities in the Thespian art.

Greenroom Gossip.

"Why Men Love Women."

Mr. Walter Howard's latest melodrama, "Why men love women" is proving a big draw in the South. Invercargill, Dunedin, Timaru, Christchurch, Wellington and Palmerston North has in turn been visited, and crowds have been attracted in each place to see the play with the peculiar title. It was first of all intended that the Company should conclude their New Zealand tour at Wellington, and fulfil some Australian bookings. However, the latter have now been postponed, and the Company will open in Auckland on June 3, after a visit to the Waikato and the gold-

ago. They have also toured the Brethren's chain of theatres, and likewise played with the following organisations throughout Queensland, Meynell and Gunns, No. 2 Company. Fatal Wedding Company; the No. 1 Company in Sydney; Bland Holt, William Anderson, McKinson and Kearns' Vaudeville Company, Ralph Clay's Comedians, and also with Harry James. These clever little twins are but fourteen years of age, and are noted for their versatility. They are not only possessed of good voices, but are exceptionally clever little dancers, their skipping rope, clog, ballet, buck dancing and other specialties, winning for them much applause on the big vaudeville bill at the Opera House last week. The twins have a neat stage appearance, and there is no reason why their theatrical career should not prove a big success.

Thundrebolt

Mr. Fred Elton, of the Elton Comedy Co., writes me from Wellington that they have just arrived from Sydney by the "Moeraki," with the greatest of all dramatic pictures "Thundrebolt." The exciting career of the bushranger gives scope for some fine emotional picture photography, and sensational scenes depicting the principal incidents in his life, are realistically portrayed. Mr. Elton has 20,

capable of maintaining the high traditions of this bright little company. The company will continue to produce "Seven Days," "A Bachelor's Honey-moon," and "The Girl from Rectors," in Australia, and will add new farces to the repertoire as occasion dictates.

An Australian Record.

The play "Our Miss Gibbs" has concluded at the Theatre Royal Sydney after a run of 230 performances—an Australian record. Altogether 389,720 persons paid for admission during the season. "Our Miss Gibbs" establishes a new record for Australia. In London, of course, a piece may run for more than a year—indeed, "Our Miss Gibbs" was in its third year when it came to the end of its tether—but in Australia, nearly eight months, the term of this piece in Sydney, represents quite a unique career (remarks a Sydney contemporary). The first run of any consequence in this country was established in Melbourne by "Tambour Major," 101 performances, about 29 years ago, when this opera was produced by the company brought from England by Mr. George Musgrove. The company included Miss Pattie Laverne, Miss Jessie Grey, Miss Minnie Hope, and Messrs. Johnny Wallace, H. R. Harwood, Fred Mervyn, Hallowell, Albert Brenner, and George Dean. This record stood for a considerable period, and then "Florodora," produced by the J. C. Williamson management, ran for a week longer in Melbourne, the burlesque on grand opera in which Mr. George Lauri and Miss Carrie Moore figured as "The P'r'apses" drawing the town. The longest run in Sydney was achieved by the "Merry Widow," but now "Our Miss Gibbs," another Williamson winner, has come along and demolished all other records and incidentally added to the popularity of the Royal Comic Company.

We Want Thrills!

Mr. George Marlow, in a recent interview, stated that he believed Australian writers had more brains than their English cousins, but Australians wanted to keep too closely to everyday life in writing dramas, while the Englishman used his imagination a little more. Thus the latter made things more improbable and so made an appeal in an indirect way to human nature. What audiences want he added, is thrill, and thrill splashed with virtue, sensation, briny ocean and gunpowder.

Two American Stars.

A star act at Messrs. Fuller's Vaudeville is that given by Harris and Vernon, two extremely clever Americans. Their dialogues and playlets are quite original and evoke unbounded merriment, which culminates in rounds of applause when this talented couple give an exhibition of their terpsichorean abilities. Their agility is simply astounding, and they are undoubtedly the cleverest and most skilful dancers that have been seen on the Fuller circuit. Mr. Fuller is to be congratulated on securing such artists. Harris and Vernon go South at the end of this week so Southerners are in for a special treat.

Good Bye to Grace Palotta.

Miss Grace Palotta, the well-known actress, having received a cablegram stating that her mother, who lives in Vienna, is seriously ill, has severed her connection with Mr. Hugh Ward's Comedy Company, and left for Vienna by the quickest route via America.

"Lucky Durham."

Wilson Barrett's latest play "Lucky Durham" is said to afford exceptional opportunities for Mr. H. R. Roberts and Miss Beatrice Day, Australian papers speaking most highly of their work. Mr. Roberts as Lucky Durham, and Miss Day as Lady Mountfallon. Our frontispiece of this issue is devoted to a charming study of Miss Day.

Miss Katherine Grey.

Miss Katherine Grey's season at the Melbourne Princess's Theatre will close on May 25. A visit to Adelaide follows, and Miss Grey leaves for America on July 3.

Miss Ethel Warwick.

Since she returned to England, Miss Ethel Warwick, who was out here some little time ago with the J. C. Williamson Dramatic Company, is at present appearing in a London revival of "The Prisoner of Zenda," in the part of Antoinette de Mauban, and has created a most favourable impression.



THE SEYFFER TWINS, now appearing with much success at the Opera House.

fields (Hamilton, May 29 and 30, Cambridge May 31, Waihi, June 1 and 2). The tour has been a huge success, the public being quick to recognise that "Why men love women" as presented by Mr. Allan Hamilton's Company, is a fine melodrama, with a fine production.

A Busy Programme.

Mr. Leo. D. Chateau, who piloted the company over from Australia fresh from Melbourne and Sydney successes finishes his engagement with them in Auckland, after seeing them well towards the end of their triumphal tour, and returns to Wellington to produce Somerset Maughan's play "Mrs. Dot" for the Wellington amateurs (the Mountbank Club) in the Opera House, on June 7, 8, and 9. Thence he proceeds to Dunedin to pick up Messrs. Clark and Meynell's "Arcadians" Company which commences a tour of the Dominion centres on June 26. Mr. Chateau passed through Auckland yesterday and has left for Hamilton.

The Seyffer Twins.

A much appreciated item at the Opera House just now, is that given by the Seyffer twins. This makes their second tour of the Fuller circuit, as no doubt patrons of the above theatre will remember their appearance here some three and a half years

ago. They have also toured the Brethren's chain of theatres, and likewise played with the following organisations throughout Queensland, Meynell and Gunns, No. 2 Company. Fatal Wedding Company; the No. 1 Company in Sydney; Bland Holt, William Anderson, McKinson and Kearns' Vaudeville Company, Ralph Clay's Comedians, and also with Harry James. These clever little twins are but fourteen years of age, and are noted for their versatility. They are not only possessed of good voices, but are exceptionally clever little dancers, their skipping rope, clog, ballet, buck dancing and other specialties, winning for them much applause on the big vaudeville bill at the Opera House last week. The twins have a neat stage appearance, and there is no reason why their theatrical career should not prove a big success.

A Popular Manager.

On his departure for New Zealand to manage the New Zealand tour of William Anderson's new dramatic company which Mr. Harry Roberts and Miss Beatrice Day are heading, Mr. Michael Joseph was the recipient of a handsome travelling bag from the front staff of the King's Theatre, Melbourne, and also of a very nice present from Mr. William Anderson in recognition of his valuable services during the number of years he has been associated with that management. Twenty-two years with one firm is a testimony that speaks for itself.

