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# THE :: PASSING :: SHOW

TOPICS OF THE WEEK, BY A CAUSTIC CRITIC.

Christmas, with all its rain and tempestuous weather, damped many a buoyant heart and drove many a temperate mortal to strong drink. However, after a storm comes a calm, and although Boxing Day was ushered in with some rain and a cloudy sky, the weather cleared early and a perfect day ensued. All the depression of the previous days was driven away by smiling Old Sol, who reigned supreme throughout the day, allowing young and old to enjoy a perfect holiday.

Ellerslie, naturally was the centre of attraction, and never before has the beautiful course presented a more animated and inspiring sight, than it did on Cup Day, 1911. The crowds that gathered there constituted a record for the Dominion, and it was in addition a particularly well-dressed crowd, which could not fail to impress the most pessimistic of the prosperity of the land; because there were gathered at Ellerslie on Tuesday thousands upon thousands of men and women who bore every indication that Dame Fortune has treated them well.

Yet another striking thing about the record attendance at Ellerslie was the remarkable good feeling, and the happy-go-lucky attitude that prevailed everywhere. The "punting division" was also very active and the manner in which the totalisator staffs handled the enormous volume of work was remarkable, because it must be admitted that the facilities afforded by the Club were certainly inadequate to conveniently cope with the turnover of the machines.

Without wishing in any way to disparage the splendid organisation and work of the A.R.C. officials, there can be only one conclusion drawn from the result of the record attendance on Boxing Day, and that is that the appointments and facilities are totally inadequate to properly cater for such a crowd. Throughout the afternoon there were complaints from all parts of the course and enclosures that the catering arrangements had failed, that the cloak rooms were in a state of chaos, and that the refreshment booths could not cope with the demands made on them. It must, of course, be stated in fairness to the club that the officials did everything in their power to meet the extraordinary exigencies of the position, and it would consequently be absolutely unfair to adversely criticise them in any respect. Nevertheless, there is a moral to be derived from the tremendous financial success of the meeting, which is that the club owes it to the public, that before the next summer meeting increased facilities should be provided to meet the requirements of the public

The racing at Ellerslie during the present carnival has been unusually interesting, largely on account of the large contingent of visiting horses whose successes on other courses throughout the Dominion invest the racing with special interest, and enable us to better gauge the merits of our locally trained thoroughbreds.

The result of the Great Northern Foal Stakes was certainly a disappointment, although in a degree anticipated. Our two-year-olds failed dismally before the more brilliant talent from the South, but Auckland certainly more than held their own in the big handicap event, for three locally-bred and trained horses filled the three places in the Auckland Cup, when pitted against the finest equines the Dominion possesses.

Among the visitors to Auckland for the Racing Carnival are Sir George Clifford, the president, and Mr. A. A. Paape, the organising secretary, of the New Zealand Sports' Protection League. All true sportsmen cannot fail to regret the lamentable split that was caused in the ranks of the

League in Auckland during the recent elections, on account of the attitude of Mr. R. A. Armstrong in endeavouring to use the League as a lever to political preferment of a candidate for Parliamentary honours in direct contravention to the policy laid down by the Board of Control.

Fortunately now that the effervescent heat of the keenly-fought elections has subsided, it seems highly probable that sportsmen will give the League their whole-hearted support, and make every endeavour to bridge over the unfortunate breach that, a disappointed candidate for the office of organising secretary for the League, caused at a moment when public opinion was diverted to some extent from the true objects of the N.Z.S.P.L. by the bitterness engendered in the strenuously fought Parnell election.

holds, his term of office will stand out as one of the brightest in the history of Auckland, and will mark an epoch in the progress of the city that will be the joy and pride of generations to come.

A dog fancier says he has been bitten more than fifty times. This is something like the experience of a chronic investor on the Auckland Stock Exchange.

Says a London morning paper:—"In an address before the Religious Tract Society, the Rev. F. S. Webster said: 'In the case of one man his hand was on the parapet of Westminster Bridge when a tract was given to him. That tract, the man confessed, prevented him from jumping into the river.' Perhaps a saveloy was wrapped up in it."

and the good luck may not be so great after all. A proposal has recently been made to extend the provisions of the Act to tobacco. Bless me! Non-drinkers and non-smokers.

Even the prim and severely staid old lady of Queen-street was affected by the Christmas festivities; for in her issue of Tuesday's date she had the following headlines to a cable message:—

## A STORM IN EUROPE. BLUEJACKETS WASHED OFF.

A pretty considerable wash, eh?—over a continent!

Every nation has some form of cussedness that makes them great. In Germany it's the love of beer, in France the love of femininity, in England the love of snobbery, in America the love of noise, and in New Zealand the love of insane meddling with personal liberty. The Sports' Protection League is out to counteract this.

What a mouldy set of young men the poor girls will have to flirt with! A man careful of himself is never generous to anybody else, and what is more entrancing than taking a nice girl out to dinner, and basking in the sunlight of her radiant orbs under the influence of a bottle of port? Besides, girl's smoke nowadays, and many a dainty charmer, after consuming a half-bottle of 2/9 wine (I never grudge money when out for a splash) and absorbing a full packet of "Red Jackets," has told me that she loved me for myself alone. Who can fancy a contemner of Bacchus and Nicotina squeezing a lily white home in the bus? And should the divinity, in sound Shakespearean English, cry "Out upon thee for a saucy kipper!" what do you do? Why, kiss her again. Which is exactly what she wants, as every woman knows.

An Australian magistrate has decided that a tattooist is an artist; his occupation is a profession, not a trade. This recalls the "artist," who painted rabbits on bald men's heads—to make them think they were hairs.

"The fool and his money" are what keeps the rest of us from starving to death.

Someone or other once said, "It's a poor rule that won't work both ways."

Well, try telling a mother that she looks so like her daughter that you cannot tell them apart.

And then try it on the daughter.

Speech is a totally inadequate means of expression; and, in consequence of its limitations, one human being finds serious difficulty in making ideas known to another. The girl has willingly surrendered herself to the arms of her lover. She feels: "How I adore him! I will be faithful and true to him for ever. His kisses are sweet as honey. No one is his equal—no one." But she probably says: "Don't dear! How silly you are!"

There are still to be found enthusiasts who claim that cricket is the national game of England. As a popular sport, cricket cannot hold a candle to football. Thousands shriek themselves hoarse, as spectators, lose their eyesight, and confound their mathematics over the percentage tables, or die nine deaths a day on the field, for the sake of the champagne of football, for every one that sips the still beer of cricket.

Being in debt worries some men almost as much as not being able to collect what is coming to them.

Some men are so easy that anybody can get money out of them, even their own wives.



HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF AUCKLAND.  
(MR. C. J. PARR.)

It is to be earnestly hoped that the presence of the two executive officials of the League in Auckland will result in the foundations of a provincial branch of the N.Z.S.P.L. here, that will in a short period represent one of the most influential and strongest organisations in the Dominion; because it is now the proud boast of the Northern province that Auckland is to-day the chief sporting centre in New Zealand.

His Worship the Mayor of Auckland (Mr. C. J. Parr) has only occupied the honoured position of Chief Magistrate of the Queen City of the South for a few months, but in that time he has proved himself to be one of the most energetic, public-spirited, far-seeing and resourceful mayors the city has had. There can be no question that by the time Mayor Parr relinquishes the proud position he now

The Principality of Reuss has decided to tax bachelors—English news item. Thus comments a weekly exchange:—

O, angel woman, 'tis not thine  
The Benedick to trap—  
He is but mortal (you divine!),  
A suppliant at thy lap!  
Yet, should he ever languid lag,  
Be firm, and cook his goose—  
Roast him on toast (or paper bag!)  
And serve him a la Reuss!

Talking of husbands we are reminded of the ballad sung by a lady of high determination, wherein she expresses a resolve that "The lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine." This is where a teetotal chap like myself enjoys a strong pull, owing to the wholesale disqualification of my fellow man. Possibly, however, the lady is not a Venus or a Psyche,





# RACING.



## RACING CALENDAR.

### SEASON 1911-12.

#### FIXTURES.

Dec. 29—Manawatu R.C. Summer  
 Dec. 29 and Jan. 1 and 2—Auckland R.C. Summer  
 Dec. 30-Jan. 1—Wairarapa R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 1 and 2—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer  
 Jan. 1 and 2—Stratford R.C. Annual  
 Jan. 1 and 2—Marton J.C. Summer  
 Jan. 12 and 13—Whangarei R.C. Summer.  
 Jan. 20 and 22—Foxton R.C. Annual  
 Jan. 20, 22 and 24—Wellington R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 29 and 31—Takapuna J.C. Summer  
 Feb. 1 and 2—Gisborne R.C. Summer  
 Feb. 1 and 3—Canterbury J.C. Summer  
 Feb. 7 and 8—Egmont R.C. Summer  
 Feb. 8 and 9—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual  
 Feb. 29 and March 2—Wanganui J.C. Autumn

#### NOMINATIONS.

Dec. 29—Whangarei R.C. Summer.  
 Jan. 3—Foxton R.C. Annual  
 Jan. 5—Takapuna J.C. Summer  
 Jan. 10—Gisborne R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 12—Egmont R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 13—Poverty Bay T.C.  
 Jan. 19—Canterbury J.C. Summer  
 Jan. 24—Wanganui J.C. Autumn

#### WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

Dec. 30—Auckland R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 1—Auckland R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 4—Whangarei R.C. Summer.  
 Jan. 5—Wellington R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 6—Foxton R.C. Annual  
 Jan. 12—Takapuna J.C. Summer  
 Jan. 17—Gisborne R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 26—Canterbury J.C. Summer  
 Jan. 30—Egmont R.C. Summer  
 Feb. 2—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual  
 Feb. 10—Wanganui J.C. Autumn

#### ACCEPTANCES.

Dec. 30—Auckland R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 9—Whangarei R.C. Summer.  
 Jan. 11—Foxton R.C. Annual  
 Jan. 12—Wellington R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 19—Takapuna J.C. Summer  
 Jan. 24—Gisborne R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 30—Canterbury J.C. Summer  
 Feb. 2—Egmont R.C. Summer  
 Feb. 3—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual  
 Feb. 23—Wanganui J.C. Autumn

#### FIRST FORFEIT.

Jan. 4—W.R.C. North Island Challenge Stakes  
 Jan. 19—C.J.C. Middle Park Plate  
 March 22—C.J.C. Twentieth Challenge Stakes and Champagne Stakes

#### SECOND FORFEITS.

Jan. 4—W.R.C. Wellington Stakes  
 Jan. 24—Wanganui J.C. Jackson Stakes  
 Feb. 23—Fourth Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes  
 Feb. 25—Eighth Manawatu Stakes.

#### FINAL PAYMENTS.

Jan. 1—Auckland Plate.  
 Jan. 12—W.R.C. Wellington Stakes  
 Jan. 26—Wanganui Cup.

## THE RACING CARNIVAL.

Auckland is in midst of a Racing Carnival, as this issue goes to press, which has already eclipsed any sporting fixture so far held in the Dominion. It opened at Ellerslie on Boxing Day with the first day of the A.R.C. Summer Meeting, and was continued on Wednesday at Alexandra Park with the official opening of the Auckland Trotting Club's new course at Alexandra Park. Before the carnival is through, seven days racing will have been held, and fifty-six races decided for stakes which aggregate the price-ly sum of £15,660.

It must be most gratifying to both the racing club and trotting club that on their two opening days each put up a record, both as regard attendances and money invested on the totalisator.

### THE ELLERSLIE MEETING

Never before in the history of racing in New Zealand has such a splendid day's sport been enjoyed, as Cup Day at the Auckland Racing Club's beautiful park at Ellerslie this year. The course and surroundings were looking their best. The painstaking care of the club's staff, assisted by the recent rains made the lawns, shrubs and trees a spectacle of verdant beauty; while the immense crowds of charming frocked ladies and sombre garbed men gave animations to a scene, that was crowned by the brilliancy of the racing colours of the big field of thoroughbreds that contested the various events. The totalisator returns must have been a surprise to the most optimistic, for they reached a figure that eclipsed the amount passed through the machines on any single

day in the history of racing. No less a sum than £48,002½ was invested on the eight events, which might easily have reached £50,000, had more facilities been offered to the public, especially in the people's enclosure. As it was the actual returns were £8145½ in advance of the amount passed through the machines at the recent Riccarton meeting on Cup Day, the previous New Zealand record for one day's racing.

### THE TRIUMPH OF ALEXANDRA PARK.

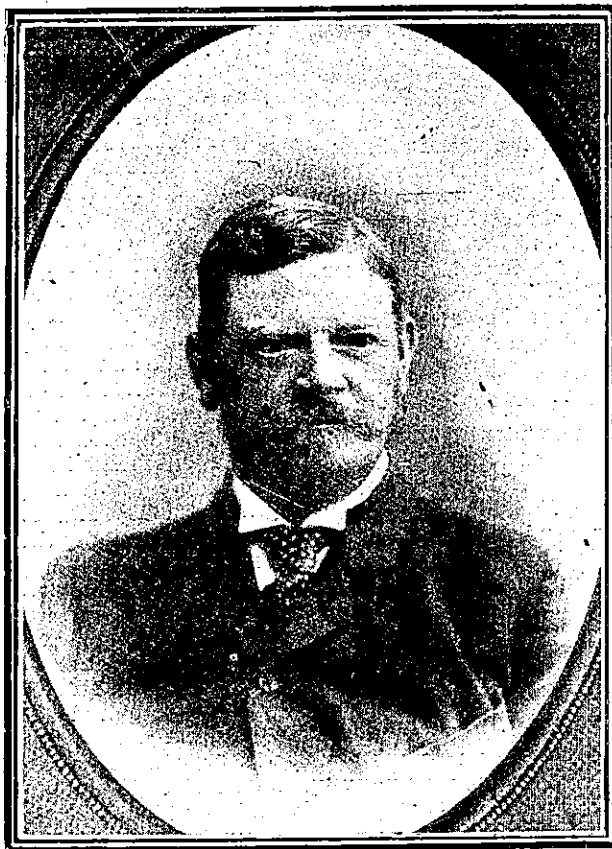
It is less than twelve months since the Auckland Trotting Club took the bold and enterprising step that resulted in their acquiring Alexandra Park as the future home of trotting in the North. At the time the purchase was made there were some timid critics who considered the stewards had shown a spirit of adventuresomeness in accepting a liability of over £20,000 in making the purchase. But since then the club has expended a further sum of nearly £8,000 in trans-

ed for January 29 and 31. The amount to be distributed is £2225. The Takapuna Cup carries £400 in stakes, while the Jockey Club Handicap is worth £250. The Stewards' Handicap has been allotted £200, while the Anniversary Welter and Calliope Handicap have 150sovs and 125sovs respectively opposite them. The remaining eleven events, four of which are hurdles races, are each worth £100. Nominations close for all events, on both days, on Friday January 5.

### YEARLING SALE.

The Glenora Park annual sale of yearlings will take place on Saturday when the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., will offer for sale six of Mr. W. Walters youngsters, four of which are by the defunct Soult, and are the last of that most successful sire's stock to be offered for sale.

The first lot is a brown colt by Soult—Romola, which has a double



SIR GEO. CLIFFORD, Bart., Chairman of the New Zealand Sports' Protection League.

forming the park into a first-class trotting course, so that at the present time Alexandra Park stand the A.T.C. in-at something under £30,000. There can be no question that the club showed great enterprise; but few who have seen the manner in which the money has been laid out and who also saw the record attendance there on Wednesday, can fairly declare that the stewards of the club had been unduly venturesome. Rather should they say that the Auckland Trotting Club is deserving of the greatest praise for the far-sightedness they displayed. We will go further and declare now by way of prophecy that the purchase of Alexandra Park is destined to prove the cross-road for trotting in the North, and that the sport is now on the high road to period of popularity that will more than recompense the enterprising club for the boldness its stewards have displayed.

### TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

The programme for the summer meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club will be found in another column. The North Shore club is to be congratulated on the liberal amount they have allocated in prize money for the sixteen events to be decided on the two days races, which have been fix-

cross of Musket, and his breeding cannot be surpassed.

The colt by Soult—Lady Musket is one of the finest-looking youngsters yet bred at Glenora Park, and has plenty of size and bone, without any coarseness. The colt comes from one of the most successful racing families in Auckland, King Soult and Salute being two noteworthy performers.

The filly by Gluten—Lady Rose is the only one of that sire's stock to be represented, and she is a very fine yearling, which has grown to the dam's side, and shows all the characteristics of the Soult. Wheat King, the full brother to the filly, was a good performer in Australia.

A brown colt by Soult from Momi, a third foal, is a fine upstanding youngster, that, given time, is sure to make a racehorse. He combines the double strain of the St. Simon—Musket blood, so eagerly sought after.

A colt that will probably bring a high figure is the one by Soult from that successful matron Hotcherina, the stock of which all show tremendous pace.

Another fine colt is the one by Field Battery from Soult Girl, which never raced, but was kept for breeding purposes. Although Mr. Walters has only half a dozen to offer, they are from mares which form the pick of his stud, and are as a whole a splendid lot.

## TURF TOPICS.

According to a Tasmanian exchange, trotting in the north of that island promises to develop on similar lines as obtain in the south. The committee of the Tasmanian Turf Club have decided to allow the Northern Trotting Association to use Moworay for its meetings, and it is understood that immediate steps were taken by the association for putting down a suitable track inside the existing steeple course. Arrangements have also been made to ensure clean sport, which will be under the control of three special stewards.

In sunny Ceylon racing is apparently conducted under most delightful conditions. According to Mr. Owen Symons, secretary of the Ceylon Turf Club, who is at present visiting Australia, there are about sixteen-race meetings each year under the jurisdiction of his club, and, although the most valuable stake is only worth about £300, there are plenty of owners, and fields invariably are good. The most important event of the season is the Governor's Cup, and while it is worth but £200, owners care little for expense in their endeavour to secure a horse good enough to win it. All the betting is done through the pari-mutuel, and the bookmaker is not recognised, although, of course, there is no disguising his presence. All owners, who are for the most part Europeans, race entirely for sport, which adds to the charm of the pastime. The best horses are two Australians—Knox and Black Buck—and the Ceylon sportsmen were confident that this year the latter would bring back with him the Viceroy's Cup.

The Forbury Park Trotting Club are dipping deeply into their coffers in connection with their autumn meeting (says the "Otago Witness"), which is dated January 31 and February 3. The amount of stakes totals 2500sovs, and the various events easily form the most attractive light harness card ever issued in Dunedin, and incidentally go to show unmistakable evidence of the vast progress the sport has made here in recent years. The principal event run on the second day is to be the Dunedin Cup Handicap, of 500sovs, 4.45 class, and the event is preceded on the first day's card by the Forbury Handicap, of 300sovs, 4.48 class. It is to be hoped that these richly endowed events will attract some of the best horses in training, and by doing so help the club in their effort to cater for high-class horses. In addition to the above events, there are a 200sovs stake, one of 170sovs, one of 150sovs, and eight others ranging between 100sovs and 140sovs. Nominations are due on Wednesday, January 17. The club is again hanging a 100sovs purse for the creation of a new track record.

The dispersal sale of the Elderslie (North Otago) Stud is fixed for Monday, January 29, and following days. The list to go under the hammer comprises the four imported stallions, Charlemagne II. (St. Simon—Perfect Dream), Downshire (Ayrshire—Seadown), Varco (Marco—Vara), and Vasco (Velasquez—Seabreeze). The brood mares total no less than 62, and form the greatest collection of attractively bred mare ever collected in one stud in Australasia. There are also seven young mares and fillies that have not been bred to the horse, and 23 foals, got by Charlemagne II., Downshire, Benzonian, Martian, Varco, and the Martagon—Ronetta filly that was sired in England. The sale will form quite an epoch in the history of the Australasian turf, and although the dispersal of the famous Elderslie stud is a matter of great regret, still, some of its inmates should prove rungs by which other breeders and horseowners can climb up the winning list.

Prior to being sent back to New Zealand, the San Francisco mare Cru-nell'a was mated with Alawa.

Kirn won the Port Adelaide Cup by half a head from Lord Alwyne. The time put up being 2m. 26s.

The Hopetown Cup at the Victoria A.T.C. Meeting was won by Gunboat by four lengths from Prince Harold, while Lord Kelvin was a head away third.

The Te Kuiti Racing Club have issued the programme for their annual meeting, which is fixed for February 8th. There are eight events on the programme, showing added money to the extent of £400. The Te Kuiti Cup is endowed with 100sovs., and that should ensure a strong entry list.

Albert Percival, who was killed as the result of an accident during a hurdle race at Perth on Boxing Day, used to ride in Auckland, and was well esteemed as a steady young jockey.

Santa Rosa's time for the Cup was three-fifths of a second more than that registered last year by Waimangu. This is a very creditable performance, considering the course was inclined to be a trifle dead as the result of the very heavy rains that fell on the two previous days. The fastest time yet recorded for the event is 3min 28 3-5sec. registered by Master Deaval in 1906.

Among the winners at the Canterbury Park (New South Wales) races on December 16 was the New Zealand-bred Kiimeadon, by Kilcheran—Couronne.

The many friends of the Auckland sportsman, Mr W. Lyons, who has been ill for some weeks in a Sydney hospital, will regret to hear that the amputation of one of his arms was deemed necessary some days ago.

Some big figures were recorded at the various race meetings held this week. The Ellerslie figures for Boxing Day easily headed the list with £48,002 10s, next came the Manawatu Racing Club returns for their summer meeting, which totalled £41,943, followed by the Dunedin Jockey Club £23,486 10s, and then Taranaki Jockey Club put up a record for their fixture with £13,000.

An unfortunate accident befel the Southern trotter, Fidelis, on Wednesday. While doing her preliminary before the St. Helier's Handicap she reared up, and fell back. The injury she received was so severe that she had to be destroyed. The money invested on this mare was returned to ticket holders.

Jimmy Peachy, of Wanganui, in addition to Euroto has Epsom Downs in regular work. The latter is having an easy time of it, being restricted mostly to trotting. Peachy also has a fine looking three-year-old chestnut in work. This youngster is owned by Sam Woodhill, of Wangaehu. If appearances go for anything he should develop into a real good performer.

It was reported last week from Wanganui that Mon Ami had been beating Equitas on the tracks at Fordell recently. Whether this is correct or not the fact remains that the former was a hot favourite for the six furlong race at Awapuni.

Owners of trotters are awaiting the appearance of the programme for the Wanganui Trotting Club's annual meeting with considerable interest. It is understood that the meeting will be held in March, which should be a suitable time, and the club ought to score a success with the gathering.

A. Neale, of Wanganui, intends taking Overtime and Confection to Stratford. They have both been galloping very well recently.

Lord Derby is the fortunate possessor of a yearling brother to Swynford. The colt will be known by the rather unwieldy title of Harry of Hereford.

The V.R.C. has decided to raise the value of Australia's chief sprint event, namely, the Newmarket Handicap, to £2000. Last March it was endowed to the extent of £1500.

The St Simon stallion, Diamond Jubilee, who won the Two Thousand, Derby, and St. Leger in the colours of King Edward VII., and was subsequently purchased for 30,000gns by a South American breeder, sired the winner of this year's Argentine Derby.

Ten colts and nine fillies are to be offered for sale at the Waikanae bloodstock sale on January 23. They include youngsters sired by Achilles, Boznian, Soult, Martian, Charlemagne II., Vasco and Sir Laddo.

The Gisborne trainer, George Jones, is shortly to be made the recipient of an illuminated testimonial, which is to be presented to him by several prominent Poverty Bay sportsmen in commemoration of the success of Paisano and Continuance.

The time registered by Bingana in the Auckland Trotting Cup, 4min 44 4-5sec, constitutes a competition record for the track over two miles. The first mile was covered in 2min 22sec and the mile and a-half in 3min 1-5sec, which indicates that the pace was fairly even throughout.

Wanganui will be represented by about ten horses at the Taranaki meeting. Amongst those that have been taken up to fulfil their engagements are St. Bill, St. Gate, Euroto, Ropal Pakon, Seawind, and East Wind. The two first-named are in splendid form, and Alex. Hall ought to pick up a race or two with them before returning home.

The hurdler Euroco (writes our Wanganui correspondent) appears to have quite recovered from the effects of his accident at Feilding, and is looking really well again. He is engaged on the second day at Awapuni, but it is not decided yet whether he will be sent down or not.

Roosevelt is being restricted to trotting work on the plough, and Alma Rose is also being treated to the same tasks. All going well, our Wanganui correspondent says that the former may be a starter at the Wanganui Cup Meeting.

Claude Brown, who rode Santa Rosa in the Cup, and Antoinette, the runner-up for the Railway Handicap, is certainly entitled to hearty congratulation for the way he handled his mounts on Boxing Day. Referring to the race for the Cup the popular jockey said he had a bad passage in the early part, and after they had gone a couple of furlongs was knocked right back. He was also interfered with going out of the straight, and was a good distance from the leaders seven furlongs from home. He rode Santa Rosa hard going along the back stretch the last time, and ran through the field, and was close handy going through the cutting. Crossing the top he further improved his position, and was lying third three furlongs from home. When they entered the straight only Domino was in front of him, and when he called on Santa Rosa to make his final effort the son of Soult responded gamely, and soon put the result beyond doubt.

and, more wonderful still, Peter Thompson winning a fourth heat in 2min 1/2sec. Peter Thompson is a twin, and on that account was gelded, as it was thought the operation would give him a better chance to grow strong.

