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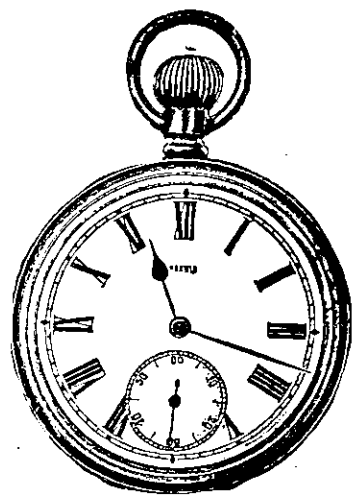
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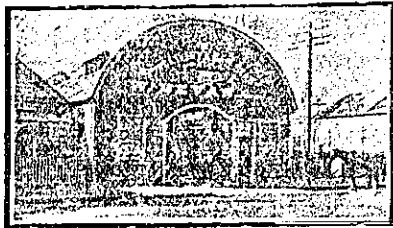
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## RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1911-12.

### FIXTURES.

Aug. 8, 10, and 12—Canterbury J.C.'s Grand National  
 Sept. 6 and 7—Marton J.C. Annual.  
 Nov. 4—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.  
 Nov. 4, 6, 8 and 11—Canterbury J.C. Spring.

### NOMINATIONS.

Aug. 18—Marton J.C. Annual

### WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

Aug. 19—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup  
 Aug. 25—Marton J.C. Annual

### ACCEPTANCES.

Aug. 4—Canterbury J.C.'s Grand National  
 Aug. 29—Marton J.C. Annual  
 Sept. 1—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.  
 Oct. 20—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.  
 Nov. 1—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.

### FURTHER PAYMENTS.

Sept. 1—West Coast Breeders' Stakes

### FINAL PAYMENTS.

Aug. 4—Canterbury J.C.'s Grand National

## CURRENT TOPICS.

### New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase.

How fast time flies to be sure! Here we are on the eve of another Grand National, and it seems but a few short months since the Gisborne owned gelding Te Arai received the order of merit in the big cross-country event at Riccarton a year ago this month. I am inclined to think (and in my contemplations I do not imagine that I am alone), that as one gets older the years get or appear to get shorter, for I remember in my boyhood days it seemed to be a perfect eternity between one Christmas and another. Now they appear with an apparent rapidity that is perfectly appalling, more especially when one has got to the top of the hill. However, there is nothing new about getting old, for mankind has been doing it for the last 1900 odd years with a regularity that beats the band for system and constancy. There is nothing very revelant in these few lines with the Grand National, but it is just a passing fancy that floats before the mind on the rapidity and unfeeling celerity with which the moons disappear. And with them men and equines who have struggled strenuously to score in the big 'chasing event on the convincing grounds of the Canterbury Jockey Club. The first time that the Grand National found a place on the card of the C.J.C., was in 1876, when the stake was secured by Royalty, ridden by the crack amateur horseman, Mr. E. H. de C. Martelli. I did not see the gentleman jockey ride in the Grand National, but I witnessed him often afterwards in a masterly style piloting winners, and I had the unpleasant view of the accident to him in the hunting field, which afterwards resulted in his death. The following year marked the success of the grey gelding Fakir, ridden by "Sammy Osborne" and owned by Mr. G. P. Williams. On this occasion the contest took place at Timaru, the country being of the steep nature, for it was in and out of paddocks across roads and lanes, the finish taking place in one of Captain Cain's paddocks. The Captain, it will be remembered, was one of the principal actors in the Hall-Cain poisoning case. Another grey in Mousetrap landed the event next. He was piloted by "Paddy" McCoy, well known first flihter in the cross country horsemen lists of his day. I remember when Mousetrap was settling his opponents, after a bit of a tussle, that two sons of Erin, who had supported the son of Creepmouse (it was in the days before the advent of the totalisator) got very excited and in their joy evidently could not think of the name of their fancy, for they both at the top of their voices yelled out the "Rat Trap has it," which was very adjacent to Mousetrap. The next two Nationals went to The Agent, the son of Oliver Cromwell, carrying 12 stone in his first under-stand of the following season had the same in the hogskin.

On the former occasion he had the services of W. Hankins, and in his second essay "Horry" Lunn had the leg-up. Lunn was up again on him the succeeding year, but through making a mistake at one of the fences, The Agent laid his rider out, and in this event occurred a thing which I have never before or since known to take place. That was one jockey riding first and second in a steeplechase, for "Fred" Hodge was piloting Clarence, and after landing him a victor and weighing in all serene, went back and caught The Agent and rode him home. Sailor Boy, who had run second to Clarence was protested against for having run around a fence, and in consequence of the upholding of the complaint, the second money went to Clarence. Katerfelto, who gained the honours in the next contest, gave "Wally" Clifford the only victory secured by him over country. He was owned by Mr. Christie of the Taieri, who was well-known in the early days as one of the crack rifle shots of New Zealand. Kosciusko gave T. Sheehan his first and only success in a National, although he had a great number of lepping events to his credit, the majority of them being won by the aid of the chestnut stallion, Master Agnes, who was a favourite for the C.J.C. Derby of his year. The Agent bobbed up again as a winner in 1884, when he again carried the racing uniform of "Patsy" Butler, T. Lyford being the steersman. The brothers Hobbs secured the following National with the aid of Moody, who was ridden by one of the owners, Campbell Hobbs, and this was the first occasion upon which the time was taken for the race, the watch recording 11.35, as the period taken for the four-mile trip. The Gossip horse Canard gave "Horry" Lunn his second score in the ensuing battle for the stake. He was owned by his rider, and carried the heaviest poundage 12.10, that has ever been transported in the race. Faugh-a-Ballagh gave Mr. R. Rutherford his first and only National victory next season, in which "Tommy" Lyford had hold of the leather guides. During the six years that the clock had put on the runners in the four mile act, Faugh-a-Ballagh notched the top hole with 9m. 7s. The Hawke's Bay sport, Mr. G. P. Donnelly, was the successful owner of the succeeding year's winner, Mangaohone settling the field opposed to him, the lately deceased "Harry" Hickey wearing the scarlet and white-striped jacket of the Rangitira of Otatara. Another Hawke's Bay sport, Mr. A. J. Ellingham supplied next year's capturer in Chemist, who was ridden by his owner the well-known proprietor of the Pacific Hotel, at Hastings, at the present time. "Tommy" Lyford again had the pleasureable task of directing the winner, who turned up in Daddy Longlegs, who is the only horse amongst the lengthy list that has won under the minimum weight. His victory marked the last occasion upon which the event was run over four miles, as when Freeman won in the succeeding season, the length of the journey had been cut down to 3½ miles. W. Clarke controlled Guy Fawke's son and in the following contest was up on the winner again, Ahua, who bore Mr. D. Rutherford's racing livery. The four Nationals that succeeded were captured by the Hawke's Bay sportsmen, Messrs. W. Douglas and S. H. Gollan, the former supplying three of the annexers, Waterbury (G. Hope) and Mutiny (G. Hope) twice, Mr. Gollan's representative being Norton (W. Clarke). J. Rae, who is now following his profession as trainer at Ellerslie was astride Levanter when he got there in 1897, and in the argument that followed, Dummy, who was bred by Mr. W. Douglas at Te Mahanga Station, Hawke's Bay, was given the place of honour, Percy Johnson, who is now educating gee gees on the West Coast of this Island, having the mount on the Mute's son. Blackberry, one of the progeny of the imported English mare Good Fruit, who was foaled in Hawke's Bay downed the foes in the go in 1899, and there was a local flavour about the affair, for the owner, Mr. R. McCulloch, trainer A. Goodwin and jockey J. Redmond all hailed from the "Bay." The

Porirua educator "Josh" Prosser turned out the victors in the next two adventures, his pupils being The Guard, owned by himself, and Gobo, who belonged to Mr. "D. Gordon," the former having W. Naylor up, and The Guard being piloted by R. Arnold. The Auckland owned and trained Haydn got the best of the argument in the succeeding contention, that first-class horseman "Sam" Ferguson having the seat on the son of Sou-Wester. Mr. G. P. Donnelly had another turn up the next season, Awahuri, with J. Cameron up silencing the antagonists. Then came Slow Tom's turn, J. McGregor, who has been keeping his own end up well in the other colonies of late, being entrusted with the direction of the son of St. Ives and Queen Bee. Inniskillen downed a hot favourite in Hadyn the following session; the production of Fraternite and Nightingale being handled by F. Howard, another National conqueror in Slow Tom also being one of those arrayed against him. The Oamaru sportsman, Mr. J. Buckley, had the honour of next having his name enrolled on the winning owners' list in connection with the race, the well-bred Phaetonitis landing the prize for him from a dozen others, W. Higgins piloting him to glory. Harry Hickey, who was responsible for the education of the last Great Northern hurdle winner, Whakaweira, owned Eclair when his success was achieved four years ago. The son of Mystical hung up the record for the contest, the clock marking 7m. 10 2-5s., as the period occupied in accomplishing the trip. J. Hall, the Hawke's Bay horseman had the guidance of the gelding entrusted to him. The next year, Mr. D. Rutherford supplied the annexer in Eurus, who was piloted by W. O'Connell, the offspring of Euroclydon and Kate disposing of ten other runners. Eurus, although started on nine other occasions that season, never again got into the first distribution of stake money. The defunct Nadador, who was one of the stable comrades of this year's favourite for the event, Corazon, showed her heels to those lined up against her a couple of years ago, the chestnut mare having the assistance of J. Hall, who consequently had his name recorded as the winner of two Grand Nationals, El Dorado, who is now retired from active participation in the business filling second shop, and last year's winner Te Arai third. The latter was one of the cheapest horses ever purchased in the Colony that has been hailed as the winner of a National, for his owner, Mr. Cuthbert Morse, of Gisborne only gave 29 gns. for him, and last season he proved his money earning capacity by securing £1005.

### Racing Statistics.

Statistics usually make dry reading but the annual tables of the season's racing have more than passing interest for the devotee of sport. The truth of the local dictum that "all the Soult's can gallop" is borne out by the splendid position which the stock of the defunct St. Simon horse holds at the head of the list with a total of £18,483, nearly double the next best. This is by far the greatest total that has ever been won by the progeny of one sire in New Zealand, and it places him in the lead for the third successive year. Fifty-five of this gets contributed to the total, Waimangu, the Auckland Cup winner, being the largest contributor, while Antoinette King Soult and Fort William have each added over a thousand to the total. Soult's death meant a great loss to the New Zealand turf, but no name is more plainly scored on the annals of the turf, and there are many fine performers left on whom his impress is very plainly stamped to carry on the line. Another of the same blood, Merriwee, who is by Bill of Portland from Etra Weenie, has jumped up from fourth to second place, his stock being responsible for races valued at £10,926. The money has been well distributed among his stock, Merrivonia, with a total of £1,615 being the largest contributor to the amount. Birkenhead was the only other sire to top the ten thousand mark, which he has now done in four successive seasons, his fifty winners annexing £10,797. His stock did

not capture any of the big races, and their winnings were, as usual, over the sprint courses, Miscout with £1490 being the biggest success of the time, Stepiak, who has died since the last return, is fourth on the list, having fallen from second place. He claims 49 winners, who brought in a total of £8,263. Obligado, who has been steadily improving his position since he came to Cambria Park is sixth on the list with his best total to date £5,303, which is over £2000 above his previous year's tally. Martian only returned nine winners, but they raked in the nice little score of £5,410, Danube bringing in most of the tally.

This colt occupies pride of place among the individual winners, having brought back £3,185 to his owner. It is claimed by some that he was lucky in not having many good three year olds to conquer, but he won his races like a racehorse, and the mishap which sent him off the turf for good was to be regretted. A two year old in Culprit was second on the list, and had she not gone off towards the end of the season would have put up a fine record. Waimangu is in third position by reason of the Auckland Cup and Grandstand Handicap, just after which he went amiss and thus lost the chance of adding to his total. Canterbury claims the two leading winning owners, Mr. G. D. Greenwood, the Amberley sportsman, who trains a powerful, if not very numerous team, Danube was his mainstay, but in Miss Mischief, Orton, Byron and Peirene, he had a team that helped to pay for the oats. He was over a thousand ahead of Sir George Clifford, who was in first place last season. Madam Madcap was the biggest contributor to his tally. A brace of Hawke's Bay sportsmen, the Hon. J. D. Ormond and Mr. E. J. Watt, ran a close race for third place, and only a fiver divides them. The first from this end of the Dominion, Mr. W. C. Ring is sixth on the list with £2735, and Mrs. Lennard comes next with £400 less. Nonette's record made nine seasons ago still stands good for the biggest total ever won by a single horse in one season, £3960.

## TURF TOPICS.

A. Whittaker, the Auckland lightweight jockey, who finished second in the contest for the jockey's championship with the fine score of 77 wins, left for Sydney by the Maheno on Monday in order to ride the Stead Brothers horses in their engagements in Sydney and Melbourne.

Provocation, who was greatly fancied for the Winter Cup, is an unlikely starter in that event, and W. Smart has secured the services of Hatch to ride Undecided in that event.

The three-year-old Cwydon Paul by St. Paul Sibil, is to be put into work shortly. He is a racy-looking customer, and is bred on lines that should mean speed.

A son of Carbine out of Dolly Watts, Carabas, won the Austrian Derby last month for Baron Springer, Carstake having the mount.

The consistent Gladiole, who has been spelled for some time is going back into the hands of F. Gibson of Awapuni, and will be brought along for the early spring racing.

Waitoto, by Conqueror—Waipuna, whose running on the flat has not been attended by any measure of success, is to be schooled over the sticks by Clarence O'Neill, of Foxton, Waitoto is a half brother to the speedy Waipuna.

Wimmera's departure for Australia, which was to have been made last week, had to be postponed for a month, owing to there being no room in the ship. He will now go across on August 11, his owner, Mr. E. J. Watt, travelling by the same steamer.

Kelso has run his last race, and is now being used as a hack by his owner, Mr A. Donald.

Phil Brady, the Auckland horseman, is to have the mounts on St. Aidan and Dorando at the National Meeting. Both have been training splendidly, and showing great proficiency in their work.

Grand Slam, one of the candidates for the Winter Cup, who has been giving his connections a lot of anxiety, pulled up lame recently, and is not a likely starter for the big race.

"Tartar" Julian's rehearing started at Wanganui on Friday night, but at midnight, when an adjournment was made, very little progress had been made. It is probable that some little time will elapse before a decision is arrived at.

After a spell of over two months, Regain has been put into commission again with C. Norgrove as his mentor.

Peggy Pride which may be shipped over to Sydney for the galloway races there, has been put into work again on the Ellerslie tracks, after a short spell.

Frank Wootton rode eight winners in two days at Goodwood last week. This record performance, following several other fine feats, puts the Australian well in the front of the field for the Jockey's Championship. If he keeps out of mischief he will probably put up a record score before the season ends.

Monoform, the disappointing son of Hotchkiss, is still in the market in Australia, an offer of 600gs. made last week having been refused.

B. Deeley, the Auckland lightweight, who went to Australia to ride Wild West for Mr F. Leslie, and won twice out of three starts, has returned to Auckland. He will remain here until after the Avondale meeting, and will then probably return to the other side of the Tasman Sea.

Holly Root and Vane, two of Mr Geo. Currie's horses, came up to Auckland a day or two ago, the first named to visit Marble Arch, and Vane to visit Salvador.

Hoanga will probably go across to Sydney after the National Meeting at Christchurch. He fenced splendidly at Wellington, and didn't touch a batten, finishing up with his legs as sound as when he started, after scoring two wins and a second. His deeds at Wellington have increased his weight for the Riccarton race by 18lbs, and he will now carry 11.2.

Dogger Bank's performances at Wellington were so disappointing that his owner decided not to send him on to Christchurch for the Grand National Meeting. After mature consideration, however, Chaeffe sent him South under the care of Hickman, and went down to Riccarton on Sunday night to put him through his final preparation. It is to be hoped that his pluck and persistence will meet their due reward.

"Bill" Lyons, who gave £700 for Don Hannibal two years ago, and did not get a win out of him, has sold the fine-looking son of Explosion for stud purposes. Don Hannibal is a well-proportioned horse, and if he gets a chance should sire a winner or two.

A. Hall has put Firelock back into work again, after a lengthy spell.

Another of the Sout line has got back to work, A. Robertson having taken Princess Sout in hand again.

Ohura is showing promise in his schooling tasks at Ellerslie, and should, before long, be proficient at the jumping game. He is a fair galloper, and should not be long in making a return to his owners.

The St. Paul gelding Mendip, winner of the Hawera Cup, is being put into work again by C. Jackson, his trainer. He is well forward for this period of the year, and should run well in the early spring.

Sodden tracks at Riccarton have hindered training operations somewhat, but most of the charges are well forward, and as the course dries very quickly, it will probably be all right before the meeting comes on.

Veteran Paritutu is looking well at Riccarton, and may possibly make a decent showing in the big Steeplechase. He meets Hoanga on 19lbs better terms than when he ran second to the Regel gelding in the Wellington Steeplechase.

Lady Medallist is being strongly backed for the Epsom Handicap. She is weighted at 8.12 in the race, and with that burden should be able, if at the top of her form, to cut out a fast mile.

The Merriwee mare Magneto has been sold by Mr Middleton Melrose to Mr W. Brown, and she is now being trained at Albury, on the N.S.W.-Victoria border.

Fort William, who raced here a little while back, will not be a starter at the National Meeting. He is now being treated to very easy work, his trainer fearing a breakdown.

A remarkable incident happened at Normanton, Queensland, last week, three dead heats being run in succession.

Three New Zealanders were at the top of the list in the Kensington 14.2 handicap last week, while Lady Zoin made the fourth runner in the race from this little Dominion. Miss Sout was favourite right through the betting, though once she was threatened by Rabble, her countrywoman, which came down to narrow odds, and was then "backed backwards" until they were very wide. It was reported that the Val Rosa mare had beaten Wild West in a trial, hence the reason for her being sought in the early stages of the betting. Ragtime made hacks of the field, carving out the five furlongs in 1.3. The ex-New Zealander Mahinga, was second, while Miss Sout was never dangerous. Mahinga, who gave Princess Sout 12lbs, is by Sout from Spiteful, and will probably do well when she races amongst the horses.

A well-known racing official passed away last week in the person of Mr J. W. Emmerson, secretary of the Waverley Racing Club. He had resided in Waverley for many years. Fifteen years ago he was a fine footballer, and played for Waverley under the Wanganui Union. Later he took a keen interest in trots. For the past two years he had been fighting against cancer, and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by a widow and young family.

Los Angeles, Genius, and Bonetta are now across the Tasman Sea. They were well forward when shipped, although Bonetta's preparation was hurried. He is a colt with a fair turn of speed, but it is doubtful if he is up to the Australian two-year-old standard. Genius is a moderate performer, who will probably not earn the cost of his transport across the water. P. O'Donnell is in charge of the team.

When the last mail left the New Zealand jockey, L. H. Hewitt, whose feats in the saddle in New Zealand and Australia when riding for the late Mr G. G. Stead, will not soon be forgotten, was at the head of the successful Continental jockeys with fifteen wins, 7 seconds, and 16 thirds. Sydney Ferguson, the ex-Australian lightweight, was second with 11 wins, 3 seconds, and 17 thirds, while Brownie Carslake and F. Bullock have also helped to uphold the Australian reputation. Ferguson and Carslake ride for Baron Springer, an Austrian nobleman, who does not bet and does not permit his staff to gamble. He checks any tendency in this direction by paying his men so well that it is worth their while to leave it alone.

Though both bookie and tote are barred at some meetings, it will still be possible to have a mild "flutter," for the Gaming Act provides that sweepstakes may be got up on any course when the total amount subscribed does not exceed £5, and the tickets 5s, the whole amount going in the prizes. These sweeps will be very popular at "picnic" and Hunt Club races.

Lady Patricia has been schooled to the jumping game lately, a game for which she showed marked natural aptitude, for when turned out for a spell she jumped the fences of her paddock until her connections decided to put her back into work in order to keep her quiet.

The annual meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club will be held on Tuesday next, August 8.

A profit of £1310 was returned by the last A.R.C. Spring Meeting, £5966 at the summer meeting, £1287 at the autumn, and £2485 at the winter gathering.

The Auckland Racing Club has every reason to be satisfied with its past seasons' operations, and the report and balance-sheet disclose a very healthy state of affairs, the permanent improvements effected during the year having all been paid out of revenue. The racecourse is valued, for purposes of the balance sheet, at £28,100. One wonders how many times that sum it would bring if it could be cut up into building lots. The Club has been warmly congratulated on its decision to practically leave the total stake-money at the old level, although two racing days have been cut out of their programme.

According to the view of the "punter" the Grand National is a match between Corazon and Antarctic. The Auckland owned horse has continued to do well at Riccarton, and Sir Wm. Russell's 'chaser has winning form to recommend him. Corazon has earned a penalty by his win at the Wellington meeting, and will now have to carry 12st 3lbs. When they met in Auckland Antarctic was giving away 17lbs, so that they now meet on 18lbs worse terms, Antarctic's weight being 12st 2lb. Antarctic was in the opinion of some critics, not fully wound up when he finished second to Corazon, and there are many who believe that in view of his satisfactory work he will now be able to reverse the order. The connections of Corazon are very confident, as indeed is proven by the mere fact of letting their horse incur a penalty and then sending him on to Christchurch.

The Rover, who has scored seven wins, five seconds, and four thirds in 25 starts this season, is to be started at Christchurch in spite of his poor showing in the Final Hurdles, which sent him down with a bomb in backers' estimation. His owner expected the Advance horse to win in a walk, and was greatly disappointed with the poor form he showed. North East won with ridiculous ease, and there is no reason for anticipating a change in the relative positions if both go to the post for the two mile event at Christchurch.

Mr W. T. Jennings, M.P. for Taurarunui, and always ready to champion the cause of the down-trodden, has introduced a Bill into the House of Representatives with the object of returning some measure of justice to the clubs which have been "wiped out" by the Commission as the result of last year's Act. When that Bill was before the House Mr Clark, Port Chalmers, succeeded, by a majority of a single vote, in getting a clause added providing that in making their reductions the Racing Commission should give "preference" to one day clubs. This the Legislative Council altered to "consideration," and mighty little consideration and precious short shrift they got. The knocking out of so many one day clubs raised a feeling of resentment, which has evolved into hostility to the "tote" and may threaten its existence, while it also caused the country clubs to confer at Wellington when they decided to have a Bill introduced to re-instate the abolished clubs. Mr Jennings' Bill gives permission to the Minister for Internal Affairs, who is in charge of the Department, power to grant totalisator licenses yearly to one day country race meetings. There are about forty of such meetings in the year. A sultry discussion is sure to evolve from the Bill.

Goldfinder, who never appeared in a more healthy, bright condition than he does at present, is executing good serviceable tasks on the try out at Hastings. Followers of the game will only be protecting their own interests if when intending aspirants for Parliamentary honours mount the hustings, they are not questioned regarding their intended attitude towards sport in all its forms. The answers if satisfactory will surely help them along the road to gaining success, for the reality exists that sportsmen now that they are awake to their peril will exert the leverage that they possess, to cast their votes for the candidates who will look at matters connected with rational recreation in a common sense point of view.