The New Ward Company.

Mr. Reginald Wykeham, stage manager for Mr. Ward and a capable actor, and Mr. W. A. Low, Mr. Ward's manager, will continue to tour the Hugh Ward Comedy Company much on the same lines as it has been run in the past. They will be without the services of Miss Grace Palotta and Mr. Ward, but their places are to be filled with competent artists,

WELLINGTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, May 15.

J. C. Williamson's "The Whip" Company, opens a season at the Opera House on Thursday evening, the 18th with the big Drury Lane success. The management expect to do as big a season as the recent Auckland one.

I must say there are one or two "chaser" acts in the bill at Fuller's Vaudeville house just now. It must also be stated that there are also some real good ones, such as Barnold's dogs and monkeys, Bob Lloyd and Miss Mabel Lynne.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Graham sailed for Sydney by the Warrimoo, last Friday.

Messrs. Linley and Donovan and West's Pictures are doing fine business at the King's Theatre, where they give a change of programme twice a week. This firm has secured the picture of Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree's recent production of "Henry VIII" at His Majesty's Theatre, London.

The Allan Hamilton Dramatic Company will play the following dates en route for Auckland: Palmerston North, May 15 and 16; Hawera, May 17 and 18; Wanganui, May 20; Stratford, May 22 and 23; New Plymouth, May 24 and 25; Hamilton, May 29 and 30; Cambridge, May 31; Waihi, June 1 and 2; opening at His Majesty's, Auckland, on June 3rd. for a season, which will extend until June 10th.

Mr. Bob Lloyd is giving a good "turn" at the Theatre Royal just now.

Miss Florence Baines has secured the following dates for a tour of the Dominion:—Invercargill, July 27 to 29; Gore, July 31; Dunedin, August 1 to 7; Christchurch, August 9 to 22; Wellington, August 28 to September 5; Masterton, September 6; Palmerston North, September 7 and 8; Auckland, September 14 to 30.

Amongst the performers booked to appear at Fullers' Wellington Vaudeville house shortly are Mr. Jack Kearns, Miss Ida Roslyn, Miss Vera Kearns, and little Dick Kearns.

Messrs. MacMahon and Donnelly, have done first-class business with their continuous picture show at the new theatre. The place is one of the cosiest picture palaces in the Southern hemisphere.

Auckland play-goers are in for a rare treat when the Messrs. Fuller present Barnold's dogs and monkeys, in the course of the next few days. The act is entitled "A Hot Time in Dogville." It is without doubt the funniest act that has been seen here for quite a while. Drunken Dan is a whole show in himself.

Fullers' Picture Palace in Courtenay Place, has been packed at every performance during the past week.

Alexander Prince, who is billed as "The Concertina King" will shortly appear at the Theatre Royal.

AUSTRALIAN HAPPENINGS.

(From Our Sydney and Melbourne Correspondents.)

There was a most enthusiastic and packed house at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, on Saturday evening, when "Our Miss Gibbs" made its first appearance in Melbourne. As soon as it was positively announced that the Gaiety success was to begin its Melbourne career, applications began to pour in for seats, and the difficulty that has faced the management has been how to provide anything like adequate accommodation for the vast numbers of patrons who have been anxious to be at the theatre to welcome back the Royal Comies in this greatest of all Australian records. All the available seats have been reserved, and had the management chosen to do so they might have reserved the whole of the gallery and pit, but these portions of the house they chose to keep for their usual patrons.

William Anderson's Lilliputian Pantomime Company has been playing overland to Brisbane, crowded houses being the rule all along the line. A fortnight's season is to be played in Brisbane, at which city they opened on Saturday.

One theatregoer, very anxious to be at the inaugural performance of "Our Miss Gibbs" in Melbourne, is said to have offered 30s to £2 for a couple of seats in the stalls, but the offer was refused.

George Marlow, Ltd., will shortly introduce to Australians and New Zealanders two of the best exponents of melodrama that the English stage possesses, in the persons of

Miss Louise Hampton and Mr Cecil Mannering. These artists are at present on their way to Australia, and Mr Marlow's London agent, is sending with them several new spectacular dramas, in which they "created" the leading parts in the initial production in London, and the English provinces in the subsequent tours. Miss Hampton, who is the only child of Mr and Mrs Hampton, supported her parents as a juvenile actress, both in classic roles and in melodrama, and is a favourite at the London Standard Theatre, where she recently starred in "The Girl Who Wrecked His Home" for 400 nights. Mr Cecil Mannering is one of the London leading juvenile actors, and his variety of parts is somewhat astonishing. His popularity, too, is said to be akin to the juvenile men of London musical comedy shows.

John McCormack, who will be the leading tenor in the Melba Grand Opera Company during the forthcoming Australian season, sang the tenor role of "Natoma" at the Philadelphia Opera House in March last. The opera was composed by Victor Herbert, one of the few Americans to turn his attention in the direction of Grand Opera.

Mr Neil Kenyon, of Pantomimic fame, has in the past been connected with Shakespearian presentations, and the literary drama. But those days are gone, and the popular comedian has not the slightest inclination to return to a class of theatrical production which is now without the slightest appeal to him. In fact he declares that in the future he intends to devote himself to pantomime, musical comedy, and music hall work. He is tired of the educative drama. Not so very long ago a gentleman met him at an afternoon and commenced to discuss Shakespeare and the wonderful achievements of the great English dramatist. Mr Kenyon, not being at all inclined to continue the conversation in this vein, appeared to think very deeply as if racking his brains to recollect who Shakespeare was, and then he said: "Let me see, he hasn't written anything lately, has he?" And the next moment he had dashed off into a glowing description of the pleasures of fishing.

"The Bad Girl of the Family" stand in Sydney, during the great Hospital Saturday Fund collections on May 6, was one of the most prominent and successful too. It is said

that these ladies collected as much as any other stand in the city, though theirs was not the best stand by any means. All the ladies of the Marlow Company appearing at the Sydney Adelphi were in full array in a special costume with an artistic stand in the cause of charity.

Frank Tyars, a leading London actor, who will accompany Mr H. B. Irving on his forthcoming trip to Australia, has had a very extended experience, and has played a great variety of parts. His earlier theatrical experience was gained in stock companies, then after some time spent at Drury Lane he commenced an engagement at Lyceum Theatre, under the management of Mrs Bateman, as Dorval in "The Lyon's Mail." When Mrs Bateman retired from the management it was taken over by the late Sir Henry Irving, and Mr Tyars continued under his management playing in various Shakespearian presentations, as well as a number of well-known standard plays. His engagement with Sir Harry extended over 27 years, which is an almost unique record, and on the death of the father he eventually joined the son.

Some exceptionally fine voices have been culled from the ranks of the applicants for inclusion in the chorus of the Melba Grand Opera Company, Melbourne, Sydney, and Adelaide have been drawn upon, and the result is in every way highly gratifying. The sopranos in particular, both as regards numbers and the quality of the voices, are well worthy of the engagement which they seek.