Anyone really conversant with racing in this country is fully aware that during the past two decades the conduct of the sport has improved to a marked degree. There is, however (says "Sir Bedivere"), still room for its betterment and for the cleaner realisation on the part of stewards of the responsibilities of their position. The time for turning the blind eye towards instances of corrupt practises has long passed. Let there be no mistake about it, the man, be he owner, trainer, or rider, who does not go straight is a dangerous enemy. It is up to every friend of sport to expose him that he may be dealt with as such.

Instead of cutting down totalisator permits, as has been done in New Zealand, the West Australia folk are moving in an opposite direction. The Premier has stated his intention of amending the Totalisator Act, and it is understood that it is intended to grant the use of the machine to the W.A. Trotting Association. He has also stated that he does not intend this session to introduce legislation dealing with the general supervision of racing. In the way of further evidence as to the sporting crowd that are in charge of public affairs, in West Australia, it may be mentioned that the Government has recently removed the embargo in whippet racing by deciding that the same terms shall be extended to this form of sport as to horse racing.

While anti-turf legislation is responsible for the exodus of American thoroughbreds from their native lands, at least one of the prominent breeders and sportsmen of that country, Mr August Belmont, president of the American Jockey Club, has determined that all the best horses in the land shall not leave (says an exchange). A year ago Mr Belmont made a free gift of the high-class stallions Henry of Navarre and Octagon to the United States Government Breeding Bureau, to be used towards the improvement of horses needed for military service, and last month he supplemented his initial presentation by devoting Footprint and Tipsand to the same end. Both horses are by the "triple-crowned hero" Rock Sand, who during his career on the English turf captured upwards of £48,000 in stakes alone. Fetish, the dam of Footprint, was by Rayon d'Or (winner of the St. Leger 1879) from Fen Follet, by Kingfisher; while Tiptoe, the dam of Tipsand, is by Hastings from Tarpeia. Footprint was a good performer in his day, his seven victories including the Tremont Stakes at Gravesend, and the double event at Sheepshead Bay, in the former of which he carried 9st 4lb., and cut out the six furlongs in 1min. 11sec. Tipsand also distinguished himself on the racecourse, and the pair should prove a valuable acquisition to the breeding bureau, which the U.S.A. Government is endeavouring to bring up to the standard maintained by Great Britain and the leading Continental nations of Europe.

and the people put up with the discomforts of travelling with a light heart and in the best spirit.

Ellerslie was looking exceptionally attractive and the course itself was in splendid order. With such a concourse of people the grounds presented quite a remarkable appearance. During the racing all the stands were packed with brightly-arrayed crowds, while every vantage point was thronged with people eager to watch the racing. It was an inspiring spectacle and worthy of the excellent sport provided. The Auckland Racing Club are entitled in full measure to the unique and record success of the most brilliant Cup Day yet held in the Dominion. Without seeming fulsome it would be impossible to sufficiently praise the excellent work of the club's painstaking officials, who, as far as lay in their power, did all that was possible to overcome the practically insurmountable difficulties of so enormous a crowd. No doubt the club will profit by the experience of so remarkable a gathering, and on future occasions provide more adequate accommodation for the caterers, enlarge the totalisator house, increase the refreshment booths and ensure better arrangements for the ladies in the cloak rooms.

PRAISE FOR THE OFFICIALS.

Large fields faced the starter in every event, and although in several instances some contestants did not get away on even terms, that can hardly reflect against the ability of Mr. C. O'Connor. Considering the large fields and the presence of a number of fractious horses the starting on the whole was highly satisfactory. Mr. R. B. Lusk, who presided in the judge's box, had a number of close finishes to decide, but in every case his decisions gave entire satisfaction. The official records were taken by Mr. J. K. Douglas, who was most painstaking with his duties and gave every satisfaction. Mr. F. W. Marks and Mr. A. Selby also filled their responsible positions of Clerk of Scales and Clerk of the Course satisfactorily. To Mr. George Morse, handicapper, special praise is due. The success with which he disguised the winners and provided close and exciting finishes certainly is due the most hearty commendation. To Mr. J. F. Hartland nothing but the most generous congratulations can be extended, for it is primarily on his shoulders that all the multifarious cares of organisation must fall, and the tremendous success of the triumphant day is therefore very largely due to his energy and ability.

SOME SPLENDID RACING.

The racing throughout the day was of an especially interesting character. The fields were big and the finishes in every case were keenly fought out, while the close finishes added very considerably to the exhilarating pleasure of the excellent day's sport. Only two first favourites managed to gain winning brackets, and they were Delegate in the Grafton Hurdles and General Latour in the Christmas Handicap. The biggest dividend of the day was provided by Gipsy Belle in the Railway Handicap. The totalisators were kept very busy and for the eight races no less a sum than £48,002 10s was handled by the large staff, who worked satisfactorily under Mr. H. H. Hayr. This sum constitutes a record for one day's racing in New Zealand, being an increase of £18,460 on the corresponding day last year, and eclipses the existing Dominion record of £30,000 at the C.J.C. Metropolitan Carnival last November by £8105 10s. On the Auckland Cup alone the figures reached nearly £10,000.

The details of the results were as follows:—

TRIAL HANDICAP of 200sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 2—J. H. Walter's Goldsize, by Gluten—Gold Web, 3yrs, 7.6 (Buchanan) .....
- 1—Crown Pearl, 6.7 (Emmerson) 2
- 10—Captain Soult, 7.6 (O'Shea) .. 3

Also started: 3 Master Wairiki 8.4 (Conquest), 1 Miss Winsome 8.0 (Deeley), 4 Faunus 7.11 (L. Wilson), 7 St. Petersburg 7.10 (Whittaker), 5 Dawn 7.5 (C. Brown), 9 Maheno 7.5 (Morris), 6 Admiral Soult 6.12 (Stratford), and 11 Moreykoff 6.12 (McRanville).

The field got fairly well away with the exception of Faunus, who was left some lengths. Crown Pearl was the first to show out in front, closely followed by Master Wairiki and it was in this position that the field entered the straight, with Dawn and Goldsize next in order. About the distance Goldsize ran to the front and was soon in the lead, although Crown

The Racing Carnival.


BOXING DAY AT ELLERSLIE.

SANTA ROSA WINS THE CUP.

The Auckland Racing Carnival was opened under the most favourable conditions at Ellerslie on Boxing Day. The day was ushered in with a few light showers and an overcast sky, but by ten o'clock all signs of rain passed away and the sun shone out brightly. As a result a record crowd gathered at the beautiful course, conveyed thither by trains, trams, and all manner of vehicles. It was estimated that between 30,000 and 35,000 people attended, and consequently it is little wonder that there was a great deal of congestion in the traffic. However, the crowd was a good-natured and wonderfully orderly one; consequently there was little grumbling,

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Pearl fought out a game finish, and when the post was passed was a length behind the winner. Captain Soult put in a fast finish, and was only a neck away third, with St. Petersburg next. Time, 1min 30sec.

**GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES** of 1000sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—Sir Geo. Clifford's Winning Way, by Cannie Chiel—Lady Wayward, 8.5 (F. E. Jones) ..... 1
- 7—T. H. Lowry's Beldame, by Royal Fusilier—La Cloche, 8.5 (C. Jenkins) ..... 2
- 1—"Mr. Highden's" Ermengarde, by Charlemagne II.—Water-shoot, 8.5 (A. Oliver) ..... 3

Also started: 3 Canute 8.10 (H. Gray), 4 Monorail 8.10 (Deeley), 6 Haskayne 8.7 (F. D. Jones), 8 Bleriot 8.5 (Hatch), 5 Dido 8.5 (Whittaker), and 9 Iridescence 8.5 (Brady).  
Dido and Bleriot were both caught in the tapes, and were left several lengths. Monorail was the first to set the pace, with Beldame next. The latter soon took command, but going along the top stretch Winning Way moved up and when the half mile post was reached was on terms with Beldame, while Ermengarde came next. On the straight being reached Winning Way had an advantage, and racing in resolute style scored a good win by the best part of a length. Beldame finished three good lengths ahead of Ermengarde. Then followed Canute, Haskayne, Iridescence, Dido. Monorail and Bleriot in that order. Time 1min 17 3-5sec.

**ROBINSON HANDICAP** of 125sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 4—J. E. McGee's Maui Nina, by Menschikoff—Hypatia, 6.12 (J. O'Shea) ..... 1
  - 1—Royal Arms, 7.11 (Emmerson) ..... 2
  - 3—Watchchain, 6.12 (Morris) ..... 3
- Also started: 8 Jolie Fille 8.7 (Satman), 6 Poitiers 8.4 (Buchanan), 2 La Reina 8.1 (Percival), 7 Worcester 7.12 (C. Brown), 5 Condamine 7.6 (Deeley), 10 Caedmon 6.13 (Stockley), 11 Cloudy Dawn 6.12 (B. Oliver), and 9 Neatman.

Maui Nina dashed to the front as the barrier lifted, followed by Watchchain and La Reina. On entering the straight Watchchain challenged, but Maui Nina was too speedy. Inside the distance Royal Arms, the favourite, came forward with a dash, but the game little mare kept going and scored a good win by a couple of lengths. Watchchain was only a neck behind Royal Arms at the finish, while La Reina was fourth. Time, 1min 30sec.

**THE AUCKLAND CUP HANDICAP** of 2000sovs; second horse to receive 400sovs, and third horse 200 sovs. Two miles.

- 14—G. Robinson's blk h Santa Rosa, 6yrs, by Soult—Vieux Rose, 7.3 (C. Brown) ..... 1
- 5—W. C. Ring's b h Domino, 4yrs, by Freedom—Modesty, 7.11 (A. Whittaker) ..... 2
- 7—J. Roulston's br m Soultoria, 5yrs, by Soult—Pretoria, 7.11 (B. Deeley) ..... 3
- 12—Los Angeles, by San Francisco—La Valiere, 9.3 (R. Hatch) ..... 0
- 4—Waimangu, by Soult—Roxana, 8.6 (J. Conquest) ..... 0
- 6—Miss Mischief, by Treadmill—Delusive, 8.5 (H. Gray) ..... 0
- 15—Mendip, by St. Paul—Sou'wester mare, 8.3 (C. Jenkins) ..... 0
- 1—Counterfeit, by Treadmill—Delusive, 7.12 (F. E. Jones) ..... 0
- 2—Miscount, by Birkenhead—Miss Never, 7.12 (L. Wilson) ..... 0
- 11—Goldfinder, by San Fran—Dazze, 7.12 (J. Buchanan) ..... 0
- 3—Midnight Sun, by Multifarm—La Noite, 7.4 (C. Emmerson) ..... 0
- 10—Coromandel, by Menschikoff—Golden Rose, 7.0 (Stratford) ..... 0
- 8—Maxwell, by Soult—Castorline, 6.12 (L. Morris) ..... 0
- 9—Ngapuka, by Soult—Paulina, 7.1 (B. Oliver) ..... 0
- 16—Bellah, by Royal Fusilier—Lissadurn, 6.7 (Tricklebank) ..... 0
- 13—Duma, by Stepniak—Camille, 6.8 (J. O'Shea) ..... 0

Waimangu was coupled on the totalisator with Santa Rosa.

Midnight Sun, Goldfinder and Waimangu all gave trouble at the post. When the tapes shot up the three fractious ones were the last to move and Waimangu lost several lengths before getting under way. Bellah's colours were the first to show out in front, with the chequers of Counterfeit next. When the stand was reached Goldfinder was in the lead and set a merry pace until he surrendered the leadership to Domino as they passed through the cutting, while Santa Rosa also became prominent. Turning for home Domino was going splendidly, but Santa Rosa put in a very resolute challenge, and headed the Waikato representative, who was showing signs of distress and failed to respond for a final spurt. Santa Rosa went on and put up a splendid finish winning with comparative ease by two lengths. After the bend coming into the straight was negotiated Soultoria put in a brilliant run and finished faster than anything in the

race. As the judge's box was passed Soultoria had got within a short neck of Domino, and thus scored a meritorious third. The favourite, Counterfeit, who appeared to find the distance rather beyond her powers, finished fourth. The next to finish were Miss Mischief, Coromandel, Maxwell and Bellah. Time, 3min 31 3-5sec.

**GRAFTON HURDLE RACE** of 200 sovs. Two miles.

- 1—J. Roulston's Delegate, by Phoe-bus Apollo—Pretoria, 11.4 (A. Julian) ..... 1
  - 6—Don Quex, 11.6 (Lynn) ..... 2
  - 2—Montigo, 10.8 (Thompson) ..... 3
- Also started: 7 Prophet 11.10 (M. Chaafe), 3 Reumac 11.6 (Futcher), 4 Black Northern 10.4 (Cowan), 5 Master William 9.0 (Foreman), and 8 Mildura 9.0 (Speakman).

Don Quex was the first to show the way, followed by Black Northern, with the rest strung out. Passing the stand Don Quex was still in the lead, followed by Delegate, Black Northern and Montigo, while Mildura was last. Shortly after Mildura pulled up. Going along the back the order remained the same, but on entering the straight Delegate had assumed command and led over the last fence. In the run for home Delegate had no trouble to retain the lead and won comfortably by nearly three lengths from Don Quex, while Montigo was some distance away third. Time, 3min 50sec.

**RAILWAY HANDICAP** of 650 sovs. Six furlongs.

- 17—J. Monk's Gipsy Belle, by Stepniak—Belle Clair, 8.1 (F. E. Jones) ..... 1
- 8—Antoinette, 8.5 (C. Brown) ..... 2
- 4—Culprit, 8.1 (Conquest) ..... 3

Also started: 2—Equitas, 9.13 (A. Oliver); 5—Royal Soult, 8.11 (Hatch); 11—Formby, 8.10 (F. E. Jones); 16—Salute, 8.4 (Brady); 1—Kakama, 8.3 (Deeley), 3—Byron, 8.0 (H. Gray); 7—Ireland, 8.0 (Jenkins); 15—Dearest 7.13 (Trail); 14—Turbine 7.10 (Buchanan); 6—Jack Delaval, 7.8 (Stenning); 9—Hohungatahi, 7.7 Whittaker); 12—Taketuma, 6.7 (O'Shea); 10—Gloy, 6.13 (Stockley); 13—Lucille, 6.11 (Emmerson); 19—Blue Garmet, 6.10 (Hall); and 18—Elegance, 6.7 (Percival).

Turbine was the only horse at a disadvantage over the start, which, considering there were twenty starters was an excellent one. Equitas was the first to take the lead, but

soon surrendered pride of place to Gipsy Belle, who was never headed, and won by a couple of lengths from Antoinette, while Culprit was close up third, with Royal Soult and Equitas next in order. Time, 1.15 4-5.

**NURSERY HANDICAP** of 250 sovs. Five furlongs.

- 3—Foss and Steuart's Prince Soult, by Soult—Lady Hester, 7.10 (Deeley) ..... 1
- 15—Centenary, 6.8 (O'Shea) ..... 2
- 8—Neirene, 7.5 (Stowe) ..... 3

Also started: 4—Tact, 8.4 (C. Brown); 6—Monoline, 8.4 (F. E. Jones); 2—Lady Georgia, 8.3 (Gray); 7—Prince Merriwee, 7.10 (Satman); 14—Manette (Pecival); 16—Peke-rangi, 7.5 (McRandall); 16—Rangira, 7.5 (B. Oliver); 12—Devastation, 7.5 (Conquest); 1—Scottish Star, 7.3 (Emmerson); 9—Lady Gladstone, 7.1 (Moore); 5—Launacost, 7.0 (Hall); 10—Allworthy, 6.8 (Brady); 15—Kaleato, 6.8 (Stockley); 13—Monowai, 6.7 (Tricklebank); and 12—Erey Oge, 6.7 (Stdatford).

From a good start, Allworthy and Centenary were the first to show the way. On reaching the home straight they were still racing together in front, with Lady Georgia, Tact, and Monoline next in order. Allworthy was the first to lose his position, while Prince Soult shot to the front, and finishing strongly won comfortably by three lengths. Neirene, who finished very fast, got to within a length of Centenary, while Scottish Star was fourth. Time, 1.3 3-5.

**CHRISTMAS HANDICAP** of 200 sovs. One mile.

- 1—W. Walters' General Latour, by Soult—Merry Nif, 8.0 (Brady) ..... 1
- 8—Sea Elf, 7.10 (Ryan) ..... 2
- 4—Wee Olga, 7.0 (Stratford) ..... 3

Also started: 3—Electrakoff, 8.9 (Gray); 2—St. Felix, 8.3 (Telford); 5—Cheddar, 8.3 (Jenkins); 7—Sphinx, 7.0 (O'Shea); 11—Sea Pink, 6.11 (Tricklebank); 9—Master Jack, 6.9 (Morris), 6—First Wairiki, 6.9 (C. Brown); and 10—Aristocrat, 6.7 (Emmerson).

The start was unsatisfactory. Sea Pink and Master Jack were badly left. First Wairiki was the first to show out in front, and led the field along the back stretch, followed by General Latour and Wee Olga. On entering the straight, First Wairiki was still



"Mr. Highden's" br h BOANERGES, by Pilgrim's Progress—Parera, winner of the Palmerston North Stakes at the Manawatu meeting on Wednesday.



in the lead, but soon surrendered to General Latour, and then died away. Sea Elf and Wee Olga then came with brilliant runs, but failed to reach the leader, who won comfortably by a couple of lengths. Sea Elf just managed to wrest second honours from her stable mate, Wee Olga, by half a length. Time, 1.41 3-5.

A TRIUMPH FOR TROTTING.

RECORD MEETING AT ALEXANDRA PARK.

BINGANA WINS THE CUP.

The Auckland Trotting Club have every reason to be delighted with the unqualified success that attended the official opening of their splendid new course at Alexandra Park on Wednesday. Never before has the sport of trotting been better patronised in the North Island, and never before have the public been better catered for in regard to the facilities offered for viewing the sport. The new course and its appointments are certainly a triumph for the club and a credit to Auckland. When it is realised that less than a year ago the Auckland Trotting Club decided to purchase their present course, and that in the interval the property has been transformed into one of the finest trotting tracks in Australasia, the public can appreciate what enterprise and well-directed energy the club has displayed in their endeavour to meet the fast-growing demands of a sport that is yearly becoming more popular. To the president (Mr. John Rowe, J.P.), the secretary (Mr. C. F. Mark) and the stewards of the club the public of Auckland in general and the trotting sportsmen in particular owe a debt of gratitude. It must have been particularly gratifying to these gentlemen on Wednesday to contemplate the result of their zealous work, to see the animated crowds enjoying the sport and to hear the words of unstinted praise that were expressed by all hands.

The attendance at Alexandra Park easily constituted a record for a trotting fixture in Auckland, and must have numbered between 8000 and 10,000 people. The appointments and facilities on the course were fully up to the requirements so that the sport was enjoyed to its full extent by the enthusiastic and orderly crowds. Among those who visited the course on Wednesday were many who had not previously visited a trotting gathering, and to learn from these people how keenly they enjoyed the sport augurs well for the future of the sport; because their enthusiasm was of a very encouraging nature.

The trotting generally was of an interesting order. The fields were large, the competition keen, several of the finishes were most exciting, and above all the sport was clean and honest. The totalisator returns were satisfactory for no less a sum than £11,822 passed through the machines during the afternoon, which was £3213 10s in advance of the corresponding day last year. In the race for the Trotting Cup Bingana, the winner, established a competitive two mile record for the track, which was 4min 44 4-5sec, while the scratch horse, Mandarene, was responsible for a creditable performance as he covered the two miles in 4min 35sec.

The results were as follows:—

INTRODUCTORY TROT HANDICAP (Saddle) of 50sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 2—M. Wilson's Benalla Boy, 6yrs, by Rothschild—Lady Agnes, 12 sec (W. A. Scott) ..... 1
  - 1—Savanna, 6yrs, 10sec ..... 2
  - 3—Merry Kate, aged, 12sec (McLennan) ..... 3
- Also started: 6 Miss Duke 7sec (Fenton), 4 Black Gin 10sec (Osborne), 5 Specimen Stone 12sec (Cameron), 7 New Vita 10sec (McElwain), 8 Joe May 15sec (Dye), 9 Pakuranga Boy 15sec (Bowden).

Benalla Boy early took charge, but when half the distance was covered Savanna came forward and from this out the two fought out a ding dong race. Entering the straight Savanna had a slight advantage, but broke, allowing Benalla Boy to take the lead and going on well won by two lengths. Merry Kate, who closed up with the leaders in the final stages, was too far behind to make much impression, and finished four lengths behind Savanna. Time, 4min 3 2-5sec.

WAITEMATA HANDICAP TROT (Saddle) of 100sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 2—D. Casey's Tuatara, 6yrs, by Al-lerton—Reptile, 4sec (A. Hendriksen) ..... 1

- 3—Good Friday, aged, 7sec (J. T. Paul) ..... 2
- 7—Pearlie Maid, aged, scratch (Matthews) ..... 3

Also started: 8 Wild Marie scratch (Scott), 4 Our George scratch (West), 1 La Belle 3sec (Exley), 9 Lord Victor 4sec (A. Julian), 1 Special Flower 9sec (Orange), 6 Bronze Bell 9sec (Redshaw), 10 Prince Berlin 9sec (Lowe), 11 Belle of the Ball 9sec (Austin).

Trotting out of the straight Special Flower and Prince Berlin were on terms. Going along the back the former broke badly and Tuatara coming up fast was soon in command, and lead from there out, eventually scoring an easy win by nearly three lengths. Good Friday was only half a length in advance of Pearlie Maid at the finish, while La Belle was close up fourth. Wild Marie pulled up. Time, 3min 44sec.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CUP HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs. Two miles.

- 3—F. Porangi's Bingana, 5yrs, by Mauritius—Lena, 11sec (J. West) ..... 1
- 2—Cavalier, aged, by Takapo—Dulce, 11sec (S. Hamilton) ... 2
- 6—Gold Bell, 6yrs, by Capitalist—Merry Bell, 13sec (McNae) ... 3

Also started: 1 Mandarene scratch (W. Hird), 4 Papanui 2sec (H. Hendriksen), 5 Vanclare 12sec (W. George), 5 Bell Gray 13sec (A. Lowe).

Gold Bell early assumed command, and passing the stand first time round had a fair lead, with Bingana, Bell Gray, Cavalier, Papanui and Mandarene next in order. Vanclare, who refused to start, followed a considerable distance behind. Going out of the straight Mandarene was fast closing up on the field, but when nearing the north curve stumbled and lost several lengths. Along the back the position of the field remained the same and when the stand was again reached Gold Bell and Bingana were practically on terms, with Cavalier a dozen lengths away third. It was in this order they entered the straight, with Gold Bell still retaining a slight advantage over Bingana, while Cavalier, Mandarene and Papanui were coming fast. It was at this stage that Gold Bell began to tire, and faltered. Bingana took the lead. Then an exciting race ensued, for Cavalier and Mandarene were coming very fast. The latter, however, could not get an opening. Bingana went on and won in good style by a couple of lengths from Cavalier, who beat Gold Bell by nearly the same distance. Mandarene was fourth and Papanui fifth. Time, 4min 44 4-5sec.

EDEN HANDICAP TROT (Harness) of 100sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 5—C. F. Gieson's Receiver, aged, by Kentucky—Nellie Case, 4sec (C. Gieson) ..... 1
- 6—Iago, aged, 3sec (J. T. Paul) ... 2
- 3—Count, aged, 6sec (S. Hamilton) 3

Also started: 4 Airana scratch (Butler), 2 Miss Salisbury 8sec (Burns), 1 Kotiri 12sec (W. C. Hird).

Kotiri got well away and had a lead of half a dozen lengths over Count going along the back, but the latter put in a fast sprint and when the stand was reached was in command. Following Kotiri came Miss Salisbury, Receiver, Iago and Airana. In the straight a great race was witnessed. Receiver put in a splendid run and secured the verdict by a head from Iago, with Count a little over a length away third, while Kotiri was close up fourth. Time, 3min 49 1-5sec.

PARNELL HANDICAP (Saddle) of 100sovs. Two miles.

- 3—W. A. Scott's D'Eaglesfield, 6yrs, by The Baron, 8sec (W. A. Scott) ..... 1
- 1—Pearlie Maid, aged, 12sec (Matthews) ..... 2
- 4—Monica, aged, 1sec (J. Nicholson) ..... 3

Also started: 9 Baron Leugen 2sec (R. Hall), 5 Tableau 4sec (Orange), 7 Viscount 6sec (McMillan), 8 Chieftain 10sec (McGovern), 6 Waterloo 10sec (A. Hendriksen), 2 Previous 12 sec (J. T. Paul).