Weights for the New Zealand Cup may be expected to see the glare of daylight on the 19th of this month.

Mr. J. A. Lucas, the owner of Continuance left Gisborne on Sunday last for Lytton to see the gelding battle at the Grand National gathering. It will be remembered that last season the big double was secured by the Poverty Bay owned pair, Te Aral and Paisano. No representative from Gisborne is listed in this year's Steeplechase, but Continuance, Paisano and Whakaweira will be on top to uphold the interests of Gisborne in the Grand National Hurdles.

The Dannevirke Racing Club have issued the programme for their Steeplechase meeting, which takes place on the 13th of September. The bill of fare is of an attractive nature, all sorts and conditions of horses being catered for, the menu tablet disclosing the reality that there are a couple of events for the hunting brigade; the chasing clan have been provided for to the extent of a brace of races, a Maiden Steeplechase and an open contest, and two flat races, one for the hack division, and one for the advanced school open class, are apparent on the table of contents. In addition there is an open hurdle race, so it will be easily discernable that variety is the strong point from which the Dannevirke executive are playing. The ground committee are mapping out a suitable route for the lepping events, and it appears as if the controlling powers of the organisation are going to leave nothing undone which will tend to make the innovation one worthy of the consideration of all interested.

Last Wednesday the Manawatu Hunt Club held their annual meeting on the Manawatu Racing Club's course at Awapuni. There was a fair attendance, and the sport was of a highly satisfactory nature. Mr Angus Keith officiated as starter and was very happy in his send offs. Jackman, an aged gelding, by Handsome Jack—Scotch Mist, secured the opening event, the Waikanae Hunters' Hurdles from eight others. The first award in the Foxton Maiden Flat went to Bonnie Boy, a three-year-old gelding by San Fran—Melinite. He was opposed by three others and had no difficulty in annexing the stake, for at no portion of the trip was he asked to do his best. Mr. D. Buick junior, rode his own nedly, Commodore, an aged gelding by Papakura to victory in the Manawatu Steeplechase, Glenmore and Flamingo filling the offices of second and third respectively. The Kiwitea Bracelet was captured by Mrs. H. C. Shannon's Birdring, a five-year-old gelding by Nestor out of Capapie mare, Flying Cloud second and Jack third. Zoraida, a mare who a few years back won the Ladies' Bracelet on the second day of the Napier Park Racing Club's winter gathering, proved her superiority in the Levin Hack race in which she was opposed by five others, the positions going to Fionacre and Eminent. The ancient Jack (The Artist—Mona) comfortably annexed the Shannon Steeplechase, the only other to finish being Review, the other three who lined up coming to grief throughout the journey. Jackman, who had proved the conqueror in the opening item, again came to light in the final event, the Fitzherbert Hunters' Flat, in which there was a quintette being arrayed against him. He made no race of it for he was always on the spot, and the verdict came his way in the easiest manner imaginable. Himitangi was second and the barren position of third shop was filled by Pukeroa.

Final payments for the Grand National Steeplechase, Grand National Hurdles and Winter Cup have to be made next Friday.

Wimmera is under orders to leave Wellington on the 11th of this month for Sydney. His withdrawal from the Winter Cup and Grand National Hurdles was due to the fact that his owner was under the impression that his poundage was far in excess of what he was entitled to, and he anticipates that over on the other side of the Tasman sea he will be given opportunities that he does not seem to have any prospects of getting in the Dominion.

The withdrawal of Wimmera, Provocation, and Dreadless from their National engagements must have meant a heap of shekels to the credit of the members of the book and pencil brigade throughout the land, for all

of the pony have been in the strong light ever since the nominations were made for the leading events on the winter card of the Canterbury Jockey Club.

W. (Tim) Jewell, who for a number of years was a contributor on sporting matters to various journals in the Dominion, has quit the game and is now on the land. Good luck to him. He is one of the whitest of the white, and I have many kindly recollections of his valuable services when circumstances prevented me from attending a meeting, and I am quite sure that I was not alone in that respect, for "Tim" was always ready and willing to give a comrade a help along if the occasion arose.

It is rumoured that this coming season, C. Jenkins will not bind himself to the establishment controlled by J. H. Prosser at Porirua.

Cheddar, one of the fancied entrants for the New Zealand Cup, is in nice mellow condition, and is in just nice order to be seen going in earnest. When his educator returns from the Grand National fixture, he intends to slip the work into Brown Alice's son in earnest.

Mr J. E. Henrys has been re-appointed handicapper to the Dunedin Jockey Club, and Mr Harry Piper has been reappointed to the position of starter.

The annual report of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club states that at the commencement of the year the debit balance at the bank was £213 6s 9d. After payment of £455 19s 7d for improvements, and £290 balance of unpaid purchase money for sections adjoining the course, the debit balance stands at £360 18s 1d. The surplus on the year's working expenses is £695 8s 9d. Not more than the required number having been nominated as officers, the following will be duly elected at the annual meeting. President, Mr G. P. Donnelly; vice-presidents, Hon. J. D. Ormond and Mr G. Hunter; treasurer, Mr L. de Felichet; committee, Messrs. F. Armstrong, M. F. Baird, H. M. Campbell, T. E. Crosse, W. J. Douglas, F. Logan, T. H. Lowry, C. L. Mackersey, J. E. McIvor, and E. J. Watt. During the season the sum of £8625 was distributed in stakes, totalisator tax amounted to £1817 19s. and £1142 14s was paid in salaries. The receipts from the totalisator amounted to £7204 14s 10d, from nominations £2557, gates £1415 6s 10d, privileges £773 5s 3d, and members' subscriptions £759 3s.

When the mail left the scores of the leading jockeys in England were:—D. Maher (47 wins), F. Wootton (46 wins), C. Trigg (40 wins), W. Saxby (25 wins), F. Rickaby (23 wins), and S. Donoghue (21 wins). Wootton has done well during the last few weeks, and he is probably in first place.

The New Zealand horse Formeden has been sold to Mr Shiel, of Camden, N.S.W., for stud purposes. The price paid has not transpired.

The report of the South Australian Jockey Club shows that the profits for the year amounted to £5750.

E. Davis, the Caulfield trainer, secured Blind Harry for 12½ guineas, and has won nine races with him valued at 1250 guineas. Had Blind Harry's purchase money been in pounds he would have returned exactly 100 times as much as he cost.

In an English exchange recently, reference was made to a 13.1 pony named Nans or Glyn, who is now 21 years old, and who, up to July 16, 1904, had competed in 268 races. Of these she won 184, was second 60 times, third 16 times, and only eight times unplaced. These performances were mentioned in a London paper of a recent date, and were productive of further information from the little mare's present owners, Messrs. John Jones and Son, of Denarth Hall Pony Stud, Colwyn Bay. From their letter, dated May 12, the following is an excerpt:—"At the late owner's dispersal sale in 1907, we purchased the old pony. By that time she had brought her record of first past the post to 213. In 1908 we ran her at three meetings, competing in five races, winning three and being twice second. Up to this time she had never bred a foal. We put her to the stud, and she bred and reared a foal in 1909 and again in 1910."

## INTER - PROVINCIAL

### CANTERBURY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, August 1.

By this time next week we shall be a lot wiser concerning the result of the Grand National Steeplechase and Winter Cup, two of the principal events decided at the Canterbury Jockey Club's Grand National Meeting, which is set down for Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of next week. Fortunately for trainers the weather has shown a decided improvement since last week, and consequently there was some interesting work, particularly on Saturday and this morning.

Local candidates engaged in the Steeplechase, Eurus and Dorando, have done most pleasing work, and the former has previous success in this event to his credit. He is certainly looking in first-class fettle, but he has so often shown himself to be such an erratic customer with a will of his own, that one must regard him with suspicion.

Dorando has been doing capital work in his schooling, and until Saturday, when he fell at the sod wall, had not made a mistake at Riccarton. It must, however, be remembered that he fell in both essays over country, at the Dunedin Jockey Club's winter meeting at Wingatui. He has only been put to the jumping business this season, and the Grand National Steeplechase is a very stiff proposition for an inexperienced horse.

True Blue and Honest Tom have good credentials over country, but the former has been showing signs of lameness, and this is hardly a recommendation in his favour at this stage of proceedings.

Among the visiting contingent Antarctic and Corazon have naturally claimed most of the limelight. They are both looking exceptionally well, and their schooling since arriving at headquarters has been entirely satisfactory. The penalty entailed as the result of his Wellington win brings Corazon's weight up to 12.3, and we have to go back as far as 1897, when Levanter won with 12.6, to find a horse carrying more than 12 stone to victory. As a matter of fact, since that year, with the exception of Awahuri, who won in 1903, with 11.3, and Slow Tom, who was successful the following year with 11 stone, all winners of the race have carried less than 11 stone.

On Auckland form advantage would seem to be with Antarctic. Wellington form has naturally brought Honanga into favour, but I fancy he will find his task over Riccarton country more formidable than that at Trentham, and he has considerably increased his weight to carry. The race bears a most open appearance, and it is quite probable that among the large field engaged some of the lighter weights may be found capable of giving the top weights all they want.

Next week I shall have further opportunity of referring to the Grand National Hurdles, but since arrival at headquarters Espartero, Compass, and Continuance have pleased the track watchers. Paisano too has done all that has been asked of him. St. Aidan seems most promising of the local representatives, but as with his stable mate, Dorando, lack of experience may be against him.

After the Steeplechase the chief attraction of next Tuesday's card is, of course, the Winter Cup in which several New Zealand Cup candidates are engaged. No horse has been going more pleasingly in his work than Nyland, last year's winner. On Saturday he had the better of his stable companion Boanerges, over five furlongs, run in 1.4 2-5, a distinctly useful gallop. With two such good performers as Martine and Coroniform, owned by Mr Ackland, and his own horse Bonny Glen engaged, the local trainer, G. Murray Aynsley, ought to have something to say in the decision of the race. Bonny Glen has been off the scene for over twelve months, and this may be against him, but the horse now seems quite sound.

White Cockade, who was showing such promising form over the hurdles last winter, has been giving his trainer considerable anxiety on account of lameness, and to-day he was withdrawn from all engagements.

Other scratchings announced to-day are Miss Explosion for all engagements, Umerahoy for the Trial

Hurdles, and Grand Slam for Winter Cup. Evidently the Hon. J. D. Ormond has decided not to be represented at the meeting, as yesterday Bolin, Napper, Peary, Dreadless, and Mollington were scratched for all engagements.

Torrential, by Stepniak—Tempest, has been shipped to Melbourne. She can hardly be described as high class. During R. O'Donnell's absence in Sydney, the two-year-old colt, by Seal Rock—Palotta, will be looked after by R. Longley. Other members of his team will be spelled out. Next week will be a busy one for the noble army of punters, as in addition to three days' racing at Riccarton, there will be three days' trotting at Addington. No doubt though, however strenuous a week it may be, they will, as usual, come up smiling. At the finish this morning, there was some capital work done at Riccarton, Prim ran five furlongs in 1.7, Coroniform cut out the last five of six furlongs in 1.8 2-5, and Bonny Glen registered a useful gallop over six furlongs in 1.19 3-5, Martine taking 1.21 1-5 for the same distance. Eurus, who was assisted by Milo over the last portion, ran a mile and a quarter, the last nine furlongs taking 2.16. St. Aidan, accompanied by wedge over the last seven furlongs, showed very attractive form over nine furlongs, his time being 2.4 ½. Iney and Continuance finished together over five furlongs in 1.6, and Paisano also was given only sprinting exercise. Boanerges, ridden by G. Price and Nyland with A. Oliver up, ran eight furlongs in 1.51. The former seemed to have the better of the gallop, but neither was fully extended. Antarctic gave a good display over a couple of rounds of big fences. He kept a solid pace throughout, and finished his task in capital style. Yasmak, D'Nil, Dorando, and Corazon started together for a schooling task over two rounds of fences. The two former ran together in front until reaching the brush the second time round, when Yasmak came down. The others continued the journey and fenced safely throughout, being close together at the finish. D'Nil however, had a big advantage from the inside running, and the showing given by Dorando and Corazon was distinctly good. Centaur, The Native, Whaka-weira, and Appin ran a mile in 1.54 ½, finishing in the order given. Kil-donan fenced safely over six flights of schooling hurdles. Paritutu, who looks in good trim, did steady work over two rounds. True Blue and The Gunner were given half pace work over two circuits. The former, who is still slightly lame afterwards did a long trotting exercise.

### HAWKE'S BAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

#### HAWKE'S BAY HUNT CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

NAPIER, July 31.

In weather of a nasty dreary, grey nature, the hunting folk of this district pulled off their usual yearly race meeting last Wednesday. The attendance was poor, only a handful of spectators patronising the affair, and I do not think that the climate was responsible for the meagre attendance, the cause, no doubt, being due to the fact that outside of sweeps there was no legal chance of speculation. It is all nonsense saying that people will go to race gatherings just for the simple reason that they wish to witness the bouts amongst the geegees. Nothing of the sort! Something else is required, and that is a zest and flavour must be given to the game, which is obtained if reasonable facilities are provided for backing the fancies of patrons. That the death blow has been administered to registered clubs by the removal of the bookmaker is an assured fact, and there is no gainsaying that statement. For outside of the opportunity to speculate upon the various events being removed, where is the revenue to come from to provide stakes? There can be no fees collectable from bookmakers, and it is apparent if they are not there the attendance suffers. Hence the gate-money falls below zero, and no adequate financial returns can be looked for from that quarter. Therefore it seems only reasonable to assume that the decline of the non-totalisator clubs is the biggest certainty outside of death that can be reckoned upon. It is to be regretted for many of these meetings were patronised by a class who rarely ever attended any other fixtures, and they were looked upon as yearly round-ropes productive

of the continuation of good fellowship amongst the country folk. They were also the means of giving the man of small means an opportunity to see his horse carrying his colours, as he could train him and ride him himself, while in addition it was very often the means of introducing a horse who otherwise would have wasted his powers in a hacking sphere of life, but who, with the reasonable cheap facilities afforded by the registered clubs, was able to demonstrate that it was worth while entering him or her for more pretentious events. Though the pencil is not a recognised medium, there were a number from all around the country present at Hastings last week, but the vigilance of the representatives of the law and order prevented them from supplying those who were anxious to speculate on the contests. Under the disheartening circumstances the executive of the club did their best, but there is no getting away from the fact that it was a doleful job they had to perform. Mr A. J. Ellingham filled the judge's box with credit, and Mr A. Goodwin was very equitable in the manner in which the fields were sent on their missions. Owing to a slight attack of illness Mr W. J. Stratton, the secretary, was not able to put in an appearance.

Business commenced with the Hunters' Bracelet Hurdles, a quartette going out to battle for supremacy. There was nothing of an exciting nature in the go, for Morihiko led from start to finish, walking in by a good ten lengths, second place being filled by The Ranter, Watershed third. The winner is a rather good out of a gelding by Catesby (the closely related relative to Trenton) out of an Ariel mare. He is owned by the hunting enthusiast Mr H. Haasall, and was ridden by Mr Harry Jago. The Karamu establishment supplied the conqueror in the First Open Flat Race, Ortygia, the three-year-old daughter of Birkenhead and Arethusa being the medium by which the annexation was secured. F. Jones rode a nice patient race on the winner, for he allowed Scots Fusilier to carry on the running to the distance post, where he reminded Ortygia that she was wanted on the voyage, and replying in a solid fashion, the filly scored by a bare length from the son of Dear Heart's, who was half a length in advance of Loch Maben. There were seven other runners, including Amato and Wirral, but neither of the brace were conspicuous throughout the joudney. The Chief, Ever, and Wizard were the bunch that got under weigh for the Hawke's Bay Hunt Club Steeplechase. The Chief was always master of the situation, and clearing out early in the route, won by a hundred yards from Ever. The victor is an aged son of Jet d'Eau, who has now won this event three years in succession. He is the property of Mr W. A. Tod, of Waipawa, who only starts the chestnut gelding in Hunters' events. Mr Harry Jago piloted the capturer, and had a very nice comfortable ride, for The Chief is an accomplished fencer.

An all-er'se bearer was again to the fore as the pole was reached in the Trial Hack Race, the successful one being Vega, a good looking two-year-old filly by Birkenhead—Lynette. She was steered by F. Jones, who never had anything difficult to do during the trip, for the filly was quickly out, and kept her position all along the piece. The Nut, a full-brother to Appin, second, and Florence Nightingale, a three-year-old filly by The Officer—Ambuscade, third. Amongst the starters was a half-brother, by St. Ambrose to Mahutonga and Kopu, called St. Elm, a full-sister to Thrave (Torpedo—Carnelian), Opaline, and a half-brother by Sylvia Park, to Amato, Otama. The trio are all two-year-olds, and their outlook is sufficient to augur well for their future prospects when they get ripe and ready, which they were not the other day. The Ranter, Impessa, Morihiko, and Ruataniwha, were saddled up for the Hunters' Flat Handicap. The Ranter was always in a handy position, and when well in the run to the chair, he asserted himself, and the award came his way by a good head. Impessa, an aged gelding by Captain Webb, second, and Morihiko a poor third. The winner was artistically handled by his owner, Mr J. B. Galsford.

A dozen proceeded to the post to argue out the question in the Second Open Flat Race, Scots Fusilier turning up trumps at the conclusion of the bout, Stourton second, and Amato third. Burdon hit out like a scalded cat when the signal to go was given, and led for three furlongs, when he

cried sufficient, and Scots Fusilier and Stourton were left in command. The former just managed to squeeze home by a long neck from Stourton, Amato close up third. Bruntfield, a younger half-brother by Renown to Faunus, Seraphic, and Longboat, the full-brother to Dorando, were amongst those opposing, but their prospects at no portion of the game were at all entrancing.

The sport was brought to a finale with the Hunters' Final Steeplechase. Five out of the ten coloured on the card went out for the fray, the runners consisting of The Chief, Watershed, T Wizard, Impessa, and Ever. The former, who had the tidy poundage of 13.4 up, registered a comfortable score by a length and a-half from Watershed, to whom he was giving 20 pounds. The Wizard an indifferent third. Impessa and Ever fell at the sod wall. Mr H. Jago directed the efforts of the capturer, and this popular gentleman jock got a hearty round of applause when he came back to weigh in.

The winning horsemen roll was headed by Mr H. Jago with three wins, Mr J. B. Gaisford being the only other amateur to record a victory. In the professional ranks F. D. Jones came out on top with a brace of successes, W. Kirk adding a single victory to his record.

During the progress of the Hunt Club Meeting several trainers had the baby members of their strings in the enclosures, getting them acquainted with the surroundings, and during one of the waits between the acts the juveniles were spurted on the tracks. T. Quinivan, junior, slipped along a trio of juveniles, his band consisting of Orlay (Royal Artillery—Aralene), Bon Bon (Boniform—Barley Bree), and Merton (Merriwee—Rose Seaton). The lot all looked forward, and hit out at a merry pace, the first named more particularly so. C. L. Lagor had a couple of Monoform's out. They are both fillies, one being out of Amorelle, the other claiming the Cardigan mare Cardoon as her Ma. They are a handsome pair, and moved in an attractive style. The Hon. J. D. Ormond was represented by Fasnykle (Birkenhead—Outer), a full sister to Formby and Kirkby (Birkenhead—Gladisla), a filly by Birkenhead—Eona, and a filly by Gold Reef—Mandola, by Birkenhead—Banjo. They were an attractive appearance contingent, who stepped out freely in their exercises, the nicest mover of the quartette being the Gold Reef filly.

Mr E. J. Watt experienced a slice of bad luck last week, for Brown Alice, the dam of Cheddar, slipped a filly foal to All Black.

Bonnie Boy, who downed the opposition in the Maiden Flat at the Manawatu Hunt Club gathering last week, is a half-brother by San Fran to Tangimoana.

R. Barlow passed through here last Thursday in charge of a yearling colt by Multifid out of Lady Neil. Birkenhead—Lady Helen, the youngun was bred in the Gisborne district and is owned by a client of Barlow's, on the West Coast of this Island.

Kildonan, in charge of T. Quinivan junior, left Hastings on Friday, en route to Riccarton. The one-eyed gelding looked in prime order and condition, and judging by his recent performances on the preparing circuits at Hastings must have more than an outside chance in the Grand National Hurdle Race. His immediate connections give him more than that, for they aver that whatever masters him will have an excellent chance of scoring in the big hurdle event at Riccarton next month.

Mr H. M. Campbell, one of the Hawke's Bay stewards and a prominent man in racing circles in these parts, is one of the starters in the Parliamentary Stakes, which is lined out as coming up for decision next November. He is sure to get the hearty support of all the sports in the Hawke's Bay electorate, for on every occasion he has been foremost in advancing the interests of the sport.

Mr J. Adams, owner of Merrie Zealand and others, passed through here last week on his return from Gis-

borne, where he has been on the look out for an hotel. Should his mission turn out productive it will be good business for the Poverty Bay district, for he is a keen, shrewd follower of the racing industry.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, July 31.

J. W. Lowe leaves for Riccarton to-night with Effort, who is reported in capital trim. The chestnut was moving very scratchingly prior to the W.R.C. meeting, but she is reported to have made some improvement in the interim.

Provocation's withdrawal from the Winter Cup was owing to one of the colt's legs having filled. It was plainly evident at the recent W.R.C. meeting that Mr Bidwill's galloper was far from being himself, and his scratching did not cause much surprise.

Mr C. B. Pharazyn, a well-known ex Wairarapa sportsman, who has taken up his permanent residence at Rose Bay, Sydney, is a visitor to Wellington. He leaves on his return to N.S.W. by this week's steamer, and it is very probable that he will take Longstep with him. The latter, who is a four-year-old mare by Stepniak, from Good Intent, has run some very fair races during the past season.

Clarence O'Neill, at Foxton, is schooling Waiouru and Waitoto over the small sticks. The pair gives promise of running with some success in the ensuing season's hurdle event.

Mr F. S. Eaton, the Foxton owner-trainer, has a small, but select team in work on his private track at Moutoa. Bearers of the sky blue and black hoops are expected to occupy a prominent position amongst winners in the 1911-1912 season.

Undecided is moving along in an attractive style on the Hutt tracks. With R. Hatch in the saddle, the gelding will have plenty of admirers in next week's Winter Cup.

Nyland and Boanerges, in charge of their trainer, G. Price, and rider, A. Olliver, passed through Wellington on their way South on Wednesday last. In a chat with Price he informed me that the pair had received a thorough preparation, and should represent the stables with some distinction at the G.N. meeting.

A. M. Wright took The Rover to Lyttelton during the week. The son of Advance is reported in capital trim, and his exertions at the G.N. meeting are being awaited with interest by a large number of sporting folk in Foxton.

The jockeys John Pine and J. Begbie, who are to assist in the riding of Los Angeles, Genius, and Bonitas in their Australian contests, left here for Sydney by the Manuka on Friday last.

