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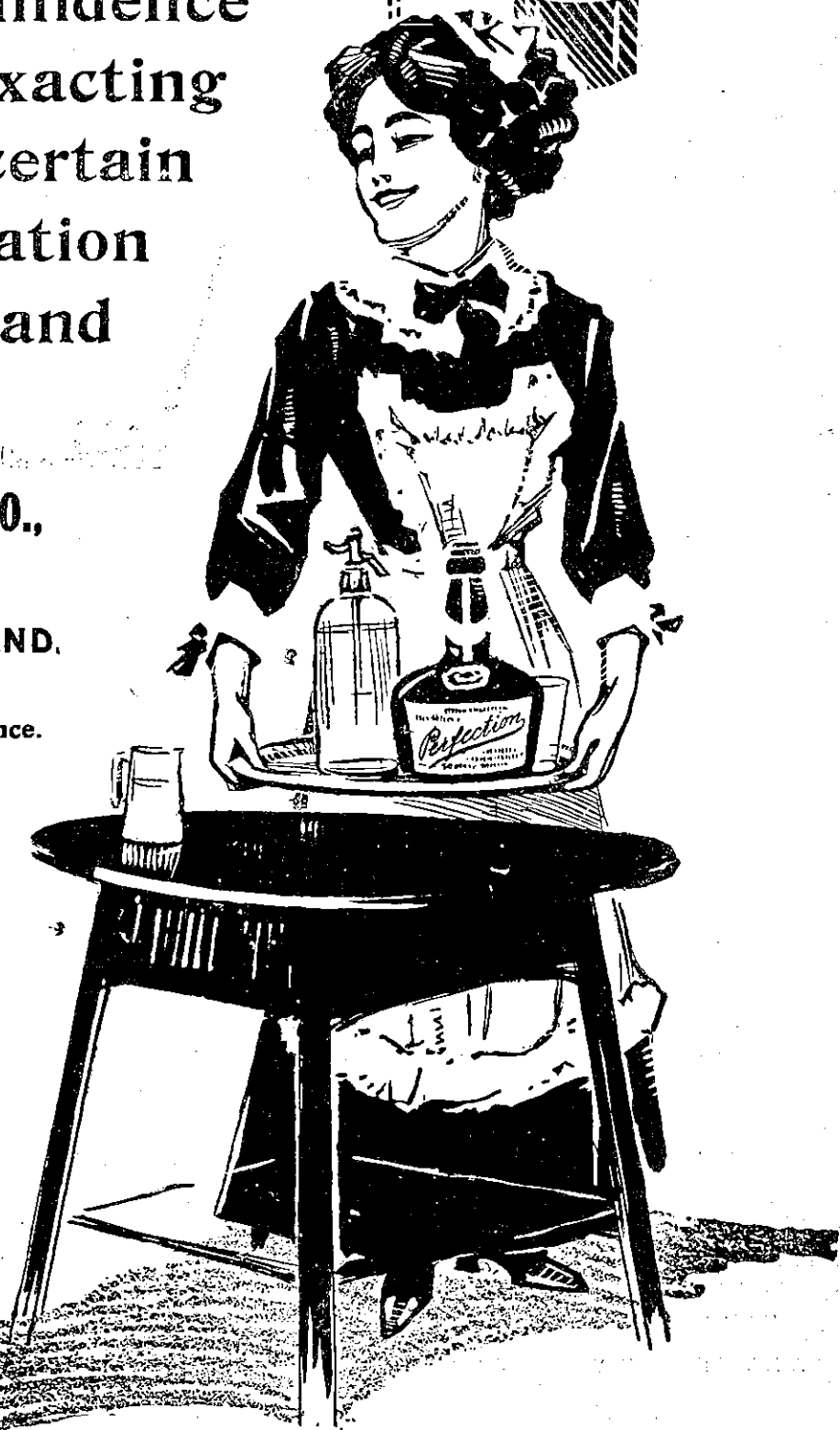
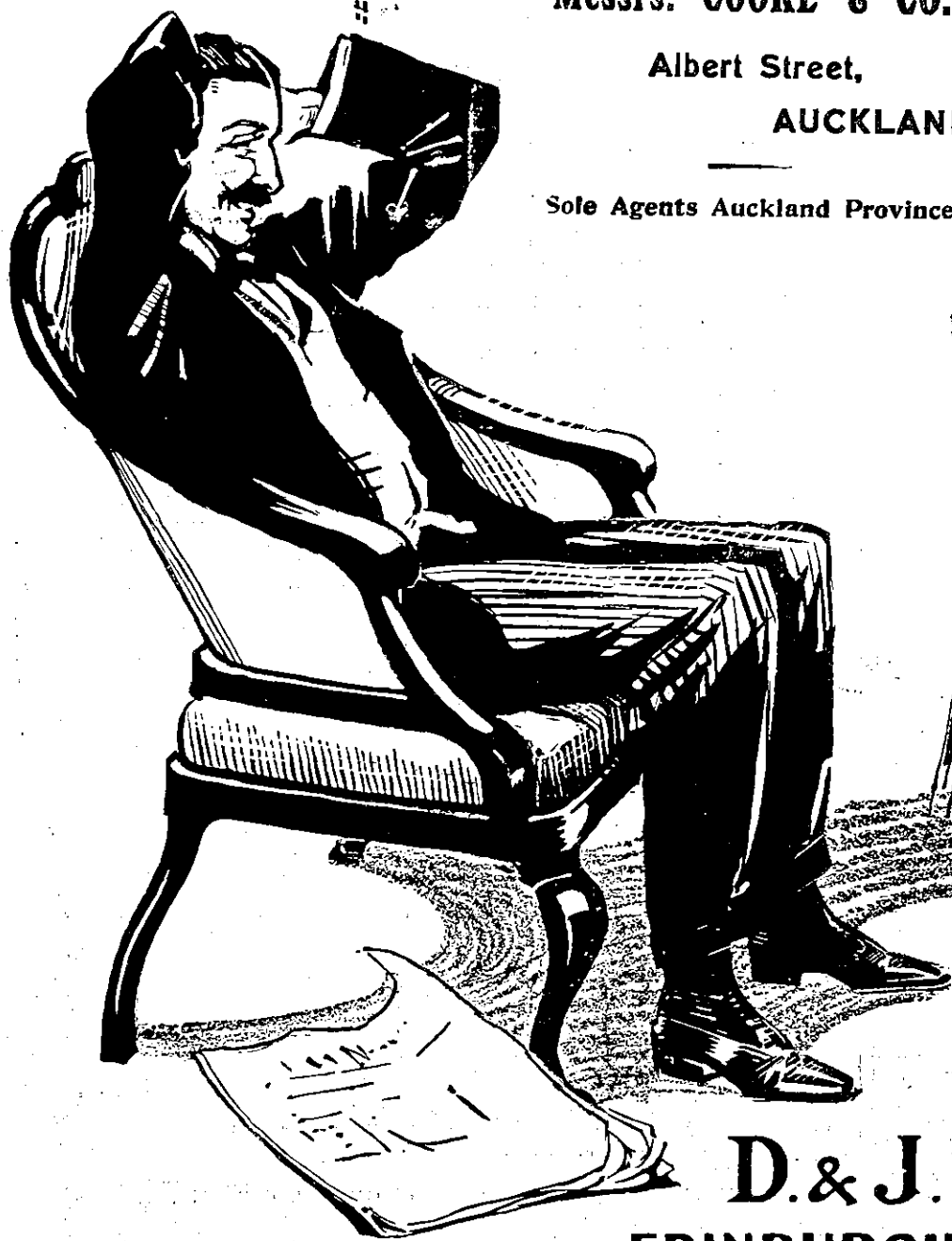
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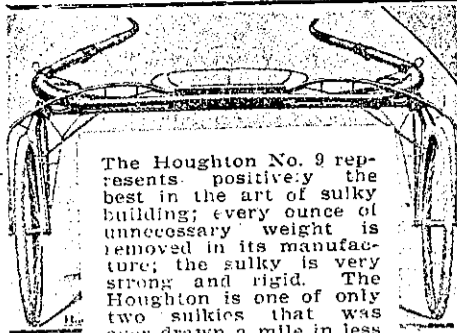
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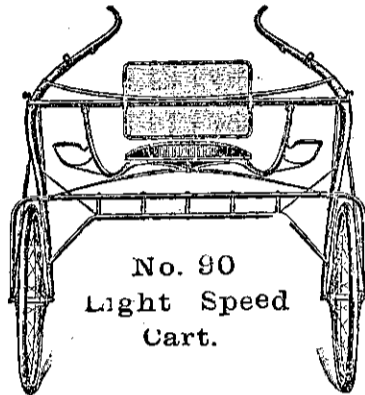
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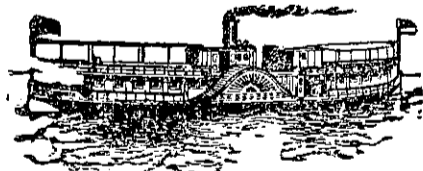
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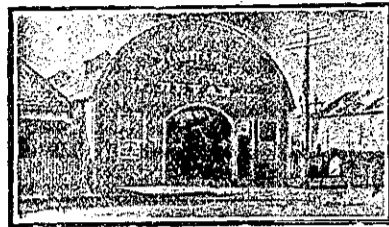


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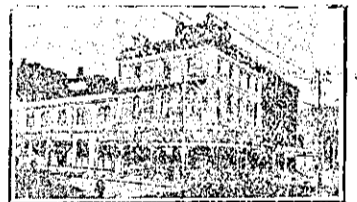
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PROGRAMME:

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 5sovs 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 stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Seven furlongs.

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 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of nomination. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

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, Omslow 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, Omslow 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, Omslow 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.

J. F. HARTLAND, Secretary.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING, 1912.

To be held at

ALEXANDRA PARK, EPSOM.

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY,

FEBRUARY 14th AND 17th.

PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1912.

MAIDEN HANDICAP (Harness) of 25sovs. Distance, one mile.

EPSOM HANDICAP (Harness) of 45sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

MANUKAU HANDICAP (Saddle) of 45sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB HANDICAP (Saddle) of 100sovs. Distance, two miles.

SYLVIA PARK HANDICAP (harness) of 45sovs. Distance one mile and a-half.

CLASS HANDICAP (Saddle) of 50sovs. Distance, one mile.

SPECIAL TROTTING HANDICAP (Optional) of 60sovs. Distance, two miles and a-quarter.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP (Harness) of 45sovs. Distance, one mile.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1912.

TRIAL HANDICAP (Harness) of 25sovs. Distance, one mile.

ONEHUNGA HANDICAP (Saddle) of 45sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

SUMMER HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs. Distance, two miles.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP (Harness) of 45sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP (Saddle) of 45sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

MANGERE TROTTING HANDICAP (Optional) of 60sovs. Distance, two miles and a-quarter.

HIGH-CLASS HANDICAP (Harness) of 50sovs. Distance, one mile.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP (Saddle) of 45sovs. Distance, one mile.

NOMINATIONS.

For all Events on Both Days close with the Secretary, at his Office, High-street, on FRIDAY, January 26th, 1912, at 9 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.

MARCH 6th AND 7th, 1912.

NOMINATIONS for all races except Trial and Maiden close on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1912 at 9 p.m.

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.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE CLOSURES AT 8 p.m.

FOR PROGRAMME SEE "REFEREE" CARDS AND POSTERS.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

To be held on the

PAEROA RACECOURSE,

On

SATURDAY AND MONDAY,

MARCH 16th AND 18th, 1912.

PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY.

1. SHORTS HANDICAP of 30sovs.; second horse to receive 5sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 7s 6d, acceptance 12s 6d. Distance, four furlongs.

2. HANDICAP HURDLES of 45sovs.; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination 10s, acceptance £1. Distance two miles.

3. NETHERTON WELTER of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Lowest weight 8.0. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lbs. Nomination 10s, acceptance 12s 6d. Distance, about seven furlongs.

4. KOMATA HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 20sovs at the time of entry. Nomination 10s, acceptance 12s 6d. Distance, six furlongs.

5. OHINEMURI CUP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs out of the stakes; third horse 5sovs. Nomination £1, acceptance £2 10s. Distance, one and a-quarter miles.

6. KARANGAHAKE HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive £7 10s out of the stakes. For all horses that acceptance 15s. Distance, five furlongs.

7. HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding 20sovs in value at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Distance, one and a-half miles.

8. ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 10s, acceptance £1. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

1. WAITEKAURI PLATE of 40sovs; second horse to receive £7 10s out of the stakes. Nomination 10s, acceptance £1. Distance, five furlongs.

2. WAIKINO WELTER of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Lowest weight, 8.0. Nomination 10s, acceptance 15s. Distance, six furlongs.

3. SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 45sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 10s, acceptance £1. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

4. FLYING HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Distance, four furlongs.

5. PAEROA HANDICAP of 85sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes; third horse 5sovs. Winner of Waitekauri Plate to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination £1, acceptance 30s, distance, one mile.

6. HIKUTAIA HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 20sovs at time of entry. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Distance, six furlongs.

7. JUMPERS' FLAT HANDICAP of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 10s, acceptance 15s. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

8. WAIHI HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stakes. Winner of the Waitekauri Plate or Paeroa Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra (or both, 10lb extra). Nomination 10s, acceptance £1. Distance, six furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

1. NOMINATIONS for all events close at 9 p.m. on SATURDAY, 24th day of February, 1912.

2. WEIGHTS will appear for First Day's Races on or about MONDAY, the 5th day of March, 1912.

3. ACCEPTANCES for all events, First Day's Races, close at 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, 9th day of March, 1912.

4. WEIGHTS for all events of Second Day's Races will be declared at 8 p.m. on the evening of First Day's Races. ACCEPTANCES close at 9.30 p.m. on the same evening.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Paeroa, and must be accompanied by the advertised amount of Entrance Money.

2. Name, age, pedigree, description and performances of horse, and colours of rider to be sent with nomination.

3. All races to be run under Rules of Racing.

4. All stakes will be paid in full.

5. All winning horses after declaration of weights are subject to be re-handicapped at the discretion of the handicapper.

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AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 24th AND 27th, 1912.

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FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th, 1912.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, two miles.

OAKLEY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

AVONDALE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

TITIRANGI HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

CHEVALIER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th, 1912.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Nomination 1sov, acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

FLYING HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race of the value of 80sovs, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

DOMINION HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

MOUNT ROSKILL HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

WAIKAKEKI HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and

third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES

NOMINATIONS for all events close with the Secretary, at Temple Chambers, High Street, Auckland, on FRIDAY, April 12, by 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS will be declared for First Day on or about MONDAY, April 15; and for the Second Day on THURSDAY, April 25.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day close on FRIDAY, April 13, by 9 p.m.; and for Second Day on THURSDAY, April 25, by 9 p.m.

H. H. HAYR,
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ARAWA PARK, RACECOURSE,
FEBRUARY 14th, 1912.

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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 40 sovs; 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. D. 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.

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HALF-MILE EVENTS.

In drawing up the season's programmes if all races of four furlongs were deleted the change would be of benefit, although it would be certain to raise opposition from the owners of speedy "squibs," while again we should hear the contention that the two-year-olds would suffer. As for the former class of animal their total extinction would be no loss to the turf or the breeding industry, says the "New Zealand Times." Some trainers contend that a race of four furlongs is much less severe than a race over a longer course. This seems plausible at first sight, but it by no means follows that it is a fact. Every runner knows that the hardest race of all is the quarter-mile, because one is kept up top speed with the strain on all the way. It is the same with horses, most of whom never get balanced in the short dashes.

In his recent telling speech at York Lord Villiers, a steward of the English Jockey Club, was very emphatic in his opinion that the half-mile events should go. One of the excuses advanced in their defence, he said, was that it was all right with an experienced jockey, as if he did not get well away he had sense not to persevere or knock his horse about, knowing that he had no chance of winning. No more eloquent condemnation could be wished for by any counsel for the prosecution, for it admitted two things—firstly that four furlongs races were practically lost or won at the start, and secondly that the jockey was acting rightly in not trying to win if he did not get well away. In other words they were avowedly misleading for future events. It has also been argued that, like the selling race, the half-mile event gives people a chance of getting rid of a bad horse, but is that what a race is for? Racing should be for the encouragement of good horses and not to make a market for inferior animals. Lord Villiers further emphasised the point by remarking that he could not see how these races benefited horses either as regards the breed or the individual, and even from the point of view of the onlooker there could surely be but little pleasure or interest to a real lover of horses in watching a scramble, which was of necessity devoid of those varying changes and incidents in which were found the chief interest and charm of races over a distance of ground. Exactly the same argument hold good as regards racing in the Dominion, and they should give our turf legislators considerable food for reflection.

THE ENGLISH DERBY FOR 1913.

Although there has not been any betting worth a quotation on next year's Derby, says the "London Sportsman," there is no doubt that when books are opened on the big Epsom race Lomond (trained by Woodcut) and White Star will be the two leading favourites. There are, however, 201 other horses left in, and of these some of the following, given alphabetically, will doubtless figure more or less prominently in the wagering. French candidates are not for the time being taken into account: Aigler, Charmian, Clodus, Coriander, Cylad, Jaeger, Javelin, Jangling, Geordie, Kempson, Lom, Lorenzo and Sweeper II. A few others might easily be included, and two or three of those mentioned might perhaps be omitted, but opinions are bound to differ, and the list is only given to afford some idea of what the opposition to the champions of Mr. Hulston and Mr. J. B. Joel may be like.

It is rather peculiar that the yearling colt and the two-year-old filly from Marseillaise, should both die within a few hours of each other (says the "Dominion"). Inflammation caused the death of Massilia, but it is not known what was amiss in the case of Mr. E. J. Watt's colt.

Ex-New Zealand horses in Lady Medallist, Chief Lochiel, Mary Seaton, and Sharpshooter, have been entered for the Doncaster Handicap, to be run at Randwick on 6th April, but no horse at present owned in this country is engaged. Wild West, another ex-New Zealander was entered for the Doncaster Handicap, but has since been scratched. This in view of Vice-Admiral, Miss Mischief, and Maxwell being entered for the Sydney Cup, seems rather strange. Sunburnt, Chief Lochiel, Mota, and Sharpshooter figure in the list of entries for the Newmarket Handicap.

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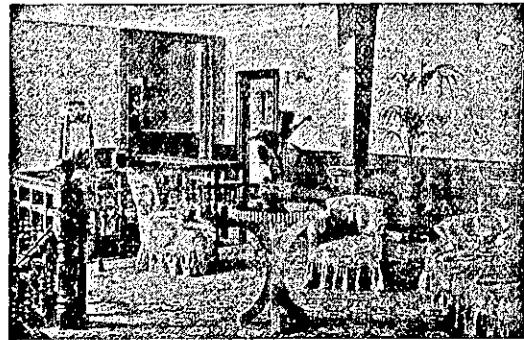
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TOPICS OF THE WEEK, BY A CAUSTIC CRITIC.

Strike scares are now the order of the day. Auckland was lucky in avoiding a suspension of its tramway service during the Christmas holidays. Fortunately good counsels prevailed and the babbling of the paid agitators was checked, with the result that the tramway employees obtained generous concession and the citizens of the Queen City were saved the inconvenience of walking to and from their suburban homes as Wellingtonians have had to do during the last week.

Certainly the ordinary fair-minded individual looking on the Wellington tramway strike from a convenient distance and as a disinterested observer cannot help regarding the whole affair as a miserable squabble between a horde of driven workers cowed by the lash of mercenary agitators and a coterie of querulous of City Fathers.

The moral to be learned from the Wellington strike stands out like an ugly rock in the industrial fairway. It indicates what a quibble the labour agitators will rely on to precipitate a strike, which can bring nothing in its train, if long sustained, but hardship and distress to the families of the workers called out; besides inconveniencing and humbugging citizens, inflicting loss on tradespeople, depressing trade generally, and possibly have the effect of checking the industrial progress of the Dominion to a very serious extent.

When the whole trouble is boiled down we discover that the strikers decided to inflict on the whole community the serious inconvenience of being deprived of the main, and in many cases only, means of transit between their homes and their daily pursuits, simply because one misguided individual named Fuller "roughed up" a few of the tramway conductors and made a confidential report to his superiors which was all leged to hurt the tender feelings of some super-sensitive employees of the Wellington City Corporation. How shocking!

The tramway men protested and the City Fathers, after a lot of senseless vacillation, declined to remove the offending Fuller from his position. The men then, at the instigation of a few hot-headed agitators anxious to bask in the limelight of publicity, decided to "put on their coats" and stop the trams running.

Once out on strike we hear no more of the army of conductors, motormen and other employees of the Wellington City Council; but instead we are treated to torrents of objectionable language from the offensive mouths of paid agitators, who use as a lever against helpless citizens despicable threats that if the strikers are not allowed to run rough shod over the community at large the city would find its light would be cut off, its sewerage would be blocked, its garbage would not be removed, and other departments of public service would be stopped.

All this goes to show what a hopelessly unreasonable and disloyal set of men these labour hirelings really are. Fair play to them is apparently unknown, and their absolute disregard for the public health and convenience count for nothing so long as they are permitted to dragoon over the hapless men, women and children who are virtually the people who after all supply the tramway men with their means of livelihood.

The senseless quibbling between the Wellington City Council and the Strike Committee reflect no credit on either side. Conference after conference was held between the parties, but neither side showed any conciliatory spirit; in fact they both seemed to be imbued with the inane idea that provo-

ation and pig-headedness should represent their attitude towards one another. They equivocated for a whole day as to whether Fuller should be allowed to be transferred to another department in the corporation's service at his own request or whether he should be removed from his position as ticket inspector at the request of the Tramway Union.

Eventually after a prolonged and most undignified wrangle between the contending parties Sir Joseph Ward appeared in the capacity of mediator, and in a few hours was able to bring reason to bear on the unfortunate trouble and bridged over the gulf by a compromise cleverly worded, which was inserted as a clause of agreement of settlement. This clause provided for the removal of Fuller to some other position in the tramway service as originally requested by the Tramway Union, and now desired by the officer himself. This certainly was splitting straws with a vengeance!

On Tuesday morning the Wellington trams resumed their running without the employees having gained any advantage other than what satisfac-

plunder. This, of course, only emphasises the spirit of professionalism that we contend permeates Australian cricket to-day.

The recent "bear garden" that was the upshot of a meeting of the selectors of the Australian test team, is yet another instance of the hapless depths to which the sport of cricket in the Commonwealth has fallen. Clem Hill and P. A. Macalister have been the "sparring" champions of players and management respectively; but it says very little for the national pastime of Australia when two of the leading lights resort to fisticuffs to settle their differences.

What's in a name? A tradesman at Palmerston North named Max B. Just was fined in Court for having unstamped weights. Max B. Just—that's all, remarks a Feldding paper.

An Auckland man, getting tired of the boardinghouse at which he stayed, and more particularly of the landlady thereof, advertised for a room elsewhere. He got one reply—which was from his own landlady offering his own room! Which calls to mind the

When Christina Lawson, an aged woman, stepped into the dock at the Magistrate's Court at Wellington last week, she probably felt as much at home within the walls of justice as the court orderly who cries "Silence!" every day. There were two charges made against her—breaking a prohibition order, and idling. It was stated that there had been 119 convictions against her, and now her tally is 121. She is a person very well known to the police, and has been in every gaol in the Dominion. Years of her life have been spent in prisons, and for at least 25 years she has been appearing before the courts.