Mr Neil Kenyon who has become such a favourite out here as the dame in "Jack and the Beanstalk," gives a humorous account of his first meeting with an Australian artist in London. He was playing at The Pavilion at the time, and one morning in the half-light was crossing the stage, when he suddenly collided with something moist. He stepped back quickly, because, as he said, it was no unusual thing to meet with polar bears and other wild animals at The Pavilion. He was greeted by a laugh on this account, however, and found that he had collided with Miss Daisy Montague, late of J. C. Williamson's musical companies, who was just about to give a sample of her act (La Milo) to the stage manager of the theatre.

Mr Jack Cannot tells an amusing story of the days when he was young and a little bit "green" shall we say.

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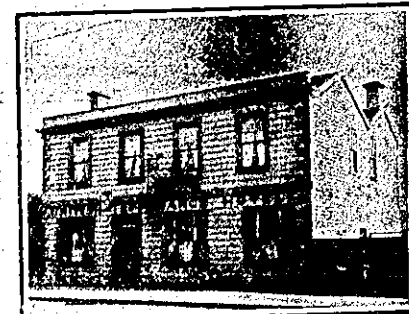
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He thought that he would like to go on the stage, so he began by borrowing £5 from a "pal." Then he polished himself up and made his way to a theatrical agent in Maiden Lane. Several applicants were waiting, and had apparently been waiting for some time, but his was quite a new face, and he was invited into an inner office to interview the agent. He sang and discussed his qualifications and evidently gave every satisfaction, for to his delight the agent told him that he did not know his own value—that he could get him an engagement with Geo. Edwards at £12 a week, as Edwards was on the look out for just such a man. He walked on air for the next couple of days and returned to the agent on the day appointed to fix matters up. Then came the disillusion. He was informed by a clerk that the gentleman he had formerly interviewed had had to be taken away as he was quite mad, poor chap.

The term "Horstralia" will have to be extended in future to "Horstralia-sia," says Sydney "S. and D. News," in order that New Zealand may likewise be honoured with the distinction of being a sporting community.

The Adelphi Theatre, Sydney, the headquarters of George Marlow, Ltd., is proving a greater success than probably the most optimistic believed. The opening production, "The Bad Girl of the Family," had been running six weeks when the mail left Sydney on May 9, and there is no mention of a change being made in the bill then.

The taxis of Sydney reaped a royal harvest on the afternoon of Mr Gerard Coventry's complimentary matinee. Such an extensive programme had been prepared, including items from all the leading members of the profession in the city at the time, that there was not accommodation for all the visiting artists in Her Majesty's dressing rooms. Accordingly it was arranged that they should "make up" at their own theatres, and then be conveyed to Her Majesty's in taxis which were provided for their use by the J. C. Williamson management. This fact accounted for the number of these modern vehicles, which were to be seen plying to and fro with drawn blinds.

"The Sorrows of Satan" is to be produced in Melbourne at the King's Theatre, at the conclusion of the run of "The Squatter's Daughter." The forthcoming production is a new version of Miss Marie Corelli's famous novel, written by Mr Roy Redgrave, who is to play the leading part, Prince Lucio, and Miss Duggan, the part of Lady Sybil Elton. Some new and elaborate scenery is being painted for the production, a special feature being made of an illuminated Garden Fete. In this scene the centre of the stage will be occupied by a huge fountain, spraying about 50 jets of real water, through which coloured limelights will be thrown; this, combined with the effect of hundreds of vari-coloured lamps gleaming among the foliage of the trees, should create a very beautiful effect.

Prior to her departure for Australia, a number of Australians in London presented Miss Ethel Irving with a silver boomerang as a token of their appreciation and admiration.

"The Bad Girl of the Family," according to the Australian papers, has been the most remarkable success seen there for some years. It played to capacity in all the centres of the Commonwealth, and is now in its sixth week in Sydney to houses averaging over 2000 nightly.

At the King's Theatre, Melbourne, another revival of that phenomenally successful Australian drama, "The Squatter's Daughter," is being played by William Anderson's popular No. 1 Dramatic Organisation, which returned from the West on Thursday last, and opened at The King's on Saturday night to a packed house, which accorded a tremendous reception to the old favourites.

The Hamilton, Plimmer, and Deniston Company are having a most successful season at His Majesty's Theatre, Perth, where the combination are now in their fourth week. Their recent purchase, "Nobody's Daughter," was played for the first time in Australia last week, and met with an enthusiastic reception. After their Perth season the company will play short seasons at Kalgoorlie and Fremantle before returning to Mel-

bourne, where they are due at the Princess Theatre on June 10 with "Nobody's Daughter."

New Zealand friends of Mr George Darrell, will be interested to learn that the well-known actor author is at present general manager of one of George Marlow's Companies. He recently produced one of his own pieces in Brisbane, entitled "The Verge of Sin."

It is calculated that half Melbourne heard Mr Jack CANNOT's two songs, "What's the Matter with Father" and "La La," on Eight Hours' Day. Every band included in the five miles' long procession played both tunes, and at one point six consecutive bands were playing "La La." In fact, so much was it in evidence, that thousands of the sight-seers along the route took up the melody and sang it to the tramp of the marching feet as one union after another passed. Thus do the pantomime songs go down to fame.

LAFAYETTE'S TRAGIC END.

A WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT LOST TO AUSTRALASIA.

The fearful fire which occurred at the Empire Palace Theatre, at Edinburgh (when amongst other victims, Mr Lafayette, the clever American illusionist, perished in the flames), is brought home more tragically to us, from the fact that Mr Lafayette was under engagement to appear at the King's Theatre, Melbourne, on Boxing night, Mr Wm. Anderson having just completed arrangements.

The fire, we learn from the cables, arose through a paper lantern falling from the wings into the scenery during an elaborate illusion called "The Lion's Bride," ending with a harem scene.

The fall caused a shower of sparks, and the whole scene was instantly ablaze. The audience at first believed that this was part of Lafayette's design, which included bombs and fireworks, hence there was little panic.

The theatre was emptied in four minutes. The actors and stage hands meanwhile fought the flames, but were impeded by a maddened lion and other animals, and the flames spread until the stage was like a furnace, when the safety curtain fell inwards, demolishing the stage.

Lafayette, who directed the performance, was seen outside the stage door after the fire broke out, but returned to save the trained animals, whose tricks were the feature of the show. He was a well-known American illusionist. His body was found beside the charred remains of his favourite horse, which he was apparently endeavouring to rescue.

When the stage was ablaze a lion went mad and blocked the exit. Stage hands state that Lafayette was killed while making an attempt to remove the lion.

Mr Lafayette was in the habit of carrying 200 tons of paraphernalia to assist him in his business, his company consisting of thirty-two members. It was Mr Anderson's intention that Mr Lafayette should show in the four Australian centres, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and Adelaide, and then bring his entertainment to New Zealand and exhibit in the four centres here. Mr Frank Gerald, who came out to Australia to produce Nat Gould's play, "The Chance of a Lifetime," left Melbourne about six weeks ago, on behalf of Mr Anderson, to complete the final arrangements with Mr Lafayette, who was to be guaranteed a sum of £500 a week to cover his salary and expenses. Mr Michael Joseph informs us that Mr Lafayette had the most complete set of picture posters that he has ever seen in connection with theatrical productions. A feature of the entertainment being the illusion known as "The Lion's Bride," this necessitated the carrying of a lion with the company. Mr Lafayette also travelled with a pet dog and favourite horse. An unprecedented demonstration took place at Edinburgh on Sunday at the burial of Lafayette. The urn containing the cremated remains of Lafayette was placed in a casket containing the embalmed remains of his favourite dog Beauty.