The Messrs. Adams have disposed of Merrie Zealand, Merrie Time, and Merrie Goer, to G. Higgett, who has been training the trio for some time past. Merrie Zealand was shipped South on Friday to fulfill engagements at Riccarton. At the conclusion of that meeting he will be brought back to Wellington, and in company with the other pair will be shipped to Sydney. All three are a speedy lot, and should do well across the Tasman Sea.

The local sportsman, who races as H. Whitney, has decided to start both Odessa and Ahupai in the Winter Cup. C. Jenkins will ride the former, whilst L. Traillie will pilot the latter.

R. Hatch, the well-known jockey, was married in Wellington this week to Miss Rhoda Higgett, a sister of the well-known owner-trainer of that name. The young couple have been the recipients of many congratulatory messages for their future happiness and welfare.

A large number of horses en route to the Grand National meeting passed through Wellington last week. With such a capital array of talent engaged a fair share of the stake money should be annexed by horses hailing from the North Island.

The annual Steeplechase Meeting of the Manawatu Hunt Club took place on the Manawatu Racing Club's racecourse on Wednesday last. The weather was perfect, and those

present were rewarded with witnessing some excellent jumping, the finishes in several of the events proving very exciting. Although the stake money was on a low scale the fact did not detract from the result, and much enthusiasm was shown as the respective winners were hoisted from the judge's box. Mr W. McKenzie made an ideal secretary, his management leaving nothing to be desired. Mr Angus Keith was in good form with the flag, whilst Dr. J. W. O'Brien, in his capacity as judge, gave every satisfaction. The gathering was voted the best hitherto held by the Club, and reflected credit on all concerned.

J. H. Prosser is shipping his team for Lyttelton by the s.s. Maori to-night. It will consist of Ribstone Pippin, Lovell, Turna, Salopin, Hawick, Kopek, and Dearest.

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, Monday.

It came as a great surprise to many sportsmen here to learn that North East and St. Bill have been brought back to Wanganui, instead of going on to Riccarton. The former had been backed for a fair amount for the Grand National Hurdles, and it will be disappointing to those who had coupled him in doubles to know that they will not get a run for their money. The form shown by the gelding at Trentham on the second day was very pleasing to those who had supported him for the big event at Riccarton. Trainer Hall, however, did not like the chances of either St. Bill or North East and decided to forego the trip South. An impression prevails that Hall will take the pair to Sydney shortly.

John, another of the early fancies locally for the Grand National Hurdles, will also be a non-starter, so that Wanganui, instead of having three good representatives as was expected, will now be unrepresented.

At a special general meeting of the Rangitikei Racing Club, held at Bulls on Wednesday evening, to consider what steps should be taken in connection with the proposed wiping out of the club, it was resolved that a letter be sent to the Marton Jockey Club stating that at present the Rangitikei Club is not in a position to consider their letter urging amalgamation. A petition was presented by the committee to be forwarded to the House pointing out that the club had raced on the same course for 55 years continuously, and that the sum of £8000 had been spent by the club within the last year or two, in providing all that the public can desire to conduct a successful race meeting, that the land held by the Club consists of 98 acres, for which the Club paid £4,539, leaving on mortgage £3,000, of which last year the Club paid off £350, leaving £2650 on mortgage, and that if deprived of its four days racing it will be unable to meet its engagement.

The Marton Jockey Club has resolved in view of the resolution carried at the New Zealand Conference, making it compulsory to have a race one mile and a-quarter at each meeting, to make the Marton Handicap (open) one mile and a-quarter; the Tutaenui Hack Welter, one mile; and the Crofton Handicap, one mile and a distance.

The appointment of a handicapper for the New Year meeting of the Marton Jockey Club has been held over till after the spring meeting.

Mr. J. W. Emmerson, of Waverley, whose death occurred last Wednesday, was one of the best known and most highly respected residents on the coast. The genial "Jack" was very popular in racing circles, and all who came in contact with him were impressed with his kindly nature and good heartedness. In every way "Jack" was a true sportsman, and made hosts of friends in racing, bowling, cricket and football circles. In his younger days the deceased was one of the most prominent forwards in England, and a cricketer of some note. He represented Wanganui at Rugby several times, also at cricket. As secretary of the Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club, Jack filled the position with credit to himself and to the club, while as a bowler he proved himself one of the best in Waverley. In addition to taking an active part in helping along all sports, the late Mr. Emmerson also lent a hand in public affairs, and his death means that Waverley has lost one of its most estimable residents, who was deservedly popular with all classes.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The following is the annual report to be presented to the members of the Auckland Racing Club at the annual general meeting, on Monday, 7th August, 1911:—

Gentlemen,—Your Committee, in submitting the annual statement of accounts to 30th June, 1911, have much pleasure in congratulating members upon another successful season.

The amount given in stakes was £29,815, being an increase of £600 over the previous year. In the coming season the Club will lose two days racing owing to the Act of last session. It has been decided to hold a two-days meeting in the spring and the same in the autumn, and distribute £2400 of the stakes, formerly allocated to the races which have been cut out, as additions to the value of the remaining races. Thus the total stakes for the coming season will be only £900 less than for that of 1910-1911.

During the year the sum of £3930 4s 3d has been expended on improvements, the main items of which are for the formation of a two-year-old training track, and laying a water main round the course. The latter proved of great benefit in the dry summer, and the new track will be much appreciated next autumn. The whole of this expenditure, together with £783 14s 4d for depreciation on buildings, etc., has been written off, leaving a balance to be transferred to capital account of £319 2s 9d.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson and Mr. H. T. Gorrie, being the only nominees for the offices of president and vice-president respectively, will be declared duly elected.

The following nominations have been received for the five vacant seats upon the committee:—Messrs. R. W. Duder, Geo. Dunnet, N.A. Nathan, E. A. Price and Wm. C. Somers (retiring members); and W. Davies.

Ballot papers will be issued as usual, together with a ballot paper to allow members to vote upon proposed alteration in the club's rules.

The annual meeting of members will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, on Monday, 7th August, at 2.30 p.m. The ballot will close at 3.30 p.m.

E. MITCHELSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

The Balance Sheet is as follows:—

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Capital	.....	35,027	3	9
Creditors secured	.....	5,056	5	0
Forfeits for classic races to come	.....	107	0	0
Bad debts reserve fund	.....	197	14	6
Sundry Creditors	.....	597	17	1
Overdraft at Bank of New Zealand	.....	4,819	13	0
		£46,805	13	4
ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Racecourse	.....	28,100	0	0
Shortland-street property	.....	2,000	0	0
Buildings, including grandstand and derby, lavatories, totalisator houses, secretary's house, gardener's cottage, etc., water reservoir, fencing, carriage paddock, furniture, workshop, stables, cart shed, etc.	.....	9,873	10	0
Members' stand, furniture and fittings	.....	4,768	0	0
Totalisator machines	.....	249	0	0
Sundry debtors	.....	797	13	4
Stock	.....	7	10	0
Cash in hand	.....	10	0	0
		£46,805	13	4

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Debtor.		£	s.	d.
June 30, 1911—To balance as per balance sheet	.....	35,027	3	9
		£35,027	3	9
Credit.		£	s.	d.
July 1, 1910—By balance	.....	34,708	1	0
June 30, 1911—By profit and loss account transfer for year ending June 30, 1911	.....	319	2	9
		£35,027	3	9

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1911.

Debtor.		£	s.	d.
To salaries Secretary and office	.....	888	3	4
Handicapper	.....	300	0	0
Pension	.....	100	0	0
Wages caretaker	.....	150	0	0
Course	.....	832	18	10
Interest	.....	464	17	0
Insurance	.....	141	4	7
Legal expenses	.....	39	2	4
Periodicals	.....	26	1	6
Rates and taxes	.....	767	0	8
Printing and stationery	.....	264	10	3
Advertising	.....	485	0	0
Donations	.....	203	15	0
Tan and sand	.....	549	2	5
Horse feed	.....	141	2	9
Gardening account (including wages)	.....	663	0	5
Repairs and maintenance (painting, etc.)	.....	861	6	9
Charges account, including telephones, travelling ex-	.....			

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**ACCLIMATISATION AFFAIRS.**

**TROUT IN LAKE TAUPO.**

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Referring to my letter which you so kindly published in reference to the stocking of Lake Taupo with brown and rainbow trout, I find I omitted to state the date the rainbow were first liberated in the lake, and as this is of national importance to New Zealand in the future, may I ask you to publish this letter? I have before me the original petition from East and West Taupo residents, referred to in my letter. The petition distinctly states that the first rainbow were placed in Taupo in 1903 but only a very small quantity. I believe also there were a few hundred placed in the lake in 1904. You will therefore, note that brown trout were first placed in the lake in 1893, and 10 years later (1903) the rainbow. Rainbow were placed in the Waikato River below the Huka Falls previous to the stocking of Lake Taupo. It is most important that these dates be made clear, because it shows the abnormal growth of the rainbow, which were caught in Lake Taupo five years after they were first liberated, up to 21lb. in weight. The enormous quantity of food in the lake, such as frogs, koura, enunga, and young brown trout, was no doubt the cause of the wonderful growth of the trout in the lake.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) C. R. CHAPMAN.

Mt. Eden, Auckland, July 14, 1911.

**PETITION TO THE AUCKLAND ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETY.**

We, the undersigned residents of Taupo, Tokaanu, and Wairakei districts, beg to petition your Society to arrange to liberate one million (1,000,000) rainbow trout fry in the rivers running to Lake Taupo, next season (1905).

Experts on these matters have stated, and we are assured, that these rivers are the very best and most approved for rainbow trout in New Zealand, having gravel bottoms, and being free from contamination by poisonous matters from the washing of mining districts and saw mills.

We feel sure that there is a great future for anglers on these rivers, should our application be acceded to.

We have petitioned the Government to include Lake Taupo and all the rivers emptying into this lake, in the Auckland Acclimatisation Society's district. We have also petitioned the Government to vote £1 for £1 to your Society to enable it to carry our application into effect next season, and we have every reason to hope that they will grant our petition, in view of the large increase of tourist traffic the good fishing in these rivers would bring.

We take the opportunity of thanking your Society for the fry placed in the Lake Taupo rivers last season (1903), but the quantity is so small in comparison with the mileage of the rivers and the enormous expanse of the lake (25 x 17 miles), that it would be many years before these rivers would be stocked at that rate of liberation. You are no doubt aware that rainbow trout have become well acclimatised in the Waikato river below the Huka Falls.

AN old racing celebrity once paraphrased Solomon's famous proverb thus: Wisdom 1. Rubles 2. In the tobacco competition, we might say "Royal Standard" 1. Several others also started.

**AQUATICS**

**ARNST STILL UNDEFEATED.**

**A GREAT RACE.**

**NEW RECORD ESTABLISHED.**

The race for the sculling championship of the world between R. Arnst, the holder, and H. Pearce was rowed on the Parramatta River course on Saturday, under perfect weather conditions. There was a bright sun, smooth water, and a steady westerly wind right behind the scullers. The tide was also in their favour. The attendance was easily a record, a crowd of probably 100,000 witnessing the race. The river was black with small craft.

After one of the most gruelling races on record, Arnst won easily by four lengths in 19min. 46sec., which is record time for the world's championship.

Arnst won the toss, and chose the inside course.

The men got away well together, the champion rowing thirty-four strokes to the minute and Pearce thirty-seven.

There was no advantage on either side for the first 200 yards, when Arnst, pulling close to Pearce, was forced to stop and lose a stroke. This gave the challenger the advantage of a length, which he held passing Uhrs Point.

At the mile the defender's mighty strokes began to tell, and he started gradually to overhaul his opponent. He managed the corner badly, however, and got into Pearce's water, coming within an ace of colliding. Arnst had in consequence to stop rowing for a couple of strokes to allow Pearce to draw ahead.

Pearce kept on, thus showing his sportsmanship, as, had he stopped, Arnst must have collided and lost on a foul.

After negotiating the point, the champion bent his great back and settled down to a steady pull of about 28 strokes to the minute. He overhauled his opponent at the mile and a half. Pearce was rowing a slightly quicker stroke, but not with the same power.

Once in front, Arnst headed for home and rowed like a machine, gaining steadily until at Cabarita Point he led by six lengths.

Pearce was undaunted, and pulled magnificently. He tried to gain by repeated spurts, but the New Zealander was too powerful, and kept driving on in a heart-breaking fashion.

On rounding the point at Putney, a few hundred yards from home, Arnst was leading by a good ten lengths, and dropped to twenty-two strokes a minute.

Pearce at this stage looked round and wavered and then put in a last tremendous though futile effort.

Without doubt Arnst had never been more fully extended than when he passed the post a winner by four lengths. He immediately stopped rowing and dipped his hands one after the other into the water. The race had been a fearful strain, too much for the champion's condition, causing him to vomit.

Pearce in the last struggle felt the agonising torture of defeat, and when the pistol was fired he placed his hands before his face and sobbed.

The time for the total distance (3 miles 167 yards) was 19 minutes 46 seconds, and for the first mile 5min. 39sec. Arnst's weight was 13st 3lb., and Pearce's 12st 10lb.

Pearce admits that Arnst was too good for him. He will not challenge him again.

Arnst declares that it was the hardest race of his life.

Mr Beach says there is nobody in sight to beat Arnst. The takings amounted to £800.

**BOXING.**

**BOXER'S REMARKABLE GAME-NESS.**

**A PAINFUL ENCOUNTER.**

Yank Kenny, a huge heavyweight, who acted as sparring partner for Fitzsimmons and Jeffries, and gained a little newspaper notoriety recently by suing Champion Jack Johnson for alleged services rendered the coloured pugilist in the capacity of trainer, once took part in a ring encounter which served to display the amazing gameness of his opponent—Jack Bonner, a well-known American boxer. Bonner was really a middleweight, but never objected to taking on a man a good many pounds heavier. Bonner was only a shade shy of championship form, and it took such top-notchers as Tommy Ryan and Kid McCoy to make him acknowledge defeat. Bonner was matched with Kenny, the contest to take place in New York. The latter stood considerably over six feet, had a tremendous reach, and weighed fully fifty pounds more than his prospective opponent. These odds were bad enough, but a few days previous to the battle Bonner found himself labouring under a still worse handicap. One of his teeth became ulcerated and an abscess developed which gave his left cheek the appearance of an over-ripe pumpkin. His friends wanted him to declare the fight off and lose his forfeit, but Bonner needed the money and decided to stick.

**LOOKED LIKE A PUMPKIN.**

When the men entered the ring Bonner's face was a sight. The man was hardly able to open his mouth and replied to the advice of his seconds with grunts and gestures. Kenny, sitting in his corner, saw Bonner's plight and grinned joyously. There was a mark he could not miss that immense swelling on Bonner's jaw. The fight began and Kenny aimed again and again for the swollen cheek. Several times he landed and all the agonies of hades were concentrated in the expression of Bonner's countenance. But he stuck to his guns, wading in doggedly, and hammering Kenny's immense body fiercely at close quarters. Along about the eighth round Kenny slammed a terrific right swing to the swollen jaw, and Bonner took a header on the floor. He was up at the count of seven, and clinched the round out. When he went to his corner he looked at his seconds, and grinned joyously. Then he opened his mouth for the first time since he had climbed under the ropes.

"Say," he said, "just watch me go after that big stiff now. I feel like a new man. That punch he gimme busted the abscess and the pain's all gone. I hate to hurt him after he's did me a favour, but it's got to be done."

He kept his word. From then on Bonner rushed his man like an avenging demon into whom his satanic majesty had injected a fresh dose of infernal fury. Try as he might, Kenny could not stand off his attacks and by the time the end of the twenty-fifth round was reached the big fellow was on the verge of collapse.

"I don't go much on Yank Kenny as a fighter" said Bonner after the fray. "He's big enough to whip two guys like me. But I tell you, pals, he's all there as a dentist. Old Doc Kenny's the goods for a tooth-curer."

**JOHNSON'S NEXT OPPONENT.**

**BOMBARDIER WELLS UNDER REVIEW.**

On September 30, Jack Johnson will be called upon to defend his title against Bombardier Wells, holder of the Lord Lonsdale heavyweight championship of England, belt and "hope" of the English race. That Wells is considered to have a good chance against the world's champion is the firm opinion of the promoters of the match, otherwise a purse of £8000 would not have been offered for the contest. Wells is almost an unknown boxer, except in England, and a few particulars regarding the English champion are not without interest.

First of all it is necessary to mention that Bombardier Wells has all the earmarks of a champion with the exception of stamina. This lack of stamina is a serious handicap to Wells and amounts almost to a dangerous weakness. He is lightly built in the legs and about the waist. He has a

wonderful reach and a fine pair of shoulders, but these will not serve him far in a match with a real good man unless he becomes better able to take the gruelling punishment that is sure to come his way.

Another point in connection with Wells which must also be counted as a weakness is his unconcealed dislike of the fighting game. He went into the ring as the quickest and best way of raising money, having, of course, a natural ability as a boxer, and as his tastes are quiet and his desires limited there is always the possibility that he will retire. On the other hand, Wells has, as good judges say, everything that a real champion needs except natural ruggedness and strength. He has no favourite blows. He can hook, swing, jab, and uppercut with equal power. He is not a one-handed man, but carries the soporific swat at the end of either arm.

Wells began fighting in the army in India. His father was a musical composer who earned enough to keep the family in modest circumstances. When he died the responsibility devolved upon Billy. Finding the wages of a bombardier insufficient for the new demand upon it, he supplemented his earnings by turning professional boxer. Like Gunner Moir he eventually won the army championship of India. Returning to England he won a couple of contests when he was seen by Eugene Corri, who can claim the distinction of being the real discoverer of this particular "white man's hope." Corri told McIntosh that Wells was the most promising heavy-weight he had ever seen, and the Australian lost no time in placing him under contract.

Under the wing of Hugh D. McIntosh and Jimmy Britt, who were then running a boxing establishment at King's Hall, in South London, Wells disposed of three fairly good men in Sergeant Sunshine, Private Voyles, and Seaman Parsons. He was then matched to fight Gunner Moir, the one-time English champion. Wells beat his man to the boards in the first round, but was prevented from finishing him by the bell. In the second round, thinking he had his man well beaten, he waded into him recklessly, with the result that he ran up against a stiff punch from the gunner and went down for the count. It has been impossible to coax Gunner Moir into the ring again with Wells.

This experience had the result of making Wells err on the side of caution in his next fight. He was matched with Porky Flynn, the Boston heavyweight, who came over here with Sam Langford. Although he was totally outclassed Flynn really treated the English crowd to a wonderful exhibition of ring generalship. Wells had him down several times in the early rounds of the fight, and during the best part of the contest Flynn was staggering round the ring from the effects of the Englishman's jabs and straight rights. But so clever was the American in conveying the impression that he always carried a dangerous punch that Wells with the lesson of the Moir fight constantly in mind, was unwilling to take any chances to finish his man. The result was that Flynn stayed the full twenty rounds when there was no reason why he should have lasted over seven or eight. Wells's most recent fight was with Iron Hague at the National Club, which he won rather easily by a knock-out.

A cablegram has been received in Sydney to the effect that Al Kaufman had accepted an offer from Mr. H. D. McIntosh of a match with Bill Lang or Jack Lester in Sydney in October, Kaufman's remuneration to be £1000.

In a match at Boulder, Western Australia, for the featherweight championship of the State, Billy Wenand, the New Zealand boxer, was obliged to give in to Tommy Jones, of Melbourne, in the eleventh round, owing to injuries received, Jones being declared the winner.

Arrangements have now been completed for a match for the heavy-weight wrestling championship of Australia between Clarence Weber, the well-known Victorian athlete, and Alex Bain, the Scottish wrestler, the match to take place in Melbourne during Show week, probably on September 7.

Harry Lawson, the celebrated club-swinging, established a fresh world's record of 90 hours continuous club-swinging at Kempsey, N.S.W., on July 22.

The cabled information that Jack Johnson is to meet Sam Langford and

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Sam McVea in Australia in December will give Commonwealth fight followers something to look forward to, as these three negroes are undoubtedly pastmasters at the fistic art.

The Lang-Lester fight has been definitely fixed to take place on Saturday night, September 2. Bill Lang is to meet Bill Squires at the Brisbane Stadium on Tuesday next (August 8.).

Despatches from Bavaria, New York, report a serious motor accident, in which Bob Fitzsimmons was badly injured. His car seems to have been smashed up in a collision.

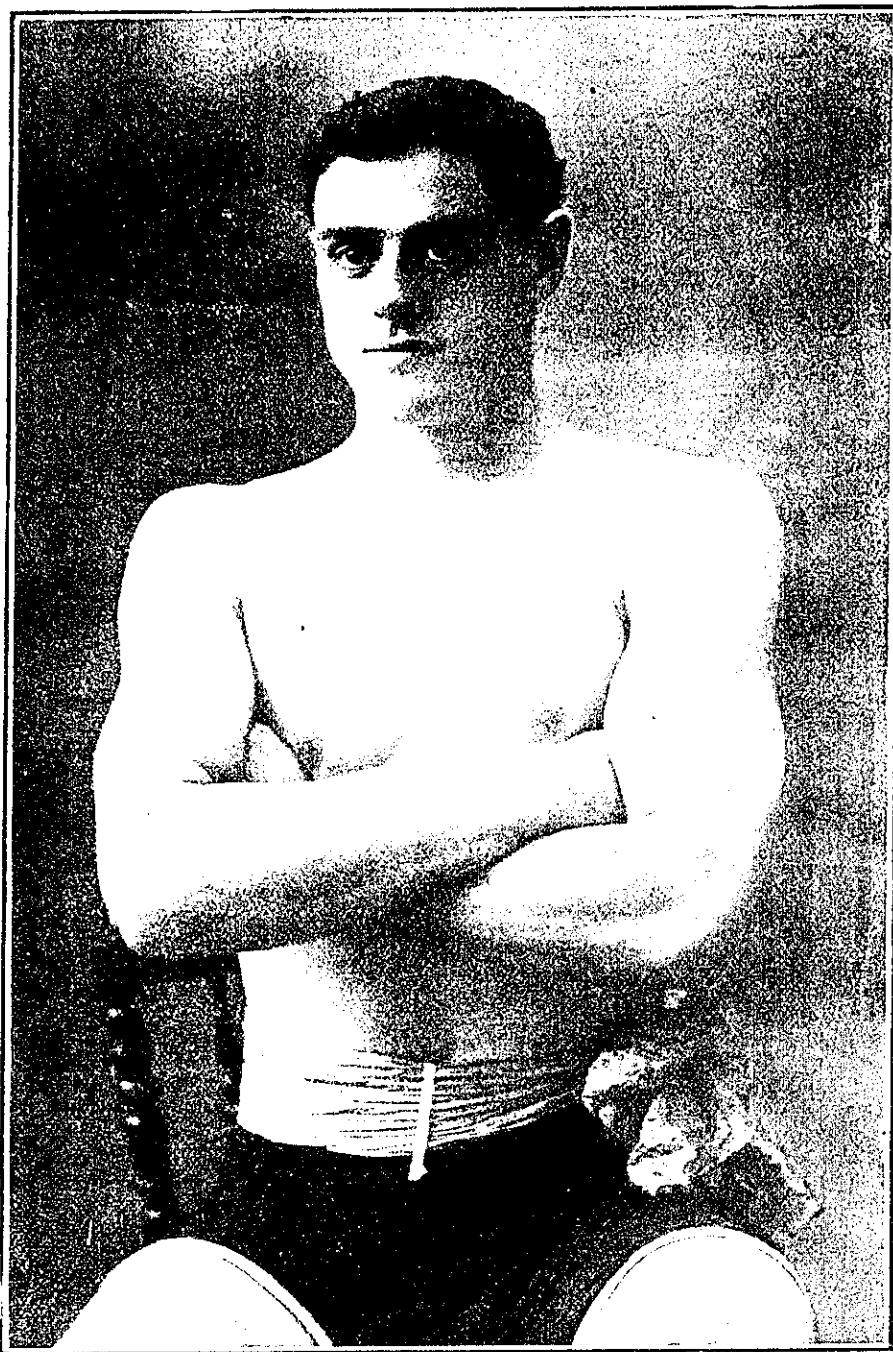
On being interviewed in respect of the cabled report of his being matched with Jack Johnson by the Sydney promoter, Mr. H. D. McIntosh, but which was afterwards contradicted by the world's champion, Bill Lang said that if he was given another match with Johnson, he honestly thought he would succeed in worsting the big negro. "Four years ago," remarked Lang, "I met and was defeated by Johnson in Melbourne. I was then a comparative novice in the boxing game, for although I'd had a few fights, I'd never stalked up against what you would call a classy fighter. Another thing, I'd never seen any of the American fighters in action. I'd heard plenty about them, and understood they were fair terrors in action, but now I have met a few of their best men and have got wise to their methods. I stayed nine rounds with Johnson, and would have been able to go further but for the fact that the police called a halt. Since that time I've been improving steadily, and have at irregular intervals been engaged in ring contests with all the best heavyweights in the world. I've been picking up points all the time, too. In his training for the contest with Burns I acted as sparring partner for Johnson, and to a certain extent got used to the champion's methods. That spell of association with him as sparring partner will, I feel sure, be of most material assistance to me should I ever meet him again. Another thing," said Lang, "Johnson has been out of the game for some time, and is getting heavier every day. He now weighs somewhere about 18st. He will find it hard to get back into condition. On the other hand, I am training all the time."