Once upon a time (which is the way all good stories begin, and not a few bad ones) there was a magistrate. He was also a human being, and took an occasional change after being a magistrate for very long at a stretch. (He had, he it remarked, an eye for beauty.) So when every morning on Takapuna Beach he saw an attractive young person whose face seemed familiar, and who made a very obvious point of avoiding his eye, he commenced to be devoured by an overwhelming curiosity, for he took a very



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tion they might gain from the knowledge that their action in striking caused their fellow citizens quite an unnecessary amount of needless inconvenience. As to the Wellington City Fathers, they came through the incident with anything but kudos; in fact, their attitude throughout the negotiations only entitles them to be regarded as a tactless and fossilised set of old women, lacking in dignity. To Sir Joseph Ward every credit is due for the settlement of a most unfortunate strike.

During recent years the professional element has made itself more and more apparent in Australian cricket, and as it has grown the spirit of sportsmanship seems to have largely evaporated. The recent unseemly imbroglio over the management of the next Australian team to visit England certainly indicates that the "ashes" are of far less consequences than the "pelf." The protest of the six "cracks" against the appointment of Macalister as manager and participant in the profits to accrue from the trip was a clear ultimatum from the players to the management that they wanted to keep the profit sharing within the narrowest bounds. The only argument that can be reasonably put forward on behalf of the malcontents is that as the players are the draw that makes the gate, they are entitled to the lion's share of the

tale of the firm whose office boy had begun to get on the manager's nerves. They accordingly advertised for a new one. The only reply they got was from their own boy, who stated that he wished to leave his present position as the "boss was a rotter!"

An American trade journal says:—"A badly displaced advertisement has less chance of catching the public eye than a dog with tallow legs of beating an asbestos cat in a race through hell.

A Parliamentary return shows that £27 5s 6d was spent on the reception of Lord Islington. Lady Islington cost £104. Better half, eh?

It's a wise lyric that knows its own father—after the stage manager, composer, director, and prima donna get through with it.

She was a sad-looking woman of middle age, who had just "confessed" to the priest a little act of moral backsliding. "When did it occur," asked he. "Twenty years ago," came the reply. "Then why haven't you confessed before?" "I have, Father—many times; I do so love talking about it."

special pride for his renowned memory for faces. At last he could bear the suspense no longer; it had become consuming (he had also an eye for beauty, as I have said), and when one day he met her face to face on the wharf, and she dropped her eyes as pointedly as ever, he surrendered himself to his inclination.

"Pardon me, by dear young lady," he observed, raising his hat with his freely paragraphed old-world courtesy. "Pardon me, but your face is so familiar, and though I am sure we have met, I simply cannot recall the place or the circumstances. But I distinctly remember our having met somewhere."

She raised her eyes and shot a glance at him which froze his marrow and brought beads of perspiration to his baldness.

"Remember!" she snorted. "Remember, you old dog! You ought to remember. It's not six months since you gave me twenty-one days and cleared me out of my home. For two pins I'd chuck you over the railings."

A woman's aim is generally mighty poor, even when she throws herself at a man.



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FIXTURES.

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 4 and 5—Te Aroha J.C. Annual
 March 6 and 7—Dannevirke R.C. Autumn
 March 13 and 14—Napier Park R.C. Autumn
 March 16 and 18—Ohinemuri J.C. Annual
 March 18—Opunake R.C. Annual

NOMINATIONS.

Feb. 19—Opunake R.C. Annual
 Feb. 22—Napier Park R.C. Autumn
 Feb. 10—Dannevirke 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. 9—Woodville J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 9—South Auckland R.C. Annual
 Feb. 10—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 12—Tolaga Bay J.C. Annual
 Feb. 16—Te Aroha J.C. Summer
 Feb. 22—C.J.C. Easter and Autumn Handicaps
 Feb. 24—Ohinemuri J.C. Annual
 Feb. 17—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 17—Dannevirke R.C. Autumn
 Feb. 26—Te Aroha J.C. Summer
 March 1—Napier Park R.C. Autumn
 March 5—Ohinemuri J.C. Annual

ACCEPTANCES.

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. 20—Dannevirke R.C. Autumn
 Feb. 23—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 Feb. 28—Te Aroha J.C. Summer

SECOND FORFEITS.

Feb. 23—Fourth Manawatu Sires' Produce 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

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

An attractive programme has been issued by the Ohinemuri Jockey Club, which is published in this issue, for the annual meeting to be held on March 16 and 18 on the Paeroa racecourse. Since last year the amount of stakes offered by the club has been considerably increased, a fact which is sure to make the fixture additionally attractive to owners. The Ohinemuri Cup, of a mile and a quarter, to be run on the first day of the meeting, is worth 125 sovs., while the Paeroa Handicap, of one mile, and Waihi Welter, of six furlongs, on the second day, carry prize money to the value of 85 sovs. and 50 sovs. respectively. A stake of 50 sovs. has also been allocated for the St. Patrick's Handicap, of six furlongs, on the first day. Two hurdle events appear in the programme, each of which will be worth 45 sovs, while a Maiden Hurdle Handicap carries 30 sovs.

It is particularly pleasing to see the country clubs prospering, because it is the encouragement they give to our farmers that helps materially to improve the breed of horses in the country, besides affording the "backbone of the country" the opportunity of enjoying the pleasures of horse-racing without having to travel long distances to the main centres of population. The stewards of the Ohinemuri club are to be particularly commended for the enterprise they have shown, and we have little doubt but that the club and district will benefit as a result of the good services rendered by the keen sportsmen who stand behind the Ohinemuri club, and to the energetic secretary (Mr. H. Poland), on whom the responsibilities of management very largely rest. Nominations for the forthcoming meeting close on Saturday, February 24, and the weights are due to appear on March 5.

WHERE RACING PROSPERS.

Poverty Bay is fast coming into her own as one of the important racing centres in the Dominion. The Gisborne district has suffered a good deal in the past from the fact that it has been more or less isolated: the only means of getting there being by steamer. However, despite this obvious drawback the enterprise and zeal of the people of Poverty Bay has made it prosperous, and where prosperity reigns the "Sports of Kings" is sure to flourish. It is, therefore, little wonder that under the capable management of the Gisborne Racing Club and Poverty Bay Turf Club and generous auspices of a keen sporting community racing has become particularly popular in that part of the Dominion. It is only necessary to mention the record success that attended the Gisborne Club's meeting last week and the glowing prospects for the Poverty Bay Club this week, to persuade the direst pessimist the

with good roads, and the long-delayed railway connecting Gisborne with our main arterial line is a reality the district will make rapid strides. It is, therefore, fortunate that racing in this part of New Zealand is under the management of keen sportsmen who are ready to sacrifice everything for clean sport. It is on the foundations so honestly laid by the existing racing clubs that the future success and prosperity of the sport must be built. We do not think it is looking too far ahead to say that not many years will pass before Poverty Bay shall be entitled to rank as a metropolitan racing district. And when that comes to pass we may see the East Coast challenging the supremacy of the West Coast for racing honours.

RACING IN WONDERLAND.

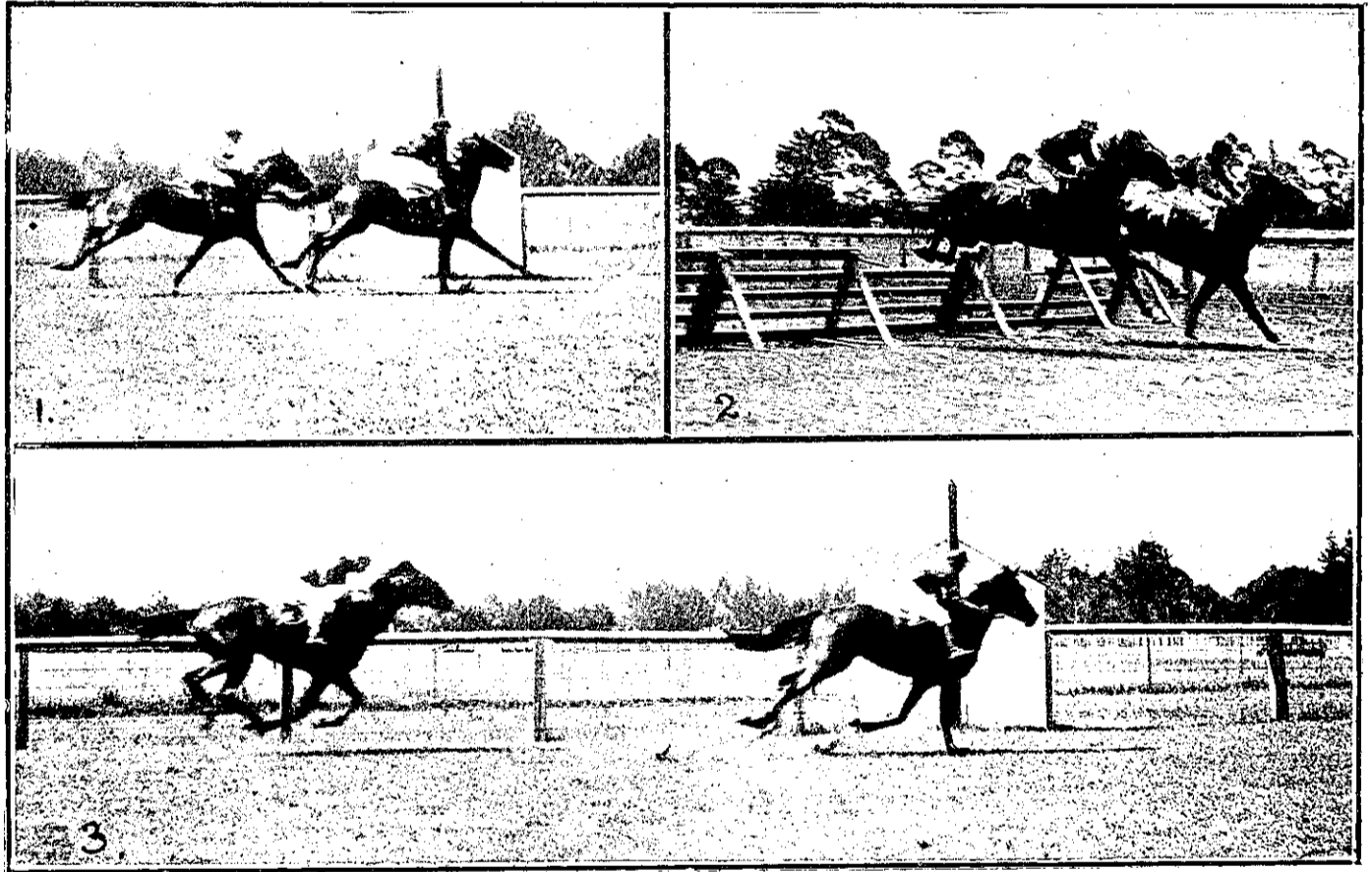
The Rotorua Jockey Club will hold its annual meeting at Arawa Park on Wednesday next. The club has re-

ably, and the programme has been drawn up on broad lines so as to enable the maximum number of horses to be suitably classed. Owners have responded very liberally with their nominations, and Mr. Edwards's handicaps are very equitably awarded, so that there is every reason to anticipate that the splendid course at Epsom will be very largely patronised on next Wednesday and Saturday.

TROUBLE AT STARTING POST.

At this juncture we would venture to drop a hint to the stewards of the Otahuhu club which may doubtless assist to still further popularise the sport of trotting in the North. The recent meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club, which was in every way most admirably managed, suffered somewhat from the number of horses that either refused to start to time

THE GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.



1. MANITAU (W. Kirk) winning the Maiden Scurry (four furlongs) from MISS JEWEL (Griffiths). 2. STOURTON (F. Flynn) leading CONTINUANCE (W. Young) at the last fence in the First Handicap Hurdles (1½ miles), which was won by the latter. 3. The finish of the Flying Handicap (six furlongs)—OUR QUEEN (Griffiths) wins easily from SCORCH (Whittaker).

sport of horse racing has found a congenial home where it gives every promise of flourishing in the wealthy sub-province which has Gisborne for its capital.

BIG PROGRESS MADE.

Five years ago the two principal clubs mentioned above, jointly gave away in stakes £1700 at their summer meetings, while this month the same two clubs distributed over £2,000 in prize money. This in itself is tangible proof of the progress of the sport in the district, and has had the effect of encouraging owners to improve the class of thoroughbreds, so that to-day Gisborne is able to nominate some fine horses capable of holding their own on any racecourse in New Zealand. Further evidence of the popularity of racing among the people of Poverty Bay is supplied by the totalisator returns, which affords the best guide as to the way the public support and appreciate the sport. For the two-day's meeting of the Gisborne Racing Club last week £17,773 passed through the machines as compared with £9594 five years ago.

A BRIGHT FUTURE.

There can be no question that when the hinterland of Poverty Bay is better settled, the district opened up

cently carried out a comprehensive scheme of improvements and additions to their course, which has very considerably improved both the track and the appointments. A fine grandstand has been erected capable of providing comfortable accommodation for a large number of people, and other buildings have been erected which will secure to patrons every facility for enjoying racing in the Hot Lakes district. Next week will probably see a record gathering of Auckland sportsmen on the Arawa Park course, because there are many who will seize this opportunity of visiting the thermal wonderland and attending an attractive race meeting on the same trip.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

On Wednesday next the events listed for the first day of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's summer meeting will be decided at Alexandra Park. All the races promise to attract large fields and some first-class trotting should be seen. Since last season the Otahuhu club have increased the prize money for this fixture consider-

or failed to leave the post at all. No club or starter could be held responsible for these mishaps, but in view of the fact that a very large proportion of the public who patronise the trotting clubs invest their money on contestants in the belief that they will get "a run for their money," we contend that all trotting clubs would be fully entitled to refuse the nomination of any horse that consistently refuses to start or continually breaks during the race.

BAD FOR PATRONS.

Vanclare is an example of the class of animal that does much to mar sport, and the exhibition it gave at the A.T.C. carnival was sufficient for any club to decline its nomination until the owner or trainer could satisfy the club officials that his charge had mended its ways. We would also strongly urge trotting clubs to strictly enforce rule 247, which reads: "The starter may place any horse which is misbehaving . . . in any position he may think proper." To fine riders and drivers of horses that left the post before time or refused to start would also possibly have the desired effect of obtaining more satisfactory despatches.

TURF TOPICS.

To-day the Te Kuiti Racing Club holds its first meeting with a totalisator, and as the stewards have shown considerable enterprise in preparing for their opening meeting under the new conditions, everything points to the fixture proving a success. The King Country certainly is a fast-growing district, and is worthy of the special consideration the Racing Commission showed the district in allotting a totalisator permit to the Te Kuiti club. A large contingent of Auckland horses have gone down, and there is little doubt but that the meeting will be liberally patronised.

The totalisator staff, which has done such excellent work at Avondale and Ellerslie this season, are to be treated to a bumper marine picnic by their chief, Mr. Harry Hayr, on Sunday next. The Northern Company's Kawau has been engaged and Motutapu will be the picnic ground. As there is no more generous an entertainer in Auckland than the "Old Hoss" it only requires good weather to ensure a most enjoyable day's outing.

Jack Delaval, who has been having a well-earned spell since his exertions at the Ellerslie summer meeting, has again returned to the track to be prepared for Easter engagements.

Frank Wootton's increasing weight must be a matter of grave concern to the talented young horseman. While in India recently he could not get to scale at less than 8st 11lb.

By her victory in the Linwood Welter Handicap at the C.J.C. meeting last week Miss Advance returned her supporters on the totalisator over a quarter of a century for their sovereign.

Regain, who started out in his career early this season as a hurdler, gave promise of turning out a success. Unfortunately he met with a mishap and had to be retired from the active list for a spell. The Regel gelding is back again on the training tracks, apparently fully recovered and looking ready for solid work.

A fair contingent of Auckland-owned horses appear among the acceptors for the events to be decided on the first day of the Aranaki Jockey Club's meeting next week. They include Gloy, Spectre, Lucille, Tire-some, Aristocrat, Fuss, Rautangata, Ashby and Captain Soult.

Continuance, who carried 13st 10lb to victory over the hurdles at Gisborne last week, has accepted for a flat race at the Poverty Bay Turf Club this week. He will next be given an opportunity of distinguishing himself over big country.

Advance stumbled and broke a foreleg last week, but the bone has since been set and the brilliant Vanguard stallion has now had the injured member encased in plaster of Paris.

W. Sharp has added a Bluelight—the Flirt three-year-old gelding to his active brigade.

J. E. Thorpe, a well-known trainer in days gone by and a thorough-going sportsman all the time, has recently entered into possession of the Occidental Hotel in Vulcan Lane.

Necktie, who made her reappearance at Takapuna after a lengthy spell from the racing tracks, has brightened up a lot recently, and her future may be looked upon as one of fair promise.

After two disappointing races at Takapuna Sea Pink was sent down to the Gisborne meeting, but only succeeded in securing a second. This week the son of Seaton Delaval will doubtless make reparation for his recent failures at the Poverty Bay Turf Club meeting.

The South Auckland Racing Club are to be congratulated on the satis-

factory nature of the nominations received for its annual meeting, to be held at Claudelands next week. This club in the past has been much handicapped and has experienced a good deal of ill luck one way and another. Happily the corner appears to have been turned, and it is to be hoped the forthcoming meeting will start an era of prosperity.

After doing service for a quarter of a century the steeplechase double jumps at Ellerslie have been moved back about a chain so that now horses making a blunder at the first obstacle have a chance of recovering their feet before having to take the second. Trainers are agreed that the change is a great improvement.

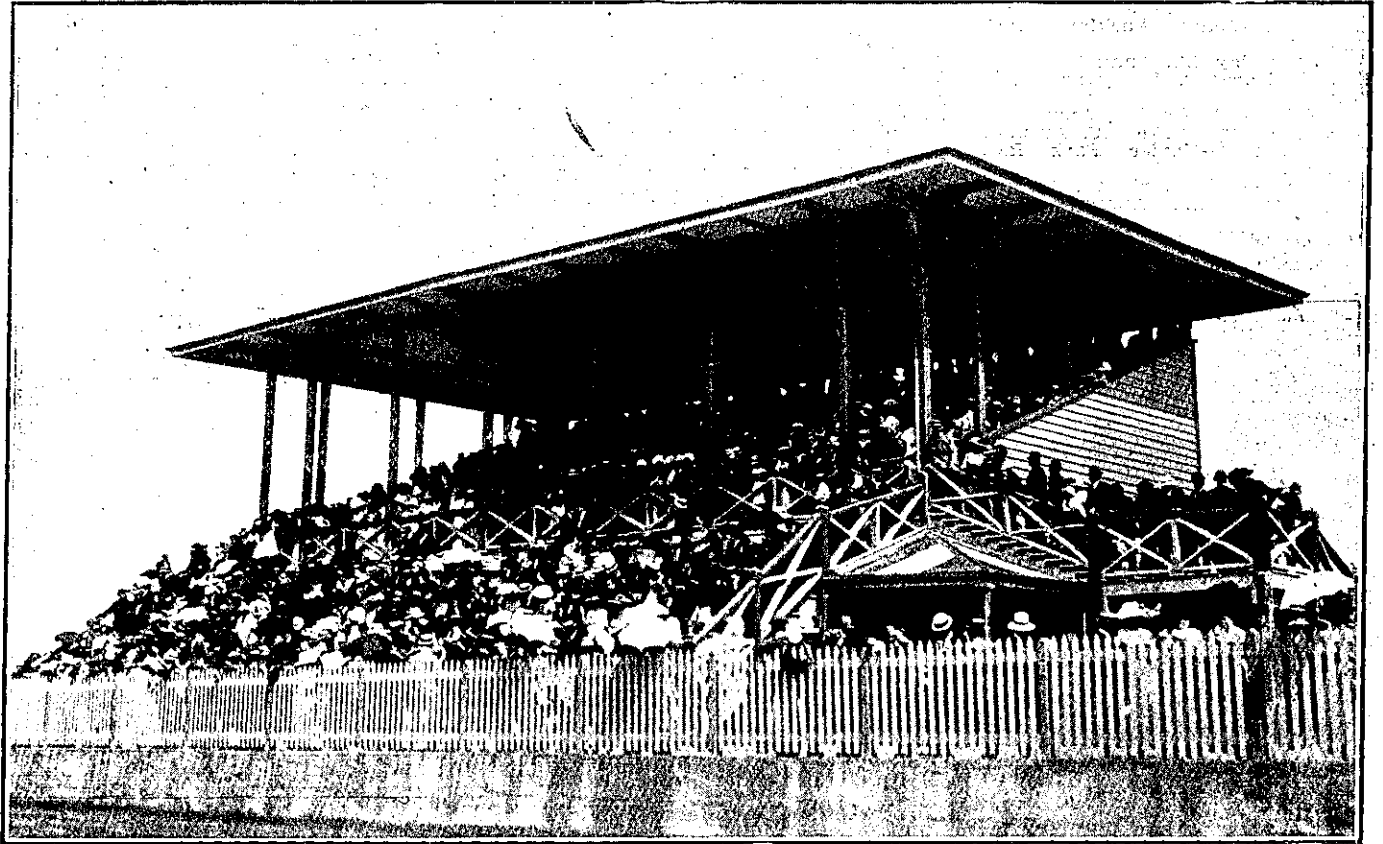
at the Randwick yearling sales, is one of the grandest young thoroughbreds ever seen in Australia. He has the makings of a typical Derby candidate, and is sure to command a big figure. Another grand colt is that by Positano, from Gladstone, who will be submitted with other of Mr. Green's yearlings in Melbourne on 4th March. Gladstone, it may be remembered, was empty last season. She is now carrying a foal to Positano, however, and next year she will be mated with Comedy King.

Each of the mares purchased at the Ellerslie sale on behalf of Mr. Sol Green is to be mated with Comedy King next season. They are Kora, Ronetta, Zenilis, and Ingoda, and Petruvia.

Specialform, who scored in the Filly Stakes at the C.J.C. meeting, is the first of the progeny of Boniform to win a race in New Zealand.

Expansion, who came to his end in the Craven Plate at Riccarton, was bred by Mr. W. E. Bidwill in 1906, having been got by Birkenhead from the Gipsy Grand mare Immersion. He belonged to Mr. D. H. Roberts, of Greymouth, and was only a moderate performer.

Ben Deeley and A. Oliver are running a close race for the honour of heading the winning jockeys list for the present season. At the conclusion of the Gisborne and Canterbury meetings last week the Auckland horseman had a lead of one, his total



VIEW OF THE MAIN STAND DURING THE PROGRESS OF THE TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

Desire, who won the Launceston Cup on Saturday, showed winning form at the end of his two-year-old season. From the time that the weights appeared for the Launceston and Hobart Cups, the colt was heavily backed to win both events. Although at that time Desire had done nothing in public to warrant the belief that he was a stayer, the handicapper came in for some criticism for allowing the colt 19lb. from the three-year-old filly Orvieto. After Desire has completed his Tasmanian engagements he will be shipped to Victoria to fulfil his engagement in the Newmarket Handicap.

Mr. A. Leslie Brown, manager for Mr. Sol Green, informed "Sir Bedivere," of the "Post," that the Positano—Wakepo colt, which will be sold

E. Duffield, who hails from West Australia, up to the middle of December headed the list of winning jockeys in South Africa, with 28 wins out of 97 mounts. Referring to this rider a South African writer says:—"There has never been, perhaps, a better judge of pace in South Africa than Duffield, and his motionless style in the saddle is unquestionably a great help to a horse, and half the battle in a hard finish or a fast-run race."