Mr Anderson is naturally much upset at the terrible calamity. Mr Lafayette was considered the greatest illusionist ever seen in the Old Country, and so in addition to the general feeling of horror experienced at such a holocaust, Australasian audiences are deprived of seeing a most wonderful entertainment.

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Secretary N.Z. L.V. Association.

Wellington, October 20, 1910.

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND THEIR DUTIES.

MR. POOLE, M.P., ON THE STUMP.

THE CHRISTCHURCH SLUMP.

Mr. C. H. Poole, M.P., is again on the stump in the interests of the "No-License" movement. Since "the first shot" was fired at Wanganui, it is indeed doubtful if the elect of Auckland West has save for the brief respite afforded by the East Coast Railway excursion trip, ceased to raise his voice on behalf of the Prohibition movement. He is said to have been much in evidence at Wanganui, Feilding and other North Island centres, and now he would appear to have crossed over the Cook Straits and to be reasoning with the unregenerate of Christchurch. We gather as much from a telegram (sent by that most reliable of agencies, the Press Association), from the City of the Canterbury Plains on Friday. Another "first shot" would appear to have been fired that evening, with Mr. Poole as the chief gunner of the National Prohibition movement, bringing all his heavy artillery to bear upon an audience that was disappointingly small, and to which the local organiser, a Mr. Payne, made a sort of ad misericordium appeal for funds to keep Mr. Poole, or somebody else, on the road. According to this Mr. Payne, whose feelings were reflected by his name, the funds for the campaign are in "a low state," and the state of the funds evidently affected Mr. Payne's feelings, because we are told he "expressed disappointment at the smallness of the attendance, which he considered an indication of apathy on the part of the Christchurch public." Mr. Poole thereupon found it necessary to rally his pessimistic friend upon his lack of faith, pointing out that it was still early in the campaign and they had a long way to go. He had, he declared, "seen other causes, with apparently no greater enthusiasm at that early stage, carried to a triumphant conclusion when the time came for it. He expressed the opinion that the outlook in New Zealand generally was" good, and urged that "the result of the coming poll would never be in doubt if the public, who stood for the moral uplifting of the country would stand shoulder to shoulder," and so on.

MR. POOLE'S POSITION.

There is, of course, no reason why Mr. Poole should not travel around the country to impress his own particular views upon the people. But we think the public generally is entitled to an explanation of Mr. Poole's position in regard to the "No-License" movement. The member for Auckland West has been engaged since Christmas practically, in the special campaigning business undertaken by the New Zealand Alliance. With Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.P., as his boon com-

panion and friend, he has travelled here, there, and everywhere—not enlightening the public upon the condition of political affairs generally, but dealing with a special phase and movement in the life of the people, that occupies far too large a place in the sphere of general politics, hindering as it does the settlement of questions of even graver national concern. Whether Mr. Poole's constituents approve of his conduct in this respect, is a question which time and the ballot box can alone tell. But on general grounds the wisdom of Mr. Poole's action may well be challenged. He is in Parliament to represent the wishes of his constituents, and to do his best to represent every section of the community. Is he doing so by practically confining his time and attention to the one propaganda? It is certain that a very considerable proportion of his constituents are in complete disagreement with that propaganda. And surely their wishes have a right to be considered. Mr. Poole has apparently taken up the role of an itinerant Prohibitionist lecturer and propa-

gandist. There are certain cravings in human nature that must find satisfaction, and that have done so, from the days of Adam, down to the present age. Certain perfectly lawful and legitimate appetites must be appeased. Hunger and thirst alike require to be satisfied and will find satisfaction either lawfully or unlawfully. Because there are gluttons and those who drink to excess in the world are we all to be debarred from using certain forms of food and drink? Is it reasonable, right, or just, that we should be. There are hundreds of thousands of people—millions indeed, who take their wine in moderation and enjoy it as one of the good things sent to us by a Bountiful Providence. Why should their use of good, healthful liquors be debarred, because certain frothy Temperance lecturers and Prohibitionists declare them to be "rank poison," and consequently baneful and injurious in their effects. The old proverb that what is one man's food, is another man's poison, is just as true of tea and coffee as it is of alcoholic liquors. One man may take and enjoy with

A LESSON IN THE CENSUS.

WHAT WAS REVEALED AT MASTERTON.

What is wrong? asks the Wairarapa "Times." Some little time ago (says our contemporary), we ventured to suggest that there was something wrong with Masterton; and, quite unintentionally, contrived thereby to irritate a few good people, who, for no reason at all, believed we meant to suggest that No-License was doing the town harm. We said then, and still say, that, while the town shows signs of recovery from a period of severe depression, there is not evident that keenness and buoyancy in business and that spirit of enterprise that one naturally expects to see in a young town situated in the midst of a rich district. We were able to show then, by such data as we had at hand that lack of closer settlement throughout the Wairarapa was imposing a handicap on progress in the Valley; but as a belief, fostered for their own ends by certain persons, was gaining some currency, that



A POPULAR DENZEVOUS WITH THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC—MR. R. MAYERS' ATIAMURI HOTEL, ATIAMURI.

gandist. He has given up the auctioneering business in which he was engaged in Auckland last year, and, unless he is being paid for his services by the Prohibition party, he is dependent upon his allowance of £300 per annum as a member of Parliament. What the public has a right to know, under such circumstances (Mr. Poole being practically a servant of the people), is the consideration, if any, that is being paid by the Prohibition party for Mr. Poole's services. As a paid propagandist his enthusiasm in the cause is understandable. But it is very questionable whether Mr. Poole's constituents would approve of his carpet-bagging oratory if they really understood the position.

MR. POOLE'S PROPAGANDA.

Mr. Poole claims to be engaged in a movement for the "moral uplifting" of the people. If to be concerned in a propaganda that has for its objective the further restriction of the liberties of the people, and the introduction of a system of needless interferences on the part of the authorities in the lives and homes of the people, constitutes a "moral uplifting" movement, then nothing remains to be said on the subject. But we believe it to be otherwise, and in that belief we are supported by thousands and tens of thousands of the people of

impunity that which another man is bound to leave severely alone. But because the one man has to leave it alone, that is surely no reason why the other man should be compelled to do so also. The compelling or restraining influence is bad. It prompts retaliation and evasion. When the law declares a thing to be wrong that our own moral sense tells us is perfectly legitimate, we cease to respect the law, and ceasing to respect do not hesitate to break it. Under the principle Mr. Poole advocates, other laws might well be introduced that even Mr. Poole and those associated with him would refuse to obey. The weakness of the prohibitory law in regard to the use of stimulants is that it brands as criminal actions that should be perfectly legitimate and lawful, and that it consequently (when the prohibition is applied to liquor), creates the sly-groggery and a host of other evils that would be impossible under a properly regulated trading system.

we were attempting to damage the cause of No-License, we thought it as well to leave the matter alone until the census returns were available. These, published in Saturday's issue, must have conveyed their own lesson to every reader. The figures show that, six years ago, the total population of Wairarapa was 29,054, and that to-day the total population is 29,477. Between Eketahuna and Cross Creek the population has increased by 916; between Mauriceville and Woodville there has been a decrease of 403. Is any further comment needed? Surely even he who runs may read, and know what is wrong not only with Masterton, but with the whole of the Wairarapa. The total natural increase of the 29,000 people who were in the Wairarapa should in six years have been considerably more than 508, which represents both the actual natural increase and the influx of settlers brought about by closer settlement. In other words, assuming that the natural increase in families has during the past six years, in the Wairarapa, been normal, more adult persons have left the Wairarapa during the last six years than have come into it. Everyone seems to assume that closer settlement is steadily going on—slowly, maybe, but inevitably. Instead of that, it is safe to assume that, over a great part of the Wairarapa at any rate, the process is actually

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being reversed, that aggregation of area is going on, and that in many places small farms are becoming big farms and the property of one man instead of two or three. In fact, people in Eketahuna district can point to a number of localities where this has taken, and is now taking, place; and the tendency is even more marked further north, in Pahiatua County, where a net decrease of nearly three hundred has taken place in the population. But we need not labour the point; it is obvious to anyone. How can Masterton hope to progress and recover from the effects of over-booming while the population remains stationary—if it has not actually decreased?