D'Eaglesfield piloted the field along the back and passing the stand they were in Indian file, coming in this order: D'Eaglesfield, Pearlie Maid, Monica, Baron Leugen, Previous, Viscount and Tableau. Going past the stand on the next round Monica had a slight advantage over Pearlie Maid. When the judge's box was passed Nicholson, who was riding Monica, apparently thought he had won, eased up. Soon discovering his mistake, however, he went again in pursuit of Pearlie Maid, but D'Eaglesfield had meantime put in a claim and was soon on terms with Pearlie Maid. A keen struggle took place between the two

past the stand, and D'Eaglesfield just managed to win by three parts of a length, while Monica was four lengths away third. Time, 4min 58 1-5sec.

DECEMBER HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 1—M. Maher's Lora Roanchild, 3yrs, by Roan Child—Ha Ha mare, 18sec. (M. Maher) .... 1
- 5—Miss Dulce, 5yrs, 18sec. (J. Exley) ..... 2
- 9—Cinderette, 4yrs, 18s. (A. Hendriksen) ..... 3

Also started: 13—Uniform, scratch (Barracough); 9—Normintson, 1sec. (Perrin); 4—Robert Huon, 6sec. (Forbes); 3—Speciality, 15sec. (Richards); 2—Lincoln Guard, 15sec. (Hird); 3—Ghoam, 18sec. (Burns); 2—Special Flower, 18sec. (Orange); 6—Moorish Chief, 21sec. (Nicholson); 10—Lady Doctor, 21sec. (Chatteris); 14—Olivette, 21sec. (Tanner); 6—Lady Specialist, 21sec. (Paul).

Lady Specialist was soon in the lead followed by Lord Roanchild, but the latter easily overhauled Lady Specialist going along the back stretch, and from this out he kept a comfortable lead, eventually winning by a dozen lengths. Miss Dulce was second, eight lengths in advance of Cinderetta, and then came Lady Specialist, Specialty and Lady Doctor. Time, 3.44 2-5.

GREAT NORTHERN HANDICAP (Saddle) of 100sovs. One mile.

- 2—H. Wick's Lady Richmond, 5yrs by Royal Victor—My Lady, 4sec. (McNae) ..... 1
- 3—Miss Bell Boy, 6yrs, 10sec. (A. Julian) ..... 2
- 4—Undine, 6yrs, 8s. (T. Richards) 3

Also started: 12—Maplewood, 1sec. (R. Hall); 9—Royal Victor, 2sec. (Wilson); 1—St. Michael, 5sec. (McLennan); 5—Golden Rose, 5sec. (Barracough); 11—Bell Gray, 5sec. (C. Lowe); 8—John Harold, 7sec. (Brennan); 7—Charming Boy, 7sec. (H. Hendriksen); 10—Robex, 9sec (Hird); 6—Madam Melba, 9sec. (Nicholson).

After covering a couple of furlongs Miss Bell Boy and Undine were companions in the lead, with John Harold, Lady Richmond, and St. Michael next in order. When half the distance was gone Undine had established a good lead, but Lady Richmond put in a strong challenge, and had no difficulty in outpacing Undine. She won comfortably by about three lengths, while Miss Bell Boy beat Undine by seven lengths for second honours. St. Michael, the favourite, was a poor fourth. Time, 2.18 1-5.

ST. HELIERS HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs. One mile.

- 8—F. Martin's Lord Specialist, 4yrs, by Specialist—Nellie, 15sec (F. Martin) ..... 1
- 3—Master Park, 4yrs, 11sec (Hamilton) ..... 2
- 5—Irvy Woodburn, 5yrs, 5sec (Mumford) ..... 3

Also started: 12 Grampian scratch (Carl), 2 Alf. McKinney 8sec (Duncan), 11 Phyllistina 9sec (Robinson), 1 Lord Dillon 11sec (MacMillan), 9 General Joubert 11sec (Butler), 10 Jim Mac 13sec (Forbes), 6 Ben F. 14sec (McNae), 4 La Belle 1sec (Exley), 7 Monotype 18sec (Waker).

Monotype and Irvy Woodburn led out of the straight, followed by Lord Specialist and La Belle. Over the last furlong Lord Specialist showed his superiority and won by two and a-half lengths, while Master Park was a length ahead of Irvy Woodburn. Time, 2min 28 1-5sec.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

OTAGO HANDICAP WON BY ROUTINE.

The Dunedin Jockey Club's summer meeting opened on Boxing Day in splendid weather, and there was a good attendance. The course was on the soft side, which told against the top weights. Following are the results:—

SUMMER HURDLE HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

- C. W. Hammond's Gold Pin, by Ter-rapin—Reject, 9.9 (L. Coleman) 1
  - Milo, 10.9 ..... 2
  - Rifle Range, 10.6 ..... 3
- Also started: Master Paul 11.2, Simon Pure 9.13, Glenfield 9.12, Ringman 9.8, Embrasure 9.0, Sharp Eye 9.0.

Rifle Range led over the first fence and was then joined by Master Paul. Sharp Eye fell at the second hurdle. Going out of the straight Master Paul had the lead, but Rifle Range showed

the way along the back, where Gold Pin and Milo moved up into a handy position. Gold Pin was the first to rise to the last fence, and on the flat he went away, winning by six lengths. The third horse was two lengths further away. Time, 3min 36sec.

SALISBURY HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

- W. Robertson's Palisade, by Pal-las—Red Peony, 8.13 (W. H. Poul) ..... 1
- Kimona, 7.2 ..... 2
- Alfreda, 7.13 ..... 3

Also started: Troon 9.2, Red, White and Blue 7.5, Sacha 7.12, Corrie 7.7.

Alfreda got the advantage from a good start. Palisade at once rushed past and took a strong lead. One-quarter of a mile from home Troon and Kimona passed the others, and Palisade barely led into the straight. He came away again, however, winning by a head. The third horse was six lengths away. Time, 1min 34 2-5 sec.

DUNEDIN HANDICAP of 150sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

- H. Friedlander's Anna Carlovna, by Soult—Czarevna, 8.8 (G. Pine) 1
- Peg, 7.7 ..... 2
- Edna May, 7.7 ..... 3

Also started: Peppin 7.12, Tataramoa 7.9.

With half the distance gone Anna Carlovna was some lengths behind everything except Tataramoa. Peg led into the straight, but inside the distance Anna Carlovna came up with a great rush and won by a neck. Time, 1min 9 3-5sec.

OTAGO HANDICAP of 300sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- E. J. McKay's Routine, by Sir Lancelot—Queen of Trumps, 6.12 (O'Brien) ..... 1
- Waiju, 8.0 ..... 2
- True Knight, 6.10 ..... 3

Also started: Rose Noble 9.1, The Cornet 7.13, Mumura 7.5, Warsaw 7.6.

Routine and True Knight jumped away the smartest and led out of the straight. At the five furlongs mark Routine and True Knight were still in front, two lengths clear from War-Rose Noble. Routine led True Knight by a length into the straight, and then went away alone. Time, 2min 18 2-5 sec.

TRIAL STAKES of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

- F. Nelligan's Oratava, by Kilcher-an—Poltava, 7.11 (A. Wilson) 1
- Optimeform, 8.6 ..... 2
- Muircock, 8.2 ..... 3

Also started: Mahuri 8.6, Multifoil 8.3, White Flag 8.3, Baron Lowburn 8.3, Glentui 8.3, Good Time 8.1, Driftwood 8.1, Speybank 7.13, Thax 7.13, Pleasure Bent 7.11.

Optimeform and Pleasure Bent made the running, and when three furlongs from home Optimeform took a decided lead and lasted until the distance. Oratava then ran through from behind, winning by four lengths, with Muircock a length and a-half away third. Time, 1min 35 1-5sec.

FEDERAL HANDICAP of 175sovs. Six furlongs.

- J. W. Skinner's Stepmeter, by Stepniak—Dementer, 8.7 (L. Humphries) ..... 1
- Directoire, 6.9 ..... 2
- My Lawyer, 8.13 ..... 3

Also started: Soldier's Chorus 9.8, Penates 8.13, San Severo 7.13, Kostroma 7.4, Gapon 7.3, Gold Sail 7.3, Expansion 7.3, Palette 6.10.

Stepmeter took charge before reaching the straight, and, after withstanding a challenge from Directoire, won by half a length. Time, 1min 20sec.

CAVERSHAM HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

- W. T. Hazlett's Daringdale, by Clan-robot—St. Bridge, 8.4 (J. Rae) 1
- Foil, 8.0 ..... 2
- Mosgiel, 8.0 ..... 3

Also started: John Bunyan 10.2, Safety Pin 9.3, Quota 8.13, Otakeho saw, and The Cornet had run past 8.7, Obi 8.6, Gryta 8.5.

Inside the distance Daringdale took charge, and, stalling off a challenge, won by a length. Mosgiel was half a length further away third. Time, 1min 21 1-5sec.

OTOKIA WELTER HANDICAP of 135 sovs. One mile.

- J. Buckley's Fisticuff, by Single-stick II.—Slytie, 8.11 (J. Beale) 1
- Merry Lass, 8.0 ..... 2
- Feodor, 8.10 ..... 3

Also started: Medallist 9.8, Aimwell 8.11, Puaka 8.5, Pinul 8.0, Miss Advance 8.0, Erskine 8.0.

Fisticuff led throughout, eventually winning by a length and a-half from Merry Lass, who was five lengths in front of Feodor. Time, 1min 50 1-5 sec.



SECOND DAY.

MEDALLIST WINS ST. ANDREW'S.

The Dunedin Jockey Club's summer meeting concluded in fine but dull weather. The course was sticky, but in better condition than on the first day. The attendance was fair. A total of £10,994 was put through the totalisator, as compared with £9145 on the second day of the last summer meeting. The total for the two days was £23,486 10s, as against £18,695 10s last year. Results are as follows:—

MILBURN HURDLE HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile and a-half.

D. Rutherford's Milo, aged, by Conqueror—Ekaterina Passeropoulos, 10.12 (L. Hegarty) ..... 1  
Black and Brown, 9.0 (W. H. Jarvis) 2  
Optimeform, 9.0 (L. Jennings) ... 3  
Also started: Stayboy 10.13, Jack Ashore 10.8, Rifle Range 10.8, Ringman 9.7.

Rifle Range unseated his rider at the first fence, when in front of the field. In the run home Milo stalled off opposition, and won nicely by half a length from Black and Brown, who beat Optimeform by a short length. Time, 3min 1sec.

FERNHILL HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

J. A. Holmes' Pleasure Bent, by Terrapin—Pleasureseeker, 3yrs, 7.3 (inc. 5lb allow.) (C. Berry) 1  
Palisade, 9.7 (W. H. Boulton) ..... 2  
Red, White and Blue, 8.4 (J. Beale) 3  
Also started: Oblong 8.7, Frivoliti 8.6, Foil 7.13, Mosgiel 7.10, Mahura 7.9, Floriline 7.7, Baron Lowburn 7.9.

In the run home Pleasure Bent stalled off a challenge from Palisade, and beat him by a length and a-half. Red, White and Blue was three lengths away. Time, 1min 20sec.

ALLANTON WELTER of 125sovs. Seven furlongs.

J. Hymer's Feodor, 6yrs, by Lord Rosslyn—Pleona, 8.6 (F. Farr) 1  
Miss Advance, 7.7 (J. J. Begbie) .. 2  
Warsaw, 8.2 (J. Beale) ..... 3  
Also started: Merry Lass 8.1, Aimwell 8.1, Troon 8.0, Crosbie 7.12, Pal-

ette 7.10, Alfreda 7.8, Erskine 7.7, Ard Reigh 7.1.

In a good finish Feodor beat Miss Advance by a short length, with Warsaw a head away third. Time, 1min 34 4-5sec.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP of 250 sovs. One mile.

J. R. Furze's Medallist, by The Officer—Target, 5yrs, 7.11 (J. McCombe) ..... 1  
Waiju, 8.4 (F. Farr) ..... 2  
Orotava, 7.0 (J. O'Brien) ..... 3  
Also started: Soldier's Chorus 9.1, Routine 7.13, The Cornet 7.12, Mura 7.3, Field Gun 6.7.

Inside the distance Medallist drew out, and won by three lengths from Waiju, who beat Orotava by a head. Time, 1min 46sec.

TAIHOA HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

G. W. McLean's Kimona, by Conqueror—Bloomer, 3yrs, 8.0 (J. McCombe) ..... 1  
John Bunyan, 10.0 (J. Beale) ..... 2  
Obi, 8.6 (D. King) ..... 3  
Also started: Gryta 8.4, Optimeform 8.3, Muircock 8.0, Playboy 8.0, Safety Pin 9.1.

At the distance Kimona took charge and won by three lengths from John Bunyan, who beat Obi by two lengths and a-half. Time, 1min 20sec.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Six furlongs.

D. H. Roberts's Expansion, by Birkenhead—Immersion, 5yrs, 6st 10lb (J. O'Brien) ..... 1  
My Lawyer, 10st 11lb (R. Ellis) .. 2  
Kostroma, 7st 5lb, including 2lb over (J. Rae) ..... 3  
Also started: Penates, 8st 8lb; Thistledown, 8st 7lb; San Severo, 7st 7lb; Lupulite, 7st 8lb, including 3lb over.

Kostroma took charge inside the distance, where My Lawyer arrived on the scene. In a good finish Expansion won by a short head, Kostroma being three lengths away third. Time, 1m. 17 3-5s.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 125 sovs. For two-year-olds. Four furlongs.

A. Macfarlane's Peppin, by Charlemagne II.—Cashtina, 7st 5lb,

including 5lb allowance (R. Berry) ..... 1  
Peg, 7st 13lb (L. J. King) ..... 2  
Shona May, 7st 7lb (J. Olsen) .. 3  
Also started: May Dalrymple, 7st 9lb; Carpet Knight, 7st 7lb.  
Peg and Peppin drew out from the others. Inside the distance Peppin took charge, and won by two lengths, Peg being a neck in front of Shona May. Time, 53s.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 125 sovs. Seven furlongs.

C. North's True Knight, by Sir Laddo—Purity, 4yrs, 7st 7lb (A. Berry) ..... 1  
Pupaka, 7st 5lb (A. H. Wilson) .. 2  
Miss Advance, 6st 8lb (J. O'Brien) 3  
Also started: Parable, 8st 8lb; Fisti cuff, 8st 7lb.  
Won by a length from Puaka, who beat Miss Advance by a little over a length. Time, 1m. 33s.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP WON BY JARGON.

The Taranaki Jockey Club's Christmas meeting opened on Boxing Day. The weather was fine and there was a large attendance. Owing to recent rains the course was somewhat soft, but the racing was of an interesting character. The totalisator investments amounted to £9520, which was £2907 in advance of the corresponding day last year.

The results were as follows:—  
HAUTOKI PLATE, seven furlongs.—Moahau 1, St. Sir 2, Master Tupuhi 3. Won by a couple of lengths. Scratched: Carnation, Paramount, Clemisein. Time, 1min 34sec.

STEWARDS' HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Plantation 1, St. Gate 2, East Wind 3. Scratched: Royal Dragon. Won by a neck, a head between second and third. Time, 1min 18 2-5sec.

LADIES' PURSE, one mile.—Allure 1, Ambergris 2, Brown Star 3. All started. Won by a length and a-half. Brown Star was ten lengths away. Time, 1min 49sec.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and a-half.—Pleiades 1, Sir Tulloch 2, Silva 3. Scratched: Highden, Sea Wind. Won by half a length. Time, 2min 14sec.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Jargon 1, Epsom Lass 2, Sandy Paul 3. Also started: Shining Star. Won by several lengths. Time, 2min 14sec.

FIRST WELTER HACK HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Cornelian 1, Manawakaha 2, Silver Cluse 3. Scratched: Plantation. Time, 1min 33 2-5sec.

FIRST HACK SCURRY STAKES, five furlongs.—Piriwai 1, Park Tide 2, Red Line 3. Scratched: Moahau, Clemsein, Master Tupuhi. Won by four or five lengths. Time, 1min 2 4-5sec.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—St. Bill 1, Con the Shaughraun 2, Master Sylvia 3. Won by a head, several lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 17 2-5sec.

SECOND DAY.

JARGON WINS NEW PLYMOUTH HANDICAP.

The Taranaki Jockey Club's Christmas races concluded on Wednesday in perfect weather. There was a large attendance. The totalisator investments were £8705, as against £6474 last year, and for two days, £18,235, an increase of £5148 over last year. Results are as follow:—

FITZROY HACK HANDICAP.—St. Loap, 1; Kivitahi, 2; Gordon Bell, 3. Scratched: Topic, Allandale, Royal Dragon. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 32 3-5s.

ELECTRIC HACK.—Piriwai, 1; Park Tide, 2; Watine, 3. Scratched: Bowbells, Nukuhau, St. Gate, Ineuru, and Galtee. Won by four lengths. Time, 1m. 3 4-5s.

SUMMER HANDICAP.—St. Gate, 1; Dover Straits, 2; East Wind, 3. Scratched: Glenfern and Red Line. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 16 3-5s.

SECOND HACK HURDLES.—Brillancy, 1; Silva, 2; Ambergris, 3. Scratched: Sir Tulloch. Won by two lengths. Time, 2m. 50 2-5s.

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**NEW PLYMOUTH HANDICAP.**—Jargon (McCarten), 1; Con the Shaugraun, 2; Te Roti, 3. Scratched: Patriotic and Reed Lupin. Won by a neck. Time, 1m. 46s.

**SECOND HACK SCURRY.**—Park Tide, 1; Red Line 2; Moahan, 3. Scratched: Piriwai, Jargon, Pipiteapa, St. Loop, Sylvia May, Paramount, Clemons, Gordon Dell, Clarionet, and Clemsein. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 4s.

**SECOND WELTER HACK.**—Muleteir, 1; Cornelian, 2; Bay Paul, 3. Scratched: Alluar. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 47 1-5s.

**FAREWELL HANDICAP.**—Master Sylvia, 1; Con the Shaugraun, 2; Patriotic, 3. Also started: Red Lupin. Won by half a length. Time, 1m. 17 1-5s.

**MANAWATU RACING CLUB.**

**CUP WON BY WAIPAKU.**

The Manawatu races opened on Tuesday in fine weather and before a large crowd. The sum of £22,967 was invested on the totalisator, compared with £15,567 on last Boxing Day. Results are as follow:—

**TRIAL PLATE.** Seven furlongs.

Tripoli, 7.13 (W. Kirk) ..... 1  
Nukuatu, 7.4 ..... 2  
Kingswell, 7.13 ..... 3  
Also started: Stellaris, Aviator, Mangaroa, Mallard, Kurapotgim, Sir Donald, Stockade, Elkmaid.  
Won easily. Time, 1min 30sec.

**HURDLE RACE.** One mile and three-quarters.

Leolanter, 9.0 (C. Price) ..... 1  
Longner, 10.6 ..... 2  
Seaman, 9.3 ..... 3  
Also started: Gold Bird, Passive, Te Ru, Tyrannic.  
Won easily. Time, 3min 20sec.

**GILLIES HACK HANDICAP.** Six furlongs.

Turna, 7.9 (R. Young) ..... 1  
Parawanui, 7.9 ..... 2  
Taonui, 6.7 ..... 3  
Also started: Gay Lawless, Goldemar, Boronia, Lady Kilcheran, Seraphic, Portland Lady, Sanguinary, Overheard, Millbanks, Fashion Plate.  
Won by half a length. Time, 1min 17 4-5sec.

**MANAWATU CUP** of 500sovs. One mile and a-half.

Waipaku, 6.10 (A. Reed) ..... 1  
Iney, 6.13 1/2 ..... 2  
Goodwin Park, 7.2 ..... 3  
Also started: Merrivonia, Aberbrothock, Martine, Espartero, Te Ru, Rauparaha, Sir Antrim, Bircline, Miscal, Gold Circle, Brown Trout.  
Won practically from start to finish. Time, 2min 40sec.

**JUVENILE HANDICAP.** Five furlongs.

Bronze, 8.13 (W. Young) ..... 1  
Rangiataua, 8.13 ..... 2  
Imagination, 6.12 ..... 3  
Also started: Meriton, Field Maid.  
Won easily. Time, 1min 4sec.

**TARARUA HACK WELTER.** Seven furlongs.

Odessa, 8.13 (T. Pritchard) ..... 1  
Bonnie Boy, 8.8 ..... 2  
Stevens, 9.3 ..... 3  
Scratched: Mira, Merri Lad, Tripoli.  
Time, 1min 32sec.

**FITZHERBERT HANDICAP.** six furlongs.

Hermia, 8.7 (C. Price) ..... 1  
Lady Moutoa, 7.3 ..... 2  
Mon Ami, 7.2 ..... 3  
Also started: Gladiole, Polymorphous, Thetis.  
Won by half a length. Time, 1min 17sec.

**GRANDSTAND HANDICAP.** One mile.

Voetgang, 7.12 (H. Griffiths) ..... 1  
Fleet Week, 6.11 ..... 2  
Sea Queen, 8.2 ..... 3  
Also started: Flingot, Attention, Marton.  
Won by a length. Time, 1min 46sec.

**SECOND DAY.**

**BOANERGES WINS STAKES.**

There was another beautiful day for the Manawatu races, and the attendance was again large. Though the fields were small, the racing was good and betting brisk, the sum of £18,976 being put through the totalisator, as compared with £13,403 on the second day of last year's summer meeting. Results are as follows:—

**KELVIN HACK HANDICAP** of 120 sovs. One mile and a furlong.

J. McDonald's Queen of Scots, 6yrs, by Robin Adair—Queensborough, 9.0 (H. Tricklebank) ..... 1  
Bircline, 8.13 (F. Porter) ..... 2  
Midian, 8.12 (H. Batten) ..... 3  
Also started: Odessa 9.0, Stevens 8.2, Golden Age 7.1.  
Queen of Scots won by two lengths, with three lengths between the second and third horses. Time, 1min 52 1-5sec.

**TIRITEA HURDLE RACE** of 120sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

C. B. Pharazyn's Longner, aged, by The Officer—Handsome Jack mare, 10.9 (F. Flynn) ..... 1  
Waiputere, 11.3 (J. O'Connell) ..... 2  
Leolanter, 10.1 (C. Price) ..... 3  
Also started: Gold Bird 10.11, Te Ru 10.1, Te Whetu 9.9, Seaman 9.2.  
Longner won by a length, with a neck between the second and third horses. Time, 3min 18 4-5sec.

**HIGHDEN HACK HANDICAP** of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.

J. Harle's Makara, 5yrs, by St. Clements—Lady of the Lake, 8.7 ..... 1  
Seraphic, 7.10 (H. Tricklebank) ..... 2  
Taonui, 6.12 (W. Bell) ..... 3  
Also started: Beacon 9.0, Ovation 7.5, Lady Kilcheran 7.5, Portland Lady 7.5, Pot Luck 7.3, Mallard 6.7, Aviator 6.7.  
Makara won by a neck. Time, 1min 17sec.

**SUMMER HANDICAP** of 200sovs. One mile.

L. Furr's Iney, 6yrs, by Birkenhead—Lady Reay, 7.11 (H. Griffiths) ..... 1  
Sea Queen, 7.8 (Young) ..... 2  
Fleet Week, 6.12 (H. Tricklebank) ..... 3  
Also started: Vi.  
Iney won easily by two lengths. Time, 1min 44 3-5sec.

**PALMERSTON NORTH STAKES** of 500sovs. Six furlongs.

"Mr. Highden's" Boanerges, by Pilgrim's Progress—Parera, 9.6 (A. Oliver) ..... 1  
Rangiataua, 8.4 (F. Meagher) ..... 2  
Merton, 6.9 (W. Bell) ..... 3  
Also started: Vocation 6.9.  
Merton led at the start, followed by Rangiataua. The latter was in front at the distance. Then Boanerges came up with a fine run and won on the post by a head. Time, 1min 17 sec.

**TERRACE HACK WELTER** of 100 sovs. Seven furlongs.

A. M. Wright's Lady Laddo, 4yrs, by Sir Laddo—Possibility, 9.10 (C. Price) ..... 1  
Matlow, 8.0 ..... 2  
Blakeney, 8.0 ..... 3  
Also started: Turna 9.10, Tripoli 9.3, Bonnie Boy 8.2, Kingswell 8.2, Nukuata 8.2.  
Lady Laddo won by a head. Time, 1min 30sec.

**AWAPUNI HANDICAP** of 150sovs. Six furlongs.

T. Lloyd's Projectile, 6yrs, by Torpedo—Cornelian, 7.3 (H. Watson) ..... 1  
Lady Moutoa, 7.10 (A. McMullan) ..... 2  
Ascalon, 7.10 ..... 3  
Also started: Polymorphous 8.7.

**HIMITANGI WELTER** of 130sovs. Seven furlongs.

"Mr. Highden's" Bronze, 9.8 (A. Oliver) ..... 1  
Cork, 8.9 (H. Griffiths) ..... 2  
Attention, 8.2 ..... 3  
Also started: Eclogue 8.6, Separat- or 8.3, Waiouru 8.3, Marton 8.1.  
Bronze won by two lengths. Time, 1min 30sec.