Colleen Mary was one of the keenest disappointments to the regular punters at Riccarton. Her prospects were regarded as very rosy for the Craven Plate, but she failed to materialise. The San Fran mare started again in the Linwood Welter, but could not get a place.

being 32. A. H. Wilson, and C. Emmer-son fill third and fourth positions respectively.

Ronald Cameron, the successful ex-New Zealand jockey now residing in Victoria, has been engaged to ride Queen of Scots in the Newmarket Handicap and The Parisian in the Australian Cup at the V.R.C. autumn meeting. This was the winning double last year.

Frown Owl will probably carry Sir George Clifford's colours in the Dunedin Champagne Stakes.

The Tararua Jockey Club have recently expended a considerable sum in carrying out improvements to their course and track. From all accounts



The leading New Zealand horseman, Ben Deeley, saluting the judge after piloting Mr. A. Sadler's b m PEGGY PRYDE to victory in the Suburban Handicap (5½ furlongs) at the Takapuna J. C.'s. Summer Meeting.

the money has been judiciously spent, and the club's enterprise will doubtless be fully appreciated by their patrons next week.

Some of the riders in the Craven Plate at Riccarton state that they foresaw Expansion would come to grief before the accident occurred, and were thus enabled to avoid getting mixed up in the trouble. Young

a distance improve the stamina of the breed of horses, and that, too, without any detriment to their extreme speed over a shorter course. This has been abundantly proved in New Zealand, where all the principal races for the big money are run over a distance of two miles, and the hopped pacers over there can stay out the distance with the purr gaited trotter, all tending to show

Apparently poundage is a matter of less consideration than horsemanship judging by the overweight put up on some of the contestants at the recent Takapuna meeting. The promising two-year-old colt, who finished second to Monoline in the Hobson Handicap, was weighted by the handicapper with 6.13, but in order to secure the services of Hector Gray he carried 7.9. Also in the T.J.C. Handicap, Spectre was weighted with

Accommodation has already been booked for Undecided at Wanganui, so the Wellington Cup winner may be regarded as a sure starter in the Wanganui Cup.

There is no foundation for the rumour that Counterfeit will go to Sydney in the autumn, but a horse that may make the trip is Vice-Admiral, says the "Dominion." At the present time the latter is doing light work at Yaldharst, and is in condition to come to hand quickly if his trainer decides to make the trip.

Advices from Sydney state that jockey W. Ryan, who has been seriously ill for some time past, is now quite recovered, and enjoys a lot of patronage from Sydney owners.

An innovation which is well worthy of the attention of other racing clubs was brought into use at Riccarton this week (says the "Post"), in the shape of red discs, one of which, on being attached to any horse's number on the board displaying the jockey's names, signifies that the rider of the horse concerned claims the 5lb apprentice allowance.

ROUND ABOUT ELLERSLIE.

Things on the Ellerslie tracks are on the quiet side. The top notchers are mostly on the easy list, but the country meetings are keeping a good few horses in the active brigade, with the Te Kuiti, Rotorua, Taranaki, Ngaruawahia and Te Aroha meetings in view.

SATURDAY.

On Saturday Waimangu and Santa Rosa, who have been entered at Wanganui, did good three-quarter pace work on the tan.

Bon Jour went once round the grass in 1.57.

Scotch swung round the grass in 1.56 3-5.

Royal Irish had Condamine in a tangle, at the finish of 5 furlongs (on the grass), in 1.5 4-5.

Master Wairiki, who has built up considerably during his respite has resumed work again, and is striding along freely.

Master Sly jumped the small schooling hurdles, and shaped well.

Miss Livonia had Fuss well beaten in a four furlong sprint (on the sand) in 53sec.

The Waikato-owned Westerly ran two furlongs on the tan nearly at top.

Rutter beat his stable mate, Manurere, by a length at the end of five furlongs (on the grass) in 1.5.

Mahinga skipped over four furlongs, running the last three in 38sec.

Constellation spurted five furlongs (on the grass) in 1.5 4-5.

Capt. Soult alone on the tan galloped three-quarters of a mile in 1.25, not all out.

The sisters Kakama and Miss Winsome have freshened up since the Xmas Meeting, and are doing good work.

Haku and Zinnia were content with medium pace work, the former is very fit.

Regain, who has been an absentee since the November meeting, is doing steady work again.

TUESDAY.

Rutter alone on the grass ran a solid six furlongs in 1.18 3-5.

Waimangu and Santa Rosa on the tan galloped seven furlongs comfortably in 1.39 2-5.

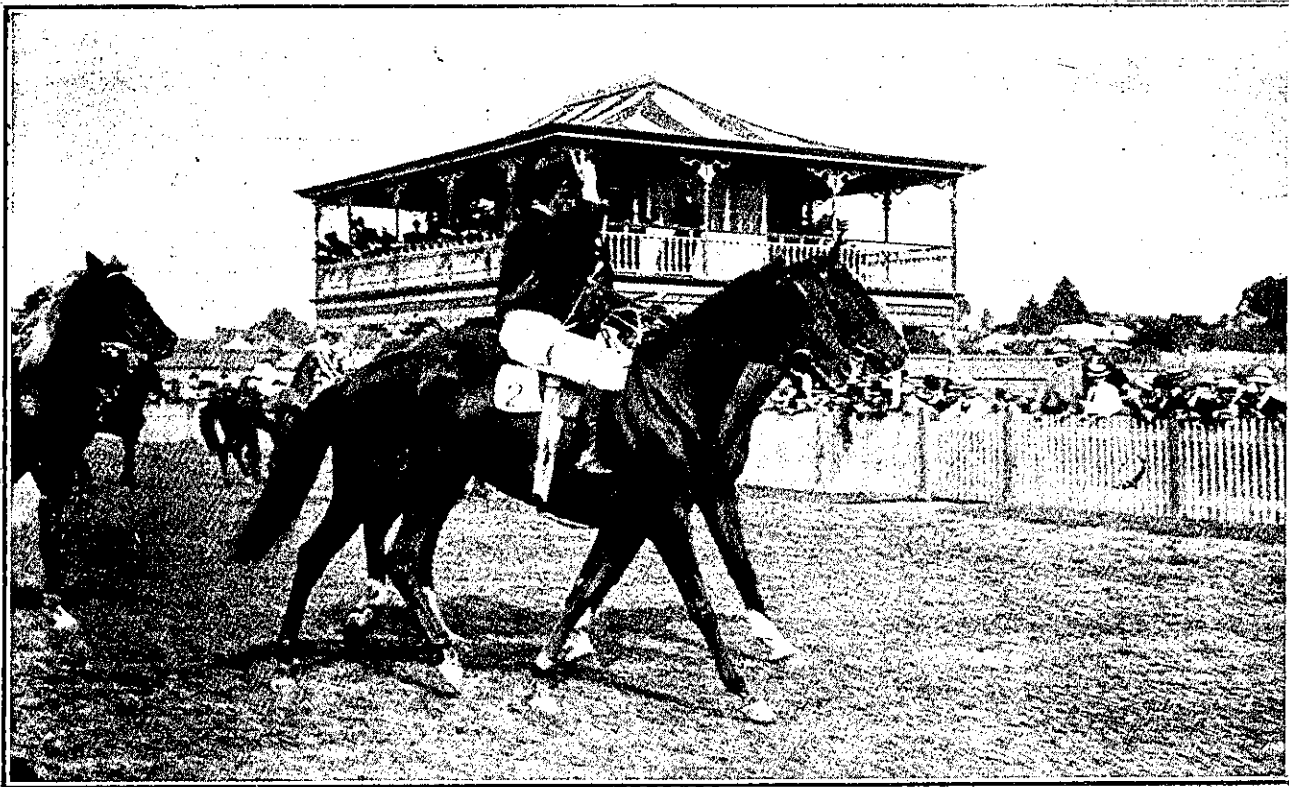
St. Amans, on the tan, pulling the boy out of the saddle, ran a circuit in 2.3 1-5.

St. Jack and Worcester were together in a half-mile dash on the tan, in 54sec.

Jolie Fille, trotted once round on the sand, and then broke away for a six furlong sprint, finishing in 1.21.

Morekoff had a lesson over the small hurdles, and shaped fairly well.

Tui Cakobau has not forgotten his old graft. Being put at the double jumps, he got over the first, and having no pace on muddled the second. On being tried again he did not refuse.



A CONSISTENT TWO-YEAR-OLD.—Mr. W. L. Thomson's ch f MONOLINE (B. Deeley), returning to the enclosure after accounting for the Hobson Handicap (four furlongs) at the Takapuna J.C.'s. Summer Meeting. The second horse, GENEVA, is partly shown on left of picture.

O'Brien was unable to control the gelding, who was pulling hard, and fell through galloping on to another competitor's heels.

The two North Island representatives (Odessa and Turna) at the recent C.J.C. midsummer gathering will go on to Wingate to take part in the Dunedin Cup meeting.

The speedy Nukuatu is downing everything in trials at Fordell, says a correspondent, and Tilley can find nothing fast enough to gallop with the Advance gelding over the first few furlongs. Nukuatu should play a prominent part in events at the approaching West Coast meeting.

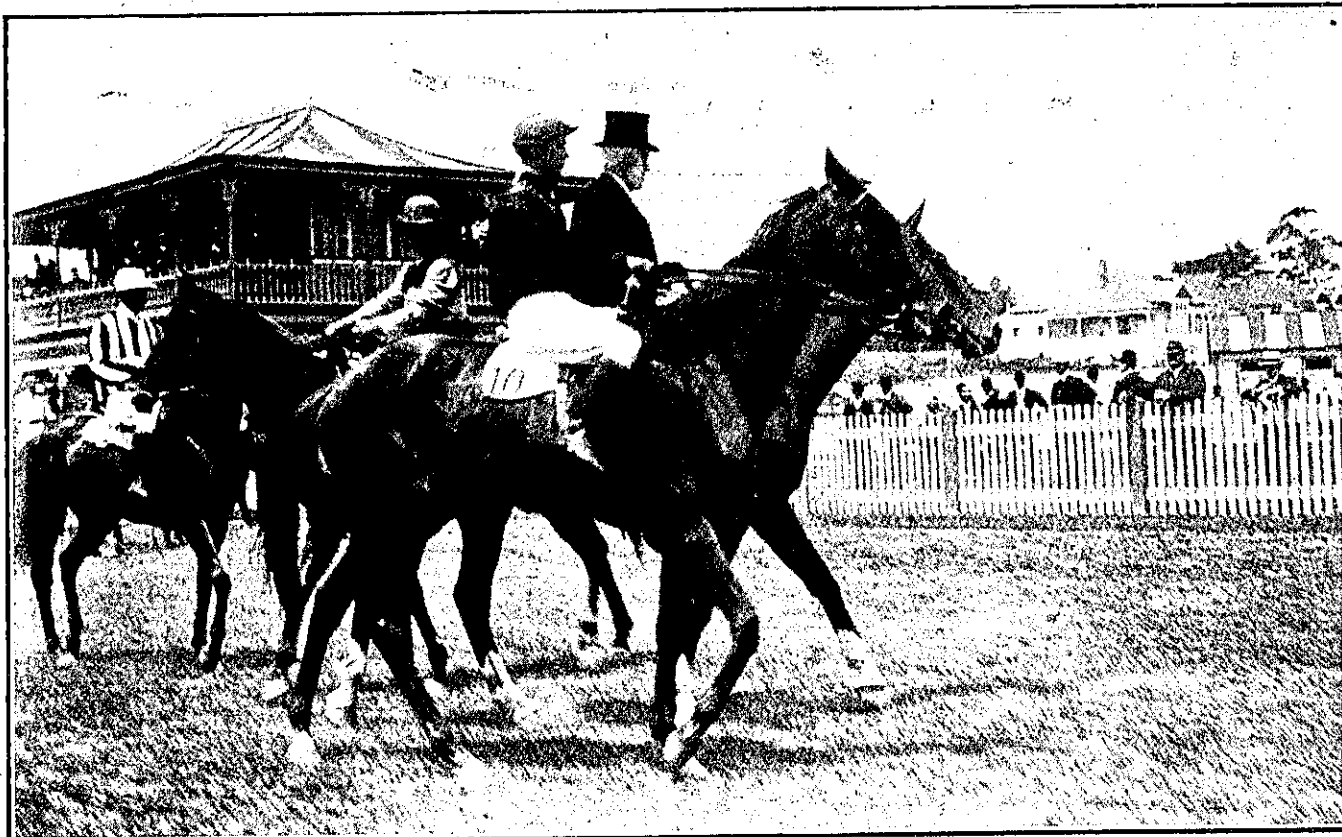
that long distance racing should be encouraged in the interests of the horse-breeding industry of the Commonwealth.

It is quite likely that, for the third year in succession, we will see Comedy King under silk in the Futurity Stakes (says an Australian writer). It was the seven furlongs' race that, so to say, gave the "black Britisher" his start in life. That was two years ago, when he won brilliantly. Next year, carrying all the penalties, he went down before Blairgour, but it was, as described

thirteen pounds over his handicap as to enable Gray to pilot him.

The privileges in connection with the Te Aroha jockey club meeting were submitted to auction at the Waihou sale by Mr. McCullagh, and were disposed of as follows:—Refreshment booth £14, Mr. G. Bygrave; cards £21, Mr. A. Wawman; the publican's booth was withdrawn at £46.

Merrivonia continues to bowl along in an attractive style at Trentham. There is every probability of last year's Wanganui Cup winner contesting the event this month.



THE PLACED HORSES IN THE MOANA HANDICAP (7 furlongs) AT THE TAKAPUNA J.C.'S. SUMMER MEETING.—The winner, CLOUDY DAWN (H. Gray), INVADER (B. Deeley) and MASTER DIX (Conquest).

Long distance racing is not much in vogue with trotting bodies in Australia (says a Melbourne exchange), although in New Zealand a three mile event is often included in the trotting programmes, and it not infrequently furnishes a good contest and an exciting finish, although it is hard to handicap horses together in this class of racing. However, there is no gainsaying the fact that races over

at the time, a "splendid failure." Now Comedy King is under preparation for another shot at the "Futurity." He is doing well enough, too, in his work to encourage the belief that he will again keep the opposition fairly busy. Caulfield, it should not be forgotten, is Comedy King's favourite course. He has never run a bad race on the famous "Heath."

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INTERPROVINCIAL.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Feb. 5.

The recent annual meeting of the Foxton Racing Club was the most successful in the history of the club. After payment of all expenses the club comes out of the ordeal with a profit of £800. The stewards are already contemplating a big increase in their stake money for next year's gathering.

The stewards of the Foxton Racing Club have passed a resolution thanking Mr. F. S. Easton for a valuable contribution towards the erection of a new kiosk that the club are erecting.

The Trentham owner-trainer Mr. J. W. Lowe suffered a severe loss last week through the loss of his two-year-old filly by Achilles from Marseillaise, who died very suddenly from some internal trouble. She was purchased by Sir James Carroll at the sale of Waikanae yearlings last year for 300 guineas and gave promise of making a decided acquisition to the ranks of the racing brigade.

Lains, who has been running in Mr. R. T. Turnbull's nomination, has been purchased by J. H. Prosser. In all probability the son of Merriwee will be put to the jumping business.

Mr. Ian Duncan, a director of Levin and Co., Ltd., and owner of the Waikanae stud, is shortly leaving on a visit to England. During his trip to the Old Country he will probably purchase some brood mares and thoroughbreds for his stud.

"Brusher" Gray is busy at Moutoa with Mr. F. Easton's team. Bearers of the blue and black livery will make their first appearance under their new mentor's supervision at the Wanganui meeting.

After Odessa's forward running at Riccarton on Saturday last the St. Ambrose horse will have many admirers for his Dunedin Cup engagement. Pritchard has Mr. Whitney's galloper in good trim at present.

Naumai continues to train on satisfactorily and will make his first appearance in his new owner's colours at the Dunedin meeting.

Dearest and St. Petersburg have been responsible for some excellent training work at Porirua. The pair should keep their opponents busy in events that they compete in at the Taranaki meeting next week.

Merrivonia continues to stand up to her work at Trentham. All going well in the interim the black mare is a sure starter in the Wanganui Cup.

Special Formfi, who won the Filly Stakes at the C.J.C. meeting last week, is by Boniform from Signal, and is the first of that horse's progeny to win a race in New Zealand. The youngster, who belongs to Mr. J. H. Prosser, gives promise of turning out decidedly useful.

F. Higgott has purchased a property in close proximity to the new racecourse of the Otaki Maori Racing Club, and will shortly be removing his team to his new quarters. Higgott will be missed from the Lower Hutt, where he was a familiar figure for some years.

In Aratiatia, a three-year-old gelding by Achilles from Mamokai, the Porirua owner-trainer, Mr. J. H. Prosser, possesses a promising sort, and one that is sure to win races before this season draws to a close. Aratiatia proved at the W.R.C. meeting that he was possessed of some galloping ability.

Royal Marine, who is destined to compete at the Woodville meeting, is bowling along in an attractive manner on the Trentham tracks. The son of Royal Artillery has been somewhat of a disappointment so far this season, but he is expected to make a better showing when next he sports silk.

A big Foxton contingent figure in the nomination list for the Woodville meeting amongst the number being Stevens, Puketotara, Moutoa Girl, Ambrosian, Waitoto, Lady Moutoa, and Waiouru, truly a useful string and one that should well represent the flax town in events at the gathering.

Gay Lawless is putting in some solid work at Awapuni in view of the Woodville meeting. The black

mare is expected to make some amends at Woodville for her poor showing at Trentham.

Lady Kilcheran is pleasing J. Ayres by her exertions at Trentham. The half-sister to Merrivonia will accompany her stable mate to the Wanganui meeting.

In Kaurua and Projectile the stable presided over by T. Lloyd at Marton will have a couple of useful runners to represent his establishment in the remainder of this season's racing. Both animals have shown the possession of speed and stamina, and Kaurua's second to Ireland in the Summer Handicap at Trentham was a really first-class performance.

Sir Frisco, who has been doing a short season at the stud, is to be put into work by F. Carmont at Levin with a view to competing in some of the remainder of the season's racing events.

HAWKE'S BAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NAPIER, February 5.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club was held on Friday, when it was resolved to recommend trustees of the accident fund to pay £17 and medical expenses to W. Bond, who met with

an accident than Rathlea was at the same age.

Seraphic is enjoying a spell. It is quite likely that when the ground gets a little softer Ngakau will be tried over the fences. F. Smith, who a few years back, was connected with T. F. Quinlivan's Hastings stable, has taken the position at Karamau recently vacated by L. Grey.

J. Maher has been entrusted with the training of Cheddar and Kildonan for Mr. E. J. Watt at Hastings.

WANGANUI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, Feb. 6.

Labour Day is reported to be galloping in quite her best style again, and her chance of winning a race at Hawera is highly thought of. She is engaged in the Flying Handicap on Wednesday at 8st. 6lb., and is in a mile race the second day.

Goodwin Park is said to be going extremely well, and if he goes on the right way in the interim he may be depended upon to run a big race in the Wanganui Cup. Last year he ran second, finishing strongly, so that the distance will not stop him.

It will be interesting to see how Muleteer shapes in the hack hurdles at Hawera, as the Malatua gelding is a very fine jumper, and with his

most interesting races in the series taking place on the 2nd March.

From Clareville comes word that Sir Lethe has been put into work again with a view to being prepared for the Wanganui Steeplechase. This gelding is a very fine jumper and if he can be got into his best form he should be hard to beat in some of the cross-country events during the coming season.

Track watchers are sorting out Handsome Maid as a likely winner at an early date. This made has been galloping in very attractive style lately, and it would come as no surprise to see her win a race at the Egmont meeting. In a gallop on Saturday with Coromandel she showed great pace for about five furlongs, though from that on Coromandel was too good.

Roosevelt has been doing some solid work recently, and Albert Jackson should get another race or two out of this game little fellow.

TROTTING.

The Wanganui Trotting Club has (writes our own correspondent) fixed the dates of its annual meeting for Easter Saturday and Easter Monday. It is rather unfortunate that the latter date will clash with Feilding, always a very popular gathering with racegoers on this



THE GRANDSTAND AND LAWN ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S SUMMER GATHERING.

an accident on the Hastings racecourse last October. Licenses were granted as follows:—Apprentices: S. Ware. Jockeys: J. Crerar and L. Watson. Trainers: D. F. McKay, A. G. Hicks and W. Woods. Gentlemen riders: J. Cockrey, W. J. Crerar, and A. J. Poyzer. The interim statement for the summer meeting, showing a surplus of £1058, was laid on the table.

Moonbrae, a two-year-old colt by Merriwee—La Notte, has been turned out at Ngatarawa for a short time owing to his growing too fast. His place at Quinlivan's stable has been filled by Red Book, a full brother to Blue Book, who dead-heated with Aborigine in the Caulfield Cup. Moonbrae showed fine form on the tracks over a distance, but for four furlongs the majority of the two-year-olds in the stable could beat him.

Mr. E. J. Watt is thinking of sending Ireland, Merton, and one of the Achilles colts he purchased at the Wellington sale to Sydney to be trained. If his intentions are carried out they will be shipped in a few weeks' time, and will go into Raynor's stable.

Mr. Tom Stinsen, of Waipawa, who at one time raced Vision and Baccarat with success in the Hawke's Bay district, has a very promising yearling colt by King's Guest from Baccarat. The colt is well grown, and if looks don't belie, his career on the turf should prove remunerative to his owner.

Mr. T. H. Lowry is sending to the Sydney autumn sales a yearling full brother to Rathlea, who has won three or four races over there this season in two-year-old events. The above colt is much better in appear-

undoubted pace should make a name for himself over the small sticks.

Merrivonia, who won the Wanganui Cup last year, is regarded as a sure starter in this year's race, and is reported to be doing good work at Trentham.

Jargon, who is engaged in the Wanganui Cup, is credited with doing good work at Hawera, where he will run in the Egmont Cup on Wednesday.

The Freedom gelding Taft, recently sold by Albert Jackson to a South Island sportsman, won a race at Tapanui the other day.

Tom Quinlivan, sen., has Plantation in great buckle, and is hopeful of landing the Egmont Cup with the son of Sylvia Park. This horse has pace, and looks like one that should stay well, so that he may have a chance in the Wanganui Cup.

Mon Ami has been responsible for some solid work recently, and will be a starter on the second day at Hawera. In addition to the Sout mare, Fred Tilley took Nukuatu, Goodwin Park, and Sardis north today to fulfil their engagements at the Egmont meeting. Sardis is a half-brother by Coronet to Merose and Clemora.

There is every prospect of a splendid field lining up for the Jackson Stakes, to be decided on the second day of the Wanganui autumn meeting. Included in the seventeen left in are such good performers as Counterfeit, Autumnus, Royal Scotch, Ermengarde, Polymorphous, Boanerges, and others, and there is every reason to look forward to one of the

cast, but trotting appears to be coming into favour about here, so that the club may be favoured with a large attendance. The programme is a well-arranged one, and the stake money offered sufficiently liberal to be worthy the attention of owners and trainers of trotters. Providing the meeting is a success financially the club will increase the prize-money considerably for next season.

