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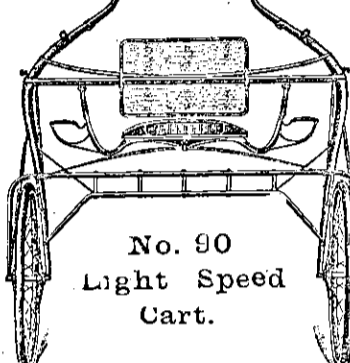
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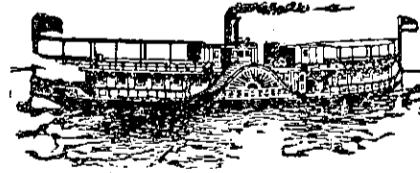
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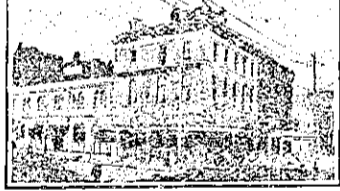
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PROGRAMME:

AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, 1912.

TRADESMEN'S 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. One mile and a-quarter.

BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.

GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 750sovs; second horse to receive 125sovs, and third horse 75sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8.10; fillies, 8.8; geldings, 8.7. By subscription of 8sovs each, unless forfeit of 1sov is declared and paid by 9 p.m. on General Entry Day, Autumn Meeting, 1912 (Friday, March 15th). All horses remaining in after that date must pay the subscription of 8sovs on Friday, March 29th, by 9 p.m. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

EASTER 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 or flat races collectively after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 3lb; of 150sovs, 7lb; of 300sovs, 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 4sovs, and a final payment of 5sovs each. One mile.

TRAMWAY 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. Five furlongs.

ONSLOW STAKES HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS that have never won a race of the value of 50sovs, or races of the collective value of 150sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

NELSON 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.

EDEN HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stakes. 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.

SECOND DAY.

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 8th, 1912.

THE STEWARDS' 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.

MANGERE HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, 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.

GREAT NORTHERN OAKS of 400sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-old fillies, 8.10. By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeit of 1sov is declared and paid by 9 p.m. on General Entry Day, Autumn Meeting, 1912 (Friday, 15th March). All horses remaining in after this date must pay the subscription of 5sovs on Friday, 29th March, by 9 p.m. The winner of any race or races (not a handicap) after August 1st 1911, of the collective value of 300sovs to carry 5lb extra; of 500sovs, 7lb extra; of 1000sovs, 10lb extra. Maidens allowed 7lb. One mile and a-half.

ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP of 750sovs; second horse to receive 125sovs, and third horse 75sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 7sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

HUIA 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.

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. About three miles and a-half.

VICTORIA 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.

AUCKLAND WELTER 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. Minimum weight, 8st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1912.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 1st, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.—Brighton Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 1sov, Autumn Steeplechase 1sov.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th GENERAL ENTRY, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Brighton Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 4sovs, Autumn Steeplechase 2sovs.

NOMINATIONS.—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Tramway Handicap 1sov, Onslow Stakes Handicap 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov, Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Mangere Handicap 1sov, Huia Handicap 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Auckland Welter Handicap 1sov.

FIRST FOR.—Great Northern Champagne Stakes 1sov, Great Northern Oaks 1sov.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Tramway Handicap 1sov, Onslow Stakes 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Easter Handicap 5sovs, Great Northern Champagne Stakes (Sub.) 8sovs, Great Northern Oaks (Sub) 5sovs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Mangere Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 7sovs, Huia Handicap 2sovs, Victoria Handicap 2sovs, Auckland Welter Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

MONDAY, MARCH 11th. Brighton Hurdles, Easter Handicap, Autumn Steeplechase.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd.

Tradesmen's Handicap, Tramway Handicap, Onslow Stakes, Nelson Handicap, Eden Handicap.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, by 8 p.m. Stewards' Handicap, Mangere Handicap, St. George's Handicap, Huia Handicap, Victoria Handicap, Auckland Welter Handicap.

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AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1912.

- 1. FIRST HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 100sovs. One mile and a-half.
2. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 150sovs. Five furlongs.
3. TIMARU HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.
4. TARANAKI CUP HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. One mile and a-quarter.
5. FIRST WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile.
6. OKATO HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile.
7. FLYING HANDICAP of 150sovs. Six furlongs.
8. HACK SCURRY of 50sovs. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1912.

- 1. SECOND HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 100sovs. One mile and a-half.
2. GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 150sovs. Five furlongs.
3. OMATA HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.
4. PAUL MEMORIAL HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile and a distance.
5. SECOND WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.
6. KAWAU HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile.
7. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.
8. FINAL HACK FLUTTER of 50sovs. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

And Amounts to be Forwarded to the Secretary.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22nd, 1912, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for all events 1sov each.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29th (on or about).

WEIGHTS for the First Day's Handicaps.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, at 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.—First Hack Hurdles, Stewards' Handicap, Timaru Hack Handicap 1sov each, Taranaki Cup Handicap 4sovs, Welter Handicap, Okato Hack Handicap 1sov each, Flying Handicap 2sovs, Hack Scurry free.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1912, at 8.30 p.m.

WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handicaps.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, at 9.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Second Hack Hurdles, Grandstand Handicap, Omata Hack Handicap 1sov each, Paul Memorial Handicap 3sovs, Second Welter Handicap, Kawau Hack Handicap, Farewell Handicap 1sov each, Final Handicap free.

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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MARCH 6th AND 7th, 1912.

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WEIGHTS will be declared about SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1912.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day, also Entries for Trial and Maiden close on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1912, at 9 p.m.

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PROGRAMME:

- 1. MAIDEN HANDICAP of 25sovs; second horse to receive £2 10s from stakes. For horses that have not won a race exceeding 20sovs in value at time of start. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Distance, six furlongs.
2. WAIMANGU HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 3sovs from stakes. Nomination 12s 6d, acceptance 12s 6d. Distance, four furlongs.
3. ROTORUA CUP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from stakes. Nomination 20s, acceptance 20s. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.
4. HACK HANDICAP of 20sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from stakes. For horses that have not won a race exceeding 10sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination 7s 6d, acceptance 7s 6d. Distance, five furlongs.
5. THERMAL SPRINGS HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 3sovs from stakes. Nomination 12s 6d, acceptance 12s 6d. Distance, six furlongs.
6. TOURIST PLATE of 30sovs; second horse to receive 3sovs from stakes. Nomination 12s 6d, acceptance 12s 6d. Distance, four furlongs.
7. ARAWA PARK HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 4sovs from stakes. Nomination 17s 6d, acceptance 17s 6d. Distance, seven furlongs.
8. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 25sovs; second horse to receive £2 15s from stakes. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Distance, five furlongs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- 1. All races run under the New Zealand Racing Conference Rules of Racing.
2. Names, age, pedigree, performance to date, and colours with nomination.
3. No nominations or acceptances will be received without the necessary amount of cash.
4. All protests must be made in writing to the Secretary with a deposit of £2 within 15 minutes of race, which deposit will be forfeited if protest is not upheld.
5. Winners of any race after declaration of weight may be re-handicapped.
6. Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances.
7. All persons intending to withdraw horses, are required to give notice to that effect to the Secretary or Clerk of the Scales one half-hour before the official time for starting the race. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with this Rule shall be fined by the Stewards a sum of not less than 1sov, nor more than 20sovs.
8. Nominations for all events close on FRIDAY, January 26th, 1912, at 9 p.m., with the secretary, E. DYSON, Box 73, Rotorua, and with Mr. H. HAYR, Auckland.
9. Weights appear in Auckland "Herald" and "Star" on Friday, February 2nd, 1912.
10. Acceptances close FRIDAY, February 9th, 1912, at 9 p.m. E. DYSON, Secretary.

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SECOND DAY.

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THE TOTALISATOR COMMISSION.

The members of the New South Wales Totalisator Commission left New Zealand on Monday for Tasmania after which they go on to Melbourne and Adelaide before returning to Sydney. Before leaving Dunedin the Hon. R. H. Levien, Chairman of the Commission, had something to say to an "Otago Daily Times" reporter in regard to the New Zealand tour.

In answer to a question, Mr. Levien stated that he thought that the race-courses the commission had visited in New Zealand showed beyond a doubt that the appointments were most convenient and complete in every way. Not only were the courses generally made attractive by the aid of the gardener, but the sanitary arrangements—a matter of essential importance on a racecourse—were very well carried out indeed, and in this respect he was glad to notice that in the exhaustive report which had been submitted to Parliament by the Racing Commission attention had been called where necessary to those courses on which these arrangements were lacking. All the courses which the commission had visited, however, were without a doubt up to date. The running tracks, both for racing and training, were everything that could be desired, the safety of the horses seeming to have been well assured. At the Wingatui course the members were highly pleased with what they saw, and expressed the opinion that the course would be a very picturesque one in another year or two, when the club would have completed its work.

Mr. Levien went on to refer to the conditions existing in New South Wales, where they had no totalisator, but only bookmakers, and stated that a mistake had been made by the Christchurch papers in publishing what he had said in regard to the amount paid by bookmakers in fees, etc. He desired it to be clearly understood that what he said was that bookmakers' licensing fees and entrance fees, clerks' registration fees and salaries and the bookmakers' living expenses ran into the total of £151,426 16/ per year. This applied only to Sydney and suburbs and Newcastle, and not to the whole of the State. He had noticed that the Hon. J. A. Millar, speaking on the gaming question in the House on July 21, 1910, said that the bookmakers paid £120,000 odd to the clubs in New Zealand for the privilege of being on the course alone. If that was what they paid in licenses alone, what must the other expenses attaching to the business total? "It appears to be a very profitable business taking it any way," concluded Mr. Levien.

Remarking on the fact that, of the 10 per cent. deducted from the money passing through the totalisator 7½ per cent. went to the club and 2½ per cent. to the State, Mr. Levien said that they had found from all the evidence so far placed before them that the clubs spent 7½ per cent upon improvements to the courses, on increasing the prize-money, and on general up-keep, and that the public were allowed to use the grounds on holiday occasions if they so desired. When the whole of the evidence was completed it would make interesting reading, both from the social standpoint and as regards betting and racing generally. The evidence and report would be useful, not only to New Zealand herself, but to the States of Victoria and New South Wales, where the totalisator was not in existence. Mr. Levien said that he wished it to be distinctly understood that neither he himself nor the other members of the commission—and he thought he could speak for them all—desired to express any opinion at the present juncture upon the question that has been laid before them for investigation. They must first furnish their Government with the evidence and their report, which would then be laid before Parliament. They could only hope that that report, whatever its nature, would meet with satisfaction from those who took an interest in the much-vexed question. Personally, he felt the importance of his position and the responsibility attaching to it, and the commission had taken care to grant every facility for the hearing of evidence. In addition, the public had never been prevented from attending to hear the evidence being taken, for the commission never sat in camera except at the special request of the person giving evidence.

During the past year, the Melbourne Trotting Club have provided in prize money the total amount of 4610 sovs., distributed over 21 meetings. This sum is a record for Australia, and marks the great progress trotting has made in Victoria under the management of the Melbourne Trotting Club (says an Australian exchange.) A number of innovations have been tried during the year by the M.T.C., in order to increase the popularity of the sport, and to endeavour to bring new blood into the racing game, and each experiment has been successful. In the first place sprint racing was given a trial, and close finishes have been the result. Ladies' Bracelet Handicaps have also come in for their fair share of support; but the Tradesmen's Trotting Handicaps have been the feature of the year, but they have been found to have had the effect of not only bringing a number of new horses and men into the racing, but have also improved the patronage at the gate.

Due attention has, however, been given to the faster classes, although we would have liked to see the big races handicapped on a shorter limit, (continues the paper in question), but, still, the recent policy of the club to put on a purse of 100 sovs. for fair class horses, over a distance of 1¼ miles, on every programme, should be the means of not only keeping fast horses in training to race for the prize money only, apart from the gambling element, but will also encourage owners to give a fair price for horses, to bring here from the adjoining States. I am a great believer in the purse-gated horse myself, and trust that the management of the club will recognise their duty to horse breeders by putting on at least one race for pure-gaited horses only on each programme; let trotters and pacers race together, but bar the hoppers altogether.

Some months ago there was a controversy in Australia as to the respective merits of starting and handicapping by distance or time, the result being that after a trial meeting had been held on the Richmond Racecourse, to test the methods, it was decided by the management to adopt the distance handicap, with the standing start and at the last meeting of last year, the results were such as to justify the choice of the management, and, although experts may differ as to the wisdom or otherwise of the choice, still a decision in favour of the standing start has been given and all owners must loyally abide by the opinion of those in authority.

Coughing, as described by a German authority, causes trouble in the training stables of that country, and remedies are not easily found. Whilst the subject was being discussed an experienced trainer stated that, after trying all the American nostrums with out success, he arrived at the conclusion that the best remedy is absolute rest, fresh air, scrupulous cleanliness, and for the first four or seven days a rigid fasting cure. He has also noticed that any work given to a horse sickening with the fever causes a rise in temperature, and induces inflammation of the lungs; high-pressure feeding, resorted to formerly, he considers a mistake. Another pronouncement is to this effect: "Bad weather, cold winds, and rain have nothing to do with the spasmodic outbreaks of coughing. It is suggested that the German racing societies should offer a tempting reward to the clever chemist who finds a remedy."

STAKE-WINNERS AT TRENTHAM.

The Wellington Racing Club established a fresh record during the recent meeting at Trentham when the large sum of £83,317 was put through the totalisator for the three days. This is an advance on the last summer meeting of £52,004.

The principal winning owners to draw stakes from the Wellington Racing Club were as follows:—

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| "Mr. Highden" | £ 1325 |
| Mr. W. Smart | 725 |
| Sir Geo. Clifford | 695 |
| Mr. E. J. Watt | 595 |
| Mr. J. Buckley | 430 |
| Mr. J. R. M'Donald | 400 |
| Mr. H. Whitney | 280 |
| Hon. J. D. Ormond | 250 |

The total amount paid out in stakes by the W.R.C. amounted to £6350.

The Sout-Caller 'Ou colt disposed of at the Waikanae stud sale at Wellington on Wednesday for 250gns was secured by Mr. J. Jackson, of Auckland.

YANKEE "DOPES" FOR HORSES.

A German sporting paper has drawn up a list of all the "dopes" which have reached the Continent from America. It is stated that the dose given internally depends on the weight of the horse, and can by an expert be so carefully given as to defy detection. All the difficulties preventing an accurate analysis are, enumerated, and to obtain the slightest proof would necessitate the horse being watched without intermission for several days; gathering and examining the secretions, which, in the case of strychnine would not give any result except after several days. Cocaine and strychnine are the favourite drugs' but, as the writer of the article observes, the mere fact that certain alkaloids in small quantities are to be found in the bukal and dermal secretions, and the fact of their having increased the vigour of frogs and even killed them, is not positive proof that chemically-prepared food offered in the stables under different names with most of the greenstuffs trainers give

to their equine charges contain alkaloids, and high feeding with corn, and an indigent digestion on the part of the horses may be productive of poisonous alkaloids owing to the presence of Avenine. There is no difficulty in discovering these different alkaloids. A description is given of the manner in which the analyses made by Austrian and Russian chemists were made recently, and their veracity is impugned. Strychnine and cocaine are used in most of the chemical food preparations, and the latter is given medicinally. Fasting and bucal secretions even with human beings engender at times a violent poison, and then again the frog is not calculated for any experiment, for the frog is highly sensitive to sugar in any form, and sugar is present in nearly every kind of prepared food. The conclusion is that the analyses offer no real proof as to the culpability of a trainer who has been deprived of his license on suspicion.

During the Foxton meeting, C. Price rode four winners.

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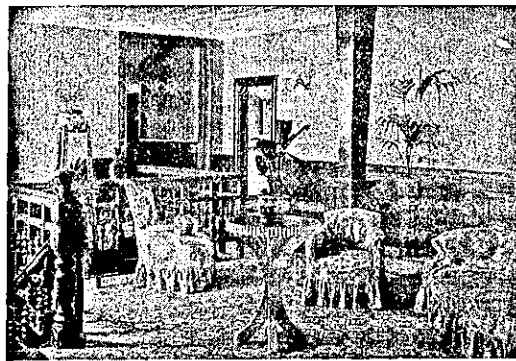
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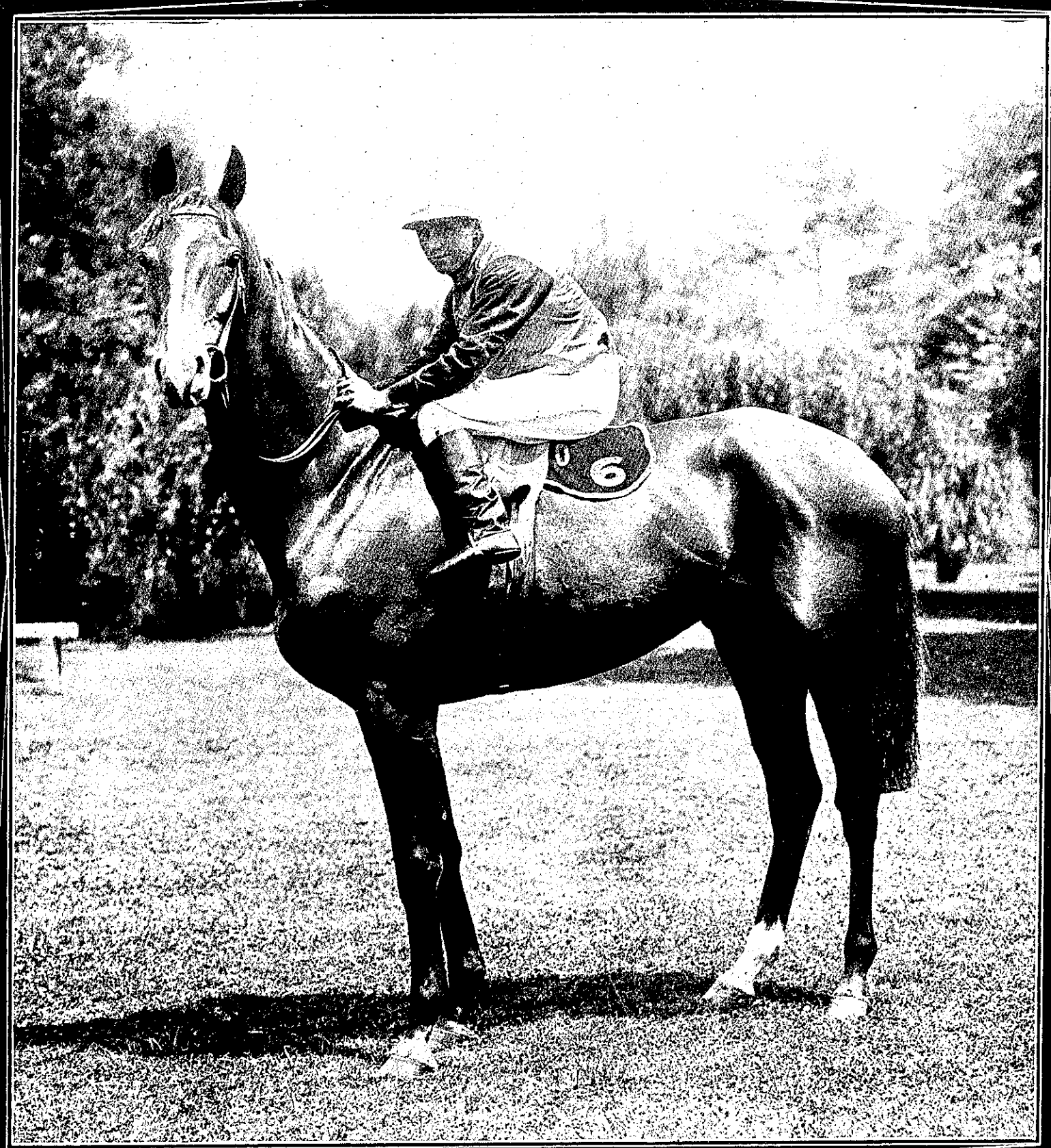
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THE :: PASSING :: SHOW

TOPICS OF THE WEEK, BY A CAUSTIC CRITIC.

Totalisator records appear to be exciting an unusual amount of attention. Since Ellerslie broke all previous records for the Dominion in the matter of money invested on the totalisator, Wellington and Takapuna, in addition to several other North Island clubs, have eclipsed the best returns of former years by very large amounts. Doubtless the New South Wales Totalisator Commission has helped materially to focus public attention on the workings of the machine; but, apart from that, the figures are certainly startling to those who merely take a superficial interest in passing events, and give colour to the oft repeated fallacy that betting is increasing very rapidly. When, however, the figures are analysed dispassionately the "record-breakers" by no means afford conclusive evidence of a growing prosperity on the part of New Zealanders to squander their money on "backing their fancy" on the racecourses, as our parsonic friends would have the uninitiated believe.

At the present time New Zealand is experiencing a period of great prosperities, and, naturally, there is a larger amount of surplus cash available for speculation. This being so, it is only reasonable that a fair quota of the floating capital should find its way to the racecourses, without it being suggested that the community is giving way more to the gambling habit.

This, however is not likely to convince the anti-tote agitators that the machine is in reality not encouraging gambling; because they stand pat on the additional returns as undisputed evidence of the public's anxiety to frit their money away on racecourses. They, however, overlook the fact that at every meeting that has shown increased totalisator returns the attendances have been greatly in excess of previous years, and that the ratio between increased attendances and increased totalisator returns is all in favour of the actual investments on the machines being proportionately smaller per head than previously when bookmakers were licensed.

It is well known to racing men conversant with the sport, that, during the period bookmakers were allowed to legally operate, the totalisator did not attract more than about two-fifths—certainly not a-half—of the capital expended on backing horses. We are not prepared to say that under the present conditions all the money spent in wagering goes through the machine. We can, nevertheless, positively state that under the present Gaming Act anti-post betting has been very largely reduced, and that while probably a good proportion of the money that previously went to the bookmaker now goes to the totalisator, the aggregate amount expended by the "punter" is less now than formerly.

The opponents to the totalisator would do well to realise that hitherto many owners and trainers were wont to go to the bookmaker and back their horses in large amounts days and weeks and often months before the events. Now, however, most of that money is diverted from its previous channel and is now helping to swell

There can be no question that taking the Takapuna summer meeting of 1911 (the last occasion on which bookmakers were permitted to legally follow their calling on a racecourse in the Dominion), and the record meeting of the same club this season as an example, that of the actual money which changed hands on the

For years past our meddlesome legislators have been crowding new laws into our already overburdened statute books at such a rate that the sorely inflicted public of this benighted land have not been able to assimilate them, nor have the police been able to enforce them because of their slovenly and incompetent construction, which leaves such palpable flaws that even a schoolboy can discover a way to evade the intentions of our grandmotherly politicians. It is little wonder, therefore, that when the N.S.W. Totalisator Commission came to take evidence on the administration of our Gaming Act, the said piece of fuddled legislation was exposed in such a way as to make the Act appear ludicrous besides leaving an impression that our police were a hopelessly indolent, if not actually blind, band of nonentities.

Here is an illustration of our meaning:—"We are told that the bookmakers in New Zealand are plying their business as merrily as ever, but not on the racecourses," said a member of the New South Wales totalisator commission at Wellington. "Men, we are told, are betting on the streets and offering totalisator odds." "That may be," replied the witness, "but it is nevertheless illegal." "Don't you think," asked a commissioner at a later stage in the proceedings, "that almost every man in the streets, except the police, knows that the bookmakers are carrying on their calling? Don't you think it is the fault of the police and not the fault of the law that the bookmaker still exists?" The witness replied that the police had tried to put the practice down, but experience had proved that it was only with the greatest difficulty that a conviction could be recorded.

Clad in costly sables, and exhaling the perfumes of Araby, she had wasted a full hour of the costumier's time in trying to find and bespeak a Shakespeare outfit for a fancy dress carnival.

"Plum velvet no good," said the costumier, grimly, closing the sixth trunk. "Now, miss, what character do you prefer?"

"Oh, dear, anything cool for summer. Lady Godiva wasn't Shakespeare, was she? What about Ariel? Do you think I could keep up the part?"

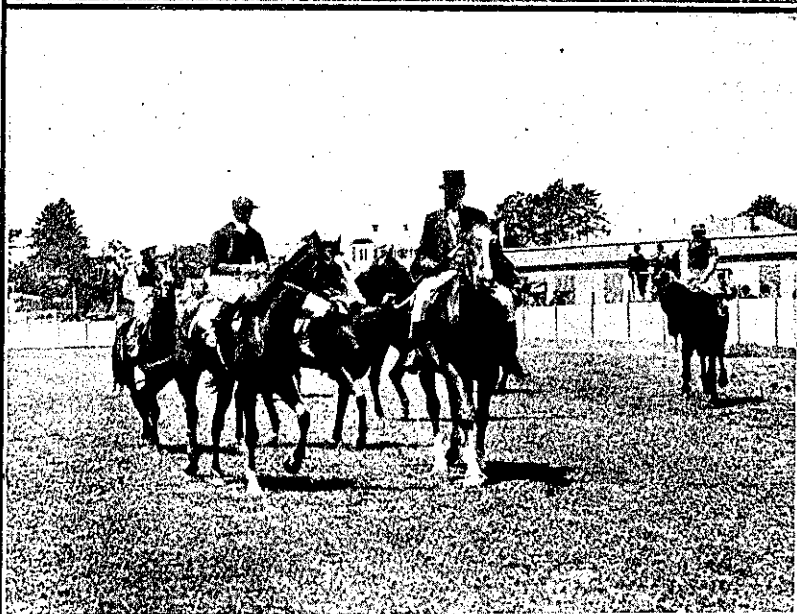
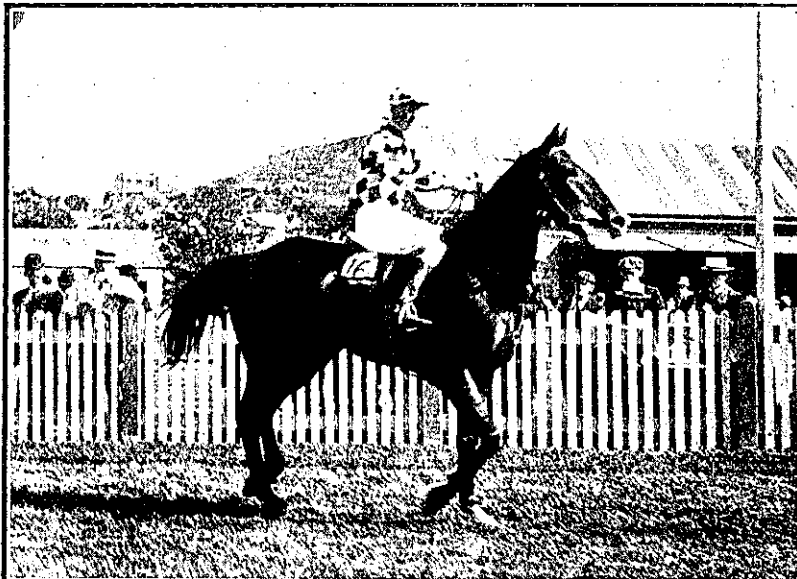
"Really I can't say," observed the costumier, puzzled. "I'm afraid I should have to know a little more of you."

"Oh! I have plenty of time," chirruped the fair one; "have you a room with a fire in it?"

"Things of which too much is not enough—money and love."

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1. Mr Jos Molloy's SURPLUS (Ayres), who won the Ferry Handicap (5½ furlongs), and paid the largest dividend at the Takapuna J.C.'s Summer Meeting.