**THE THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.**

**GOLDFIELD'S CUP WON BY FUSS.**

The opening day of the Thames Jockey Club's summer meeting provided some very interesting racing. The weather was perfect and the attendance was satisfactory. The results were as follows:—

**MAIDEN HURDLE RACE** of 40sovs. Seven furlongs.

Manurere, 7.11 (Curran) ..... 1  
Hesperian, 7.11 (Brown) ..... 2  
Invader, 7.7 (Cox) ..... 3  
Also started: Caruso, Little Stanley, Steplink, Master Dix, Miss Elma, Old Maid.  
Manurere won by about three lengths. Time, 1min 35 3-5sec.

**BOROUGH HANDICAP** of 50sovs. Five furlongs.

Peggy Pryde, 7.7 (Curran) ..... 1  
Fremantle, 7.12 (Brown) ..... 2  
Echo, 7.8 (Hastedt) ..... 3

Also started: Hyperion, Parawai, Maranai, Maungatete, Arawa, Here-mai.

Peggy Pryde won by a length. Time, 1min 4 3-5sec.

**HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 65 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

Arty, 9.1 (Cox) ..... 1  
Taiaha, 11.0 (Mulcaby) ..... 2  
Golbourne, 9.8 (Brady) ..... 3  
Also started: Bon Cyr, The Chef, Dunrobin, Field Marshal.  
Arty won by half a length after a good race up the straight. Time, 3min 32 3-5sec.

**GOLDFIELDS CUP** of 115sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

Fuss, 7.7 (Curran) ..... 1  
Spectre, 8.4 (Sceates) ..... 2  
St. Amans, 9.3 (Brady) ..... 3  
Also started: Scotch, Luperin, Pip- On entering the straight Fuss fought his way to the front, with St. Amans a good second and Scotch third. Spectre, who had been left behind at the start, made a great run, and from a bad position ran past Scotch and St. Amans, and was only beaten for first place by a neck. St. Amans was half a length away third. Time, 2min 14 2-5sec.

**HACK RACE** of 40sovs. Six furlongs.

Manurere, 8.3 (inc. 7lb pen.) (Cur- ran) ..... 1  
Pet, 7.7 (Brady) ..... 2  
Master Dix, 7.8 (Cox) ..... 3  
Scratched: Gibson Girl, Kilgarten, Invader, Free Gun, Hildur, Miss Nip- ple.  
Manurere won by a length from Pet after a good race. Time, 1min 19 2-5sec.

**STEWARDS' HANDICAP** of 45sovs. Six furlongs.

Marangai, 7.3 (Batkin) ..... 1  
Peggy Pryde, 7.5 (Curran) ..... 2  
Impulsive, 7.7 (Brown) ..... 3  
Also started: Lady Cuirassier.  
Marangai won by a head after a grand race up the straight. Time, 1min 18sec.

**HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 90 sovs. About two miles and three-quarters.

Hautere, 9.10 (Pinker) ..... 1  
Webfoot, 10.12 (Deerey) ..... 3  
Rebel, 9.10 (Chadwick) ..... 3  
Also started: Taiaha, Kapakapa, Creusot, Commander, Dhudeen, and Duchess.  
Hautere won by two lengths. Time, 5min 10sec.

**MIDSUMMER HANDICAP** of 40sovs. Seven furlongs.

Blue Mount, 7.8 (Curran) ..... 1  
Waiotahi, 7.9 ..... 2  
Pip, 7.0 ..... 3  
Also started: Caruso and Luperin.  
Blue Mount won by two lengths after a good race. Time, 1min 32 1-5sec.

**SECOND DAY.**

**ARISTOCRAT WINS THAMES STAKES.**

The second day's racing of the Thames Jockey Club's summer meet- ing took place on Wednesday, the weather being again favourable and the attendance good. The amount in- vested on the totalisator was £6119 10s on the first day and £6880 10s on the second, making a total for the two days of £13,000, which is a re- cord for the club. The meeting was a successful one in every respect. The following are the results of the various events:—

**MAIDEN RACE** of 40sovs. Six furlongs.

Pet, 7.9 (Gray) ..... 1  
Manurere, 8.12 (Curran) ..... 2  
Invader, 7.9 (Conquest) ..... 3  
Scratched: Master Dix, Whakara- hia, Old Maid.  
Pet and Invader came up with a great rush in the straight, the former succeeding in passing the judge's box a short head in front of Manurere, with Invader a close third. Time, 1 min 18 1-5sec.

**PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP** of 40sovs. Four furlongs.

Marangai, 7.10 (Whittaker) ..... 1  
Hikuai, 8.0 (Gray) ..... 2  
Haku, 7.3 (Conquest) ..... 3  
Scratched: Hyperion and Manurere.  
Marangai won by two lengths. Time, 50 3-5sec.

**THAMES HURDLE RACE** of 65sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

The Chef, 9.2 (Hurle) ..... 1  
Matarere, 10.2 (McFlynn) ..... 2  
Arty, 9.13 (Cox) ..... 3  
Scratched: Taiaha.  
The Chef won easily by several lengths. Time, 3min 31 1-5sec.

**THAMES STAKES** of 100sovs. One mile and 30 yards.

Aristocrat, 7.10 (Brown) ..... 1  
St. Amans, 9.5 (Gray) ..... 2  
Fuss, 9.3 (Curran) ..... 3  
Also started: Scotch, Blue Mount, Waiotahi.

This was a splendid race, Aristoc- rat getting away with a slight lead from a good start. Aristocrat kept the lead throughout, and won by a head, with Fuss a length behind, third. Time, 1min 46sec.

**HACK RACE** of 40sovs. Five furlongs.

Whakarahaia, 7.7 (Whittaker) ..... 1  
Faida, 8.0 (Sceates) ..... 2  
Tahora, 7.0 (Brown) ..... 3  
Scratched: Manurere and Hesper- ian.  
Whakarahaia won by a head after a good race. Time, 1min 3 4-5sec.

**COUNTY HANDICAP** of 45sovs. Six furlongs.

Blue Mount, 7.6 (Pell) ..... 1  
Hyperion, 7.6 (Gray) ..... 2  
Haku, 7.2 (Conquest) ..... 3  
Also started: Marangai, Echo, Para- wai, Manurere, Impulsive.  
Blue Mount won by half a length. Time, 1min 18sec.

**THAMES STEEPLECHASE** of 90sovs. About three miles.

Webfoot, 11.2 (Deerey) ..... 1  
Commander, 9.9 (Cox) ..... 2  
Golden Glow, 9.10 (Ellerton) ..... 3  
Also started: Red McGregor, Hau- tere, Rebel, Dhudeen.  
Dhudeen took the lead for the first round, but ran off at the fourth jump and fell at the post and rails near the river. Rebel fell at the back of the course. Webfoot won by three lengths, four lengths separating the second and third horses. Time, 5min 35sec.

**WELTER HANDICAP** of 40sovs. One mile and 30 yards.

Scotch, 9.6 (Whittaker) ..... 1  
Aristocrat, 9.6 (Brown) ..... 2  
Waiotahi, 8.10 (Gray) ..... 3  
Also started: Fuss, Pip, and St. Wood.  
Scotch won by a length. Time, 1 min 47sec.

**AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.**

**ACCEPTANCES FOR THE SECOND DAY.**

**SUMMER CUP.**

	st. lb.		st. lb.
M. Mischief	8 6	Sea Elf	7 2
Goldtinder	8 2	St. Peters-	
Electrakoff	8 1	burg	6 12
Formby	7 12	Wee Olga	6 11
M. Wairiki	7 9	Bellah	6 10
Byron	7 7	Fst. Wairiki	6 7
Midnt. Sun	7 6	Taketuma	6 7
Coromandel	7 4		

**ISLINGTON PLATE** of 500sovs, one mile.—Bobrikoff 8.13, Los Ange- los 8.13, Nyland 8.13, Equitas 8.11, Antoinette 8.9, General Latour 8.2, Masterpiece 8.2.

**SALISBURY WELTER** of 200sovs, one mile.—Electrakoff 10.0, Sand- stream 9.7, St. Felix 9.5, Cheddar 9.4, Sir Artergal 9.3, Captain Soult 9.0, Maxwell 8.11, Dawn 8.8, Flying Soult 8.6, Sphinx 8.4, Zinnia 8.3, Master Jack 8.0, Admiral Soult 8.0.

**PONSONBY HURDLES** of 200sovs, one mile and three-quarters.—Continu- ance 12.10, Delegate 12.4, Don Quex 11.9, Prophet 11.7, Reumac 11.3, Mont- tigo 10.9, Hawick 10.9, Black North- ern 10.2, Sol 10.2, Presently 9.12, Hunakaha 9.2, Captain Paul 9.0, Mas- ter William 9.0.

**BOWEN HANDICAP** of 125sovs, six furlongs.—Royal Arms 8.2, Bogey 8.1, Outward 8.0, Poitiers 8.0, Mus- kewai 7.8, Tipperary 7.8, Harenora 7.3, Watch Chain 7.1, Condamine 7.1, Caedmon 6.10, Cordite, Tangewai 6.10, Maria Regina 6.10, Lady Thorn 6.10, Vittoria 6.10.

**WAITEMATA HANDICAP** of 125 sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Gloy 9.0, Lloyds 8.5, Jolie fille 8.3, Ja Reina 8.0, Maunina 7.11, Sea Pink 7.11, Miss Ada 7.8, Worcester 7.6, Caruso 7.3, Duma 7.0, Ruatangata 7.0, Pyralis 6.13, Blue Thread 6.10, St. Lewis 6.10.

**VISITORS' HANDICAP** of 200sovs, five furlongs.—Ermengarde 9.1, Prince 'Sout 8.8, Canute 8.8, Has- kayne 8.3, Monorail 8.3, Dido 8.2, Tact 8.0, Prince Merriwee 7.6, Scottish Star 7.1, Devastation 7.0, Iridescence 6.13, Centenary 6.12, Lannacost 6.10, Bleriot 6.7, Kaleato 6.7.

**CRITERION HANDICAP** of 250 sovs, six furlongs.—Ermengarde 9.1, Prince 'Sout 8.8, Canute 8.8, Has- kayne 8.3, Monorail 8.3, Dido 8.2, Tact 8.0, Prince Merriwee 7.6, Scottish Star 7.1, Devastation 7.0, Iridescence 6.13, Centenary 6.12, Lannacost 6.10, Bleriot 6.7, Kaleato 6.7.

**GREENROOM GOSSIP.**

(From our Sydney and Melbourne Correspondents.)

**A Big Jump.**

The large number of people who leave Western Australia for the Eastern States during the month of December, can be gauged when it is known that although the J. C. Williamson Ltd. management applied for berths for Mr. H. B. Irving and his company eight weeks ahead, there wasn't a single available cabin left on either the usual coastal steamer or the mail boat. With their usual enterprise the Williamson firm immediately entered into successful negotiations with the shipping companies to charter a boat to take the company from Fremantle to Adelaide to connect with the express for Melbourne and by the time the organisation reaches Auckland they will have completed the biggest "jump" between playing towns yet experienced by a theatrical company in Australasia.

**The Mysterious Hotel.**

"The Mysterious Hotel" is the title of a remarkable illusion-sketch feature by the Sledes in the J. C. Williamson pantomime of "Sinbad the Sailor." There is a continuous series of mysteries. Tables, chairs, a bed, and scores of other things appear and disappear in magical fashion. A wine bottle, after careering about in mid-air as do other articles, becomes a fountain, and as the Sledes touch it their fingers, noses, and heads also become fountains. There is no end to the novelties and surprises.

**The Way of the World.**

One of the big scenes in "A Girl's Temptation" is a sweating den. This is said to be realistic in every way, and an exact replica of one of the numerous places existing in London at the present time of this kind. The methods of the sweating Jew, and the conditions under which the work-girl has to work are realistically shown. In striking contrast to this is the final act where the interior of an old English mansion is shown. This scenery is said to be modelled from one of the most ancient houses in Britain. A striking line in the dialogue of this play is "What is Folly in a Man is Sin in a Woman."

**Play up!**

Mr. Henry Vibart, a prominent member of the H. B. Irving Company, hails from Edinburgh. To the boys of his old school, Lord Roseberry, a little time back, addressing himself, advised them all to "Play up." "Strange isn't it," said Mr. Vibart, "that that should have been my watchword ever since I have been on the stage!" For ten years he was in the provinces—"Rob Roy to Touchstone, Joseph Surface to Napoleon," he explains, "about 150 parts in all"—before he made any bow to a London audience with Irene Vanbrugh. Then he went to America as leading man to Mansfield. He also has supported such New York stars as John Drew, E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe. He was the original Alex. Wylie in "What Every Woman Knows."

**"Sinbad the Sailor."**

The big J. C. Williamson pantomime of "Sinbad the Sailor" opened at Melbourne in Her Majesty's on Saturday. The cast includes the following:—Florence Imeson as Sinbad (principal boy), Nell Finnis, Ruby (principal girl); Frank Lincoln, Sinbad; Pip Powell, Mrs. Sinbad; Fred. Winn, the Emperor of Sahara; O. E. Lennon, the Old Man of the Sea; William Walker and Thomas Trotter (sailors); Drew and Alders; the Fairy Spirit of Adventure; Miss Nellie Nicholson; Dirk, the Dog Detective, William Hassan; Princess Fatima, Celia Ghiloni; Abdul, Kate Veezey. Mr. Albert Vernon is musical director, and the producer is Mr. E. T. Steyne, who was specially brought out from London for this production. Mr. Andrew MacCunn has composed the music.

**A Sensational Ballet.**

In a pantomime full of good things, one of the most novel attractions of "Sinbad the Sailor," at Melbourne, Her Majesty's, is a thrilling, flying ballet, in which the girls fly right out over the audience from the stage, and back. A good deal of intricate

mechanism is brought into operation to attain the desired effect, which is quaint and charming in every way. Mr. Kirkby has been brought out from London to control this feature of the pantomime. He holds the patent rights, and has worked the big flying ballets at the Alhambra and other music halls in London, and at Drury Lane Theatre.

**"A Girl's Temptation."**

"A Girl's Temptation," one of the Marlow dramas, will possibly be in New Zealand early in the new year. "A Girl's Temptation" is by Mrs. Norton Powell, and it will be the first time this authoress's work will have been seen in New Zealand. "A Girl's Temptation" has been described as a drama with a purpose. Its object is to vividly show the temptations which beset every young girl who endeavours to earn an honest living, particularly in the larger cities. In every capital of the Commonwealth, "A Girl's Temptation" has played to capacity business, in many respects even rivalling the business done by the "Bad Girl of the Family" in Australia.

**Brennan's Amphitheatres.**

The company from Brennan's Amphitheatres, Limited, which is making a hurried tour of New Zealand, beginning at Invercargill on December 26, and at Dunedin on December 28, includes the following expensive array of English, Continental and American artists, all of whom were directly engaged for Australia by the Brennan firm:—Prince Charles and suite; Jordan and Harvey, Hebrew Comedians; Eva Mudge, lightning-change artist, and popularly known as "The American Girl who captivated London;" Johnson and Wells, a pair of "swell" American singers and dancers; Les Petits Totos, French Comedy Acrobats; Archie Glen, in his song and patter turn, "You can't do Father"; and Nellie Kelle, balladist. Prince Charles was secured by Mr James Brennan in Chaleroy, Belgium. It was intended that he should make his first Australasian appearance on the occasion of the opening of the new Brennan house in Melbourne. Through an unexpected delay occurring in the completion of this building, New Zealanders are being afforded the opportunity of seeing this great act before it is seen in Australia.

**The Rickards Theatres.**

Mr. Marcus, managing the Harry Rickards Company, states that the theatres left by the late Mr Rickards are still the property of the family. Two years or so ago Harry refused £200,000 from a syndicate for his interests in his Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Perth theatres. These now go to the two daughters, Mrs. Edward Maas and Mrs. Frank Harwood.

**A Record for Drama.**

It was originally intended by the J. C. Williamson, Ltd. management to stage "Hamlet" in Sydney for only two weeks, but so effective was Mr. H. B. Irving's interpretation of the character of the melancholy Prince of Denmark that Shakespeare's famous tragedy was performed for an additional fortnight, and then the production was taken off while it was still drawing crowded houses, and the last night's receipts constituted a new record for drama in Australia.

**"The Sins of Society."**

"The Sins of Society" which was an enormous success at Drury Lane, London, some three or four years ago, has been purchased for Australia by George Marlow, Limited. This is a typical spectacular Drury Lane drama, and one special big scene is the race horse scene which stands out. There will be 200 people engaged in the production when it goes up probably next Easter in Australia. The entrance of the Marlow management into the competition for Drury Lane dramas marks a new and important step in the theatrical enterprise of this management, and several other London dramatic successes including the "Night Side of London" have been purchased by Mr. George Marlow.

Mr D. Neven, formerly of New Zealand, is now managing the Princess Theatre for George Marlow, Limited.

**Under the Portus Banner.**

Jansen, the famous American magician, with a complete company comprising twenty-two artists, is to commence a colonial tour in New Zealand in March next under the direction of George Portus and Frank Talbot. Several other important attractions under the Portus banner are to follow, including the Empire's most famous band "The Grenadier Guards."

In view of the production of "Sinbad the Sailor" by J. C. Williamson, Ltd., at Her Majesty's, Melbourne, it is interesting to recall that the same subject was taken for the Christmas annual in 1889, when the firm was then Williamson, Garner and Musgrove. An old book of clippings found at Her Majesty's last week contains the announcement of the cast, amongst which were the following well-remembered names: Edith Bland, E. W. Royce, Harry Leston, Marie Brooke, Herbert Royle, John Gourlay, Sophie Harris, Fred Dark, Cora Milne, Baby Nicholls, and Fanny Lilliard.

**SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES.**

**WELLINGTON.**

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, December 25.

J. C. Williamson's Dramatic Company was to have opened a Dominion tour at the Opera House on Wednesday evening last, but owing to unforeseen circumstances the slow old Warrimoo did not get in harbour until about seven o'clock after a very severe trip. Consequently the management wisely decided to postpone the opening until the following evening. Though losing one night I'm certain the box office receipts will not suffer. "The Speckled Band" is one of the very best, and is a sure money-winner.

There is a distinctiveness about the construction of "The Speckled Band" which makes it depart from the ways of the common run of plays. It is altogether different from any other Sherlock Holmes play that has yet been presented, and it is an honest and artistic effort to improve upon the ordinary design of piece to which it belongs. Those familiar with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's story will not need to be reminded that the title refers to a rare snake of the most venomous type by means of which a scientific scoundrel in the person of a Mr. Ryloft poisons one of his stepdaughters in order to obtain her money, and would make away with the other, but for the intervention of Sherlock Holmes. The sister of the murdered girl Enid Stonor, in whom Dr. Watson is much interested, appeals to the famous detective, who thereupon enters the victim's house as a butler and intervenes just in time to save the heroine from the same awful fate as her sister. The snake which fills the title role gave holds the audience breathless. The scene in which "the speckled band" makes its way through the ventilator towards the bed of its victim is very astutely managed, and hold the audience breathless. The performance has been watched each evening by packed and most enthusiastic audiences.

The cast of characters has been excellently allotted with the result that a really high-class interpretation of the play is given, in which case it seems invidious to mention any special performance, though exception must be taken in the case of Miss Dorothy Dix, Miss Susie Vaughan, Mr. Gaston Mervale, Mr. William Desmond, Mr. Charles Bryant, Mr. Cyril Mackay and that capable actor, James B. Atholwood.

The Empire City will be well catered for during the Christmas and New Year holiday season in the way of picture shows. There will be a dozen of them catering to the wants of the general public.

The Wellington season of "The Chocolate Soldier" will extend from January 3rd to the 16th.

H. B. Irving opens at the Opera House on January 26th. The season will extend until the 14th February.

Harry Rickards' vaudeville bunch returned to Sydney by the Ulmaroa last Friday.

Had a short letter from Mr Albert Clarke this week in which he states that he is now managing Spencer's picture show in Launceston.

The "Quaker Girl" is having a great run at Home. According to the London musical publishing firm which holds the Australia selling rights of the piece, it is one of the most popular operas they have ever published. The demure lady will appear in Sydney in the new year.

Lewis Waller has made an immense success in New York, where he is appearing in "The Garden of Allah." After the first performance, thousands of the people, principally women, waited in the street to see the famous romantic actor, and an indescribable scene of enthusiasm was witnessed. In London Mr. Waller's admirers formed themselves into the "K.O.W."—the Keen Order of Wallerites; and there is every probability, says a New York paper, that the "Order" will be extended across the Atlantic. Mr. Waller appears in Australia next year under the J. C. Williamson management. His leading lady will be Miss Madge Titheradge, daughter of the popular actor.

Something of a sensation was caused at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, one night last week, during the performance of "Dame Nature" by Miss Ethel Irving's Company. So carried away was a gentleman in the dress circle by the impassioned emotional acting of Miss Irving that, during her great scene with the Princess de Chabrand and Robert Bertram in the third act, he exclaimed: "Don't speak to them, Lolette. For God's sake, don't speak to them!" Needless to say, the outburst caused a great stir, but the gentleman responsible subsequently explained that it was quite involuntary on his part, his thoughts and emotions having been swept away by the power and depth of Miss Irving's acting.

Mr. H. B. Irving says he would like to see some of Shakespeare's plays cut down and abridged so that they could be acted by school-boys, who would take an interest in the work.

Mr. Alfred Moulton, of Melbourne, is the musical director of the New York production of "Every Woman."

**HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.**

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**CAST OF CHARACTERS:**

Claudius ..... Mr. Frank Tyars  
Hamlet ..... Mr. H. B. Irving  
Polonius ..... Mr. Arthur Whitby  
Laertes ..... Mr. Eric Maxon  
Horatio ..... Mr. Stanley Howlet  
Osric ..... Mr. W. Beaumont  
Rosencrantz .... Mr. Arthur Curtis  
Guildenstern .. Mr. C. Trevor Roper  
Marcellus ..... Mr. W. Henstock  
Bernardo ..... Mr. J. Cass  
Francisco ..... Mr. Walter Gibbs  
Reynaldo ..... Mr. W. H. Graham  
First player ... Mr. Roland Pertuis  
Second Player Mr. Claude Beerholm  
Priest ..... Mr. Ronald Byram  
First Gravedigger Mr. Tom Reynolds  
Second Gravedigger .. Mr. C. Arthur  
Ghost of Hamlet's Father  
..... Mr. Henry Vibart  
Gertrude ..... Miss Helen Rous  
Ophelia ..... Miss Dorothea Baird  
Prayer Queen ... Miss Irene Brown

PLAY PRODUCED BY MR. H. B. IRVING.

Stage Manager .. Mr. Tom Reynolds  
Assistant Stage Manager, Mr. Rae Cook  
Musical Director ... Herr Slapoffski  
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Touring Manager .. John Farrell.



LICENSING POLL, 1911.

DECLARATION OF LICENSING POLL.

LICENSING DISTRICT OF AUCKLAND.

In pursuance of the Licensing Act, 1908, I hereby give Public Notice that at the Licensing Poll taken under the provisions of the said Act the number of Votes recorded for each proposal submitted under Section 3 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, was as follows:—

For the Proposal that Licenses be granted in the district ... 11,409
For the Proposal that no Licenses be granted in the district ... 10,481

The total number of Votes recorded at the Poll was 21,890, and, as the number of Votes recorded in favour of the Proposal that no Licenses be granted in the district is less than three-fifths of the total number of Votes recorded, I hereby declare that Proposal to be not carried.

Dated at Auckland, this 21st day of December, 1911.

HENRY H. G. RALFE, Returning Officer.

DECLARATION OF LICENSING POLL FOR THE LICENSING DISTRICT OF GREY LYNN.

In pursuance of the Licensing Act, 1908, I hereby give public notice that at the Licensing Poll taken under the provisions of the said Act the number of votes recorded for each proposal submitted under Section 3 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, was as follows:—

For the proposal that Licenses be Restored in the district ... 2031
For the proposal that Licenses be Not Restored in the district ... 4768

The total number of votes recorded at the Poll was 6799, and, as the number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal that licenses be restored in the district is less than three-fifths of the total number of votes recorded, I hereby declare that proposal to be not carried.

Dated at Auckland, this 21st day of December.

W. R. HOLMES, Returning Officer.

LICENSING POLL 1911.

DECLARATION OF LICENSING POLL.

LICENSING DISTRICT OF PARNELL.

In pursuance of the Licensing Act, 1908, I hereby give public notice that at the Licensing Poll taken under the provisions of the said Act the number of votes recorded for each proposal submitted under Section 3 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, was as follows:—

For the proposal that Licenses be granted in the district ... 3961
For the proposal that no licenses be granted in the district ... 4037

The total number of votes recorded at the Poll was 7998, and, as the number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal that no Licenses be granted in the district is less than three-fifths of the total number of votes recorded, I hereby declare that proposal to be not carried.

Dated at Parnell, this 21st day of December.

HENRY BERNARD MASSEY, Returning Officer.

LICENSING POLL 1911.

DECLARATION OF LICENSING POLL.

LICENSING DISTRICT OF FRANKLIN.