Dillon Bell, who won the Dunedin Trotting Cup, of 500 sovs. at Forbury Park last week, registered a very creditable time. He covered the two miles in 4min 35sec, and was easing up at the end.

The South Island Owners', Trainers' and Breeders' Association has circulated the following letter among trotting enthusiasts in Canterbury and Otago:—I am instructed by my committee to approach you with reference to your becoming a member of the above association. My committee intend to do all in their power to improve the breed, and to look after the interests of the light-harness horse. It is their intention also to go into the question of having a Government tax imposed on all stallions unable to obtain a Government veterinary surgeon's certificate, to further deal with the question of class racing, the method of handicapping, and the mode of starting as conducted at our various race meetings. My committee would ask your support as a member in dealing with these and other questions affecting the sport in general.—I am, etc., J. H. Tompkins, hon. secretary.

TURF RESULTS.

THE GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

BIRKLINE WINS BIG RACE.

The Gisborne Racing Club had beautiful weather for their two-days' summer meeting last week and as a consequence the attendances were good. The course was in excellent condition, the fields satisfactory, and the racing was of a most interesting character. The management of the meeting was all that could be desired, and reflected great credit on the energetic secretary (Mr. H. E. Dodd). The handicapping of Mr. J. Chadwick resulted in some splendid finishes and also gave animation to the meeting by setting the punters some hard tasks to make their selections. The starter (Mr. A. G. Wood) was particularly successful with the way he handled his fields and his dispatches came in for special commendation. The totalisators were well managed and got through a big volume of business without a hitch. On the first day £834 passed through the machines, as compared with £675 for the corresponding day last year. The second day's returns amounted to £3890, which was better than last season by £278. In the aggregate this year's summer meeting showed £4477 more to have been invested on the totalisator than for the summer meeting of 1911.

The results were as follows:—

- FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 80 sovs. One mile and a-half. 1—J. A. Lucas' Continuance, by Sarretache-Chibouk, 6yrs. 12.9 (W. Young) 1 3—Stourton, 9.13 (F. Flynn) 2 4—Game 9.6 (Thomson) 3 Also started: 5 Polynices 9.13 (J. O'Connell), 2 Donzel 9.12 (P. W. G.) 6

TEHAPARA HACK HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—R. Ringwood's Composed, by San Fran-Aio, 8.5 (Kirk) 1 2—Colleen Dhu, 7.7 (O'Dwyer) 2 6—Santiago, 7.7 (Griffiths) 3 Also started: 3 Merrie Valet 8.6 (J. Sceats), 5 Durability 7.12 (Buchanan), 4 Stellaris 7.7 (Tricklebank), 8 Quandary 7.0 (Stowe), 7 Zulu Queen 7.0 (Crarer). At the home turn Colleen Dhu came up on the inside and put in a good run, but could not reach Composed, who won by a length, with Santiago a similar distance away third. Time, 1min 30sec.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 150sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 1—C. Morse's Birkline, by Birkenhead—Agony, 8.4 (W. Young) 1 2—Sublime, 8.2 (Buchanan) 2 4—Cork, 7.13 (Griffiths) 3 Also started: 3 Te Puia 7.9 (Tricklebank), 6 Hirini 7.3 (Conquest), 5 Master Stead 7.2 (Crarer). Master Stead immediately went to the front followed by Sublime, Cork, Hirini, Te Puia, with Birkline last. This order was maintained past the stand and out of the straight. At the far turn Birkline began to move up, and by the time the straight was reached was on terms with Sublime, with Cork running into third place. After a fine finish between Sublime and Birkdale, the latter won by half a length. Cork was third six lengths back. Time, 2min 9 2-5sec.

FIRST WELTER HANDICAP of 60sovs. One mile.

- 1—F. Jones' Ardfer, by Seaton Delaval—Lady Augusta, 9.7 (Young) 1 2—Scorch, 9.11 (Whittaker) 2 4—Donzel, 9.5 (Sceats) 3 Also started: 3 Lamsdorff 9.13 (Kirk), 5 Gally Bridge 8.0 (Buchanan), 6 My Motor 8.0 (Crarer). At the seven furlong post Scorch was in the lead along with Gally Bridge. At the entrance to the straight Ardfer came up with the leaders and shortly

rider. Stourton and Continuance led along the back and into the straight, but Continuance was full of running, and drew away, winning by a length and a-half from Game, who beat Stourton in the run home by a similar distance. Time, 3min 17sec.

MAIDEN SCURRY HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Five furlongs.

- 2—A. F. Douglas' Manituau, by San Fran—Queensborough, 9.0 (Kirk) 1 3—Chief Marshal, 7.9 (Deeley) 2 4—Oma Tere, 7.7 (Lorrigan) 3 Also started: 1 Colleen Dhu 8.0 (Whittaker), 5 Fagot 7.7 1/2 (Tricklebank), 7 Pasadena 7.11 (Lowe), 7 Mrs. Beeton 7.7 (Conquest), 8 The Glove 7.12 1/2 (Buchanan).

At the entrance to the straight Manituau was a length in front of Colleen Dhu, after whom came Oma Tere and Chief Marshal. Oma Tere slipped in on the rails as the bend was rounded and joined Colleen Dhu, while Chief Marshal came up on the outside. The three could make no impression on Manituau, who won easily by a length and a-half. In a desperate finish between Colleen Dhu, Oma Tere and Chief Marshal for second place the last-named gained the verdict by a head from Oma Tere, who was a neck in front of Colleen Dhu. Time, 1min 4 1-5sec.

TARUHERU HACK HANDICAP of 60 sovs. One mile.

- 5—McKenzie's Compliment, by Conqueror—Patipati, 7.8 (Buchanan) 1 6—Sea Pink, 8.12 (Whittaker) 2 3—Tyne Lass, 7.3 (Lorrigan) 3 Also started: 1 Composed 9.4 (Kirk), 2 Merrie Valet 8.3 (Sceats), 6 Quandary 6.7 (Stowe).

Compliment was first into the straight, followed by Sea Pink, Composed, and Tyne Lass, and easily holding his own won by a length from Sea Pink, who was half a length in front of Tyne Lass. Time, 1min 43 1-5sec.

FINAL HANDICAP of 80sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 3—T. W. Hackett's Sublime, by Wonderland—Heavenly Twin, 8.13 (inc. 7lb pen.) (Buchanan) 1 4—Scorch, 8.6 (inc. 7lb pen.) (Whittaker) 2 2—Our Queen, 7.7 (Griffiths) 3 Also started: 1 Tripoli 8.0 (Deeley), 5 Ariom 7.13 (Lorrigan), 6 Tyne Lass 6.9 (Speers). Our Queen and Scorch went to the front at the start, and led to the entrance to the straight, where Sublime joined issue and in the run home won by a length and a-half, a length separating second and third. Time, 1min 27 2-5sec.

AUSTRALIAN RACING.

LAUNCESTON CUP.

The following is the result of the— LAUNCESTON CUP, one mile and a-half.

- Desire, by Chiron—Ambition, 3yrs, 7.10 1 Riot, 7.12 2 Kingling, 8.9 3 Won by a neck. Time, 2min 35 2-5sec.

SUNBURNT PLACED.

At the Canterbury Park races on Saturday the New Zealand-bred Sunburnt ran third in the Flying Handicap six furlongs, and second in the Welter Handicap six furlongs. Sunburnt has since been scratched for the Newmarket Handicap.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

HANDICAPS.

ROTORUA JOCKEY CLUB.

The following weights have been declared for the Rotorua Jockey Club's meeting, which takes place on the 14th inst.:

MAIDEN HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Falcon 9.0, Othello 8.5, Master Lane 8.4, Soutstone 8.4, Inveran 8.3, Avaunt 8.2, Weka 8.2, Alameda 8.2, Muscatel 7.13, The Witch 7.13, Kaihaere 7.13, Koterepo 7.12, Koroirangi 7.12, Clemsein 7.12, Zuleima 7.12, Marui 7.1, Constellation 7.11, Pearl 7.10, Miss Clive 7.10.

WAIMANGU HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Leahora 9.7, Surmount 9.0, Marangai 8.12, Fremantle 8.9, Vittoria 8.8, Surplus 8.7, Gazelle 8.5, Luperin 8.0, Arawa 7.6, Heyboy 7.6, Lady Valdimir 7.3, Clemsein 7.3, Barb Wire 7.3, Larrikin 7.0, Gibson Girl 7.0.

ROTORUA CUP, one mile and a-quarter.—Hohungatahi 9.5, Jolie Fille 9.2, Ambergris 8.3, Seldom 8.0, Scotch 7.12, The Chief 7.9, Poictiers 7.6, Prince Leo 7.5, Pip 7.2, Mildura 7.0, St. Wood 7.0.

HACK HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Surplus 9.0, Othello 8.4, Master Lane 8.2, Soutstone 8.0, Avaunt 8.0, Weka 8.0, Alameda 8.0, Master Dix 7.13, Firefly 7.12, Muscatel 7.11, Kaihaere 7.10, Koroirangi 7.10, Koterepo 7.10, The Witch 7.10, Lady Valdimir 7.9, Seaton Delaval mare 7.9, Constellation 7.8, Joe 7.8, Clare 7.8, Ben Battle 7.8, La Sylphe 7.7, Barb Wire 7.7, Gibson Girl 7.7, Miss Clive 7.7, Larrikin 7.7, Lady Clive 7.7.

THERMAL SPRINGS HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Ambergris 9.0, Marangai 8.12, Condamine 8.0, Impulsive 7.12, Luperin 7.12, Bell Crispin 7.3.

ARAWA PARK HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Hohungatahi 9.0, Jolie Fille 8.4, Ambergris 8.6, Surmount 8.6, Scotch 8.2, Fluchion 7.10, Luperin 7.9, The Chief 7.9, Impulsive 7.8, Prince Leo 7.5, Master Dix 7.3, St. Wood 7.3, Inveran 7.2, Bell Crispin 7.2, Leafire 7.0, Pearl 7.0, Zuleima 7.0, Mildura 7.0.

TOURIST PLATE, four furlongs.—Fremantle 9.0, Vittoria 8.13, Gazelle 8.10, Master Lane 8.0, Soutstone 8.0, Inveran 7.13, Avaunt 7.12, Weka 7.12, Arawa 7.8, Heyboy 7.7, The Witch 7.5, Barb Wire 7.3, La Sylphe 7.2, Marui 7.0, Larrikin 7.0, Clemsein 7.3, La Sylphe 7.2, Marui 7.0, Larrikin 7.0.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Leahora 9.6, Surmount 8.12, Marangai 8.10, Ambergris 8.10, Surplus 8.8, Luperin 7.12, Condamine 7.12, Poictiers 7.10, Ben Battle 7.5, Leafire 7.5, Koroirangi 7.3, Joe 7.3, Seaton Delaval mare 7.2, Lady Valdimir 7.2, Barb Wire 7.2, Clemsein 7.2. Acceptances close on Friday, 9th inst.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

The following handicaps have been declared for the first day of the Dunedin Jockey Club's autumn meeting to be held on February 21:—

AUTUMN HURDLES of 15sovs, one mile and three-quarters.—Gold Bird 11.5, Longner 11.5, Rifle Range 10.9, Ringman 10.5, Fisticuff 10.2, Jack Ashore 9.12, Pinnul 9.8, Mercado 9.0, Don Rubyl 9.0, Black and Brown 9.0, Agitato 9.0.

GLADBROOK HANDICAP of 100sovs, seven furlongs.—Darrindale 9.4, Red. White and Blue 8.13, Pleasure Bent 8.12, Thrax 8.12, Safety Pin 8.11, Gilt Edge 8.9, Kris 8.4, Peerless 8.3, Mahuri 8.2, Featherstone 8.0, Larkspur 7.13, Muircock 7.9, Lavidia 7.8, Kilmeny 7.8, Daylight Bill 7.7, Caraid Deas 7.7, Heisione 7.7, Multifoil 7.7.

DUNEDIN CUP of 600sovs, one mile and a-half.—Masterpiece 9.0, Soldier's Chorus 8.9, Olyoi 8.8, Rose Noble 8.7, Martine 8.0, Counterme 7.13, Parable 7.12, St. Aidan 7.11, Mumura 7.10, Odessa 7.10, Iney 7.9, Tanhauser 7.9, Medallist 7.3, Outlander 7.1, The Comet 6.13, Routine 6.10, Oratava 6.7, Adage 6.7, True Knight 6.7, Kris 6.7.

STEWARDS' WELTER of 150sovs, one mile.—St. Aidan 9.12, Effort 9.11, Iney 9.9, Waiju 9.5, Medallist 9.4, Kilts 9.2, Fisticuff 9.0, Turua 8.13, Obolus 8.7, Troon 8.6, Directorate 8.6, Avance 8.5, Merry Lass 8.0, Armstrong 8.0, John Bunyan 8.0, Waikakara 8.0, Pinnul 8.0, Redmond 8.0.

BIRKBECK HANDICAP of 100sovs, six furlongs.—Buff Gauntlet 9.9, Query 9.9, Kimona 9.9, Taft 9.5, Quota 8.13, Benzowan 8.12, Russo 8.11, Anella 8.10, Fricoliti 8.8, Foll 8.5, Mahuri 8.8, Oblong 8.7, Early Morn 8.0, Lavidia 8.0, Kilmeny 8.0, Miss de Vere 8.0, Mosslet 8.0, Gypsohol 8.0, Maple Leaf 8.0, Firmhold 8.0, Caraid Deas 8.0.

PUBLICAN'S HANDICAP of 250sovs, six furlongs.—My Lawyer 9.0, Naumai



THREE PROMINENT GISBORNE SPORTSMEN. Messrs. J. Pettie, F. Hail and J. Beatson.

Burton 9.6 (R. Gray), 7 Hunakaha 9.5 (McFlynn), 8 Appelles 9.9 (Bracken), 9 Te Rahui 9.0 (Olsen).

Donzel was the first to show out, and he was followed closely by Continuance, Stourton and Polynices. Donzel dropped back before the first hurdle was reached and Stourton and Continuance were the first over, Polynices falling and breaking his leg. Stourton then drew away and had fully five lengths' advantage of Continuance going along the back, but at the far turn Continuance began to close up and was on terms at the last hurdle and easily holding his own he won by a length. Game was third and Burton fourth. Time, 2min 46sec.

MAIDEN SCURRY of 50sovs. four furlongs.

- 4—A. F. Douglas' Manituau, by San Fran—Queensborough, 8.2 (W. Kirk) 1 1—Miss Jewel, 8.0 (Griffiths) 2 10—Fagot, 8.2 (Whittaker) 3 Also started: 5 Kielder (Murray), 3 Our King (Conquest), 6 Player (Buchanan), 9 Presentation (Sceats), 8 Mrs. Beeton 8.4 (Young), 2 Chief Marshal (Deeley), 7 Pasadena (O'Dwyer).

Entering the straight Kielder led Presentation and Our King. Miss Jewel then drew level with the leaders, but at the distance Manituau came fast on the outside and won by a length from Miss Jewel. Fagot and Our King headed Kielder in the run home, the former finishing third, half a length in front of Our King. Time, 50 3-5sec.

FLYING HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—C. J. Parker's Our Queen, by Birkenhead—Indian Queen, 7.3 (Griffiths) 1 4—Scorch, 8.3 (Whittaker) 2 3—Winning Post, 7.9 (Conquest) 3 Also started: 1 Lord Possible 8.4 (Kirk), 5 Auldearn 7.6 (Deeley), 6 Compliment 6.7 (Kemp). Our Queen turned out of the back stretch about two lengths ahead of Scorch, while the back division began to close up, and Winning Post made his way into third position. At the turn into the straight Scorch made an effort to get on terms with Our Queen, but the latter drew away again and won by two lengths, a similar distance separating second and third. Time, 1min 14 sec.

after Gally Bridge retired. Ardfer put in his claim at the distance and won by three-quarters of a length. Donzel was third four lengths away. Time, 1min 43 2-5sec.

RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Five furlongs.

- 4—J. E. Newton's Miss Jewel, by Marshal Soul—Jewel, 7.11 (Buchanan) 1 1—Waiorewa, 8.12 (Deeley) 2 5—First Marshal, 7.9 (Griffiths) 3 Also started: 6 Goldemar 9.2 (Young), 3 Easy 8.13 (Lowe), 2 Our Queen 8.5 (Murray), 7 Cora Lakeby 7.0.

Cora Lakeby gave some trouble at the start and eventually returned to the paddock, taking no part in the race. Entering the straight Waiorewa, Miss Jewel and First Marshal were in the lead, and at the distance Miss Jewel put in a fast run and quickly went to the front, eventually winning by a length, with a length and a-half between second and third. Our Queen was fourth. Time, 1min 2 3-5sec.

PARK STAKES HANDICAP of 70sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—Exors. C. O'Donoghue's Tripoli, by Marshal Soul—Simonias, 7.4 (B. Deeley) 1 3—Winning Post, 7.9 (Conquest) 2 2—Ariom, 8.2 (Lorrigan) 3 Also started: 4 Compliment 6.7 (Kemp). Tripoli and Ariom led along the back, but at the far turn Winning Post ran into second place. From this our Tripoli held his own and won by a length. Ariom was third two lengths away, with Compliment last. Time, 1min 30 3-5sec.

SECOND DAY.

SUBLIME WINS A DOUBLE.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 80 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

- 1—J. R. Lucas' Continuance, by Sarretache-Chibouk, 13.10 (W. Young) 1 2—Game 9.6 (Thomson) 2 3—Stourton, 10.5 (Flynn) 3 Also started: 5 Burton 9.10 (R. Gray), 6 Appelles 9.2 (Bracken), 4 Hunakaha 9.1 (McFlynn). Appelles got the worst of the start. Game was soon in the lead, with Hunakaha, Continuance, and Stourton next. At the first fence Appelles unseated his

SECOND WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—F. Hall's Hirini, by San Remo—Tauhoi, 9.6 (Deeley) 1 4—Lamsdorff, 9.10 (Kirk) 2 2—Ardfer, 10.6 (W. Young) 3 Also started: 2 Master Stead (Crarer), 5 Durability 8.8 (Lowe).

Before the straight was reached Hirini had taken command, and in the run home won easily by three lengths from Lamsdorff, who beat Ardfer by a length for second place. Time, 1min 30 2-5sec.

HARDING MEMORIAL HANDICAP of 130sovs. One mile and a distance.

- 1—T. W. Hackett's Sublime, by Wonderland—Heavenly Twin, 8.5 (Buchanan) 1 2—Cork 8.2 (Griffiths) 2 3—Ts Puia, 7.5 (Tricklebank) 3

The only starters. Te Puia lost several lengths at the start and Sublime and Cork immediately went to the front and led into the straight, where a fine finish resulted in Sublime gaining the verdict by a head. Te Puia was four lengths further back last. Time, 2min 1 1-5sec.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 80sovs. Five furlongs.

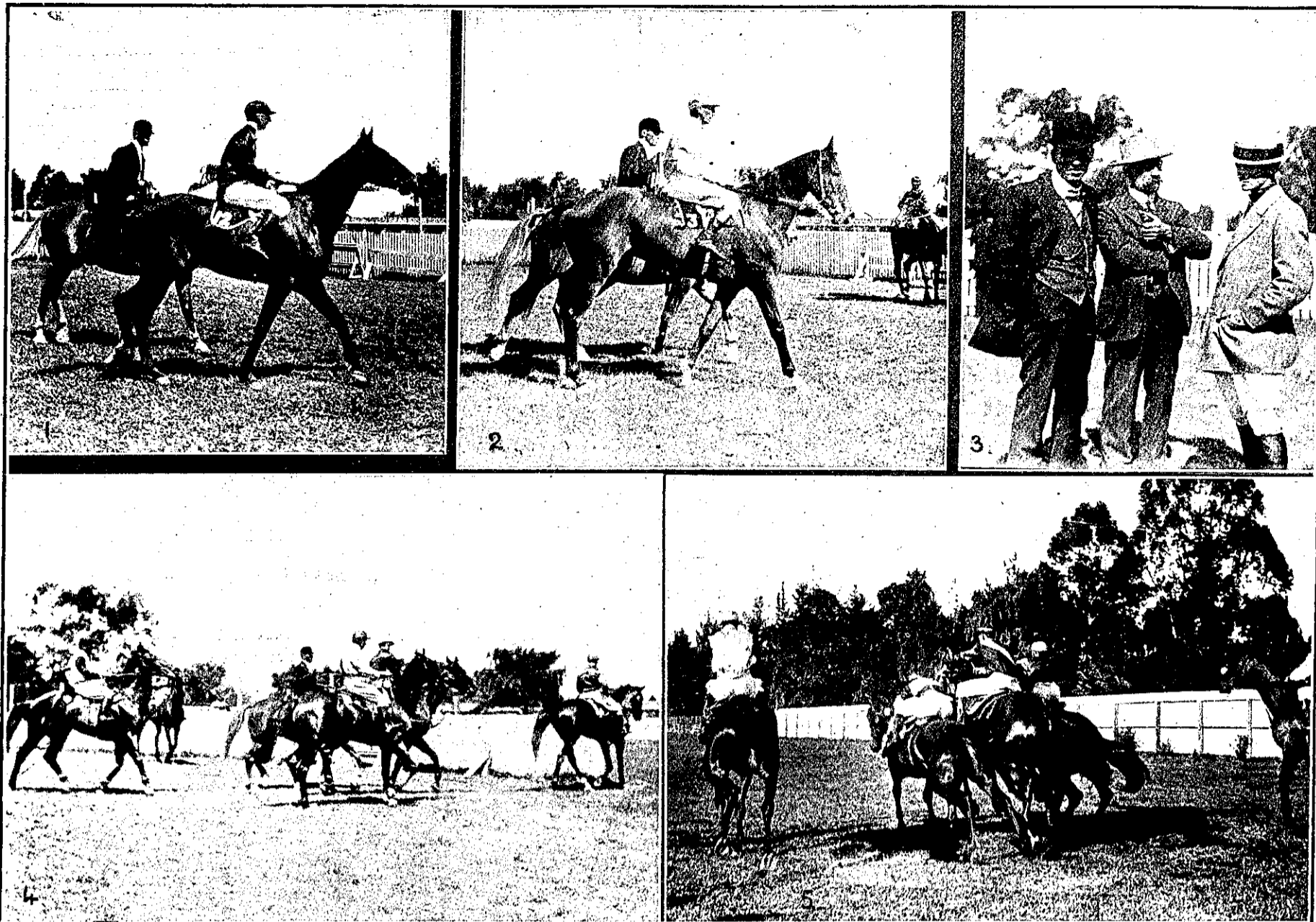
- 4—A. B. Newman's Scorch, by Motor—Chibouk, 8.9 (Whittaker) 1 3—Lord Possible, 8.0 (Kirk) 2 1—Waiorewa, 8.5 (Deeley) 3

Also started: 2 Miss Jewel 7.11 (Buchanan). Scorch and Lord Possible were the first to move and were followed by Waiorewa and Miss Jewel. The order was unchanged throughout, Scorch winning by a couple of lengths from Lord Possible, who beat Waiorewa by a length. Time, 1min 12sec.