The Wellington Boxing Association can always be relied upon to do their best to provide enthusiasts in the Empire City with a real good contest, and the next bout to be conducted under the auspices of this progressive body will be the Arthur Kelly-Sid Sullivan match, which is to take place in the Town Hall either on the 22nd or 23rd inst.

Lightweight champion Ad Wolgast, who has been reaping the shekels at an alarming rate, is not likely to go short of opponents, as the aspirants for the lightweight title are just now very numerous. Negotiations have been completed for a 20-rounds match between Wolgast and Freddy Welsh, the clever English lightweight, the contest to take place at Los Angeles, California, on November 30. Wolgast has been guaranteed £4000, or, if he prefers it, 75 per cent. of the gate receipts and 50 per cent. of the moving picture takings. Freddy Welsh's sterling matches with Packy McFarland, the American, are remembered by boxing enthusiasts, and his meeting with Ad Wolgast will create almost as much interest as the Nelson-Wolgast match, when the "Battler" met his Waterloo. Although McFarland is considered a superior boxer to Welsh, there is not a great deal of difference between the pair, and the latter is expected to give Wolgast a decidedly hard battle, and it would not cause any surprise in English boxing circles were Welsh to emerge from the contest victorious. McFarland has also designs on the lightweight championship of the world, and it is only his failure to get under the weight limit that prevents him from meeting Wolgast, who the best known ring authorities consider would be relieved of the title were he pitted against the redoubtable "Packy."

Referring to the success of Harold Hardwick, the Sydney swimmer, in the boxing events held in connection with the Empire Sports Festival, the Sydney "Sun" says:—Although Harold Hardwick's prowess as a boxer was well known in Sydney, his most sanguine friends could not have expected the sensational victories he scored in the competitions at the Em-

pire sports in London. W. Hazell, the English heavyweight amateur champion, and a large-sized policeman, went down before him in a round, while a South African policeman of 15 stone, Thompson, who had had a bye, succumbed in less than a round. The double-barrelled victory shows that the downfall of Hazell was not a chance affair. The punch was there for anybody. Hardwick has never taken part in a competition in Australia. He has been seen in public several times, however, and those who saw him were greatly impressed with his style, and looked at him as the coming heavyweight amateur champion. His first appearance was made at the Cleburne benefit in the Gaiety Athletic Hall, where he went up against G. C. Cogill, last year's heavyweight amateur champion, in a three rounds bout. He had it over his experienced opponent all the time, using both hands freely and in convincing style. A long, straight left was hardly ever out of Cogill's face, while a right body blow, which had plenty of power, and was brought to bear nicely, made the then champion wince more than once. Hardwick's only other public appearance was at the Stadium, on the occasion of the big benefit organised by Hugh Ward and tendered to the Coogee surf heroes, Harold Baker and Jimmy Clarken. The present welterweight



ALBERT POOLEY, Australasian Amateur Champion Heavyweight boxer.

champion, Len McCarthy, was his opponent, but notwithstanding the disparity in weight, Hardwick proved faster in every respect.

Bill Lang and Bill Squires will box in Brisbane next Tuesday morning for the championship of Australia.

Sydney will be the Mecca of boxing men next season, and in addition to Johnson, Langford and McVea, who will all fight there, Al Kaufman last week accepted Mr. H. D. McIntosh's offer of £1000 for a fight between him and either Bill Lang or Jack Lester in Sydney next October.

Hughie Meehan, the Australian champion lightweight, is to meet Charlie Griffin, the New Zealander, for the title on August 19, and after that he will take on in succession Jack Read, the ex-amateur, who beat Dealer Wells, Kid McCoy, Frank Picato, the Italian-American boxer Hook Keys, and Dick Cullen.

## FOOTBALL.

### NORTH ISLAND COUNTRY TEAM V. AUCKLAND.

#### The Game Drawn.

The North Island Country team, now on tour, played their first game with the Auckland representatives on Saturday last. The weather was exceptionally bad, in fact, the worst experienced this season. A strong east wind blew down the ground, accompanied with heavy rain squalls. Taking all things into consideration, the attendance was good, there being keen interest manifested in the meeting of the pick of the northern country districts against the selected of Auckland. The game was fast and interesting from start to finish, and notwithstanding the sloppy nature of the ground, and the greasy state of the ball, the visiting backs showed out prominently in their passing runs and handling of the leather.

#### The Teams.

North Island Country.—Full-back, McKenzie. Three-quarters, Darby, Miller, O'Connor. Five-eighths, Lennard, Morgan. Half, Montgomery.

with a good kick, sent them back to their 25. From the line Auckland got away with the ball, Cunningham and Herring carrying play to Darby, who kicked to McGregor, the latter putting in a short run and then kicking across the field, the ball being well taken by Morgan, who marked. An exchange of kicks saw the local men again on the attack, and Stewart, securing the ball, made a determined effort to cross the line, but was pushed out near the corner flag. From the line the visitors cleared, but Auckland were soon back in hot attack, the forwards doing fine work. Power securing sent on to McGregor, Murray and Stewart, but the defence was solid.

The visitors now took a hand in attack, Lennard, Carroll and Darby being prominent—play was carried to the half way. Auckland had the advantage from the line, Gray securing a mark, the ball being placed for O'Leary, who failed with a long shot, the visitors forcing.

From the kick-out Auckland returned to the North Island's 25. From loose play following the throw-in Murray secured and put in a fine dash, followed by Stewart, who unfortunately kept too close and spoilt what looked like a good chance to score, the ball eventually crossing the line, and the visitors forced.

The North Island pack were having a slight advantage in the scrum work, the wing, Carroll, putting in some solid work, and with Winiata had Auckland in sore trouble—O'Leary saved with a timely kick.

Even play followed for some minutes after the throw-in, when Stewart, following up fast, spoilt Miller's return. The Auckland forwards resumed the aggressive. From a mark Cunningham had a shot at goal, the ball just missing the post.

From the kick-out the North Island reps. set up a hot attack, and flustering the Auckland backs carried play to near the half-way. McGregor received an opening and put in a fast sprint to be met by a solid tackle from Miller. The Auckland forwards, getting round, started a rush with Wilkes and Hall in charge, but Morgan saved with a timely speculator. Auckland kept up the pressure, the bell sounding change ends with the local men in close quarters to the visitors' goal line.

#### Second Quarter.

Cunningham opened for Auckland, play carrying the ball to half-way. From the line the local men took charge till met by McKenzie, at full-back, who transferred play to near the centre flag. Here a mark was secured by the visitors, and McKenzie, punting high across the field, set his forwards in hot attack—Murray saved the situation. From the line the visitors showed what they could do if the ground and ball were dry, for Montgomery, securing, sent out smartly to Morgan, and he to Lennard, who slipped and was collared with the ball.

The visitors continued to press their claim and carried play to the full-back, who saved in the nick of time. The play now was exciting indeed, for with the wind favouring them, and the fine kicking of McKenzie the local team were hemmed in their 25. Montgomery secured the leather and sent on to Morgan, Lennard, Downing, Barry, the last-named scoring a brilliant try near the post. McKenzie took the kick and landed a beauty. North Island 5, Auckland 0.

What with the rain and the heavy work on the ground, the field was in a slippery state, making it difficult for the men to take the ball or keep their feet. On kicking-out Auckland became aggressive and kept the visitors hard at it defending. Desmond turned defence into attack, and headed a couple of determined rushes for his side, one of which ended in O'Leary being penalised. McKenzie's kick failed and Auckland forced.

The kick-out was returned to the local team's 25. Another fine passing run by the visitors in which Montgomery, Morgan and Lennard handled the ball, had Auckland backs defending, and the forwards coming to the rescue carried play to the visitors' quarter. From loose play Power secured and passed to McGregor and he to Stewart, who beat the opposing backs and scored Auckland's first try. O'Leary put on the extra points. Auckland 5, North Island Country 5.

Power received the kick out and got the line in his own 25. The game was now pretty strenuous, and considering the bad state of the turf the ex-

Forwards, Carroll (wing), Barry, Winter, Winiata, Smith, Downing, Bailey, Desmond.

Auckland. — Full-back, O'Leary. Three-quarters, McGregor, Murray, Stewart. Five-eighths, Power, Gray. Half, Ottersen. Forwards, Wilkes (wing), Barrett, Hall, Bruce, Cunningham, Harper, Tyler, Herring.

Mr. H. Frost had charge of the whistle.

#### The Play—First Quarter.

Auckland won the toss and defended the eastern goal, taking advantage of the wind in their favour.

Smith started the ball for the visitors, Murray returning, and his kick failing to get touch crossed the goal line, a force resulting. From the kick-out the Auckland forwards took command and had their opponents in trouble, a penalty resulting: O'Leary took the kick but missed, North Island again forcing.

The visitors retaliated with a combined rush, Desmond and Barry leading the way. Murray getting in, and,

hibition of football was not at all bad. Carroll got in some solid work on the wing, and Desmond, Winiata and Downing made headway for their side in the forward division; Bruce, Wilkes and Hall doing similar service for the local men. The visiting backs again got going, Montgomery, Darby, Lennard and Miller setting up a passing run, but the latter, not receiving neatly, lost a good chance to score.

The visitors kept up the pressure, Carroll getting on to McGregor before he could kick had the Auckland line in danger. Stewart saved. Bruce put in a useful dribble and reached the full-back, who beat him for the ball and kicked into touch near his own 25. From the line the visitors got away, with Desmond and Smith in front, carrying play to Auckland's quarter when the bell sounded half-time.

#### Third Quarter.

Play settled at the half-way, from the line the Auckland forwards took command, Tyler, Herring and Bruce leading the way. The visitors were now slinging the ball about, keeping the game as open as possible, and Auckland were having a bad time of it defending. Play was here stopped on account of Carroll being temporarily hurt. Starting again, Auckland became aggressive, and receiving a penalty made further headway. Wilkes put in a dribble carrying play well into the visitors' 25, Stewart gaining further ground by kicking into touch close to the corner flag. The visitors got away from the line with Downing leading on. The locals retaliated with a rush in which Cunningham and Herring were prominent, and took the ball to their opponents' quarter. Auckland were fighting hard to keep the advantage, and from the loose Harper transferred to McGregor and he to Hall, who fairly struggled over the line with a couple of the visitors hanging on to him. O'Leary failed with a difficult shot. Auckland 8, North Island Country 5.

From the kick-out Auckland set up a dangerous attack. Power marking a quick return punted for the touch line, but the ball crossed the goal line and a force resulted.

From the kick-out the visitors were making strenuous efforts to level up the scores, Darby and Morgan getting in some useful work. Carroll got to O'Leary before he could kick and bumped the ball out of his hands, and what looked like a certain score was saved by McGregor getting in a timely kick. The visitors continued to keep the advantage, till Wilkes obtained a mark, and Tyler taking the ball put in a short kick to set his forwards going, but Darby got in and saved. Auckland still pegged away and in a loose rush Stewart set out after the ball when he collided with Miller close on the touch line in the visitors' 25, the ball going out near the corner flag. Neither of the men seemed any the worse for the bump. Shortly after the visitors forced just as the bell rang for change ends.

#### Final Quarter.

Cunningham started for Auckland, the kick being returned to centre. Darby received the ball from the loose after the throw-in and got the line well in Auckland's 25, where play was kept for some little time. In fact, the visitors were now having all the best of it, both on the line and in the scrum work. Off-side by Desmond, who was particularly aggressive, gave the local team much needed relief. From a mark by Montgomery McKenzie had a shot but failed, a force resulting. Shortly after Lennard and Desmond charged down, and, beating the opposing backs, carried the ball over the line. O'Leary nipped in with a timely kick to dead ball area. On coming out again Auckland took a hand in attack, Bruce and Hall being conspicuous, but McKenzie sent them back with one of his long kicks. The visitors still maintained the upper hand, and but for the fine defence of Murray and Stewart a score would have been registered. Hall and Wilkes were now working hard in the line play, and the forwards joining in a body gradually reached their opponents' quarters, and eventually got across the line, but a force resulted. The combined team rushed the ball down from the kick-out. Murray and McGregor, mulling between them, let the visitors on to their line, where several scrums took place five yards out. Excitement was great indeed at this juncture; the ball being kicked hard by one of the Auckland pack to McKenzie, who made a pot shot without effect, Auckland forcing. Shortly

after McKenzie had another shot from a mark without increasing the score. The visitors were still having the best of the play, and, coming down in a forward rush, badly beat the defence, the ball crossing the line where Barry made a desperate effort, and, diving on the ball, secured his second try under the feet of O'Leary and McGregor. McKenzie again failed in his attempt to get the bar.

The game ended in a draw, eight all.

#### Notes on the Game.

The visitors are a fine combination in both divisions, and, had the day been fine, there is no doubt they would have secured a victory.

Comparing the merits of the forwards there was little that the Auckland pack could show them. In the scrum work the visitors screwed time and again, much to Auckland's disadvantage.

Of the individual forwards, Carroll (on the wing) and Desmond and Downing were a tower of strength to their side, the former for their fast following up and the latter in starting rushes from the line. The visiting backs stood out in bold contrast when compared with their opponents. Their handling was much cleaner and surer, but in defensive work they were not up to the standard shown by Auckland. In fact, it was the solid defence of the local backs that prevented a win being registered against them.

Owing to the heavy state of the ground the game was essentially a forward one, but the conditions prevailing did not stop the visitors' half from initiating several brilliant passing runs.

The Auckland forwards stuck to a hard task well, and it would be difficult to individualise, for all worked like Trojans.

#### UNIVERSITY DEFEATS FRANKLIN.

The University team journeyed to Pukekohe on Saturday, where they met and defeated the Franklin representatives by 12 points to 3, after an exciting game. The 'Varsity Club was not represented by nearly its full strength, three notable absentees being Wilkes, Gray and Otterson, who played for Auckland against the North Island country representatives at Alexandra Park. Nevertheless, University were able to place a powerful team on the field, and the inclusion of Ifwerson, the College Rifles' three-quarter, proved a valuable help to the light blues, who also had the services of Dickeson, one of their juniors, whose brilliant displays for King's College have so often been witnessed in "curtain raisers" at Alexandra Park. The Franklin team compared very favourably with the students, and it was mainly due to the superior play of the 'Varsity backs that the local men experienced defeat. The Franklin forwards were a willing combination, and included Rhodes, the ex-Parnellite, who was very conspicuous throughout, his dashing runs proving of great assistance to the home team.

Despite the match being played under showery conditions, it was remarkably fast and open, both sides throwing the ball about a good deal. Franklin's main strength lay in the forwards, but their backs showed up well at times. 'Varsity's superiority undoubtedly rested with their rear division, who frequently nonplussed the country players with their cleverly-manoeuvred runs. Wilson took a big hand in the students' attack, his pace and quickness in handling the ball enabling him to accomplish much good work for his side. Bamford, McDuff and Bilkey comprised a trio of grafters in the 'Varsity forward division, the last-named player getting in some highly serviceable play on the wing. Of the Franklin representatives Burgess and Harris acquitted themselves well, while Pollock, the wing forward, played an exceptionally good game.

University attacked from the kick-off, and Wilson, who made a fine opening, was instrumental in Ifwerson scoring the students' first try. Schofield was entrusted with the shot at goal, which, however, proved futile. University 3, Franklin nil. Following this the Franklin forwards made several likely-looking attempts to break through 'Varsity's defence, but without success. Good work by the light blue backs saw Wilson distinguish himself by sending the ball out nicely to MacKenzie at an opportune moment, and the latter ran in and scored University's second try. Ifwerson failed with the kick. University 6, Franklin nil. The score was unaltered at half-time.

Shortly after the resumption of play Rhodes, heading a Franklin rush, succeeded in getting over 'Varsity's line, but the pass was forward. Webb, the 'Varsity half-back, marking, Ifwerson piloted the ball over the cross-bar. University 9, Franklin nil. The home team were determined to score and finally their efforts were rewarded, Hatrick securing a try from a passing run. Adams failed to add the major points. University 9, Franklin 3. Before the close of the game 'Varsity obtained another try, Bilkey getting over after a pretty piece of passing. Ifwerson's shot met with failure, and the game ended with the score: University 12, Franklin 3.

#### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES.

The junior championship matches of the A.R.U. were continued on Saturday, the results being as follows:—

##### THIRD GRADE.

Onehunga Methodists won from St. Benedicts by default.

City won from Grafton by default. Parnell beat No. 2 Natives by 3 points to nil.

Engineers and North Shore drew, each side scoring three points each. Engineers played two men short.

##### FOURTH GRADE.

Ponsonby A v. Grafton: Drawn game, neither side scoring.

City won from Parnell by default.

##### FIFTH GRADE.

Ponsonby B won from City by default.

Newton A beat Marist Bros. by 6 points to nil.

Ponsonby A beat Grafton A by 6 points to nil.

Parnell beat Newton C by 19 points to nil.

#### NOTES.

Southern football critics are unanimous in their opinion that the New Zealand University team's trip to Sydney, where they played the New South Wales students, is of no good to anyone, but rather the reverse.

The Otago Rugby Union's senior competition has been won by the University fifteen, while Zingari and Richmond fill the position of runners-up. University had a close call in their match against Southern at Dunedin on Saturday, the game ending in their favour by the narrow margin of 12 points to 11. Throughout the season University have played clean and heady football, and their success in winning the Otago Rugby Union's club championship was most popular with patrons of the winter game in Dunedin.

Pountney, one of College Rifles most prominent forwards, will assist the Parnell senior team in their match against City on Saturday.

Eckhold, who was a member of the 1907 New Zealand team, has been playing well behind the pack for Southern in the senior competitions at Dunedin, and it was thought that he would be selected as half-back in the Otago representative team. However, J. Sutherland has been chosen to represent Otago in that position in their match against the South Island minor Unions on Saturday. Sutherland, it may be mentioned, donned the jersey for his old club, Alhambra, only three Saturdays back, after a season's absence from the game, and as he was able to reproduce his old form, his selection as Otago's half-back followed.

The following team has been selected to represent Canterbury against Marlborough, Nelson, Buller and West Coast to-day (Thursday): Doell, D. Guthrie, Jacobson, Pyie, Burns, Gray, H. Taylor, Murray, Hassell, Burgess (Ashburton), Morgan, Auld, Ward, Morris, and Bain.

An amusing incident is reported from Ashburton in connection with the Canterbury-Ashburton match, on which occasion Don Sandman, familiarly known as "Sandy," who is at present on the disabled list with a broken bone in his foot, was an ardent barracker. One of the Canterbury forwards is the brother of a well-known member of the Christchurch detective force, and is, by the way, generally very prominent in his football. In this particular match, however, he was rather inclined to take things easy, probably in view of the Sydenham match the following Saturday. At any rate, little was seen of him until near the end of the

game, when it suddenly entered his mind to have a "go." Kicking the ball through the scrum, he set after it at top speed, when, before he reached it, a loud call from "Sandy" rang across the ground: "Hullo, Bill, got a clue at last." Bill collapsed, the whistle blew, and the game had to be stopped till he recovered consciousness, while "Sandy" was taken into custody.

The following team has been chosen to represent Otago against the South Island minor Unions on Saturday:— Backs: Scott, Norrie, Bennett, O'Sullivan, Cockroft, Black, Sutherland. Forwards: Casey, Scott (Pirates), Symonds, McDonald (Taiari Rovers), Brown, Graham, Johnson, A. McDonald (Kaikorai).

The football umpire's lot is not an enviable one in Melbourne, judging by the following paragraph:—Late at night after the North Melbourne-Preston match, in which North lost several goals on the first quarter for having played with more than the customary number of men in the team, the field umpire, Hume, was brutally assaulted on his way home at North Melbourne. His nose was fractured by his cowardly assailant.

Walshe, the Poneke wing-forward who was injured in the Athletic match a few Saturdays back, had a parlous time following his accident (says a Wellington writer). At one stage his medical attendant considered it doubtful whether he would ever again be able to watch a football match, let alone play in one, a knock below the heart having caused that organ to be so slow in its action as to reduce his pulsations to thirty-eight to the minute. I am pleased to say, however, that Walshe is now making a fine recovery—so much so that he was permitted to witness the recent victory of his team against St. James. Walshe has been playing Senior football now for about fourteen years, and this season was showing form equal to that of his best days.

The amended dates for the Auckland representative team's proposed southern tour do not improve Otago's position, which is the same as under the original dates, providing for the match against Otago being played on a Wednesday (says a Dunedin writer). It may be that this is the best Auckland can do, but the opinions expressed by members of the Otago Rugby Union are in the direction of the Otago team on its northern tour next season playing Auckland on a Wednesday. This is not in a spirit of retaliation, but it is argued that if Taranaki plays Otago on a Saturday this year, as arranged, Otago is morally bound to give Taranaki a Saturday match on the northern tour next season, and as one of the provinces must accept a Wednesday match that one, in the circumstances, should be Auckland. Before this matters may be arranged providing for both Taranaki and Auckland getting Saturday matches, though, with the limited time at the disposal of the players, one cannot see how it is to be done.