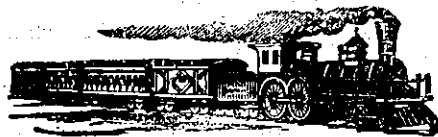
In pursuance of the Licensing Act, 1908, I hereby give public notice that at the Licensing Poll taken under the provisions of the said Act the number of votes recorded for each proposal submitted under Section 3 of the Licensing Amendment Act, 1910, was as follows:—

For the proposal that Licenses be granted in the district ... 2459
For the proposal that no licenses be granted in the district ... 3047

The total number of votes recorded at the Poll was 5506, and, as the number of votes recorded in favour of the proposal that no Licenses be granted in the district is less than three-fifths of the total number of votes recorded, I hereby declare that proposal to be not carried.

Dated at Pukekohe, this 20th day of December.

WILLIAM J. KING, Returning Officer.



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

SATURDAY, 30th DECEMBER, 1911.

The 4.42 p.m. Kaukapakapa train will leave Auckland at 6.30 p.m.

The usual 5.41 p.m. Mercer train will NOT leave Auckland till 6.5 p.m.

A train will leave Auckland for Wellington at 9.10 p.m.

A train will leave Auckland for Hamilton at 10 p.m.

MONDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1912.

The following trains will NOT run:—

10.50 a.m. Auckland-Wellsford.

9.25 a.m. Wellsford-Auckland.

11.50 a.m. Auckland-Mercer.

8.0 a.m. Mercer-Auckland.

4.45 p.m. Frankton-Mercer.

The usual 7.0 a.m. train Auckland to Helensville will run through to Te Hana.

Return train will leave Te Hana for Auckland at 2.0 p.m.

A train will leave Auckland for Helensville at 8.0 a.m.

Trains will leave Helensville for Auckland at 4.0, 5.0, and 6.30 p.m.

The usual 4.42 p.m. Kaipara train will leave Auckland at 7.30 p.m. and run through to Kaukapakapa.

The usual 4.15 p.m. Frankton train will NOT leave Auckland till 5.0 p.m. and will run through to Cambridge.

A train will leave Hamilton for Auckland at 7.0 a.m. Return train will leave Auckland for Hamilton at 7.0 p.m.

TUESDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1912.

A train will leave Auckland for Hamilton at 7.0 p.m.

BY ORDER.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF NEW ZEALAND, LIMITED.

Capital Subscribed ... £1,500,000
Capital Paid Up ... £500,000
Reserve Fund ... £480,000

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND for the half-year ended 30th September last, at the rate of Twelve (12) per cent. per annum, has been declared by the Directors, and will be paid to Shareholders on application at any of the Branches in the Dominion on and after the 3rd January, 1912.

JAMES COATES, General Manager.

Wellington, 20th December, 1911.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1911.

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SALE OF

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GLENORA PARK AND OTHER YEARLINGS.

PLEASE NOTE ALTERATION IN DATE OF SALE.

The Undersigned will hold the Annual Sale of

THOROUGHBRED YEARLINGS.

When the following will be submitted:

On account of H. R. Mackenzie, Ascot Stud:

Lot 1—COLT, by Gluten—Lady Lila.
Lot 2—COLT, by Sout—Lady Hester.
Lot 3—COLT, by Salvadan—Castor-ette.

Lot 4—COLT, by Pukaki—Chic.
Lot 5—MARE, C...

On account J. McNicol, Te Aroha:

Lot 6—COLT, by Sout—Monoquil.
Lot 7—COLT, by Sout—Miss Lottie.

On account W. Walters, Glenora Park:

Lot 8—COLT, by Sout—Romola, full sister to Master Theory (a winner).

Lot 9—COLT, by Sout—Lady Musket, full brother to Salute (winner of over £1100 as a three-year-old), also King Sout (winner of Avondale Guineas, Auckland Guineas, and A.R.C. Summer Cup, etc.).

Lot 10—FILLY, by Gluten—Lady Rose, full sister to wheat King (a winner in Adelaide).

Lot 11—COLT, by Sout—Momi.

Lot 12—COLT, by Sout—Hotcherina, brother to Grenadier, Marshal Sout, General Sout, Aimee Sout, Aerina, etc. (all winners).

Lot 13—COLT, by Field Battery—Sout Girl, half-sister to Multiple (a winner) and full sister to Glusue (winner in Melbourne).

On account W. Dunn, Rosedale Park, Pukekohe:

Lot 14—COLT, by Gluten—Alicia.
Lot 15—COLT, by Musketry—Missie Hippo.

On account W. Paterson, Motiti Stud:

Lot 16—COLT, by Motiti—Serita.

Lot 18—COLT, by Motiti—Postcore.

Lot 19—COLT, by Motiti—Postcore.

Lot 20—FILLY, by Motiti—Pararaki.

Lot 21—FILLY, by Motiti—Miss O'Connor.

On account Mr. J. Kemp, Awhitu:

Lot 22—COLT, by Powerful—Electra.

Lot 23—COLT, by Powerful—Quiltina.

On account Mr. McCardle.

Lot 24—FILLY, by Sout—Elf.

Lot 25—COLT, by Gluten—Princess Alice.

Lot 26—BAY MARE, ELF, by Dreadnought—Elflock, served by Gluten.

Lot 27—CHESTNUT MARE, by Gluten—Lady Rose, served by Marble Arch.

Special train will leave Auckland Station 9.30 day of sale, landing passengers at Glenora Park, returning immediately after sale.

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TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING, JANUARY 29 AND 31, 1912.

PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1912.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 50sovs at time of starting. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile.

ZEALANDIA HANDICAP of 100sovs; sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Four furlongs.

HAURAKI HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.

TAKAPUNA CUP HANDICAP of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 3lb; of 100sovs, 5lb; exceeding 100sovs, 7lb. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. One mile three furlongs and a-half.

FERRY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

CAI LOPE HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For Two-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

OREWA HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Hauraki Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lb extra. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and three-quarters.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Zealandia Handicap to carry a penalty of 5lb. of the Takapuna Cup 7lb. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1912.

NA HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.

TAKAPUNA HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.

SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For Two-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Four furlongs.

RANGITOTO HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 100sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of entry. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

WAIWERA HANDICAP HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Takapuna Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lb extra. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and three-quarters.

ANNIVERSARY WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Lowest weight 77. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS. FRIDAY, January 5, 9 p.m.—All Races, both days.

WEIGHTS. January 12, 4 p.m.—First Day's Racing.

January 30—Second Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES. FRIDAY, January 19, by 9 p.m.—First Day's Racing.

TUESDAY, 30th, by 12 noon.—Second Day's Racing.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING,

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

FEBRUARY 1st AND 2nd, 1912.

FIRST DAY.

1. FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 20s. One mile and a-half; over six flights of hurdles.

2. MAIDEN SCURRY of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For horses that have never won a race of any description. Weight, 8.0. Nomination 15s, acceptance 10s. Four furlongs.

3. FLYING HAN of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 30s. Six furlongs.

4. TE HAPARA HACK HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination 15s, acceptance 10s. Seven furlongs.

5. GISBORNE RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs

- out of the stake. Winner of any flat race of 60sovs or upwards in value after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Nomination 20s, acceptance 40s. One mile and a-quarter.
- FIRST WELTER HANDICAP** of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 15s, acceptance 10s. One mile.
  - RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP** of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race of 60sovs or upwards in value after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination 15s, acceptance 10s. Five furlongs.
  - PARK STAKES HANDICAP** of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race of 60sovs or upwards in value after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination 20s, acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

- SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES** of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 20s. One mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles.
- MAIDEN SCURRY HANDICAP** of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For horses that have never won a race, except the winner of the Maiden Scurry first day, which shall be eligible. Nomination 15s, acceptance 10s. Five furlongs.
- TARUHERU HACK HANDICAP** of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination 15s, acceptance 10s. One mile.
- SECOND WELTER HANDICAP** of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 15s, acceptance 10s. Seven furlongs.
- HARDING MEMORIAL HANDICAP** of 130sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 40s. One mile and a distance.
- ELECTRIC HANDICAP** of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 20s. Five furlongs.
- AWAPUNI HACK HANDICAP** of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination 15s, acceptance 10s. Six furlongs.
- FINAL HANDICAP** of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race of 60sovs or upwards in value after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination 20s, acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.

NOMINATIONS for all Events close Wednesday, January 10, 1912, at 9 p.m.  
H. E. DODD,  
Secretary.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

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PROGRAMME:

SUMMER MEETING.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1912.

- FERGUSON HANDICAP** of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of nomination. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.
- NEW YEAR'S HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP)** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.
- 38th GREAT NORTHERN DERBY** of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200 sovs, and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. Colts 8.10, geldings 8.7, fillies 8.7. By subscription of 12sovs each, unless forfeit of 1sov is declared and paid by 9 p.m. on General Entry Day, Summer Meeting, 1911-12 (Friday, December 1st). All horses remaining in after that date must pay the subscription of 12sovs on Friday, December 15th, by 9 p.m. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. One mile and a-half.
- COUNTY HANDICAP** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. Six furlongs.
- AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP** of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs, and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 9sovs each. One mile and a-half.
- MIDSUMMER HANDICAP** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. Five furlongs.

- MAIDEN HANDICAP** of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of nomination. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.
- GLASGOW HANDICAP** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Seven furlongs.

FOURTH DAY.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1912.

- GOODWOOD HANDICAP** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.
- SYLVIA HANDICAP** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. Six furlongs.
- GRANDSTAND HANDICAP** of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 6sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.
- SEVENTEENTH ROYAL STAKES** of 750sovs; the owner of the second horse to receive 125sovs, and the owner of the third horse 75sovs out of the stake. For two, three and four-year-olds. Weight-for-age. Two-year-olds, 6.12; three-year-olds 8.6; four-year-olds, 9.0. Winners after August 1st, 1911, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250sovs, 3lb; of 500sovs, 5lb; of 750sovs, 7lb; of 1000sovs, 10lb extra. Maiden four-year-olds at time of starting allowed 14lb; three-year-olds, 10lb; two-year-olds, 7lb. By subscription of 8sovs each, unless forfeit of 1sov is declared and paid by 9 p.m. on General Entry Day, Summer Meeting, 1911-12 (Friday, December 1st). All horses remaining in after that date must pay their total subscription of 8sovs on Friday, December 15th, by 9 p.m. Should there be any surplus arising from the subscriptions it will be given to the race. Six furlongs.

- AUCKLAND HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP)** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.
- NEWMARKET HANDICAP** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 4sovs each. Six furlongs.
- AUCKLAND PLATE** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Weight-for-age. Entrance 1sov, and final payment of 4sovs each on January 1st, by 9 p.m. One mile and a-half.
- GREY HANDICAP** of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of nomination. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30th, by 12 noon.

ACCEPTANCES.—Ferguson Handicap 1sov, New Year's Handicap Hurdles 1sov, County Handicap 2sovs, Auckland Racing Club Handicap 9sovs, Midsummer Handicap 2sovs, Maiden Handicap 1sov, Glasgow Handicap 1sov.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Goodwood Handicap 1sov, Sylvia Handicap 2sovs, Grandstand Handicap 6sovs, Auckland Hurdle Race 1sov, Newmarket Handicap 4sovs, Grey Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Auckland Plate 4sovs.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30th (in morning paper).

Ferguson Handicap, New Year Handicap Hurdles, County Handicap, Racing Club Handicap, Midsummer Handicap, Maiden Handicap, Glasgow Handicap.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st, by 8 p.m.

Goodwood Handicap, Sylvia Handicap, Grandstand Handicap, Auckland Hurdle Race, Newmarket Handicap, Grey Handicap

J. F. HARTLAND, Secretary.

WHANGAREI RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

KENSINGTON RACECOURSE. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th AND 13th, 1912.

Officers:

Patron: F. Mander, Esq. President: F. Foote, Esq. Vice-presidents: Dr. Good, Dr. Baxter, J. T. Stone, Esq. Judge: Mr. J. T. Stone. Clerk of Scales: Mr. C. Chapman. Clerk of Course: Mr. W. Clapworthy. Timekeepers: Mr. M. J. Goodson, Mr. J. McCarroll. Handicapper: Mr. J.

Chadwick. Starter: — Secretary: Mr. R. J. Dent. Auditor: Mr. W. A. M. Bain. Treasurer: Mr. A. R. Crane. Committee: Messrs. A. R. Crane, J. S. Dent, A. G. McKenzie (chairman), J. R. McInnes, H. Weaver, L. W. Nelson, A. J. McKay, J. T. Stone, J. J. Fraser, C. Chapman, T. C. Cox, J. McCarroll, and H. Hutchinson.

PROGRAMME:

(Approved by Auckland Racing Club and New Zealand Trotting Association.)

FIRST DAY.

12.30 p.m.

- SETTLERS' HANDICAP** of 23sovs; second horse to receive 3sovs from the stake. For horses that have been owned and trained continuously in any County north of the Waitemata County three months prior to date of entry. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Six furlongs.

1.15 p.m.

- KENSINGTON STAKES HANDICAP** of 30sovs (open); second horse to receive 5sovs from stakes. Nomination 10s, acceptance 15s. Four furlongs.

2 p.m.

- FIRST HURDLE HANDICAP (open)** of 40sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stakes. Nomination 15s, acceptance 20s. One mile and a-half. Over six flights of hurdles, about 3ft 6in in height.

2.45 p.m.

- FIRST TROT HANDICAP (saddle)** of 18sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from the stakes. Nomination 10s, acceptance 5s. Two miles. Conditions same as Settlers' Handicap. See rule trotting races.

3.30 p.m.

- WHANGAREI CUP HANDICAP (open)** of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 30s. One mile and a-quarter

4.15 p.m.

- RAILWAY HANDICAP** of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from stake. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Six furlongs.

5 p.m.

- PUBLICANS' PURSE HANDICAP** of 30sovs (open); second horse to receive 5sovs from stake. Nomination 10s, acceptance 15s. Seven furlongs.

5.30 p.m.

- FLYING HANDICAP (open)** of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from stakes. Nomination 10s, acceptance 15s. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

12.30 p.m.

- MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP** of 23 sovs; second horse to receive 3sovs from stake. Open to horses that have never won a flat race exceeding £10 at time of starting. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Seven furlongs.

1.15 p.m.

- BUSHMAN'S PURSE (open)** of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from stake. Nomination 10s, acceptance 15s. Five furlongs.

2 p.m.

- SECOND HURDLE HANDICAP (open)** of 40sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Nomination 15s, acceptance 20s. One mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles, about 3ft 6in in height.

2.45 p.m.

- SECOND TROT HANDICAP (Saddle)** of 17sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from stake. Nomination 10s, acceptance 5s. One mile and a-half. Conditions same as Settlers' Handicap. See rule Trotting races.

3.30 p.m.

- PARK HANDICAP (open)** of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 20s. One mile.

4.15 p.m.

- MARSDEN STAKES (open)** of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Five furlongs.

5 p.m.

- HACK HANDICAP** of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won a stake at time of start. Other conditions same as Settlers' Handicap. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Seven furlongs.

5.30 p.m.

- FAREWELL HANDICAP (open)** of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Nomination 10s, acceptance 15s. Four furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all races close on Friday, 29th December, 1911, at the Secretary's office, Whangarei, and with H. H. Hayr, High Street, Auckland, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the First Day will be declared on or about Thursday, 4th January, 1912.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day will close at the Secretary's office, Whangarei, and at H. H. Hayr's office, Auckland, on TUESDAY, January 9th, at 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the Second Day will be declared on Friday, January 12th, at the Secretary's office, Whangarei, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the Second Day will close at 10 p.m. on Friday, January 12th, 1912, at the Secretary's office, Whangarei.

Penalties.—Flat Races.—The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb, and every additional race a further penalty of 6lb. Horses handicapped at 8.10 or over, to carry only half of the above penalty. (Applies to the Whangarei meeting only.) The winner of any race of £40 or upward after declaration of weights may be re-handicapped.

NOTE.—Races First Day, Nos. 1, 4, 6, and Second Day, Nos. 1, 4, 7 are open only to horses that have been owned and trained continuously in any County north of the Waitemata County three months prior to date of entry. Nos. 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, First Day, and Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 Second Day are open races.

R. J. DENT, Secretary W.R.C.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

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SUMMER MEETING.

THIRD DAY.

DECEMBER 30th, 1911.

**TRIAL HANDICAP (HARNESS)** of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 20sovs in value at time of entry. Limit, 2.45 to the mile. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.

**ASSOCIATION TROT HANDICAP (OPTIONAL)** of 115sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Limit, 2min 37sec to the mile. Nomination, 1½sovs; acceptance 2sovs. Distance, three miles.

**PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (HARNESS)** of 115sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. Limit, 5.0. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, two miles.

**PARK HANDICAP (HARNESS)** of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race at better than 2min 37sec to the mile at time of entry. Limit, 4min. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

**NEW YEAR HANDICAP (SADDLE)** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. Limit 5min. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, two miles.

**WARD HANDICAP (HARNESS)** of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 3min 57sec. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one and a-half miles.

**ONSLOW HANDICAP (HARNESS)** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. Limit, 2min 27sec. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

**TELEGRAPH HANDICAP (SADDLE)** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. Limit, 2min 35sec. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

PURSES FOR RECORDS.

250sovs. .... Two miles.  
250sovs. .... One mile.

A PURSE OF 100SOVS will be given to any stallion or mare breaking the New Zealand two mile record in harness. An additional 150sovs will be given if the record is lowered by six seconds.

A PURSE OF 100SOVS will be given to any stallion or mare breaking the New Zealand mile record in harness. An additional 150sovs will be given if the record is lowered by two seconds.

In the event of more than one horse competing for the above records the horse establishing the best time under that stipulated to receive the purse. Flying start. Pacemaker allowed.

Entries must be made on the night of acceptance for the First Day's Races. The Stewards to allot the time and day for each or any individual effort. A deposit of 5sovs must be made with the entry, such deposit to be forfeited if the competitor fails to trot within five seconds to the mile of the record attempted, unless the stewards see good cause or reason otherwise.

HANDICAPS.

Handicaps for the Third Day to appear on the 29th December, 1911.

ACCEPTANCES.

Acceptances for the Third Day Close on December 29th, 1911, at 9 p.m. Any Horse after Winning may be Re-handicapped.

No horse will be allowed to start unless all fees are paid.

Before any horse can start the Provident Fund fee of 5s must be paid under a penalty of disqualification.

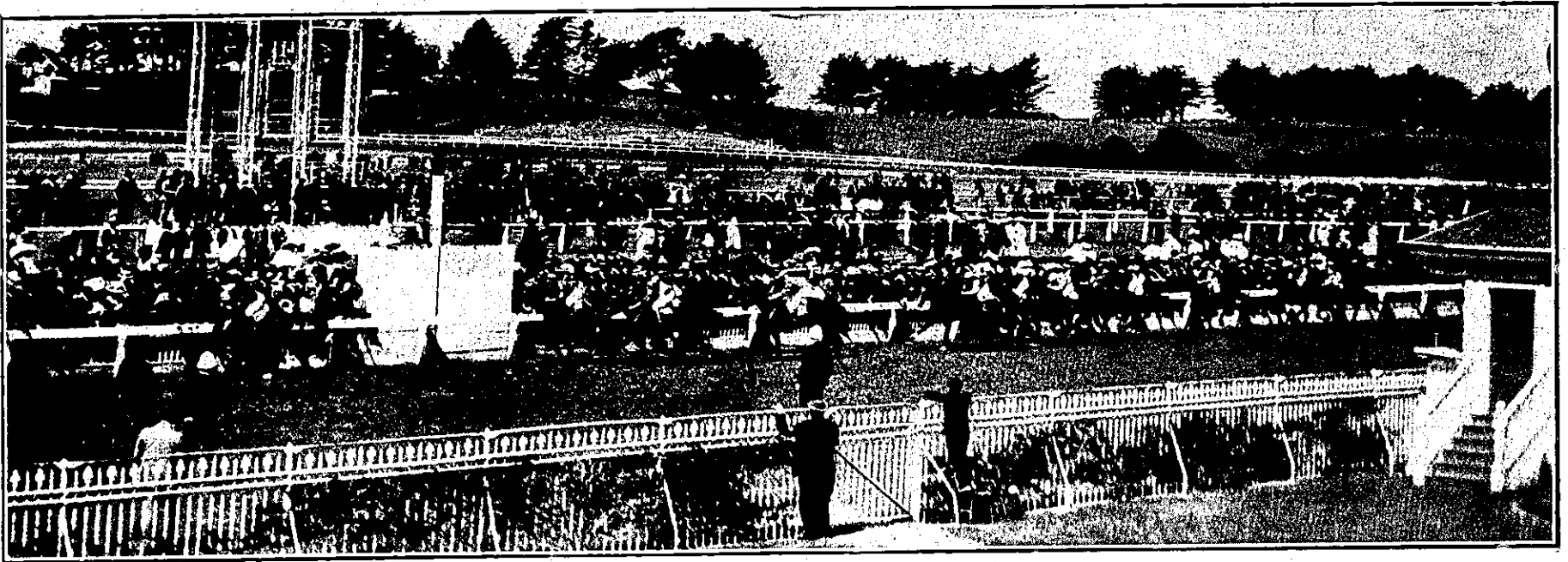
Order of Running subject to alteration. No horse will be allowed to compete in nopples in races for trotters only.

By the entry of or endeavouring to enter a horse, every person having, or subsequently acquiring any interest in such horse, shall be deemed to accept all the conditions and restrictions imposed or implied by these Rules, and to be barred from questioning the action of the Club or other body holding a sports meeting or any official of the Club or such other body in respect of such horses, or of any person connected therewith otherwise than as provided for in Part XXX. of the Rules.

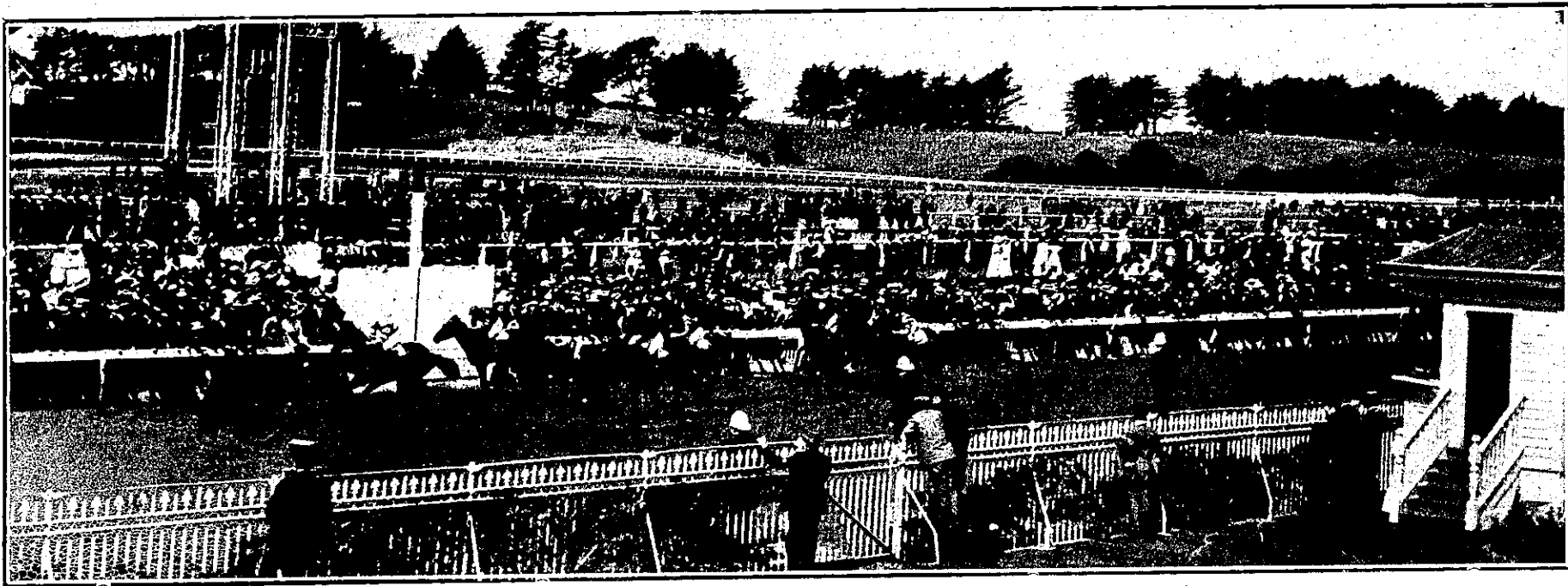
Placed horses on the first or second day may be entered for shorter limit races on any succeeding day, such entry or entries must be made on or before the night previous to the handicap being declared for the second day, and before 7 p.m. on the night the handicap is declared for the third day.

