

This last, as the slowest was officially recognised and thus the world's record for 100yds. of 9 3-8sec. became tacked on to "Jack" Donaldson's name. The peculiar fraction is accounted for by the fact that what are known as "dog watches" were used—that is watches that are used in England for timing lurcher races. These are split into sixteenths instead of the usual tenths. This 100yds performance works out at 6¼ yards "inside," and so is eclipsed by the present run which, as stated above, is 10 yards "inside." Donaldson is aptly named the "Blue Streak."

On the same day that Donaldson was record-breaking in Sydney, his old-time opponent, A. B. Postle—yclept "The Crimson Flash"—was doing likewise in Queensland. According to the cable messages he beat his own world's best for 70yds., covering the journey in 7sec., as against his previous 7 1-5sec., put up at Johannesburg on Boxing Day of 1908. This looks as though the next tussle for the title will again be between the two Australians, as Postle must be getting back to his old-time form again.

But it is the last 40 yards or so of the 130 yards runs that finds Postle out—he is not the finisher that Donaldson is. The two have arranged a match over 100 yards arranged for October 21, but whether Donaldson



JACK DONALDSON, world's champion sprinter, who defeated C. Holway in a 130yds. match on September 23.

will allow the title to be involved in this remains to be seen. Apparently he can please himself, as the 130 yards journey is now generally recognised as the championship sprint distance.

The record for the 130yds. had stood to the credit of W. Johnson for many years, he having got over the distance in England on February 9, 1867, in 12 1-8 seconds. Other fine performances for this distance are:—12½sec, by T. M. Malone, April 12, 1884, Stawell (Vic.), and H. M. Johnson, July 12, 1886, America; and 12 3-5sec, by R. E. Walker (amateur), January 5, 1909, at Johannesburg, South Africa. A. B. Postle, the Queensland flyer, was credited with running the distance in 12sec. on Easter Monday, 1906, at Menzies, West Australia, but it does not stand by a record, there having been a fall of 2ft 0¼in. in the track.

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CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

C. R. Collier, the crack motor cyclist of England, did not leave J. De Rosier's new world's records for the Flying Mile and Flying Kilometre (1093yds.) stand on the sheets very long, for by the English mail we learn that Collier has established two wonderful records on Brooklands Track (England), in one instance travelling at a speed of over 90 miles an hour. The new figures are—a mile in 39 2-5 seconds, and the Kilometre in 25 seconds. The time for the mile is equal to a speed of 91.37 miles per hour.

The Commonwealth military authorities are taking a keen interest in the big Relay Despatch Ride between cars, motor cycles, and bicycles, which the Dunlop Rubber Company are organising from Adelaide to Sydney, a distance of 1,149 miles. Senator Pearce, Minister for Defence, has deputed Colonel Mackey, the officer in command of the Australian Intelligence Corps, to confer with the promoters and discuss and arrange the details of the contest.

MR. HAMMOND IN NEW ZEALAND.

Mr. J. J. Hammond, the well-known aviator, whose flights in the Commonwealth have earned him much fame throughout Australasia, has been visiting Auckland, and in the course of an interview unburdened himself of much interesting information in the art of flying (says the "New Zealand Motor and Cycle Journal"). As is well-known to those who take an interest in aviation matters, Mr. Hammond, before coming out to Australia, gave many successful demonstrations of flight in Great Britain and on the Continent. It was under contract to the British and Continental Aeroplane Co. that he visited the Commonwealth in aerial navigation. It is unlikely that Mr. Hammond will make any flights in New Zealand, as bringing his machine over from Sydney would mean a considerable outlay, and he would require a guarantee of £3000 before doing so. In order to give an exhibition of flight in New Zealand Mr. Hammond states that it would be necessary for him to bring two aeroplanes from Australia, the cost of which machines he estimates at £2400, while he would need the services of two skilled mechanics. It is thus seen that the undertaking would prove a most expensive one, and as difficulty is certain to be experienced in obtaining the necessary support the venture is for the time being out of the question. A less expensive way of treating the people of New Zealand to a demonstration of flight would be to bring only one aeroplane over, but then there is always an uncertainty attached to such an undertaking; for instance, some trouble might occur with the motor, or a breakage of part of the machine, which would result in flying being suspended for the day, much to the disappointment of those who had assembled in the anticipation of witnessing a flight. With two aeroplanes, it is possible in the event of one meeting with a mishap, to make the flight with the other, the damaged machine meanwhile to be repaired.

BILLIARDS.

Gray, who conceded Cook 6000 in a billiard match of 18,000 up, in London, ran out when his opponent's score stood at 11,530.

The Billiards Association of Victoria considers that the present amateur definition requires amending, and with that object in view has invited the N.S.W. Association to send delegates to Melbourne about Cup time to consider the question.

LINDRUM SAILS FOR ENGLAND.

Young Fred Lindrum and his father left Sydney on September 23 last by the s.s. Malwa, bound for London. A large number of friends and well-wishers of the youth assembled on the wharf to bid him "au revoir," and wish him every success in his travels.

The Australian will leave the boat at Marseilles and travel overland to London, so that he may get in early for the season, and also ahead of Stevenson. Tom Reece opens a four week's engagement with the Australian in London, after which they will

head for Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, etc., and on to Scotland, where Lindrum intends having a brush with Scotland's sterling champion, Tom Aiken. They will play Glasgow, Edinburgh, and possibly Dundee and Aberdeen.

A visit will also be paid to the beautiful capital of the Emerald Isle, Dublin, where exhibitions will be played, after which a return will be made to the City of Smoke and Fogs. An exhaustive tour will be made, and the Lindrums anticipate returning in about six months.

A generous arrangement on the part of Tom Reece was that Lindrum would receive the major portion of the gate receipts during their matches, and as the Australian is sure to

prove an excellent draw-card he should return with a well-loaded purse. In this connection he has done the correct thing in going home a free man, under no ties or obligations to any firm or party, as a result of which all he makes will be his own, and no portion of it will find its way into the pockets of others, who simply sit back and collect the financial results of his labors. That he should make a power of money goes without saying, as he is a complete billiardist and a showman in his profession, while he is free to play who, where, and when he likes.

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