#### WANGANUI NOTES.

##### RANGITIKEI v. WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The weather was fine for the match played on the Recreation on Saturday, between teams representing the Rangitikei sub-Union and Wanganui. The game was not very interesting, though at times it was fast enough. In the first spell, Percival and Schmidt scored tries for Wanganui, neither of which were converted. On changing ends, S. Swan and Phillips were found to have taken the places of Percival and Campion, both of whom had been injured in the first spell. After Rangitikei had done some attacking, in the course of which A. Signall got over, but was tackled before he could ground the ball, Wanganui rushed play to the visitors' quarters, and Cunningham snatched the ball from Bignell and darted over. The kick failed. A little later, Coutts wound up a passing rush by scoring, and Phillips converted. Just on time, Rangitikei got on a fine rush, and Parkes scored a try at the corner. The kick failed, and the game thus ended in a win for the locals by 14 to 3.

The Junior Cup match, College v. Pirates Juniors, followed the rep. match, and resulted in a win for the school by 22 points to nil. Hives again distinguished himself, scoring four tries. On his form he is en-

titled to be considered easily the finest wing three-quarter in Waikanae. He is very fast, and weighty, and has a fine swerve, while he can handle the ball well and kick splendidly. He should make a name for himself in big football.

#### NORTHERN UNION NOTES.

##### NEW ZEALAND v. AUCKLAND.

##### "ALL BLACKS" AGAIN BEATEN.

The adverse weather conditions affected the attendance at the New Zealand-Auckland League match on Saturday last, there being but a small crowd of spectators on the Takapuna racecourse to witness the "All Blacks" meet their defeat at the hands of the Aucklanders. The Auckland team played with excellent combination, and a victory seemed assured for them from the moment they secured their first score, as from then onwards they settled down to their work in a confident manner, with the result that altogether they scored 11 points to New Zealand's 3. The Auckland forwards put plenty of vim into their efforts, and despite the ground being very heavy underfoot play was of an interesting character. Both sides showed up creditably in the forward rushes and altogether the game was a most spirited exhibition of the Northern Union code. The slippery state of the ground was not favourable to combined play, and this accounted for the many brilliant flashes of work that were accomplished individually. Had the match been played on a fine day with a dry ground, it would doubtless have provided the spectators with a rare treat in the way of fast and spectacular football.

The teams were represented as follows:—

New Zealand:—Full-back, E. Asher; three-quarters, Buckland, Siddells, Winder, Blakey; five-eighths, Morse; half-back, McDonald; forwards, Dunning (capt.), Rukutai, Stanaway, Seagar, Denize and Mackrell.

Auckland:—Full-back, Childs; three-quarters, A. Asher (capt.), Robinson, Dillamore, Kay; five-eighths, Carlaw; half-back, Jackson; forwards, Griffin, Waters, Bennett, Fricker, O'Sullivan, Mitchell.

The game opened in anything but a promising manner, the players being unable to hold the greasy leather, but Kay caused much excitement by intercepting a New Zealand attack, and, with the ball at his toe, he sent the ball over the line with a hard kick, and, following up in smart fashion, drew first blood for the Aucklanders. Asher's shot at goal proved fruitless. Auckland 3, New Zealand nil. The Auckland reps. continued to have the best of matters, and Dillamore being given a chance, he put in a great sprint, scoring in the corner. Bennett failed with the shot. Auckland 6, New Zealand nil. A lengthy period of even play ensued, during which exciting incidents were frequent. Finally, McDonald, Siddells, Blakey and Buckland were associated in a smart passing run, which ended in the last-named player scoring a good try for New Zealand just before the whistle sounded for half-time. Stanaway failed with the attempt at goal. Auckland 6, New Zealand 3.

Play was resumed almost without a delay for spell-time, and the "All Blacks" returned to the attack with renewed vigour, but found the defence too solid. Honours, during this half, however, were nearly always with the Aucklanders, and towards the end of the game Waters scored another try for the local team as the result of a fine opening made by Bennett. Asher was successful with the kick and the game came to a close with the score: Auckland 11, New Zealand 3.

Mr. R. Oliphant had charge of the whistle.

##### AUCKLAND v. WELLINGTON.

##### TO MEET ON SATURDAY.

An interesting game is promised for Saturday next, when the Auckland and Wellington Northern Union representatives will be pitted against one another at Victoria Park. The last League game between these rival provinces aroused a great deal of interest and resulted in a keenly-contested match, and it is anticipated that Saturday's Auckland-Wellington game will fulfil all expectations of an exciting struggle for supremacy. The Auckland team will be as follows:—

Full-back, Childs (City); three-quarters, Asher (City), Robinson (City), Kay (Ngaurawahia), E. Asher (City); five-eighths, Morse (City); half-back, Jackson (North Shore);

forwards, Griffin (North Shore), Dunning (Ponsonby), Bennett (Newton), McDonald (Ponsonby), Rukutai (City), Seagar (North Shore). Emergencies: Backs: Dillamore (Ponsonby), Carlaw (Ponsonby), Cholly (Ponsonby); forwards, Stanaway (City), Mitchell (City), O'Sullivan (City).

The Australasian League team leaves Sydney for England on Saturday next (August 5). Messrs. C. H. Ford, chairman of the Management Committee of the N.S.W. Rugby League, and Mr. J. Quinlan, a prominent official of the League, will have the management of the team during their visit to the Old Country.

A well-known Sydney football authority states that if the Australasian players who have been chosen to go to England display the form they have shown in Sydney, then the Englishmen—good as they are—will wonder what has struck them.

Referring to the final League match between New Zealand and New South Wales, which was won by the latter by 39 points to 7, a Sydney writer makes the following comment:—"Messenger was the 'daddy of them all.' He was brilliant in his running, his trickery and goal-kicking. First he kicked a magnificent goal from a mark at the centre, giving his side first points. Afterwards he landed seven goals (one from a penalty and another from a mark), and, although he did not score one try, he played the most prominent parts in almost every one of the rushes which brought points. Once he electrified the concourse by zig-zagging his way from his own 25 to that of the New Zealanders, where he cross-kicked to Pearce, who in turn sent the ball to Broomham, who went over in the corner, scoring a fine try, which Messenger converted.

Commenting on the Australasian team for England a writer in the Sydney "Town and Country Journal" says:—"There is no doubt about the excellence of the combination, but Gillett is indeed lucky. The fact that he can play in almost any position, from full-back to forward, must have influenced the selectors, especially as they have named only one full-back. Neil, of course, cannot be expected to turn out in every engagement. Fraser's inclusion as Neil's understudy would have given greater satisfaction. The members of the selection committee will hear a lot of growling. With the talent available, they could not please all, and as old identities in the football arena they know what to expect. Messenger, Frawley, Holloway, Pearce, Noble, Cann and Courtney toured England in 1908-9 with the "Kangaroos." Russell, McKivat, McCue, McMurtrie, Craig and Burge were in the Old Country in the same years with the "Wallabies," and Gillett was there in 1905 with the famous "All Blacks."

The Australasian League team for England is now practically a New South Wales combination, as all of the twenty-eight players, with the exception of the four New Zealanders, are members of the New South Wales League. Nicholson, a Queenslanders, was originally selected, and though the Queensland Rugby League were naturally disgusted at only one of their representatives being chosen, the Management Committee of the New South Wales League has since refused to sanction Nicholson's inclusion, and Darmody, a New South Wales player, has been appointed in his stead, so that the Mother State is now the only Australian State represented. Messenger's decision not to make the trip to the Old Country is a matter for regret, as the brilliant three-quarter would assuredly prove a great drawing card at Home. Never has Messenger displayed such remarkable form as has been the case this season, and though already well-known to Northern Union enthusiasts in the Old Country as the result of his connection with the "All Golds" English tour, his sensational play would, nevertheless, thrill the immense crowds that attend the Northern Counties matches. Fraser (N.S.W.) has been chosen to replace Messenger, but special efforts are being made to induce the latter to alter his decision, but up to the time of writing he has not done so.

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## CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

### GREAT RELAY RACE.

#### ADELAIDE TO SYDNEY.

#### CYCLISTS VERSUS MOTOR-CYCLISTS.

The Dunlop Rubber Company have decided to organise a relay sporting contest next Easter (April, 1912), in the shape of a relay despatch race from Adelaide to Sydney. The event will be run in two divisions—a relay of cyclists to be pitted against a relay of motor-cyclists, the ride to be carried over 1,149 miles of country, and delivered to the military authorities in Sydney. The motor cycle section will probably be handicapped to concede at least 24 hours start to the cyclists, which means that the first despatch should be up near Coleraine (Victoria)—some 368 miles away—before the first motor-cyclist leaves Adelaide.

The cycle division will be divided into 64 relays, ranging in length from 10 up to 38 miles, two riders being appointed to each section so that, all told, 128 cyclists will be required for this part of the undertaking. The motor cycle relays will probably range from 50 to 100 miles in length, depending on the nature of the country to be negotiated, and here again the despatch-bearers will ride in pairs to preclude any possibility of a breakdown in the line of communication. It is estimated that there will be about 20 motor-cycle relays, and the best 40 motor-cyclists in South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales will be selected for the task, and they will want to be good to overhaul the big start that will be conceded to the cycle brigade.

To overtake the cycle despatch before it reaches Sydney, it is anticipated that the motor-cyclists will have to maintain an average speed of 25 miles, for the cyclists will probably be scheduled to average for the whole journey 16½ miles an hour, the speed maintained in the big cycle relay ride organised over the same course by the Dunlop Rubber Company in April, 1909, when the 1,149 miles were negotiated in 69 hours 35 minutes. In that event 375 miles was covered in the first 24 hours, and 455 in the second, so that it will be seen that the motor-cyclists will have no easy task set them. As a sporting event, the relay match should provide one of the most interesting and instructive contests yet held in Australia. The Dunlop Company are confident that the despatch ride will be eagerly taken up by cyclists and motor-cyclists along the route, and will be pleased to hear from riders who are prepared to take part in the contest. Gold medallions will be presented by the promoters of the race to all riders taking part in the contest. The route from Adelaide will be via the "Coorong" Desert to Kingston, thence through Mount Gambier, Casterton, Ballarat, Melbourne, Albury, Gundagai, Goulburn, and Picton, to Sydney. The Commonwealth military authorities, who took such a keen interest in the 1909 Relay Ride are to be applied to for their support and patronage. Further particulars of the relay match will be issued at an early date.

## BILLIARDS.

### NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP.

The New Zealand Billiards Championship, for which ten have entered exclusive of the holder of the title, Mr. F. Lovelock, who meets the best of the others in the final, was commenced in the Amateur Sports' Club rooms on Monday evening. Unfortunately no southerners entered the competition being thus confined to Auckland cuemen. There are some good players among the bunch, however, and some interesting matches will probably be witnessed before the end of next week, when the competition closes. About fifty sports were present for the opening round of 500 up between Mr. W. E. Hackett and Mr. J. E. Cooke. This pair were also drawn against each other last year,

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when Cooke got well away with Hackett. On Monday the positions were reversed, and from the start



GEORGE GRAY, the brilliant young Australian cueist.

there was only one man in it, and that was Hackett. The new standard table, set up by Alcock and Co., played well and truly, but there seemed to be something of a "kick" in the balls a set of crystallates, which were in use for the first time, and both men were puzzled more than once by the run of the balls, Cooke more so than Hackett. No very big breaks were made, and on the whole the game could not be described as an interesting one, and there was nothing at all sensational in the quality of the shots. Hackett, as already stated, asserted his superiority from the jump, and had strung together 280 before Cook reached the century. His best break was 45, he made one of 32, one of 30, a 25 and a 21. His average was seven per cue, a fair average considering the fact that the balls did not run too kindly, but Hackett is

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capable of better than that, and may be expected to perform with more success in the succeeding rounds. The games will be continued every evening this and next week, and the final will be played on Friday week. The remaining competitors are J. Russell, J. Ryan, R. S. Martin, A. Price, E. Morrison, W. N. Leatham, E. Burke, J. G. Earl, and the champion Love-lock.

Tom Reece, receiving 2000 start in a match of 12,000 up, against H. W. Stevenson, beat the champion by 1550, nearly the amount of the handicap. Stevenson, however, had no previous opportunity of getting back his form and touch, while Reece had several earlier matches to enable him to get into the running of the balls. Stevenson made big strokes in a neat facile manner in the early stages of the game, and exploded the top of the table game a good deal. A feature of his play was the precision with which he obtained cushion cannons when playing for position.

Gray's defeat of Melbourne Inman just before the last mail left by 8,769 points in 16,000 up level was regarded as the greatest triumph of his career. Inman is the finest exponent of safety play in England, but time after time Gray worked into a scoring position from his safety leaves, and this naturally affected the loser's play very considerably. He is a born tactician and a wonderful strategist, yet the young Australian beat him by over half the game, after taking the lead at the fourth session. Inman battled along doggedly and pluckily, but was never in the hunt after the second thousand had been passed. Gray made two breaks of over a thousand and over a dozen of beyond 500.

Stevenson and Fred. Lindrum, the young Australian champion, have been matched over a long journey, having been matched to play 16,000 up, Lindrum receiving what may be regarded as a short start, 2,000 points. Since Lindrum has made a thousand break with the use of the red ball loser and Stevenson did not care to meet him at the all in game. The stipulation has, therefore, been made that the losing hazard is to be limited to 25 strokes, in other words, the provision of the Billiards Association regarding nursery cannons has been extended to the losing hazard game, except that where 30 points may come off the cannons, 75 may be scored of the red. But will this stipulation end the long breaks off the red? It hardly seems likely that it will. Lindrum can manipulate the red ball with such unerring accuracy that after

making his 25 consecutive losers he will be able to sandwich in a winning hazard stroke to the centre pocket and go on rattling up his hundreds. Thus when the red has gone down his own ball will run into the side cushion whence he might easily drop off the red into one of the top pockets and go on again with the score. If Stevenson is depending on this limitation to save the game he may be mistaken in his estimate of his opponent's play. Lindrum has improved immensely in his general play and he may defeat the English champion in all round play, leaving the losing hazard alone, as he did in his return match with Reece, only adopting the stroke when the Englishman came within a few hundreds of his total.

**HOCKEY.**

**AUCKLAND v. WELLINGTON.**

The Auckland representative hockey team will leave by the Main Trunk for Wellington on Tuesday next, and will meet the Wellington team on Saturday, August 12 in a match for the challenge shield. A very strong combination has been got together by the Auckland Hockey Association, and it is expected that they will give the Wellingtonians a great tussle when the chosen of the rival provinces meet.

The sole selector, Mr. J. R. C. Badham, has chosen the following players to represent Auckland:—Goal: C. Hallom (United). Full backs: H. B. Speight (University), J. H. Baker (Auckland). Halves: V. C. Kavanagh (Auckland), D. K. Porter (United). L. G. Robinson (University). Forwards: H. O. Welham (Auckland); Mr. J. Moore (Auckland), T. R. Mason, centre (Auckland), N. R. Jacobsen (University), J. B. Reynolds (University). Emergencies: Back, C. Farquharson (North Shore); Forward, R. W. Barry (United). Mr. Badham will accompany the team as manager.

The Wellington representative hockey team selected to meet Auckland is as follows:—Goalkeeper, Dwyer (United); right fullback, Hickson (United), captain; left, McElDowney (United); right half, R. Parton (Y.M.C.A.); centre, C. Campbell (Karori); left wing, Thompson (United); forwards, right wing, Salek (Victoria College); inside right, C. Strack (Victoria College); centre, G. Strack (Victoria College); inside left, G. Davies (Karori); left wing, Loader (Y.M.C.A.). Reserves: Kibblewhite, Aikin, and Murphy.

**ATHLETICS.**

**NEW ZEALAND CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.**

**TRIAL IN AUCKLAND.**

Interest is daily increasing in athletic circles throughout the Dominion in regard to the New Zealand amateur cross-country championship. The Otago centre have taken the matter up enthusiastically from the start, and already they have the funds in hand to defray the expenses of sending a team north, to represent Otago in the championship. The Wellington centre have also been prevailed upon to enter a team, and as a number of the best harriers in the Empire City are now in training for the occasion, it is confidently anticipated that a first-rate team will be selected to represent Wellington. The long-distance runners of Auckland are keen in their desire to see the northern province worthily represented, and many are making preparations for the event, so that a good team should be available when the selectors come to make their choice. G. N. Hill, one and three miles' amateur champion of New Zealand, is in great fettle at present, and is pretty certain to assist his province in the big cross-country event.

The Auckland Amateur Athletic Club held a cross-country trial on the Ellerslie racecourse on Saturday, but the ground was in a very heavy state, owing to the bad weather. Eleven competitors faced the starter, these being G. N. Hill, Reid, A. Ornstein, C. Ornstein, Rogers, McCullum, Gray, Hanson, Farrell, Black (Dunedin), and Fry. The course followed was round the main racecourse and over the hill, this route being covered three times. The Ornstein Brothers set out to make the pace, but Hill was always close up, and at the finish he won easily in 27mins. 36secs., from C. Ornstein, while A. Ornstein was a good third. The distance covered was roughly estimated at about four miles. Reid, who is one of Auckland's most prominent long-distance runners, did not complete the course, owing to a fall, which gave him a bad shaking.

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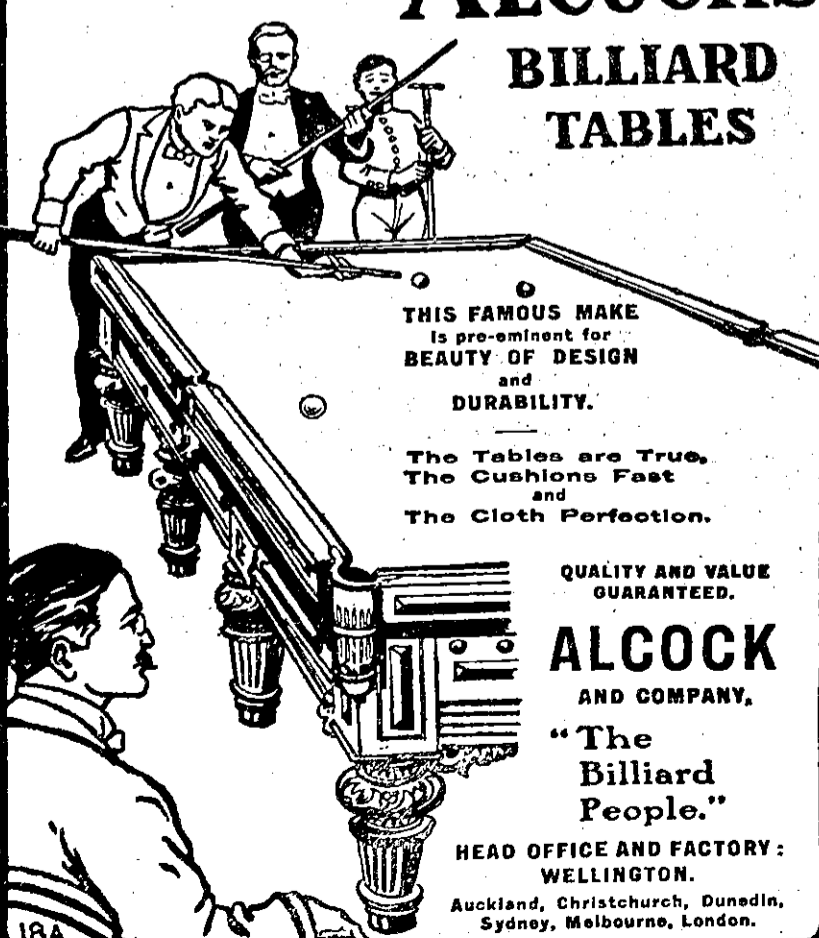
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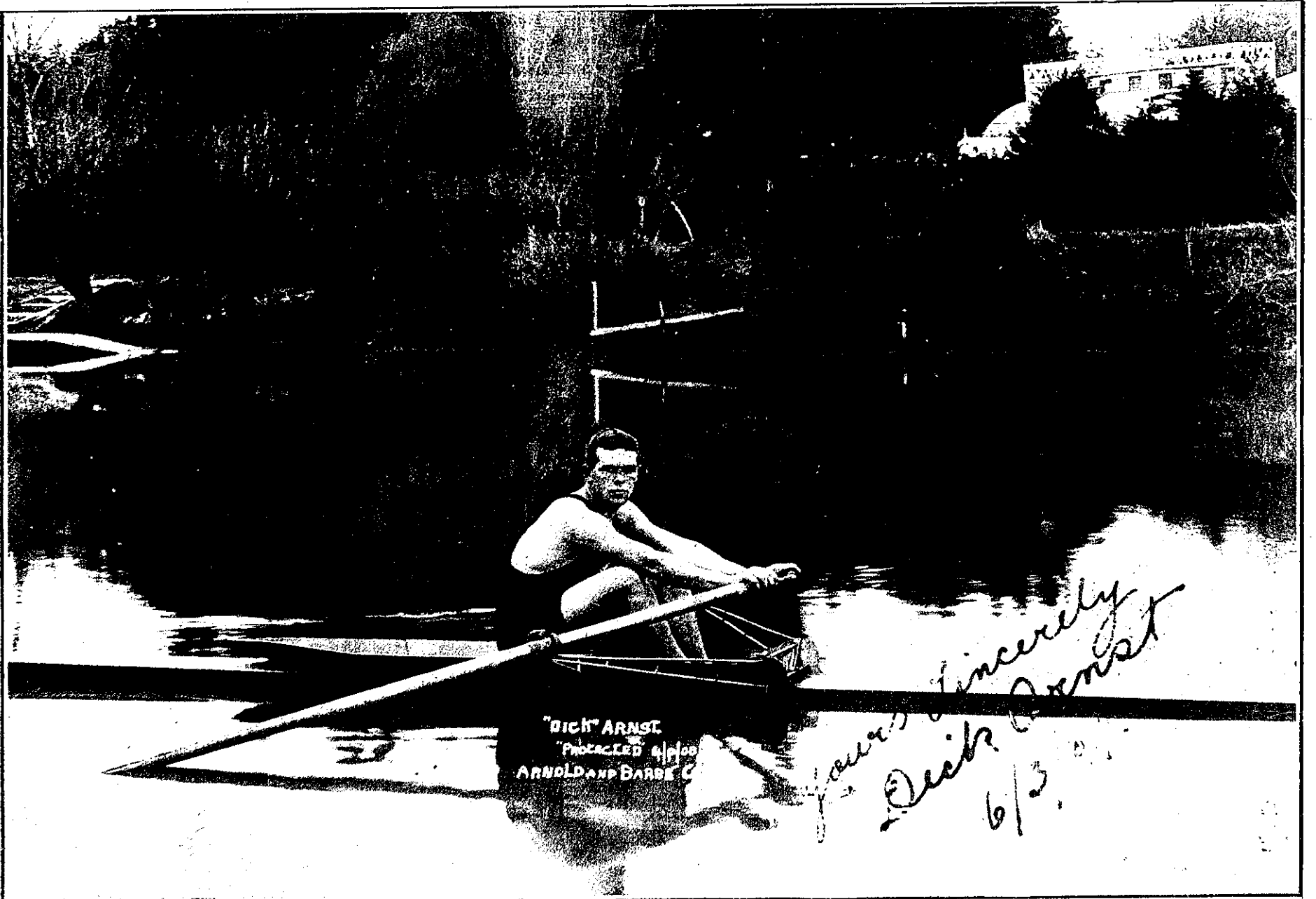
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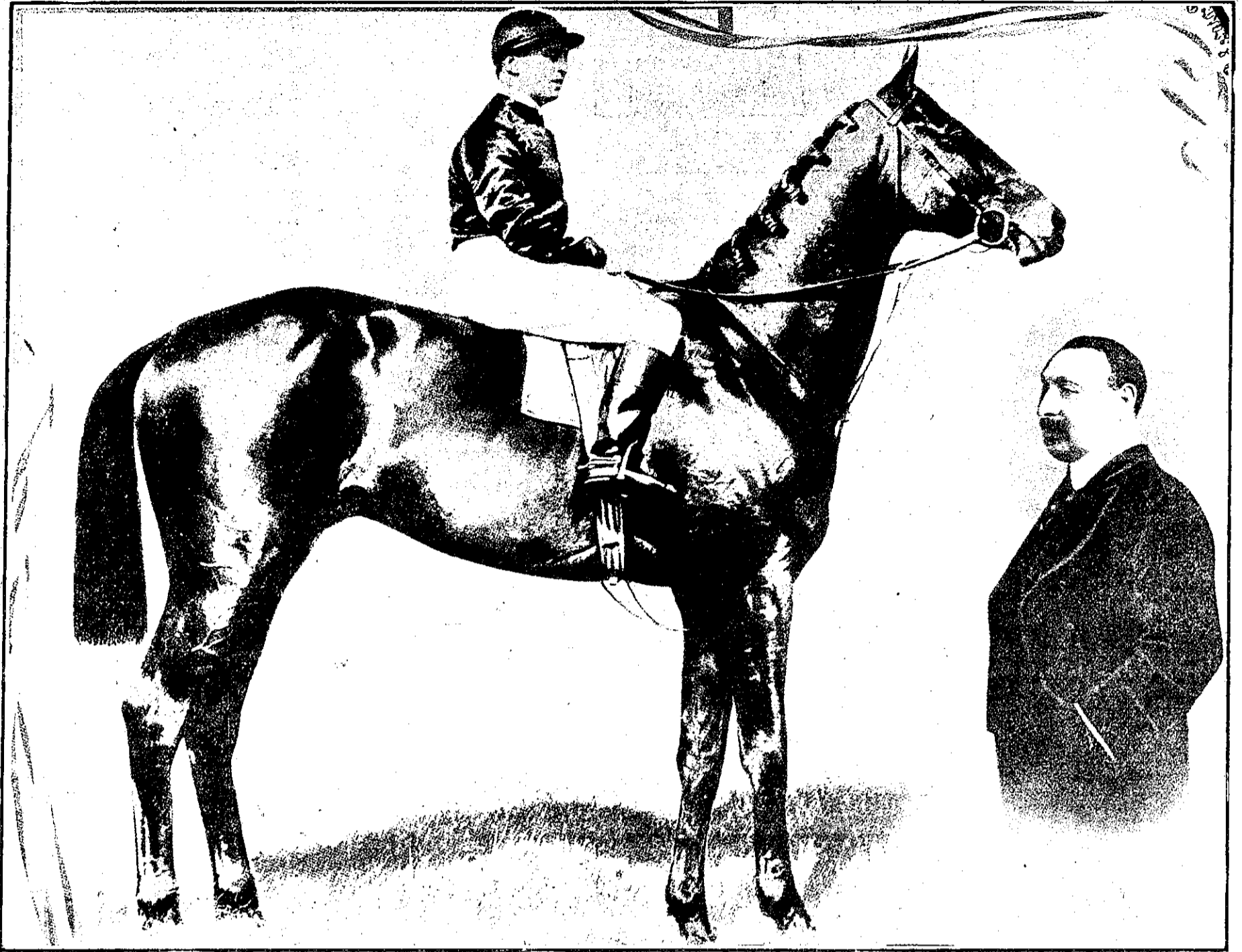