C. F. MARK, Secretary.

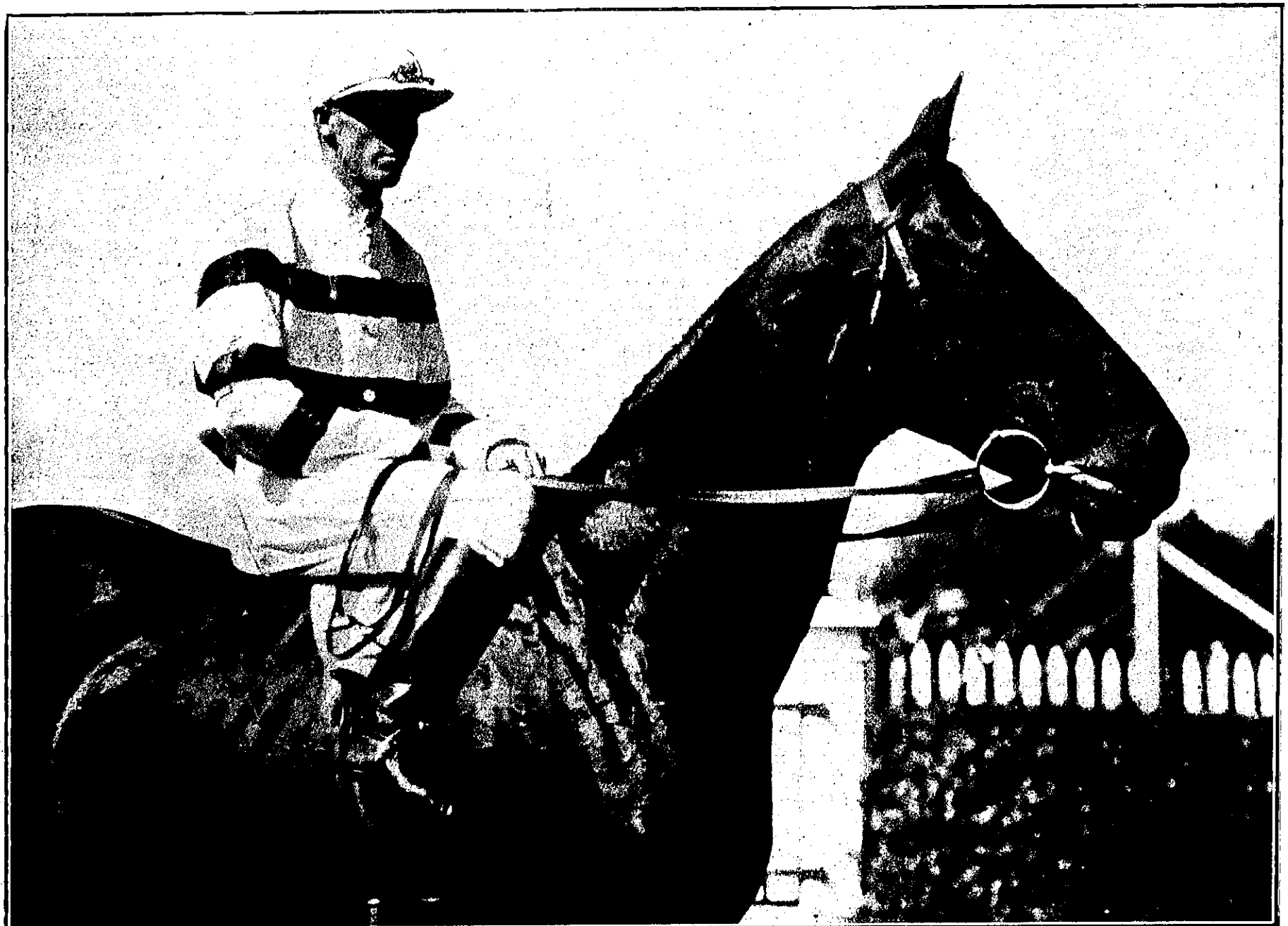
# THE AUCKLAND RACING



THE FIRST TIME PAST THE POST IN THE AUCKLAND CUP.—Goldfinder (J. Buchanan) in the lead, with COUNTERFEIT (F. E. Jones), DOMINO (A. Whittaker), BELLAH (Tricklebank), and WAIMANGU (J. Conquest) following in that order. SANTA ROSA, the winner, is depicted in ninth position.



THE FINISH OF THE AUCKLAND CUP.—SANTA ROSA defeats DOMINO by two lengths, with SOULTORIA third, and the favourite COUNTERFEIT fourth.



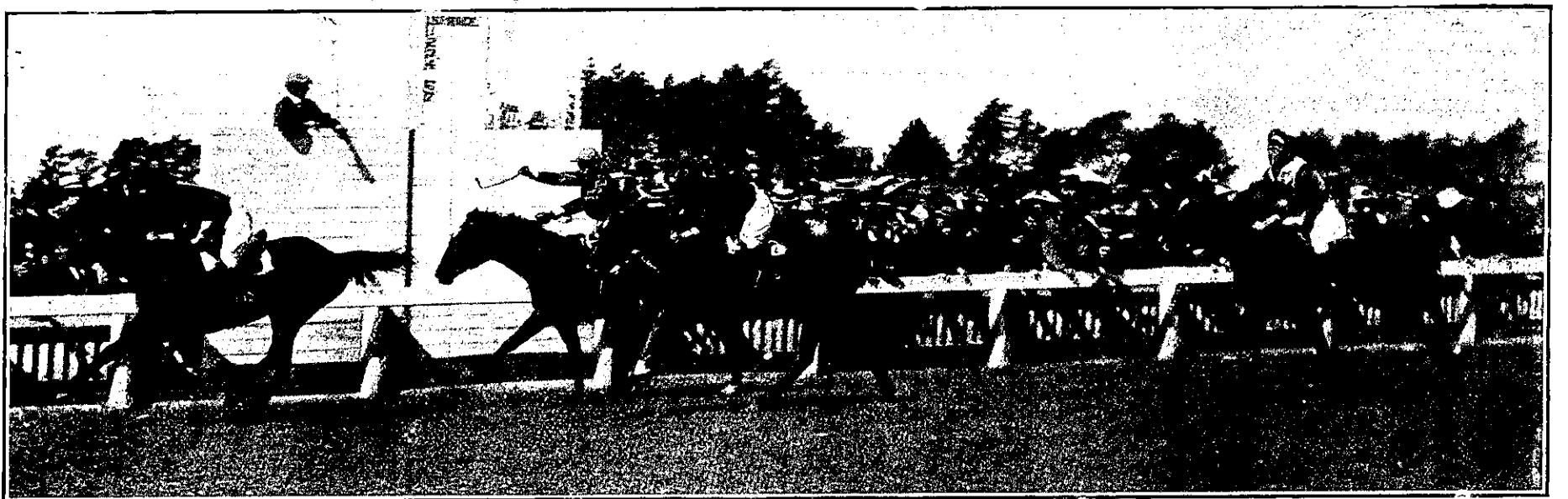
THE 1911 AUCKLAND CUP WINNER—Mr. G. Robinson's blk h SAN TA ROSA after his brilliant victory. Claude Brown in saddle.



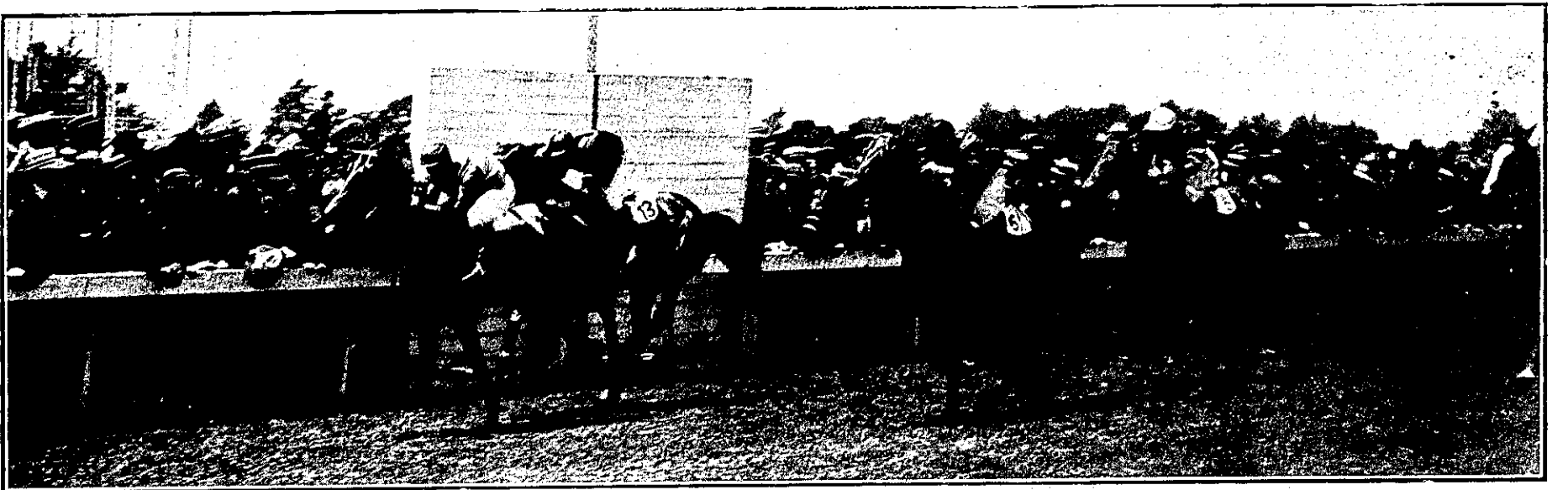
# CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.



GIPSY BELLE (F. E. Jones) winning the Railway Handicap of six furlongs from ANTOINETTE (C. Brown), and CULPRIT (Conquest) third.



The finish of the Grafton Hurdles of two miles, DELEGATE (Julian) first, DON QUEx (McFlynn) second, with MONTIGO (Thompson) third.



GOLDSIZE (Buchanan) defeating CROWN PEARL (Emmerson); CAPTAIN SOULT (O'Shea) third, in the Trial Handicap, seven furlongs.



MAUI NINA (O'Shea) winning the Robinson Handicap, seven furlongs, from ROYAL ARMS (Emmerson) second, WATCHCHAIN (Morris), third.

## BOXING.

## EXIT JACK JOHNSON.

McVEA NOW CHAMPION.

LANGFORD OUTPOINTED.

The refusal of Jack Johnson to meet Sam Langford in a battle for the world's championship was regarded in boxing quarters as a clear confession that the former coloured pugilist had ended his brilliant boxing career, and intended to sit back and enjoy the luxuries of life which his lucrative calling has enabled him to afford. In order to escape the attentions of boxing promoters, Johnson was finally compelled to make a definite announcement to the effect that he had decided to quit the fighting arena, and following upon this, no time was lost by Mr Hugh McIntosh in matching the other two best heavyweight pugilists in sight, Sam McVea and Sam Langford, in a contest justly claimed to be for the world's championship. Johnson's retirement being generally accepted in boxing circles, interest immediately became centred in the meeting of the two Sams, and the battle duly eventuated in Sydney on Boxing Day, the result being that Sam McVea is now recognised champion of the world.

As anticipated, the contest between McVea and Langford was a fierce one, while neither man was able to knock the other out, the battle going the full twenty rounds. Excitement among the ringsiders was at fever heat during the fighting, and McVea was declared the winner on points. Though Langford was regarded as the greater fighter, the result does not come as a surprise, for McVea's consistent form and undoubted cleverness during the brief period he has been in Australia gained for him quite a large army of supporters. With the McVea-Langford battle over, Champion Jack Johnson takes a seat in the background, as it is unlikely that he will take any further part in big matches, especially as the championship title still remains in the possession of a coloured boxer. Johnson's rise to fame has been one of the greatest achievements ever recorded in the history of the ring, and now that his brilliant career is at an end, it is interesting to review some of the incidents during the famous pugilist's lengthy connection with the boxing arena. Undoubtedly the first coloured man to win the heavyweight championship of the world will ever be the highest compliment that can be paid Jack Johnson.

## NEGRO BOXERS OF MERIT.

There have been many negro boxers of merit, and you will be told that some of them were greater than Johnson, but none ever achieved the success that he has, neither did they reach half the fame that has come to this giant coloured man, who is generally good-humoured and smiling, whether in the ring or out of it, but who can be just as savage and merciless to an opponent should the occasion demand.

Tom Molineux gave Tom Cribb two fierce gruelling fights for the championship, and many famous negro fighters like James Wharton, Bamboo Sutton, and Bob Travers distinguished themselves under Prize Ring Rules. Coming down to more modern times, Joe Gans, Joe Walcott and George Dixon all held championships, while Peter Jackson might have accomplished what Johnson did, had not John L. Sullivan drawn "the colour line" so hard and fast. All these men, and many others of their colour, were respected and admired not only as boxers, but as men, but to Johnson belongs the merit of winning world's premier fistic honours for his race, and "to the victor the spoils."

To be heavyweight champion of the world is a very proud distinction, but when it is considered Johnson was the first man of his race to hold that prize within his grasp, it is not to be wondered at he wears a rather large-sized hat and travels in style almost befitting a prince in the eyes of many men of his colour, Johnson is something more than a prince, he is a king, albeit a dusky one, and wears the crown that once graced the brows of Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Jeffries, and Tommy Burns, all of whom have met defeat at Johnson's hands, the last two in contests for the championship.

## HOW HE BEAT FITZ.

His victory over Bob Fitzsimmons is not worth more than a brief reference here, and were it not for the fact that he once held the championship, would not deserve mention.

After Johnson's trip to Australia in 1907, in which country he had knocked out Peter Felix and Bill Lang, he found it next to impossible to get matches, as all the heavyweights, including Tommy Burns, the champion, were scared of the Galveston negro, and would have nothing to do with him. In these straits the old war-horse Fitz, popped up, telling the people he was just as good as ever, and as he never did, and never would, draw the colour line, expressed his willingness to meet Johnson. Poor old Bob, in his forty-fifth year and long past his best, was no match for a young, tough fellow like Jack, and was knocked out in the second round, though Bob stoutly maintains to this day that Johnson buttocked him, otherwise he would not have been beaten in a month of Sundays.

## HIS EARLY CAREER.

Johnson won his title when he whipped, no other word expresses it so well Tommy Burns in fourteen rounds at the Stadium, Rushcutter's Bay Sydney, on Boxing Day, 1908, and thereby won undying fame for himself.



JACK JOHNSON'S SUCCESSOR:—fighter, whose defeat of Sam Langford claim of world's

SAM McVEA, the famous coloured on Boxing Day entitles him to the champion boxer.

He was born at Galveston Texas on March 31, 1878, stands 6ft. ¼ in. high, and scales about 210 pounds when in good condition. His first recorded battle took place at Chicago on May 6th, 1899, with another coloured man named Klondike, who licked Johnson in five rounds.

In 1901 he won from John Lee in fifteen rounds; Jack McCormick, twice, in seven rounds each time; and knocked out Charley Brooks, Horace Miles and George Lawler. He drew with his former conqueror, Klondike, in twenty rounds, and met with a reverse from the veteran boxer, Joe Choynski, with whom he was matched by the Galveston Athletic Club, in March 1901. He did well in the first and second rounds, but in the third he was caught on the jaw with a left hook, and he went down and out. For this contest both men were arrested at the instigation of Governor Sayers, and held in £1000 bail, but were eventually released. Thus early in his career, Johnson got a sample of the methods with which he has become so familiar of late years, as he has grown in fame and wealth. Johnson was improving, and was picking up many useful hints at this time, showing traces of that class that brought him to the front later on.

The big year for Johnson so far as number of contests engaged in are

concerned, was 1902, when he was one of the principals in 16 contests, losing not one and having four draws. This was the year that he met Jack Jeffries, and played with him for five rounds before he finally knocked him out. Probably his hardest battle that year was with George Gardner, middle-weight champion of New England, before the San Francisco Club, and he surprised the people at the ringside who came to see the clever New Englander hang another scalp on his belt. Johnson forced the pace from the start, and kept up the work during the entire twenty rounds, winning on points with heaps to spare. This battle brought him more prominently before the public than all the rest of his previous contests put together. After that he met and defeated Fred Russell in six rounds, at Los Angeles, in 1903, and outpointed Denver Ed. Martin in twenty rounds in the same city. Sam McVea, in the "Paris Idol", who is at present in Sydney, was Johnson's next opponent. They came together at Los Angeles on February 27th, 1903, and the bout went the limit of twenty rounds, but from the very first the issue was never in doubt, for it was Johnson all the way. The man from Galveston showed that he carried a good punch in either hand, that he was quick, aggressive and resourceful. At the finish the decision

many months a loophole of escape when the coloured man demanded a match. They had only to point to that win of Hart's and call Jack a second-rater, when the sporting public took it for granted it was so, and Johnson was turned down on all hands. Burns won on points over Marvin Hart in 1906, and through that and his victories over Bill Squires, Gunner Moir, and Jem Roche, he claimed to be, and was recognised as the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world.

The only man of Johnson's colour, capable of competing with him was Joe Jeannette. They met several times, but no one who saw these battles had any doubt but that Johnson was the master at all stages and could handle Jeannette pretty well as he liked.

The fact that Johnson beat Langford, at Chelsea, Mass., in fifteen rounds on April 26th, 1906, showed his class, because Langford is and always was a dangerous man in the ring in any company, as a glance at his record will show.

On July 17th, 1907, he knocked out the redoubtable Bob Fitzsimmons, in two rounds, Charley Cutler in one round, won from Sailor Burke in six rounds, and knocked out Jim Flynn the "Pueblo Fireman," in Frisco, in eleven rounds.

## HIS PURSUIT OF BURNS.

With Sam Fitzpatrick as manager he started out in dead earnest in 1908 to force Tommy Burns' hand and compel the artful Canuck to give him a match. Thomas had cleared out to America to pick up some easy money over there, and Jack went after him issuing challenges and keeping hot on his trail all the while. The majority of the sporting public took little notice of Johnson, and all the praise and honours were showered on Tommy, who had a good conceit of himself, and who understood the benefits to be derived from self-advertisement.

While Tommy was basking in the sunshine of popularity Jack had to work hard for small pay, and was glad to get it. There were no 90 horse-power motor cars, no bouquets, no admiring crowds, no music-hall engagements at many hundred pounds a week three years ago. He could not afford champagne suppers then, neither could he lead the gay and giddy high life, but he found many good friends who helped Sam Fitzpatrick and himself in their efforts to get Tommy Burns into a twenty-four foot ring.

When Burns embarked for Australia Johnson's prospects looked blacker than a thundercloud, but he found "the darkest hour is that before the dawn," and when things looked most hopeless, word came from Australia that Tommy Burns was willing and would Jack accept £1,000 and £500 for expenses? He could not accept quickly enough and was soon on his way to the "land of the golden fleece."

The man responsible for giving Johnson his chance was McIntosh who with a nerve that cannot be but admired, agreed to give Burns his pound of flesh"—£5,000 win, lose, or draw, and Johnson, who did not look with favour on that demand then, has since asked for the same amount, but without success.

Boxing Day, 1908, will always be a red-letter day in the annals of the ring, for it was on that eventful date the world's heavyweight champion" ship passed from the white race to the black, from the superior race to the inferior, and we are still looking for a man who can win back those honours for us and uphold our prestige against the coloured men.

## HOW BURNS WAS WHIPPED.

The amount of interest taken in this battle of black and white in Sydney has only been exceeded by that taken in the Reno affair last year, the latter putting up records in every direction that will hardly ever be touched. That contest in the Stadium at Rushcutter's Bay attracted a crowd over 20,000, among that mixed assemblage being many of the most prominent politicians and leaders of industry in Australia.

The coloured giant entered the ring brimful of confidence and was quite undisturbed by the attitude of the crowd, very few of whom had any sympathetic feelings for him, his foe-man being their hero. Burns, who looked pale and nervous, was received with the wildest enthusiasm, but his answering smile was sickly, while his weight, which was only 145lbs over

went to him and justly so.

The next day he announced that he was after Jeffries, for he wanted a chance at the championship, which was staring him in the face, and he expressed his confidence of licking the big fellow. Jeffries, however, evaded him, and there the matter dropped for the time being, the big boiler-maker little dreaming he would one day have to ask the coloured man for a match for the world's fistic supremacy; Jim never thought for a moment Johnson would be the man to hand him his first and only defeat.

Johnson won all of his battles during the year 1903, twice beating McVea. In 1904 he boxed an exhibition bout with Black Bill, and on April 22nd, in Frisco, he knocked out McVea in the twentieth round. He also won from Frank Childs in Chicago, in six rounds and finished up the year by knocking out Ed. Martin at Los Angeles in two rounds.

## JOHNSON'S GREATEST SETBACK.

Johnson struck a snag when he met Marvin Hart at San Francisco on March 28, 1905, said snag being the referee, who handed Hart the decision on points after the men had gone twenty rounds with Johnson looking a good winner. The defeat was a severe setback and almost ruined his career, as it gave Tommy Burns and

**ATHLETICS.**

**AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.**

**N.Z. TEAM'S SUCCESS.**

**OPIE'S BRILLIANT FORM.**

The Australasian amateur championship meeting opened at Wellington on Boxing Day in fine weather, when close on 5000 persons were present to witness the athletic contests between the chosen of New Zealand, New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania. The members of the New Zealand team gave a good account of themselves, their performances on the track being fully up to expectations, Opie, Hill, Kerr, and Keddell all being successful in the events in which they competed. Notwithstanding that the track was somewhat holding and a stiff wind was in evidence the times registered in the various events were of a creditable character, though the conditions prevented any fresh records being established.

Ronald Opie failed to win his heat in the 100yds. Championship, but the brilliant Canterbury sprinter made amends by winning the final after one of the most exciting finishes on record. P. J. Redmond (N.S.W.) led the New Zealander to within a yard of the tape, when Opie, with a supreme effort, dived across the finishing line, snatching a victory by inches only. A. D. Ellis (Victoria) was only a few feet away third. Opie's time for the 100yds. was 9 4-5sec., but a strong breeze behind the competitors assisted them a good deal. Opie followed up his success in the 100yds by annexing the 440yds. Championship from six other competitors in 53sec. The race was won from the pistol crack, Opie taking the lead and maintaining it up to the finish, despite a strong challenge from his fellow New Zealander, W. F. Harding, who finished within a couple of yards of the winner, with Patterson (New South Wales) about a yard away third.

G. N. Hill (Auckland) and A. Pugh (Wellington) were the only two to face the starter in the One Mile Championship, and the former had no difficulty in winning easily from the Wellingtonian in the good time of 4min. 25 2-5sec. Hill as usual ran a fine race, and was unfortunate in not having anybody to pace him, which would have enabled him to improve on the time registered.

G. P. Keddell (Southland) gave a sample of his true form in the 120yds Hurdles, which he won by ten yards from J. W. Fraser (N.S.W.), with E. Russell (Victoria) third. Keddell completed the course in the splendid time of 15 2-5 secs, after leading the whole of the distance.

In the walking events H. E. Kerr (Wellington) showed up prominently, winning the One Mile Walk Championship, and finishing third in the Two Mile Walk Handicap. A field of six contested the One Mile Walk, but Ellis (Tasmania) was the only competitor to trouble Kerr. The pair went to the front early, and there was little difference between them, until the bend into the straight was rounded, when Ellis quickened his pace, and in a good struggle to the tape the Tasmanian reached home

twelve stone, indicated that there was something to worry, or it may have been overtraining, but Tommy was not himself, though had he been at his very best it would not have influenced the result.

There had been signs of police interference between the thirteenth and fourteenth rounds, and Johnson, who had been punishing his man without making any effort to knock him out up to this stage, went after Burns as soon as time was called for the fourteenth round and quickly dropped him for eight seconds. Tommy was tired when he got on his feet, and the negro went after him like a tiger unchained, and quickly had the champion reduced to an almost helpless stage, Tommy being tottering when the police interfered. Mr Hugh McIntosh, who refereed, at once gave the decision to Johnson.

**HIS DEFEATS OF KETCHELL AND JEFF.**

This victory gave Johnson the position to which his ability as a boxer entitled him, but he made himself unpopular by a wholesale breaking of contracts, and the way he turned down those who had done much for him made him many enemies.

He at once announced his willingness to meet Jeffries, if the former champion would come out of his retirement, and Jeff was baited on to accept the challenge by a public that wanted to see Johnson beaten at any cost. While Jeff was testing himself to find out if he could "come back," the coloured champion went about fulfilling engagements throughout America and indulging in a more or less serious contest now and then. He beat Vic. MacLaglen, a young Australian, in six rounds at Vancouver, and boxed no-decision contests with Philadelphia Jack, and Tony Ross and Al. Kaufman.

Jack had many challengers now that he was champion, the most notable being Sam Langford, Al. Kaufman and Stanley Ketchel, but when Jack put down his money the only man who had the courage of his convictions was the "Michigan Assassin" who was not afraid of anything, and made a very plucky fight, knocking Johnson down before being himself knocked out of time in twelve rounds. Stanley had his faults, but he had many virtues, and his courage and gameness were undeniable. He felt sure before meeting the champion that Jack was possessed of a vein of cowardice in his make-up, commonly known as the "yellow streak"; many other have thought the same way; but it has yet to be discovered; and it was only bitter and crushing defeat that convinced Ketchel of his error. He was only a middleweight after all, and his nerve and pluck in meeting Johnson will always earn admiration.

The champion's next and only contest since that time was the memorable meeting at Reno, when Jeffries, a mere shell of his former self, failed miserably to "come back" or show any traces of boxing ability, and was battered down in the worst world's championship battle that has ever been, or ever will be seen.

Easily the best heavyweight in the world, he is one of the finest defensive boxers the ring has seen; but he lacks aggressiveness, though Jack himself says he doesn't, he merely refuses to take any chances.