2. TIRESOME (C. Brown) returning to scale after winning the Handicap Maiden Plate (one mile). The second horse, INVADER (B. Deeley) is on right of picture.

the totalisator returns. This alone would account for a substantial proportion of the increases shown at each meeting. In addition to this there also has to be taken into account the very large sums of money that were handled by licensed bookmakers on the racecourses.

former occasion quite two-fifths was handled by the "bookies"; but this year the increased takings on the totalisator did not show that the totalisator returns improved in that proportion even though the attendances this season at the North Shore racecourse was far and away greater than on any previous occasions.



ERMENGARDE (C. Brown) secures a runaway victory in the Wellington Stakes (five furlongs) from the crack Southern two-year-old AUTUMNUS (F. E. Jones), with GLADE (H. Watson), a poor third. PERONEAL is fourth, and the Auckland colt, PRINCE SOULT fifth.

[J. H. Daroux, photo.]



RACING.



RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1911-12

FIXTURES.

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—Te Kuiti R.C. Annual.
Feb. 8 and 9—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual.
Feb. 14—Rotorua J.C. Annual
Feb. 14 and 15—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
Feb. 21 and 22—Woodville J.C. Autumn
Feb. 21, 22 and 24—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
Feb. 23 and 24—South Auckland R.C. Annual
Feb. 24—Tolaga Bay J.C. Annual
Feb. 29 and March 2—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
March 6 and 7—Dannevirke R.C. Autumn
March 13 and 14—Napier Park R.C. Autumn
March 18—Opunake R.C. Annual

NOMINATIONS

Feb. 2—Woodville J. C. Autumn
Feb. 19—Opunake R.C. Annual
Feb. 22—Napier Park R.C. Autumn
Jan. 26—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
Jan. 29—Tolaga Bay J.C. Annual
Feb. 2—South Auckland R.C. Annual
Feb. 12—Tolaga Bay J.C. Annual
Feb. 16—Napier Park R.C. Autumn

WEIGHTS ARE DUE

Feb. 2—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual
Feb. 2—Rotorua J.C. Annual
Feb. 5—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
Feb. 7—Tolaga Bay J.C. Annual
Feb. 9—Woodville J.C. Autumn
Feb. 9—South Auckland R.C. Annual
Feb. 10—Wanganui J.C. Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

Feb. 2—Egmont R.C. Summer
Feb. 3—Poverty Bay T.C. Annual
Feb. 5—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
Feb. 9—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
Feb. 9—Rotorua J.C. Annual
Feb. 12—Tolaga Bay J.C. Annual
Feb. 13—Woodville J.C. Autumn
Feb. 16—South Auckland R.C. Annual
Feb. 17—Dannevirke R.C. Autumn
Feb. 20—Dannevirke R.C. Autumn
Feb. 23—Wanganui J.C. Autumn

FIRST FORFEITS.

March 22—C.J.C. 20th Challenge Stakes and Champagne Stakes

SECOND FORFEITS.

Feb. 23—Fourth Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes
Jan. 24—Wanganui J.C. Jackson Stakes
Feb. 23—Eighth Manawatu Stakes

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Feb. 23—Wanganui J.C. Jackson Stakes
April 8—C.J.C. Champagne Stakes and 20th Challenge Stakes

FINAL PAYMENTS.

Feb. 26—Wanganui Cup

THE EVOLUTION OF BOOK-MAKING.

Though many do not recognise the fact, no branch of the great business of racing has been so completely revolutionised during the last forty years as book making. In the early days the Australian bookmaker did all his betting himself. His stock-in-trade comprised a small pocket-book, the leaves of which were a specially-prepared paper, and a metallic pencil. There was no chance of "faking" a wager once it was put down in those books. Busy men were Messrs Bill Branch, Saqui, E. E. Jones, J. Miller, P. Blennister, Tom Hopkins, the brothers Thompson, Tom Croker, Lou Green, D. McElhardo, and others. The introduction of cash betting, with its book and bag, brought with it the betting clerk, and quite altered the betting business on the racecourse. In the early days there were partners in bookmaking—the most notable combination, perhaps, being Messrs Miller, Jones, and O'Brien, from the fact that they laid the biggest wager that has been recorded in Australia, £50,000 to £500 the double. V.R.C. Derby and Melbourne Cup, Navigator and Gardaz. At the present day (says "Martindale"), both in Sydney and Melbourne, there are several bookmaking firms, and the matter of partners' liability has been discussed by the committee of Tattersall's Club. That body has ruled that partners are liable for each other's betting debts, whether contracted by laying against, or backing horses. This ruling is a very important one to those concerned, and it makes each responsible for even private business.

Labour Day is reported to be going along well at Waverley, and will be given a run at Hawera next week.

THE TAKAPUNA MEETING.

It was the Takapuna Jockey Club that fared worse of the Auckland clubs when the Racing Commission started pruning down the number of racing days and totalisator permits. For many years the North Shore club held seven racing days in each season, but as a result of the Commissioners' recommendations the club were only allowed four days during the 1911-1912 season. This was particularly unfortunate not only for the club, but also for the general public, who have long regarded the Takapuna meeting as the cheapest, and most convenient racing gathering about Auckland. Ill luck, however, seemed to follow the club for some time after the Racing Commission had issued their report, because their first meeting was seriously interfered with on account of wet and boisterous weather, which necessitated postponing one afternoon's sport, in addition to causing several more or less serious accidents.

THE TURN OF THE TIDE

It is particularly pleasing now to record the fact that their summer

watching New Zealand's national pastime, it certainly behoves the Auckland Harbour Board to facilitate the endeavours of the Takapuna Jockey Club to better provide for the enjoyment of Aucklanders, besides securing to the fast growing borough of Devonport another open space.

DEPARTING THOROUGHBREDS.

The dispersal sale last week of the famous Elderslie stud marks yet another regrettable knock the "Sport of Kings" has sustained in New Zealand. Since the sale of the late Mr. G. G. Stead's horses nearly five years ago, no more important sale of thoroughbreds has been held in the Dominion. It was hoped that when the Oamaru sportsman, Mr. J. B. Reid, decided to dispose of his Elderslie Estate and all his thoroughbred buyers would be found within New Zealand willing to secure the principal stallions and brood mares. As it happened, however, Australian sportsmen secured the pick of the bloodstock and the Dominion will be the poorer for the absence of such successful

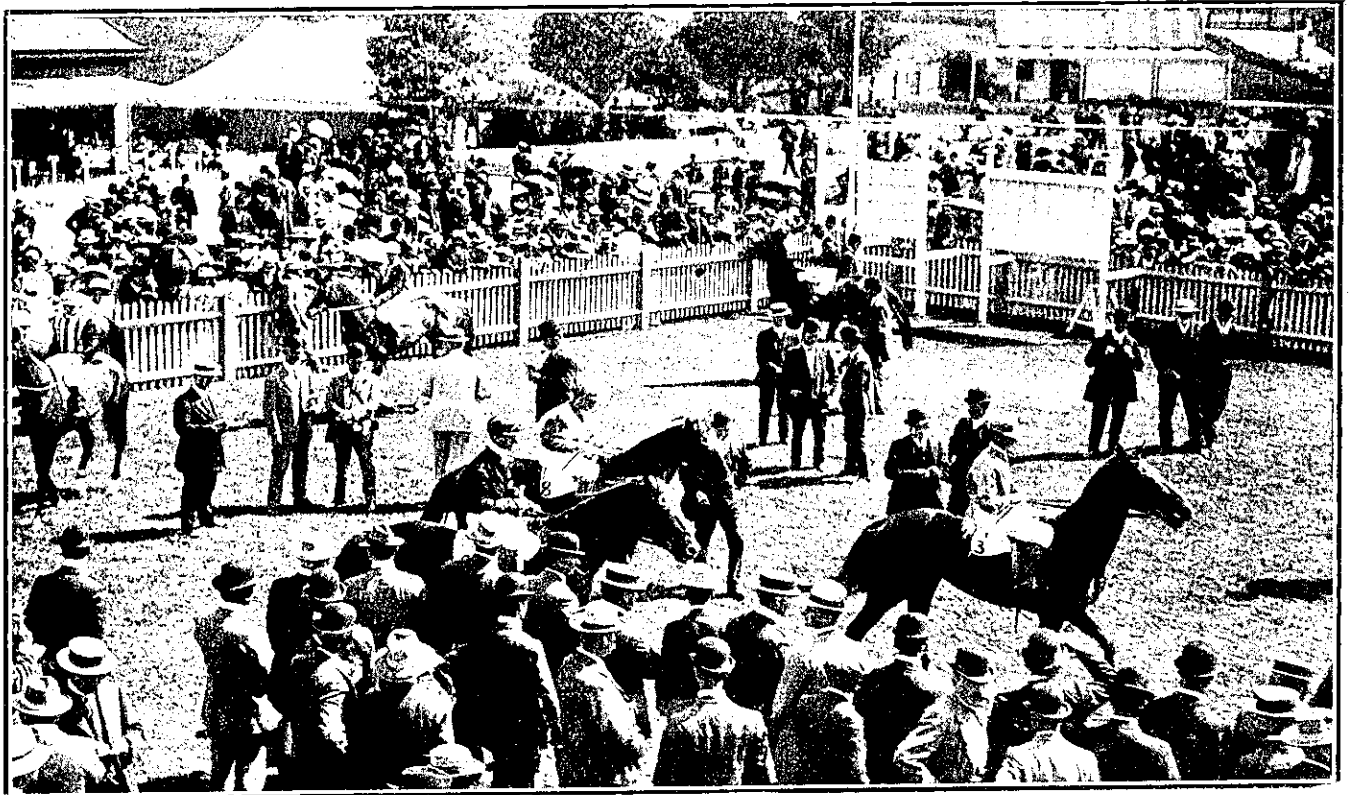
NEW ZEALAND'S LOSS.

Referring to the sale of the Elderslie bloodstock a Southern correspondent says: "Much curiosity had been expressed as to what the successful imported stallion Charlemagne II. (St. Simon—Perfect Dream) would realize. Although such a short time at the stud, he has already proved his worth as the sire of Culprit, Ermesgarde, Canate, and others. It was hoped that he would not leave New Zealand, but some of the Australian studmasters were very keen on his possession, and he ultimately fell to the bid of the Messrs. Thompson Bros., of New South Wales, for 2300 guineas.

AUSTRALIA'S GAIN.

The other stallions also were purchased by Australian breeders. Downshire (imp.), by Ayrshire—Seadown, went to Mr. W. Thompson, of Rylstone, for 600 guineas. The same buyer also secured Varco (imp.), by Marco—Vara, for 600 guineas. Vasco (imp.), by Velasquez—Seabreeze, was secured by Mr. Henry Patterson, of Victoria, for 850 guineas.

The highest priced brood mares were sold as follows:—Ingoda (win-



HORSES PARADING IN THE BIRDCAGE PRIOR TO THE RUNNING OF THE TAKAPUNA CUP.—The horses in foreground are SEA ELF, SIR ARTEGAL and GLOY.

fixture, concluded on Anniversary Day, was in every way a big success. The climatic conditions were ideal, the sport was particularly interesting, and the attendances on both days eclipsed all previous numbers, while the club will make a substantial profit out of their totalisator commission. Although it has been long delayed the tide has apparently turned and the T.J.C. is heading for a more prosperous future. The club has now closed down for the present season, and will hold no more races until next spring on the North Shore course.

IMPROVEMENTS WANTED.

Between this and November next, the club will probably make strenuous efforts to secure from the Auckland Harbour Board a lease of a portion of the land lying to the North of the racecourse, so as to lengthen their track to a mile, and enlarge their enclosures. There can be no doubt that such improvements are necessary if not actually imperative if the club is to continue. When it is considered that there is no more popular course in the Dominion outside the Metropolitan ones, where the general public can secure so inexpensive and pleasant an outing to enjoy the exhilarating pleasures of

stallions as Charlemagne II., Downshire, Varco and Vasco, and the sterling brood mares Ingoda, Marcobelle, Petrovna, and Armigera. The departure of these animals will still further deplete New Zealand of first-class stock, and there can be no question if our remaining studmasters continue to dispose of their stock as has been done of recent years the outlook is very serious.

ENCOURAGE STUDMASTERS.

The North suffered a severe loss when Mr. E. A. Price disposed of his Cambria Park stud last January, and since then several other studmasters have allowed some of their finest stock to be sold under the hammer and many of the best lots have unfortunately left the country. It is to be earnestly hoped that, in the interests of racing, to say nothing of the general improvement of our equine stock, that steps will be taken shortly that will help to stem the tide which has set in and is carrying away our best thoroughbreds. If the Government could be induced to offer substantial subsidies to studmasters and the racing clubs increased their contributions for the encouragement of the breeding of horses, it is possible that new stud farms would be established and prosper.

er of N.Z. St. Leger), Mr. Sol Green, N.S.W., 800 guineas; Armigera (dam of Ingoda), Mr. Clark, 800 guineas; Marcobelle, imp. (Marco—Le Belle), Mr. Sol Green, 875 guineas. The others ranged from 400 guineas to 35 guineas.

SOME CHEAP LOTS.

The fillies and mares not served sold at from 550 guineas down to 70 guineas. The highest priced one was Petrovna, for whom Mr. Sol Green, owner of the Shipley stud, gave 550 guineas. The foals sold from 350 guineas to 25 guineas, Mr. G. D. Greenwood purchasing at the higher figure. In all four stallions, 64 mares, seven fillies not stunted, and 23 foals were disposed of, the sale being a very successful one.

Mr E. J. Watt took a strong hand in the sale of the Waikanae yearlings last week as three of the high-priced lots fell to his bids. His purchases consisted of a half brother by Achilles to Meriwa and Lady Reina, a colt by Achilles out of Stepina, the latter mare being a daughter of Stepniak and Glorvina and a colt by Achilles from Marseillaise. This latter mare is a full sister to Lord Soult.

TURF TOPICS.

Cloudy Dawn, after a somewhat unsuccessful career won a good race when he defeated the field in the Moana Handicap at Takapuna. It is to be hoped the Seaton Delaval gelding will not be long before returning his owner another winning stake.

La Reina ran two good races at Takapuna on the first day without scoring a win. She ran to within about half a length of Soultoria in the Cup (one mile and a-quarter) and went out later in the Stewards' Handicap (five furlongs and a-half) and was only beaten by a head by Mighty Atom after meeting with trouble in the race.

Hector Gray and Ben Deeley each rode three winners at the Takapuna meeting, C. Brown and A. Cowan two, and Bennett, Ayres, Coleman, Stockley, Conquest, and Whittaker one each.

The successful trainers at Takapuna were:—Mr. H. R. Mackenzie (Black Northern, twice), F. McManemin (Soultoria and Monoline), D. Bannatyne (Tiresome), E. Mantle (Red Lupin), D. Moraghan (Master Theory), W. G. Irwin (Surplus), F. Loomb (Lannacost), W. C. Ring (Mighty Atom), E. Pope (Cloudy Dawn), H. Barr (Lloyds), T. A. Williams (Peggy Pryde), H. French (Gloy), H. C. Tonks (Bogey), C. Winder (St. Amans).

R. J. Mason experienced misfortune with two members of his team at Wellington (says a Canterbury correspondent), as Byron contracted a cold and the English-bred colt Valido wrenched one of his joints and had to forfeit his engagement in the Wellington Stakes. Valido, which has a good private reputation, is a somewhat wild customer, but I believe he showed galloping ability of no mean order at Trentham.

The nominations for the Dunedin Cup meeting make a fairly lengthy list, but the entries for the Cup, in both quality and quantity, are distinctly disappointing. Class is confined to about four or five horses in the big race. The entries for the shorter races read rather better, but the events open to hacks are the only ones which have attracted anything like liberal entry.

Beverage has been allotted top weight (9.8) in the Newmarket Handicap. Other weights are:—Sharpshooter 7.11, Sunburnt 7.10, Chief Lochiel 7.6, Takipono 6.13, and Irritation 6.13. For the Australian Cup Trafalgar (9.12) is top weight. The New Zealander, Gunboat, has 7.13.

The C.J.C. midsummer meeting has not attracted many outside horses. The North Island will only be represented by Odessa and Turna, while Otago is only sending half a dozen contestants.

Three of last year's ponies won good races in open company at Takapuna. They were Red Lupin, Mighty Atom and Peggy Pryde.

In every weight-for-age race decided in Sydney this season, the first favourite has been defeated. From this it will be gleaned (says the "Referee") that those backers who believe that the only way to win money on the turf is to wait until the last moment, and back favourites for races of the weight-for-age class, have experienced a rough time in Sydney. In all, backers were astray in connection with the five w.f.a. and two special weight races of importance in Sydney, whilst in Melbourne, they picked three winners outright, and, in a fourth case, the winner shared favouritism with another competitor. A fifth race went to the second favourite, and the other two were annexed by outsiders. It rarely happens that the non-success of favourites in w.f.a. races in Sydney is so marked as has been the case so far this season, but perhaps in the autumn backers will even matters to some extent.

From Bathurst, N.S.W., comes word of the death of the Hon. Geo. Lee, of Leeholme. He was a very prominent breeder and owner of racehorses. Among many fine horses bred at his stud the best known perhaps were Etra Wennie (winner of the Marlbyrnong Plate and Oaks), Diffi-

dence (winner of the Sydney Cup), Merriwee (winner of the V.R.C. Derby and Melbourne Cup—subsequently a successful sire in Hawke's Bay), and Wilari (winner of the V.R.C. Derby). Mr. Lee was seventy-seven years of age at the time of his death.

The New Zealander Merrie Zealand was made the medium of a plunge in the Anniversary Handicap at the Victoria Amateur Turf Club's meeting on January 20th. He was expected to repeat the Gunboat coup of the previous meeting, and the money was piled on to him. He got off badly and finished out of a place. It is thought the failure of the good thing was in a measure due to H. Cairns being unable to do his mount justice. The New Zealand horseman got a bad

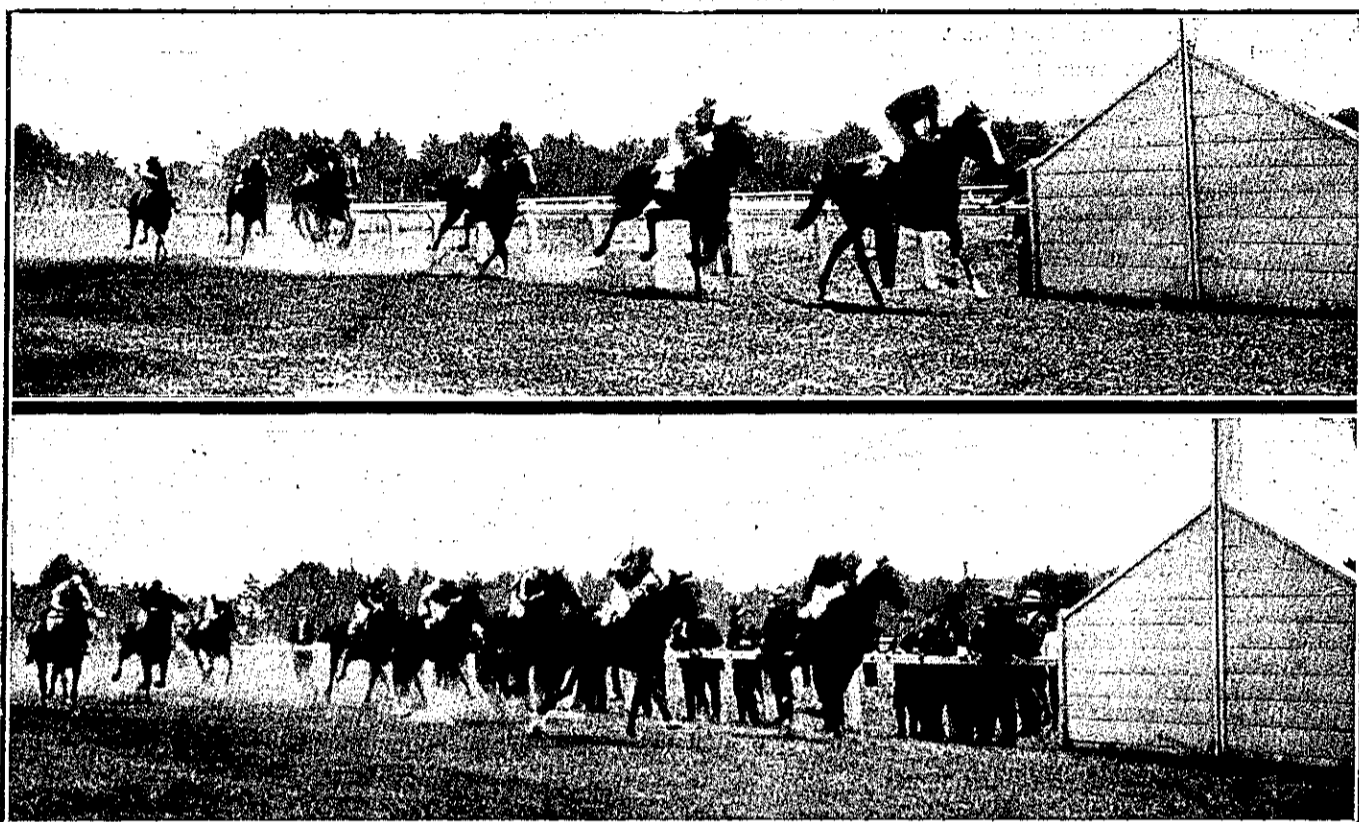
of the A.R.C. Spring Meeting in 1910. After this poor showing his owner, D. Moraghan, decided to try the Soult-Romula horse, over hurdles. At first Master Theory took very unkindly to the battens, but recently has shown greater aptitude. He first sported silk as a jumper in the Maiden Hurdles at Takapuna, and rewarded his painstaking owner-trainer by winning the event in convincing style, and returning a substantial dividend. Later the same day he ran another good race by running second to Black Northern in the Waiwera Hurdles.

Royal Scotch and Bon Bon have been scratched for all engagements at the Canterbury Jockey Club's Summer Meeting.

to the best advantage in that race. Deeley, in his statement, said that Wee Olga had run the field out soon after they jumped off, and his mount had lost several lengths. Under the circumstances he had ridden the horse to the best of his judgment. The stewards accepted the explanation, but warned Deeley as to his riding in the future.

The Maiden Plate at Takapuna owned by Mr. E. W. Alison. Tire-owned by Wm. E. W. Alison. Tiresome is a fine stamp of a mare by Seaton Delaval out of Torment. She started again in the Anniversary Handicap on the second day, and although she ran a good race was defeated by St. Amans. Tiresome promises to pay her way this season.

THE TAKAPUNA J.C.'S SUMMER MEETING.



Top picture: TIRESOME (C. Brown) wins the Handicap Maiden Plate (one mile) from INVADER (B. Deeley), with FIRELOCK (McKinnon) third. Bottom picture: CLOUDY DAWN (H. Gray) wins the Moana Handicap (seven furlongs) with INVADER (B. Deeley) second and MASTER DIX (Conquest) third.

shaking when Portlight fell and broke his neck in the hurdle race, and was hardly in a condition to make the best use of Merrie Zealand.

When the Cuirassier mare Caller Ou, with colt foal at foot by Soult, was purchased at the Glenora Park sale of mares last year, the price paid was 165 guineas. The foal was identical with the yearling sold at the Waikanae sale last week for 250 guineas, so that Mr. Duncan made a good bargain when he secured the mare.

Master Theory was one of the most disappointing horses to sport silk last year. He started in twenty-one flat races during the season, and only succeeded in securing one winning bracket by capturing the Welter Handicap, of one mile, on the last day

Mr. E. J. Watt's brilliant two-year-old Ventura has resumed training at Randwick.

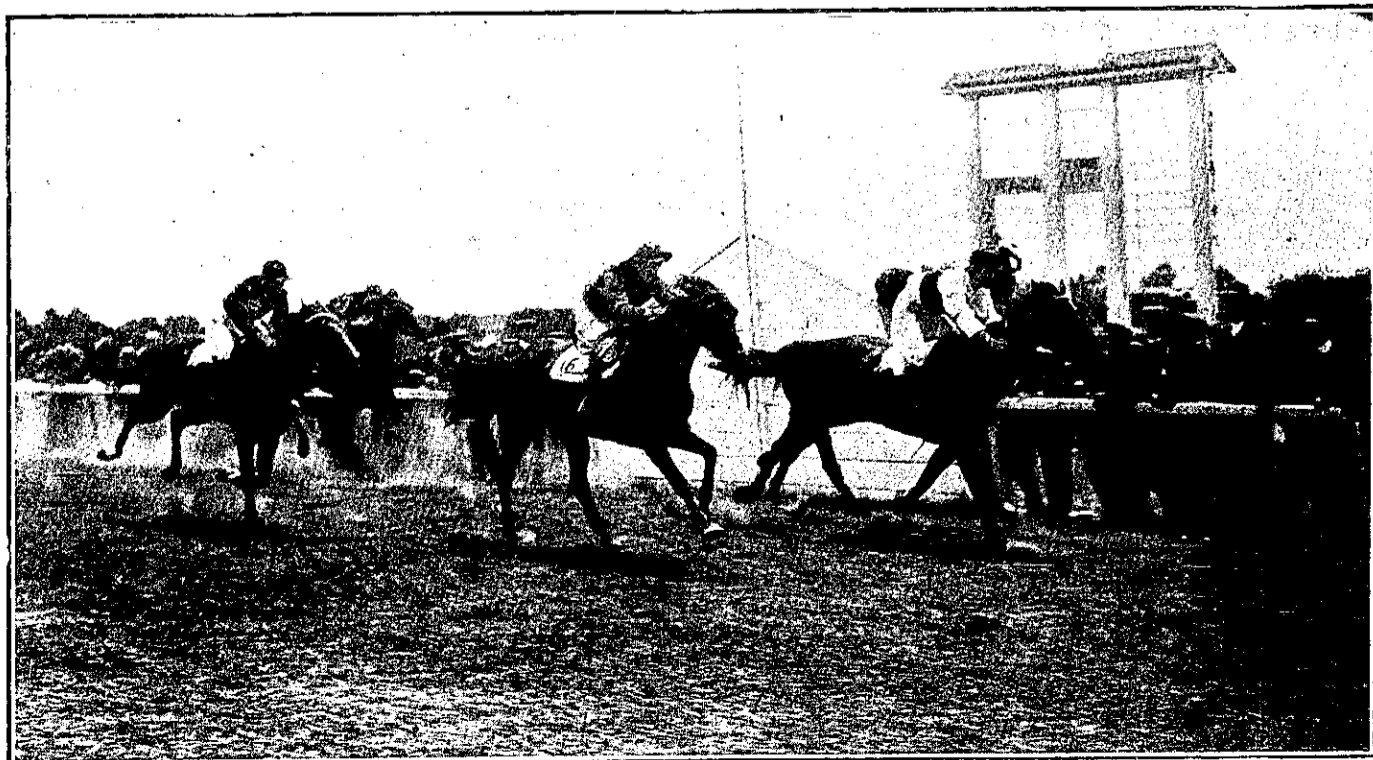
Master Theory was not able to compete in the second day's racing at Takapuna on account of his sustaining injuries when returning from the racecourse on Saturday. He got away from his attendant and fell. Fortunately his injuries are trifling, so that he may be seen out again under silk within a few weeks.