TRADE TOPICS

At the Wellington Police Court on Friday, a young man named Horace Jeyes was fined £100 on two charges of sly grog-selling.

The police have had reason to suspect recently that sly-grog selling is still being carried on at one or two places in Masterton, and raided a house in Park-street. The inmates were naturally surprised at the unexpected attention paid them and did not extend that cordial welcome to their visitors that is the essence of true hospitality. A considerable quantity of liquor was seized, and the case will come before the Magistrate's Court in due course.

Invercargill is shortly to possess an hotel of unusual and imposing proportions. It will be erected upon the site of the old Prince of Wales Hotel, which was recently demolished after an existence of half a century. The new building will possess four storeys, in addition to a cellar, and will have a frontage of 66ft and a depth of 65ft. Brick and ferro-concrete will be used in the construction, and the cost is mentioned as being from £10,000 to £12,000. It will be the largest hotel in Southland.

Te Awamutu is a town which for a long time remained dormant, while other places in the Waikato made more or less rapid progress. During the last two years, however, a wonderful change has been taking place. The main road from the station to the town has been widened, graded, and metalled, whilst in the town itself new shops and dwellings have been built or are in course of erection. In fact the whole district is now progressing rapidly, and in a few years should be an important centre. There are two hotels in the town, both of which appear to be doing good business. Mr Jas. Jackson, the owner of the Te Awamutu Hotel, has moved with the times, and has transformed his hotel into a most comfortable and up-to-date house. The bedrooms are large and airy, the commercial room very spacious and convenient, whilst the dining room is of the best, the menu being equal to that of any other hotel of the same tariff in the Dominion.

"If plaintiff says you were very drunk on the night in question, do you contradict the statement?" queried counsel in cross-examining a witness in the Napier Magistrate's Court. "Well!" said the occupier of the witness-box, "I rode my bike home."

Mr Douglas, late of Feilding, has acquired the Club Hotel, Masterton, and will run it as a first-class temperance hotel.

Mr S. Moses, who, after 28 years of service as a commercial traveller representing Messrs. L. D. Nathan and Co., Limited, is now retiring from the road, and taking an important position in his warehouse, was entertained by his fellow-travellers in the Central Hotel, on Saturday evening. The chair was taken by Mr W. Boak, who, after a few eulogistic words, presented a gold albert and medallion to Mr Moses.

A woman pleaded guilty in the Wellington Police Court a few days ago, to a charge of entering licensed premises during the currency of a prohibition order. Mr H. F. O'Leary, who appeared for the woman, stated

that his client had to go out and seek work to earn her living. The proprietress of the Thistle Inn had offered her employment to do cleaning work. His client had accepted the offer, and had been earning money there for three weeks when "some kind friends" acquainted the police of the facts, and so the woman had one means of livelihood taken from her. The magistrate in imposing a fine, said that the defendant had no right to accept employment in a hotel while she was the subject of a prohibition order. By doing so she was qualifying for Pakatona.

To meet its rapidly increasing requirements, the Grand Hotel, so popular with visiting tourists from all parts of the world, is to be considerably enlarged. The third storey of the present building is to be completed, and another storey added. Other substantial improvements include the enlargement of the dining-room, the installation of an electric passenger lift, and the erection of a handsome porch over the front door. The expenditure is estimated to run into a sum of over £10,000.

"When is a pint of beer not a pint?" is a question which has agitated the Munich courts. The point cropped up during the hearing of a criminal case, in the course of which it was alleged that working men were swindled of huge sums annually, owing to the short measure with which they were served when calling for their "pint." It has now been definitely laid down that the standard measure of a pint or a glass of lager must be all beer and no froth.

In giving evidence in a licensing case at Lower Hutt, in which two men were charged with being on licensed premises on Good Friday, when the same were directed to be closed, Constable McKenzie stated that he tried to gain admission on the day in question, but all the doors were locked. He waited about for some time before a door was opened, and when he got inside everything was cleaned up and in order. This led Dr. McArthur, S.M., to remark:—"I think all hotelkeepers should be bound to keep a door unfastened always, so that the police could at any time enter the premises to ascertain whether the law was being broken or not."

A message from Sydney states that the Full Court has reserved judgment in an important case arising out of the late local option poll. At the 1907 election the Leichhardt electors voted for reduction, and at the last election they reversed their decision and voted for continuance. The point at issue is whether the last vote nullified the previous vote, giving the hotels voted out in 1907 the right to keep open. The case is a test one, altogether 172 hotels being affected, representing property valued at nearly £100,000.

Winchester-Wolseley-King sounds quite British and military! And so it is. The Christchurch-Dunedin express train daily passes one of the most English-looking, charming places in the Dominion—the Winchester township, and in the streets of Winchester stands the Wolseley Hotel, which is owned by Mr E. F. King, a truly popular British landlord. The exterior of the hotel as seen from the road leading to the town from the station, is picturesque. It stands out in relief from the dark foliage and accurately-trimmed hedges, in beautifully worked white brick and plaster of Norman design. Inside everything is in keeping—spotlessly clean; dining-room, sitting-room, commercial-room, bedrooms, all nicely furnished, comfortable and homely. For Mrs King presides over this department of the hostelry, and she is to be complimented on the excellent way in which everything is kept and the perfect working of her staff of servants. The cuisine also is highly commendable. The Wolseley Hotel has acquired a lucrative tourist trade. Winchester is the centre of one of the best trout fishing streams in the Dominion—the Waihi, Haelaemoane, Ophi, Rangata, and Orari rivers, are all within easy reach of it. Anglers from the North Island and abroad have grand sport from these rivers. Then the district generally is so truly English, with its farm lands, and beautifully kept hedges, its rolling downs, and charming scenery as far as the eye can reach. The land is noted for its 40 bushel wheat to the acre. With such a district, it is not surprising that King's Hotel should be in keeping. It is the noted resort for week-enders from Christchurch and Dunedin, and




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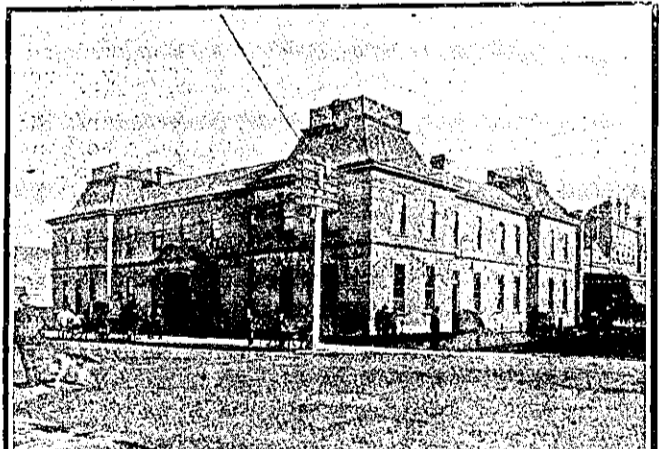
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the towns en route, and too much publicity cannot be given to the excellent accommodation one can get when he reaches Winchester. There is first-class shooting in the district—hares, rabbits, and ducks in abundance.