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three yards in advance of Kerr. Ellis, however, was disqualified for lifting. Kerr thus winning the title of Australasian walk champion. Kerr completed the mile in 6min. 32 4-5sec., a highly creditable performance. Starting from scratch in the Two Mile Walk Handicap Kerr again demonstrated his prowess as a walker by finishing third in a field of nine, M. Tracey (450yds.) and D. Cashman (100yds.) filling first and second places.

Victory went to the Queenslander. D. McGrath in the Putting the 16lb. weight, his throw measuring 38ft. 5in. A. S. Reid (New Zealand, with a throw of 37ft. 11 1/2 in., gained second honours in the Running High Jump Championship, clearing 5ft. 6in., while E. Russell (Victoria) was second with a jump of 5ft. 5 1/2 in. to his credit. After having won this event, Kelly gave a further display, successfully clearing 5ft. 8 1/4 in.

Among the handicap events which figured on the day's programme were a 220yds Race, a One Mile Bicycle Race, 880yds, and Hop, Step, and Jump, while a Half-Mile Bicycle Provincial Championship was also decided. The results of these events were as follows:—

220yds. Handicap:—L. J. Mark (Auckland) and J. W. Nicholson dead heat. There were nineteen starters. Time 23min. Mark was on 12yds. and J. W. Nicholson on 21yds.

880yds Handicap.—V. Byrne (New Zealand) 12yds, 1; W. A. Peed (New Zealand) 12yds, 1; W. A. Peed (New Zealand) 12yds, 1; W. A. Peed (New Zealand) 12yds, 1.

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Zealand), 2. Also started: Dougall (N.Z.), Fisher (N.Z.), Bradbury (N.Z.), Robertson (N.Z.), Gourlay (Tasmania), McDonald (N.Z.), Thompson (N.Z.).

One Mile Bicycle Handicap.—First heat: L. A. Howe (150yds), 1; R. Lyons (145yds), 2. Also started: F. Cramp (scratch), M. Ford (45yds), A. Sievers (55yds). Second heat: L. Hook (145yds), 1; C. Nelson (80yds), 2. Also started: J. Sutherland (55yds), C. Gray (120yds). Final: Hook, 1; Howe, 2; Nelson, 3.

Hop, Step and Jump Handicap.—J. W. Nicholson (N.Z.), 46ft. 8 1/4 in, with 7ft. handicap, 1; R. McKenzie (N.Z.), 45ft. 4 1/2 in, with 5ft. handicap, 2; E. Southee (N.S.W.), 42ft 9in, scratch, 3. Also started: L. McKay (N.Z.), scratch; D. Lane (N.S.W.), scratch.

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# THE STAGE

## AUCKLAND FIXTURES.

### HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

Dec. 18-Jan. 1.—"The Chocolate Soldier," J. C. Williamson, Ltd., New Comic Opera.

Dec. 26—Huddersfield Bellringers.

Jan. 2—H. B. Irving.

### QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Pictures.

### HIS MAJESTY'S.

MR. H. B. IRVING'S SEASON.

"HAMLET" ON TUESDAY.

On Tuesday night next at His Majesty's theatre Mr J. C. Williamson will present for the first time in New Zealand the great English tragedian, Mr H. B. Irving. So much has been heard of Mr Irving's dramatic and histrionic abilities that interest is at fever heat to welcome the famous son of Sir Henry Irving, and his opening performance will doubtless be witnessed by a crowded house. The coming season is to be a limited one, but during his stay Mr Irving will appear in four of his greatest and most successful productions. The opening piece will be Shakespeare's famous tragedy "Hamlet", which will be followed by "Louis XI", "The Lyons Mail," and "The Bells." As the melancholy Prince of Denmark, Mr Irving is said to have achieved a wonderful triumph in England, where critics described his interpretation as the greatest given during the present generation. In Mr Irving's impersonation we are presented with a youth outraged in his tenderest feelings, driven to a frenzy of rage when, by supernatural means he has confirmed, and learns his father was murdered. Then afterwards he returns to Denmark, older, more self-controlled, no longer almost mentally unbalanced, and we have Hamlet at his best, a noble figure to carry away on one's memory. Nothing like the scenes which took place during Mr Irving's Melbourne and Sydney seasons have taken place since Sarah Bernhardt created a sensation in those cities. At the end of each act and at the final fall of the curtain the actor was cheered again and again. Miss Dorothea Baird (Mrs Irving), it is said is a most appealing Ophelia. In the earlier scenes, while sweet and girlish, she makes an impression, but it is in the mad scene, that she rises to the zenith of her dramatic powers. The cast of "Hamlet" is the same as that which supported Mr Irving at his farewell performance in London. Mr Frank Tyers will appear as Claudius, Mr Arthur Whitby as Polonius, Mr Eric Mixon as Laertes, Mr Henry Vibart as the Ghost of Hamlet's father, Mr Tom Reynolds as the grave digger, Mr Stanley Howlett as Horatio, Mr W. Beaumont as Osric, Mr Arthur Curtis as Rosencrantz, Mr C. Trevor Roper as Guildenstern, Mr W. Henstock as Marcellus, Mr J. Cass as Bernado, Mr Walter Gibbs as Francisco, Mr W. H. Graham as Reynaldo, Mr Roland Peruis as First Player, Mr Claude Berbohm as second player, Miss Helen Rous as Gertrude, and Miss Irene Brown as The Player Queen. The production is staged under the personal supervision of Mr H. B. Irving, Mr Tom Reynolds is stage manager, and a full orchestra will be under the baton of Herr Slappoffski. "Hamlet" can only be staged for a limited number of nights and there will be a special matinee performance on Saturday January 6th. The box plans for the first five nights and for the Matinee performance are now open. Mr Irving and the members of his company will arrive by the S.S. Maheno on Sunday next.

## "THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER."

### LAST FEW NIGHTS.

"The Chocolate Soldier" has made his warlike presence felt at His Majesty's during the holidays, crowded audiences being the order of each performance. Miss Amy Murphy invests the part of Nadina with due charm, and is enmeshing herself in the chains of popularity by her exquisite singing and artistic acting. Mr. Leslie Gaze, the chocolate soldier materialised, is proving another strong favourite, while Miss Rita Presano, Miss Mabel Graham, Mr. Noel Fleming, Mr. Albert Kavanagh, and Mr. Frank Wilson assist in making an harmonious whole in which no flaw could be picked. With sparkling music, breezy dialogue, and finished artistes the "Chocolate

of Christ," "The Destruction of the Temple," and "The March of the Angels," heighten the interest, and the audiences every night show their appreciation in unmeasured terms. "A Bad Man's Christmas" and "Italian Blood" tell tales of thrilling interest, while for real good comedy Messrs. MacMahon and Lodder's programme stands alone. Without doubt the pictures screened this week have never been excelled in the Dominion.

### TOWN HALL.

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the many gems from an extensive repertoire were "Legend of the Bells," "William Tell," "Kyrie" and "Gloria," from the 12th Mass, "Lead Kindly Light," "Caliph of Bagdad," etc., all rendered with temperamental judgment, while "Sing me to Sleep," a bell solo by Mr. A. Hinchcliffe, and "Harigan" by Messrs. J. Kaye, A. Mallinson and L. Ainley evoked further storms of applause. A great attraction with the company is Miss Ella Airlie, who as a monologue entertainer is second to none. She sings, plays and mimics with exceeding skill, and displays an originality that never fails to score. Miss Airlie is associated with Mr. George Campbell in a xylophone duet, "America," the effect being delightful. Miss Muriel Bennett is another lady performer of great merit, and her vocal contributions meet with popular favour. The Huddersfield Bellringers will make their last appearance here on Monday. They are worth going a long way to hear.

## LESLIE GAZE.

### UNSPOILED BY SUCCESS.

"What sort of chap is this Leslie Gaze, who plays the part of Lieutenant Bumerli in 'The Chocolate Soldier'?" Well he's a young man of striking personality. On the stage he has scored one of the big successes of the year. He has a charming voice, clear, strong and tuneful; his acting is suave, natural and vigorous, and his presence pleasing, manly and unaffected. Off the stage he is "one of the boys." Young, athletic, convivial; full of enthusiasm, a thorough-going sportsman, and a man of the world, without a trace of the yellow streak of conceit. So often a failing trait in an actor who has risen rapidly to fame and fortune in his profession.

Leslie Gaze is a young New Zealander. He first saw the light of day some 32 years ago on the Canterbury Plains and received his early education in the Cathedral City of the South. When still in his teens young Gaze left for England to study medicine, but early in his student career at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, he fell under the fascinating spell of the Muse. It was at England's fashionable seaside resort, Brighton, that he first became acquainted with Madame Nordica, a popular operatic singer, and was by her led over the stepping stones that eventually landed him at the Lyric Theatre, in London, where he earned his first guinea as an actor. This decided for him his future career and he then and there quit his medical studies. That was eleven years ago, since which Leslie Gaze has never looked back in his profession. But although his success has been rapid his way was not always strewn with roses. At the outset of his theatrical career his weekly cheque was far from extravagant; in fact, it was barely enough to scratch along on after paying fees to the famous Signor Ernestabaldi from whom the aspiring actor was receiving his musical tuition. Now that Leslie Gaze has "arrived," he is not ashamed to admit that in those years of apprenticeship he often went abroad carolling to supplement his meagre salary. After three years at the Lyric Theatre Leslie Gaze toured the Provinces in England and then crossed over to America. His last engagement in the States was with Charles Frohman, where he did "leads" at the famous Knickerbocker Theatre, in Broadway, New York.

Despite the exacting exigencies of his profession Leslie Gaze has always taken an active part in athletics. As a boy he held the 100 yards and quarter mile championships of his school, and was also a keen swimmer. His chief recreation now is boxing, and he is no mean exponent of the noble art. Since he came to Australia he has been one of "Snowy" Baker's pupils, and the redoubtable boxer has no keener admirer than Leslie Gaze.



MR. LESLIE GAZE,

who fills the title role in "The Chocolate Soldier."

"Soldier" has every essential to commend it to the theatre-lover, and judging by its reception it bids fair to out-rival any of its predecessors in the comic opera line. It can only be presented four more nights, so visitors to town should take note.

### QUEEN'S THEATRE.

When over 11,500 persons pay for admission to a house of entertainment in two days, it must have the hall-mark of quality. And such distinguishes Queen's Theatre, where the exceptionally fine pictorial programme attracted so much interest on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Of conspicuous merit is "Judas Macabeus," which is a gorgeous production interpreted by hundreds of players, not a point being missed in the pictorial representation. "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," dealing with the American civil war, forms another striking series, the various events being depicted to the minutest detail. Some beautiful tableaux, "Star in the East," "The Wise Man," "The Birth

of an all too-short season of the Huddersfield Bellringers' Band in the Town Hall to an audience numbering over 2000. For charm and novelty in this mode of entertainment this talented organisation holds pride of place, and in its success here it is only following up the series of triumphs which have always marked its career. Conducted by Professor A. Townend, the prestige of the band cannot but be worthily upheld, for in that gentleman the combination possesses a master hand both in executing and controlling, and the result is seen and heard in the coterie of performers whose musical destiny he rules. Variety combined with quality is their key-note, and the discordant note is never struck literally or figuratively. Both classical compositions and popular airs are treated with true technique and delicate interpretation, and one gets a new insight into the music of the bells as perhaps has never been revealed before. The clamorous applause that greeted each item on the opening night left no doubt as to the enjoyment of the audience, and they were insistent in their demands for more. Amongst

**IN PERSONAL TOUCH.**

Mr. John Farrell is kept busy arranging for H. B. Irving's season here. "Judging by the amount of interest displayed in the visit of the distinguished English actor" (says the above advance) "the season should be a memorable one, and Shakespeare should have a new lease of life in 'Hamlet.'"

Dame. Mr. Powell says he is so used to putting on the skirts at Xmas time, that he feels in pantomime he almost lives the part and will turn into a suffrageite in real earnest.

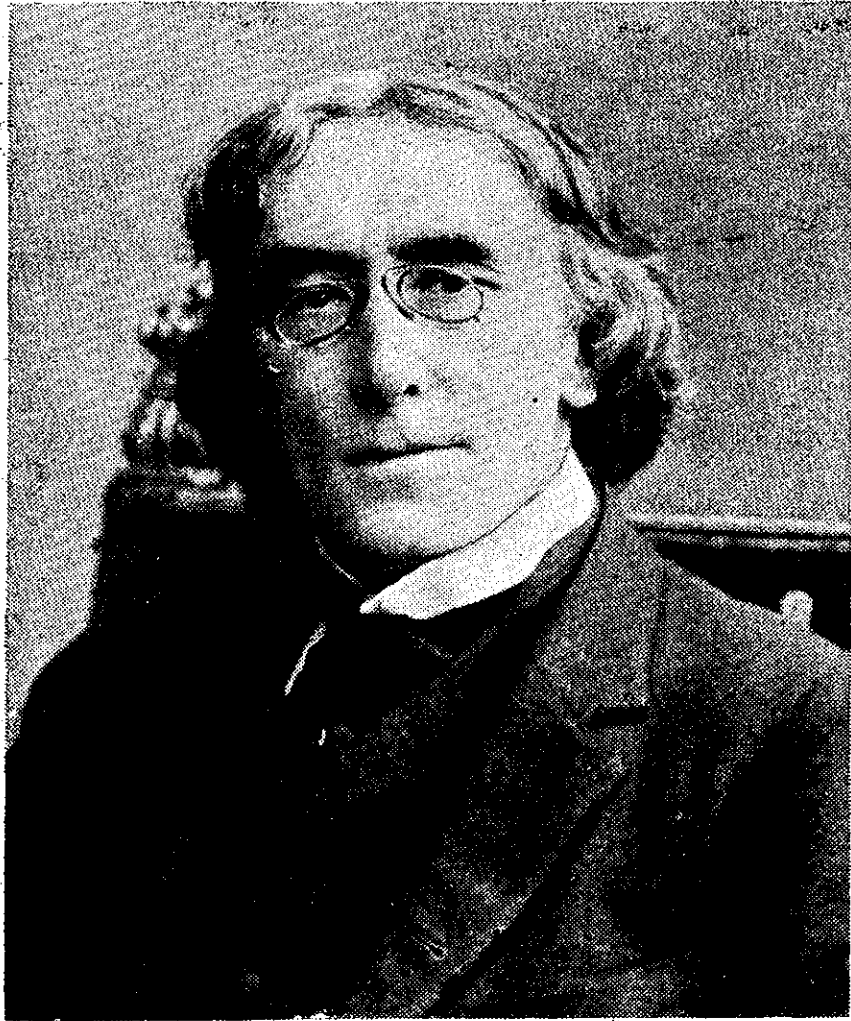
Mr. George Cross is now playing juvenile leads with the Marlow management in Australia.

Cyril Keightley plays the hero in the new Drury Lane spectacular

both sides of the Atlantic. His first New Zealand appearance, which is to be made at His Majesty's on Tuesday, January 2nd, is rightly looked upon as an important event in the theatrical history of Auckland.

"Whatever Mr. H. B. Irving puts on the stage, whatever character he chooses to play, no criticism is complete without a comparison to the work of his father," writes an English reviewer. "There can be no doubt," he continues, "that in some of the great parts played by Sir Henry Irving, the rendering of the son is the finer piece of work. Of course, it is bad form in high play-going circles to admit it, but nevertheless there it is. Take the son's portrayal of Louis XI, it thrilled me as it has undoubtedly thrilled thousands of others as the Louis XI of the father never did."

Mr. Albert Kavanagh, "Colonel Casimir" in the "Chocolate Soldier," commenced his stage career in the first production of the Gondollers at the Savoy Theatre, London, in 1898. An interesting incident of his association with the Savoy, was the command performance before the late Queen Victoria at Balmoral on which occasion "The Mikado" was staged, Mr.



THE LATE SIR HENRY IRVING.  
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Mr. George Portus, the well-known theatrical manager, who in conjunction with the Rickards management, has just concluded a profitable tour of the Dominion, came to Auckland to meet Countess de Cisneros, the famous mezzo soprano of the Melba Company, who is on her way to New York to fulfil grand opera engagements.

Mr. Portus has arranged for a tour of Australasia, commencing in May next at Sydney, by Countess Cisneros, supported by a complete operatic party. Grand opera and oratorio, including "Samson and Delilah" will be features of the repertoire. Melba has said that Cisneros is the greatest living Delilah.

Mrs. Osborne, who will be better remembered as Miss Maud Jeffries, arrived by the Zealandia on Friday, and left for Vancouver the same day.

This year Pip Powell, who will be seen in the J. C. Williamson panto. of "Sinbad the Sailor," makes his nineteenth consecutive appearance as

drama, "The Hope." There are sixteen scenes in the four acts, including representations of the running of the Derby, an earthquake, and other striking spectacles. The Australian rights of the play have been secured by J. C. Williamson, Ltd.

Two popular members of the Ethel Irving Company were married in Melbourne last week. They were Mr. J. Plumpton Wilson and Miss Eily Malyon. The bride and bridegroom belong to England, and were formerly members of Mr. F. R. Benson's Shakesperian Company. Miss Malyon is understudy to Miss Ethel Irving.

Mr. H. B. Irving, who, with Sir Beerbohm Tree, Mr. Forbes Robertson, and Mr. Oscar Asche, stands in the front rank of English Shakesperian actors of the present day, will arrive here by the Maheno on Sunday, December 31. Mr. Irving is the son of his father. To a certain extent that is a handicap. It is one, however, that he has managed to overcome. In his own right—apart altogether from the fact that he is the son of the "great" Henry Irving—he has won acknowledgment on



MR. H. E. IRVING as "HAMLET."

Kavanagh being the "Koko" of the production. It was here that a somewhat amusing contretemps occurred. "Koko," in one stage of the opera, has occasion to flourish ostentatiously the large executioner's sword which is his insignia of office. In doing so, the murderous-looking blade flew upwards and outwards, and leaving the handle in the grasp of the astonished "Koko," landed at the feet of the Hon. Ewart Gladstone, the Prime Minister of England. Imperturbably the great man picked up the wooden weapon, and gravely feeling the edge with his finger turned to Her Majesty, and remarked, "This would not do for Hawarden Oaks."



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Dear Sir,

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H. J. WILLIAMS.

Secretary N.Z. L.V. Association. Wellington, October 20, 1910.

## THE LICENSING REFERENDA.

LOCAL OPTION SHOULD BE ELIMINATED.

## THE ONE ISSUE ONLY NEEDED.

The recent Licensing polls showed pretty conclusively that the greater number of the electors have no desire to see the Local Option issue carried in any of the electorates. While the Temperance (or so-called Temperance) vote was certainly directed against local No-license, the moderates, who really control the situation, voted the issue out, and consequently the number of "dry" electorates remains as formerly. On the other hand, the vote on the National Prohibition issue seems to indicate a desire on the part of the people to concentrate all their energies upon the carrying of that proposal. We say "seems" advisedly, because, as Mr. J. S. Palmer pointed out in his interview with a "Gazette" representative last week, there is good reason for believing that a large number of votes were recorded under a misapprehension, and that many voters who actually voted for National Prohibition were under the impression that they were voting against it. Having the larger issue to vote upon, however, there is an evident disinclination to add to the handicaps that beset the Trade by carrying local No-license, and for all practical purposes the issue might as well be eliminated. Common justice, indeed, demands that it should be so eliminated; because, while in the event of National Prohibition being carried, the whole of the licenses would go out within four years, time would be given to the hotelkeepers and others concerned to prepare for the inevitable and to minimise the loss which must follow the destruction of their business. If, on the other hand, local No-license is also carried the licensee has only six months in which to put his affairs in order. We quite expect our Prohibitionist friends will object to the proposal, as they adopt an wholly irreconcilable attitude towards any proposal that appears likely to help or benefit the licensed victualling fraternity. It is for this reason that they have directed all their energies into the one direction and endeavoured to abolish the traffic in stimulants. During the whole of the agitation that has been conducted by the New Zealand Alliance against the liquor traffic in this country, it is impossible to point to a single attempt made by the Prohibitionist party to introduce reformed conditions into the licensed trade. And it seems to us it is about time that the common sense of the electors made itself felt against the extremists. Whatever Government may be in office this year could not go far wrong in revising the issues that are submitted to the electors at the licensing polls in the direction of substituting the one issue only for consideration—that of National Prohibition.

The Maori liquor vote in the Northern Wairoa was as follows:—Continuance, 250; no liquor, 128.

"FAIR PLAY" ON "THE NEW ZEALAND SITUATION."

"NOT UNLIKE CIVIL WAR."

Says Sydney "Fair Play":—"It would be simply folly to attempt to discount the significance of the Prohibition poll in New Zealand. It is the most serious political event that has ever happened in these States. For with the majority which they appear to possess, the Prohibitionists can coerce the Parliament and people of New Zealand into doing that which men and women of narrow standards and coercive methods are pleased to regard as good for them; and thus all canons of liberty are set at naught. No one, in their wildest moments, could ever have anticipated the catastrophe that has happened. It is not that Prohibition will follow the present vote—the wise three-fifths margin will prevent this for the present; it is the fact that such views as those put forward by the Prohibitionists in a free community should have found acceptance with the majority of the electors. What has been regarded as the fad and aberration of a few has now entered into the politics of the nation with a majority sanction. That these people will follow up their advantage goes without saying. The House, whichever political leader it chooses to follow, will be subservient to the men with the Big Stick outside. How long, therefore, the three-fifths section will remain on the statute book, it is difficult to predict. We should say that, now that the people of New Zealand have fairly put their heads in the Prohibitionist noose, there will be a short shrift for the last safeguard of the liberties of the minority.

We have not ventured to criticise the tactics of our New Zealand Liquor Trade friends during this campaign. Rumours have reached us from time to time that there was a want of vim in the defensive preparations, and a lack of harmonious action between the various sections of the Trade. It is clear that the brilliant tactics and the tremendous energy applied to the struggle in New South Wales by the Liquor Trades Defence Union were wanting in New Zealand. Everyone concerned has at any rate learned this lesson from the recent election,—that organisation must be constant, vigilance must be sleepless. Spasmodic efforts just before election time will not suffice. All the year round a constant educational campaign must be pursued. The public should at least be allowed to hear our side of the argument. To this end lectures, literature, public and press controversy, every means of arousing the attention and correcting wrong impressions in the minds of the public should be employed. We fear this was not done in New Zealand, therefore much ground has been lost which will require the most strenuous efforts to recover.

Doubtless the whole civilised world will watch with interest the working out of this strange situation in New Zealand. Supposing the requisite majority had been obtained by the Prohibitionists to make the vote effective, could they, in face of the large minority, have successfully abolished the manufacture and sale of liquor. The section of the Act says that "during national prohibition, liquor shall not be imported, manufactured, or sold in New Zealand." But, on the analogy of the experience of Maine and other Prohibitionist States of America, how could this possibly be enforced where so large a minority of the people desire to indulge their tastes and are resolved to assert their liberties? We may confidently assume that this majority will soon exercise its coercive powers in getting Parliament to ab-

rogate the safeguard of the three-fifths majority. In that case, the immediate operation of Prohibition will be advocated, and probably carried, unless the people return to their senses and reverse the decision. A situation will be created which will not be unlike civil war. There will be systematic evasion, illicit manufacture and sale. Finally, New Zealand will sink into that condition of hypocrisy which all writers on Maine unite in declaring exists among the people there.

The whole situation is full of interest. We may expect our local Denial friends to do a considerable amount of crowing. Already the voice of Chanticleer has resounded in the press of New South Wales; and we hear the paeans of joy which are being chanted over the New Zealand victory, with pleasant anticipations of victory to come on Australian shores in future. We advise our friends not to crow too loudly. We venture to say that the people of no Australian State will ever give their sanction to the extremist legislation for which New Zealand is now notorious. In the meantime, our organisation must be strengthened, our ranks must be closed, and a united and determined resistance offered to those who wish to make life dull and dreary, to curtail reasonable human liberty, and to deprive mankind of the gifts of God which have not only the sanction of immemorial use, but the imprimatur of Divine approval. If the Prohibitionists were to repeat the New Zealand victory in Australia, then the Commonwealth would be a good place to see, from the deck of a departing ship, declining over the distant horizon.

## THE LICENSING POLLS.

The first local option poll in respect of the Maori race was held in the Takitimu Maori council district, in common with similar polls in Horouta (Waipu), Arawa (Rotorua), and Northern Maori council districts. The poll was taken for the purpose of deciding whether liquor shall or shall not be supplied to the Maoris of the districts mentioned. The question was: Shall liquor be supplied to the Maoris? The poll resulted as follows:—

	Yes.	No.
Takitimu .....	562	232
Horouta .....	386	550
Arawa .....	443	131

The question of whether liquor shall or shall not be supplied to a native is decided on a bare majority. The definition of "native" is a wide one, involving half-castes and all intermediates between that and pure blood.

At a meeting of the committee of the Lawford's Gate (West Gloucester) Licensed Victuallers' and Beer Retailers' Protection and Benevolent Association, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That, in view of the excessive financial burdens placed upon the licensed trade, this meeting is convinced that members cannot afford to continue to give Christmas boxes and New Year gifts to customers, and strongly recommends that the practice be wholly discontinued."