Before the racing started at Takapuna on Monday the stewards had B. Deeley, the rider of Captain Soult in the Stewards' Handicap on Saturday, before them. It was alleged by the lookout steward (Mr. George Cutts) that Deeley had not ridden his horse

The Takapuna Cup was won for the second year in succession last week by Soultoria, carrying 8st 6lb. In the early stages of the race matters did not look at all promising for the daughter of Soult, but over the last quarter of a mile Deeley brought her along at a great pace, and when a furlong from the post Soultoria dashed past the speedy La Reina, and won an excellent race.

By his victory on Soultoria in the Takapuna Cup Ben Deeley has added another notch to the three he has already scored in the event.

Monoline, who won the two-year-old handicap at Takapuna on Monday, certainly looked the best of good things on paper. In all her races the



AN EXCITING FINISH IN THE SUBURBAN HANDICAP (five furlongs and a-half) AT THE TAKAPUNA J.C.'S SUMMER MEETING.—PEGGY PRYDE (B. Deeley) defeats a hot favourite in RED LUPIN (H. Gray) by a head, with MAHINGA (O'Shea) third.

Monoform filly has shown herself remarkably smart up to four furlongs. In the handicap, won by Lady Georgia, at Ellerslie, the chestnut was as good as the winner for half a mile, and, on this form, she certainly seemed a winner when compared with the weak field which opposed her at the Shore.

The speedy pony Red Lupin, who had such a successful career in pony

Two New Zealand horsemen now residing in Melbourne—R. Cameron and S. O'Neill—intend paying a holiday visit to the Dominion after the Easter meetings.

The most successful jockey at the Wellington meeting was A. Oliver, who rode six winners on the three days. Ben Deeley, Claude Brown, and

land jockey, B. Deeley, at the recent Trentham meeting, the "Dominion" says, it may be mentioned that of twenty-three races, in which he was eligible to ride, he had mounts in twenty-one. His cheque for riding fees was the biggest drawn at the meeting.

The Vasco-Madder colt is to be brought north very shortly to join

of yearlings last week. The owner in question raced several horses a few years back, but latterly his colours have not been seen on the racecourse.

Jargon, a dual winner at the Taranaki meeting at Christmas, has been more or less lame after working lately, and his ailment is puzzling his trainer, O. Cox. Whilst competing at Woodville the bay horse moved very scratchily, so the trouble may have been coming on then.

Sir George Clifford will have a team at the Dunedin meeting. Masterpiece and Countermine have been nominated for the Cup, D.J.C. Handicap and other races, while Heatherbrae, Brown Owl, Scottish Star and Avarice are also engaged at the fixture.

A very smart gallop was registered on the Riccarton training track last week, when Kilts reeled off 6 furlongs in 1min 15 4-5sec. The chestnut son of Ayr Laddie had that useful performer The Cornet as a companion, but the latter was easily beaten.

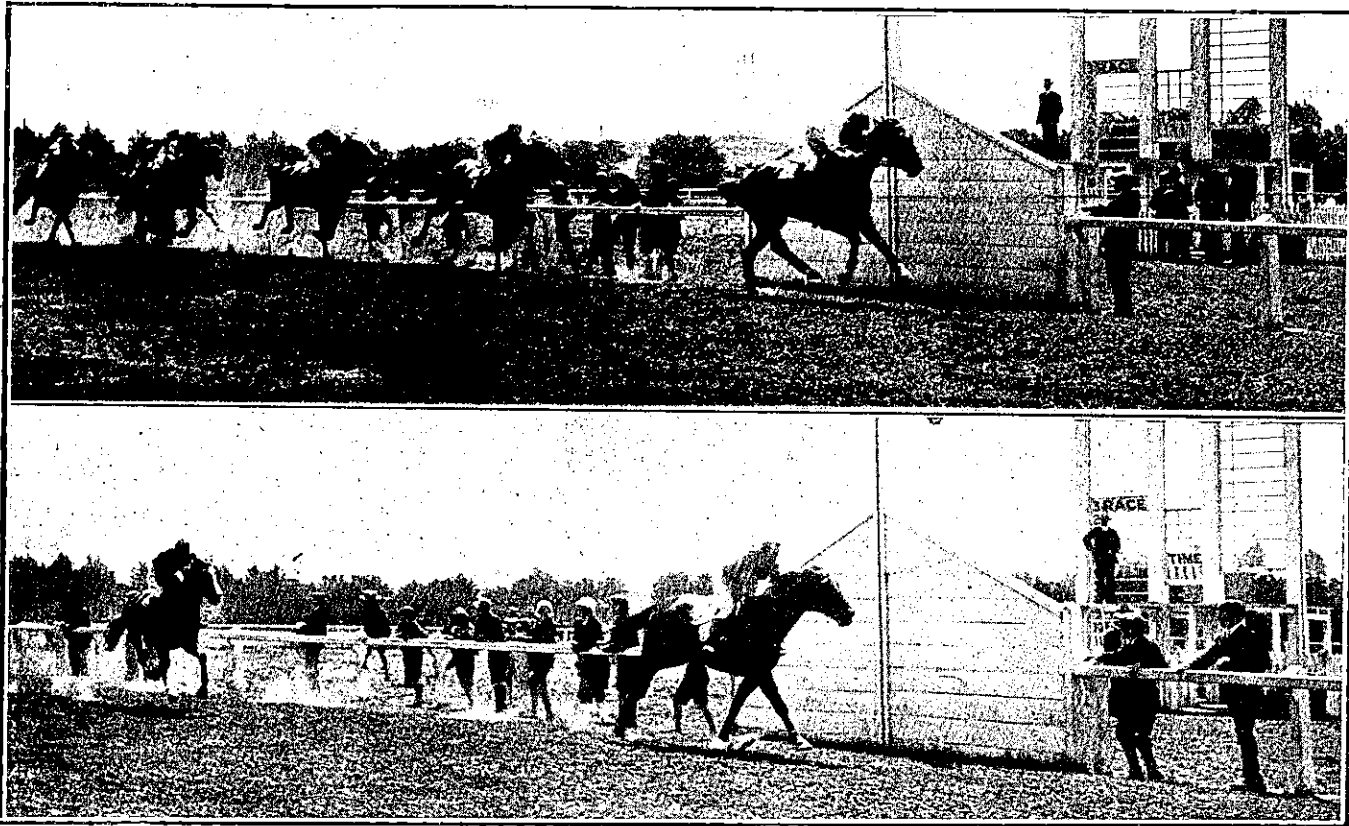
Mr. E. J. Watt, of Hastings, suffered the loss of a yearling colt, Achilles—Marseillaise, on Saturday last, says the "Tribune." The youngster was purchased by Mr. Watt at the sale of the Waikanae yearlings, at Wellington, on Tuesday last, and cost 260 guineas. Death was due to some internal trouble.

Swimming Belt, who has been a sad disappointment as a racehorse in Southland, displayed his savage propensities in an alarming fashion a few days ago. He and Bold Venture, says a Southern writer, had been worked on the Southland Club's course, and were being ridden back to their stables by boys named Townson and Cameron respectively. The unruly son of Captain Webb, though he was ornamented with a muzzle, suddenly dashed at Cameron and dragged him from the saddle by the leg. Swimming Belt got Cameron down, despite the frantic efforts of Townson to stay him, and tore some of his clothing away. Cameron's leg was painfully injured before he could escape, and in consequence he was compelled to forego a visit to the Gore meeting. Meanwhile Bold Venture had galloped off, and fears were expressed that he would damage himself, as on a previous occasion when he got free. Eventually the son of Clanrobert was discovered in a vacant section quietly cropping the grass, and Cameron got him home safely. The determined nature of the stallion's attack can be realised when it is explained that he had to reach up, owing to Bold Venture being a much bigger horse, and drag his victim to earth with a light muzzle on.

Does it pay to follow a jockey or back his mounts throughout the meeting? Usually we would say it would be an unprofitable way of picking winners. "Phaeton," of the "Herald," has however, worked out the dividends returned on the horses ridden at the Takapuna meeting by several of our leading riders, which shows a margin of profit. Allowing for an investment of a sovereign on each mount the returns work out as follows:

| | Mounts. | Dividends. | Total. |
|--------------|---------|------------|--------|
| H. Gray | 9 | 6 | £18 2 |
| B. Deeley | 10 | 5 | 13 4 |
| A. Whittaker | 9 | 3 | 10 5 |

The Waitemata Swimming Club will continue their series of swimming carnivals, which was inaugurated so successfully on Tuesday night, at the Albert-street Baths this (Thursday) evening, when another first-class programme will be presented, including the One Mile Team's Race, 220 Yards Breast-stroke (scratch), and a water polo match between Sydney and Waitemata. The Sydney swimmers will make their final appearance in Auckland at the Graving Dock on Saturday afternoon, when the chief attractions will be the One Mile Scratch Race and the 100 Yards Scratch Race.



PASSING THE POST THE SECOND TIME IN THE HAURAKI HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES (1½ miles).—CRISPINEER (Trail) leading MASTER THEORY (Bennett) and CAPTAIN PAUL (R. Thompson).

THE FINISH OF THE HAURAKI MAIDEN HURDLES AT THE TAKAPUNA J.C. SUMMER MEETING.—MASTER THEORY (Bennett) winning from MATARERE (McFlynn).

Black Northern has put up a good record for January by winning four races in succession: a double at Whangarei and two hurdle events at

C. Emmerson each rode three winners, while Luke Wilson scored a double.

Tommy Mussen, who does riding work for G. Murray-Aynsley at Riccarton, is said to be the most diminutive lad so engaged in the Dominion (says "The Judge"), his weight being not much over four stone. We have one or two riding in the North Island who are not exactly giants, notably young Kemp and A. G. Reed.

the Highden stable. It will be remembered that the youngster had his jaw broken about the time he was sold in Christchurch last November. It has mended splendidly, and the colt has kept his condition wonderfully well.

Information from Wellington is to the effect that J. H. Prosser was acting for a well-known local sportsman when he purchased the Achilles—Strathspey colt at the Waikanae sale

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Mr. W. J. Ralph (on right), judge and treasurer, and Mr. R. Speight, timekeeper.



Mr. Robert Wynyard, secretary, and Major W. Coyle, steward.

Takapuna. His victory in the Orewa Hurdles on Monday when he defeated Blue Mountain was a particularly meritorious one, and proved beyond all question that the son of Slavadan is a very capable hurdle horse with a good turn of speed. If he has a short respite before the autumn racing comes round there is every reason to believe that Black Northern should be found among the winners of the big jumping prizes.

Most of those giving evidence in favour of the totalisator have strong financial reasons for keeping it on a sound foundation. Some of those giving evidence against it and on the gambling question generally do not know what they are talking about.—"Otago Witness."

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HAWKE'S BAY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, January 29.

Merriwai and Wooloomooloo were taken down from Te Mahanga station on Thursday to Hastings by J. Cameron, who will soon be busy in his efforts to get the pair into trim for future lepping engagements. Merriwai appears to be well. Wooloomooloo was mated with a few mares during the season, his associate being Waiau, Ballistite, Mother Goose, and a mare by Makaki out of Slumber. His owner, Mr. A. F. Douglas, could have easily increased his consorts had he been so inclined.

Many excellent judges of the game who were assisting at the Wairoa fixture last week, informed me that A. Wood displayed top-notch form in the manner in which he sent the fields on their errands.

Dazzle, who has been one of the harem lorded over by San Fran this term, was shipped to Gisborne last night. The mother of California was accompanied by Goldenlyte, the foal full-brother to Sylverlyte.

Merrie Lad can fence quick and cleverly, and it's an odds on chance that ere long the son of Merriwee will be seen out in the open amongst the burdling birgade. He has got more than a fair share of pace and is as courageous as a bull.

R. (Brusher Gray), who for a lengthened period has ably filled the berth of head lad under S. Waddell at Karamu, is severing his connection with the all cerise stables at the end of the month. He is lettering his position, as he has been engaged by Mr. F. Easton, of Himitungi, to train his team. Knowing "Brusher" well I anticipate that his advent as educator of Mr. Easton's team will produce good fruit in the way of stake money.

Magneto is being hacked about in the vicinity of Hastings.

Apparently the weight adjuster of the Gisborne Racing Club has an exalted opinion of the capabilities of Wee Rose, for he put him within five pounds of that speedy filly Waiorewa, and in addition he has to give that fast filly Our Queen and others weight. Though Wee Rose has been accepted for the meeting, it cannot be taken as a guide that his trainer-owner is at all satisfied with the impost that has been allotted to his pony, because it was owing to a mistake that his acceptance was sent along the wires.

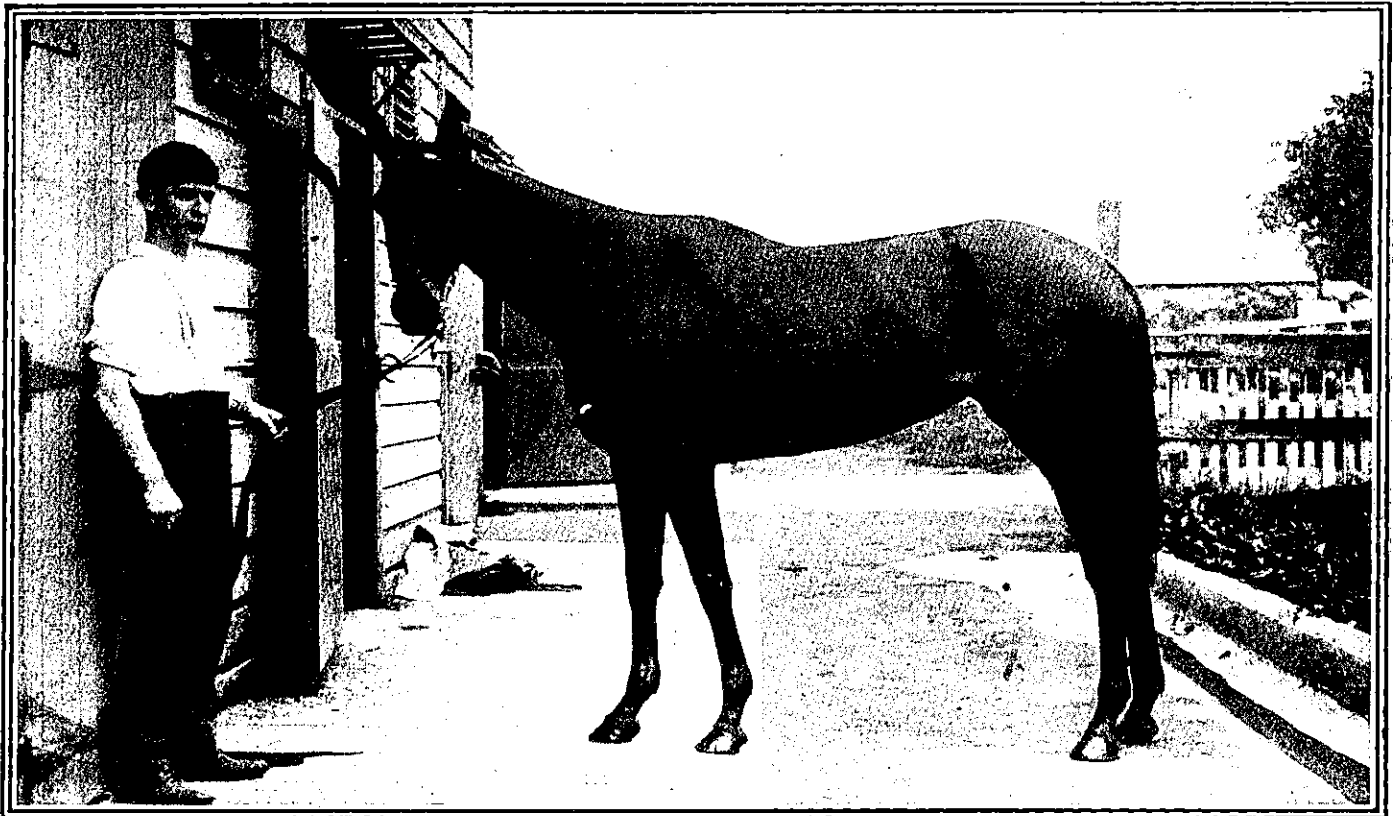
Handicapper H. Coyle and Starter A. Wood, left by the Mokola for Gisborne last night, the former to see how the finishes are fought out at the gathering of the Gisborne Racing Club, so that he can make his adjustments for the Poverty Bay Turf Club fixture the following week. Wood will be at the lever during the send-offs at the Gisborne Racing Club's gathering.

Happy New Year, who got the award upon three occasions at Wairoa last Tuesday and Wednesday, is one of the string controlled by W. L. Carrick for the native sportsman Mr. Rangī Kerehoma. Happy New Year, by Merrie England out of Lady Field, was not well forward in the "Great White Way" last season, for out of ten attempts she only once ran into a place. This was when she finished third to Undecided and Septimus in the Waiohine Hack Handicap at the autumn meeting of the Wairarapa Racing Club. Mr Rangī Kerehoma is best known as the owner of King's Favourite, who scored his first win at the New Year gathering of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.

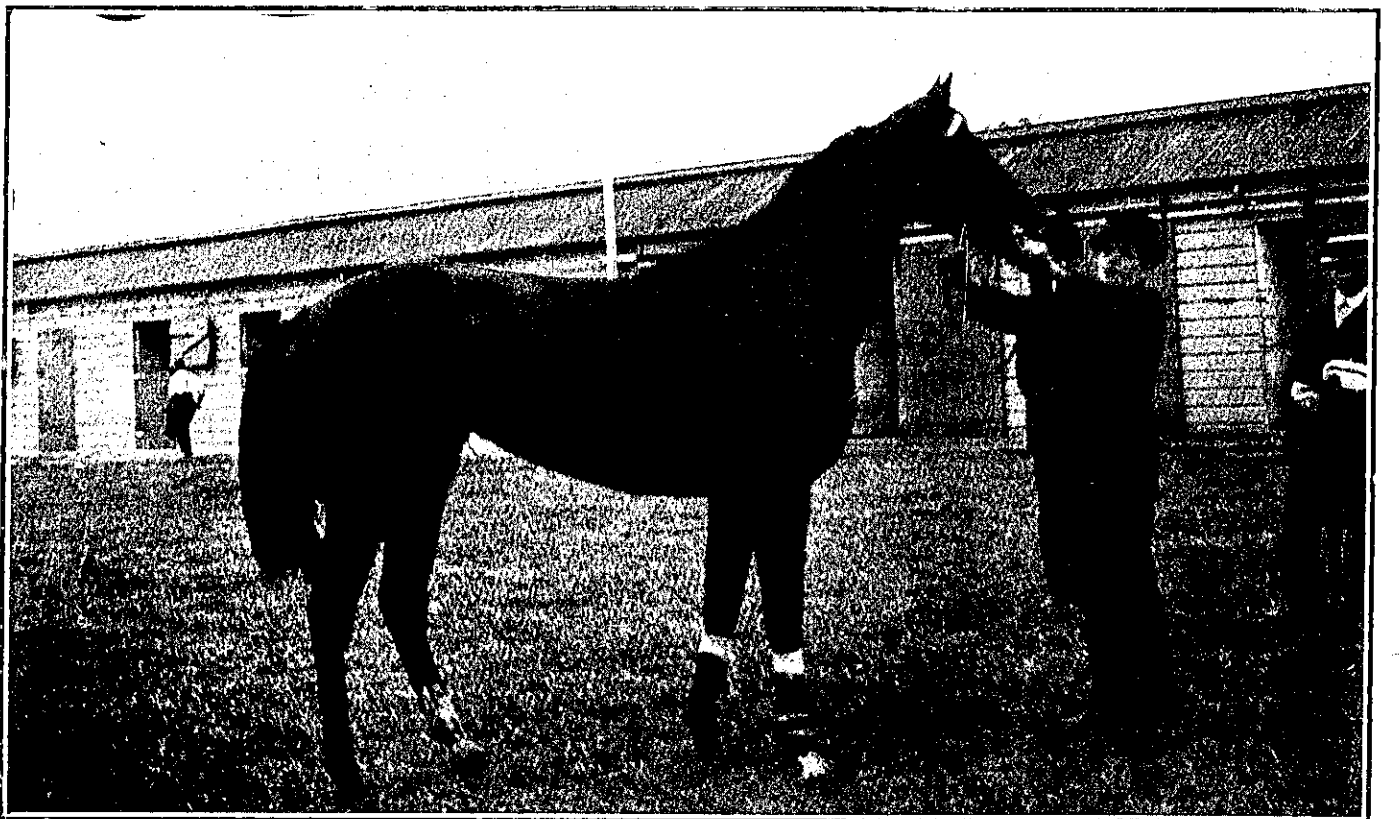
The most striking feature of the Trentham meeting was the success that attended the racing of "Mr. Highden's" horses, which are trained by George Price at Awapuni. Seven horses from this stable were started at the meeting and seven winning brackets were scored. Bronze and Blakeney each scored double victories while Ermengarde, Nyland, and Mallard each won one race apiece. The two unsuccessful horses of the "Highden" string were Polymorphous and Neirene.

Hector Gray is apparently riding again with all his former dash and judgment, for the "Dominion" says of last season's premier jockey that his recent serious illness has not interfered with his form in the saddle. Gray rode a magnificent finish on Styx in the Hopeful Stakes. The Achilles colt, who was a warm favourite, drew No. 1 position at the barrier, but, as the horses moved off, he was not fast enough to keep his position, and drifted back into the rack. He also met serious trouble

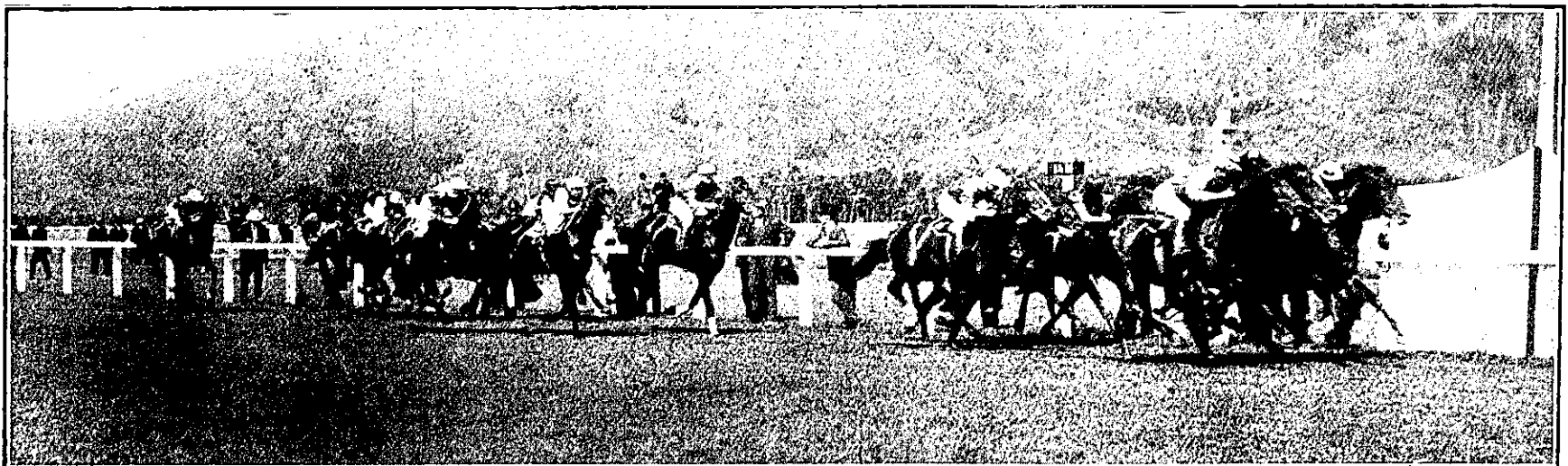
at the turn, but half-way up the straight he was seen coming fast on the outside, though his chance of overhauling the leader (Glade) looked remote. Gray rode him vigorously with hands and heels until about twenty yards off the post, when he gave him a couple of smart cuts with the whip. Styx responded with every stride, and just got up in time to satisfy his numerous backers. Gray's effort was one of the finest exhibitions of horsemanship seen at the meeting.



WINNER OF THE TAKAPUNA CUP FOR THE SECOND TIME IN SUCCESSION.—Mr. Jas. Roulston's br m SOULTORIA, 5yrs, by Soult—Pretoria.



AN UNLUCKY COMPETITOR ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.—Mr. R. H. Duder's br m LA REINA, 5yrs, by Soult—Queen Anne, which finished second in the Takapuna Cup (one mile three and a-half furlongs) and second in the Stewards' Handicap (five furlongs and a-half).



THE FIRST TIME PAST THE POST IN THE WELLINGTON CUP (1½ miles).—BLISS (on outside), COROMANDEL (in centre) and MIDNIGHT SUN racing in the lead. UNDECIDED is lying last.

[J. H. Daroux, photo.]

INTERPROVINCIAL

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, January 29.

The Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting that was brought to a conclusion on Wednesday last will long be remembered as the most successful in the history of the club. There was a numerous attendance on each of the three days, and consequently the totalisator figures disclosed a big increase on those of last year, the figures for the meetings being 1911 £52,102, 1912 £83,315, thus showing an increase of £31,213 in favour of the recent gathering.

The starting of Mr. C. O'Connor, who was ably assisted by Mr. A. Vincent, was one of the features at the recent W.R.C. meeting. The send-offs were timed to a nicety, the only disagreeableness being long delays at the post

hoisting the right numbers. There were several head and half-head victories, with the same between second and third in several instances. There was a substantial increase on the totalisator figures of last year, and the club should show a good profit after all expenses are paid.

Mr. F. S. Easton's bad luck stuck to him through the Foxton meeting. He had a useful team to carry his colours, but the best of his horses could do was to run a second and a third in their several contests.

Negative was shipped to Blenheim on Friday last. The gelding has been running at several meetings recently, but has failed to show any form. His next appearance will probably be at the Marlborough meeting.

A couple of North Island jumpers in Longner and Gold Bird have been nominated in hurdle events at the Dunedin meeting. Both are very fair performers, and if taken South they should pay expenses on the trip.

with his Achilles—Shannon colt Styx, who won his two events in good style. The youngster, who is trained by J. H. Prosser at Porirua, gives promise of turning out useful.

The stable presided over by G. Price at Awapuni won seven races at the recent W.R.C. meeting. The bearers of the "Highden" colours were turned out in such capital trim as to reflect the highest credit on Price, whose many friends were glad to see him in such form.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, Monday.

Coromandel, who failed to win a race, but earned £125 place money, has returned from Trentham looking none the worse for his exertions there. He will be allowed to take things easy for a few days. If kept for the Wanganui Cup Menschikoff's son will

Electrakoff will have joined Alex. Hall's team before these notes appear, as he is supposed to arrive here on Tuesday. Hall will have quite a select little string with the son of Menschikoff, St. Gate, St. Bill, and North East. St. Bill appears to have lost some of his brilliancy, but judiciously placed should win a few more races before retiring.

A local trainer just missed making a good deal the other day. While at Foxton he took a fancy to Eminent, an aged gelding by Phaeton—Famous, for which £125 was wanted. This price appeared very reasonable, and the trainer in question determined to secure the gelding, but someone else got in first and paid 300 guineas for the son of Phaeton.