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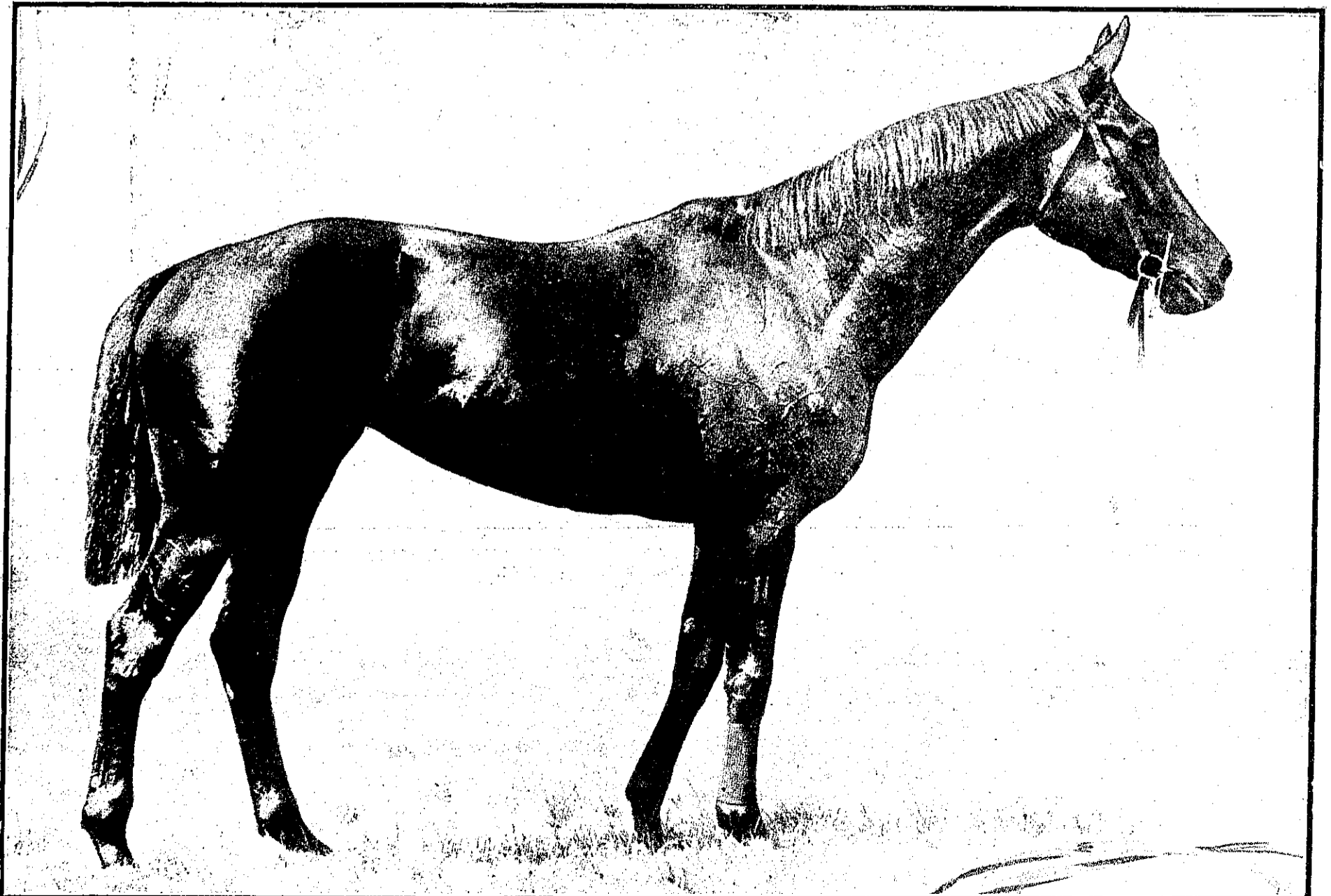


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# THE STAGE

## AUCKLAND FIXTURES.

### HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

July 24 to August 5.—J. C. Williamson's Pantomime Company "Jack and the Beanstalk."  
 Aug. 14 to Sept. 2—Clarke and Meynell's "The Arcadians" Opera Company.

### THE KING'S THEATRE.

Fuller's Wide-World Pictures—In season.

### THE OPERA HOUSE.

Vaudeville—In season.  
 August 23rd — Sousa's Band.

### THE TIVOLI.

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### HIS MAJESTY'S.

#### "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK."

A full house every night, with seats booked ahead, has rewarded the enterprise of J. C. Williamson Co., in bringing for a Dominion tour the pantomime company of topnotch artists. "Jack and the Beanstalk" has delighted the large audiences, and general regret is felt at the short season ne-

of them enjoyed the performance. So the Pantomime has been springing a'long merrily, a thoroughly enjoyable treat. Mr. Jack Cannot as Dame Trot is drollery itself. And the cheerful old party is frequently witty with an original gag that adds to the happiness of the company. Miss Mabelle Morgan cleverly fills the role of Jack (this artist has a good voice too, and knows how to use it). Miss Dorothy Firmin sustained her part as the Princess Edwidge without apparent effort. The Doherty sisters in their unique turns furnish clever entertainment, not the least arrow in their sheaf being the impersonation of talkative playgoers. Miss Marie Eaton, the stately Fairy Ianthe, evokes strong applause for her vocal contributions, which are given with care, taste, and power. Mr. Rupert Darell's comicalities in the guise of King Stonybrokish cause hilarity, and his songs are in keeping with the part. Mr. Victor Loydall's Waiter is just it. For grace and beauty the ballet dancing calls for admiration. Miss Maud Amery, the leading danseuse, is dainty. The "Dance of the Dolls" is clever. The "All Nations Military Ballet," the "March of the Wines," and The "Acroplane" turn are each well appreciated. In addition to the big bill of fare, the Willie Pantzer troupe of acrobats, with new, and wonderful feats, make the audience gasp with wonder, and

striven to surpass any previous production of the same class, and from the reports we hear from Australia and the South, it can be taken for certain that they have succeeded. The play is a delightful one in all respects. There is plenty of clean, healthy fun, witty dialogue, beautiful music, fine acting, gorgeous colouring and dazzling dresses. "The Arcadians" is one of the brightest and most enjoyable plays ever staged in the Empire, and it is safe to predict that the Auckland season will prove as brilliantly successful as those in other Australasian cities where the play has previously been performed.

### THE OPERA HOUSE.

#### FULLER'S VAUDEVILLE COMPANY

The crowds that throng to the Opera House every evening cannot complain of monotony in the programme presented, and that each item meets with their approval is evidenced by the insistent demands for encores. Every week sees some star turn, while the lesser lights also reflect their share of brilliance. Pride of place this week is given Harland and Rollison, comedy musicians, who evoke a furor of applause for their original sketch, in which they produce the sweetest music embrac-

pense, who enter heartily into the joke. Club juggling is a specialty introduced by the Kelso Boys, who are rightly described as "Australia's wizards of motion," their feats being particularly smart. Another attraction is a pictorial item, in which a series of excellent views depict the main incidents in the Coronation. A big favourite is Miss Nellie Power, character comedienne, whose dainty rendering of "Twinkle Little Star" is one of the gems of the evening. She is never allowed to leave without a double or triple encore, which prove equally captivating to her numerous admirers. Jack Kearns and Miss Ida Roslyn meet with a gratifying reception for "Chips off the Block," the former being also a prime favourite for his comic work in the "circle." Misses Delwyn and Tye give an acceptable Dutch duo and dance, while Miss Elma Anderson is still adding to her vocal successes, Miss Vera Kearns, Bob Lloyd and little Willie, all assisting by their respective specialities towards an enjoyable entertainment.

### THE KING'S THEATRE.

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IN ARCADY—A SCENE FROM "THE ARCADIAN," TO BE PRODUCED BY CLARKE AND MEYNELL'S COMPANY AT HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE ON AUGUST 14.

cessitated by engagements ahead. It is humour, satire, and jolly fun throughout, embellished with clever artistic effects, and well borne to catch the public taste by the efficient orchestra, whose conductor (Mr. Fred Quintrell) finds supple response in all directions to his talented guidance. The pantomime is, of course, full of good comedian "biz." The humour of the various characters seems to come from within. Buoyant, rapid, bubbling the fun tumbles out, the audience enjoying it from the rise of the curtain. Lively enjoyment changes only to delightful admiration of beautiful scenery and stage effects. In a moment the people are again shrieking with laughter. Not only does the humour of the stars appear to break out spontaneously, but the whole company bears a lively and happy air as though every one

thunder with applause. "Jack and the Beanstalk" will finish up in Auckland on Saturday, 5th inst, and then tour the Dominion.

#### "THE ARCADIAN."

Theatrical managers have long since come to the conclusion that a production, to prove a success in New Zealand, must be of a high standard, for the playgoers of the Dominion are as keen critics as any in the world. At the same time they are not slow to show their appreciation of a really good play, well acted, well dressed and well mounted. The enterprising Clarke and Meynell firm, in their forthcoming musical play, "The Arcadians"—which opens at His Majesty's, Auckland, on August 14 next—have

ing familiar airs, from every conceivable make of instrument. In his manipulation of the concertina, one of the artists reveals himself as a past master in the handling of that instrument, and almost invests it with the power of speech. Mr. Colin Cameron also made his first appearance and with his silvery tenor voice is making a decided hit with the audience, his encore number "Home Sweet Home" being rendered with a sympathy and expression that appeals strongly to those present. That exceptionally clever trio—Potter-Hart well-Howard—are still making good with their novel "turn," the two-headed man, the barrel trick, the marvellous side somersaulting and hair raising balancing by the little lady, all combining to form a unique act. A highly original "dummy" trick scores heavily at the public's ex-

George V. and Queen Mary is the subject of a series of beautiful films being presented at the King's Theatre this week. The fidelity with which the incidents are depicted is but another proof of the perfection of cinematographic art, and one is familiarised with the main features of the festivities to such an extent that a spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm is evoked as each picture is screened. The procession of the choir, the carrying of the regalia into Westminster Abbey, the procession through the streets of London, the Royal equipage drawn by eight cream horses, the passing through Admiralty Arch, the Colonial troops and Indian princes, all are portrayed with realism and give one a clear insight into the historic ceremonies incidental to a coronation. As well as the Coronation pictures, the programme



is rich in dramatic, scenic, and industrial studies. "The manufacture of Fireworks" being a remarkably fine series. "Across the Plains" told of a story of the wild west, and was full of exciting situations. "Disreputable Mr. Regan" was another good subject that struck a decidedly human note of comedy and tragedy. Prominent in scenic vein were "The Region of Ararat" and "A Winter Romance," while the humorous element was splendidly catered for in a specially selected budget. The music as usual, under Mr. E. J. Burke's direction is a feature of the entertainment.

**TIVOLI THEATRE.**

Coronation pictures are holding sway at the Tivoli Theatre this week Mr. Frank Stewart having made special arrangements to secure the very best films obtainable. The impressive ceremonials are realistically presented in every detail, and spectators can almost imagine they were transported to the scene of the pageant. The pictures were loudly applauded, the audience showing their appreciation in unmeasured terms, as well-known people and important events were screened. Those who have not yet seen the current programme should certainly pay a visit to the Tivoli Theatre.

**THE WINDSOR RINK.**

The Geisha carnival is the coming event at the Windsor Rink, and its title would signify that something novel and picturesque is to eventuate. Mr. E. C. McEwan has arrangements well in hand and will be pleased to give any information regarding it. The sessions are being splendidly attended, a good band enlivening proceedings.

**Greenroom Gossip.**

A Pantomime Favourite—Miss Mabelle Morgan.

After an absence of four years Miss Mabelle Morgan comes straight to New Zealand fresh with English and American successes. And with pleasant recollections of this talented artiste in "Mother Goose" and "Humpty Dumpty," Auckland audiences have given her a right royal welcome as Jack in "Jack and the Beanstalk." For two years Miss Morgan played in pantomime in England under the management of Mr. J. F. Elliston, while she was also prima donna in "A Night on Broadway," a musical comedy, for ten months during her American tour. "England loves its pantomime. America is keener on drama and musical comedy. If I ever played a girl in pantomime I should think it was my birthday," said the popular "boy" laughingly. "I should have to put a curb on myself. I'm so used to making love to the principal girl." Miss Morgan, who is a Melbourne girl, really came over to Australia on a holiday trip to see her mother, when she was offered this engagement with the J. C. Williamson Company to tour the Dominion. Hobart, Adelaide and Perth finish the tour, and after that," said Miss Morgan. "I'm not sure of my movements. I have a big offer from an English management to play a season in Newcastle, but it is left in abeyance at present." With every essential that makes for a successful principal boy—good voice, splendid physique, histrionic ability and a captivating personality—Miss Morgan has everything in her favour, and fortune should continue to shine on her in whatever country her lot is cast.

A Dainty Artiste—Miss Dorothy Firmin.

To make love to the principal girl in pantomime is a delightful task when the subject is as charming as Miss Dorothy Firmin, and "Jack's" obsession, as the general verdict shows, and a private chat confirms, is easily justifiable. Miss Firmin was specially engaged at Home to come out to Australasia as Princess Edwidge, being released by Mr. Robert Arthur, whose firm she has been associated with for six years. "It seems so strange to be playing pantomime all the year round," observed Miss Firmin. "It makes me think it is Christmas all the time! For you know at Home the season only lasts twelve or fourteen weeks." When it is "off" Miss Firmin finds a change in musical comedy, and has taken important parts in "The Orchid," playing Gertie

Millar's part as Lady Violet, "The Girl from Kays," and similar big successes. At the conclusion of her Australasian engagement she will return to England for more pantomime, where she takes up her role of principal girl. "Cinderella," "Dick Whittington," and "Red Riding Hood" are three of her successes, but their name is legion. "I like musical comedy better than pantomime," admitted the artiste, "there's more depth in it. In the panto your part resolves itself into saying a few lines, and trying to look nice." The latter, Miss Firmin can do without an effort, and we shall hope to see this charming little lady released from more English engagements to visit us.

Yorkers and think "some" of their city, "though we are not bigoted, you know," added both. With ten years of experience of the stage and travelling pretty well all over the world, they have had plenty of variety in the way of audiences, and their reminiscences, if space allowed, would make interesting reading. Miss Anna Doherty, by the way, is Mrs. Pantzer, wife of the agile Mr. Willie Pantzer, that prince of acrobats. Their repertoire is a wide one, and embraces clever "turns" in over a dozen different languages. They have played before the Czar of Russia, in St. Petersburg, and were presented with some handsome jewels, Miss Lillian wearing a beautiful ring surmounted with

cert, in which they score so heavily in the pantomime, was conceived by these smart artistes from an incident which really happened. "And we often catch some of the audience pulling themselves up suspiciously, when we reach this item!" and they both laughed gaily at recollections. Alas! we all know the garrulous being who attends a concert for anything but to listen, and the Doherty's original exposure struck a familiar note. "Your audiences make us happy," they remarked, "it is a pleasure to play to them."

"Our Miss Gibbs."

On August 5, "Our Miss Gibbs" will vacate its present quarters at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne (where the alterations will keep the theatre closed for three weeks), and start on a comprehensive tour, including New Zealand, that will occupy the company right up to Xmas time. There is not the slightest doubt about the immense popularity which this bright and sparkling musical comedy has achieved. By the time it finishes its Melbourne run it will have recorded 315 performances in Sydney and Melbourne alone, which, on a low estimate, averaging 1,600 people per performance, means that about half a million patrons have visited the piece during its stay in the two principal cities of the Commonwealth. No other attraction in Australasia can come anywhere near this record. Even the most popular of the pantomimes under the J. C. Williamson management—"Mother Goose," "Jack and Jill," and "Jack and the Beanstalk"—have had to travel over the whole of Australia and New Zealand practically, to fill out the time that has been occupied by this one piece in Sydney and Melbourne. Another instance of the remarkable staying powers of "Our Miss Gibbs" is disclosed by a comparison between it and "The Whip," which is the most successful drama J. C. Williamson has ever handled. "The Whip" Company started at the same time as "Our Miss Gibbs," but it has now almost completed its tour of Australasia, while the musical comedy has been playing to audiences in New South Wales and Victoria.

Mr. Leo D. Chateau.

Mr. Leo D. Chateau, who is associated with the triumphal tour of "The Arcadians" in the South, is in town heralding the approach of that fine musical comedy to be presented to Auckland theatre-goers. Its success has been simply phenomenal, and the verdict down south is "Don't miss it on any account."

"The Arcadians."

The dressing in "The Arcadians" which is to be presented at His Majesty's Theatre on August 14, is said to be most striking. In the first act, the Arcadian ladies are seen in classic drapes, and shoes and stockings are conspicuous by their absence. The race-course scene is a blaze of beauty and fashion, the dresses being some of the best works of such noted costumieres as Ducien, Paquin and Worth.

"The Scarlet Troubadours."

Theatre goers will hail with delight the announcement that Mr. Edward Branscombe's Costume Comedy Co., "The Scarlet Troubadours" from London, are making another tour of Australia and New Zealand, as a farewell before leaving finally for England. Since their first visit in this part of the world—over three years ago—they have proved themselves one of the most popular companies of entertainers that have ever been brought from England. Their thoroughly bright and artistic performances, carried through in spirited fashion, make fast and furious fun, without the introduction of any element of vulgarity; and have always secured the patronage—not only of those who appreciate good music, but also those who like their music palate tickled with harmless merriment. The methods adopted by "The Troubadours" are novel and quaint. Their music is original and their style quite their own. In this farewell tour we are promised a series of entirely new programmes, embracing series from comic operas, high class solos and choruses, musical comedy and burlesque, intermingled with quips and plenty of fun making of a versatile and refined nature. They appear at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday next.

Mr. Claude Haigh, touring manager of "The Scarlet Troubadours" has made arrangements for a short season at His Majesty's Theatre of this popular combination.



MISS GERTRUDE GILLIAM, "the girl with the brogue," in "The Arcadians."



MISS NELLIE KAVANAGH and MR. TOM WALLS in "The Arcadians."

The Clever Doherty Sisters.

Sparkling with vivacity on the stage, the Doherty Sisters, who give an animated turn in "Jack and the Beanstalk," lose none of it in private life, and leave one with the impression that they believe in making the most of life—from a sunny point of view. Their sketch, which is a pot pourri of song, dance and patter, is quite original, their methods attesting to the originality of these clever American girls. For Misses Lillian and Anna Doherty are New

a huge Russian sapphire as a memento. These artistes have also had the honour of playing before the Queen Mother, the Kaiser, President Loubet and American presidents. The sisters confess that it was the barre! organ and the monkey which first incited their love of the terpsichorean! "That set our feet going and after once overcoming parental scruples, we put our united forces together, and gradually worked up a double sketch." The clever impersonation of talkative women at a con-

**SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES.**

**WELLINGTON.**

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, July 31.

