

the bout a refined display of boxing, but unfortunately Burrows' head during a clinch came into contact with his opponent's forehead, the result being that before the end of the round both men presented a very blood-stained appearance. The Queen, however, quickly took in the situation, and placed the contestants more at ease by remaining until the finish of the bout.

Tom Burrows has a very fine collection of trophies, including the handsome belt presented to him in the Olympia, London, in 1907. He also has in his possession a number of diplomas for fencing, gymnastics, physical training, and anatomy gained during his term as instructor at Aldershot.

BOXING.

IMPORTANT FIGHT FIXTURES.

Oct.—Bill Lang v. Al. Kaufmann, in Sydney.
Oct. 28—San McVea v. Bill Lang at Sydney Stadium.
Nov. 30—Ad. Wolgast v. Freddy Welsh, at Los Angeles.
Dec. 26—Jack Johnson v. Sam McVea at Sydney Stadium.

BURNS VISITS AUCKLAND.

THE CLEVER CLABBYS.

The American mail boat Makura, which berthed at Auckland for some sixteen hours on Tuesday, en route to Sydney, had among her passengers Tommy Burns, ex-champion boxer of the world, Jimmy Clabby, the well-known American welterweight, and his brother Eddie Clabby, of whom great things are expected in Australia. Notwithstanding the fact that the ex-champion has been out of the fighting game since his memorable battle with Jack Johnson on Boxing Day, 1908, his arrival in Auckland was marked with much enthusiasm the clever Canadian heavyweight, being welcomed on all sides during his brief visit to the Northern City. Burns expresses a desire to again meet the negro but there appears to be a very remote chance indeed of the pair ever being brought together again within the roped arena. Burns at present is in anything but fit condition to engage in an important boxing match, layers of superfluous flesh almost concealing his splendid muscular development. Those who witnessed him indulging in light training at the Auckland police barracks were able to realise what an uphill task Burns will take upon himself should he finally decide to re-enter the boxing arena. That he has been a boxer of rare ability for his height and weight admits of no doubt but as an opponent for Johnson, it is safe to say, his claims will never again receive serious attention from those in close touch with the present position in regard to the world's heavyweight championship.

Burns' visit to Sydney, as stated in last week's issue, is solely for the purpose of effecting a settlement with Jack Lester regarding the division of the stake money won by the latter in his matches with Bill Lang and Sam McVea, but the ex-champion makes no secret of the fact that if an opportunity occurs he will not be averse to meeting Johnson again, preferably in a ten-round contest with clean breaks. However, it is unlikely that Australians will entertain a contest of this kind, particularly at a time when they are promised a number of exciting twenty-round battles between other leading heavyweights. It is not yet definitely known whether Johnson will make the trip to Australia, but even should he, there is very little likelihood of a match being arranged with Burns, as now that the positions are reversed Johnson will assuredly dictate his own terms, which would undoubtedly be on a similar basis to those demanded by Burns on the occasion of their previous meeting.

Jimmy Clabby, the clever American welterweight, is looking forward to his forthcoming battles in Sydney in a very hopeful light. Clabby is under contract to Mr. Hugh McIntosh, and the present will be his second visit to Australia. So far he is unable to say who his opponents will be, but he expects to fight ten contests in the Commonwealth, and will probably meet Arthur Cripps, the crack Queensland welterweight. Clabby, it will perhaps be remembered, was a member of the American team of box-



TOMMY BURNS, ex-champion boxer of the world training in Auckland on Tuesday last. Mr J. C. Gleeson on right.



JIMMY CLABBY (on left) and EDDIE CLABBY, the two well-known American boxers, who passed through Auckland on Tuesday, en route to Australia.



PITTAR ESTABLISHES A SCHOOL RECORD OF 23 4-5s. IN THE 220 yds. RACE AT THE KING'S COLLEGE SPORTS.



A QUARTETTE OF LEADING KING'S COLLEGE ATHLETES—From left: P. M. Clifford (winner of the 150yds Handicap, 100yds under 16, 100yds under 17, 220yds Cadet Corps and Three-Legged Race), C. Larnar, R. Pittar (who established a school record of 23 4-5s in the 220yds race), M. Reed (winner of Invitation Race).

ers which recently invaded Australia with Billy Papke as the star performer, and his success against his Australian opponents gained for him a big reputation. In January last he met Dave Smith in Sydney, losing the decision on points after a twenty rounds battle, which was fought in a downpour of rain. He is anxious to meet Smith again, and should the ex-New Zealander be able to make the right weight Clabby, who by the way tips the beam at 10.8 will willingly box him. He also expects to be pitted against Hughie Mehegan, one of Australia's cleverest boxers. Jimmy Clabby has fought many notable matches in the States, Twin Sullivan being among the number who have suffered defeat at his hands. Clabby's genial manner and sportman-like ways make him a general favourite with ringsiders, and he is certain to win much popularity with Australian boxing enthusiasts before the close of his present tour, which he states will extend over six months.

Eddie Clabby comes from the States with a record in the lightweight division which augurs well for his success in Australia. He is a splendidly developed lightweight capable of taking a great amount of punishment, and carrying a good knockout blow. He has taken part in nine fights, eight of which he has won, all with the exception of one being via the knockout route, the other decision being gained on points.

During their visit to Auckland, Mr. J. C. Gleeson drove Tommy Burns and the Clabby Brothers to the gymnasium at the police barracks in his motor car, Inspector Cullen's thoughtfulness in having everything in readiness for the boxers' training being greatly appreciated by the Americans. Burns and Jim Clabby were matched in a game of handball against two members of the force, a first rate exhibition being witnessed. Burns, despite his bulkiness showed remarkable quickness and agility, and apparently has completely recovered from his injured knee. A three 2-minute round boxing bout followed between the Clabby Brothers, the pair giving a fast and scientific exhibition, for which they were loudly applauded by the onlookers. The younger Clabby particularly impressed those present, and it is thought that he will keep the best of the Australian lightweights busy.

The grateful thanks of the fistic world in Auckland are due to J. C. Gleeson, City Councillor, and Harold McNeil, ex-amateur heavy-weight champion of New Zealand, for the splendid manner in which these two sportsmen entertained "Tommy" Burns and the Clabby Brothers during their short sojourn in Auckland. Time did not permit of an official reception to be held, and consequently it is to the great credit of Messrs. Gleeson and McNeil that they personally took on their own shoulders the entertaining of the visitors.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

THE AUCKLAND MOTOR CYCLE CLUB.

HILL CLIMBING TESTS.

On Labour Day the Auckland Motor Cycle Club held their first hill-climbing competition at Razorback, between Pokeno and Bombay, under most favourable climatic conditions. There was quite a large attendance of motorists, and keen interest was shown in the tests that were carried out with most encouraging success. Great credit is due to Mr F. G. Mills, the secretary of the Club, and upon whose shoulders were thrown practically all the work incidental to the organising and carrying out of the competitions. It certainly must have been most gratifying to this keen official to have made such a triumph of this the first hill-climbing competition in the Northern province.

There were ten actual competitors who competed, and it is due to them individually and collectively that they did remarkably well. They entered into the competition and accepted the

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