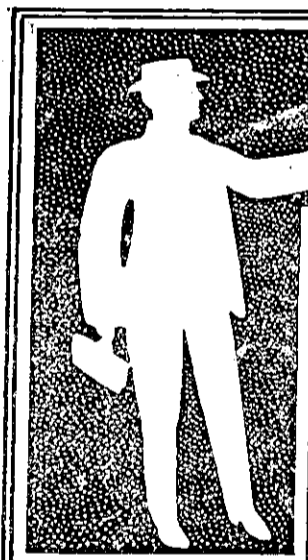
AWAPUNI HACK HANDICAP of 60 sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—A. R. White's Easy, by Merriwee—Fleet, 8.3 (Lowe) 1 1—Goldemar, 9.0 (Young) 2 4—First Marshal, 7.8 (Griffiths) 3

Also started: 3 Colleen Dhu 7.11 (Buchanan), 5 Santiago 7.8 (Deeley). Goldemar had a good advantage entering the straight, but here Easy put in her claim and having Goldemar's measure, won by a length and a-quarter. Time, 1min 15sec.



THE GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD ON THE CLUB'S COURSE, TE HAPARA, ON FEBRUARY 1 & 2. 1. Mr. A. F. Douglas' blk m MANITAU (W. Kirk) returning to scale after winning the Maiden Scurry (four furlongs). 2. Mr. R. Ringwood's b g COMPOSED (W. Kirk), after his victory in the Te Hapara Hack Handicap (seven furlongs). 3. The owner, trainer, and rider of CONTINUANCE, who won both hurdle races at the meeting. The names from left are: G. Jones (trainer), Mr. J. C. Lucas (owner), W. Young (rider). 4. Horses returning to scale after the First Handicap Hurdles. 5. The start for the First Welter Handicap. The winner, ARDFERT (W. Young) is on the left of picture.



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LOWE DEFEATS HOLT.

AN UNSATISFACTORY DECISION.

The Gisborne Boxing Association concluded their carnival in the Garrison Hall on Thursday night, when the principal item of the evening was a fifteen rounds professional contest between Frank Holt, ex-amateur middleweight champion of Auckland and Waikato, who has turned professional, and Bert Lowe, late middle and heavyweight amateur champion of Poverty Bay, for a purse of £45. The meeting of these two capable glove artists aroused no end of interest among Gisborne enthusiasts, and a good house was present in consequence to see the pair do battle for professional middleweight honours. Holt, whose remarkable gameness has always been a feature of the contests he has participated in in Auckland under the auspices of the Northern Boxing Association, was considered decidedly unlucky to have the decision given against him in the fourth round, the referee, Mr. Ike Fake, disqualifying him for an alleged breach of the rules, and awarding the contest to Lowe. The referee's verdict caused considerable dissatisfaction among the audience, many holding the opinion that Mr. Fake had been unduly strict in disqualifying Holt under such circumstances.

The first round was marked by a great deal of clinching, Lowe being the principal offender. The Gisborne man attempted numerous right swings, but Holt's defence was of the sound order, while he outpointed Lowe in several brisk rallies. Lowe exhibited a desire to direct his blows in the region of his opponent's kidneys, a proceeding which invoked protestations from the audience, the referee being obliged to caution him on several occasions. There was nothing remarkable about the round, Mr. Fake having frequently to separate the pair in the clinches, while Lowe's rushing tactics were responsible for Holt being once sent to the floor.

The second round was of a lively order, both men fighting vigorously. Lowe's powerful swings were frequently in evidence, but the excellent defence which Holt displayed caused many of the Gisborne man's blows to go astray. Lowe was the stronger boxer of the pair, and once or twice had Holt in difficulties, notably towards the end of the round, when the Auckland was sent to the boards and was only able to rise in time to avoid taking the full count.

The pace slackened down in the third round, both men boxing with caution. Lowe fought with more vim than his opponent, and continued to use a left to advantage, but Holt nevertheless parried with rare skill when the pair came to close quarters. Lowe went after his man with a will in the concluding stage of the round, which ended with the points in his favour.

The fourth round saw the contest come to an abrupt finish in an unexpected manner. During a brisk exchange of blows Holt, in side-stepping, was struck by a light left, which caused him to fall to the floor. Here he remained while the referee commenced to count, and at 8 Holt was in the act of rising (his knees being six inches off the floor), when Mr. Fake called: "Box on." Lowe was standing over his opponent at the time, and Holt, taking in the precariousness of his situation, knelt on the boards again, whereupon the referee commenced to count from one again, but after calling "two," his next utterance was "Out," and Lowe thus obtained the verdict. Holt was naturally dumbfounded at the decision, he being under the impression that the referee, in commencing the count at "one" again, intended giving him the benefit of the full count. The contest, therefore, terminated in a most unsatisfactory manner, the decision leading to considerable discussion in boxing circles.

THE DECISION CRITICISED.

Regarding Mr. Fake's action in disqualifying Holt, it is only fair to review the position from both sides. In the excitement of the moment Mr. Ike Fake, the referee, apparently made a mistake in commencing the count over again, instead of either

disqualifying Holt immediately for the alleged breach, or else continuing counting "nine, out." Realising that he had committed an error himself, Mr. Fake, in the hope of retrieving his mistake, broke off at "two," and declared Holt "out." Had Holt been guilty of a breach of the rules (and opinion appears divided as to whether he was or not) no new or additional count was required, for the referee had simply to disqualify the offender without hesitation. That Mr. Fake was undecided in his mind as to whether Holt's action really constituted a breach of the rules or not seems apparent by his delay in coming to a decision, the significance of which, owing to the manner in which it was given, did not appear plain to the audience until an explanation followed. Assuming that Holt did not commit a breach of the rules, the mere fact of the referee commencing a new count was sufficiently misleading to Holt to cause him to remain down, as the most skilled boxers nowadays realise the value of taking full advantage of the count. It was evi-

AN EXTREME MEASURE.

That in disqualifying Holt, Mr. Fake was guided by his own sense of justice there can be little doubt, and as is known to all followers of boxing, a referee's position is not always an enviable one. Nevertheless, in a case of this kind, where the breach appears so trivial as to almost escape the attention of the referee and is surrounded by doubtful circumstances, it is questionable whether it is not good policy to allow the fight to continue, as to adopt extreme measures only sows seeds of dissatisfaction among the large audience who have paid at the doors in anticipation of witnessing a good boxing contest. It can certainly be urged in favour of Mr. Fake's decision, that a boxer who goes down before being struck is liable to disqualification, and that the veteran referee acted in accordance with the rules, but when the incident in question is subjected to unbiassed criticism there can be little doubt Mr. Fake allowed himself to overstep the bounds of discretion in this particular instance.

THE REFEREE'S EXPLANATION.

In explanation of his decision in the Holt-Lowe contest, Mr. Ike Fake, the referee, writes as follows:—"Lowe delivered the right, which floored Holt for 8 seconds. At the count of eight Holt was distinctly on his hands and feet (which is up). I called out "box on." Lowe advanced to attack when Holt immediately dropped on to one knee (which is down). Being entirely unprepared for such a sudden breach of the rules I started to count again, and had reached 2 when I realised I was making a mistake. I immediately put Holt out by disqualifying him for going down without being struck. Starting a second count was a technical error only, and does not, or should not, be construed to protect Holt for going down deliberately to avoid punishment. Holt was strong and clear-headed at the time, and knew perfectly well what he was doing. It is all "moonshine" for Holt to say he was waiting for the second count. He knew none of the other lads at the tournament got a second count, therefore, why should he. Had the blow been a severe one and Holt had risen dazed and weak and again fell while in that condition (after being ordered to box on) then the position would have been entirely different. However, such was not the case, and I say emphatically that Holt knew what he was doing and took the risk. Personally I have always kept the game clean, and while I am connected with the sport I shall continue to do so. Consequently I will not be a party to bring the game into disrepute, which certainly would occur if tactics as described were allowed to go unpunished.

PROTEST FROM HOLT.

In consequence of what he regards as an unfair decision, F. Holt has forwarded the following letter to the secretary of the Gisborne Boxing Association:—

I protest against the payment of the stakes to Bert Lowe in the match Lowe v. Holt on February 1 on the following grounds. Firstly, that the referee placed his hand on my shoulder and prevented me, by so doing, from rising from my knees to continue the fight. Secondly, that in the first count he (the referee) stopped at "eight," turning and placing his hands, as before said, on my shoulder, starting a second count; on reaching "three" stopped and awarded the fight to Lowe contrary to any boxing, ruling, or rule of the N.Z. Boxing Council. Thirdly, the referee (vide Poverty Bay "Herald," February 2nd), admitted he had made a mistake, and I ask for the sake of my future career that the matter may be investigated and brought through the proper channels to the N.Z. Boxing Council.

SHOULD MEET AGAIN.

The Holt-Lowe match has created great interest in boxing circles, and it is quite evident that the staging of a return contest between the pair would not only set at rest all doubts as to the cleverer boxer of the 2, but would result in the boxing association which took the match in hand receiving a fair share of remuneration for its trouble. Should the Northern Association hold a carnival in March, it should certainly give the prospects of a return match between Holt and Lowe due consideration.

GISBORNE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS.

The winners in the various grades at the Gisborne Boxing Association's tournament were as follows:—Bantamweight: Davis; featherweight: Parker; lightweight: R. McCallum; welterweight: Richardson; middleweight Long and Nicolas (a draw); heavyweight: V. Lowe.

Owing to Sam McVea's obstinacy in refusing to give Sam Langford a return match in Australia, Mr. H. D. McIntosh has served the coloured one with a writ for breach of contract, and the case will be heard in the Sydney courts.

At Hastings on Thursday night the contest between Barney Ireland (11.2), of Waipawa, and Jim Sharp (12.5), of Tinui, resulted in an easy victory for the former, who knocked Sharp out in the fourth round. Ireland's quickness and cleverness completely baffled Sharp, who was out-fought in each round.

Jack Lester and "Cyclone" Johnny Thompson were to meet last night



YOUNG O'NEIL, of Westport, a clever "flyweight" boxer, who issues a challenge throughout the Dominion. Alongside O'Neil is his tutor. (See Letterpress.)

dently Holt's intention in the first place to take the full nine seconds in rising to his feet, and the referee's ordered to "box on" must have appeared to him to be a little premature.

In boxing matches in which one of the contestants has been sent to the boards, it is always considered a sportsmanlike act on the part of the other boxer to allow his opponent to properly regain his feet before inflicting further punishment upon him, even though there is nothing to prevent him from rushing in and finishing his man before the latter has gained his equilibrium. In the case of the Holt-Lowe contest, the latter boxer was almost standing over Holt at the time the Auckland was expected to rise, Holt being given an unfair chance to regain his feet under the circumstances. Taking all things into consideration, especially the referee's technical error, it would have been better had Mr. Fake let the contest proceed, as Holt was plainly the victim of a misunderstanding, and to have the decision given against him in this manner was undoubtedly more the result of ill luck than anything else.

LESTER'S BREACH RECALLED.

Although not an exactly parallel case, the Holt-Lowe incident recalls to memory the first match between the young American Jack Lester and Bill Lang, which took place in Sydney in May last. It will be remembered that Lang won the decision over Lester, as the result of the American committing a breach of the Marquis of Queensbury rules by going down before being struck. The incident in question happened towards the end of the sixth round of the Lang-Lester battle. The American delivered a heavy blow at Lang's body, but it landed on the Australian's fending elbow, and Lester's hand was partially crippled. Suffering intense pain Lester turned his back on his opponent and started to walk to the middle of the ring. Lang followed, and was preparing to deliver a blow when the American dropped on one knee. The referee, "Snowy" Baker, thereupon disqualified Lester for dropping without receiving a blow and declared Lang the victor.

(Wednesday) in Sydney and the result of the battle between these two well-known American boxers will be read with interest. The contest in question is Lester's last fight in Australia, for he is under orders to sail for America by the next boat.

Young O'Neil, of Westport, whose portrait appears in these columns, is anxious to box any lad in the Dominion at 7st 10lbs. O'Neil turns the scale at 7st 4lbs, so that his challenge is one that should receive consideration from aspiring flyweights. The youngster in question is agreeable to travel to any part of the Dominion to box for a suitable trophy, provided his expenses are paid. Young O'Neil has quite a number of performances to his credit, which he may well feel proud of. It was while weighing but 6st 10lbs that he won his first tournament, beating lads 14lbs and 20lbs heavier than himself. Since then he has won 6 other tournaments, in addition to which he has fought six special bouts, winning on four occasions, and losing twice, the two boys who defeated him having a big advantage in weight, one scaling 8.13. O'Neil has also secured four valuable cups, presented to him for exhibition sparring. He was to have fought Jimmy Ferguson, of Waipawa, at the last tournament, at Westport, but Ferguson failed to put in an appearance.

uppercut. Howard again arose, but he was dazed, and Referee Mitchell very properly stopped it and declared Clabby the winner.

The 20 rounds contest between Dave Smith and "Cyclone" Johnny Thompson drew a big crowd at the Sydney Stadium, despite the fact that the former was perhaps the hottest odds-on favourite that has ever boxed at the Rushcutter's Bay convincing ground. Smith knew his opponent's tactics to a nicety, and the majority of the American's cyclonic hits were wasted on the elusive Australian, whose generalship and excellent judgment enabled him to win all the way. Thompson repeatedly attempted to lure his opponent on in the close fighting, but Smith contented himself mostly with blocking the American's furious onslaughts, while in the open he out-boxed Thompson badly, increasing his points lead in every round. In the final round Thompson fought savagely for a knockout, but all to no purpose, the agile Smith causing him endless trouble, and gaining a popular decision by a wide margin.

American papers to hand convey the interesting news that Jack Johnson will of a certainty re-enter the pugilistic arena at no distant date, and the champion has lately been besieged by boxing promoters with their

Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, is not as well-known to the average boxing enthusiast as many lesser lights of the ring. Flynn has always been referred to as an Italian, whose real name was Chiariglioni. This, however, is a mistake, accredited to the fact that he assumed the name of his step-father. The great pugilist claims Irish-German parentage, with Flynn as the correct name. Flynn was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, in 1882, and when he was about four years old his people moved to Pueblo. Flynn attended school as little as possible until he was able to go to work as a blacksmith's helper, which was when he was fourteen years old. After a three years' apprenticeship he worked as a locomotive fireman for seven years on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. His salary varied from £32 to £25 a month. Plenty of opportunities for rough and tumble fighting offered, and Flynn was so uniformly successful he began to consider a ring appearance.

It was in 1901 that the chance Flynn had waited for came his way, for he was matched to fight a barber named Ed Chambers, who had quite a reputation, before the Rovers' Athletic Club of Pueblo. This was Flynn's first appearance for money, although he had been in many private bouts. Chambers ran out of the ring after

ness to meet all comers is what has earned Flynn his present prosperity, for no game is too tough for him. He can take a terrific lacing himself while the "kick" he carries in his right mitt always represents an interesting possibility for an opponent.

Flynn's notable battle with big Al Kaufmann gave fight critics an idea of the former's remarkable calibre. Flynn took a great deal of punishment, but in the last round of a ten session affair he gave enough more than he took to put Kaufmann down for the count. Flynn then "tried out" big Carl Morris, the Oklahoma "Hope," in New York, and while no knockout was secured owing to Morris's gameness and strength, boxing critics declared Morris was far from ready for the game of Champion Jack Johnson. Flynn does not make any big claims as the result of these victories. Johnson once defeated him, and Flynn isn't clamouring for a return match. He thinks he has a "chance," and if an opportunity offered he would fight Johnson simply because fighting is his business.

Al Palzer, who is named as Johnson's second opponent, lately defeated Al Kaufmann in five rounds, and if all that is claimed for this new "White Hope" is gospel, then he is surely destined to take a prominent part in the world's championship dispute. A year ago Palzer was a farmer's boy working on his father's farm in Iowa, but being modelled on the lines of the ideal heavyweight, he decided to quit farm life and try his hand at the boxing game. He won several minor fights, and then placed himself under the control of that great boxing tutor, Tom O'Rourke, who spared no pains in moulding young Palzer into a perfect fighting machine. During his short term at the boxing business, Palzer has shown wonderful improvement, and possesses all that goes to make a champion—aggressiveness, gameness, and stamina. Palzer's worst fault is too much anxiety; he wants to beat his opponent in one round, but with further experience it is almost certain he will adopt different tactics. Good judges, however, affirm that within a year Palzer will be the toughest stumbling block ever seen in the heavyweight division.

Referring to the Barry-Lang fight, the Sydney "Sportsman" comments: Jim Barry is an ugly customer. He is a man a couple of inches shorter than Lang, but with his colossal limbs, deep chest, mighty buttocks, and heavy shoulders, he looked much heavier than Lang. Barry has clear-cut features, and a large, straight nose, which shows no signs of fist visitations. As a fighter, he is a sort of a glorified Jack Lester, with a Joe Grimm flavour. A hard, pressing, rushing fighter, he invariably had Bill Lang back-peddalling away from him with considerable speed. He is not too slow on his feet, and it was very seldom that Lang's punches appeared to cause him the slightest harm. He came out of the battle absolutely unmarked, whilst the Melbourne man's left eye was a fearsome spectacle; his lip was split, his nose was bleeding, his tongue had become lacerated, and, once, what very much appeared to be a tooth flew from Lang's mouth, although some wags aver that it was Snowy Baker's collar stud which had suddenly burst. It must be said that Barry fought fair all through, as also did the Australian. Lang's straight left appeared to trouble the visitor most, but it never appeared to have any great power behind it. All the time Barry's right swings to the head were the most dangerous to the local man, and Lang's injured eye kept stopping them with monotonous frequency, although by a head-shift Bill frequently allowed them to pass round to the back of his neck. Barry also kept smashing in short hard punches to the body calculated to take a tremendous deal of steam and fighting force out of his enemy. Taking the fight all through, though, he pretty well landed three blows to Lang's one. He invariably made the fighting, and at the conclusion of the fight Snowy Baker declared him the winner. He won most decisively; there was only one in it.

A match is talked of between those two clever lightweights, Jack Read and Billy Hannan, with Melbourne suggested as the scene of combat. Should the contest eventuate it is fairly safe to predict that the meeting of the pair will provide one of the best lightweight battles seen in the Victorian capital for some time.



DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE NEW ZEALAND ATHLETIC AND CYCLING UNION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE WHICH WAS HELD AT HAMILTON ON FEBRUARY 29.—Back Row (reading from left): Messrs. J. I. Wilson (Greymouth), A. A. Campbell (Dunedin), J. M. McKay (Dunedin), P. Lindegren (Hastings), T. P. Gilfedder (Auckland), F. E. Goodey (Wellington), W. Gillespie (Masterton), A. J. Woodley (Auckland), J. H. Trinnear (Auckland). Second Row (from left): Messrs. A. J. Fisher (Blenheim), H. H. Fraser (Secretary), J. Clarke (New Plymouth), J. Kennedy (President), T. Duncan (Auckland), A. Hansen (Eltham), W. G. Callender (Hastings). Front Row (from left): J. O'Grady (official reporter), J. Collingwood (Feilding), M. Lavery (Masterton). [G. Cartwright, photo.]

Jim Barry, the young American fighter, who is to meet Sam Langford at the Sydney Stadium on Saturday is expected to make a big showing against the Boston coon, for it is stated that Barry was not seen at his best when he beat Lang a fortnight ago. Saturday's battle with Langford will be their tenth meeting, and as Barry seems to have got nearer and nearer his goal every time he has met the "Tar Baby," a great fight is anticipated, for there is no doubt that the American is the best of the white boxers at present in Australia.

Jimmy Clabby, the clever American middleweight, gave further proof of the effectiveness of his boxing powers at Melbourne last week, when he accounted for heavyweight Jack Howard in the seventh round. Howard's weight was given at 12st 7lb, while Clabby only tipped the beam at 11st, but was nevertheless a strong favourite in the betting. Clabby's varied stock of blows, combined with his lightning speed had Howard in trouble from the start and early in the seventh round the end came. Howard dropped from the effects of a hard left and right to the jaw and mouth. Regaining his feet, he received a second dose, which had a similar effect. Again Howard's pluck asserted itself. He wildly chased his opponent swinging with both hands. Clabby measured him coolly, and dropped him again with a smash on the chin and an

tempting offers. Notwithstanding the scarcity of good boxing material, there appears to be no difficulty in finding opponents for Johnson, but whether these aspiring heavyweights will ever actually stand face to face in the ring with the celebrated negro pugilist is quite another matter. A cable received in Sydney from San Francisco towards the end of last month announces that a syndicate at New-haven, Connecticut, U.S., have offered Johnson a guarantee of £10,000 to fight two fifteen rounds contests in the same afternoon, one against "Fireman" Jim Flynn, and the other against Al Palzer. The syndicate have applied to the police for the necessary permission to stage the bouts, and meanwhile further developments are awaited with no little interest. The matching of Jack Johnson against Flynn and Palzer in the one afternoon emphasises more than ever the great superiority of the coloured boxer over the white man, for Flynn and Palzer are unquestionably the two greatest white heavyweights of the present day. Jim Flynn is already well known to boxing followers, having basked in the limelight of ring adoration for a number of years, but it is only of late that Al Palzer's name has flashed across the cables as a coming world-beater.

Despite his ten years of prize-ring fighting, and the fact that he is the greatest white fighter of to-day, Jim

four rounds and Flynn was given £125 as the winner's share. Finally the railroad authorities began to take notice of Flynn's ring activities, and before his first fight with George Gardner, a 20-round draw, he was sent a letter warning him either to keep up his firing or get fired. Flynn managed not to receive the letter until after the contest, so was reinstated in his position after an investigation. Soon afterwards, however, he resigned and formally entered the boxing game. Then followed bouts with the best men in the light heavyweight and heavyweight ranks, including a go with the present champion, Jack Johnson, who stopped him in eleven rounds in San Francisco in 1907.

Jim Flynn is not likely ever to be world's champion, but he is likely to upset premature aspirations of any "white hope" who is not pretty well fortified with cleverness and experience. Flynn admits he never has been a clever boxer, doesn't ever expect to be, and furthermore, doesn't want cleverness. He's afraid cleverness might rob him of his punch. What's the use of being clever, argues Flynn, when you can defeat clever fellows of your weight. Flynn believes he can defeat any white pugilist of his weight in the world, a good many above his weight, and, furthermore, he is willing to meet any of the rest of them, whether he thinks he can beat them or not. The willing-

THE STAGE

AUCKLAND FIXTURES.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

February 8—15—Ethel Irving.
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July 22 to August 3—"The Blue Bird."
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TOWN HALL.

Newbury-Spada "Pops"—Every Saturday night.
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QUEEN'S THEATRE.

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HIS MAJESTY'S.

"ALIAS JIMMY VALENTINE."

A STIRRING COMEDY-DRAMA.

After the sensations and thrills of "The Speckled Band," presented by J. C. Williamson's London Dramatic Company, Paul Armstrong's comedy-drama "Alias Jimmy Valentine" came as a pleasant relief. Suggested to the playwright by O. Henry in his "A Retrieved Reformation," the piece is strong in human interest, the characters being drawn from life. Sing Sing Prison, New York, serves to introduce three prisoners who after serving their time, taste the sweets of liberty once more. The love of a good woman keeps one on the straight path, and his friendship for his pals similarly encourages the latter. There is the sleuth-hound detective always on their track, pitiless and malevolent, and the story is woven through highly emotional interludes, culminating in the detective being dissuaded from his purpose, by the noble self-sacrifice of the "crook" he had determined to down.