The Takitimu Maori Council has decided to recommend to His Excellency the Governor that the Takitimu Maori Council district should be brought under the provisions of section 46 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, with a view to the taking of a referendum amongst the Maori people of the district (which embraces Gisborne and the neighbourhood), to decide whether liquor should be sold to the natives therein.

The age limit question was responsible for W. G. Abbott, licensee of the Commercial Hotel, Te Awamutu, and James Jackson, licensee of the Te Awamutu Hotel, being charged by Constable Lander with supplying beer to Eric Jack, a person under the age of 21 years. Mr Cox defended, and after hearing evidence, the magistrate dismissed both informations. Jack admitted misrepresenting his age to the licensee when challenged.

The Carterton "News," discussing a licensing case heard in Masterton, says: The present case is an eye-opener. It gives Masterton residents who choose to have their customary glass of ale or wine at their dinner, or by way of "nightcap," to understand that they are on the police's little list. The sergeant knows their "tricks and their manners," and no doubt keeps a strict record of the average number of glasses per diem consumed by the family. This close supervision is no doubt necessary in effectively carrying out the law, but it has an unpleasant savour of the Paul Pry Order, which is somewhat offensive to those who are neither sly-grog sellers nor "droppers."

One side of a story always holds good until the other is told. The No-License people are jubilant (or pretend to be so, which is much the same thing) over the alleged discomfiture of Mr William Thompson by Mr T. E. Taylor, M.P., in connection with the latter's challenge anent Maine. Mr Taylor alleges that he has disproved Mr Thompson's statements. Here is what Mr Thompson has to say upon the subject:—"My challenge to Mr Taylor holds good. I am prepared to come to Greymouth, if he will do the same. I engage to prove on the public platform, the Mayor in the chair, and two accountants to check the figures for drunkenness under prohibition in Maine, that I was absolutely correct in every detail. If I was proved wrong, never again would I say one word against prohibition. Mr Taylor has the chance of his life. Will he accept? A victory for him would establish his case in the Dominion, and effectually and finally close the mouth of every ant-prohibitionist in New Zealand; a defeat would damn his cause and show the unfair methods to which he and his party have stooped. The counter challenge, so called, is only the veriest trifling with the subject, and a deliberate attempt to draw a red herring across the scent."

An interesting licensing case was heard in the Magistrate's Court, Masterton, when Samuel Keedwell, manager of the Greytown branch of the W.F.C.A., was charged with failing to furnish the Clerk of the Court with the sufficient address of two persons to whom liquor was supplied. Evidence for the prosecution was given to the effect that in one case the liquor had been returned as addressed to "A. Hayes, Masterton." As a result of the insufficient address the police were unable to trace the person to whom the liquor was supplied for some days. His Worship entered a conviction on the first charge, but imposed no penalty. In regard to the second offence a fine of 20s, and 9s costs was imposed.

The unusual sight of the hat being taken round in the Christchurch Police Court was witnessed the other

morning. A man who had been fined ten shillings for being drunk while in charge of a horse and cart, and the same amount for breaking a prohibition order, asked for time to pay, remarking to the Magistrate (Mr T. A. B. Bailey), "I always pay." He also urged, as an argument in favor of granting him time, that he had fourteen children, ten of them being still young. The Magistrate allowed him fourteen days to find the £1, but the man thought this was not enough time. Chief-Detective Bishop suggested that a collection should be taken up on the spot for the man's benefit, a suggestion that Mr Alpers acted on. The amount received was 14s. Mr Alpers then asked his Worship to reduce the fine to the amount, this being 1s for each child, which would be an encouragement to the birth-rate. The Magistrate altered the fines to 15s, and the required 15s was then subscribed.

Within the next two weeks every barmaid who desires to continue in the calling will have to apply for registration under the Licensing Act of last session. The last date for receiving applications is June 1, and any barmaid who has not by that day communicated her request for a certificate will be compelled to seek other means of gaining a livelihood.

Lest teetotalers should be too much elated and the liquor dealers too depressed by the Kaiser's temperance campaign, the semi-official newspapers have been directed to announce that the emperor demands teetotalism as little as he approves alcoholism. He realises, they say, the good effects on sailors of a good drink of hot grog in cold stormy weather and he does not aim at its prohibition in the navy and army. He objects to excessive drinking, especially of compulsory drinking, but has no idea of combatting excessive indulgence by excessive abstinence.

Mr T. Hutchison, S.M., gave his reserved decision in the cases of the Police v. Thomas Tansey, at Oamaru last week. Defendant was charged on two informations with having sold certain liquor to be sent into the no-license district of Oamaru without furnishing to the Clerk of the Court the necessary information required under the Act. Mr Ongley, who appeared for defendant, had previously stated that according to his Worship's decision in similar cases a plea of guilty must be entered. At the same time he had pointed out certain extenuating circumstances and asked the magistrate not to impose a conviction in view of the fact that such would constitute a breach of Mr Tansey's license, and therefore be an unduly heavy penalty. The Magistrate stated that after consideration he had come to the conclusion that the cases were such as would be punishable only by a normal penalty, therefore he would accede to Mr Ongley's request and dismiss the informations under section 92 of the Justices of the Peace Act.

That popular rendezvous at Ashburton, the Somerset Hotel, has changed hands and is now under new management. Mrs Wm. Young, the proprietress, has had many years of catering for the public, and patrons can rely upon cleanliness in every department, well-cooked meals, and all the comforts of a home whilst at Ashburton. The tariff is most reasonable.

HIS TURN FOR LUXURY.

It was one of those palpably cold-ham-and-pickle inns; but the motor wouldn't go, so Jones and Jenkins had to make the best of a bad smash and put up there.

"Accommodation, gentlemen? Certainly, gentlemen!" oozed the oleaginous landlady. "Beautiful large feather bed—plenty of room for the two of you, and big enough for three. This way, gentlemen."

They went, they saw, they grunt-

ed. It certainly wasn't much of a feather bed, but they agreed to take it, and, being fatigued, retired early.

In a few minutes Jones was sound asleep; but, try as he might, Jenkins could not "drop off." At two in the morning Jones was awakened by a violent nudge in the solar plexus.

"What's the matter?" he growled. "Get up!" was the reply; "it's half-time."

"Half-time? What are you talking about? This isn't a cup-tie!"

"No; but it's my turn to sleep on that feather!"

A NEW IDEA.