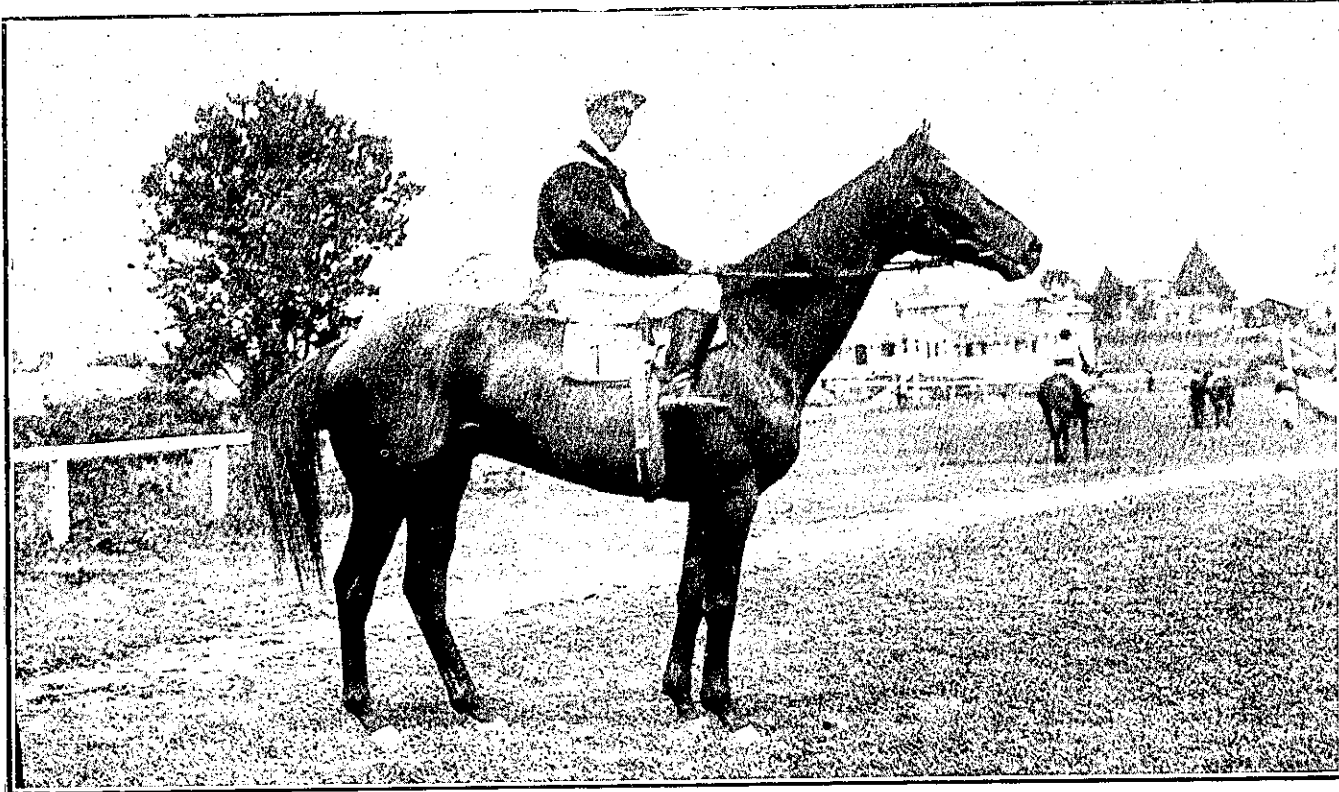
The Wanganui Jockey Club's autumn meeting, to be held on the 29th February and 1st March, gives indications of proving one of the most successful Cup gatherings on record, judging by the number of entries received and the quality of the horses engaged in the principal races. Altogether 402 nominations have been received, compared with 365 last year, for the fifteen handicap events on the programme. In the Cup there are 31 engaged, as against 26 last year, and the best handicap horses in the Dominion are amongst the list, which includes such good ones as Counterfeit, Santa Rosa, Waimangu, Domino, Coromandel, Midnight Sun, Maxwell, Undecided, Miscout, Los Angeles, Merrivonia, Bronze, and others. If the pick of this lot goes to the post the field will be quite one of the best from every point of view that has yet contested the big race here. Some surprise has been expressed at Bronze having been nominated for the Cup, but while six and seven furlongs seem to be her favourite distance at present, there is no reason why she should not stay the distance. Her running in the Summer Handicap at Marton was good enough to suggest that she should see out a longer journey all right. If George Price can land her at the post in top form the three-year-old daughter of Field Battery will not want for friends.

Sanguinary's fine form at Trentham would indicate that she is likely to be very hard to beat in the Juvenile Handicap at Wanganui. This promises to be a very interesting race, as in addition to Sanguinary, such good ones as Styx, Royal Scotch, Rangiatua, Labour Day, and other proved smart youngsters are engaged.

The dearth of good hurdlers is shown by the small entries received for the jumping events at the Wanganui meeting, though if the best of those entered go to the post the fields will be good in quality. It would apparently be well for the club to consider the advisability of cutting out one of the hurdle races each day and putting on another flat event.

The Egmont gathering to be held next week is likely to attract a large number of Wanganui sportsmen, who should be rewarded by witnessing some very interesting racing, and racing which should throw a deal of light on the Wanganui Cup meeting, since so many of the same horses are engaged.

Francisco, a colt by San Francisco from Isolt, is a stable companion of Lady Medallist at Randwick, and is said to be highly fancied by his trainer. Isolt was a great mare until she became amiss in the respiratory organs, and the handsome daughter of Multiform may do even better at the stud than she did on the track.



Mr. S. Pitt's b g RED LUPIN, 5yrs, by Lipin—Porangi, winner of the Zealandia Handicap (four furlongs) at the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting.

before the fields were sent on their errands.

Gladiole returned her supporters a very acceptable dividend when she won at Trentham. The chestnut is very well at present, and she should soon be caught in a winning mood before the season is much further advanced.

M. McGrath, who has been on a holiday visit to the Dominion, returned to Australia on Friday last and he took with him Puaka and a pony by name Palsestia. Both have shown some galloping ability, and they should pay their way in events in the vicinity of Melbourne.

First Consul has been returned to his owner, Mr. W. D. Watson, of Masterton. There is every probability that the Conqueror horse when next he races will be known as a gelding.

Splendid weather was experienced for the annual meeting of the Foxton Racing Club. Excellent fields contested the several events, and the finishes were such as to place the judge (Mr. J. R. White) in a quandary in

Mr. H. Whitney has nominated Odessa for the Dunedin Cup. This St. Ambrose horse is a capable galloper and is sure to be hard to beat in the event named, provided, of course, he sees the post.

Mr. A. J. Toxward, owner of Sanguinary, was asked to put a price on the Sylvia Park filly during the progress of the W.R.C. meeting. Mr. Toxward, however, refused to sell, and she still remains under F. Tilley's guidance at Fordell.

Hermia continues to misbehave herself at the starting post. But for this incident the Birkenhead mare would assuredly have won a race at the W.R.C. meeting.

Returned sportsmen from the Foxton meeting speak in high terms of the starting of Mr. Angus Keith. His despatches were a treat to witness, and provided he gets the opportunity Mr. Keith should make a decided acquisition to the ranks of starters in the Dominion.

Mr. J. R. McDonald, the Levin sportsman, won a double at Trentham

not want for support after his consistent running of late.

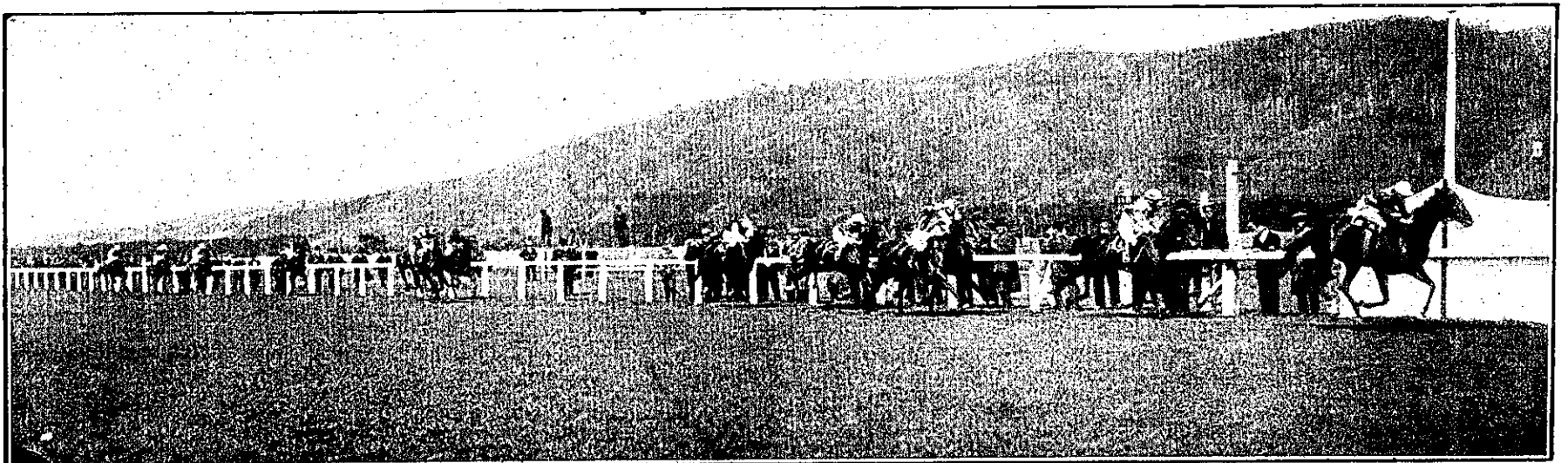
K. Lamess has the full sister to Seaman in work again. This youngster had to be given a spell owing to going amiss, but she is now coming along well, and gives promise to develop into a good filly.

Alf. Hopeful, who looks after Muleteer, has a three-year-old daughter of St. Clements in hand now. This filly is a handsome looking thing, standing nearly sixteen hands, and she should turn out to be possessed of a lot of pace.

Brilliancy is in work again, having got over the effects of his recent accident.

The running of Overtime at Foxton was very disappointing to his party, as the Musketry gelding had put up a good gallop before leaving here over six furlongs. It would seem that he is a light of other days.

Lady Kilcheran's name figured amongst the entrants for the Stewards Handicap at the Wanganui J.C. Autumn meeting by mistake. She is engaged in the Flying instead.



THE FINISH OF THE WELLINGTON CUP (1½ miles).—UNDECIDED (L. Wilson) wins by two lengths from the favourite MIDNIGHT SUN (B. Deeley), with COROMANDEL (H. Gray) third.

[J. H. Daroux, photo.]

ELDERSLIE STUD SALE.

The dispersal sale of Mr. J. B. Reid's thoroughbred stock took place on Monday at Elderslie. There was a large attendance of buyers from all parts of the Dominion and Australia.

The four imported stallions were sold as follows:—

Table listing stallions and their prices: Charlemagne II., Messrs. Thompson Bros. (N.S.W.) 2300; Downshire, Mr. Wm. Thompson 600; Varco, Mr. Wm. Thompson 600; Vasco, Mr. Henry Paterson 850.

The highest-priced brood mares were sold as follows:— Ingoda, Mr. S. Green (Victoria) 800; Armigera, Mr. Clark 800; Marcobelle, Mr. S. Green (vic.) 875.

The others ranged from 35 guineas to 400 guineas. The fillies and mares not served sold at from 70 guineas to 550 guineas, the highest price being Pretrovna, at 550 guineas, Mr. S. Green being the buyer.

The foals sold at from 25 guineas to 350 guineas, Mr. G. D. Greenwood purchasing at the higher figures.

TURF RESULTS.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

A RECORD GATHERING.

SOULTORIA WINS THE CUP.

The Takapuna Jockey Club was most fortunate in the weather for their summer meeting this season, which was marked contrast to the unsatisfactory climatic conditions last November, when the spring gathering was held. In addition to ideal weather large acceptances were received for all the events and consequently the attractions of a day at the North Shore course on a bright Saturday and a delightful Anniversary Day drew record attendances.

The results were as follows:—

MAIDEN PLATE of 100sovs. One mile. 2-E. W. Alison's Tiresome, by Seaton Delaval-Torment, 4yrs. 9.0 (C. Brown) 1; 2-Invader, 7.10 (Deeley) 2; 3-Firelock, 8.3 (McKinnon) 3.

From a good start Manurere and Firelock took the lead with Invader, Kaween and Tiresome close up. This order was maintained until the top stretch was reached when Tiresome put in her claim and when the straight was reached she led the way; eventually winning comfortably by a length and a-half. There was a length dividing second and third. Time, 1min 44 2-5sec.

ZEALANDIA HANDICAP of 100sovs. Four furlongs

1-S. Pitt's Red Lupin, by Lupin-Porangui, 9.0 (Gray) 1; 7-Hikual, 8.6 (Whittaker) 2; 2-Lucille, 8.3 (Deeley) 3.

After a lengthy delay the field was got well away. Hyperion was the first to lead, but Hikual soon took up the running, while Red Lupin and Caedmon were handy. At the head of the straight Red Lupin took the lead, and, going on, won easily by a length and a-half. Lucille was only beaten by a short head for second place. Time, 51 1-5sec.

HAURAKI MAIDEN HURDLES of 100 sovs. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a-half and 100yds.

4-D. Moraghan's Master Theory, by Soul-Romola, 9.2 (Bennett) 1; 3-Matarere, 9.10 (McFlynn) 2; 5-Lloyds 9.3 (V. Coleman) 3.

TAKAPUNA CUP HANDICAP of 400 sovs. One mile three furlongs and a-half.

1-J. Roulston's Soultoria, by Soult-Pretoria, 8.6 (B. Deeley) 1; 9-R. H. Duder's La Reina, by Soult-Queen Ann, 6.8 (W. Percival) 2; 8-J. D. Kemp's Jolie Fille, by Soult-Merry Maid, 7.0 (J. Conquest) 3.

Brown), 13 Waiotahi 7.5 (R. E. Brown), 12 Aristocrat 6.7 (Poulgrain), 6 Taketumu 7.2 (Ayres).

From a good start Sir Artegal and Ngapuka were the first to show out in front. Passing the stand on the first round Sir Artegal was still in the van, followed by Ngapuka, Gloy, Aristocrat and Taketumu, but when the half mile post was reached Aristocrat had got to the front, with Waiotahi, Sir Artegal and Jolie Fille next in order, while Soultoria was a long way back. Entering the straight Jolie Fille and La Reina put in their claims and Soultoria came fast from the rear. Passing the stand La Reina looked like winning, but Deeley, on Soultoria, brought his mount along at a great pace and half a dozen lengths from the Judge's box shot ahead and won a great race by three-parts of a length. La Reina just managed to beat Jolie Fille for second honours by a neck. Gloy was close up fourth, and then followed St. Amans, Aristocrat, Electrakoff, and Spectre. Time, 2min 30 sec.

FERRY HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

16-J. Molloy's Surplus, by Wairiki-Bonus, 7.11 (Ayres) 1; 6-Royal Irish, 7.11 (A. Whittaker) 2; 3-Invader, 7.13 (Deeley) 3.

Cloudy Dawn was fractious at the post, but when the barrier lifted got the advantage of the start. He, however, was soon passed by Surplus, who went on in resolute style and was never seriously challenged until a few yards from the post, when Royal Irish made a desperate attempt to gain supremacy, but Surplus won by the best part of a length. Invader, who also finished fast, was a length and a-half behind Royal Irish. Time, 1min 9 2-5sec.

Captain Soult 7.9 (Deeley), 7 Flying Soult 7.7 (C. Brown), 10 Peggy Pryde 7.2 (L. Morris), 5 Necktie 7.0 (Conquest), 9 Lady Betty 7.4 (Curran).

Miss Livonia was quickest to start and was followed by Mighty Atom and Necktie, but at the half-mile post Mighty Atom was ahead and running strongly. On entering the straight the little Freedom gelding was still in the lead, and although La Reina came with a lot of pace in the final stages Mighty Atom managed to secure the verdict by a short head. Sea Pink was close up third. Time, 1min 10sec.

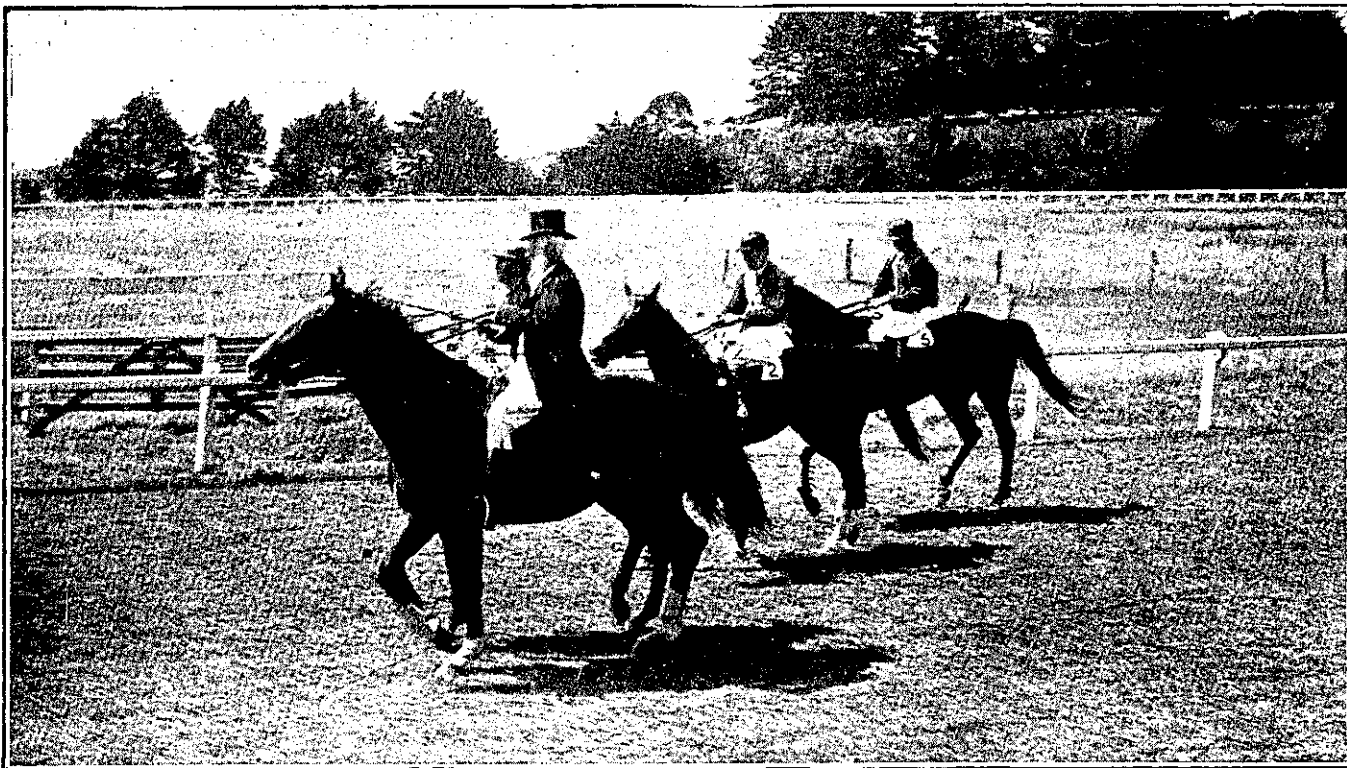
SECOND DAY.

MOANA HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

3-F. Denny's Cloudy Dawn, by Seaton Delaval-Cloud, 7.5 (H. Gray) 1; 1-Invader, 7.13 (Deeley) 2; 9-Master Dix, 7.5 (Conquest) 3.

MAIDEN HURDLES of 100sovs. One mile and a-half and 100 yards.

2-T. Barr's Lloyds, by Monaco-Zena, 9.4 (V. Coleman) 1; 1-Matarere, 10.0 (Julian) 2; 3-Captain Paul, 9.7 (Thompson) 3.



The placed horses, MASTER THEORY (Bennett), MATARERE (McFlynn) and LLOYDS (Coleman) returning to scale after the running of the Huraki Handicap Maiden Hurdles at the Takapuna J. C.'s Summer Meeting.

CALLIOPE HANDICAP of 125sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

1-H. D. de Latour's Lannacost, by Spalpeen-Dalmatia, 7.4 (C. Brown) 1; 2-Prince Merriwee, 7.5 (J. O'Shea) 2; 8-Monotone, 7.2 (L. Morris) 3.

OREWA HURDLE RACE of 100sovs. Over seven flights of hurdles. One mile and three-quarters.

2-H. R. McKenzie's Black Northern, by Salvadan-Asthore, 10.1 (Cowan) 1; 3-Master Theory, 9.5 (Bennett) 2; 4-Delegate, 12.1 (Julian) 3.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 200sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

2-W. C. Ring's Mighty Atom, by Freedom-Jewel, 7.7 (H. Gray) 1; 6-La Reina, 6.13 (W. Percival) 2; 8-Sea Pink, 6.11 (Hall) 3.

Lloyds was in the lead, which he retained to the finish and won comfortably by three lengths. Matarere was two lengths ahead of Captain Paul, and then came Bon Cyr and Crispineer. Time, 2min 57sec.

SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

1-A. Sadler's Peggy Pryde, by St. Peter-Gaiety Girl, 7.6 (Deeley) 1; 1-Red Lupin, 8.6 (Gray) 2; 2-Mahinga, 7.0 (O'Shea) 3.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 250sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

7-T. H. Barnaby's Gloy, by Gluten-Did, 6.10 (Stockley) 1; 2-Electrakoff, 8.12 (P. Brady) 2; 3-Jolie Fille, 7.1 (Conquest) 3.

who only beat Jolie Fille by a neck. Sea Pink was close up fourth. Time, 2min 10 1-5sec.

A protest was entered against Gloy for alleged interference in the straight. After enquiry the stewards decided the bumping was unintentional, but fined Stockley, the rider of Gloy, £5.

HOBSON HANDICAP of 100sovs. Four furlongs.

1-W. L. Thompson's Monoline, by Monoform-Delania, 8.1 (Deeley) 1; 7-Geneva, 6.13 (Gray) 2; 4-Prince Merriwee, 7.9 (Curran) 3.

RANGITOTO HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

3-H. C. Tonk's Bogey, by Rambler-Hippocampus mare, 7.11 (Conquest) 1; 6-Firelock, 7.12 (McKinnon) 2; 4-Maui Nina, 7.12 (O'Shea) 3.

WAIWERA HURDLES of 100sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

1-H. R. McKenzie's Black Northern, by Salvadan-Asthore, 10.13 (Cowan) 1; 2-Blue Mountain 9.0 (Julian) 2; 3-Wellcast, 9.6 (Pinker) 3.

ANNIVERSARY WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs. One mile.

2-R. B. Hine's St. Amans, by Soult-Lottie, 8.2 (Whittaker) 1; 1-Tiresome, 7.12 (Gray) 2; 11-Waiotahi, 7.7 (O'Shea) 3.

KAWAKAWA RACING.

The annual meeting of the Kawakawa Racing Club was held on Monday (Anniversary Day). The weather conditions were ideal and the attendance the largest ever seen on the Kawakawa course. The following are the results:—

MAIDEN PLATE, seven furlongs.—Billy, 8.10, 1; Sabine, 8.7, 2; The Gift, 8.0, 3. Also started: Darkey 8.0. Won by two lengths.

FLYING HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Soulstone, 8.2, 1; Maika, 8.0, 2; Viva, 8.7, 3. Also started: Nervine 8.12, Tutaneaki 7.4. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 6sec.

KAWAKAWA CUP, one mile and a quarter.—Veitalia, 7.10, 1; Miss Ada, 9.0, 2; Maika, 7.4, 3. Also started: Sapper 8.0, Sabine 7.7. Won by three lengths. Time, 2min 15sec.

OPEN HANDICAP TROT, one mile and a half.—Casket, 25sec, 1; Kirikiriroa, 12sec, 2; Fiery Cross, 16sec, 3. Also started: Smuggler 10sec, General Pet 17 sec, New Vita 25sec, Rufus 35sec, Haere-ma 35sec. Won easily.

RAILWAY PLATE, seven furlongs.—Luperine, 9.0, 1; Madam Paul, 7.10, 2; Miss Ada, 9.4, 3. Also started: Sabine and Rangooia. Won by a length. Time, 1min 31 4-5sec.

AUSTRALIAN RACING.

SYDNEY RACING.

The principal races at the Sydney Anniversary meeting resulted as follows:—

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP.—Electric Wire 1, King Bee 2, Kurnell 3. Thirteen horses started. In a great finish Electric Wire won by a short neck, a length and a half between second and third. Time, 2min 35sec.

NOVICE HANDICAP.—Iola 1, Boy Blue 2, Sir Hiram 3. Seven horses started. Won by five lengths. Time, 1min 45sec.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

The following nominations have been received for the Otahuhu Trotting Club's summer meeting, which takes place at Alexandra Park on February 14 and 17:—

FIRST DAY.

MAIDEN HANDICAP, one mile.—Sir Prize, King of Diamonds, Special Flower, Lady Doctor, Madam Butterfly, Olivette, Jack Johnson, Prince Berlin, Lady Rosier, Victor G., Pathfinder, Sydie, Walter D., Mikado, Miss Dexter, Miss Albert, Gwelo, Prince Royal, Miss Duke.

EPSOM HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Ben F., Woodmount, Lady Doctor, Stop It, Kotiri, Macquarrie, Mountain King, Recommended, Count, Normintson, Pearlmaid, Specialty, Lady Specialist, Grey W.

MANUKAU HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Bronze Bell, Weary Willie, Little Paul, Royal Mail, Robex, Bert, Castling, Nelson, Moorish Chief, Taihoa.

OTAHUHU CUP, two miles.—Haldane, Vanclaire, Bell Gray, Miss Ngapara, St. Michael, Maplewood, Master Park, Viscount, Sylvie, Monica, Autocrat, Rosie Wilkes, Waterloo, Scotia.

SYLVIA PARK HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Special Flower, Miss Judy, Lady Doctor, Lady Zeppelin, Prince Berlin, Recommended, Presently, Moorish Chief, Sydie, Walter D., Stop It, Lady Specialist, Specialty, Activity.

CLASS HANDICAP, one mile.—Mistle, Robex, Baron Leugen, Royal Victor, Miss Bell Boy, Maplewood, Specialist, Master Park, Lord Specialist, John Harold, Rosebud, Autocrat, Undine.

SPECIAL TROT HANDICAP, two miles and a quarter.—Merry Kate, Little Paul, Haldane, Vanclaire, Macquarrie, Albert Edward, Viscount, Nelson, Harry Mace, Pearlmaid, Stranger, Mikado, Huon Leal, Lady Wilmington.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP, one mile.—Ben F., Woodmount, Stop It, Alf. McKinney, Monotype, Count, Ballot, Sylvie, Jungle, Gwelo, Taihoa, Phyllistina, Activity.

SECOND DAY.

TRIAL HANDICAP, one mile.—Special Flower, Sir Prize, Redpath, Miss Judy, King of Diamonds, Lady Doctor, Madam Butterfly, Olivette, Lady Rosier, Wilga, Presently, Victor G., Pathfinder, Walter D., Mikado, Miss Dexter, Prince Royal, Gwelo, King Capitalist.

ONEHUNGA HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Bronze Bell, Belle of the Ball, Little Paul, Royal Mail, Castling, Hinekowhai, Bert, Kotiri, Prince Berlin, Nelson, Pathfinder, Sydie, Miss Albert.

SUMMER HANDICAP, two miles.—St. Michael, Bell Gray, Woodmount, Wild Nell, Miss Ngapara, Master Park, Pearlmaid, Sylvie, Stranger, Autocrat, Lady Wilmington, Royal Albert, Good Friday.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Special Flower, Weary Willie, Ben F., Lady Doctor, Stop It, Recommended, Count, Moorish Chief, Walter D., Specialty, Lady Specialist, Grey W.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Belle of the Ball, Mountain King, Royal Mail, Kotiri, Maplewood, Prince Berlin, Monica, Miss Bell Boy, John Harold, Waterloo.