That fine actor, Mr William Desmond was refreshingly natural and withal forcefully convincing in his portrayal of the role of Lee Randal, alias "Jimmy," and he had the audience as keen to work out his salvation, as he was. Dainty Miss Dorothy Dix with her charm of beauty and womanly sweetness, captured all, and easily justified "Jimmy's" desire for regeneration. Mr J. B. Atholwood gave another brilliant characterisation as a "crook", his every move being followed with tense interest, while another clever study was afforded by Mr Leslie Victor in that line. Mr George Bryant as the gaol warden put in some masterly work. Mr Gaston Mervale stood out conspicuously as the detective, investing the part with remarkable strength, while Mr Winter Hall as the Lieutenant-Governor left nothing to be desired. Miss Susie Vaughan, Miss Georgie O'Meara, Mr Fred Cambourne, Mr Boyd Irwin did acceptable work, while Master Jack Ferguson and little Vera Spauld deserve a special word of praise. The company concluded their Auckland season last night.

MISS ETHEL IRVING.

"LADY FREDERICK" TO-NIGHT.

"Lady Frederick," the opening production of the Ethel Irving Auckland season which is limited to seven nights commencing to-night (Thursday, February 8th), is by that brilliant dramatist, Somerset Maugham. It is described as "a play of disillusionment," and contains one of the most

audacious scenes ever offered to comedy audiences. A youthful lord is very much in love with the heroine, a vivacious Irish widow. He wants to marry her, and his tempestuous emotion proves rather upsetting. Furthermore, his parents are against the alliance. Lady Frederick's reckless disregard of the conventions has set the tongue of scandal wagging. She is rather attracted by her youthful lover, but realises his inexperience. So, in order to put an end to his demonstrative affection, she invites him to her dressing-room, and deliberately goes through the process of "making-up" for the day. The young man's soul revolts at finding what he thought natural charms to be but cosmetics, and he incontinently leaves. Miss Ethel Irving will be in the title role, which she played for over 600 nights in London. "Lady Frederick" will be played for the first four nights of the season, and "The Witness for the Defence" will close the brief season with three performances. The box plans are now on view at Wildman and Arey's.

a dipsomaniac on the verge of delirium tremens. The first act consists largely of a iogacious monologue by the argumentative, irascible, brutal husband. Stella's tears and alarm are witnessed by Thresk, in whom she silently recognises an admirer to whom she was attached in her girlhood days seven years before. There is a tender scene between the two; and after his final departure, as she meditates suicide with a gun in her hand, the maniac taunts her with "Why don't you shoot yourself, and rid me of a fool?" and the beginning of a hand-to-hand struggle closes the act in the same spirit of grim and sordid tragedy. Then comes an entrancing love-comedy to lighten the tragedy.

Herr Lehar is said to have already made £500,000 out of his operas within the past decade, and the triumphant progress throughout the world of "The Merry Widow" has brought him no less than £300,000.

for a greasy jersey and a sou'-wester, but all the same, we saw and heard that rusty-voiced old beer-soaker pitch, his untruthful but excruciatingly funny yarn as distinctly and as effectively, as if that individual himself had just stepped ashore from his dirty old coal barge. I commenced to realise that I was listening to no ordinary entertainer or humourist, but to a man capable of putting the spark of life into the dry bones of words which an author has to use to faintly convey the creations of his mind. Then like a flash the performer completely changed his identity, and we found ourselves following the fortunes of a love-sick yokel who sent us into fits of laughter by an account of remarkable versatility. It would take too long to enumerate in detail the feast of good things that were put before us. The programme included, on the evening I refer to, Blascheck's marvellous study of an old Justice of the Peace, a wonderful representation of an east-end coster, the charming story of "The Little Red Ribbon" (all written and composed by the performer himself), and the most dramatic and original rendering of Marc Anthony's oration over the body of Julius Caesar that I have ever heard in my life. What a range of subjects. What an extraordinary exhibition of versatility! Yes, the man is a genius; there is no other word that describes him."

NEWBURY SPADA CONCERTS.

FAREWELL APPEARANCES.

The news that only two more concerts are to be given by those two talented artistes, Mr. Philip Newbury and Madame Spada, will be heard with general regret. Mr. Newbury is leaving New Zealand shortly for London, via the United States, and his arrangements will only permit of a limited season here. Patrons, however will always retain happy memories of the musical treat he has afforded them. Last Saturday the talented tenor received an ovation for his masterly rendering of "Cujus Animam," and for a selection from "La Boheme," while he further delighted his audience by singing those ever-green ballads, "Annie Laurie," and "When Other Lips." Madame Spada sang, "Sleep, Baby, Sleep," most charmingly, and divided the laurels with Mr. Newbury in the duet, "A Night in Venice." Mr. Oliver Farrow made his first appearance in these concerts, and as was to be expected had a great reception. Mr. Ernest Parkes, Mr. Harold Gregson, and Herr Raymond Pechotsch by their artistic items, also contributed materially to the general enjoyment.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Merit still characterises the programme presented at the Queen's Theatre, and it is no wonder that "house full" is quite a regular occurrence. A study that created more than ordinary interest was that dealing with the evolution of flowers, the unfolding, growth and development of several exquisite specimens from seed to fruition being marvellously revealed. "A Miser's Heart," was alive with dramatic interest, and found a ready appeal amongst young and old, with its teaching of "A little child shall lead them." The exclusive Western life drama, "The New Cowboy" left nothing to be desired in the way of excitement, and was a masterpiece in effect. Needless to say it had a good hearing. "The Vagabonds," depicting life amongst the American nightriders, was another stirring piece, not a detail being missed in an adventurous career. A carefully selected series of humorous subjects was interspersed and provided plenty of merriment. A tuneful little orchestra played appropriate selections which were much appreciated. Visitors to town desiring half an hour's rest from the busy turmoil should not miss this retreat in Queen-street.



MISS ETHEL IRVING'S FAMOUS BOUDOIR SCENE IN "LADY FREDERICK."

"WITNESS FOR THE DEFENCE."

Referring to "The Witness for the Defence" (which is to be staged on Tuesday), Miss Ethel Irving says:—"I have never done a bad night's business with it. In a season in Lodo characterised by but few successes, we were exceedingly fortunate to get such a striking play as this. It 'made good' right from the start. Its author is A. E. W. Mason, whose books 'The Four Feathers,' 'The Broken Road,' Miranda of the Balcony,' must be well-known to New Zealanders. It is a wonderful dramatic creation. The story is compelling, and the characters are real types. I play Stella Ballantyne. I call it an overwhelming part, and one of the hardest—physically and mentally—that an actress could be called upon to undertake. The night before I sailed for Australia it reached its hundredth night at the St James's. Sir George Alexander played in it." The story opens in the richly-furnished interior of a spacious tent at a hill-station in Rajputana, where Stella, in misery and fear, is awaiting the arrival of a guest, Henry Thresk, who is to dine with her and her husband, Stephen Ballantyne, the latter

TOWN HALL.

JOSEPH BLASCHECK.

"THE MAN IS A GENIUS."

Mr. Joseph Blascheck, the eminent humourist and elocutionist who opens a five nights' season at the Town Hall to-night, gives an entertainment which is quite distinctive from anything we have ever had before. Character sketches, humorous songs, stories and monologues, dramatic recitations and caricature studies follow each other in rapid succession. No performer that has ever been to this country has received such unstinted praise from the critics. Miss Wrighton, who supports him, is a charming vocalist and entertainer, and she too is an artiste of exceptional merit.

"There was no fuss, no posing for effect (says an old Australian playgoer), but the two artists secured the interested attention of the audience immediately by a witty little duet touching upon some of the peculiarities of concerts and concert-goers. We were then treated to a fine character study of one of those lying old humbugs, such as W. W. Jacobs has made us familiar with in his inimitable stories. Blascheck didn't paint his face or change his evening dress

IN PERSONAL TOUCH.

When Miss Ethel Irving's Australasian tour is completed, she takes up a remarkable starring engagement at the London Colosseum. Her performance will comprise a sketch, and her salary will be £600 per week—the largest paid to an actress at a London music hall, with the exception of Sara Bernhardt, who received £1,000 per week. Miss Irving will then once more enter upon her own management.

"Lady Frederick," the comedy by Somerset Maugham, to be staged in New Zealand by Ethel Irving, holds the record for comedy in England. It was staged at five successive theatres in London, and ran for over 700 nights. It is said that it contains more satirical and humorous epigrams than any other comedy ever turned out by an English playwright.

"The Speckled Band" Company concluded their Auckland season last night in "Alias Jimmy Valentine" to another appreciative audience. They play at New Plymouth to-morrow night in "The Speckled Band."

Mr. Joseph Blascheck and Miss Mildred Wrighton open at the Town Hall in their humorous recital to-night. As society entertainers they have few, if any, equals on the British platform to-day, and this is largely due to their powers to create as well as imitate.

Mr. Gaston Mervale, of the "Speckled Band" Company, is keenly interested in cinematography. He intends pictorialising New Zealand scenery, Maori life, and its legends being included in the scheme.

Miss Maud Williamson and Mr. Alfred Woods are reviving "Boy Jim" at the Theatre Royal, Adelaide. Miss Williamson dramatised it from Conan Doyle's "Rodney Stone" sixteen years ago.

The marriage has been announced of Miss Marie Narelle, the popular Australian singer to Mr. Harry Currie, a New York electrical engineer. Miss Narelle toured New Zealand some five years ago.

Mr. Allen Doone, the Irish singing comedian, opens in Irish comedy drama at His Majesty's on March 4th in "Sweet County Kerry."

Thus his late Majesty King Edward VII after hearing Joseph Blascheck:—"I could not have believed it possible for an actor to so completely change his identity without using any paint, wigs, or costumes. Your J.P. item made me laugh until I felt ashamed of myself, but when I saw His Grace the Bishop of London almost screaming with laughter, I then felt I had not exceeded the bounds."

Harry Lauder has arranged to make a trip round the world, beginning in December, 1913. He will visit the United States, Canada, Vancouver, Australia and New Zealand.

The death is reported from America of Miss Edith Crane, the wife of Mr. Tyrone Power, and the creator of the part of Trilby in Australia and New Zealand.

"A play written by a woman for women," is the manner in which an English paper recently described Mrs. Morton Powell's English success, "Driving a Girl to Destruction," which is to be staged in Melbourne, under the Marlow banner.

The New Zealand tour, which has been arranged for Allan Hamilton's Repertoire Company, is as follows:—Auckland, 26th February; Gisborne, 11th and 12th March; Napier, 14th, 15th, and 16th; Hastings, 18th; Wellington, 19th to 26; Christchurch, 28th to 4th April; Dunedin, Easter.

An ardent motorist is Mr. Allen Doone, making nearly all his trips from town to town by that mode of transit. At the conclusion of his recent Brisbane season, Mr. Doone and a party of friends set out in his own motor for Sydney. Owing to several



MR. JOSEPH BLASCHECK, the famous English humorist who opens his entertainment, "Society Snap-Shots," at the Town Hall to-night.



MISS MILDRED WRIGHTON, who is to appear in conjunction with Mr. Joseph Blascheck at the Town Hall to-night.

accidents early on the trip they found that, in order to reach Sydney in time to catch the New Zealand boat, it would necessitate making a record. This was accomplished, however, and the party eventually arrived ahead of time, and doing the trip of 735 miles in 35 hours, driving time. This is claimed as a record from Brisbane to Sydney.

Miss Wells of Brennan's Vaudeville, is a most refined, highly educated coloured lady. Her father is a barrister practising in New York. Miss Wells herself speaks no less than seven different languages. A much admired feature of her stage-work is the elaborate and costly creations in the way of dresses that she disports.

GREENROOM GOSSIP.

A Tribute from "Punch."

Miss Ethel Irving's acting in the title role is well known to Melbourne playgoers, says "Punch" on the return of that lady to Melbourne in "Lady Frederick," after a season in Adelaide and Sydney, and, of itself, justified the reputation of the lady as the greatest comedienne upon the English stage. The impersonation has all the daintiness, mercuriality (if one may coin a word), and irresponsibility of a spoilt and wilful young Irish widow, with that further Hibernian characteristic of a warm and feeling heart within, and a power of self-sacrifice in a woman's greatest foible, her personal appearance, when the opportunity arrives and the necessity becomes urgent. There is no need, on the occasion of a revival, to enter fully into the actress' good points, but there is one shining characteristic of her performance that cannot be too often emphasised or too warmly admired, for it is an object lesson to all aspirants for the stage. This is what seems to be Miss Irving's complete and unforced naturalness. Nine out of every ten playgoers probably fail to recognise that there is a very wide difference between being natural and "acting natural."

Head-liners in Brennan's.

Prominent amongst the "stars" in Brennan's Vaudeville, opening on February 16th, is the almost human orang-outang, who performs a variety of entertaining acts, unsurpassed even by a human being. He skates, rides a bicycle, drives a motor car, cooks a dinner, and eats it, and does a multiplicity of other startling things. Johnston and Harvey, the Jewish comedians, are recognised to be the head of the profession in their class. They are quite in advance of anything ever seen or heard in Australasia before. Eva Mudge is the American lady who went to England and completely captivated London with her wonderful quick-change character act. Les Petit Totos are continental performers, and are known as "The Boy Darlings of Paris." Their gymnastic act is sensational and thrilling to a degree. Johnson and Wells are American coloured performers who also have appeared in London, and on the Continent. Archie (boy) Glen, is known as the "Laugh in Every-Line Comedian" whose songs and jokes are funny in the extreme and entirely wholesome. Nelle Kolle is a male impersonator and an extraordinary singer, and it is claimed for her that her songs have a greater fascination than any other male impersonator in the world. Mr. Howard is a base singer with new songs, and the other members of the company possess exceptional talent which make for the biggest and brightest entertainment that can be crowded into two hours and a-half.

"The Blue Bird" Coming.

Herbert Trenck's complete London company is coming to Australia to stage Maeterlinck's fairy play, "The Blue Bird," under the management of J. C. Williamson, Limited. The production will be given exactly as in London. The company sails for Australia on February 9th, and opens in Sydney on the same night as the Oscar Asche-Lily Brayton Company make their re-appearance at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne. The position will be unique—the appearance simultaneously in two Australian capitals of two such notable attractions presented by complete English companies, and with every detail as in London.

Wanted a Tramp!

The Melbourne Theatre Royal management advertised as follows last week: "Wanted, a real live tramp. One with a romantic history preferred, for 'Passers-By.' Personal application (for obvious reasons) will disqualify." The advertisement appeared for five days, and only six applications were received. Five of these appeared to be genuine, and one was palpably a "joke." Strange to say, however, one of the applicants proved his bona fides as a relative of a well-known English baronet; and stated that he came to Australia some years ago to gain "colonial experience," had lost everything he had in a bush fire in the district, where he had taken up a selection, and bad health had made it impossible for him to undertake regular employment. He described himself as a "professional wanderer and liver of the simple life."

SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES.

WELLINGTON.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, Feb. 5.

The Wellington season of the H. B. Irving Company at the Opera House is proving a huge financial success. Every evening since the opening night the theatre has been packed to the doors. "Hamlet," which was the opening production, will be played for the last time this evening. To-morrow night "Louis XI" will be staged for two nights. The last four nights of the season will be devoted to "The Lyons Mail" (two nights) and "The Bells" (two nights).

Mr. Fred Duval is expected in town on Tuesday morning to complete arrangements for the opening of the Allen Doone Company at the Opera House on the 17th in the musical drama "Sweet County Kerry." The company that has been engaged to support Mr. Doone is said to be a very capable one. The second production of the season will be a drama entitled "A Romance in Ireland." Mr. Charles R. Stanford is stage manager, whilst Mr. Stanley Grant is business manager.

Miss Ethel Irving and her Company are due to arrive on Wednesday by the Ulimaroa. They join the Main Trunk express the same day for Auckland, where they are due to open on the 8th. From Auckland the company jump to Christchurch for a season, after which Dunedin will be visited. The Wellington season opens on March 19th, and will extend until the 28th.

Since the above was written I notice by the cables that the Ulimaroa left Sydney at 7 p.m. on Saturday. It will take fast steaming for the steamer to arrive in time to catch the Auckland express on Wednesday.

A company has been formed to erect a picture theatre and skating rink on a site in Thorndon.

Dannevirke's new theatre, which has been designed by Mr. William Pitt, of Melbourne, will be ready for occupancy at the end of the month. It will seat 1200 people, whilst the stage has been designed in such a manner that it will allow of the scenery used in the large centres to be shown.

The Newbury-Spada "pops" at the Town Hall are proving highly successful, both artistically and financially.

Mr. John Farrell, touring representative of the H.B. Irving Company, was a passenger for Dunedin by the

Manuka last Thursday, to complete arrangements for the company's opening in Scotchopolis on Saturday, February 17th.

The attendance at the picture shows during the latter part of last week dropped off considerably, the cause being the stoppage of the tram service owing to the motormen and conductors being all out on strike.

Mr. Tom Pollard, who is well-known to all New Zealand playgoers, and who is now permanently established in Greymouth running a picture show, was in Wellington last week on a business visit. The genial Tom is looking and feeling in the best of health.

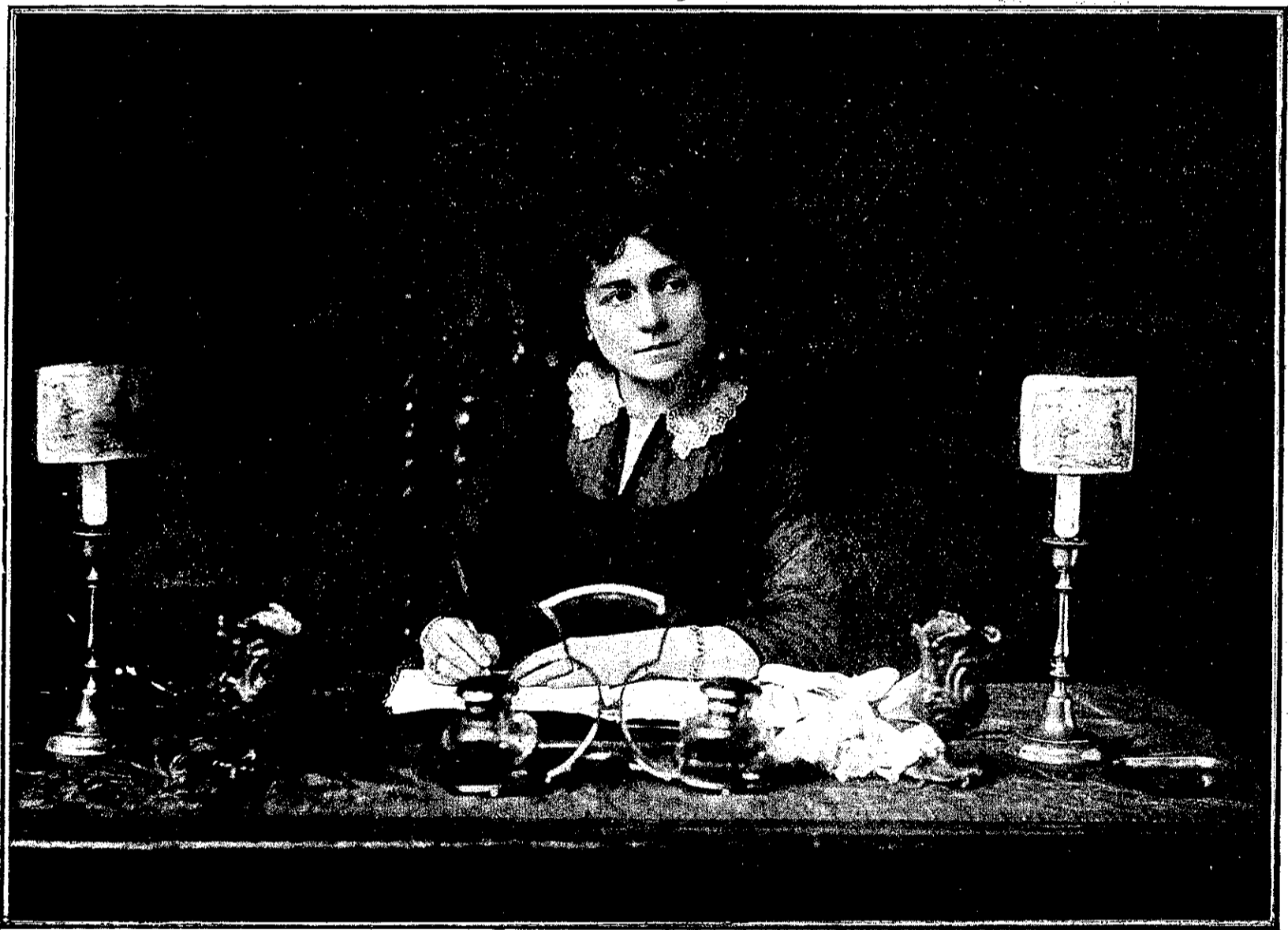
MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

By this week's English mail I received from Messrs. Enoch and Sons, the well-known music publishers of 14 and 14a Great Marlborough-street, London, W., a packet of their latest publications. "An Invocation," words by Edgar Percy, music by James Halkett, is published in two keys. The second movement is a fine declamatory passage with an appassionato finale. "When You Are Near," by Jack Thompson, contains a beautiful arpeggio accompaniment, and a refrain

that is sure to become as popular as "Sing Me to Sleep." Another of Jack Thompson's compositions, entitled "The Nightingale and the Rose," is a brilliant concert number with a very catchy waltz refrain, and is sure to become very popular. "An Enchanted Boat," by E. S. De Stein, is written in a very musicianly style. "Valgovind's Boat Song," music by Easthope Martin, is a weird composition, though written in a classical style. "The Sea Breeze and the Scarf," words by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, music by Rex. A. Cooper, is a very clever song and a composition which lady vocalists will find very acceptable. "Nightingales," by Herbert Bunning, is a very dainty little song written in the popular composer's quaint style. "Huit Pieces Breves" is a very excellent transcription for pianoforte, with a fine maestro finale. "Portrait, Valse Chantee," by C. Chaminade, is a very dainty composition for pianoforte, and is sure to become popular with players who favour a tempo rubato waltz. "All Change Here" is a waltz for the pianoforte by H. G. Pelissier. It is a pot pourri of tuneful waltz melodies effectively arranged.

Miss Ada Reeve, who is at present fulfilling a vaudeville engagement in America, is said to be the first English comedienne to sing a coon song in London.



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BILLIARDS.

The billiard match of 16,000 up between Lindrum and Reece has been won by the former, the final scores being Lindrum 16,000, Reece 9548, Lindrum thus winning by 6452 points. During the final session Lindrum made a break of 462, including 409 off the red.

The London "Sportsman" publishes the following as a good trick shot:—"Take the three balls, placing them on the right hand, left hand, and centre of the D. Then strike the ball on the left hand in order to put

to cut down the Australian's advantage to 480 as the result of just over an hour's brilliant play. Gray was palpably uneasy at this turn of events, which was reflected in the weak attempts made to get in with a break, but fortunately for the Australian's hopes and aspirations, the English champion afterwards got on to a 'bad wicket,' and with Gray making a remarkably good recovery in the closing stages, the result was hardly ever in doubt subsequently. There was just a little wave of excitement in the closing thirty minutes of the match the evening, when Stevenson came out with a wonderful 'red-ball' break, but all things considered, it was a singularly tame finish to a historic

game, Gray requiring to go nine times to the table for the last 107 points, which carried him to game a winner by 638."