The Horouta district, the natives of which decided against the supply of liquor to Maoris, comprises the whole of the East Cape district. It embodies all that area to the north of Tawhiti, midway between Tokomaru and Wai-piro Bay, thence by a straight line westward across to the Motu township, down the latter to the Motu township, and thence to the sea, between Torere and Opotiki. The Motu township is just outside the area. There are no less than seven hotels in the district. The bulk of the trade of these hotels has undoubtedly been with the natives, and the decision expressed that liquor shall not be supplied to Maoris must be of serious financial consequence.

## HERE AND THERE.

In a judgment summons case in Auckland, a down-cast looking drover said he hadn't been able to pay his debts for lack of employment. He admitted to Mr. Kettle that he had spent some 4s or 5s a week on himself. "What in?" asked the Magistrate. "Oh—in tobacco," replied the drover, rubbing his chin meditatively. "Oh, come! That won't do. I can see over a stick of tobacco quite easily; don't you sometimes take a glass or two of beer?" "Well, you see, it's this way," answered the drover quite ingenuously. "If you're at a pub along the road with the other boys and they 'shout' you're expected to do the same in turn; and if you don't, why, another time when it may happen that your mob of cattle breaks away the other boys won't give you a hand to get 'em together again if you ain't a sociable kind o' feller." "Yes," sighed the Magistrate, "I know it's a horrible temptation to you on those long dusty roads. When you get to a public house first one 'shouts' and then another." The case was adjourned for a month.

While speaking at the No-license banquet at Normanby Mr. Halliwell denied the rumour that he and others were tired of the business and intended giving it up. He said they purposed continuing the fight.

Shortage of water in Sydney is seriously affecting breweries and cordial manufacturers. Many hotels are unable to supply the demand, and at least one has doubled the price of beer. Some are depending largely on bottled liquor.

There can be no doubt in the minds of those who have known the Northern Wairoa for any length of time that the hotels in that district have very much improved of recent years. The Central Hotel at Dargaville, for instance, has never been better conducted than it is by the present proprietor, Mr. S. Thompson. One can judge as to how an hotel is conducted almost as soon as one enters the doors, and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are to be congratulated on making the Central one of the most comfortable hotels on the river.

The old question of what is a bona fide traveller was raised in the Waitara Magistrate's Court when three men named Phillips, Luscombe, and Alexander were charged with having been in the Club Hotel, Waitara, after closing hours on the 9th inst. (reports the "Mail.") Counsel for defendants, having pleaded not guilty, said his clients motored from Hawera that day, and had slept in New Plymouth the night before. They had no drink in the house after 10 p.m., and when the constable came in at 10.25 they were surprised to find it was after the closing hour. He quoted a Supreme Court decision, and submitted that as the clause which dealt with the offence, in fact, created it, exempted bona fide travellers, the old definition of one who had slept not less than three miles away from the licensed house the previous night must be made still to apply, although it was evident a bona fide traveller could not obtain liquor after closing hours. His Worship said the point was a nice one, and he would reserve his decision so as to look up recent judgments.

The jovial Jack Pagni, of the British Hotel, sends us characteristically hearty greetings for the Xmas and New Year season, and, in doing so, congratulates all lovers of liberty upon the victory gained at the Local Option polls. In sending his good wishes broadcast Mr. Pagni did not omit his friends of the N.Z. Alliance. One of these very gentlemanly gentlemen (W. J. Macdermott, of the Auckland Provincial No-License Council) replied in the following dourly grudging fashion:—"Sir, I have to acknowledge receipt of your Christmas greet-



ings which will doubtless be more appreciated by your best customers than by those 'near and dear to them,' though even the former in their sober moments strike out the top line to secure their own emancipation. In all sincerity I wish you a truly Happy Xmas which I feel sure you can have only when you cease to sell poisonous liquors as beverages. Yours W. J. Macdermott."

Again and again we have expressed the opinion that the leaders of the Trade make a fatal mistake in not taking the public into their confidence, and in failing to educate the people upon the issues that are submitted to them from time to time at the Licensing polls. In that opinion we are glad to find we do not stand alone. It is one held by not a few hotels, licensees including the President of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of New Zealand (Mr. J. S. Palmer), and other leading members of the retail section of the Trade. Now, we have the Editor of the "N.Z. Tribune," sounding with no uncertain note, the same opinion. "The fatal mistake which the Trade is making is (says the "Tribune") in leaving all work for three years to be done in the last three months. We believe emphatically that salvation lies in the Trade adopting a policy which will appeal to the great masses of the electors, and continue their educational work from the close of one election to the end of another." To all of which we very heartily say, "Hear, hear."

The "Tribune," reviewing the "Trade" literature published by the Defence Councils, says that it was "in many instances weak and consequently exposed to attack. Thus the facts and figures which were quoted from Masterton should have been carefully verified before being published. The writer of this article happened on three or four occasions in leading newspaper offices, which received large advertisements from the Trade, to hear, to his utter astonishment, from the Editors, who were themselves opposed to National Prohibition and No-license, such strong opinions as the following: 'The Trade is killing itself.' 'These advertisements pay us, but do the Trade no good.' 'Do you see these advertisements from Masterton? They are to be contradicted to-morrow morning.' No doubt a great deal of what the Trade wrote was wisely selected and carefully put, but on the other hand, there was room for improvement." And from our knowledge of the inner policy of the Trade Defence Councils we might add that had certain proposals, made by the President of the N.Z.L.V.A., and endorsed by the annual conference of the L.V. Associations of New Zealand been carried out these Trade advertisements and the Trade literature generally could have been materially improved.

The "Tribune" speaks in terms of warm appreciation of Mr. J. S. Palmer's disinterested services on behalf of his co-licensees. In referring to the letter appearing in its October issue "above the signature of Mr. Palmer, who (the "Tribune" reminds its readers) is President of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of New Zealand, our contemporary says that in that letter (a copy of it appeared first in this journal), Mr. Palmer stated his case very strongly, but in a careful and judicious manner. We think" (the "Tribune" proceeds) "that Mr. Palmer has suffered a grave wrong at the hands of the Licensing Committee in Auckland. The attempt was made, very under-handedly, to strike a blow at Mr. Palmer's reputation as an hotel-keeper, a business man, and a public man. It was well known that Mr. Palmer commanded a large influence, not in Auckland only, but in Wanganui, Wellington, and elsewhere, and the attempt which was made to damage him was as contemptible as it was mean. It is now proved that Mr. Palmer never had broken the law in the slightest degree, and that the committee which attacked him was itself the law-breaker, in that it attempted to make rules which the Legislature of this country had neither thought of, nor would it for a moment permit. We know Mr. Palmer well, and we know him to be an entirely honourable, just and upright man."

The Defence authorities recently issued a number of peremptory notices to those members of the public liable

for compulsory military training who had failed to register their names, to do so within fourteen days under severe pains and penalties. As should be well known by this time registration is compulsory only in the case of young fellows who had not attained their 21st year at the time the new Defence Act was passed. Through some unexplained reason one of these notices was addressed, and found its way to a well-known Auckland hotel-keeper, who after looking at it for some time decided to treat it in the serious fashion in which it had been sent, and so answered each and all of the questions. His age may be gathered from his terse answer to the question "When did you leave school," "In 1870." The adjutant who sent the paper out must have received a bit of a shock when it was returned to him, and he learned that this supposed youth of 21 years or under, who had been unpatriotic enough not to register his name, was born on the 10th March 1858, and who in reply to the question, "Are you a British subject?" wrote: "As far as I have been told I am."

At Owhaka, Chas. Childs, of Puke-tiro, was charged with selling liquor in the Clutha no-license district. Evidence was given as to the purchase of a bottle of whisky for 10s, and the defendant was fined £20, with costs £3-16s 6d.

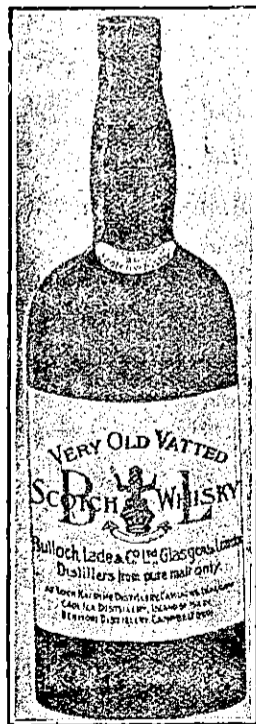
The count of the returning officer of the votes cast in connection with the national prohibition poll for the city of Auckland results as follows:—Against Notional Prohibition, 10,297; for National Prohibition, 11,283; informal, 836; total votes, 22,416.

SUFFOLK HOTEL LICENSE.

APPLICATION GRANTED.

An adjourned sitting of the Auckland Licensing Committee for the purpose of dealing with a deferred application for the transfer of the license of the Suffolk Hotel, Ponsonby, was held last week. There were present: Messrs. E. C. Cutten, S.M. (chairman), J. M. Mennie and W. C. Somers. The applicant (Christopher Leek) applied for the permanent transfer of the license from H. G. Jones to himself. The application was opposed by the police. Mr. J. R. Reed appeared in support of the application, and Sub-Inspector Hendrey represented the police.

Evidence in support of the objection was given by Sergeant O'Grady,



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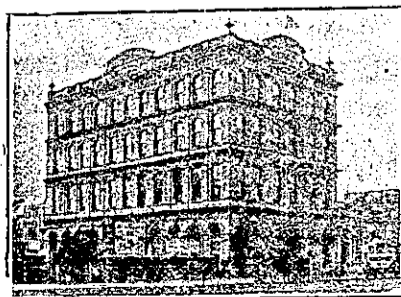
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Detective Quartermain, Constables Devereux, O'Brien, and Mackay. It was stated that a great deal of what was termed semi-drunkenness had been observed about the hotel since Leek took it over, at the end of September last. Sergeant O'Grady also stated that on October 20 he saw a man drunk leave the hotel in company with a friend who was leading him away. He drew the attention of the barman to the fact, the licensee being absent. The barman said he had requested the man to leave, but he had refused to go. On seeing Leek on the subject two or three days later the latter said that he had been informed that the man referred to was not drunk. Leek also stated that he knew how to run his house, and that he was not going to be dictated to by the police.

Leek, who gave evidence, stated that he had not to his knowledge harboured drunken men about the house, or supplied drunken men with liquor. He was absent at a meeting on the night of October 20, when a man was said to be drunk in the house. Sergeant O'Grady spoke to him on the subject afterwards in a brusque and threatening manner, and witness resented it.

Mr. Reed read statements from three residents of the locality, who stated that in their opinion, the Suffolk Hotel had been conducted in an excellent manner by Mr. Leek.

After the committee had consulted the chairman stated that the application would be granted. The licensee, however, was warned that he would have to be careful as to his conduct of the hotel. It was quite clear that the licensee closed his house at the proper hours, and did not indulge in Sunday trading. There was an evident intention to comply with the law, but apparently he had not been keeping a strict watch on his business, and he would have to be more careful in future.

#### ALLEGED INTERFERENCE WITH VOTERS.

#### TEST CASE DISMISSED.

An interesting test case of alleged interference with voters at the recent licensing and prohibition polls was heard by Mr. E. C. Cutten, S.M., in the Auckland Police Court last week, when William Buck, William Smith, Francis Mary Byre, William Vause, James King, and Clifford Flewellyn were all charged with interfering with voters on December 7, with a view to influencing their votes.

Mr. W. P. Endean represented all the accused, and pleaded that there was no foundation for the prosecution. He stated that a number of persons were outside the Ponsonby polling booth, in the interests of the Liberty League, and each had cards with "strike out the bottom line." When an elector came to the booth, the various members of the league would look on the roll, and write the elector's number on the back of one of the cards. Section 157, of the Legislature Act, said Mr. Endean, applied only to the election of members of Parliament from start to finish, and as the charges referred to the licensing election only, they could not be charged under this Act. With regard to the Licensing Act, Section

34 distinctly laid down that any irregularity had to be inquired into by a court of inquiry, who reported to the Minister, who ordered a prosecution, and the Minister's consent would have to be obtained to institute proceedings.

Flewellyn admitted distributing the cards, and evidence was taken as a test case.

Sub-inspector Hendrey stated that he had laid the informations under the sections quoted by Mr. Endean. There was no doubt the people had been interfered with. It was not suggested for a moment that any attempt had been made to influence electors by word of mouth, or that the influence had anything to do with the election of M's.P. At the same time seeing the way public opinion is at the present time, it would be a dangerous thing, if such actions were allowed to pass unchecked, as if one side were allowed to adopt such tactics, then the other side would also expect to be allowed to adopt them.

His Worship, in giving judgment, said the defendant was charged with interfering with a voter on her way to record her vote. The case was a matter of considerable importance. It was quite clear that this action was intended to be an offence, but as the provisions of the Act were by no means clear on the point the case would be dismissed. He expressed the hope that the police would appeal and obtain the opinion of the Supreme Court. All the other cases would be adjourned, pending the result of the appeal.

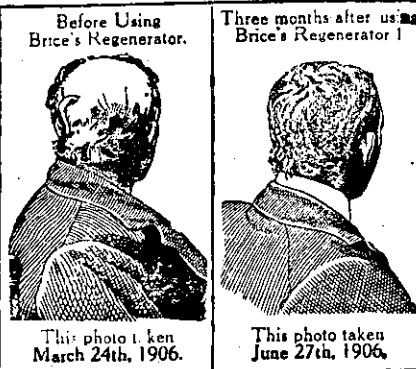
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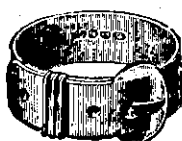
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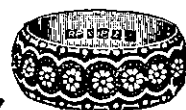
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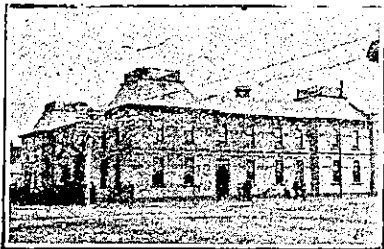
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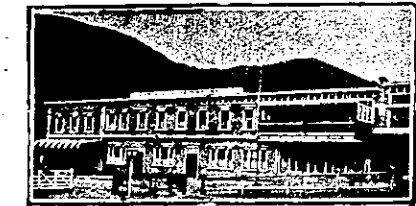
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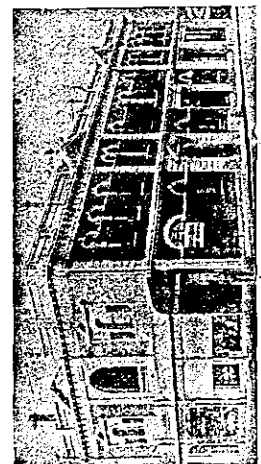
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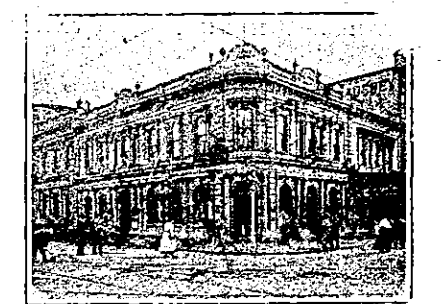


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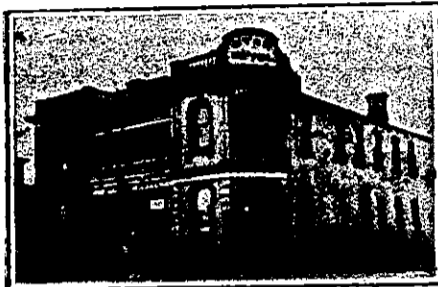
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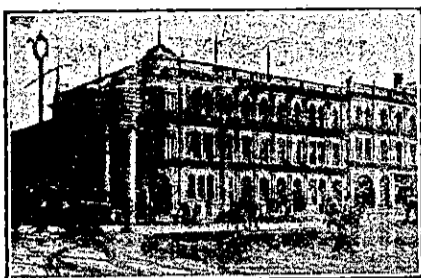
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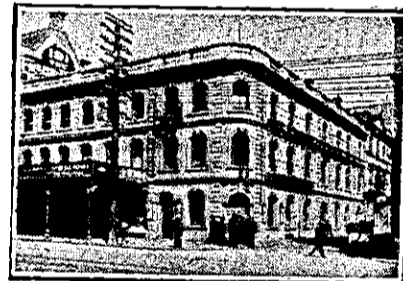


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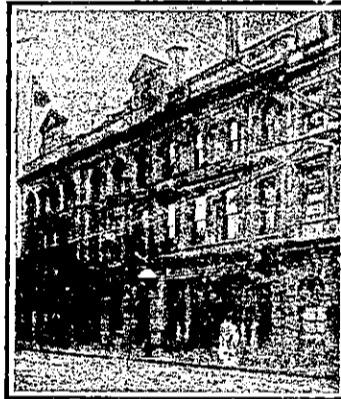
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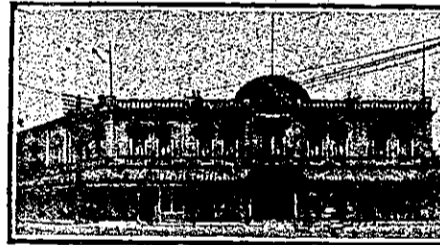
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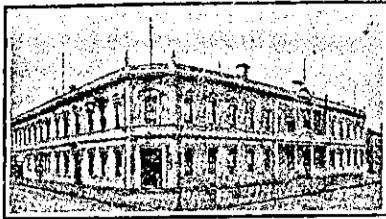
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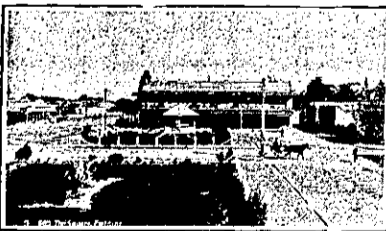
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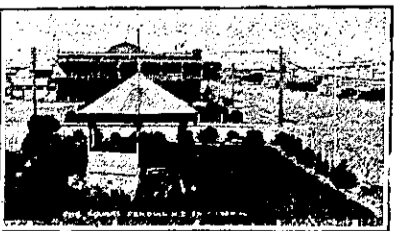


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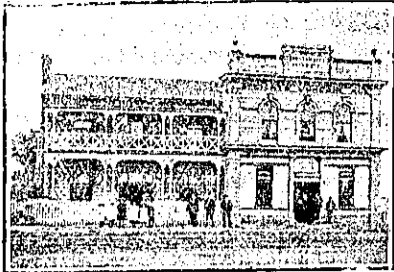
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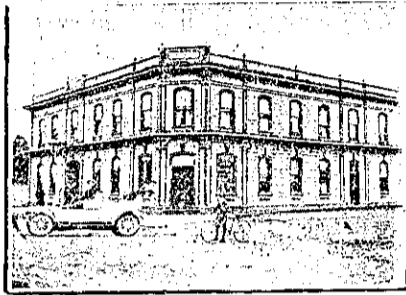
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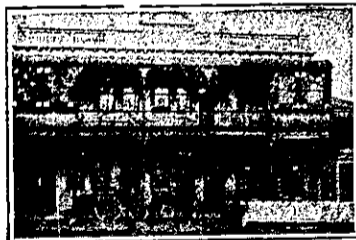


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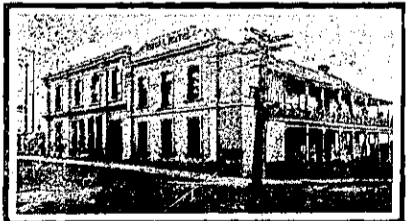
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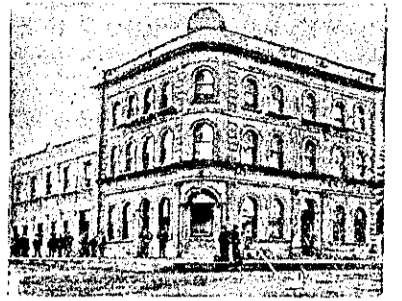
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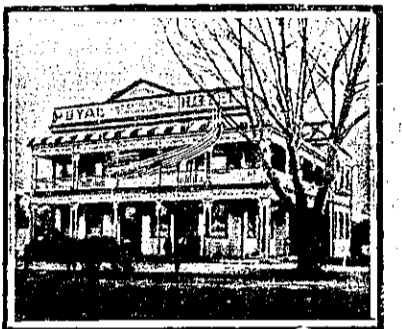
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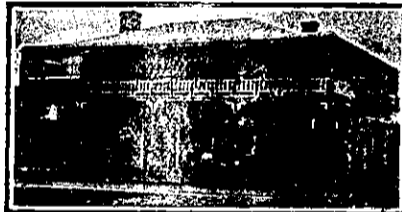
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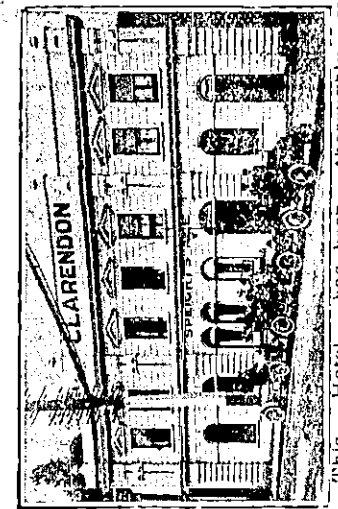
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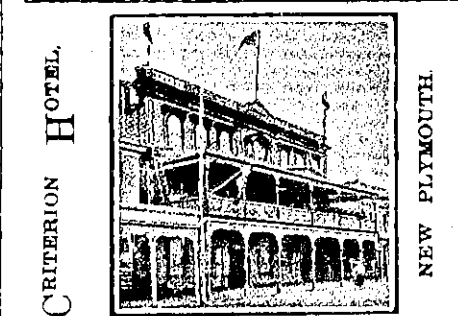
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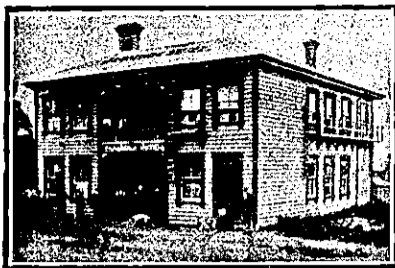
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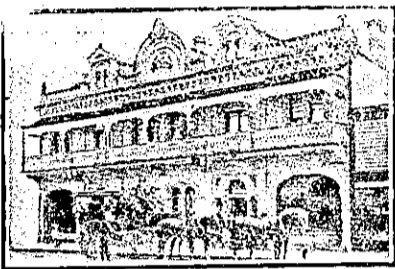
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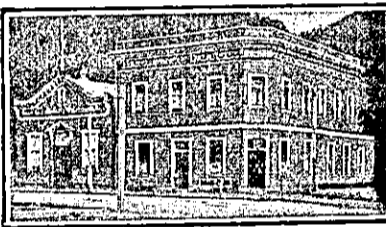
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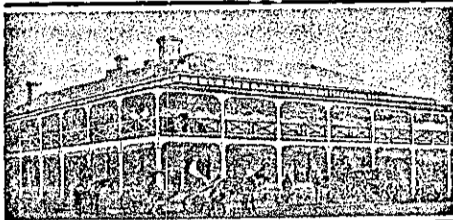
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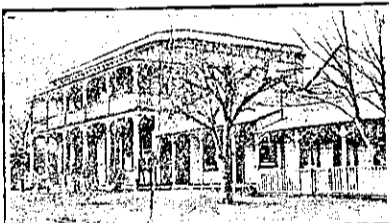


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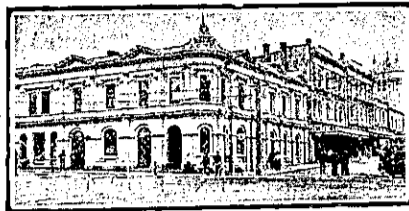


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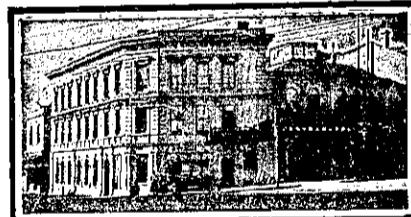
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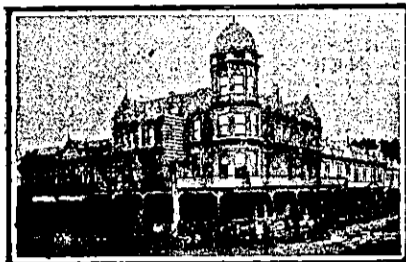
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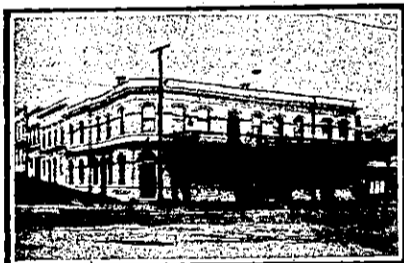


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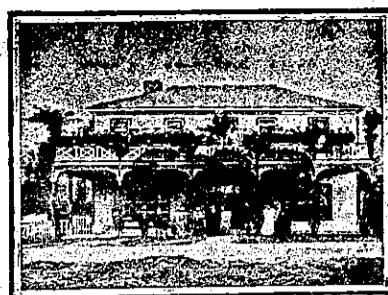
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