MANGERE HANDICAP, two miles and a quarter.—Scotia, Merry Kate, Haldane, Vanclaire, Miss Ngapara, Albert Edward, Macquarrie, Viscount, Stranger, Harry Mace, Nelson, Pearlmaid, Autocrat, Mikado, Huon Leal.

HIGH-CLASS HANDICAP, one mile.—Bell Gray, Mistle, Alf. McKinney, Royal Victor, Specialist, Master Park, Jungle, Lord Specialist, Normintson, Phyllistina, Undine.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP, one mile.—Bronze Bell, Weary Willie, Belle of the Ball, Ben F., Robex, Baron Leugen, Taihoa, Sylvie, Moorish Chief, Rosebud, Rosie Wilkes.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

The following nominations have been received for the Wanganui Jockey Club's autumn meeting, to be held on 25th February and 2nd March, 1912:—

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, one mile.—Ovation, Kohinoor, Golden Loop, Coromandel, Khamsin, Jargon, Sea Queen, Red Lupin, St. Petersburg, St. Felix, Plantation, Splash, Eclogue, Rauparaha,

Montiform, Kauroa, Rill, Undecided, Royal Arms, Idealism, Lady Kilcheran, Electrakoff, Bronze, Blakeney, Miscal, Mon Ami, Sir Antrim, Lady Moutoa, Te . . .

WESTMERE HURDLES, about two miles.—Espartero, Xavier, Darby Paul, Captain, Marton, Leolanter, Waiputere, Reumac, Te Whetu, Captain Bell, Highden, Euroco.

WRITOA HACK, one mile.—Manawakaha, Grandee, Strategist, Loopline, St. Petersburg, Merrie Emerald, Mangaroo, Master Tupuhi, Patronymic, Minora, Leonta, Fashion Plate, Adare, Muleteer, Matlow, Tiresome, Tiwari, Rangiraru, Epsom Downs, Moutoa Girl, Bonnie Boy, Lady Kilcheran, Kiwitahi.

PETRE HACK, six furlongs.—Ovation, Clemoes, Strategist, Miss Roberts, Monologue, Gordon Bell, Parawanui, Glenfern, Ngataranui, Aratiatia, Aliho, Royal Simon, Dirge, Maori Maid, Piriwai, Bayadere, Lady Vladimir, Crown Pearl, Outward, Dreadable, Government, Veto, Lady Kilcheran, Fashion Plate, St. Gate, Confection, St. Luap, Matlow, Watine, Mallard, Nukuatu, Draft, Handsome Maid, Eastwind, Aviatix, Silver Rose, Ohinu, Te Anui, Ineuru, Jackpin, Moirette, Makara, Rouge Dragon, Frisky.

TAYFORTH HACK HURDLES, about one mile and three-quarters.—Maisonnette, Clemency, Loopline, Sapienice, Nescot, Bismarck, Shining Star, Rawinia, Attention, Muleteer, Seaman, Sandy Paul, Allure, Cornelian, Chase Mab, Highden, Stevens, Brilliancy, Pretty Jane.

JUVENILE HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Submersion, Stepney, Styx, Rangiatua, Royal Scotch, Outward, Veto, Bon Ton, Master Kilcheran, Lockwood, Sanguinary, Bonfire, Labour Day, Topic.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Clemoes, Heatherbrae, Kohinoor, Master Sylvia, Gladie, Roosevelt, Parawanui, Gipsy Belle, Khamsin, Ngataranui, Sea Queen, Kakama, Dearest, Piriwai, Theodore, Rangiatua, Royal Scotch, Merrie Frank, Projectile, Rill, Crown Pearl, Bootle, Byron, Velox, St. Bill, Overtime, Culprit, Boanerges, Nyland, St. Toney, Labour Day, Lady Moutoa, Lady Laddo.

WANGANUI CUP, one mile and three-quarters.—Counterfeit, Santa Rosa, Waimangu, Domino, Coromandel, Plantation, Brown Trout, First Battery, Jargon, Julian, Dearest, Aberbrothock, Midnight Sun, Lady Menschikoff, Maxwell, Projectile, Kauroa, Undecided, Royal Arms, Miscoant, Idealism, Iney, Merrivonia, Los Angeles, Sandy Paul, Spectre, Tiresome, Bronze, Goodwin Park, Vi, Uhlando.

SECOND DAY.

AUTUMN HANDICAP, one mile.—Kohinoor, Domino, Golden Loop, Coromandel, Roosevelt, Khamsin, Jargon, Sea Queen, Red Lupin, St. Petersburg, St. Felix, Plantation, Splash, Rauparaha, Montiform, Kauroa, Rill, Merry Frank, Idealism, Iney, Byron, Merrivonia, Mon Ami, Miscal, St. Toney, Labour Day, Sir Antrim, Lady Moutoa, Te Roti, Electrakoff, Bronze, Blakeney, Spectre.

FORDELL HURDLES, about one mile and three-quarters.—Espartero, Bismarck, Xavier, Captain, Marton, Leolanter, Waterworks, Waiputere, Reumac, Te Whetu, Captain Bell, Euroco, Highden.

MATARAWA HACK, six furlongs.—Clemoes, Grandee, Strategist, Monologue, Miss Roberts, Gordon Bell, Ngataranui, Glenfern, Aloha, Aratiatia, Dirge, Royal Simon, Maori, Maid, Piriwai, Bayadere, Lady Vladimir, Dreadable, Outward, St. Gate, Government, Veto, Lady Kilcheran, Fashion Plate, Confection, St. Luap, Te Anui, Matlow, Draft, Watine, Mallard, Nukuatu, Kilrain, Handsome Maid, Bonfire, Eastwind, Aviatix, Silver Rose, Ineuru, Ohinu, Jackpin, Moutoa Girl, Makara, Moirette, Topic, Rouge Dragon.

OKOIA HACK HURDLES, about one mile and five furlongs.—Maisonnette, Sapienice, Darby Paul, Bismarck, Nescot, Shining Star, Rawinia, Attention, Seaman, Sandy Paul, Allure, Muleteer, Cornelian, Chase Mab, Brilliancy, Pretty Jane.

WANGANUI STAKES, one mile and a half.—Counterfeit, Santa Rosa, Waimangu, Coromandel, Brown Trout, First Battery, Jargon, Julian, Dearest, Plantation, St. Petersburg, Aberbrothock, Midnight Sun, Eclogue, Lady Menschikoff, Maxwell, Kauroa, Projectile, Undecided, Royal Arms, Miscoant, Idealism, Iney, Merrivonia, Sandy Paul, Spectre, Tiresome, Bronze, Goodwin Park, Vi, Uhlando.

HARRISON HACK, one mile and a distance.—Manawakaha, Grandee, Ovation Strategist, Merrie Emerald, Mangaroo, Alma Rose, St. Petersburg, Master Tupuhi, Patronymic, Minora, Leonta, Fashion Plate, Adare, Muleteer, Matlow, Tiresome, Tiwari, Allure, Epsom Downs, Captain, Rangimaru, Bonnie Boy, Stevens, Kiwitahi.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Clemoes, Ovation, Heatherbrae, Kohinoor, Master Sylvia, Gladie, Gipsy Belle, Khamsin, Ngataranui, Sea Queen, Kakama, Dearest, Dirge, Maori Maid, Piriwai, Rangiatua, Theodore, Rill, Projectile, Montiform, Merry Frank, Crown Pearl, Bootle, Byron, Lady Kilcheran, St. Bill, Overtime, Blakeney, Sanguinary, Boanerges, St. Toney, Labour Day, Lady Laddo.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

The following nominations have been received for the principal events of the Dunedin Jockey Club's autumn meeting:—

DUNEDIN CUP of 600sovs, one mile and a half.—Masterpiece, Countermine, The Cornet, Soldiers' Chorus, Odessa, Tannhauser, Mumura, Adage, Routine, True Knight, St. Aidan, Oratava, Iney, Martine, Rose Noble, Otyoi, Outlander, Kris, Medallist, Parable.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 400sovs, one mile and a quarter.—Masterpiece, Countermine, The Cornet, Soldiers' Chorus, Odessa, Obolus, Tannhauser, Mumura, Adage, Routine, St. Aidan, Oratava, Effort, Martine, Iney, Rose Noble, Otyoi, Waiju, Outlander, Kris, Medallist, True Knight, Parable.

ROTORUA JOCKEY CLUB.

The following nominations have been received for the Rotorua meeting, which takes place on February 14:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP.—Weka, Master Lane, Avaunt, Miss Clive, Marul, Kaihaere, Othello, Soultstone, Muscatel, Inveran, Koroirangi, Falchion, Clemesine,

Pearl, Rotoripo, Zuleima, Almeida, Constellation, The Witch.

WAIMANGU HANDICAP.—Larrikin, Surmount, Gibson Girl, Clemesine, Heybo, Marangal, Leahora, Gazelle, Lady Vladimir, Arawa, Fremantle, Surplus, Victoria, Barb Wire, Luperin.

ROTORUA CUP.—Ambergis, Pip, St. Wood, The Chef, Seldom, Hohungatahi, Prince Leo, Jolie Fille, Scotch, Poictiers.

MILDURA HACK HANDICAP.—Lady Clive, Weka, Avaunt, Miss Clive, Gibson Girl, Kaihara, Master Dix, Ben Battle, Master Lans, Othello, Muscatel, Fireful, La Syphie, Soultstone, Lady Vladimir, Koroirangi, Joe Clave, Surplus, Rotoripo, mare by Seaton Delaval-Crest, Barb Wire, Almeida, Constellation, The Witch.

THERMAL SPRINGS HANDICAP.—Ambergis, Marangal, Luperin, Impulsive, Bell Crispin, Condamine.

TOURIST PLATE.—Larrikin, Weka, Avaunt, Marul, Master Lane, Heyboy, La Syphie, Gazelle, Soultstone, Inveran, Arawa, Fremantle, Victoria, Barb Wire, The Witch, Arawa.

PARK HANDICAP.—Ambergis, mount, St. Wood, Leafre, Prince Leo, Master Dix, The Chef, Hohungatahi, Inveran, Luperin, Falchion, Pearl, Bell Crispin, Impulsive, Zuleima, Mildura, Jolie Fille, Scotch.

FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Ambergis, Surmount, Clemesine, Leafre, Ben Battle, Marangal, Leahora, Lady Vladimir, Joe, Koroirangi, Surplus, Poictiers, Luperin, Barb Wire, mare by Seaton Delaval-Crest, Condamine.

HANDICAPS.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

The following weights have been declared for the C.J.C. summer meeting:—

HORNSBY WELTER of 100sovs, seven furlongs.—Odessa 10.4, Bonny Glen 10.0, Eaglestone 9.11, Colleen Mary 9.10, Kilts 9.9, True Knight 9.6, Avarice 9.5, Merrie Lass 9.4, Expansion 9.4, Armstrong 9.1, Adage 8.11, Troon 8.11, Aimwell 8.11, Miss Advance 8.4, Probable 8.3, Aema 8.2, Stephanos 8.0, Daylight Bill 8.0, Firmhold 8.0, Foam Flake 8.0.

FILLY STAKES of 200sovs, six furlongs.—Culprit 10.3, Heatherbrae 9.0, Avarice 8.10, Ancilla 8.2, Anna Carlovna 8.1, Pleasure Bent 7.9, Stardancer 6.13, Culross 6.13, Imagination 6.13, Scottish Star 6.13, Editah 6.10, Peg 6.10, Specialform 6.10, Shona May 6.7.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 250sovs, one mile and a half.—Counterfeit 9.13, Masterpiece 9.4, Rose Noble 8.11, Byron 8.11, Martine 8.9, Parable 8.9, Odessa 8.0, The Cornet 7.13, Routine 7.8, Outlander 7.7, Gold Coin 7.6, Murrura 7.5, Oratava 6.12, Turna 6.7, Sant Rosalea 6.7.

LYTTELTON PLATE of 100sovs, six furlongs.—Gnome 8.9, Bon Ton 8.7, Anna Carlovna 8.5, May Dalrymple 8.4, St. Ambrose colt 7.12, Brown Owl 7.9, Pawky Lass 7.9, Stepdancer 7.9, Culross 7.9, Snowlike 7.9, Lourdes 7.9, Peppin 7.5, Scottish Star 7.0, Specialform 7.0, Shona May 6.9, Nyx 6.7.

CRAVEN PLATE of 200sovs, seven furlongs.—Sea King 8.10, Countermine 8.8, Kohinoor 7.13, Medallist 7.13, Coroniform 7.12, Tannhauser 7.12, The Cornet 7.12, Colleen Mary 7.5, True Knight 6.13, Expansion 6.10, Turna 6.7, John Bunyan 6.7.

HALSWELL HANDICAP of 100sovs, one mile.—Kimona 9.11, Susa 8.9, Kris 8.9, Featherstone 8.8, Gangway 8.5, Golithly 8.3, Thrax 8.0, Stephanos 7.13, Kilmeny 7.12, Bolt from the Blue 7.7, Hesione 7.7, Nightlight 7.7, Corrie 7.7.

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

The following weights have been declared for events to be run on the first day of the Egmont meeting:—

WAIPAPA HACK HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Blakeney 9.12, Monologue 9.0, Ngatiranui 8.12, Manawakaha 8.7, Bay Paul 8.5, Moahau 8.4, Minora 8.4, Aavance 8.2, Cornelian 8.2, Merry Emerald 7.13, Dover Straits 7.12, Clemoes 7.12, Nukuatu 7.10, St. Luap 7.7, Epsom Downs 7.5, Silverhope 7.7, East Wind 7.3, Kiwitahi 7.2, Bonny Boy 7.2, St. Prior 7.2, Sunrose 7.2, Glen Tulloch 7.2, Royal Dragon 7.0, Lady Loo 7.0, Connie 7.0, Moirette 7.0.

MEREMERE HACK HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Crown Pearl 9.10, Makara 9.0, Monologue 8.13, Ineuru 8.11, St. Gate 8.11, Bow Bells 8.11, Recipe 8.11, Muleteer 8.10, Te Whareroa 8.7, Aavance 8.4, Wild Lupin 7.13, Park Tide 7.13, Handsome Maid 7.11, Clemoes 7.11, Dirge 7.9, Nukuhau 7.8, Silverhope 7.7, Draft 7.7, Billington 7.6, Tobias 7.3, Miss Roberts 7.2, Red Line 7.2, Topic 7.2, Glenfern 7.1, Lady Fran 7.1, Gordon Bell 7.1, Galtee 7.1, Grattan 7.0, Sardis 7.0, Crawford 7.0, Maori Maid 7.0, Alma Rose 7.0, The Dodger 7.0, Silver Glade 7.0, Ohineo 7.0, Pararama 7.0, Opeke 7.0.

EGMONT CUP, one mile and a half.—Coromandel 9.0, Mendip 8.11, Aberbrothock 8.9, Bronze 8.9, Projectile 8.6, Lady Menschikoff 8.1, Jargon 8.0, Patriotic 7.11, Goodwin Park 7.11, Kauroa 7.9, Sir Knox 7.9, Plantation 7.3, St. Petersburg 7.0, Royal Arms 6.13, Meremere 6.12, Uhlando 6.10.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Gladie 9.2, Dearest 9.0, St. Bill 8.10, Projectile 8.10, St. Toney 8.6, Labour Day 8.6, Red Lupin 7.11, Kohinoor 7.6, Crown Pearl 7.5, Con the Shaughraun 7.2, Te Roti 7.0, Overtime 6.7.

WHAREROA HURDLE RACE, one mile and a half.—Black Northern 11.2, Euroco 10.9, Te Whetu 10.9, Silva 9.12, Ehya 9.12, Marton 9.9, Seaman 9.0.

OHAWA HURDLE RACE, one mile and a half.—Silva 10.13, Eiya 10.13, Allure 10.5, Attention 10.0, Brilliancy 9.13, Seaman 9.12, Clemency 8.12, Darby Paul 9.12, Muleteer 9.10, Cornelian 9.6, Highden 9.6, Nescot 9.5, Captain Paul 9.2, Sea Wind 9.0, Rawinia 9.0, Sapienice 9.0, Silver Cluse 9.0, Forward 9.0.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

The following weights have been declared for events to be run on the opening day of the Taranaki Jockey Club's meeting:—

TARANAKI CUP, one mile and a quarter.—Electrakoff 9.2, Coromandel 8.7, Mendip 8.4, Dearest 8.3, Aberbrothock 8.2, Projectile 7.13, Lady Menschikoff 7.9, Jargon 7.8, Patriotic 7.6, Gloy 7.6, Kauroa 7.6, Maheno 6.13, Splash 6.13, Ngapuka 6.12, Sir Artagal 6.12, Red Lupin 6.12, Golden Loop 6.12, Royal Arms 6.10, Sandy Paul 6.9, Fuss 6.7, Spectre 6.7, Aristocrat 6.7, Uhlando 6.7.

OKATO HACK HANDICAP, one mile.—Ngatiranui 9.0, St. Petersburg 8.9, Manawakaha 8.9, Minora 8.6, Merry Emerald 8.1, Clemency 7.10, Kingswell 7.7, Ruan-gata 7.6, Glen Tulloch 7.3, Kinitahi 7.3, Master Tupuhi 7.2, Patronymic 7.0, Connie 7.0, Manora 7.0, The Child 7.0, Rangimaru 7.0.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Gladie 9.2, Dearest 9.0, St. Toney 8.6, Master Sylvia 8.0, Crown Pearl 7.5, Miss Livonia 7.4, Captain Soul 7.3, Con the Shaughraun 7.2, Te Roti 7.0, Ashby 6.10, Piriwai 6.10, Overtime 6.7.

TIMARU HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Monologue 9.0, Makara 9.0, Ngatiranui 8.12, Ineuru 8.11, Te Whareroa 8.7, Bogey 8.6, Dover Straits 7.12, Clemoes 7.11, Handsome Maid 7.11, Draft 7.7, St. Luap 7.7, Aloha 7.5, Glenfern 7.1, Lady Fran 7.1, Gordon Bell 7.1, Waitite 7.1, Bonny Boy 7.1, St. Prior 7.1, Lady Loo 7.0, Royal Dragon 7.0, Duro 7.0, The Dodger 7.0, Wee Paul 7.0, Red Coral 7.0, Rouge Dragon 7.0, Piriwai 6.11.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Gladie 9.4, St. Bill 8.12, St. Toney 8.8, Crown Pearl 7.7, Kareroa 7.7, Plantation 7.7, Miss Livonia 7.6, Te Roti 7.2, Rangiatua 7.2, Piriwai 7.0, Hinekoraugi 6.13, Lucille 6.13, Ashby 6.13, Dirge 6.11, Bow Bells 6.10, Bogey 6.10, Tobias 6.7, Glenrock 6.7, Purakau 6.7.

WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Coromandel 10.0, Captain Soul 8.10, Splash 8.6, Golden Loop 8.5, Te Roti 8.4, Sandy Paul 8.1, Tiresome 7.13, St. Petersburg 7.12, Fuss 7.8, Starboard 7.8, St. Helena 7.7, Aristocrat 7.7.

HACK HURDLE RACE, one mile and a half.—Silva 10.13, Allure 10.5, Attention 10.0, Brilliancy 9.12, Darby Paul 9.12, Mata-rere 9.11, Highden 9.6, Cornelian 9.6, Bismarck 9.6, Captain Paul 9.2, Hendon 9.0, Rawinia 9.0, Silver Cluse 9.0.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

The following handicaps for the opening day's racing of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's summer meeting, which takes place on February 14:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP, one mile.—Lady Doctor scratch, Special Flower 2sec, King of Diamonds 2sec, Madam Butterfly 2sec, Miss Albert 2sec, King Capitalist 2sec, Prince Berlin 3sec, Victor G. 3sec, Syrie 3sec, Lady Rosier 3sec, Walter D. 3sec, Miss Dexter 3sec, Miss Duke 3sec, Sir Prize 4sec, Olivette 4sec, Prince Royal 7sec, Gevelo 7sec.

EPSOM HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Pearlie Maid scratch, Normintson 1sec, Ben F. 1sec, Stop It 6sec, Gray W. 7sec, Count 9sec, Woodmount 11sec, Lady Doctor 15sec, Specialty 15sec, Mountain King 15sec, Kotiri 15sec, Macquarrie 16 sec, Recommended 15sec, Lady Specialist 18sec.

MANUKAU HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Robex scratch, Royal Mail 3sec, Taihoa 6sec, Moorish Chief 8sec, Weary Willie 10sec, Nelson 11sec, Little Paul 12 sec, Bronze Bell 13sec, Bert 16sec, Casting 16sec.

OTAHUHU CUP, two miles.—Maple-wood scratch, Scotia scratch, Master Park 3sec, Monica 4sec, St. Michael 6sec, Bell Gray 8sec, Autocrat 9sec, Vanclaire 12sec, Sylvie 15sec, Viscount 16sec, Haldane 19sec, Rosie Wilkes 20sec, Miss Ngapara 20sec, Waterloo 20sec.

SYLVIA PARK HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Stop It scratch, Moorish Chief 1sec, Specialty 9sec, Lady Doctor 9sec, Recommended 12sec, Special Flower 12sec, Lady Specialist 13sec, Walter D. 13sec, Prince Berlin 13sec, Syrie 13sec, Lady Zeppelin 14sec, Presently 14sec, Miss Judy 14sec.

CLASS HANDICAP, one mile.—Maple-wood scratch, Specialist 1sec, Master Park 4sec, Royal Victor 5sec, Undine 6 sec, Mistle 7sec, Baron Leugen 9sec, John Harold 9sec, Miss Bell Boy 9sec, Lord Specialist 11sec, Autocrat 11sec, Robex 12sec, Rosebud 12sec.

SPECIAL TROTTING HANDICAP, two miles and a quarter.—Vanclaire scr., Lady Wilmington scr., Pearlmaid scr., Albert Edward 3sec, Stranger 4sec, Vis-count 4sec, Haldane 8sec, Nelson 17sec, Little Paul 18sec, Huon Leal 18sec, Harry Mace 18sec, Macquarrie 22sec, Merry Kate 22sec, Mikado 22sec.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP, one mile.—Alf. McKinney scr., Phyllistina 5sec, Ben F. 6sec, Sylvie 7sec, Jungle 8sec, Taihoa 8sec, Stop It 9sec, Monotype 10sec, Count 11sec, Ballot 11sec, Woodmount 12sec, Gevelo 16sec.

ACCEPTANCES.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The following are the acceptances for the first day of the Gisborne Racing Club's summer meeting to be held to-day (Thursday):—

HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Continuance 12.9, Polynices 9.13, Stourton 9.13, Donzel 9.12, Burton 9.6, Hunakaha 9.5, Game 9.2, Appelles 9.0, Te Rahui 9.0, Hatana 9.0, Cally Bridge 9.0.

WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Lamsdorff 9.13, Scotch 9.11, Hirini 9.8, Ardfer 9.7, Donzel 9.5, Durability 8.9, Colleen Dhu 8.5, Oma Tere 8.2, Cally Bridge 8.0, My Motor 8.0.

RAILWAY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Goldemar 9.2, Easy 8.13, Waiorewa 8.12, Wee Rose 8.7, Our Queen 8.5, Miss Jewel 7.11, Master Stead 7.10, First Marshal 7.9, Carron 7.6, Santiago 7.5, Pasadena 7.0, Connie 7.0, Cora Lakeby 7.0, Lady Te Huputi 7.0.

ATHLETICS

N.Z. PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

BRANSON PERFORMS WELL.

WILLIAMS WINS SHEFFIELD

The New Zealand professional athletic championship meeting opened at Frankton Junction on Saturday, the weather being perfect for the gathering, which was attended by some 2000 persons. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Waikato Caledonian Society's carnival and was continued on Monday. Its great success exceeding the most sanguine expectations. The liberal prizes offered attracted runners from all parts of the Dominion, and the keen competition that ensued in many of the events caused much enthusiasm among the spectators.

FIRST DAY.

On Saturday four New Zealand championship events came up for decision, these being the 100yds, One Mile, High Jump, and Long Jump. The handicap events which figured on the first day's programme were characterised by large fields, while the close finishes were productive of the greatest excitement. In addition to the athletic contests, the Highland dancing and bag-pipe competitions contributed largely to the enjoyable nature of the programme, the entries including some of the very best Highland performers in the Dominion.

The 100yds New Zealand championship resulted in an exciting race between three of the five competitors, V. C. Branson, the well-known Auckland sprinter, breasting the tape a yard in front of J. D. Forbes, of Gore, who defeated G. Kinsey for second honours by half a yard. Branson's time was 10 1-5sec, and the brilliant manner in which he finished was decidedly praiseworthy.

The Mile championship attracted a quartette of starters, victory going to Alick Campbell, of Tikokino, Hawke's Bay, who won without much effort by a dozen yards from G. Hall, of Auckland, the time registered being 4m 40s. Campbell put in a well-sustained sprint over the last furlong, and never once appeared in danger of being defeated for the title.

In the High Jump championship, a keen contest for supremacy was witnessed between G. Campbell, of Timaru, and W. R. Nicholls, of Te Kuiti, the former, who cleared 5ft. 7½in., proving victorious by half an inch. Five contestants competed in the Long Jump championship, winning honours being carried off by S. J. Tully, of Temuka, with a jump of 21ft. 11in. T. Shannon occupying second position with a leap of 21ft 3½in to his credit.

Of the championship events, principal interest on the first day was centred in the Caledonian 75 yards, which was decided in five heats, two semi-finals and a final. The race in question was annexed by W. Edwards (8½yds) who won the final by inches amid great excitement in 7 1-5s.

The cycle events (half mile and mile) drew large fields, included among the riders being several of Auckland's crack cyclists. The half mile Rototuna Cycle Handicap was won by J. Adlam, who registered a good performance by winning from scratch, another Auckland rider in E. W. Burton (10yds.) filling second place. The One Mile Invitation Cycle Handicap witnessed a sterling finish between M. L. Hayes (40yds.) and J. Clarke (50yds.) who rode a dead-heat in a field of nine. In the ride-off Clarke gained a victory after another close race.

Particulars of the principal events decided on the first day are as follows:—

100yds. New Zealand Championship.—V. C. Branson 1, J. D. Forbes 2, G. Kinsey 3. Also started: C. J. Morris and W. Hogg. Morris held the advantage after three-quarters of the distance had been covered, but collapsed at this stage. Branson coming on strongly won by a yard from Forbes, who beat Kinsey by half-a-yard. Time, 10 1-5sec.

One Mile New Zealand Championship.—A. Campbell 1, G. Hall 2, D. Flynn 3. Also started: E. Hall. G. Hall led for the greater part of the journey, but Campbell mustered up a good sprint a furlong from home, and succeeded in winning easily by 10yds from Hall, who put in an ineffective challenge over the concluding 100yds. Time 4m 40s.

New Zealand Championship High Jump.—G. Campbell, 5ft 7½in, 1; Nicholls, 5ft 7in 2; E. Ticklepenny, 5ft 1in, 3.

New Zealand Championship Long Jump.—S. J. Tully, 21ft 11in, 1; T. Shannon, 21ft 3½in, 2; G. Bradley, 20ft 5in, 3. Also competed: G. Campbell, W. V. Quane.

Claudeland Amateur Handicap, 300yds.—J. Qualtrough, 16yds, 1; J. R. Simpson, scr., 2; L. C. Castleton, 15yds, 3. Eight starters. Won by a yard. Time, 34 1-5sec.