CYCLING.

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it in the left top pocket; follow it with that in the centre, and finish with that on the right hand, but the last ball struck must be the first to go into the pocket, the second in its proper order, and the first last. This takes a lot of doing."

George Gray, the young Australian cueist, this season again holds pride of place in the English break list and averages made from century breaks. Having the excellent figures of 60.46 from that medium. Reece comes next with 55.67, followed by Inman with 53.80. Lindrum is fourth on the list with 53.72, a surprisingly high position, considering that he had only taken part in two games when the table was made up, and well ahead of both Stevenson and Diggle. Gray has the highest break of the season (1135), Lindrum second highest (584), followed by Inman (583), Reece (557), Stevenson (543), Roberts (540), and Aiken (524).

Particulars are now to hand by the English mail of the first match between Gray and Stevenson, and the following account of the closing session as described by "Hazard" in the "Sporting Life" is not without interest. "There were a few dramatic moments at the Holborn Hall on Saturday afternoon when the issue of the first 'test' match between Stevenson and Gray may be said to have hung in the balance. That was when Stevenson, after being 1103 behind ere the opportunity arrived of getting a stroke, came with such a rush as



MISS ETHEL IRVING AS "LADY FREDERICK."

riders his equal in the world at sprint racing. As an all-round rider he is supreme, Clark having defeated the best sprinters in America and Europe, besides having many long distance events to his credit, including two six days races. Clark, who has just arrived back in Melbourne from America has decided to team with A. J. Davies, another Victorian rider, in the forthcoming Melbourne six days race. The addition of this team to the group of riders who competed in the recent Sydney six days event, will lend considerable interest to the event that starts in Melbourne on the 19th February.

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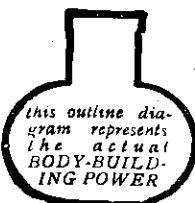
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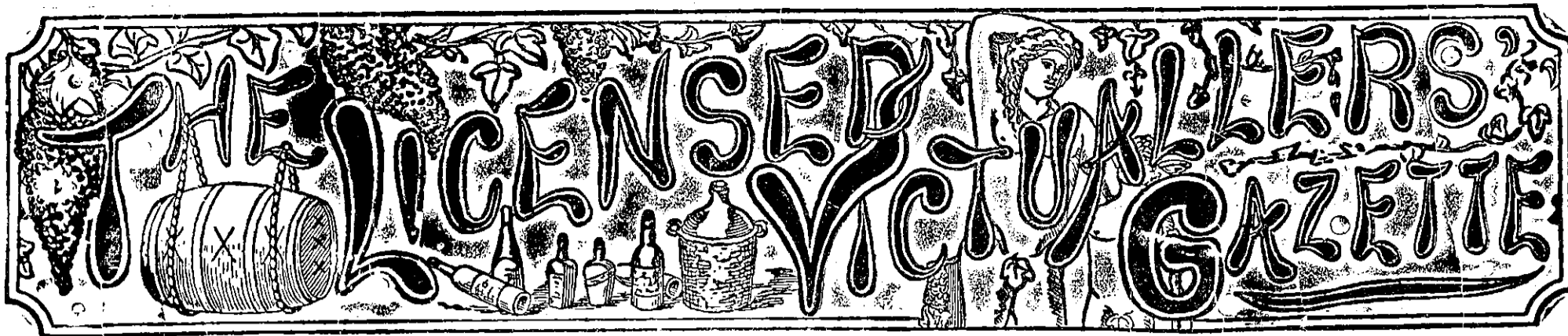
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H. J. WILLIAMS.

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

THE COUNTRY HOTELS DISPUTE.

AUCKLAND L. V. ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS TAKE A HAND.

CONDITIONS INVESTIGATED ON THE SPOT.

The President (Mr. J. S. Palmer) and secretary (Mr. J. H. Pagni) of the Auckland Licensed Victuallers' Association, who with Mr. G. H. Foster, a member of the executive of that body, are acting as assessors in the "dispute" that is alleged to have arisen between the Auckland Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union and the provincial hotelkeepers of Auckland, had quite an interesting experience last week and again on Monday this week, when they toured the country districts as far as Te Aroha, visiting and conferring with every hotelkeeper en route, and on Monday proceeded northwards as far as Kaukapakapa, returning thence via the Wade and Devonport to Auckland. In both instances the journey was undertaken by motor car, so that the tourists had a good opportunity of seeing the country, and were able to take their time over the business they had in hand.

TOURING SOUTHWARDS.

In the first instance a start was made from Auckland on Anniversary Day (Monday week), Messrs. Palmer and Pagni, with Mr. Moorhouse as chauffeur, making an early start in Mr. Pagni's 23 h.p. Daimler, a fine machine that seems to have been built for the express purpose of annihilating distance. The object of the expedition was two-fold. In the first place the tourists were desirous of investigating the labour conditions in the country hotels for themselves; in the next instance they were desirous of conferring with and counselling the hotelkeepers upon the demands that are being made upon them. The weather was exceptionally favourable for the trip, and the Main South Road, for the first portion of the journey at least, was in excellent condition for motoring. Thus a quick run was made to Papakura, the first place of call, where Messrs. E. T. Bradley, of the Globe, and W. Parkinson, of the Papakura Hotel, were interviewed, Mr. Parkinson joining the party at this stage and travelling with them through to Te Aroha and back again. At Drury the local hotelkeeper, Mr. D. J. Jackman, of the Drury Hotel, received the party with open arms, and after inspecting the arrangements of the house (a duty that was performed in each instance) and discussing the demands made by the employees, the journey was resumed, Pukekohe being the next place on the list. At the Franklin electoral centre Mr. and Mrs. J. Graham received the party, inquiries being further made into local labour conditions. Tuakau (Mr. M. Foley) and Mercer (Mr. W. C.

Rickett) were next visited, similar inquiries being made in both cases. Then the tourists sped on to Rangariri, where Mr. E. T. Bain received them with cordial hospitality. At Huntly, Mr. L. Harris welcomed them, and at Taupiri they found that Mr. George Inglis was on the eve of relinquishing business, and was transferring the license to a new comer to the district. This fact did not, however, prevent a little talk on the labour difficulty, and the visitors gained additional information there also. Ngaruawahia, with its two hotels, the Delta kept by Mr. M. Ryan and the Waipa by Mr. D. Draffin was next visited. Here further conferences took place, and the party next proceeded to Hamilton, where the party stayed for the night, conferring with such of the local licensees as were available. Mr. G. B. Hooper, of the Hamilton Hotel, and Mrs. Hooper, were away, but Mr. G. Bodley, of the Commercial, Mrs. Main, of the Waikato, and Mr. J. T. Coghlan, of the Royal, were available, and the local labour conditions were discussed with them during the evening.

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THE SECOND DAY'S BUSINESS.

An early start was made for Cambridge on Tuesday, the 30th, and the fine weather continuing, the run across country was greatly enjoyed, the beautiful landscapes that form such an attraction in the Central Waikato being much admired by the visitors. "I do not think I have ever seen more perfect scenery of its kind," Mr. Palmer told the interviewer, "nor a more typically English landscape. Cambridge reminded me very much of an old English country town. The air there seemed to be very bracing, and I liked the look of the place. They have a fine town hall there, and the town has a prosperous look about it. There are three hotels there. The Masonic was burnt down a few weeks before Christmas. It is being rebuilt, of course, but at present the licensee, Mr. W. S. King, has to confine his business to the bar trade. Mr. J. Walters has the National Hotel and Mr. A. Thomas the Central. Both are well appointed and the comfort of the guests seems to be studied in every way. From Cambridge we proceeded to Morrinsville, where Mr. J. Ganley has the Nottingham Hotel and is doing a good business. We discussed the labour conditions here also, and then left for Te Aroha, calling en route at Waihou, where Mr. P. Farquhar has the Waihou Hotel, a decidedly superior country house, well kept and well found, and possessing all the comforts of a home. At Te Aroha we met with the most hospitable treatment, the three licensees vying with one another in their attentions to our little party; indeed they seemed hardly able to make enough of us. Mr. McSweeney has the Grand Hotel, Mr. R. L. Somers the Hot Springs Hotel, and Mr. B. Goldwater the Palace Hotel. We conferred with them upon the vital topic of the hour, and gained an insight into the labour difficulty that would not have been possible otherwise. Mr. Somers escorted us through the Domain and did the honours of the town, introducing us to the lions of the place, making matters very agreeable for us. We were also able to try the waters and to take one of the hot mineral baths for which the spa is famous. Altogether it was a very pleasant and enjoyable experience, so much so that we decided to remain for the night.

MR. PALMER'S IMPRESSIONS.

"We left Te Aroha on the return trip early on Wednesday morning, and had a good run through to town arriving in Auckland at eight o'clock the same evening. En route we called

in at Frankton, and saw the licensee of the Frankton Hotel, Mr. Moriarty, whom we had missed on the outward run. The return thence to Auckland was uneventful. At Papakura, which we reached about 6.45 p.m., Mr. Parkinson left us, and in another hour and a quarter we were home ourselves." Asked if he had any comments to make upon the trip, Mr. Palmer said: "We were particularly impressed with the generally excellent conduct of the houses we visited, especially as, in some instances, local and other conditions do not make for easy working. In more than one instance we found the wife of the licensee compelled to undertake work, both in the kitchen and scullery that most certainly should not be required of her. The heavy drudgery thus forced upon them is far from satisfactory. Generally speaking I returned home well satisfied that there is a genuine desire on the part of country licensees to work harmoniously together—not merely in their own interests, but in those of the public, a general desire being expressed to see improved conditions and methods of working inaugurated. Following the citation of the country hotel-keepers, everyone of whom is individually cited to appear before the Conciliation Council on Thursday, the next move must undoubtedly be in the direction of favouring an Auckland Provincial Licensed Victuallers' Association, either as a branch of the Auckland L.V.A., or as an independent body affiliated to that association. You may," Mr. Palmer added, "take it that we had a very successful trip."

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A RUN UP NORTH.

Monday's run northwards proved just as successful as its forerunner of the previous week. The party, which on this occasion consisted of Messrs. J. S. Palmer, J. H. Pagni, Mr. Moonhouse (chauffeur) and a representative of the "Sporting and Dramatic Review," and Mr. Palmer's son, left Auckland at a quarter to eight and proceeding via the old North-road past the once famous Stone Jug and the Avordale Asylum made for Helensville via Henderson and Kumeu, the first call being made at the White House Hotel at Kumeu North. The licensee, Mr. J. W. Griffin, had, however, left for town by the early train that morning, and the visitors were unable to do more than leave their compliments and best wishes. Up to this point the road had been fairly good, but for the next few miles the "Great North-road," as it is called by the settlers and those who travel over it, proved to be somewhat of a delusion and a snare, disappearing in the grass altogether at Rewiti, and leaving the party uncertain, for the time being, whether the "road" had not vanished altogether. Thence out into Woodhill, it proved to be a narrow metal track, partly hidden by grass with flax swamps on either side. What would have happened had a vehicle come along in the opposite direction it would be hard to say. But then, were we not entering "the roadless North?"

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HELENSVILLE AND BACK.

Helensville has three hotels. The first visited was the Kaipara, run by that genial soul and good fellow Tom McElwin, who has the assistance of Mrs. McElwin, and his two sons in the business. The party were made very welcome here. At the Helensville Hotel, the licensee, Mr. P. J. Langley, was found making ready to quit the premises, the house having been sold over his head, and the purchaser being desirous of taking over the license himself. The former proprietor of the hotel had held possession for eleven years, without having a lease, and Mr. Langley had been advised that he would be all right. So eighteen months ago he took possession of the place, spent £250 in improvements, and now has to clear out. The visitors were duly sympathetic, but time pressing passed on to the Terminus Hotel, where Mr. E. J. R. Smith, most genial of hosts,

had a warm handshake and welcome for them. Thence to Kaukapakapa with its two hotels, the Bridge Hotel kept by Mr. S. McIvor (the name betrays his nationality, and the visitors found him true to the best traditions of his race), and to the Kaukapakapa Hotel, which recently changed hands, Mr. E. M. Leydon being the new licensee. The grounds at the latter hotel are fairly extensive and include a good orchard and garden. Mrs. Leydon has charge of the household arrangements, and looks after the comfort of her guests in exemplary fashion.

From Kaukapakapa the return journey was made via Wade and Devonport. At the Wade Hotel, the licensee, Mr. J. Schollum, welcomed the visitors and discussed the "demands," made on behalf of the labour union with Messrs. Palmer and Pagni. Then the final stage of the journey was entered upon, the party arriving in Devonport shortly after five o'clock.

HERE AND THERE.

The alleged "dispute" that has arisen between the Auckland Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union and the country hotelkeepers will be before the Conciliation Commissioner, Mr. Harle Giles, to-day. Messrs. J. S. Palmer, J. H. Pagni and G. H. Foster will act as assessors for the country hotelkeepers, whose case will be conducted by Mr. A. Grosvenor. Mr. T. Long will conduct the case for the employees, on whose behalf Messrs. B. Martin, C. Reeve, and D. McGowan will act as assessors.

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Thursday next, the 15th inst, is the date appointed for the return of all subscription lists in connection with the proposed Dominion testimonial to Mr. J. S. Palmer, president of the New Zealand Licensed Victuallers' Association. In Auckland the lists are returnable to Mr. J. H. Pagni, secretary of the Auckland Licensed Victuallers' Association, and in Wellington to Mr. H. J. Williams, secretary of the New Zealand Association. The date upon which the presentation will take place will be announced later.

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"Enquirer" writes to ask whether an hotelkeeper can sell whisky at a greater strength than 20 per cent. underproof. So far as we are aware there is no law upon the subject. The sale of liquor below a certain standard would probably, were it known to the authorities, lead to a prosecution for selling adulterated liquor. There is nothing to prevent the sale of overproof spirits, the term "proof" being used to denote a certain standard, ascertainable by Sykes hydrometer or other instrument, upon which the duty is levied. Proof spirit should contain 49.24 per cent. of alcohol by weight. If spirits are 20 per cent. underproof they should, therefore, contain 39.392 per cent. of alcohol. Overproof spirit would necessarily pay higher duty than proof spirit and hence would be more expensive than proof spirit. We are decidedly of the opinion that if a customer demanded proof spirits, and spirits were sold to him that could be shown to be underproof the vendor would be liable at law, but in the absence of a special demand or a special guarantee we do not see how a prosecution could hold.

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Mr. D. Sullivan, licensee of the Terminus Hotel, Wellington, who has been spending a very pleasant holiday in Rotorua, was in Auckland last week, looking up his old friends, who were very pleased to see him looking so well. He has since returned to Wellington.

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Mr. J. D. Miller has disposed of his interest in the Railway Hotel, Mercer, to Mr. W. C. Prickett, who is now in possession of the place.

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We understand that Mr. H. J. Bray has disposed of his interest in the

Commercial Hotel, Whangarei, to Mr. J. E. Faulkner, late of the Hinemoa Boarding House, Rotorua.

We learn that Mr. T. Bennett, the licensee of the Takapau Hotel, has sold out his interest to Mr. Chris. Jensen, formerly of Norsewood and Dannevirke.

It is understood that, with a view to the city of Christchurch not being put to the expense of a Licensing Committee election, it is the intention of the Licensed Victuallers' Association to approach the Christchurch Prohibition League, with a view to the association being given two representatives on the Licensing Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Morse, of the Junction Hotel, Sandon, has disposed of their business to Mr. D. Hammond, of Hunterville.

It is somewhat of a coincidence that a trophy presented by the Licensed Victuallers' Association of Palmerston North in connection with the federation pigeon match should have been won by a bird called "Ale," belonging to the "dry" area of Masterton.

Hotel proprietors in Philadelphia have decided to add 10 per cent. to visitors' bills and stop tipping the waiters and servants.

There is still at Lytchett Minster, Dorset, an old inn called "Peter's Finger," on the signboard of which is a representation of the saint holding up one hand, from which the blood is dripping.

A pleasing ceremony took place at Katikati, when a valedictory social was tendered Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, of the Talisman Hotel. Mr. Vesey Stewart, in feeling terms, referred to the loss all felt by the intended departure of the guests and presented Mr. Brown, on behalf of his Katikati friends, with a pair of silver-mounted pipes, enclosed in a case, with a suitable inscription on a silver plate. Mrs. N. A. Johnston, on behalf of the ladies of Katikati, presented to Mrs. Brown a silver-mounted mirror bearing an inscription on the back, and in sympathetic terms referred to the deep regret they all felt on the intended departure from Katikati of Mrs. Brown and her husband. Mr. Brown replied most feelingly on behalf of his wife and himself, for the valuable gifts and kind appreciation by the people of Katikati of the manner in which his business had been conducted during his sojourn amongst them.

A Masterton resident alleges that he was supplied by a "dropper" with a bottle of liquid, supposed to be whisky, for which he paid ten shillings, and that he has been ill ever since.

Drunkenness has been steadily decreasing at Port Chalmers during the past four years (says the Dunedin "Star"). The cases of drunkenness dealt with in Court in 1908-09-10-11 were respectively 128, 82, 52, and 28. The total number of criminal offences, including theft, assault, and breaches of the peace, also showed a decrease for 1911, being 33 less than in the previous year. Could this have been improved under No-license? We think not.

At the Waihi Magistrate's Court last week, Thomas Adams, formerly a storekeeper, near Waitekauri, was charged before Mr. F. J. Burgess, S.M., with sly grog-selling. He pleaded not guilty. Sergeant Wohlman said that defendant had, from October 24 to December 8, received six gallons of whisky and 10 gallons of stout and ale, and had not been able to give a satisfactory explanation as to its disposal. He had failed to account for 24 bottles of liquor disposed of in four days, and drunken men had at times been seen in the vicinity of the shanty in which Adams resided. Defendant said that he had procured the liquor for the benefit of his health. In a place like Waitekauri, when a man got in some liquor, his friends helped him to consume it. The magistrate regarded defendant's story as improbable, and convicted and fined him £25, with costs, allowing him three weeks in which to find the money.

When comets are seen the wine crop will be good, is the firm belief of wine growers over all the world.

and according to "The Wine and Spirit Circular," the facts will bear out the superstition this year. Reports from the Rhine, Marne and other great wine districts show that the vintage of 1911 will equal in quantity as well as quality that of the year 1811, which was also a "comet year." The wines of a century ago are now almost priceless, and casks and bottles bearing the year mark 1911 will probably be carefully guarded and stored for the appreciation in value and quality which will be their due by virtue of having been made in a "comet year."

Referring to the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Brown from Katikati, the correspondent of the "Bay of Plenty Times" says: No more eloquent, though silent testimony of the esteem in which they are held by the Katikati people can be given than the fact that when the Representation Commissioners in their first report recommended the area between the Uretara and Rereturakia rivers (upon which the hotel is erected) to be included in the "dry" district of Ohinemuri, a proposal was unanimously signed by every Katikati elector, including the most rigid advocates of the No-license party, and which act on their part redounds to their infinite credit.

At the Paeroa Magistrate's Court last Thursday, Mrs. J. Corbett, licensee of the Pioneer Hotel, at Hikutaia, was fined 5s and 7s costs, on each of two charges of sending liquor into a No-license district without sending a notification to the clerk of the Court. The evidence showed that the notices were sent, but were not sent by the first mail. P. McSheen was charged with keeping liquor for sale at Karangahake, but the case was dismissed, because the police failed to prove that Karangahake was in a No-license district.

The charred remains of a miner named Hopkins were found in the debris of a fire which destroyed a hotel at Granity Creek, 18 miles north of Westport, at three o'clock on Sunday morning. The hotel, a large two-storied building of 35 rooms, was occupied by Mr. Martin and owned by Mr. R. T. Watson. The fire spread to an adjoining hall, and this building was gutted. Martin, licensee, who was severely burned in endeavouring to rescue some papers, died in the Westport Hospital on Tuesday. The following are the insurances:—Buildings (Mrs. Watson), £1000 in the State Office, and £500 in the

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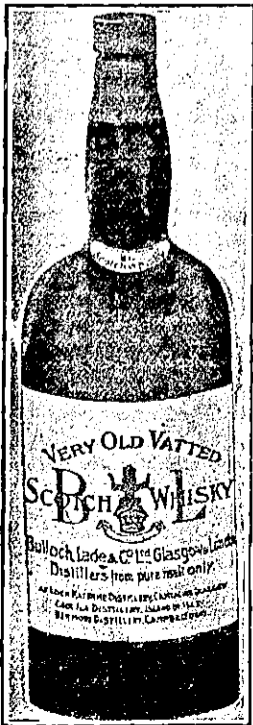
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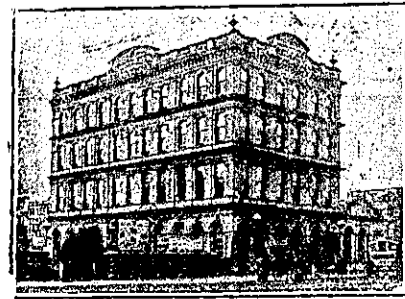
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Mr. Johnson, F.C.S., of London, who is visiting Christchurch, suggested, in the course of an interview the other day, what he described as a "middle way" for the solution of the liquor question. This is the substitution of the light beers of Europe for those generally consumed in English speaking countries. In Belgium, he said a light beer is manufactured that is excellent from every point of view. It conformed to the demand for a beverage with a very low alcohol content and a high percentage of malt extract. There was no reason why the same class of beer should not be brewed in New Zealand, which produced good malt, possessed a climate highly suitable for the operations of brewing—in short, all the essentials for making such a class of beer the drink of the people. That, he believed, would be to the common advantage because, as was generally admitted, excessive tea drinking was deleterious.

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Patrons of picture shows will be interested to learn that another attractive pictorial entertainment is to be provided them in the opening of King George Theatre for this purpose. Situated in Durham-street (opposite His Majesty's), the building has been fitted up in an up-to-date manner, no expense being spared to ensure the comfort of patrons. The management intend to produce only the best, arrangements having been made for shipments of exclusive films. The initial programme on Saturday will be a noteworthy one, and includes the representation of a powerful drama, "A Father's Forgiveness." The viceregal orchestra has been specially engaged for the musical portion.

When Elinor Glynn was refused a license by the censor for the production of a dramatisation of her novel, "Three Weeks," it was privately staged at the Adelphi Theatre, London, with an all-star cast, the

G. B. SHAW AND A CRITIC.

Stepping out between the acts of a first production of one of his plays, George Bernard Shaw said to the audience: "What do you think of it?" This startled everybody for the time being, but presently a man in the gallery assembled his scattered wits, and cried "Rotten!" Shaw made a curtsy and melted the house with one of his smiles. "My friend," he said, shrugging his shoulders, and indicating the crowd in front, "I quite agree with you, but what are we two against so many?"

TWENTIETH CENTURY DUELS.

"I will be magnanimous," said the French duellist. "Rather than risk taking human life I will fire in the air." Don't do that," responded his second; "you'd be almost sure to hit an aviator."

From the winter edition of "Ruff's Guide to the Turf," now in the press, the London Sportsman learns that the total amount of stake-money won on the flat in Great Britain and Ireland during the just expired racing season

American law and justice is a thing to wonder at. The story is told by a returned wanderer that once he attended a sitting of the Police Court in a Western township. A prisoner was charged with picking pockets. He was found guilty, but as there was no more room in the gaol at the moment the magistrate fined him 10 dollars. "But he's only got 6 dollars y'r honor," a policeman pointed out. "Well, then," replied the magistrate, tightly buttoning up his coat, "turn him loose in the crowd till he can raise the other four!"