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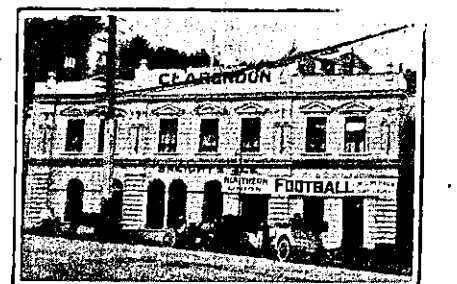
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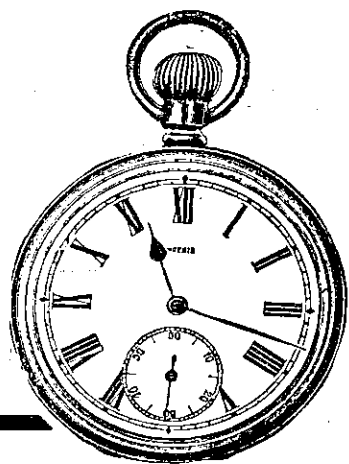
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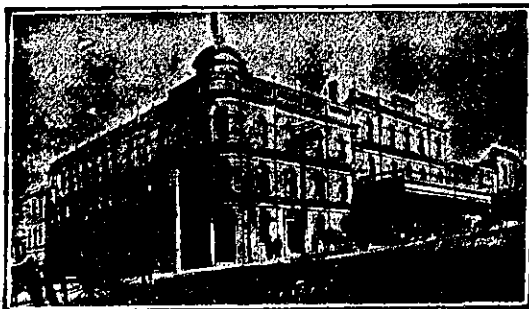
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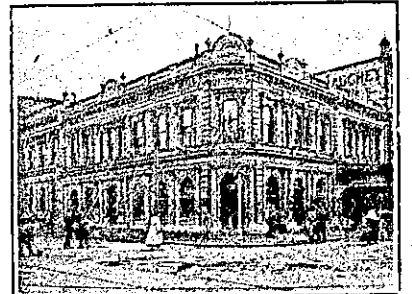
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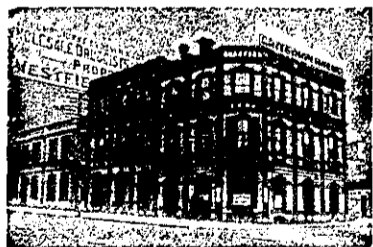
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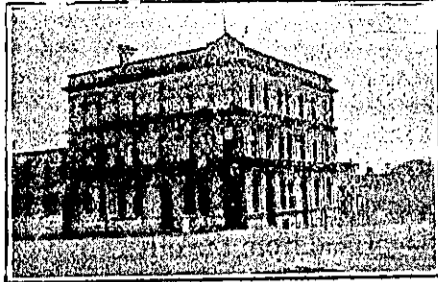
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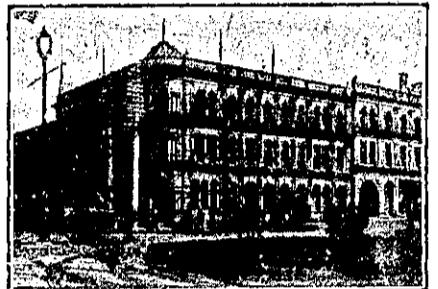
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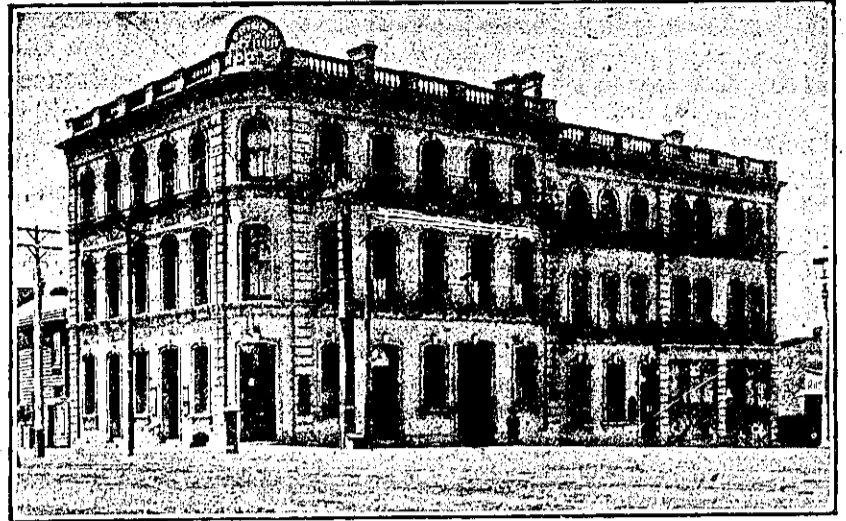
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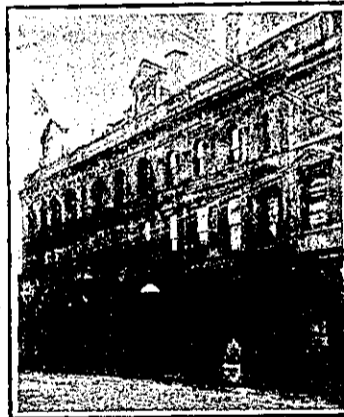
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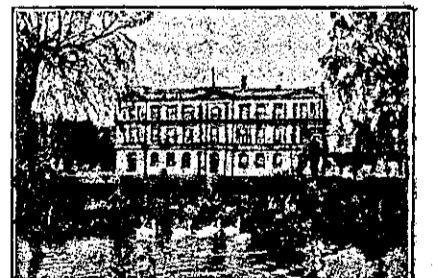
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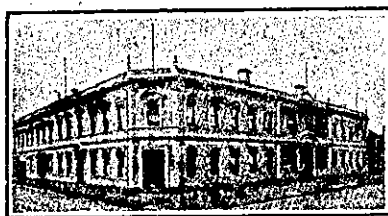
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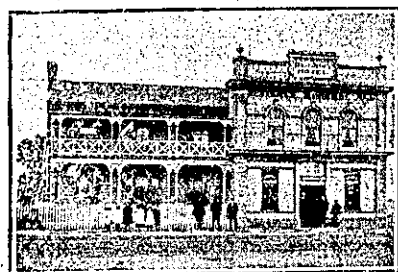