Caledonian Handicap, 75yds.—First Heat: W. Hogg, 7½yds, 1; H. Baxter, 8yds, 2. Time 7s. Second Heat: W. Edwards, 8½yds, 1; A. Williams, 8yds, 2. Time 7 1-5s. Third Heat: E. Bust, 8½yds, 1; V. C. Branson, 4½yds, 2. Time, 7 3-5s. Fourth Heat: R. McAlley, 9yds, 1; R. Johnson, 8½yds, 2. Time, 7 1-5s. Fifth Heat: T. McGeehan, 7yds, and J. W. Anderton, 8½yds (dead heat), 1. Time, 7 2-5s. First Semi-Final: E. Bust, 1; Edwards, 2. Time, 7 1-5s. Second Semi-Final: T. McGeehan, 1; A. Williams, 2. Time, 7 1-5s. Final: W. Edwards, 8½yds, 1; E. Bust, 8½yds, 2; T. M. McGeehan, 7yds, 3. Also started: A. Williams. Won by inches after a splendid race. Time, 7 1-5s.

Half-Mile Handicap.—H. Terry, 1; H. G. Haswell, 65yds, 2; S. Barnes, 20yds, 3. Thirteen starters. A close finish resulted. Time, 1m. 56 4-5s.

Tuhikaramea Amateur Handicap, one mile.—F. Jones, scr., 1; C. Reid, scr., 2; A. Gee, 70yds, 3. Six starters.

on the first day, the inclusion of several bicycle races adding to the general excellence of the sports provided. Three New Zealand professional championships—220yds, 440yds and Half-Mile—were decided, while the "Waikato Hundred" (120yds. Sheffield Handicap), and Waikato One Mile Bicycle Championship were also brought off, interest in these events running very high. Exciting finishes were the order of the day, the Sheffield Handicap, which was run in six heats, two semi-finals, and a final, being particularly noteworthy in this respect. A word in praise of the management of the sports is due to those who had charge of the arrangements, for the despatch with which the various events, and competitions were brought off would do credit to any sports officials.

The 220yds New Zealand championship resulted in another triumph for the Auckland runner, V. C. Branson, who won a good race by a couple of yards from the Gore sprinter, J. D. Forbes, in 23 3-5s.

The 440yds New Zealand championship saw five competitors face the starter, and the race resolved itself into a struggle between R. Johnson, of Auckland, and G. D. Doleman, of Gisborne, the former winning by a yard after a brilliant run up the straight. Only two contested the Half-Mile championship of New Zealand, in which the Hawke's Bay long

1; S. Barnes (Auckland) 2. The only starters. Campbell led throughout and won by 2yds. Time, 2m 7 1-5s.

Waikato "Hundred," 120yds Sheffield Handicap.—First prize, £60; second, £15; third, £5; fourth, £2 (the winners of preliminary heats received £2 each): First heat—W. J. Campney (12yds), 1; R. Johnson (13yds), 2. Won by half a yard. Time, 11 2-5. Second heat: T. M. McGeehan (10yds), 1 E. W. Sturm (12yds), 2. Won by a yard. Time, 12s. Third heat: A. Williams (13yds), 1; E. L. Donnelly (13yds), 2. Won by a foot. Time, 11 1-5s. Fourth heat: H. E. Stanton (14yds), 1; T. J. Randall (15½yds), 2. Won by 2yds. Time 11s. Fifth heat: H. J. Mills (14yds), 1; W. J. Burns (13½yds), 2. Won by inches. Time, 11 2-5s. Sixth heat: H. Baxter (13yds) and E. Bust (13yds), dead heat, 1. A great finish. Time, 11 3-5s. First semi-final: A. Williams (13yds), 1; H. J. Mills (14yds), 2. Time, 11 1-5s. Second semi-final: W. J. Burns (13½yds), 1; H. E. Stanton (14yds), 2. Won by inches. Time, 11 1-5s. Final heat: A. Williams (13yds), 1; H. J. Mills (14yds), 2; W. J. Burns (13½yds), 3. Won by a foot. Time 11s.

Governor's Cup (Lord Islington presented a cup to be won by the best all-round athlete at the meeting, the trophy to be given to the competitor gaining most points): Two runners, V. C. Branson and Alick Campbell, tied with two wins each, and ran off for the prize over a 440yds course, a neutral distance, Branson having won the 100yds and 220yds championships and Campbell the half-mile and mile championships. Campbell won a fine race by half a yard, in 56s.

One Mile Handicap.—E. C. Barnes (145yds), 1; H. Terry (57yds), 2; H. G. Haswell (scratch), 3. Fourteen starters. Won by 5yds. Time, 4 25s.

Three-Mile Amateur Handicap.—F. Jones (scratch), 1; C. Reid (scratch), 2. Six starters. Won a good race by 10yds.

Two-mile Waikato Wheel Race.—J. Clarke (100yds), 1; W. A. Mason (125yds), 2; J. Adlam (scratch), 3. Ten starters. Won easily.

One-Mile Bicycle Waikato Championship.—J. Adlam, 1; E. W. Burton, 2; M. V. Hayes, 3. Five starters.

The three placed men finished within half a-length of each other, Adlam gaining the verdict by a wheel.

BOXING.

On Tuesday night of last week Bill Lang, the Melbourne heavyweight, whose ring career at one time gave promise of being one triumphal climb on the pugilistic ladder of fame, made his reappearance within the hempen square, with Jim Barry, the young American boxer, as his opponent. Defeat apparently has not disheartened the big Victorian footballer and boxer, for he expressed confidence in himself to whip Jim Barry, but though the contest went the full twenty rounds, the decision was cast in favour of the American. Lang's latest ring engagements clearly point to the fact that he is on the down grade, and he would do well to quit the game before he is stripped of what few laurels that remain after a plucky endeavour to win the world's championship crown for the white race. It was with a joyful heart that Bill Lang departed from Australia over a year ago intent upon making his boxing prowess known in other countries but the Commonwealth, and in this he was by no means disappointed, for his contest in London with Sam Langford brought him that fame which many another equally skilled boxer has longed for in vain. Lang's much discussed showing against the Boston Tar Baby is now a matter of history to ring enthusiasts, but there is little doubt that the Melbourne fighter's hot-headedness on that occasion was brought about more by his determination to oust the negro than by any fear he is unfairly blamed for having of the coloured man. The seriousness of the position no doubt had a somewhat unnerving effect upon the high-strung white man, who would naturally be excited, since the issue meant so much to him. While there can be no question that in Langford's case the better man won, Lang may well take credit for entering the ring against so doughty an opponent and putting up a remarkably game display, for which much praise that was due was withheld owing to the Australian in his excitement unfortunately fouling his opponent.



Messrs. Jordan and Harvey, the clever comedians with Brennan's Vaudeville Company, opening at His Majesty's on the 16th inst.

An exciting finish was witnessed between the scratch men. Time, 4m. 56 2-5s.

Koromatua Hurdle Handicap, 120yds.—First Heat: W. R. Nicholls, owes 4yds, 1; K. Gibbons, owes 8yds, 2. Four starters. Time, 18s. Second Heat: B. T. Murray, owes 4yds, 1; R. M. Alley, owes 5yds, 2. Time 20s. Final: K. Gibbons, owes 8yds, 1; W. R. Nicholls, owes 4yds, 2; B. T. Murray, owes 4yds, 3. Won by a yard. Time, 17 4-5s.

Half-Mile Rototuna Cycle Handicap.—First Heat: W. A. Mason, 50yds, 1; J. Adlam, scr., 2. Time, 1m 15s. Second Heat: J. Clark, 30yds, 1; E. W. Burton, 10yds, 2. Time 1m 17s. Final: J. Adlam, 1; E. W. Burton, 2; W. A. Mason, 3. Time 1m. 16 4-5s.

Invitation Cycle Handicap, one mile.—M. L. Hayes (40yds), and J. Clarke (50yds), (dead heat), 1; W. A. Mason, 85yds, 3. Nine starters. Time, 2m. 44s. The ride-off resulted in favour of Clarke after a great set-to up the straight.

SECOND DAY.

Fine weather again prevailed on the concluding day of the New Zealand professional athletic championships, and the attendance at Frankton Junction was estimated at 4000, included among whom was a large percentage of visitors. The sports programme offered was even more attractive than

distance runner, Aick Campbell gained further laurels by winning fairly easily from S. Barnes, of Auckland in 2m 7 1-5s.

The chief event of the meeting, the "Waikato Hundred," which was decided over 120yds, created the greatest enthusiasm, runners being present from all parts of New Zealand to fulfil their engagements in this important race. The event was won by A. Williams, of Auckland, who ran consistently, winning his heat, a semi-final, and the final in good style. In the final Williams won a magnificent race by a foot, his sterling finishing powers alone enabling him to secure the verdict from the other three competitors who were on even terms with him a dozen yards from the tape.

The leading events on the second day resulted as follows:—

220yds New Zealand Championship.—V. C. Branson (Auckland), 1; J. D. Forbes (Gore), 2; G. S. Doleman (Gisborne), 3. Also started: G. Kinsey (Auckland), T. Shannon (South Canterbury), and W. Hogg (Hamilton). Won by 2yds, Doleman being 4yds away hird. Time, 23 3-5s.

440yds New Zealand Championship.—R. Johnson (Auckland), 1; G. S. Doleman (Gisborne), 2; A. H. Gyllies (Auckland), 3. Also started: V. C. Branson and A. Campbell. Won by a yard. Time, 54s.

Half-Mile New Zealand Championship.—Alick Campbell (Hawke's Bay),

In losing his battle with Jim Barry on points, Bill Lang has not allowed his reputation as a boxer to suffer to any material extent, whereas had the American disposed of him via the knockout route the occasion would probably have marked Lang's last appearance in important contests, for the public are tiring of the said Bill Lang's vain attempts to "come back." In Barry he met a boxer far removed from the general run of "trial horses" that have been unearthed in America during the past few years, for Barry has the distinction of having given Sam McVea a tough contest in Paris not so long ago, losing on a foul in the 15th round. Barry has also met Langford seven times, while "Fireman" Jim Flynn and Joe Jeanette have been numbered among his opponents. It is thus seen that Lang was up against it "real hard," and while his defeat was not of a discouraging nature, it is to be hoped the Melbourne fighter will take an opportune lesson and pay a visit to the ring before further reverses detract from the genuine merit of his eventful career as a boxer.

The meeting of Dave Smith and "Cyclone" Johnny Thompson in Sydney last week was productive of the result anticipated, the ex-New Zealander proving too solid a proposition for the American welterweight, whose one great performance consisted of whipping Billy Papke some time ago at the same meeting place. It is even surprising to find that Thompson weathered twenty rounds with the much-improved Smith, the latter's victory being gained on points. Thompson's showing against Dave Smith makes the Lester-Thompson battle bear a more open appearance than before, as the general impression prior to the latter's meeting with Smith was that Lester would prove far too vigorous an opponent for the American ex-middleweight.

Dave Smith has received an offer from Mr. McIntosh to accompany him on a tour of the world, leaving Australia for Paris in April. The dates are being arranged to fit in with the opening of the English season, while a number of matches will also be made for America.

Dave Smith has done himself and Australia proud (says the Sydney "Sun"). Not only has he pleased thousands by his manly behaviour, both in and out of the ring, but he has provided for the land of his adoption—he is New Zealand born—one of the finest advertisements possible. And all the time he adopts the unassuming air that invariably surrounds great men. With every fight he has improved. Each time he has added to

his confidence, and now he is one of the greatest boxers in his weight in the world. His convincing win over Jack Lester, and the closeness to which he went to scoring a knock-out, added to his prestige, and had he succeeded in putting the allegedly iron-constructed man to sleep there would not have been a single follower of the sport the world over who would not have been acclaiming him as a wonder. Smith never fought better. He was faster, punched harder, and boxed with more confidence than he has ever displayed previously. Although opposed to a probationer as far as boxing skill is concerned, he was up against an extremely dangerous man—a fighter who had shown wonderful powers of absorbing the heaviest of punishment, and an ability to retain his strength and punch all the while. But Smith fought like a true master. There was no hit and clinch for him. He made the fighting and how attractive was his every move? There was the precision mark on everything. He never let up once. After allowing Lester to "go mad" for a couple of rounds, during which the American threatened to annihilate his opponent, Smith took up the attack, and at no time gave Lester any peace. Using his feet well, and never once giving ground, he timed every punch beautifully. He hit Lester when and where he liked. The tough Yankee could do nothing with him, and did not land a single damaging punch. Smith's was a wonderful fight, and it raised him considerably in the estimation of every true lover of a boxer and a fighter.

Matters in connection with a second meeting between the coloured pugilists, McVea and Langford, bear a very unsettled appearance at present, despite Mr. H. D. McIntosh's repeated efforts to bring the pair to terms. It is whispered in well-informed quarters that Sam McVea is not at all keen for another battle with Langford, and as the taller negro appears to be raising obstacles against a return match there would seem to be good grounds for the statement. McVea's attitude in regard to a second meeting is not calculated to increase his popularity with Australian fight enthusiasts, for after gaining the decision over the "Boston Tar Baby" by so narrow a margin it is only fair that he should comply with Langford's request for another match, provided, of course, the conditions are favourable. An injured arm has been pleaded by McVea as an excuse for not entertaining the prospects of another battle at present, but as the damaged member is now sound again, there should be nothing to prevent the pair clashing again at an early date. Their fight of Boxing Day revealed to Australians their remarkable equality in boxing skill, for never has a world's championship contest been the subject of so much diversity of opinion as the battle between these powerful negro fighters. A return match is certain to arouse the greatest enthusiasm in Sydney, and should such contest eventuate the gate receipts will probably show an increase on the amount paid for admission to the Stadium on Boxing Day.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

One of the world's greatest tourists, Mr. Robert L. Jefferson, F.R.G.S., is at present in Melbourne, he having motored across from Sydney. Mr. Jefferson has had a most adventurous career, particularly in connection with hazardous bicycle rides away back in the "nineties." In 1893 Mr. Jefferson cycled from London to Moscow and back, riding the 5,000 miles in 49 days 6 hours. The following year he extended his previous year's tour by riding from London to Irkutsk (Siberia), 6574 miles in 100 days riding time, and in 1898 he tackled his most dangerous feat, a ride to Khiva in Turkestan. Some years later, Mr. Jefferson gave up cycling and took to motoring, and since 1905 he has accomplished some tremendous travelling with the aid of the automobile. Amongst his trips are drives from London to Constantinople, introducing the first car into Turkey. Following on this were tours through India and Burmah, the Straits Settlements, Java, Africa, and drove from Durban to Johannesburg, and subsequently established a record by motoring from Johannesburg to Cape Town, 1500 miles in 9½ days. In 1909 America and Canada were thoroughly toured

through, followed by a run through New Zealand. Mr. Jefferson intends remaining some time in the Commonwealth, and will do some extensive travelling on his Dunlop-shod Wolseley.

BILLIARDS.

George Gray, conceding 1000 to Diggle in 9000, defeated the English cueist, by 5983 points.

Gray has accepted Stevenson's proposal that they halve the amounts, Gray putting up £300 to Stevenson's £200, in their third billiard match.

During the coming season, Diggle, Reece, Harverson, and probably Inman will pay a visit to Australia, while Fred Lindrum will also accompany this famous team of English billiardists.

When Stevenson led Gray by 1523 at the half-way stage in their first game, there was much jubilation amongst Stevenson's admirers (says an English writer). "The same people who a week ago were asking, 'Can Stevenson beat Gray?' have now transposed it to 'Can Gray beat Stevenson?'"

Tom Aiken, the Scottish champion, whom Lindrum is to tour the land o' cakes with, has been showing excellent form recently. During one session of the big Lindrum tournament against Bert Elphick, the Scot scored all the points made, a performance which creates a record in these events. Aiken's methods are of the easy, finished order, without any show; indeed, he is said to make his breaks almost imperceptibly, and it is only by referring to the scores that one finds he has made so many points.

The old discussion which has amused many and infuriated more as to the distinction between "Science and Art" has a decided application to Billiards (says an English critic). To which of the two does the royal game belong? Is it an art or a science? Undoubtedly the theory of the game can be classed amongst the sciences. The movements of the balls, the action of the cloth, cushions, angles, the effect of side, strength and aim are determined by certain well-defined laws of certain branches of science. The correct and skilled application of these laws in the practice in billiards is undoubtedly "art." Stevenson is an artist, and no one would dream of calling him a scientist in consideration of his knowledge of billiards and his powers with the cue.

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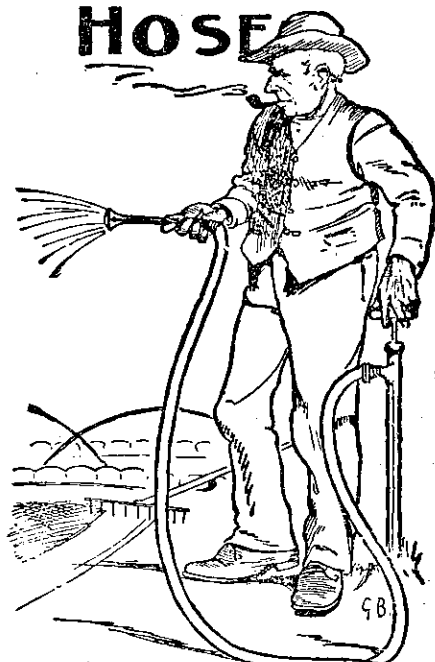
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THE SPECKLED BAND.

With such inspiring names as William Desmond, J. B. Atholwood, and Gaston Mervale in its cast, "The Speckled Band" needed no further trumpets to bespeak it a fine interpretation. In fact the piece is marked by the finished acting of all the artistes in the company. With the seal of Conan Doyle on its dramatisation, it is one of the most fascinating of the Sherlock Holmes stories, and impels interest from the outset. A step-father, a girl, and a snake make up the piece, with a final move by the almost uncanny detective, and as one might imagine, there is plenty of scope for gruesome situations. It fascinates while it repels, so artistically is it presented. Dr. Rylott, an Anglo-Indian doctor has already despatched one step-daughter for the sake of her money, but so mysteriously that the cause has never been fathomed. He uses the "Speckled Band" to achieve his ends, the "Band" being a venomous snake that he trains by weird music and a diabolical contrivance to glide into his ward's bedroom at night, poison its victim and leave no trace. The doctor is about to try his fiendish scheme on the first victim's sister in order to appropriate her money, and is just on the point of succeeding, when his plans are frustrated at the critical moment by Sherlock Holmes. By the latter's clever cunning, the tables are turned, and the doctor is hoist with his own petard.

Mr. Gaston Mervale as Dr. Rylott gives a masterly and noteworthy exposition of the neurotic Anglo-Indian, hypnotising the audience as he does his helpless ward and terrorised servant by his Satanic methods. With such cruelty, and withal cunning, does he invest his part, that the snake might well envy him his traits. Mr. William Desmond as the likable, nonchalant Sherlock Holmes, has the audience with him all the time, and never fails to score, both by reason of his own personality and his artistic handling of a subtle character. Mr. J. B. Atholwood's work as the aged butler is one of the outstanding features of the piece, and is another tribute to his genius in character studies. Miss Dorothy Dix, as the unfortunate Enid Stonor, leaves nothing to be desired in her interpretation. Strikingly pretty and appealing she wins the sympathy and admiration of all. Miss Susie Vaughan fills her unenviable part as the doctor's housekeeper admirably, while Dr. Watson has an excellent counterpart in Mr. Boyd Irwin. Mr. Leslie Victor makes a sinister Indian valet, Mr. Fred. Cambourne causes much merriment as a juror with his downright questions, and Master Roy Seaton is a bright and

breezy Billy. All the minor parts are well sustained, while the setting is well in keeping with the spirit of the piece. To-night will be the last performance of "The Speckled Band."

"ALIAS JIMMY VALENTINE."

COMMENCING FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 2.

"Alias Jimmy Valentine," to be produced for the last five nights of the ensuing J. C. Williamson season at His Majesty's Theatre, is by Paul Armstrong, and it was suggested to him by O. Henry. Of its production in Sydney recently a leading critic wrote: "If sheer human truth has any power to attract, the new comedy-drama 'Alias Jimmy Valentine' must succeed. 'Give us life,' we hear people say. 'Let us see the world reflected on the stage as it really is—real human life with

ETHEL IRVING SEASON.

ENGLAND'S GREAT ACTRESS.

A comedy by Somerset Maugham is at last to be seen in Auckland. The English dramatist recently had four running successes at London theatres simultaneously. The pick of these, which went over 600 nights, will be seen at His Majesty's Theatre on Thursday, February 8th, when Miss Ethel Irving produces "Lady Frederick." There are some delightful character studies in this comedy. Lady Frederick herself is bewitchingly irresponsible, but that there is a serious element in her character is shown by her heroic treatment of Lord Mereton, a youth of 22. He is head over ears in love with her, but his mother makes use of an incident in the past of the object of her boy's

TOWN HALL.

NEWBURY-SPADA CONCERT.

Good music lovers have every reason to be grateful to Mr. Philip Newbury and Madame Spada for instituting the Saturday popular concerts. Both are artistes of a very high order, and their efforts should do much for the cause of music in our midst. Last week's programme was particularly enjoyable, Mr. Newbury being in magnificent voice for the rendering of the recitative and aria "Lend me your aid," a pianoforte and organ accompaniment adding to the effect. "My Queen," and the ballad "Mary" were two more delightful items. Madame Spada gave artistic interpretations of Tosti's "Good-Bye" and "Winiata Poi," and shared the honours with the tenor. Mr. Ernest Parkes, Herr Raymond Pechotsh, Mr. Harold Gregson, and Miss Kathleen Major contributed to the excellence of the programme.



Miss Ethel Irving, the celebrated English actress, who with her complete London Company commences a season under the direction of J. C. Williamson, Ltd., at His Majesty's on Thursday, Feb. 8, opening with W. Somerset Maugham's fine comedy, "Lady Frederick."

characters that we know, and who behave as we should expect them to, with just that tinge of romance that gives a flavour, a zest to the picture, and there is indeed the drama of the day. And this is "Alias Jimmy Valentine." The author has taken his types from the street, and set them in a story which, though intensely interesting and extremely powerful, is yet subordinate to their natural development. Another definite virtue of the piece is the skilful blend of humour with the serious movements of the incidents.

Mr. William Desmond will appear in the title role, the part that held H. B. Warner in New York for three years. Miss Dorothy Dix gives a delightful performance as Rose Lane (the very antithesis of the role she portrayed in "The Speckled Band"), and Mr. Gaston Mervale shows his extraordinary versatility as Detective Doyl. The other members of this fine company are all cast for congenial roles, and a delightful child interest is maintained by two clever children, Miss Vera Spaul and Master Jack Ferguson. The box plan for the five farewell performances of "Alias Jimmy" is now on view at Wildman and Arey's.

affections to force an issue. When it becomes known that this incident is mere scandal, and Lady Frederick is proved guiltless, Lord Mereton is more anxious than ever to marry her. Lady Frederick, however, is in earnest in her desire to stem the tempestuous onrush of love that the youthful lord has turned upon her. She accomplishes her object by shattering his ideal. She allows him to see her in her dressing-room, engaged in making her toilette. She shows him that the hair he so much admired is not real; that the glow of her cheek is applied on a chamois leather, that the scarlet on her lips will come off; that the delicate arches of her eyebrows are mere pencillings; in fact, that what he takes for natural charms are attained from supplies from her chemist. The scene is one of striking skill and daring, and the artistic cleverness of Miss Irving in it attracted all London. "Lady Frederick" will be played for four nights only. The second production will be "The Witness for the Defence," Miss Irving's latest and greatest London success. The box plans for the season of seven nights will be opened at Messrs. Wildman and Arey's at 8 a.m. on Monday next.

while Mr. H. Woolley gave substantial support by his finished accompaniments.

Next Saturday (February 3rd) Mr. Philip Newbury will sing Rodolfo's "Narration Che gelida Manina," Puccini; Aria, "Cujus Animam" ("Stabat Mater"), Rossini. He will be accompanied by Mr. Gregson on the grand organ, and Madame Spada will sing "Una Notte a Venezia," Ardit. Mr. Oliver Farrow will make his first appearance.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Anniversary day was a gala one at Queen's Theatre, crowds flocking to this favourite rendezvous from morning till evening. The varied programme caught the popular taste, as was evident by the appreciative reception of each item. Particular care being devoted by the proprietors to providing a series of subjects that should mark the occasion, some beautiful photographic studies were shown, exclusive to Queen's, and evoked rounds of applause, so exquisitely were they delineated. "The best the wide world can furnish" is one of the mottoes of

the firm, and that they live up to it is apparent by the attendances. The public recognise merit when they see it. That is the secret of the Queen's Theatre popularity.

IN PERSONAL TOUCH.

New Zealand is in luck's way. We are to have a visit from that notable English actress, Miss Ethel Irving, a short season of seven nights opening at His Majesty's on February 8th. Miss Irving is recognised as the greatest English-speaking actress of the

Ethel Barrymore has opened in "The Witness for the Defence," at the Empire Theatre, New York, under Charles Frohman's management. The "New York Dramatic News" says that Mr. Frohman captured the play after seeing Ethel Irving appear in it as Stella Ballantyne.

Coming events cast their shadows before! Apropos of Sir Beerbohm Tree and the music halls, the following paragraph from London Opinion of February 1911, is interesting:—"Mr. Seymour Hicks is preparing to have another fling at Sir Herbert Tree over

compliment to the mechanical department of "Sinbad the Sailor." In the rolling ship scene, the thunder crashed and the lightning flashed. Just at this stage, down came a torrent of rain, the noise on the roof almost drowning the voices of the artists. The old lady smiled appreciatively and knowingly. "Isn't it wonderful? How real they do these things," she said, "you would think that rain was the real thing."

Two "girls" that are going strong in Sydney at present are "The Quaker Girl" and the "Girl in the Train."

Stated that Miss Nellie Stewart received a fee of £1000 for posing for the pictorial representation of "Sweet Nell."

Mr. George E. Titherage was presented with a cheque for nearly £500 in Sydney, as a token of appreciation from public and private friends.

Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree to the musical halls! The famous actor has come in for some considerable criticism for accepting an engagement in one. He will appear in "The Man Who Was," a dramatisation of Rudyard Kipling's story. His colleagues, Sir George Alexander and Sir George Hare, regard the engagement as being *infra dig*.

Mr. Weedon Grossmith, the comedian, stated his sentiments respecting what is called "screaming" farce to a London "Express" representative recently. "You've got to shout your lines above the laughs," he says. "You dare not wait till the roar has petered out; and you are 'stoking' all the time. You are playing at top-pressure, for ever shovelling on the coals. It 'takes it out' of you, but the audience are playing it with you



A Scene from "Alias Jimmy Valentine," to be produced at His Majesty's on Friday night.

day, and Australia has literally been at her feet during her season there.

Mr. Leo D. Chateau is heralding Miss Ethel Irving, who will only appear in the four centres. The popular "advance" after fixing up arrangements for the season here, left for the South on Tuesday to make ready the way for a memorable event.

Dominion theatre-goers are to be repaid for their appreciation of the H. B. Irving Company, by being permitted to see that brilliant actress, Miss Ethel Irving, in two of her successes. No relation to the famous H. B., the lady by her exceptional ability, perpetuates the distinction that attaches to that magic name.

Mr. Harold Carr arrived in town on Tuesday, and as pilot of Brennan's, promises us something tip-top in vaudeville.

A line from Mr. Allan Hamilton states that his company will be opening in Auckland on Monday, February 26. "Beauty and the Barge" is one of their strong attractions. Sydney Press extracts are warmly eulogistic of the merits of play and performers. "There was not a dull moment nor a dull character in the piece (says Sydney "Sun"). The players acted the story as well as the authors wrote it, and that is saying much, for W. W. Jacobs as a writer has an inimitable style."