The W.C.T.U. of Adelaide is out after the scalp of the Gambling evil; also, it has a violent grievance against the tea and chocolate sellers who promise a cricket match or a trip to Mars to whoever collects the greatest number of their wrappers. Such customs, according to the temperance advocates, raise the worst passions in the infant breast. Wonder what they'd say to the writer's wife, who invariably collects useless totalisator tickets for the children to play with!

An American paper tells a story illustrative of courage in a horse. A jockey was recently riding a thoroughbred racehorse, when he was confronted by a black bear. A pistol shot only succeeded in wounding and enraging the animal, and the racehorse "jibbed" obstinately. The jockey dismounted, and got to safety in a neighbouring tree. The bear immediately attacked the thoroughbred, and a terrific conflict of hoofs and paws took place. In a short time the bear was kicked to death. It weighed 125lb. Horses, as a general rule, fear such formidable quadrupeds as bears and tigers, and almost collapse at the sight of a camel; but the writer can cite an instance of an old thoroughbred stallion, who ran out of the plains with his mares, killing a wild camel stallion in fair fight.

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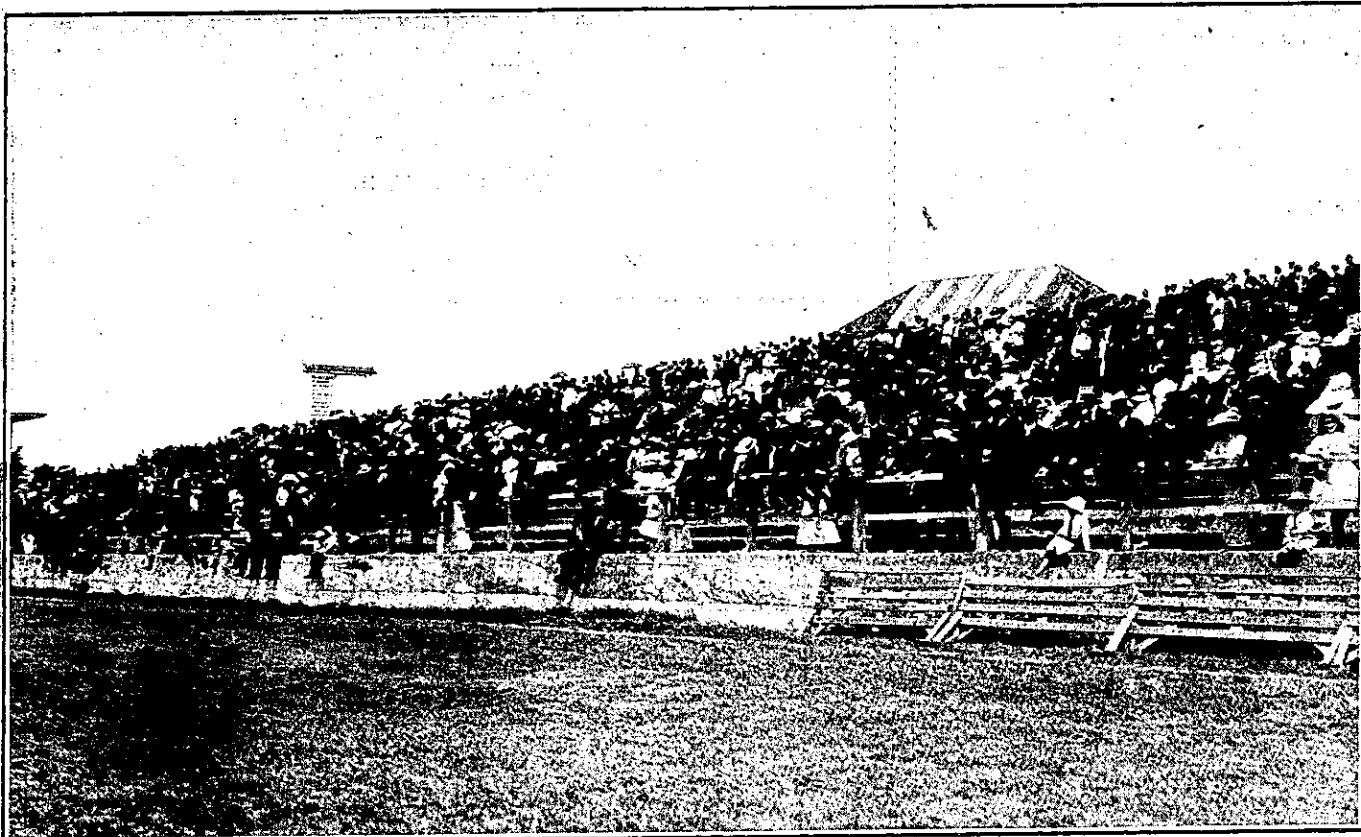
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Two cases arising out of the death of a man named Klein at Port Awanui were heard at Gisborne on Monday before Mr. W. A. Barton, S.M., when F. G. Allen, licensee of the Sea View Hotel (near Port Awanui), was charged with manslaughter, in that he supplied excessive quantities of liquor to Klein, who was under his care in a helpless condition. The magistrate, considering that there was not sufficient evidence, the charge was dismissed; but for permitting drunkenness on his premises Allen was fined £15, and had his license endorsed.

Mr. Eric Maxon, of the H. B. Irving Company, has been engaged by J. C. Williamson, Ltd., to play the title role in their coming revival of "Ben Hur," which will be produced in New Zealand towards the end of the year.

Special train arrangements have been made to meet the convenience of patrons to the Taranaki Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting on February 14 and 15, for which holiday excursion tickets will be available for return until February 17. On the two race days the usual 4.20 p.m. train from New Plymouth to Hawera will be delayed to leave New Plymouth at 6.25 p.m. for Hawera and Waitara, and will connect at Stratford with train for Te Wera.

anthress herself appearing in the principal role. Mr. George Miller, who is Bluff, the theatrical manager in "Everywoman" at Melbourne Theatre Royal, was in the cast, appearing as Captain Grigsby. Mr. Charles Hawtreay was stage manager.

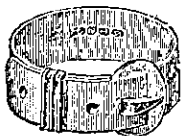
The colour harmonies in "Sinbad the Sailor" are said to be perfect. The scenery and the costumes, even the style of beauty of the girls and their relative sizes, have all been taken into account, and the delicate blending of colours is not easily forgotten. Mr. Coleman has given of his best to this pantomime, and has two scenes of Oriental beauty that might have been created from the Arabian Nights. The Port of Balsora, the Slave Market, and the Persian Garden present a feast of colours of delicately blended shades that is a delight to look at.

Peter Pan was the boy who did not want to grow up. There are many Peter Pans in Mr. Wm. Anderson's "Little Red Riding Hood" Pantomime Company, for they do not seem to get any older, though they have been before the public about five years. They are maturing, however, in skill and knowledge, and becoming artists who, when the time comes to leave the child stage, will be able to do sound work among the grown people of profession. Mr. W. Anderson has planned out an extensive Australian tour, which will probably last until next Christmas.

was £547,476 3s, which constitutes a record. The next highest total was £546,099 18s, in 1909.

Leo Fall, composer of "The Girl in the Train" and "The Dollar Princess," has written a miniature comic opera, which was to be produced at the London Hippodrome on December 18th. The title of the work is "The Eternal Waltz."

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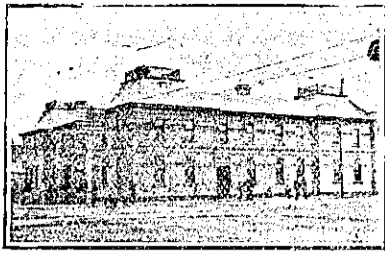
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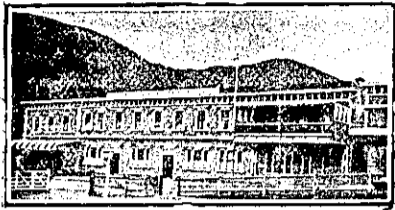
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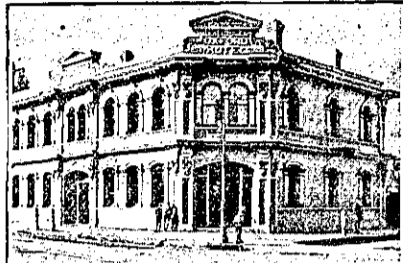
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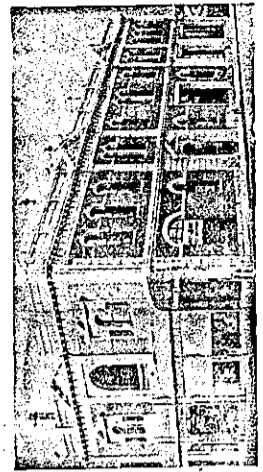
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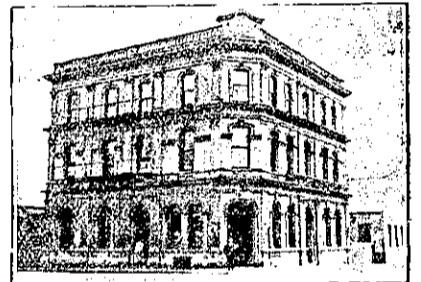
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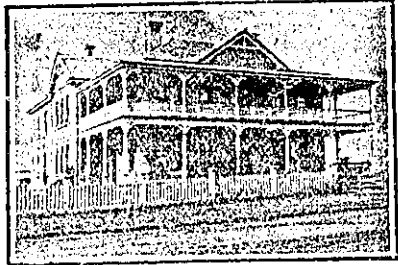
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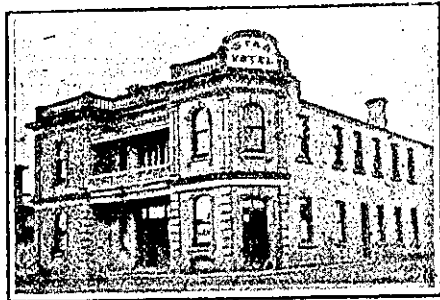
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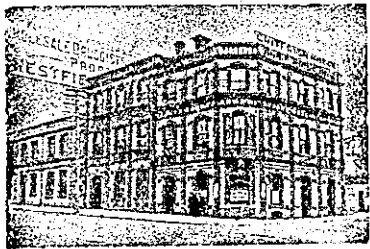
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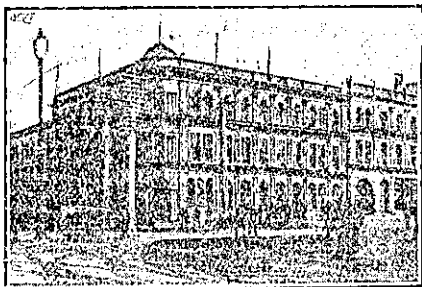
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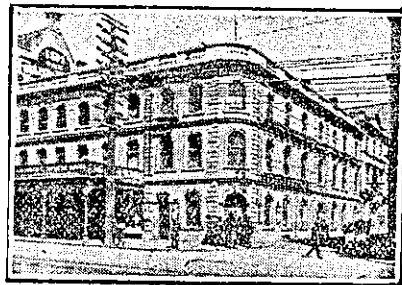
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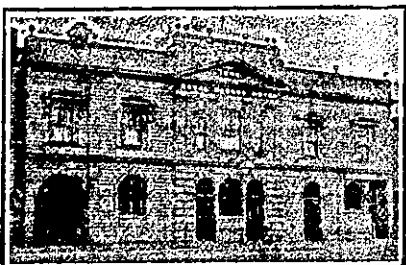
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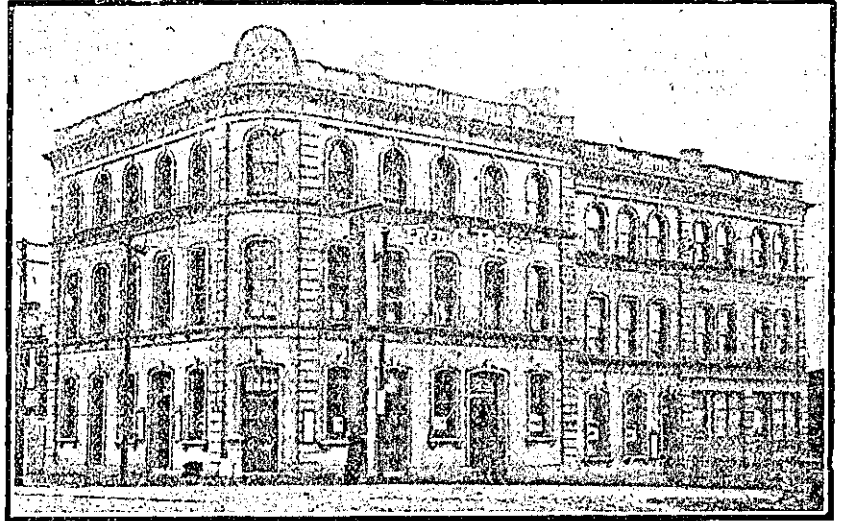


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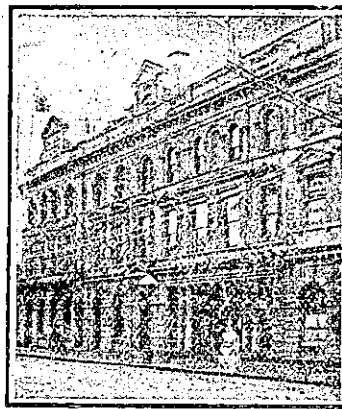
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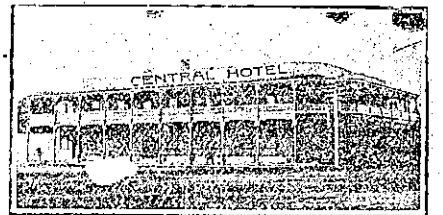
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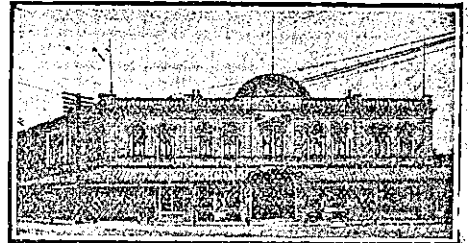


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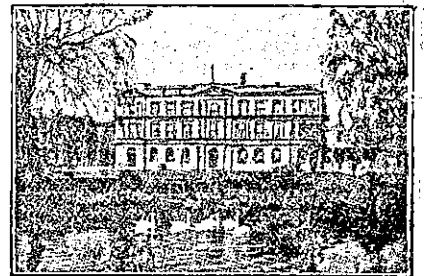
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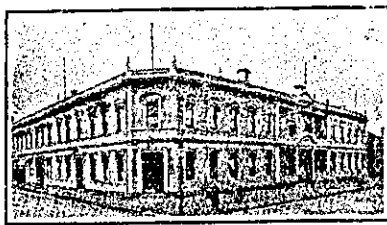


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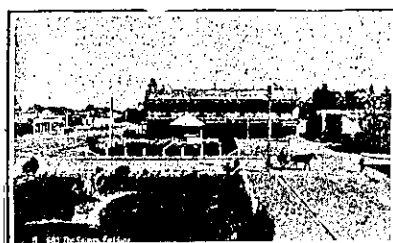
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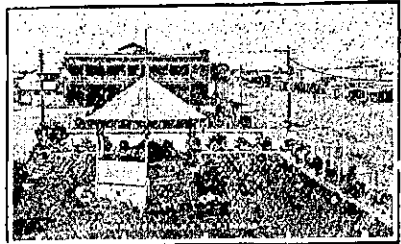
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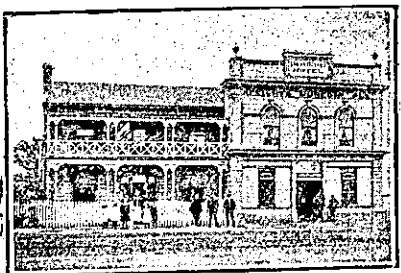


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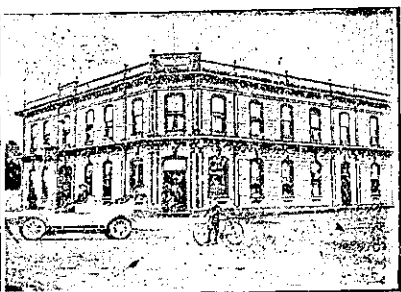


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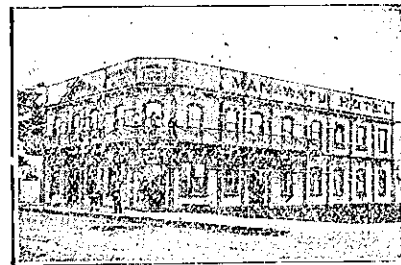
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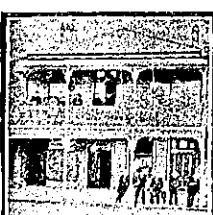


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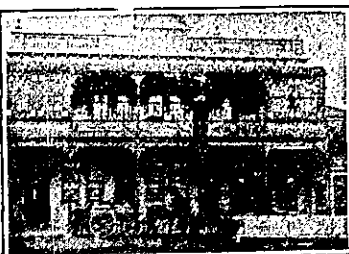
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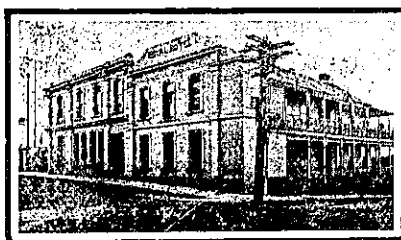
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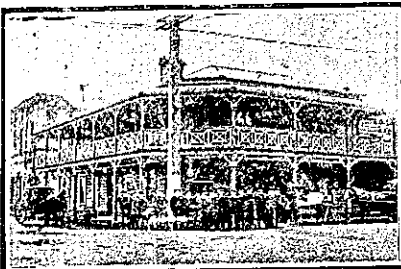
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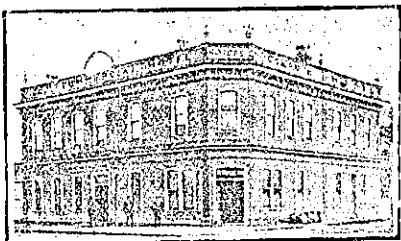


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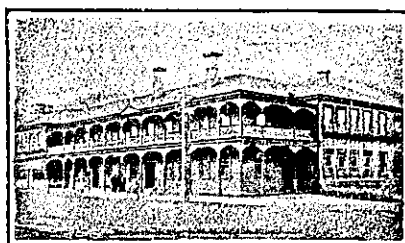
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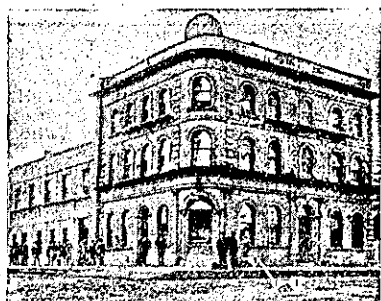
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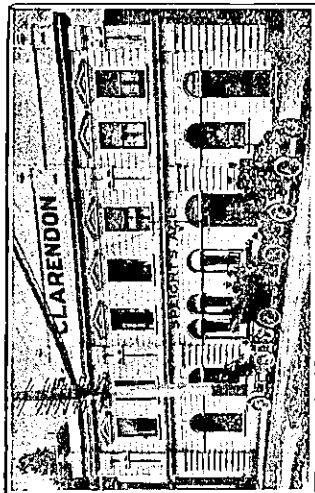
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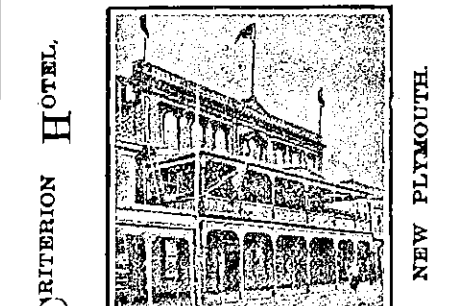
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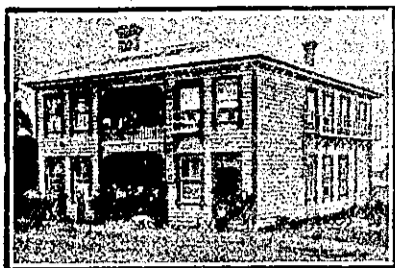
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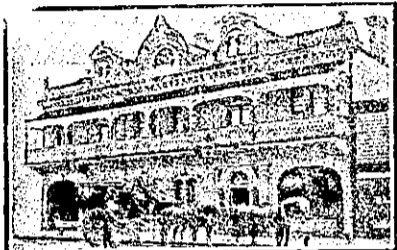
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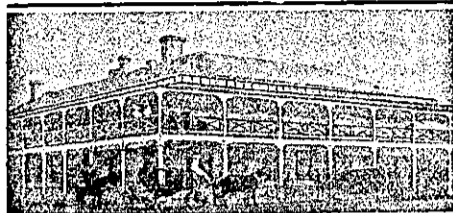
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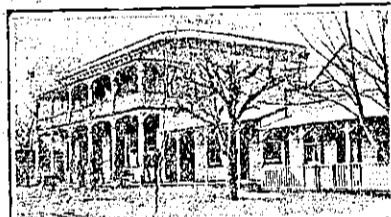
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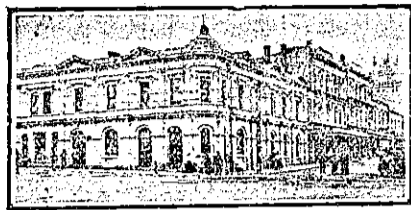
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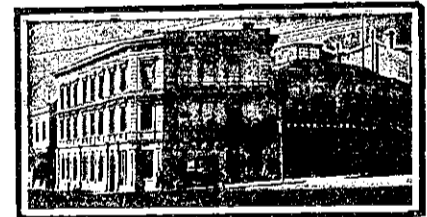


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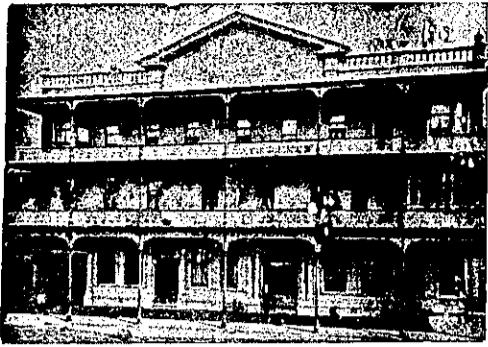
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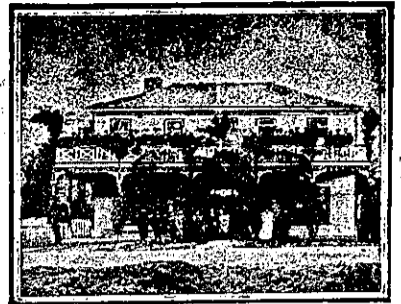
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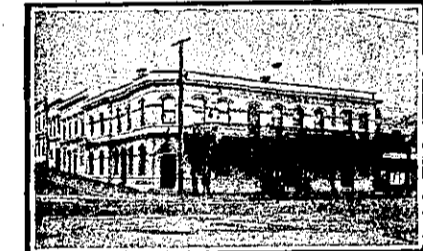
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