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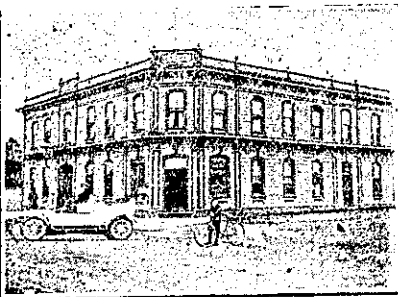
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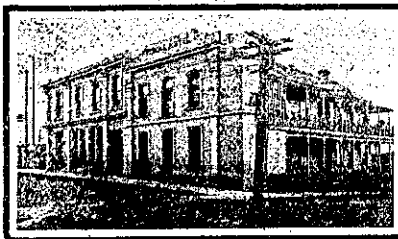
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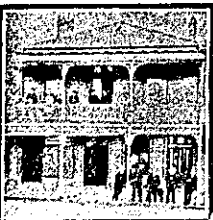
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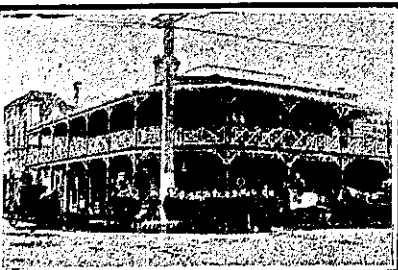
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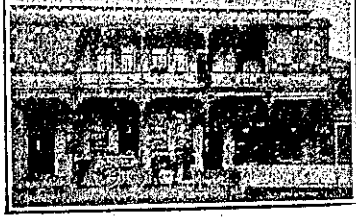
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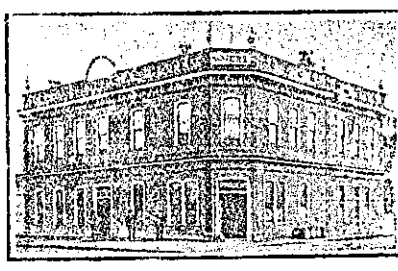
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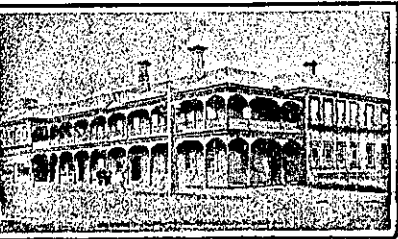
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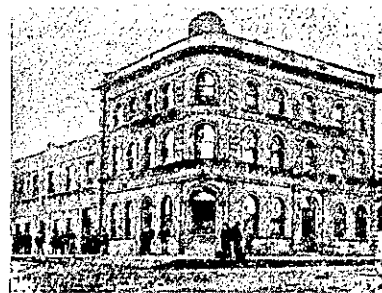


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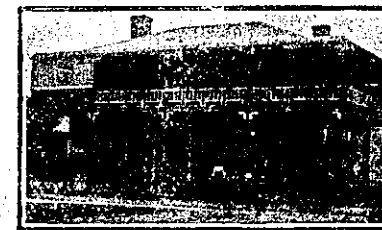
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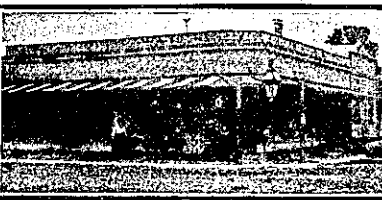
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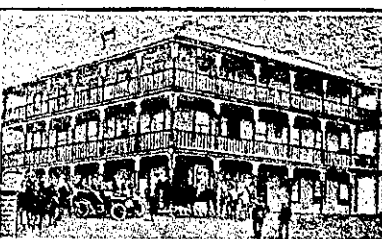
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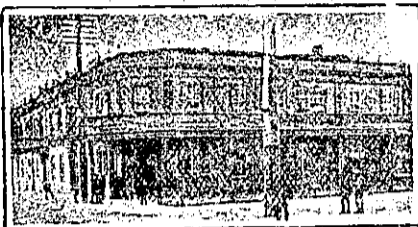
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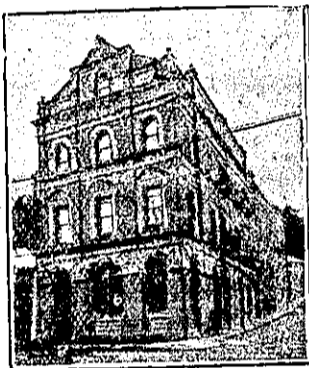
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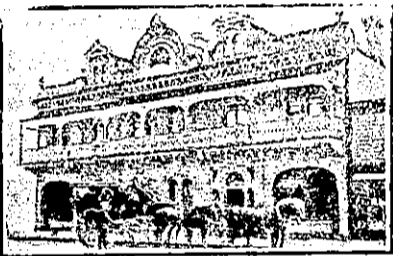


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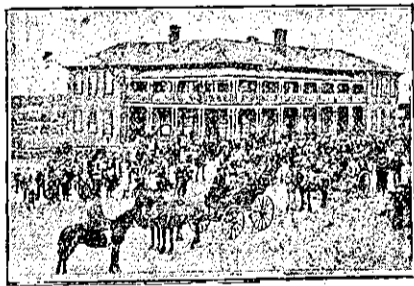
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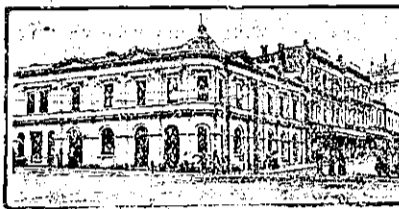
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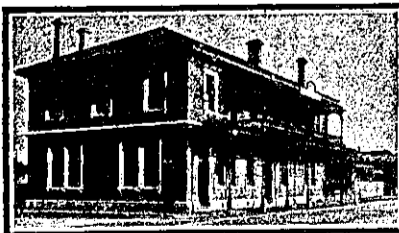
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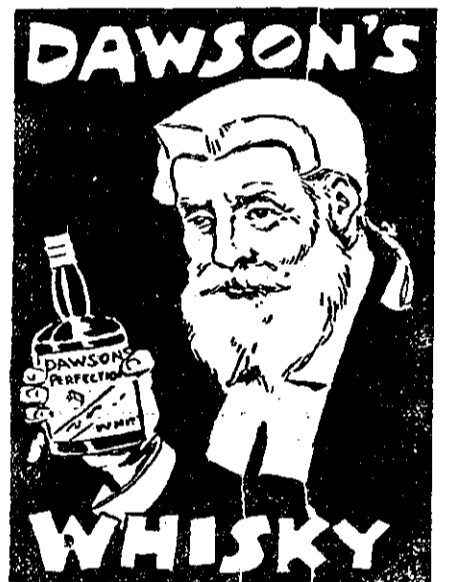
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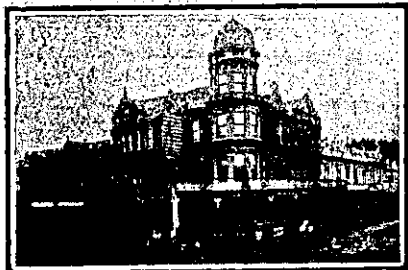
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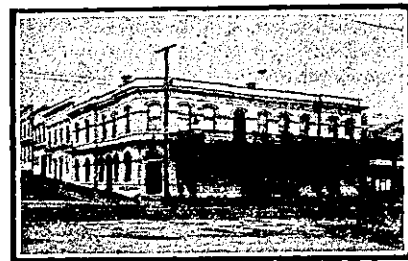


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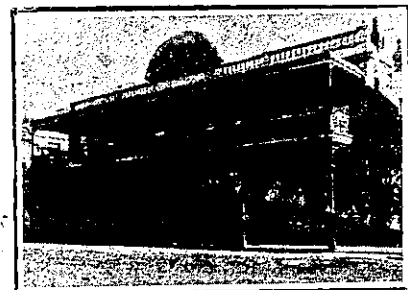
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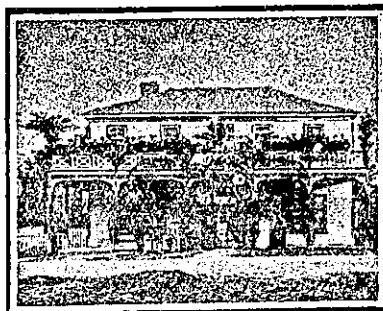
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