A wail from Stratford! "Fancy 'Hamlet' passing Stratford—the town named after the birthplace of the immortal Bard of Avon! Here we have 'Hamlet' street, 'Portia' street, 'Falstaff' street, and our nomenclature is Shakesperian, but 'The worlds' greatest living 'Hamlet' passes us by. There are reasons, of course, but the pill is difficult to swallow, nevertheless."

The question of the time limit in music hall sketches. He has written a little piece called "Cuts While You Wait," in which one Sir Sherbert Tea turns his back upon the regular theatre, joins the vaudeville stage, proceeds to break the time limit, and ends in becoming the finest comic singer of the day."



A Strong scene between three leading characters in "Alias Jimmy Valentine."

Ethel Irving figured in an exciting scene on Sydney Harbour on Sunday afternoon. A yacht containing 26 people capsized, and Miss Ethel Irving and a party of theatricals in a motor launch helped in the work of rescue. The women and children were picked up, and it looked as if some of the men, who were in difficulties, would be lost. However, ultimately the whole party was got on board. This is the third time Miss Irving has taken part in a rescue under sensational circumstances on Sydney Harbour.

A dear old lady who was sitting in the stalls at Her Majesty's Melbourne, at a mat'nee last week, paid a high

—omping and roaring till the final curtain. But oh, the 'stoking' it requires!"

He: "There was nearly a bad fire at the theatre." She: "How was that?" He: "The villain lit a cigarette and tossed the match into the snow."

Mr. Charles Berkeley will pilot "The Chocolate Soldier" Company over to Australia, through its Hobart tour.



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SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES.

WELLINGTON.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, January 29.

Something of a record was established for Wellington on the day the box plans opened for the first six nights of the H. B. Irving season. From nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the evening over sixteen hundred seats were booked. Which easily goes to prove that the thirteen nights season will be a huge financial success. The season opened on Saturday evening last and the Opera House was packed to the doors, quite a number of people being unable to gain admission.

That old veteran Mr. Fred. W. Duval is at present attached to Miss Marie Baines' English Musical Comedy Company, at present touring the West Coast of the South Island. He will shortly take up the position of touring manager of the Allen Doone Company.

Mr. Stanley Grant writes me from Christchurch that the Allen Doone Company will only appear in the four principal cities of the Dominion. The reason given is that the elaborate scenery cannot be mounted on any but the largest stages, and it is also very expensive to move it about, as great care has to be taken in handling it. The Dominion dates are as follows:—Christchurch, January 24—February 26; Dunedin, February 8—14; Wellington, February 17—March 1; Auckland, March 4—16. At the conclusion of the Auckland season the company leave for Melbourne, where a season will be commenced on April 6 and will extend until June 28.

Wellington's latest picture house—the Adelphi—is nearing completion. The entrance will be from Willis street.

The Wellington season of Brennan's vaudeville combination was a huge success in every way. In fact it was such a money-winner that the management had to extend the season one night.

Musical Wellington is in ecstasies because of the receipt of news by cable that Miss Adelaide Van Stavern, one of the daughters of our Jewish Rabbi, made her debut in grand opera with triumphant success at Fossano, an Italian town with a population of about 60,000 people, some fifty miles south of Milan. Her voice is a fine contralto with a range of three octaves.

"Sweet County Kerry" is to be the opening production of the Wellington season of the Allen Doone Company.

Mr. Alf. Linley informed me the other day that Wests, Limited, have secured the exclusive rights of Sarah Bernhardt in "Camille" and Madame Rejane in "Madame Sans Gene."

MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

Ferruccio Busoni, the distinguished Italian pianist, has in a delightful book—"A Sketch of the New Esthetic of Music"—given his views on the possibilities of music and of its trend in the future. "Music," he says, "was born free, and to win freedom is its destiny." He forecasts that the music of the future will transcend rules hitherto laid down; will create new scales, new forms, and new harmonies. In the composition of Mozart, Schumann, and Brahms, Busoni sees the dawn of musical freedom. Beethoven, "the romantic revolutionary," he recognises as the genius who has helped to lead music back to its loftiest self. Busoni considers that the poetic fire, radical temper, and neurotic touches link Beethoven with the modern rather than the classic spirit. "The paths opened by Beethoven," he argues, "can be followed to their end only through generations. They—like all things in creation—may form only a circle; but a circle of such dimensions that the portion visible to us seems like a straight line.

Mr. Jean Gerardy, the well-known 'cellist, has taken up his residence in Berlin, and the Ellwood boys, of Christchurch, who are under tuition from him, have accompanied him to that city.

The death is announced in London of Airlie Dix, the composer of the well-known songs "The Trumpeter" and

"The Jolly old Cavalier." Airlie Dix's songs are held in special favour among the vocalists of the Dominion.

Concerts sometimes pay. The receipts for the concerts given in the Wellington Town Hall by Mr. John McCormack totalled over £450. The receipts for the Auckland concert were just over £400. At the concerts given by the celebrated tenor in the Town Hall, Sydney, the receipts averaged £630 per concert.

Three Australian violinists, pupils of Sevcik, the world-famed teacher of Kubelik, gave concerts in Vienna toward the end of last year. The performers were Leila Doubleday and Victor Ludlow, of Sydney, and Daisy Kennedy, of Adelaide.

Dr. Henry Coward, who so ably conducted the Sheffield Choir during their recent world's tour, has stated that the enterprise resulted in a loss of £40,000.

Before leaving for Europe at the end of February Madame Melba will make a farewell appearance at a matinee concert in aid of the building fund of the University Conservatorium. The matinee will take place in Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney.

AUSTRALIAN HAPPENINGS.

What constitutes enjoyment has been so often the subject of dispute that any light can be thrown upon it should be welcomed. To see a crowd of red-eyed women emerging from a theatre, as they do nightly from the Criterion, Sydney, where Ethel Irving is appearing in "Dame Nature," and to hear them individually avow that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, seems to argue that happiness is not an essential condition to enjoyment. A couple of days after the Sydney premiere of this play, a woman remarked that she had never enjoyed anything so much as "Dame Nature," and that she had had a splitting headache ever since; while one night during the past week a man in the stalls, who had been steadily mopping his eyes throughout the second act, turned to a woman tittering behind him, and remarked severely, "If you don't like the play, please do not interfere with other people's enjoyment of it."

Saturday night saw the first production in Australia at the Theatre Royal, of Haddon Chambers' comedy-



Johnson and Wells the clever duo, who will appear at His Majesty's Theatre with Brennan's Vaudeville attraction on Monday February 16th.

The first of the Newbury-Spada "pops" at the Wellington Town Hall last Wednesday evening, was a great success. Amongst the artists were Mr. John Prouse and Mr. Hamilton Hodges.

Haddon Chambers recently mentioned that at least two of the characters in "Passers-By" were taken from real life. One was Nighty, the cabman; the other, Sammy Burns, the tramp. He did not seek them for his play; rather did he write the play after meeting them. In Hyde Park one evening he came across the tramp, lying luxuriantly in a restful corner. It was in the course of his conversation with the tramp that Mr. Chambers got the main idea for his play, and the rugged yet real-life philosophy delivered by Sammy Burns. The prototype of this character made some amusing references to the subject of "work," including the line in the play which has been widely quoted: "Work ain't for the likes of me. Work's for the workers!"

"Passers-by," to be staged at Melbourne Theatre Royal shortly, is the work of Haddon Chambers, the Australian playwright, who is said to have already drawn over £30,000 in royalties from the play.

drama, "Passers-By." Stamped with the hall-mark of success achieved by lengthy runs in England and America, where the piece is still delighting playgoers, "Passers-By" will be presented by J. C. Williamson, Ltd., with all the advantages of a magnificent cast and completeness of staging and mounting. The new play has a fine plot, cleverly written, the characters are vividly lifelike, and there is a "human" atmosphere about it that gives it a wide appeal to all classes of playgoers.

A second Gertie Millar part has fallen to Miss Blanche Browne in the title role of "The Quaker Girl" at Her Majesty's, Sydney, and, again the charming actress has achieved an unqualified success. After playing Mary Gibbs for sixteen months the opportunity to be someone else must have come as a great relief, notwithstanding the fact that Miss Browne states that she could have gone on playing it for ever. The part of the Quaker Girl, however, she finds every bit as attractive, and hopes that she may not be called upon to change her stage identity for another year at least. Judging by the enthusiasm with which the new musical comedy is being received in Sydney, there seems to be every prospect of Miss Browne's wish being fulfilled.

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GREENROOM GOSSIP.

Miss Dorothy Dix.

Miss Dorothy Dix, leading lady with "The Speckled Band" Company, understands the art of pleasing the eye. With an uncommon beauty of her own of the brunette type, Miss Dix shows it off to perfection, her frocking on the stage making an exquisite mounting to a pretty picture. Though only nineteen years of age, Miss Dix has had four years experience at Home with Lewis Walker, and speaks most enthusiastically of the training she has received through association with that fine actor. "I am passionately fond of romantic drama," said Miss Dix to a "Review" representative, "that is what I was particularly schooled in, but these pieces don't permit much scope. All one has to do is to try and look nice." But with Miss Dorothy Dix, that is no effort! With youth and beauty on her side, combined with talents, this charming young actress has every essential for climbing to the top rung of the ladder of fame.

Brennan's Huge Entertainment.

The entertainment that is to be presented by Brennan's Amphitheatres, Limited, at His Majesty's Theatre on Friday, February 16th promises to be the greatest entertainment of its class that ever toured the Dominion. Mr. James Brennan, the governing director, toured the world to secure the best possible artists to open the Melbourne Theatre; when it was found that the theatre could not be opened at the original time, this company was sent on tour. It is a crystallisation of the greatest acts that could be obtained throughout America and Europe, and the cream of the world's greatest artists will appear in rotation each evening. The greatest animal act that has ever been brought to Australasia will be the big feature of the entertainment.

A Sensational Feat.

Les Petit Totos who will be seen here with Brennan's Amphitheatres, Ltd., were engaged by Mr. James Brennan at the Alhambra, Paris. The appropriateness of their name lies in their comparative youth and diminutive stature. It is a dumb comedy acrobatic act that they give. One of the most sensational feats performed by them is that in which one member with the other above him in a free head to head balance almost runs up and down a double staircase from 15ft. to 20ft. high. The thing appears to be done quite effortlessly. Moreover, after descending the two of them face the audience and continue to hold the balance for quite a while. Technically a "free" balance means a balance where the hands are not used by either of the men in any way with a view to steadying themselves.

Hebrew Comedians.

Jordan and Harvey who will be seen in Auckland with Brennan's Amphitheatres, Limited, are famous throughout America and England as Hebrew Comedians. "We do not," says Mr. Jordan, "burlesque the Jewish character. Ours are simple, natural character imitations, precise replicas of ourselves or as we appear on the stage, are to be seen by the thousands in ordinary life in London. Many a time we have walked through the streets there from the hall to another in our make-up without attracting the least attention. People saw nothing out of the way in our appearance. Our first object is to avoid doing anything that would in any way hurt the feelings of our co-religionists. Without being offensive to our own class we try to please all classes, our own included." Jordan and Harvey have the distinction of being the first who introduced Hebrew comedy work on the English music-hall stage.

Wirth's Circus.

Mr. G. L. Petersen, touring manager for Wirth Bros., writing from Frankton, sends the following particulars of the country tour. Opening at Taihape on February 19. Ohakune, Taurunui, Te Kuiti, Hamilton and Poterua follow with one night stands. Cambridge will be visited on 26th, then Te Aroha, Waihi, Thames, Paeroa, and Pukekohe, arriving in Auckland in time to open on March 4. Business has been brisk all along the line.

Are You Happy?

"Is Everybody Happy" is the greeting of Duke Johnson, of Johnson and Wells, every time he makes his ap-

pearance. "At first," says the "Sydney Sun," "the audience receive the salutation a little chilly. They are not quite sure whether they are happy—or are going to be happy. But long before the pair have finished their turn all doubt on this point is dispelled. Johnson's dancing invariably rouses the audience to the greatest enthusiasm. More highly recommended coloured comedians have never come to Australia. Johnson has been before the public for fifteen years. Miss Wells' record is eleven years. During that time they have played all the best houses in America, including numerous seasons at Hammerstein's, in New York, and repeated tours of the big Orpheum circuit. They have also been all over Great Britain and on the Continent, have appeared at Brussels, Vienna, Berlin,

Leipsic, Amsterdam, and elsewhere. Johnson and Wells will be seen here with Brennan's Amphitheatres, Ltd.

"Sinbad the Sailor."

Miss Minnie Everett's work in the "Sinbad the Sailor" pantomime at Melbourne Her Majesty's is seen in a practical form. The magnificent ballets, and the gracefulness and carriage of the girls generally testify to Miss Everett's art and skill in dealing with the raw material and adding to the efficiency of the proficient. The J. C. Williamson firm has always been noted for this feature in its productions. It would be difficult, it is conceded, to find a better collection of charming, graceful and accomplished girls as grace the "Sinbad the Sailor" pantomime in Melbourne. Mr. Steyne, the producer, summed them

up in these words: "I ought to know what I am talking about, for I have been producing plays for just a few years. And I say that if the whole crowd in "Sinbad" were shipped complete to London or New York, they would absolutely stagger the people there. I have never seen anything to come up to this chorus in a pantomime or a comic opera anywhere. Nor have I ever been associated with a better ballet mistress and teacher than Miss Minnie Everett. She knows how to get the best out of the girls, and she knows how to handle them. They like her as a teacher and as a woman. And that's where half the battle is won!"

Foul of the Censor.

Mr. Oscar Asche has been falling foul of the official Mrs. Grundy over the play "Kismet," which has been playing successfully in London, and which is coming to Australia in about three months' time. All London, including Their Majesties, has flocked to see this gorgeous picture of Eastern life, when suddenly the Licensor of Plays and Censor of Morals woke up to the fact that the bathing scene was immoral and too much like the naked truth. Although the manager protests that the girl who bathed was fully clothed (in skin tights), the Licensor decided that she "wouldn't wash" until she had some more on. Mr. Asche had to yield and add some trifling drapery, which, remarks "Punch," probably only had the effect of emphasising the supposed nudity—but satisfied the moral delicacies of the Licensor, who was seven months discovering that there was anything objectionable in the "situation."

Miss Ethel Irving and New Zealand.

It should be good news for playgoers in New Zealand (says the "Referee") that Miss Ethel Irving will take her company to the Dominion at the conclusion of her Sydney season. Up to Monday it was arranged that the brilliant actress was to give a few performances in Perth (W.A.) before returning to England. The decision in favour of New Zealand was come to on Tuesday. New Zealanders had the bad luck to miss a star in Margaret Anglin three years ago. The distinguished American actress was not able to extend her contract with the Williamson management.

A Popular Lead.

Mr. William Anderson, director of the King's Theatre, Melbourne, has offered a re-engagement at the end of the current contract to Roy Redgrave, who has been playing leads for him for the past three years. Mr. Redgrave first came to Australia from South Africa, under a ten weeks' engagement to J. C. Williamson. The ten weeks extended to three years, and after that he went to England, where he remained for three years, and then came to Australia under a twelve months' engagement to William Anderson.

The Art of Dressing.

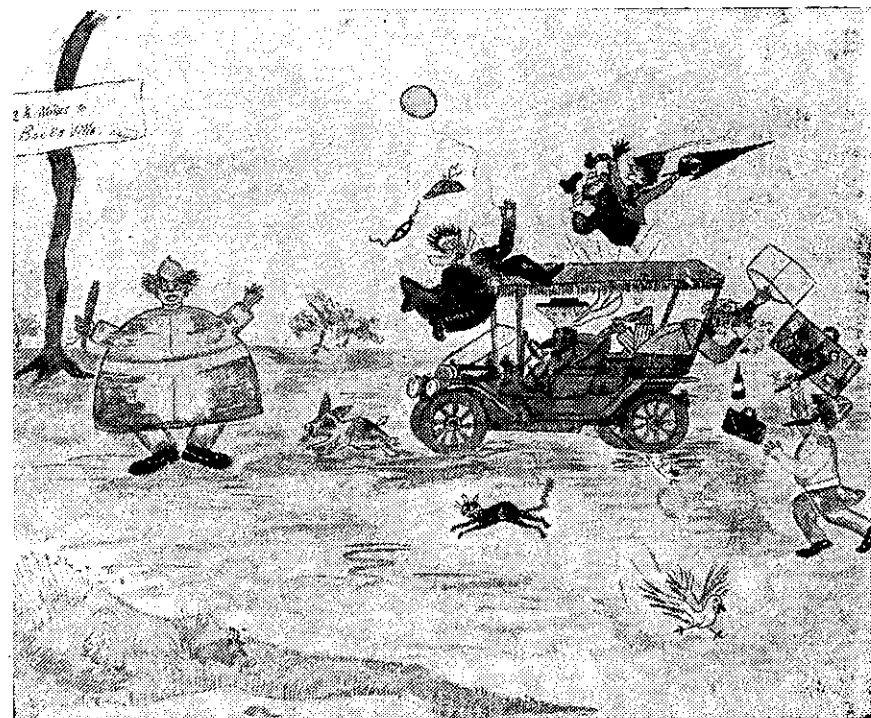
The frocks worn by Miss Dorothy Dix in "The Speckled Band" come in for much admiration. A particularly becoming one is of French blue charmeuse with ninon tunic finished with Oriental embroideries, a band of velvet encircling her jet black hair. Very smart is a driving coat of tussore silk, with which she wears a distinctly modish white hat surmounted with two sweeping plumes. Another dainty frock is of ashes of rose ninon with wide charmeuse band of a similar shade, while en deshabille Miss Dix looks equally bewitching in vieux rose crepe revealing an exquisite underskirt.

"At Cripple Creek."

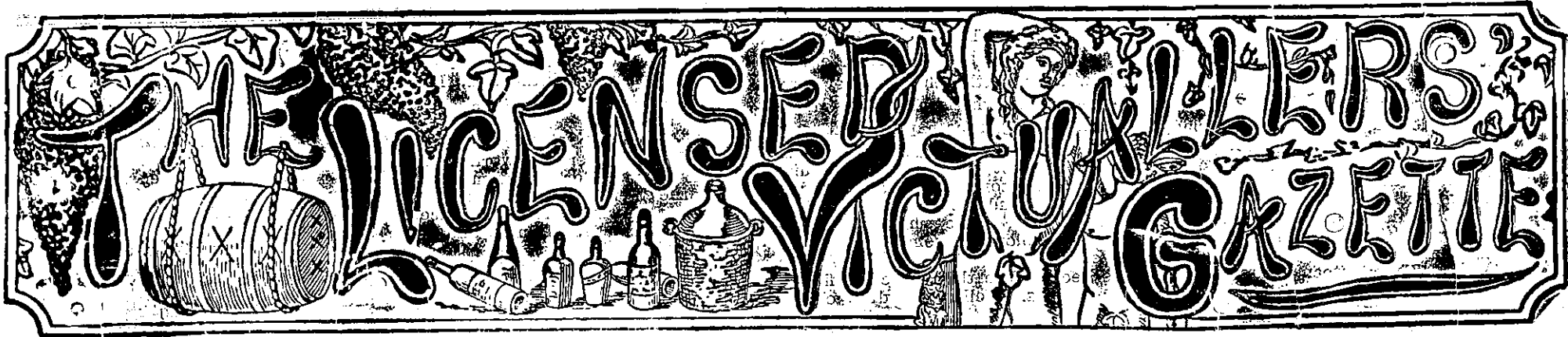
Some new and unique scenes are presented in "At Cripple Creek," George Marlow's production. In the first act there is a sensational scene, the selling by auction of two girls. This is said to have actually happened at this famous mining camp in America. In the second act of this drama there is a cabin situated among the rocks. A daring and sensational rescue is made by an Indian in mid-air, through swinging out from cliffs on the opposite side to the cabin, and grasping a little girl in his arms and swinging back to safety again. This is all done in full view of the audience nightly, but the strain of the suspension and rescue is so great on the artist that the act is seldom done twice in one evening. During the run in America of this piece the artist during this scene fell and was fatally injured.



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H. J. WILLIAMS.

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

THE "NO LICENSE" SLUMP.

ALLIANCE MEMBER'S "IMPRESSIONS" OF THE RECENT POLL.

"ACCORDING TO COCKER."

"Impressions" of the recent licensing polls appear in the latest issue of "The Vanguard," the official organ of the New Zealand Alliance. They are all of a more or less diverting character. The Rev. J. Cocker, for instance, writes up the Auckland situation and makes more than one significant admission. "According to Cocker" (not the legal but the clerical gentleman), the liquor party was better organised, spent money more freely, and generally speaking were more on the alert than the Prohibitionists. Allegedly, also, they were more unscrupulous, more abusive, and more persistent in their attempts to besmirch the character of their opponents and to obscure the issues that Mr. Cocker and his friends. In asking us to believe all this, the gentleman named Cocker trades upon the known credulity of the average man. Incidentally, also, he does injustice to his own side and even to himself, for who could match the organising powers of the New Zealand Alliance, with its no-license councils and paid organisers in every electorate; its demonstrations and appeals to what is termed "the public conscience," and the wealth of invective, abuse and calumny poured out upon the liquor party by the Prohibitionist orators. Mr. Cocker cannot be ignorant of these things, yet he poses as the most veritable of all innocents. He is indeed the innocent abroad—very much so.

WHAT CAUSED THE CHANGE?

Says Mr. Cocker, speaking of the situation in Auckland: "Until about a fortnight before the poll we were very hopeful of a great victory, but the atmosphere changed—and atmosphere has much to do in winning an election. The change could be felt better than explained. Had the poll been taken a fortnight earlier we should have done much better!" Just why and how the reverend gentleman arrives at that conclusion is left to conjecture. It is just possible that his friends and himself overshot the mark by speaking too long and too often. The very virulence of their methods may have confounded them. Although he pays tribute to the organisation of the liquor party he admits that "only one public meeting" was held on its behalf, and he adds "comparatively little was done by them in the way of advertising in the daily papers." On the other hand the daily papers contained abundant evidence that the Prohibitionists, and notably the Band of Business Men—"the Wowser Company, Unlimited, Fully Paid Up," as they styled themselves—spent money like water in the attempt to carry both No-license and Prohibition. But Mr. Cocker finds his chief grievance

in the use of the term "wowser" by the Liquor party. He and his friends have been termed "wowsers," and far from glorying in it as the Band of Business men and certain of his Alliance colleagues have done, he ascribes the misfortunes of his party to its use. The word "wowser" is, he says, "taken from the gutter and combines the bark of a dog and the hiss of a serpent." It enabled the liquor party (according to Mr. Cocker) to "express their venom and hatred of good people by hurling this offensive term at them. In combination with petrol and pink ribbon it brought about the No-license slump. Really, we are sorry for "the good people"—and Mr. Cocker. How deplorable to think that the unhalloved use of motor cars, the wearing of pink ribbon, and the use of the word "wowser" should have effected such havoc in the ranks of the no-license party.

THE BARE MAJORITY.

Mr. Cocker sees no possibility of carrying Prohibition for many years to come, unless the three-fifths handicap is removed. "We must," he says, with a sublimely insolent disregard of the crooked work of his own colleagues in setting on one side the compact to which they had pledged themselves, "have the majority reduced. To secure a three-fifths majority for the Dominion poll, though we had a majority of 53,000 or more, we still required another 45,000 to reach the three-fifths majority. There are many who have a keen disappointment that the "compromise" did not become part of the licensing law. We shall now have to fight to secure those advantages which were placed within our reach by the compact!" And the reverend gentleman is apparently wholly unconscious of the dishonesty of the proposals he makes. "We must fight," he says in effect, "to secure advantages which our opponents were ready to concede to us in return for concessions which we, through our representatives, agreed to make to them, and we must insist upon obtaining them and other far-reaching advantages, without making the slightest concession in return. Behind the advice we seem to hear the wail of disappointment, "Why, oh why! did we turn that compact down?" The fifty-five sixtieths would certainly have increased the number of dry areas in New Zealand, and just as certainly it would have made the Prohibition vote more effective. But Mr. Cocker and his colleagues rejected, and substituted for it the "No-Yes" vote that enabled the electors to vote Continuance on the one hand and National Prohibition on the other. The position is truly a tantalising one. The only comfort—and it is cold comfort at that—Mr. Cocker is able to get out of the situation is reflected in his opinion that "the voters are not satisfied to deal with the liquor traffic piecemeal, but mean to drive it out of the country," an opinion that takes a deal too much for granted.

A petition has been filed by over 50 Maori electors in the Horou Maori Council district regarding the validity of the recent liquor poll, when the voting was in favour of liquor being supplied to natives. The principal grounds on which the petitioners base their objections to the poll are that the polling place at Hick's Bay was never opened on the day of the poll, and a large number of electors were in consequence debarred from exercising their votes; also, that the polling place at Maraenui was closed at three p.m., thus shutting out a number of voters. There are also one or two legal questions. An objection is raised that a majority of the electors who were qualified to vote did not carry the proposal that liquor should not be supplied to natives in the Horou Maori Council district; and that a recommendation by the Maori Council to the Governor to proclaim the district was not a valid recommendation.

THE FIGHTING SPIRIT WANTED.

WHAT THE L.V. ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD DO.

SOME EXCELLENT SUGGESTIONS.

The January 18th issue of the "N.Z. Tribune" contains "An Open Letter" (addressed by "A Student of Events") to Mr. J. S. Palmer and the Executive Committee of the N.Z. Licensed Victuallers' Association" that contains some excellent suggestions. The writer begins by pointing the moral that "the battle has not been too satisfactory," so far as the licensed victuallers are concerned. "The ranks of the 'enemy' have swelled; yours have grown also. But you as a body are hounded and decried. Religious bodies or their representatives, wait on you for their support, but they damn you in their business, and ostracise you socially. And you put up with it and the process year in and year out continues. Is it not time that you should demand a change in the law that would make such things impossible?" There is more of this sort of thing, and then comes the advice that the L.V. Association should put the licensed business on such a plane that its cause becomes that of the general public," and, says the writer, "You cannot do that better than by demanding a Bill, which will embody the proposals which your own Executive recommended in 1909. Once secure the passage of a law with these proposals, and a new era will have dawned which will bring gladness and hope into the hearts of every man in the Trade." Beyond this the hotelkeepers are urged to recognise that their object must be the good of their country and of their fellow men. "You all hate intemperance in word or act," the letter proceeds. "Every hotel should have temperance for its motto, and temperance means self-control and moderation," which is recognised "in the region of the appetites," and should also be enforced "in the use of language. You allow men who are the agents of some religious organisation to enter your bars, to collect money, to sell newspapers, and then, when they are outside they call yourselves, your clients, and your business the most opprobrious epithets. You are maligned from pulpits, from platforms, and from the Prohibition Press. You know the extent to which this kind of thing has developed in America. Read the Revd. Billy's Sunday sermons. You would almost suppose that man had Beelzebub, or Goodet's anti-Christ Jew as his professor in the use of filth. We have often something like it in New Zealand. For the sake of public morality, common decency, and especially for the sake of the younger generation, you should meet these persistent liars and sheet the offence home to them. Talk by innuendo, and giving personal attributes to impersonal things, to avoid law courts as these people do is cowardly, immoral, and should not be tolerated without protest and exposure. A higher public tone is wanted, and it should be your object to obtain it."