Bad weather was responsible for a big falling-off in the attendances at all places of amusement last week. It rained pretty well continuously from the evening of the 22nd until the 27th.

The Wellington season of "A Ticket From Tatts" was only fairly successful.

Wellington playgoers are already anxiously awaiting the arrival of the J. C. Williamson pantomime, "Jack and the Beanstalk." Quite a number have already asked me when the box plan opens, as they want to book seats. A case of getting in early so as to avoid the crush. Judging from the Auckland notices it must be a very fine show.

"The Arcadians" arrive in Wellington from Christchurch, on Sunday next, and leave next morning for Palmerston.

The management of "The Arcadians" Company has decided to play a three nights' season at Palmerston, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, August 7th, 8th, and 9th, and one night at Wanganui, Thursday, August 10th, en route for Auckland. In Palmerston "The Arcadians" will be played for two nights and "The Belle of Brittany" one, whilst "The Arcadians" will be the attraction for Wanganui. These are the only towns that can be played, as the company is due to open in Auckland on the 12th for a three weeks' season. I am glad to state that the Christchurch papers, with one accord, endorse all the good things that have been said about this most talented company.

The veteran Harry Lyons, was a passenger for Sydney by the Manuka, which sailed from Wellington on the 28th. I am sorry to have to state that poor old Harry was very ill when the steamer left.

Watts and Lucas continue to be the headlines at the Theatre Royal. Their dancing and contortion act is a great feature in the programme submitted.

Linley and Stephenson's clever company, "The Wanderers," are doing fine business on the West Coast of the South Island just now. The tour from the opening has been a great financial success, so much so that Mr Linley informs me that a return tour of the North Island has been booked.



THE ROSEBUDS, favourite artistes on the Fuller Circuit.

Mr George Buller leaves Wellington for Dunedin on Friday to herald the opening of the great Nicola to the City of Parritch.

Miss Winifred O'Connor, the leading lady of "The Arcadians," has been recalled to Melbourne for the rehearsals of "The Chocolate Soldier." She was a passenger for Sydney by the Manuka, which sailed last week. As predicted in my notes a few weeks ago, Miss Florence Quinn, who is a native of Auckland, will play Miss O'Connor's parts during the company's Auckland season. Miss Quinn is a capable artiste, and is sure to "make good" in her native town.

Judging from the amount of press matter that is being sent out from headquarters, it is quite on the cards that Mr H. B. Irving and company will tour the Dominion after all.

The "Scarlet Troubadours" opened a six nights' season at the Opera House on Saturday evening last to a fairly large house. The show is a clean and bright one.

Nicola's season opens at the Opera House next Saturday evening. I fancy this clever magician will do good business during his stay here.

**MUSIC NOTES.**

(By "G" String.)

"Ave Maria," which is being nightly sung at the London Hippodrome by Miss Dorothy Toye, of the marvellous double voice, was composed by the well-known Italian Leonciella, and dedicated to Pope Pius. The piece was originally arranged for a double quartette of voices, but despite this fact, Miss Toye comes through the ordeal most impressively, and it affords a splendid opportunity of exer-

cising the wide range of her singularly gifted voice. An added effectiveness is given to Miss Toye's performance by the fact that she appears in the garb of a nun.

An unknown work of Wagner's has been found at Dresden, amongst the papers of Mayner, one of the composer's copyists. It is an instrumental accompaniment for a male voice and chorus, composed in 1843 for the unveiling of the memorial to King Frederick August I. It will be performed initially on February 4th next, at the celebration of the King's birthday.

"Next to being born the most important event of my life was when I began to study music."—Sousa.

In spite of the hostility displayed by the German critics, Alice Neilsen and Lillian Nordica scored an immense success in Berlin. They were welcomed enthusiastically, and rewarded by many outbursts of favour on the part of their audiences. The critics, however, because they are Americans, were unkind. Miss Neilsen appeared as Mimi Puccini's "La Boheme," at the Opera Comique on May 28th, and on the following evening Madame Nordica sang Isolde in "Tristan and Isolde" at the Royal Opera House. The attitude of the critics was inhospitable. However, Americans are sufficiently broad-minded to give no heed to an attitude inspired by German narrowness. Americans know that both Neilsen and Nordica are artistes of the first rank, and knowing that what more is necessary?

The title of "Royal" has been conferred by King George on the Wellington Choral Society.

"Music's golden tongue speaks to all alike, and Heaven help him who cannot understand."—Sousa.

Oscar Hammerstein has stated that he is turning into a regular Londoner now that he is settling down to the work of his undertaking. The London Opera House has already cost him half a million dollars, and by the end of September the cost will have been doubled. Mr Hammerstein does not have a thought of failure, and that must be a comfort.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**

My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes:—Fine weather for young ducks in this flattest of cities lately. After a week or so of frost, with the ground like cast iron, the rain came down in torrents, rendering the streets pools of mud and slush. Theatre-going under such

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conditions proved a rather trying experience, and the drivers of hansoms and taxies did a roaring trade. At the time of writing the "Arcadians" is drawing all the town to the Royal. The famous race-course scene is alone worth the price of admission. It is wonderful. . . . Huge poster portraits of Sousa, of band fame, are already to be seen in the windows of our music-shops. The New Zealand tour commences at Invercargill on July 31, Dunedin and Christchurch to follow. . . . Said that the Sheffield Choir netted £14,000 as the result of their recent tour of the Dominion. . . . The Fullers seem to be made of money. Suppose you have heard they are going to rebuild Wellington His Majesty's at a cost of £25,000? . . . The "Tossing Testros" supply one of the best turns our Opera House has known. Their "last nights" here are now announced. Clever people. . . . August 5 will witness the opening at the T.R. of Anderson's Co. in Nat Gould's sporting drama, "The Chance of a Lifetime." . . . Fuller's Colosseum Pictures continue to draw big audiences. On August 2 the first instalment of the Coronation films were exhibited. Smart work? . . . I hear Bland Holt's old company is to be re-organised for a New Zealand tour, with Walter Baker and Frances Ross as the stars. The show will make another start about Xmas time. It ought to go. But we shall miss "Yours Cordially," and Mrs Bland, probably the most popular pair of pros that ever set foot in Maoriland.

**AUSTRALIAN HAPPENINGS.**

(From Our Sydney and Melbourne Correspondents.)

What promises to be a varied and interesting programme has been mapped out by the J. C. Williamson management for their occupancy at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, where they will take up the running from the 5th August, the date on which Her Majesty's will be closed for alterations.

Evidently Mr J. C. Williamson did not let the great heat which, according to the cables, has recently been experienced in America interfere with his business over there. He had hardly arrived in New York before a cable message came through to the effect that he had acquired the rights of "Everywoman," the modern morality play by Walter Brown, which is at present causing such a furor in America, and is one of the big successes of the day in that country. "The Pink Lady" is another of Mr Williamson's acquisitions. This also is one of America's big successes, and it is said of it that it may be bracketed with "The Belle of New York" as a typical American musical comedy.

The Palace Theatre, Sydney, is to be the home of the Children's Pantomime, "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," during the season of William Anderson's talented Lilliputian Pantomime Co. in that city, their opening date being fixed for Saturday, August 5th.

Mr Gaston Mervale, who will appear in the forthcoming production of "The Speckled Band," in Sydney, made the acquaintance the other day of a prominent member of that company. In a big glass case in the property room at Her Majesty's Theatre lies the snake which, for some time past, has been in the care of Mr Locke Phillips. It is this snake that is to figure in the title role of the Conan Doyle piece and as Mr Mervale looked at it, he showed very plainly that he was never likely to become very intimate with "The Speckled Band."

During the time that Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, has been under the J. C. Williamson regime, many changes have taken place in the construction of the building, which have added materially to the comfort and convenience of patrons. One of the last big undertakings was to make the roof over the gallery movable, and thus keep that part of the house cool and pleasant during the great heat of summer. But now a radical alteration is in progress, which will alter the whole contour of the auditorium and insure even greater com-

fort to the frequenters of the popular theatre. The idea is to erect a huge arch, after the style of American theatrical construction. Let in to the arch will be eight boxes, four on either side. Then the gallery is to be brought further out, and altogether the interior of the building will be much more compact and the audience will be brought more into touch as it were with the artists on the stage. In order to facilitate the operations, it has been decided to close the theatre for three weeks so that the work may go ahead without intermission. Accordingly on August 5, Her Majesty's will close its doors to the public, and the J. C. Williamson Melbourne attractions will be transferred to the Princess's Theatre for the time being. It will be reserved for the famous visiting artist, Mr H. B. Irving, to open Her Majesty's after the alterations are complete.

A most interesting programme has been mapped out for the forthcoming occupancy of J. C. Williamson, Ltd., at the Melbourne Princess Theatre. During the season there two dramatic companies and one musical organisation will hold sway. On August 5 the dramatic company, headed by Mr William Desmond, will open for a week in the old and favourite drama, "The Silver King," which will have the advantage of a very strong cast of characters. At the expiry of the week the company will go to Sydney to start rehearsal in earnest on "The Speckled Band," the thrilling Sherlock Holmes episode in which the snake plays an important part. The next attraction at the Princess's Theatre will be "Via Wireless," by "The Whip" Company, who, in that big sensational drama, will play a brief and farewell visit to Melbourne. The third attraction will be the New Comic Opera Company, who will follow the "Via Wireless" season with "The Balkan Princess," in which they have been appearing with such success in Sydney.

No less than five William Anderson Companies will inaugurate new seasons at various theatres in the Commonwealth on Saturday, August 5th, three of which attractions will make their first presentations in Sydney. The William Anderson No. 1 dramatic organisation will present "The Man From Out Back" for the first time in Sydney; the Children's pantomime, "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe" will be presented at the Palace Theatre, Sydney; and Joseph Blaschek, the famous society entertainer, will make his first appearance there at the Y.M.C.A. Hall on that date; whilst in Melbourne, Mr Walter Baker and Miss Frances Ross will be presented with a new company at the King's Theatre; and in New Zealand the Harry Roberts-Beatrice Day Company will make their initial appearance in Christchurch in "The Chance of a Lifetime."

Mr E. T. Steyne, who has come out to Australia under engagement to J. C. Williamson, Ltd., as stage producer, has spent practically the whole of his life in stage producing work. He was among the first to be offered a stage-managership at the Gaiety Theatre by Mr George Edwardes. He produced "San Toy," in conjunction with "Dick" Barker, and some years later went over to New York where he put on "The Country Girl." He was also the producer of the London version of "The Girl From Kay's." But at the present juncture it is his experience in pantomime work which is likely to prove of the most value to J. C. Williamson, as of course the forthcoming attraction out here will be in his keeping. He was part author of "Jack and the Beanstalk," which he also produced at Liverpool, and for many years he was associated with Tom B. Davis, a name thoroughly well known in connection with pantomime ventures. For the past twelve years Mr Steyne has produced pantomimes, and a series of twelve such productions is surely a guarantee of his proficiency in this class of work.

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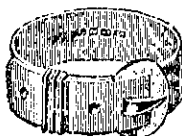
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THE "UNDEMOCRATIC" THREE FIFTHS.

AND THE "DEMOCRATIC" BARE MAJORITY.

Candidly speaking there is no such thing as "majority" rule in this country. We are innocent enough to believe (some of us that is), that, because we have the Second Ballot (made on the German pattern and open to just the same objections as are raised there), and because the Liberals have held office for 21 years that, therefore, we have majority rule. But let the reader figure it out for himself. Is there any member of the Parliament of this country who can claim that he is put there by the majority vote of the people of New Zealand. Sir Joseph Ward, for instance, is returned by the electors of Awarua; Mr. Massey by the electors of Franklin. At the best these gentlemen are returned by a majority of the electors of their respective constituencies. Other gentlemen returned by majorities in the electorates they represent, support Sir Joseph and Mr. Massey, and as the majority is with the former he and his party (miscalled as "Liberal") rule the roost. But everyone knows that there are scores of things done by Sir Joseph Ward's Government that do not meet with the approval of the majority of the electors, and, in the present temper of the people it is seriously open to question whether Sir Joseph Ward would be returned again to Parliament, were his seat in the House made dependent upon an actual plebiscite of the people. Yet Sir Joseph remains the head of the Government, dictating its policy (such as it has), and deciding with his colleagues (elected in similar fashion to himself), the conditions under which the people of this country must live and move and have their being, so far as mundane affairs are concerned. That this is so, must be admitted. It has also to be recognised that, under existing conditions, it is next to impossible for the democracy to assert itself against the autocracy of Ministers, only two of whom (Mr. Fowlds and Mr. Millar) can claim to represent metropolitan constituencies. All things considered, therefore; it does seem a little absurd that so much fuss should be made over the necessity of enforcing majority rule in a country where the system of government fails to provide for the due expression of the feeling of the people, and for the return to Parliament of men who may claim to have the direct support of a majority of the people.

## THE "BARE" MAJORITY.

On the liquor issue, "our friends the enemy" are claiming the right to decide the questions of "No-Licence" and "Prohibition," on the bare majority. And their chief argument is that the three-fifths majority is "undemocratic" and that "bare majority" rule is "simple justice." Conceding for a moment that it is so, and that 339 persons would be right in

submitting to the rule of 1000, and that the latter would be right in demanding the submission of the 999, what happens? With the so-called "liquor evil" out of the way the Anti-Tobacco League starts its operations. There are more non-smokers in the community than smokers, because for one thing in certain centres there are more women than men, and the women hold the balance of power. In time both the pipe, the cigar and the seductive cigarette are ruled out of existence, and the "Peeping Tom" fraternity, having of necessity to justify their existence, cast round to find some other "evil" to grapple with. If the racecourse survived the Anti-tobacco crusade, it would assuredly go next, and the theatre and vaude-

the majority and winning its way against seemingly overwhelming odds. Democracies, moreover, become as tyrannical in their methods of rule and administration as autocracies. And the one great boast of the English speaking races has been the liberty of thought, speech and action secured to the minority by British law. The Prohibitionist aims directly at restricting that liberty. He wants the bare majority for coercive purposes. The "three-fifths" (coercive though it also is in its avowed purpose) moves too slowly for him. And if he succeeds in achieving his purpose and in enforcing his "rule of thumb" methods, there is no telling where he will stop. If "bare majority" rule on the lines he advocates it

regret expressed right through the community, extends to the ranks of the licensed victuallers and to the liquor interests generally. There is probably no class in the community that respects a fighting man more than the licensed victuallers, and Mr. Taylor was himself so much of a fighter, and had such fixed tenacity of purpose in all that he undertook, that friends and opponents alike could not fail to respect and admire the man, although they might, and did, disagree with his principles and modes of action. In the Prohibitionist camp, Mr. Taylor's name was one to conjure by. No one could move upon an audience or bend it so easily to his will as the member for Christchurch North. In the political arena it was the same, although, curiously enough, his own constituents never really trusted the hon. gentleman, for he failed to retain their confidence beyond the life of any one Parliament. Thus he was returned for one Parliament and rejected for the next, returned for the next Parliament and defeated by an overwhelming majority when he stood for re-election in 1905, the position being again reversed in 1908, when he got back by a majority nearly as large as that by which he had been previously defeated. Much of this was due to his own erratic disposition, and to his lack of ballast, his judgment sometimes proving very faulty. But, in some measure, it was also due to the fickleness of the Christchurch people. Even the sternest critics Mr. Taylor has had, have, however, always admitted that whatever vagaries may have characterised his conduct, he was always actuated by the best of motives and impelled thereto by an overwhelming sense of duty. If it be correct to say that he was a man of impulses, it is none the less true to say, that these impulses were dictated by the conscientious feeling that he was in the place where it was demanded of him that he should act, in accordance with the promptings of that higher moral sense that was so much part of the man's life. He may have been mistaken in much that he said, and in much that he did. But, whoever heard anyone seriously accusing Mr. Taylor of having an "axe to grind?" A man of fads and fancies, he was yet gifted with great humanitarian principles, and would probably have made his influence much wider felt had his opportunities been greater. He was settling down nicely into the Mayoral duties in Christchurch, and was developing sound administrative abilities, when death laid its hand upon him. A brave, courageous man, he claims our respect and homage. Peace be to his memory!

## IF PROHIBITION COMES.

WHAT IT MEANS TO NEW ZEALAND.

If Prohibition is carried in New Zealand it means, says the "Home Journal" that in four years, during which no further poll can be taken.

1. All licenses of every description to sell liquor lapse.
2. All breweries must cease.
3. All wholesale importers of wines, spirits, or beers must cease.
4. It shall be unlawful for any person to import into New Zealand, or to manufacture, sell, or have in his possession for the purpose of sale, intoxicating liquor of any description.
5. Special exception is made under regulations for intoxicating liquor for medicinal, scientific, sacramental, or industrial purposes.

It may also be added that provision is made whereby no question regarding Prohibition shall be submitted to electors until National Prohibition has been in operation over four years.

The friends of Mr. Arthur Weekes, of the Hunterville Hotel, will regret to hear that his wife is seriously ill in a private hospital at Wanganui.



MR. REUBEN GRAY, as Strephon, in "The Arcadians," to be produced at His Majesty's Theatre on August 14.

ville shows would as assuredly follow. Out they would all go like the remnants at a "clean sweep" rag sale. And when life has been thus rendered drab and colourless for the multitude, by the "bare majority" having its way (and being guided thereto by the noisy ravings, rantings and croakings of the demagogues whose utterances are regarded by them as those of the Gospel itself), the "simple justice" of such rule appears in a very different light. Nor has the rule of the majority, ever been associated with other than an oppressive disregard for the rights of the minority. We may search the pages of history almost in vain to find any great principle that has been asserted, or any great reform achieved by the majority. It has always been by the minority striving against the might of

will really be the acme of perfection in democratic government, then democratic government must stand forth self-confessed as a snare and a delusion.

## THE LATE MR. T. E. TAYLOR, M.P.

In the presence of death we are always ready to recognise the better qualities of our opponents, and to join with their sorrowing friends in the sympathetic feeling of regret that lives should be cut short in the midst of their usefulness. The tragically sudden death of Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.P.,—tragic in its unexpectedness—has come as a shock to the community generally, and we believe we are right in saying that the feeling of

# TRADE TOPICS

There are 801 names on the barmaids' register, published in last week's Gazette.

Francis McParland, licensee of the Hotel Cecil, Wellington, died on Saturday, aged 71. He was a former resident of Westland, and was chairman of the Wellington Licensed Victuallers' Association.

"To be a total abstainer is a very admirable qualification, but many men parade in the Court that they do not drink and thereby try to imply that they are immaculate," said Dr. McArthur at the Petone Court, "but I would advise you that there are other vices besides drink. Boys would be all the better if they went home earlier at night and took an interest in home life."

An eventful career has come to an end in the death of an old West Coaster, Mr. Richard William Lecher, who died recently, aged 88 years. He arrived in South Australia when quite a youth. He followed goldmining in 'Frisco, Victoria and New Zealand. One of his sons was burnt to death in the fire which destroyed Dawson's Hotel, Reefton, in 1882, owing to his returning to the hotel to assist another boarder who had returned to get some valuables, both men perishing.

There are further developments in connection with the closing of the Maropiu Hotel (Kaipara), application having been made to the Supreme Court for a mandamus nullifying the decision of the Kaipara Licensing Committee to close the hotel. Their application is upon two grounds: (1) That Mr. James Tronson does not "permanently reside" in the Kaipara district, and that he was, therefore, disqualified from sitting at the annual meeting of the committee, and without his attendance there was no quorum; (2) that when the reserved decision of the committee to close the hotel was delivered, there were only three members of the committee present.

Out of the 15 breaches of the Licensing Act in Masterton investigated during the quarter ended June 30, six were for ordering liquor for a No-license district without giving name and address, there were two charges of keeping liquor for sale in a No-license district, four charges of delivering liquor in a No-license district which accused had grounds to suspect was intended to be kept for sale, one charge of selling liquor to a resident of a No-license district without sending notice to the Clerk of Court, and two charges of storing liquor in a No-license district. Seventy-five criminal cases were dealt with during the quarter.

We learn that Mr. H. Ward, late of the Burke's Pass Hotel, Canterbury, has purchased the Albury Hotel from Mr. O'Malley.

In the District Court in Melbourne recently, Gertrude Westbury was charged with having unlawfully sold liquor of an intoxicating nature. John Joseph Hoare, revenue detective, said he visited Westbury's chemist's shop, Swanson-street. He saw Mrs. Westbury, and asked her if methylated spirits was poisonous to drink. She replied: "No, they drink it around here in gallons on a Sunday." Witness said, "Well, I have been trying unsuccessfully to get a drink this morning. I saw some men drinking methylated spirits, and I thought I would come and see if it were poisonous." She asked "What do you drink?" He told her that he drank spirits, and she said, "They tell me it is as good as rum to drink." He asked her how it was drunk, and she replied, "Put a spoonful in a good drop of water." The Deputy Government Analyst said that he had analysed the spirits bought by Hoare, and had found that it contained 32.26 per cent. alcohol. The residue was practically water. There was some pyridine present. No sane man would drink methylated spirits. The case was adjourned.

About thirty years ago there lived in Masterton a family by the name of Mack. The husband, who did odd jobs at fencing, went to America, where he recently died, and left con-

siderable property. Enquiries are now being made as to the whereabouts of his wife and child.

The eight hundred and odd names which appear on the Barmaids' Register as gazetted (says the "New Zealand Times") do not represent the total number of barmaids who will be registered in the Dominion, as many of the certificates issued by the Labour Department have not yet been returned signed by the various agents. A supplementary list will be issued shortly, when the whole of the registration is complete, though, of course, no more applications are being taken. It is expected that when the register is complete it will contain just over one thousand names.

Mr. Francis McParland's death comes as a severe blow to the Licensed Victuallers of New Zealand. Although well advanced in years Mr. McParland, generally speaking, enjoyed such good health, that his early demise was one of those unlooked for contingencies that come as a painful surprise to those affected. Mr. McParland enjoyed the unique distinction amongst the hotel keeping fraternity of holding the Commission of the Peace. He was one of the first Justices of the Peace appointed in New Zealand, and was in his 71st year when he died. A native of County Armagh, Ireland, he came to New Zealand in 1862, having migrated to New South Wales during the previous year. He first settled in Otago, where he worked on the goldfields until 1865, when he went to the West Coast and opened the first baker's shop at Cobden. He then went to Charleston, where he was appointed a member of the Buller County Council, and later he settled in Brannerton, and was the first Mayor of that place. Nineteen years ago he came to Wellington and started business as a baker and general storekeeper in Taranaki-street, and some eight years ago he took over the Hotel Cecil. For over 50 years deceased was a member of the Oddfellows' Lodge, and he was also president of the Eighty Club, vice-president of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, and vice-president and chairman of the West Coasters' Association, of which he was one of the founders. In his early days deceased took a keen interest in athletics on the West Coast. He leaves a widow, two sons (Messrs. Frank and James McParland), and three daughters (Mrs. Pender, Mrs. Aldridge and Mrs. J. Dwyer).

The Californian wine trade will have an exhibit at the Panama-Pacific fair in 1915 that will impress the world. The trade recognises that the fair will provide one of the biggest opportunities for advertisement ever afforded, and it will not be slow to take advantage of it. A favourable sign is that everybody is anxious to make an early start in the plans for the display, and a meeting will be held for the purpose. It seems to be accepted that an entire building will be devoted to the exhibit.

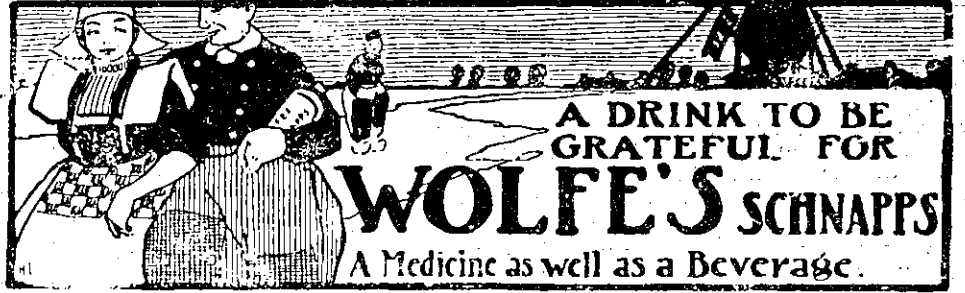
Mr D. Mahoney, Timaru, reports that notwithstanding the near approach of the local options poll, there is a good demand for hotels in South Canterbury, especially in the country districts. The following changes have taken place this week:—W. H. Ward, Burke's Pass Hotel to W. J. Dunlop; C. O'Malley's Albury Hotel to W. H. Ward; freehold of J. L. Jopp's Makihihi Hotel to W. Quinn, late of Southbrook. Mr Mahoney has several other first-class leaseholds and freeholds to offer to those in search of this class of property, and will be pleased to forward particulars to intending buyers on application.

During cleaning operations at the Ship Hotel, Weybridge, Surrey, England, a grandfather clock was opened for the first time for many years and found to contain the entire skeleton of a cat.

### A PLEA FOR THE PUBLICAN.

Says "John Bull" (London):—One of the meanest of the hypocrisies with which recent taxes on the Trade were bolstered up was that which pretended that the Chancellor was going to get at the fountain head—tax the brewer and distiller—and remove some of the gross hardships suffered by "tied-house tenants." There is not a parson, magistrate, Cabinet

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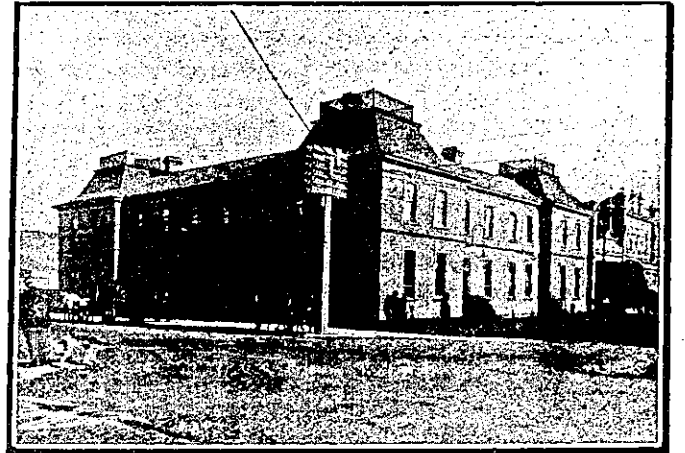
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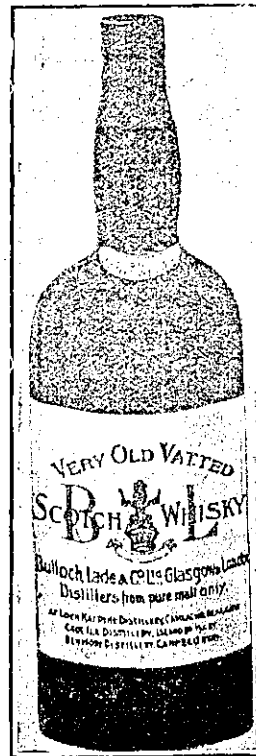
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ways been, that it is impossible to legislate temperance into men. Where they are deprived of liquor by law they will seek some other stimulant.

Great improvement has been noted in the drinking habits of this country. The resorts of drunkenness are becoming fewer each year. Education rather than legislation has brought about this improvement. Where men are bent on their own ruin, they will accomplish it, despite all the laws that can ever be framed.

If the general tendency under prohibition is to turn men to drugs, then education should be relied upon more and more, and legislative restrictions depended upon less and less. Drinking is less fatal to a nation than the use of drugs. The one may be injurious, but the other is deadly.

If the international conference on the use of opium would look into the matter, it might find the relation of prohibition to the use of drugs a fertile field for valuable research.

**D**ID you hear the result of the race? What race? Why the tobacco race—"Royal Standard" 1. Several others "also started."

mother. "I'm sure you don't mean it. What's the matter?"

"Yes, I do mean it," screamed Johnny. "To-day at school I saw Tommy Jones putting a pin on master's chair, so just as the master sat down, I pulled away the chair. The master sat down on the floor, and when he got up he licked me for pullin' away the chair, and then Tommy Jones licked me for interferin'. So, yow-yow-how, I'm never going to help anybody no more."

#### FROM THE AUTHOR.

He was a dear little chap and was bent on giving his mother a pleasant surprise on her birthday. He kept the matter very secret and on the day presented her with a book. It was a Bible, and on the fly leaf he had written: To dear mother on her birthday, from the Author.

#### IN THE HIGHLANDS OF SCOTLAND

A near-sighted sportsman strolled into a little hotel on the shores of Loch Carron, and complainingly said—"Just seen a seal, shot at it three times, and missed it each time."

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#### PROHIBITION AND DRUGS.

In presenting the figures to show that there has been an increase in the use of drugs in the prohibition districts of New England (says the "Washington Post"), Dr. Cabot, of the Massachusetts General Hospital, has raised a question that should be of interest to the delegates to the International Opium Conference, which is soon to be held at Shanghai. Dr. Cabot makes this startling statement:—

"The moment you limit the use of alcohol you increase the use of drugs. Nothing is more sure than that men accustomed to the use of alcohol will come to use morphine if alcohol is withheld."

Dr. Cabot has pointed out that his premise has been proved by developments in the south under prohibition. It is certain now, as it has al-

#### THE MEANEST TRICK.

The meanest trick ever committed was by a man on the South Eastern Railway. The passengers in one of the carriages were annoyed by a very disagreeable smell, and found that it arose from a high old cheese that had been placed on the rack. At one of the stations a man entered the carriage and took it away. He, himself, had been travelling in another carriage.

#### RIVALLING SAMPSON.

Lord Kinnaird once paid a surprise visit to a mission school in the East End, and told a class of boys the story of Sampson.

"He was strong," said his lordship, in conclusion, "became weak, and again regained his strength, which enabled him to destroy his enemies. Now, boys, if I had an enemy, what would you advise me to do?"

A little boy considered the secret of that great ancient's strength, and up went his hand.

"Git a bottle of 'air restorer,'" he exclaimed.

#### MISTAKEN KINDNESS.

"Yow-how!" roared little Johnny. "I'm goin' to stop bein' kind to people."

"Why, Johnny, that's a very unmanly resolve," remonstrated his

At dinner an hour later he sat next to a tourist who had a bandage round his head.

"Had an accident?" asked the sportsman.

"Accident," growled the other. "Attempted murder, you mean. I was having a bathe about an hour ago, when some lunatic with a gun fired at me three times from the shore, and shot part of my ear off. I don't know why such animals are allowed out without a licence."

Then silence reigned supreme.

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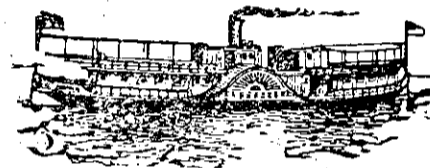
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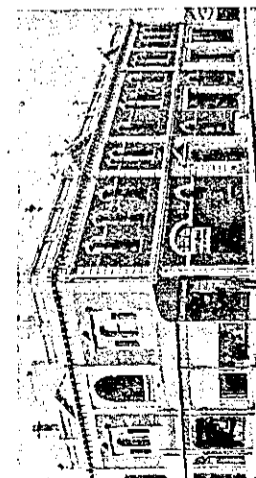
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A POINTER FOR MOTHER.

When the small boy of the family needed a new pair of trousers mother thought it would be nice to let him choose the kind he wanted.

VERY BASE.

It was at a London police court, a man was being summoned for assault. "Why did you assault the plaintiff?" inquired the magistrate.

A VETERINARY CURIOSITY.

College boys are fond of mischief, and quite as ready to play pranks on the most dignified members of the community as on their own comrades.

to the telephone by some young undergrads, when this conversation followed:—"Hello! Is that Doctor N.?" "Yes. What do you wish?"

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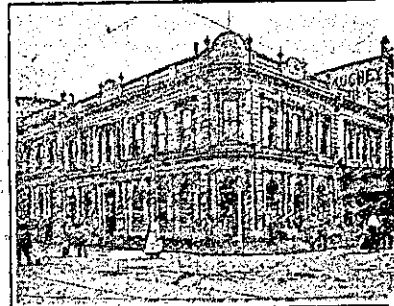
He kissed her with might and with main. She pleaded, "Don't do it again—For I have a cold, and I've often been told

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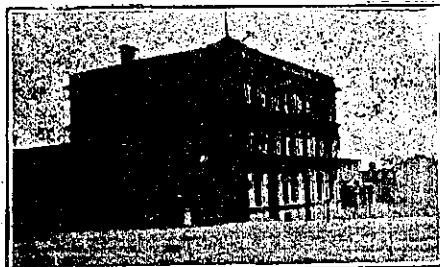
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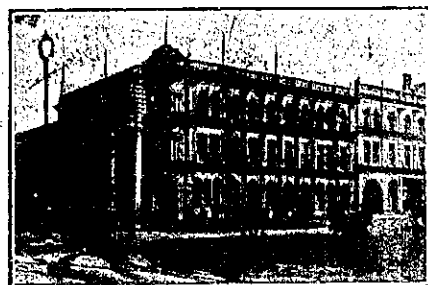
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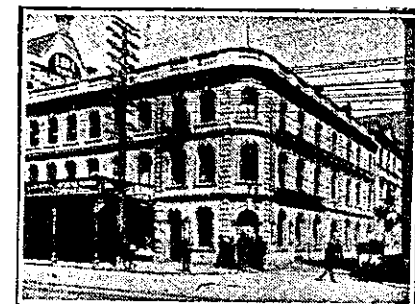
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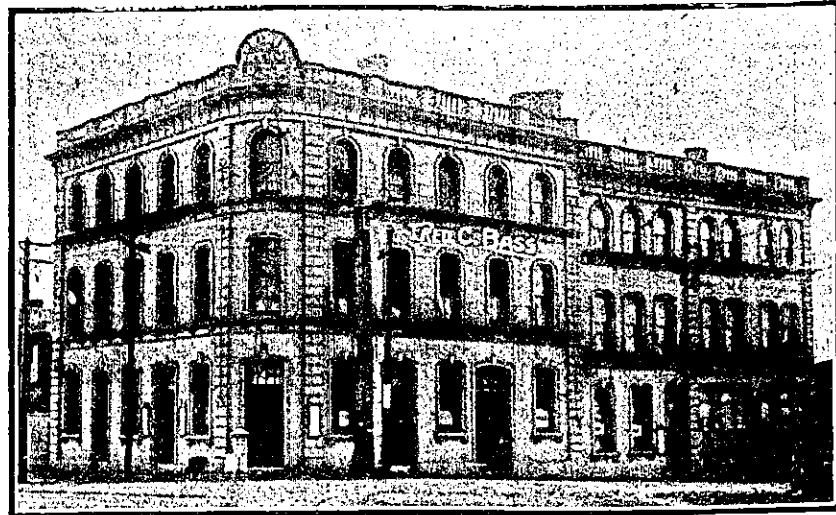
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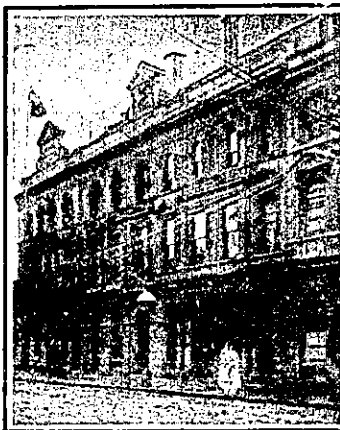
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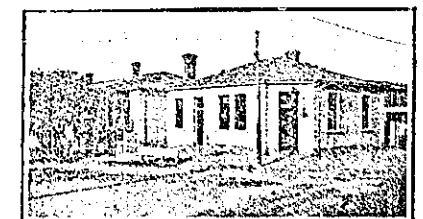
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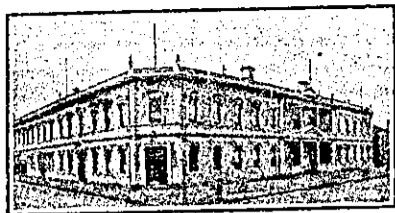


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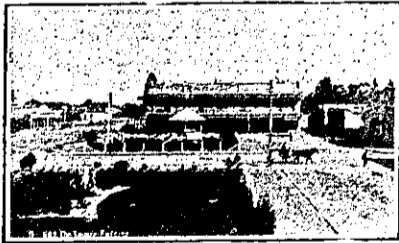
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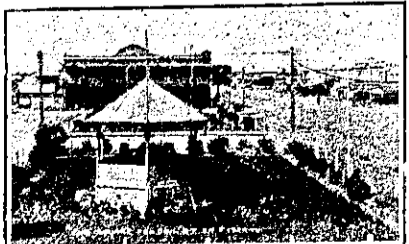


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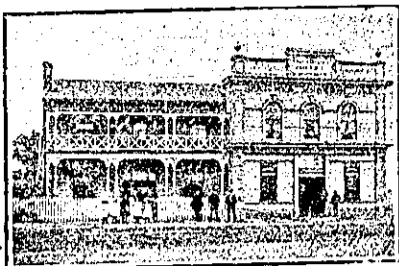


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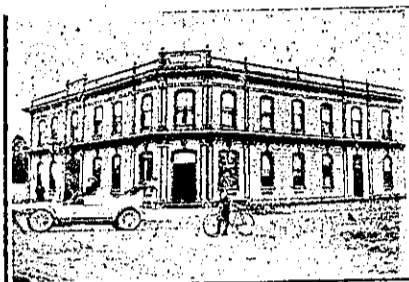
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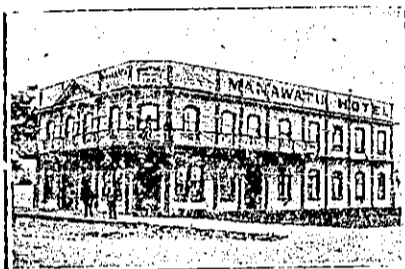
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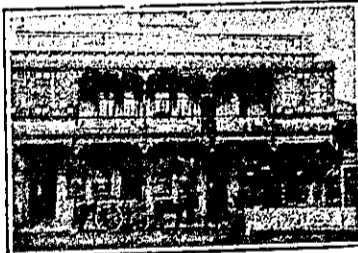
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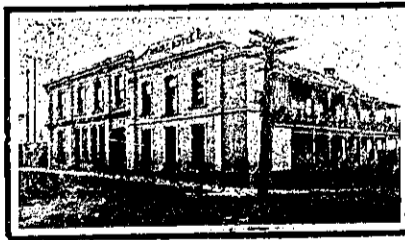
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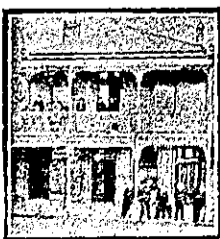


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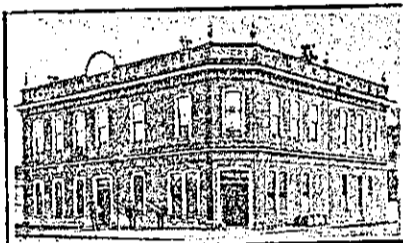


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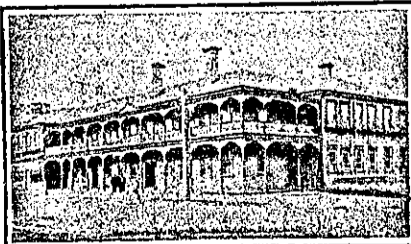


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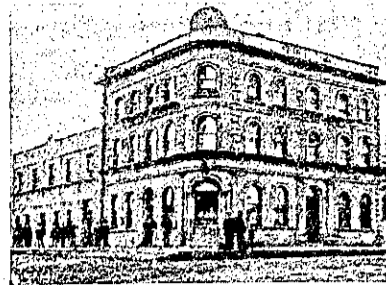


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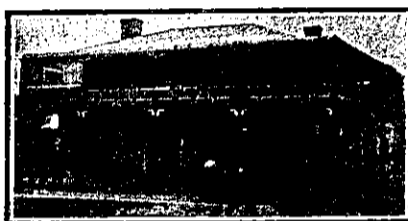


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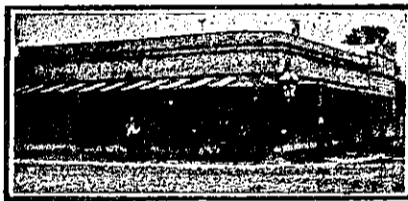
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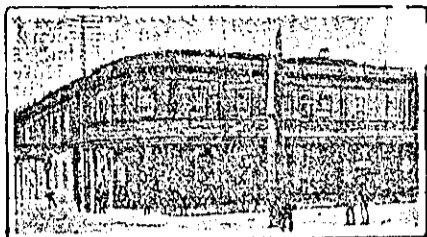
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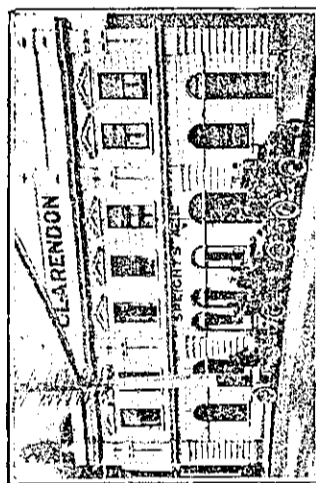
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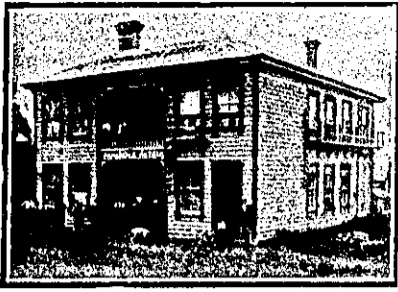
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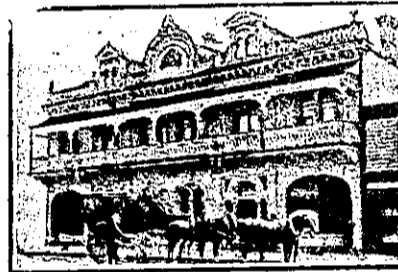


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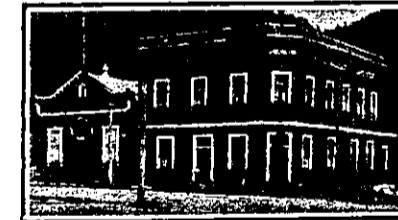
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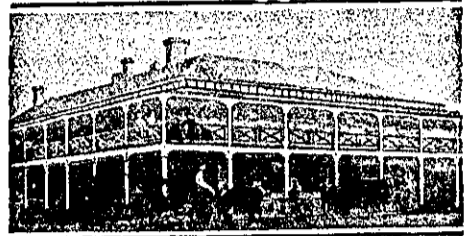
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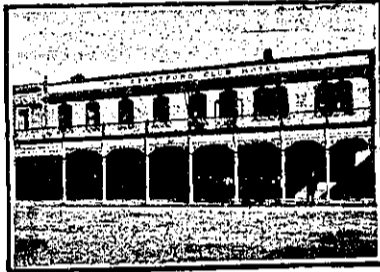
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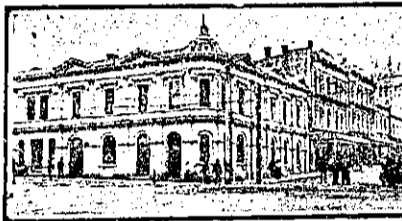
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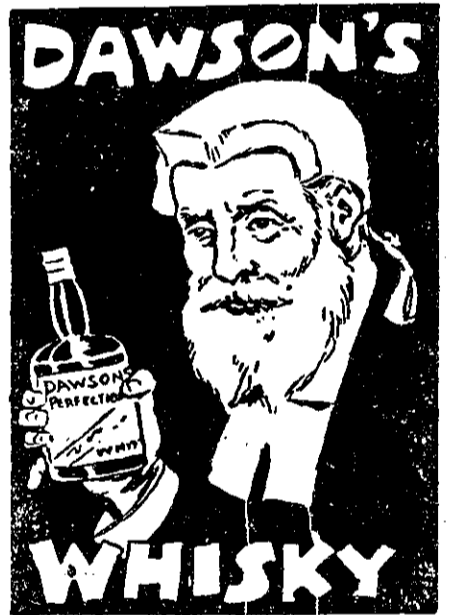
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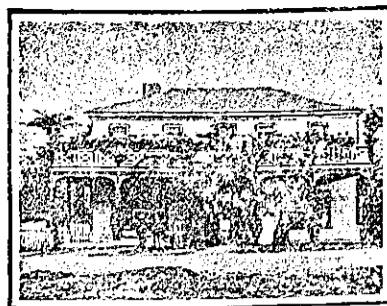
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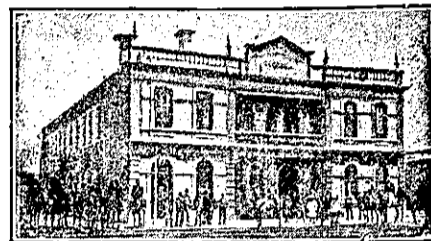
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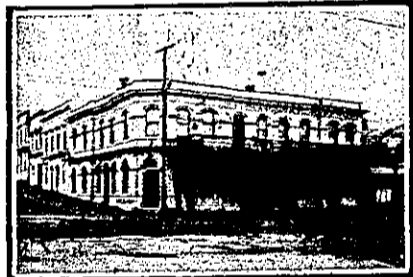
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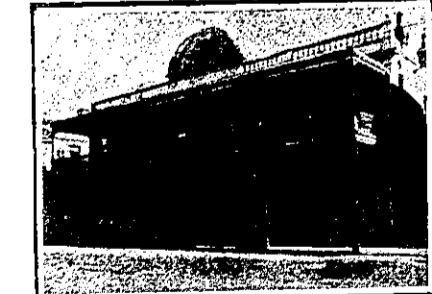


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