All this is in keeping with the advice tendered by this journal to hotel licensees and others engaged in the business for years past. There has been too much of the "taking things lying down" spirit, both about the L.V. Associations and their members. The 1909 proposals embody reforms that have been long needed, and that, if effected, would restore confidence in and rehabilitate the Trade generally. The other side does not want reform; the whole of its energies are bent upon annihilating the licensed hotelkeepers business, and its allied interests. And past successes have so emboldened them that their bearing, language, and methods in dealing with the business are as unscrupulous and as dishonest as the day is long. Unless the L.V. Association is up and doing very shortly, "a better morning" will never set in for the Trade in New Zealand.

HERE AND THERE.

Curious! In all the "Impressions of the recent Poll" contributed from various centres to the "Vanguard" except one there is the demand for "the bare majority." The exception is Ashburton, where ever since the fatal vote of 1902 the majority has been ruled by the minority!

A "dispute" is alleged to have occurred between the country hotelkeepers of the Auckland province and their employees, and in consequence every such hotelkeeper has been individually cited to a conference which is to be held before the Conciliation Commissioner at Auckland on the 8th February. Mr. A. E. Grosvenor is likely to conduct the case on behalf of the hotelkeepers with Messrs. J. S. Palmer, J. H. Pagni, and G. H. Foster as assessors.

More than usual interest attaches to the adjourned annual meeting of the Auckland L.V. Association, which is being held on Wednesday next, and a good attendance of members is looked for, in view of the important proposals that will then be under discussion.

Tattersall's Hotel, figuratively speaking, is a land mark in Christchurch. Ever since Tattersall's saleyards have been in existence, getting on for three-quarters of a century, this hotel has been the popular rendezvous of farmers and graziers, and sportsmen. There one meets the farming element on Saturdays, when the hotel accommodation is usually taxed. The 1s luncheon is voted the best in town. Under Mr. E. McCullough's regime the hotel has been managed most satisfactorily, and he is reaping the reward merited by those who look after business first and pleasure afterwards. Intending visitors to Christchurch should wire or ring up telephone 214 to ensure accommodation.

A special court under the Licensing Act, to hear a petition against the declared result of the Horouta native licensing poll, will sit at Port Awanui on February 7, the presiding magistrates being Mr. Barton (Gisborne), Mr. Dyer (Rotorua), and Mr. McCarthy (Napier).

Mr. Alex. Mcharry, who until recently was one of the substantial residents of the West Coast, having for many years been a prominent member of the Crown Lands staff, has purchased Mr. Drewitt's interest in the Queen's Hotel, Christchurch. The "Queen's" is a popular house. People from all parts of the Dominion connected with agriculture and commerce stay there. It is central, being near the Triangle, Clock Tower, Tattersall's yards, and the New Zealand Farmers' Co-operative. Mr. Drewitt has built up a first-class trade in this hotel, and we predict that his successor (Mr. Mcharry) will more than keep it. We wish the gentleman every success in his new sphere of life. We can recommend the Queen's to the travelling public, as the tariff is greatly in favour of clients at 5s per day, and the wines, spirits and ales are the choicest procurable.

A Timaru message states that an up-country publican was fined £5 for keeping his bar open after 10 p.m. Two men who were found in the bar were fined 40s each. The magistrate said he wished the fine could be made heavier in their case as the men, by refusing to leave the bar, got the publican into trouble.

Mary McGuckian, who was charged in the Magistrate's Court at Masterton with keeping liquor for sale, admitted

that she had received twelve dozen bottles of beer since November 9th, but stated that she had consumed it all herself. She said it was quite possible for her to consume a gallon of beer a day. His Worship said he would dismiss the case, but would issue a prohibition order against the accused. The accused (excitedly): "No—never! Death before dishonour." The order was issued.

Fifteen licensing cases were settled at the Magistrate's Court, Te Kuiti, last Thursday, before Mr. F. O'B. Loughnan, S.M. A number of technical breaches of the Licensing Act were dealt with, and fines from 1s to 10s and costs were imposed. G. P. Barclay, of Manunui, was charged with bringing liquor into the King Country unlabelled, with failing to notify the vendor that liquor was going into a prohibited area, and with supplying a half-caste with liquor. Constable Matthew, who prosecuted, said that the accused was supposed to be a sly grog-seller, but they could not prove it. The magistrate inflicted a penalty of £5 for bringing the liquor in unlabelled, and convicted and fined defendant 1s and costs on the second charge.

A course of lectures are being delivered at the Vintners' Hall, London, under the auspices of the Wine Trade Club, their object being to combat the apathy prevailing among so many members of the trade, and also to secure the interest of the general public. The course will conclude in May next with a lecture on "Alcohol and the Human Body," and an examination, open to all employees in the wine and spirit trades, will be held early in the following month. Two of the candidates will be selected for a free visit to one of the wine-growing districts of Europe, and they are promised both a useful and enjoyable tour.

The wife of the licensee of the Telegraph Hotel, Takaka (Frances Allington), was fined £3 and costs on Thursday, for supplying liquor to an intoxicated person. The decision in similar charges against the licensee was reserved. The informations were the outcome of a recent trap accident, by which a man named Cassidy met his death.

Returns of crime in Masterton for 1911 (says an exchange) show that there were 31 cases of drunkenness as against 40 in 1910, while breaches of the Licensing Act numbered 38 as

compared with 37 the previous year. At Carterton there were 50 cases of drunkenness as against 40 in 1910 and 8 breaches of prohibition orders. Of the 50 cases of drunkenness only 2 were against Carterton residents, the remainder being against persons from Masterton, where as it is well known prohibition was in force.

A sly-grog case, heard before Mr. F. O'B. Loughnan, S.M., and Mr. Hockley, at Taumarunui last week, was dismissed, as accused proved he got the

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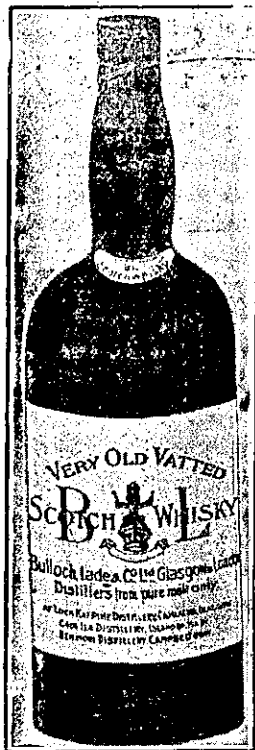
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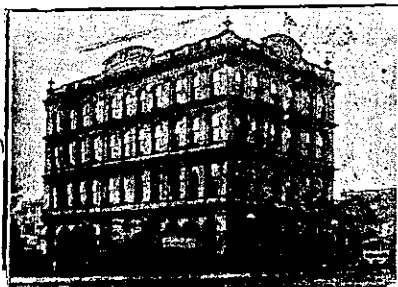
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liquor in and distributed to his friends just to oblige them and made no profit on the transactions. On a second charge of introducing liquor into a Maori kainga he was fined £5 and costs. The penalty would have been much more severe but that the accused put in a newspaper announcement of October 20 last that the kainga restrictions had been removed. This notice was premature, and, besides, the effect of the proclamation is abrogated only in the case of land leased by Europeans. The sections held by natives are therefore as strictly prohibited as ever.

Important extensions and additions are to be made almost immediately to the Waverley Hotel, Queen-street, Auckland. In September last the hotel proprietor secured a lease of the big four-storey block of shops and offices adjoining, and suspended further action until the beginning of the present year. It has now been decided to proceed with the project, and a contract has already been let to convert the corner block into an addition to the hotel, the work to commence on March 1. The scheme involves a total expenditure of £10,000, and when completed the accommodation at the Waverley Hotel will be almost doubled, making it one of the largest hotels in the Dominion. The plans, which have been prepared by Mr. John Currie, architect, provide for the complete remodelling of the interior of the corner structure, and also for the thorough modernisation of the existing hotel premises. Over 100 bedrooms will be provided, and the existing diningroom will be enlarged to give accommodation for 250 persons. Attractive lounge and smokingrooms will be provided, and the building will be equipped with electric passenger lifts and fitted with electric lights throughout. The kitchen will be removed from the basement of the existing hotel, and placed on the second floor of the new building. Facing Customs-street there will be a striking private entrance leading to the main passenger lift and staircase. The greater part of the ground floor of the new building will be divided into shops as at present. The existing shop fronts will be completely remodelled, and a new ornamental verandah will be erected right round the whole of the hotel frontage. On entering upon the enlargement of the hotel, the proprietors are making special provision for country visitors who may be spending only the day in town, and who do not require bedroom accommodation. In order to meet the convenience of such visitors special separate compartments, with wash-hand basin, locker, etc., will be provided, and these may be taken for the day. These facilities, which are new to Auckland, and are in accordance with American ideas, will doubtless be much appreciated. It is also proposed to run the hotel on the cafe system, so that a visitor may pay for his bed or meal as he requires.

"A SANE UTTERANCE."

ENGLISH CLERGYMAN'S VIEWS ON TEMPERANCE.

"PUBLIC HOUSE A MAN'S CLUB."

The Rev. Forbes Phillips, Vicar of Gorleston, recently said: "Every year something like a million is spent in circulating incorrect statements and serious men have lost faith in such a twisting statistics. Can we wonder that propaganda? I never could understand why a publican should be a more suspicious character than a draper. A publican must not tempt a customer to buy; a draper can and does. A public-house is a man's club. In my parish when men are needed for the life-boat for work which means enthusiasm and seamanship against Neptune in his fury, I have often seen them turn out of the public-house to man the life-boat. I have seen again and again a publican take charge of the life-boat, and England ring next day with the praise of his splendid audacity. I have never seen any teetotal gather-

ing depleted for work of this kind, though I have heard some of those cranks abuse a lifeboatman because he has had a drink of beer." Continuing, he argues on logical grounds as follows: "Sometimes poor shipwrecked sailors are brought ashore half dead with hunger and cold, and it is invariably the publican who offers them shelter, food, and drink. My real temperance workers are the publicans. A good teetotal lecturer speaks to an assemblage of pledged teetotalers and a few children. What good does that do? We want a temperance society which all the publicans will join, and the problem is solved once and for all time."

HOTEL SALES.

Dwan Bros., Willis-street, Wellington, report having sold the lease and furniture of the Langholm Hotel, Mangaweka, to Mr. Robert McAlpine, a well-known commercial traveller, of Wellington; the freehold of the Albion Hotel, Patea, on behalf of Mr. W. Healy, of New Plymouth, to Mr. H. Adams, of Wellington; the Royal George Hotel, Sussex-street, Sydney, New South Wales, to Mr. Walter Lambourne, well known in Wellington; Mr. H. Drewitt's interest in the Queen's Hotel, Christchurch, to Mr. Alexander Meharry, late of Hokitika; Mr. W. T. Watt's interest in the lease, goodwill and furniture of the Post Office Hotel, Pahiatua, to Mr. M. Fitzgerald, late of Waipawa; the lease and goodwill of the Royal Hotel, Greymouth, to Mr. M. Moynihan, late of Stratford; the lease, goodwill and furniture of the Clarendon Hotel, Palmerston North, on account of Mr. James McEwan, to Mr. William Halley, late of the Marquis of Normanby Hotel, Carterton; a large block of land in Petone to the Wellington Cordage Company, Ltd., which they recently floated, and upon which the company have now erected a large block of buildings for the factory. They also report the sale of the Marlborough Brewery, and their freehold hotels attached, on account of Mr. Heffer, who purchased the assets of the old company, to a new Marlborough Brewery Co., Ltd., which has just been formed, composed mostly of Marlborough investors. The firm also report many inquiries from investors for good central rent-producing blocks in the city.

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A well-dressed man was hurrying along the Rue de Passy in Paris the other day. The pavement was wet, and the man slipped and fell, knocking against and smashing in his fall the window of a wine-shop.

Frantic excitement! The man groaned, the proprietor of the wine-shop rushed forth to demand, amidst wild gesticulation, compensation for his broken window; a crowd gathered round to see he got it.

"But I have no money," wailed the unfortunate man.

"Search him!" screamed the proprietor.

No policeman was to be found at the moment so the crowd took the into their own hands and went through the man's pockets. They hadn't gone far when they came upon a five-hundred-franc note.

"No money!" gasped the proprietor in tones of mingled triumph and derision.

"No money!" jeered the crowd, who were lamentably lacking in sympathy with the poor man who had bumped himself on the hard, hard pavement.

"I shall take," said the proprietor of the wine-shop, "a hundred francs to repair by broken window." he crowd cheered, and he proprietor stuffed the five hundred franc note into his pocket and produced four-hundred-francs' worth of change, which he thrust into the hands of the man who had caused all the trouble.

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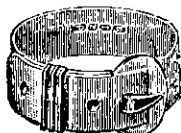
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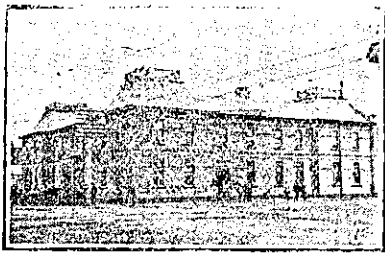


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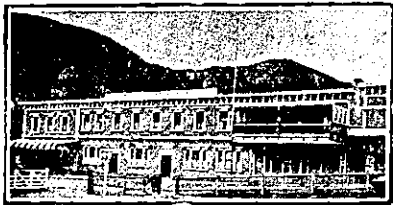
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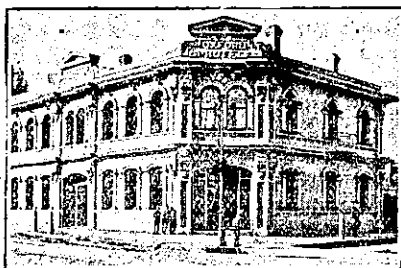


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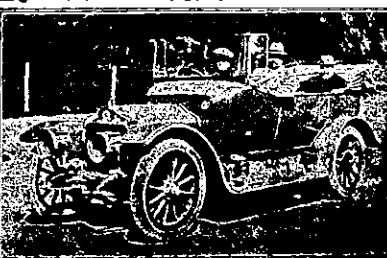
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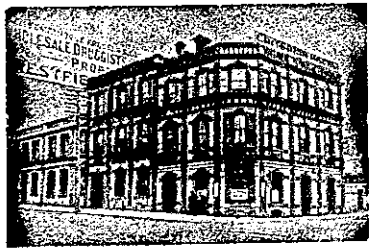
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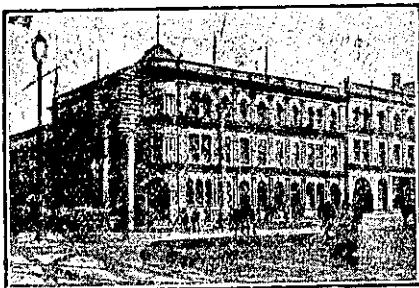
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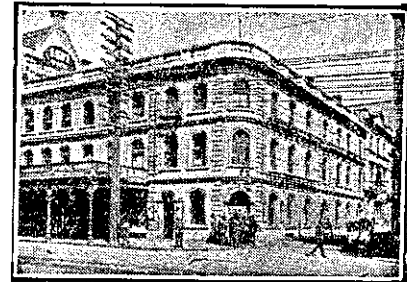
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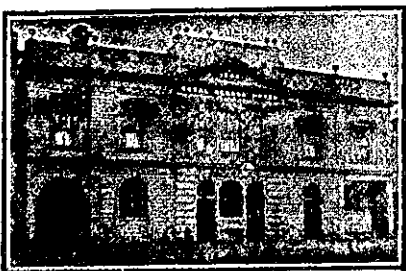


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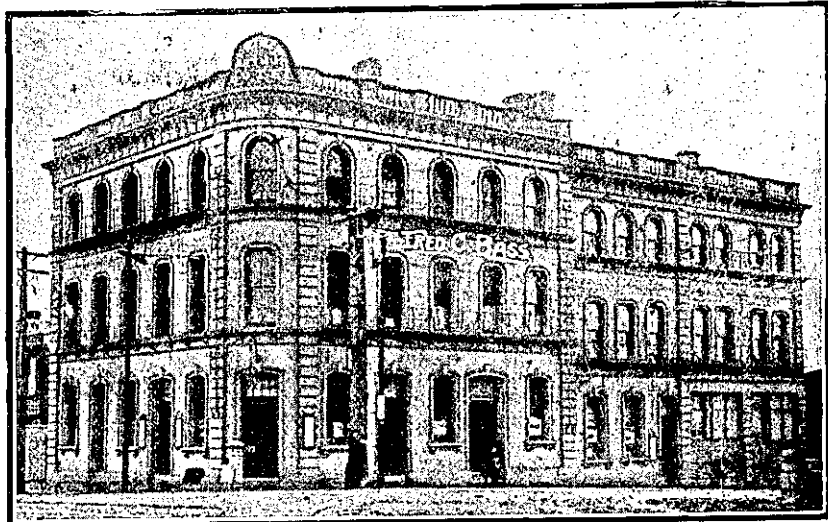
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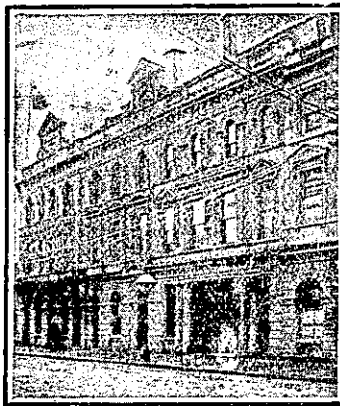
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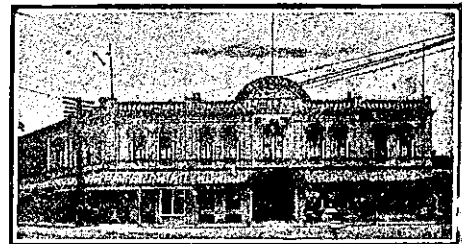
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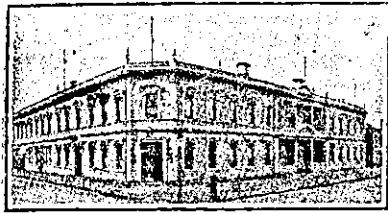


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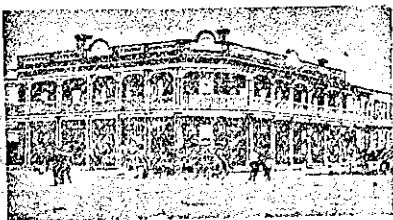
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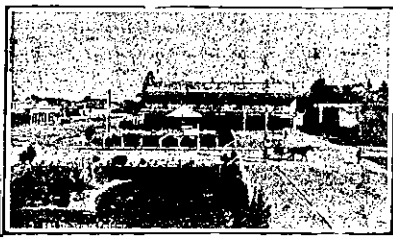
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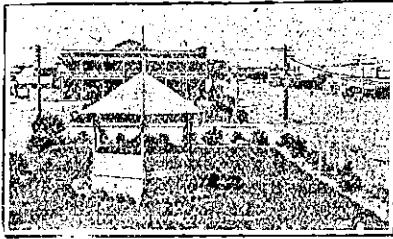


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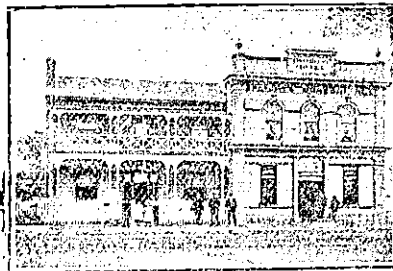


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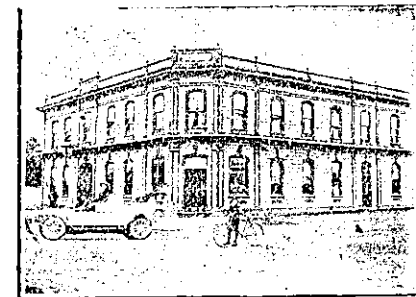
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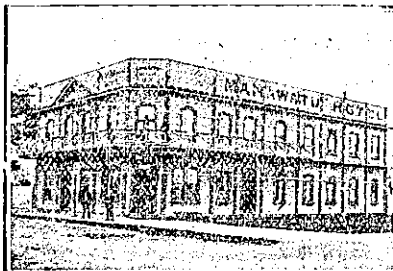
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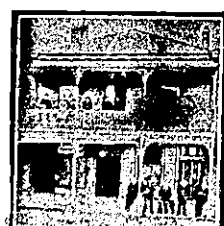
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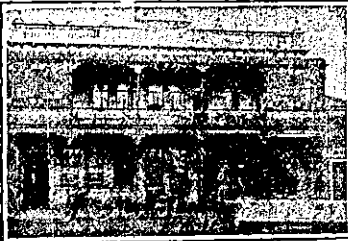
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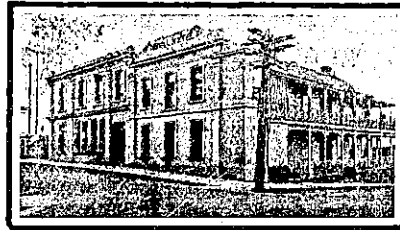
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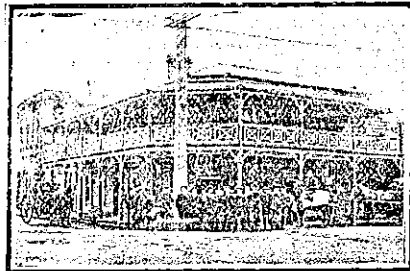
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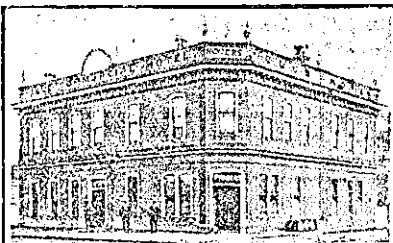


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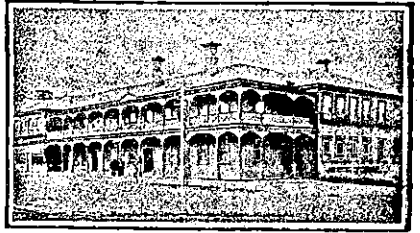
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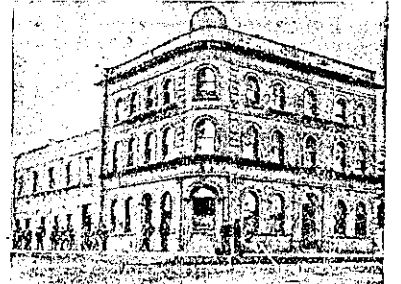


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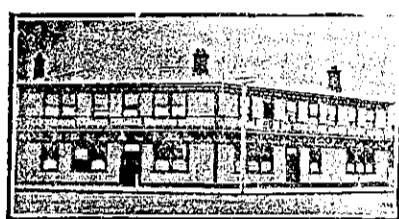
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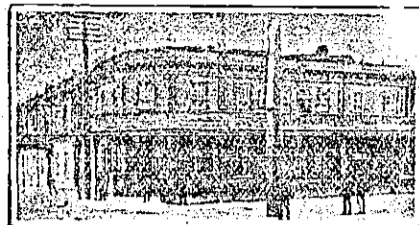
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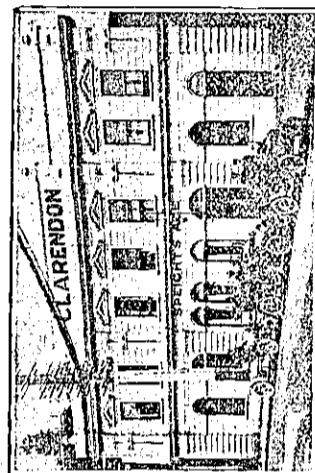
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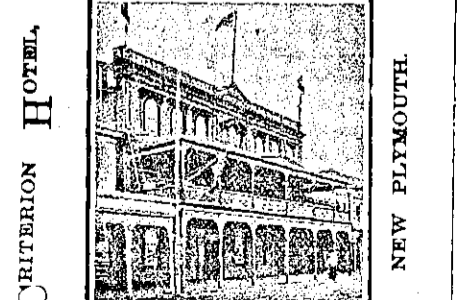
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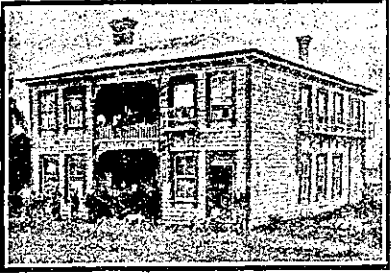
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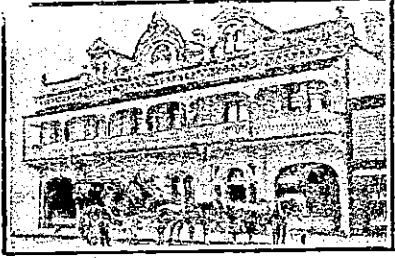
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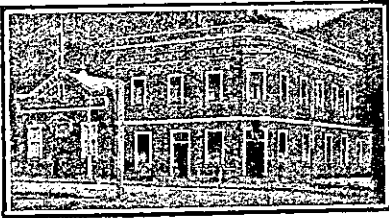
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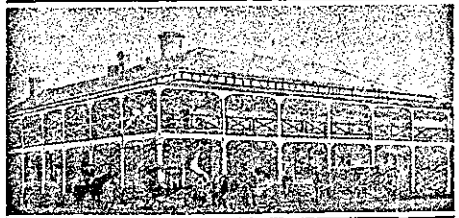
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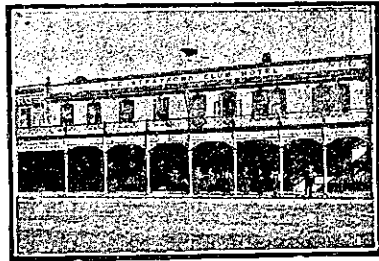
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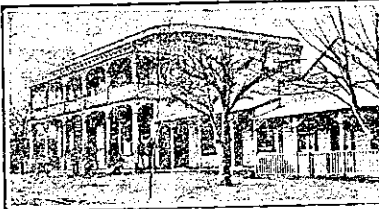
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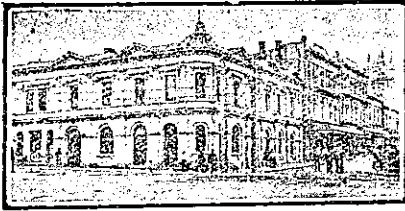
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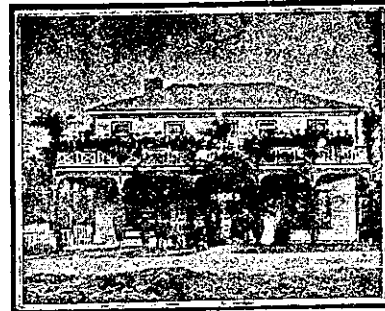
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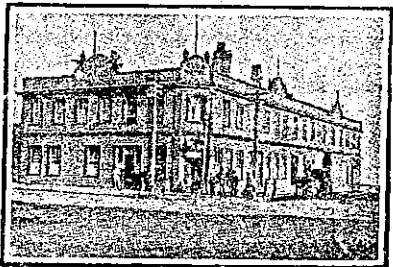
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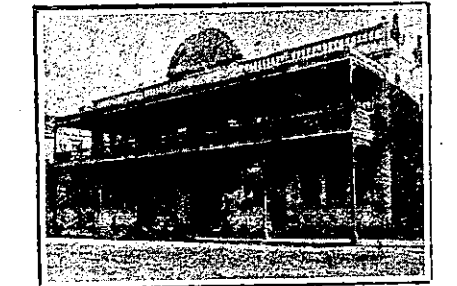
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