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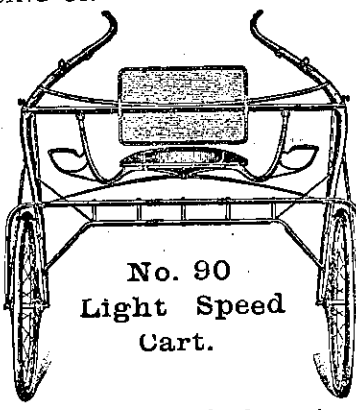


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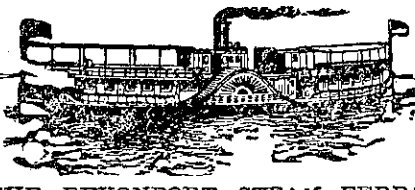
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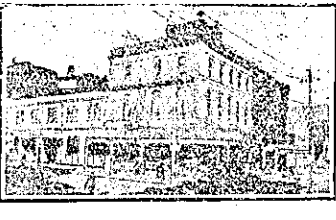
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PROGRAMME:

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.

NEELSON 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 2sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

HUIA HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. Six furlongs.

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse

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

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. Five furlongs.

AUCKLAND WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Minimum weight, 8st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1912.
With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 20th, by 9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd.

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

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

J. F. HARTLAND, Secretary.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

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. Win-

ner 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 50sovs, 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.

WAITAKERI 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, Secretary.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

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 stake. Nomination 7s 6d, acceptance 12s 6d. Distance, four furlongs.

2. **HANDICAP HURDLES** of 45sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination 10s, acceptance 21s. Distance two miles.

3. **NETHERTON WELTER** of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Lowest weight 8.0. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination 10s, acceptance 12s 6d. Distance, about seven furlongs.

4. **KOMATA HANDICAP** of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. 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 stake; third horse 5sovs. Nomination 21s, acceptance 22s 10s. Distance, one and a-quarter miles.

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

7. **HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES** of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. 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 stake. Nomination 10s, acceptance 21s. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

1. **WAITEKAURI PLATE** of 40sovs; second horse to receive 10s out of the stake. Nomination 10s, acceptance 21s. Distance, five furlongs.

2. **WAIKINO WELTER** of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. 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 stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 10s, acceptance 21s. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

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

5. **PAEROA HANDICAP** of 85sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake, third horse 5sovs. Winner of Waitekauri Plate to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination 21s, acceptance 30s, distance, one mile.

6. **HIKUTAIA HANDICAP** of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. 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 stake. Nomination 10s, acceptance 15s. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

8. **WAIHI HANDICAP** of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Waitekauri Plate or Paeroa Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra (or both, 10lb extra). Nomination 10s, acceptance 21s. 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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PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th.

MAIDEN HANDICAP (HARNESS) of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 20sovs in value at time of entry. Limit, 4min 7sec. Nomination 15s, acceptance 15s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

STEWARDS' TROT HANDICAP (SADDLE) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. For trotters only. Limit, 4min. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP (HARNESS) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4min 5sec. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, two miles.

MANGERE HANDICAP (SADDLE) of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race at better than 2min 33sec to the mile at time of entry. Limit 4min 3sec. Nomination 20s, acceptance 25s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

AUTUMN HANDICAP (SADDLE) of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 5min. Nomination 20s, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, two miles.

HOBBSON HANDICAP (HARNESS) of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Limit, 3.54. Nomination 20s, acceptance 25s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

CORNWALL HANDICAP (HARNESS) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2min 28sec. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

MARCONI HANDICAP (SADDLE) of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Limit, 2min 3sec. Nomination 20s, acceptance 25s. Distance, one mile.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP (SADDLE) of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 2min 45sec. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile.

HILL TROT HANDICAP (HARNESS) of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 5min 15sec. For trotters only. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, two miles.

APRIL HANDICAP (HARNESS) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4min 58sec. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, two miles.

AUTUMN HANDICAP (SADDLE) of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Limit, 2min 36sec. Nomination 20s, acceptance 25s. Distance, one mile.

MANUKAU HANDICAP (HARNESS) of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race at better than 2min 33sec to the mile at time of entry. Limit, 4min Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.

ADAMS' MEMORIAL HANDICAP (HARNESS) of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Limit, 3min 55sec. Nomination 20s, acceptance 25s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

BARN HANDICAP (SADDLE) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 3min 48sec. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

FAREWELL HANDICAP (HARNESS) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2½. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for All Events close on **THURSDAY**, 4th April, at 9 p.m.

HANDICAPS for the First Day to appear on 8th APRIL.

HANDICAPS for the Second Day to appear on the 18th APRIL.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day close on **FRIDAY**, 12th April, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the Second Day close on **THURSDAY**, 18th April, at 9 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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

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

Order of Running subject to alteration.

No horse will be allowed to compete in hobbles in races for trotters only.

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

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

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

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

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EASTER MONDAY, 8th APRIL, 1912.

PROGRAMME:

1. HANDICAP HURDLES of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance about one mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry

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2. FLYING HANDICAP of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance about six furlongs. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. To start about 12.25 p.m.
3. FARMERS' PLATE of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance about one mile. Entrance 15s on general entry night. Open to all horses that have never won a race at time of start. Welter weight-for-age. Gentlemen riders. To start about 1.5 p.m.
4. PATEA EASTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs

- out of the stakes. Distance about one mile and three furlongs. Nomination 10s, acceptance 20s. To start about 1.45 p.m.
5. KAKARAMEA STAKES of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance about four furlongs and a-half. Weight 8.0. Winner of any race to carry a penalty of 14lb. Entrance 15s on general entry night. To start about 2.25 p.m.
6. ALTON HIGH WEIGHT HANDICAP of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance about one mile. Minimum weight 8.7. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. To start about 3.5 p.m.
7. FINAL STAKES of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance about four furlongs and a-half. Weight 8.7. Winner of any race to carry 14lb extra. Entrance 15s on general entry night. To start about 3.45 p.m.

NOMINATIONS close at 8 p.m. on **THURSDAY**, 14th March, 1912.

WEIGHTS about **WEDNESDAY**, 20th March, 1912.

ACCEPTANCES and GENERAL ENTRIES up to 8 p.m. on **FRIDAY**, 29th March, 1912.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. A hack is a horse that has not at any time prior to entry won a race of the value of £100 to the winner, or races of the aggregate value of £250 to the winner.
2. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb, and of every additional race 5lb extra in all handicap flat events.
3. Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the horse and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest opportunity.
4. Owners, trainers and others entering horses for this meeting are notified that no entries will be accepted unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.
5. The committee reserve the right to alter the time or date of receiving nominations, acceptances and of declaration of weights.
6. The name of the trainer must in all cases be supplied at time of nomination.

NOTE.—Free stabling will be supplied to all outside horses accepting for this meeting.

Post Office closes at 5 p.m., Telegraph Office at 8 p.m.

R. W. HAMERTON,
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Approved this 16th day of January, 1912.
E. P. WEBSTER,
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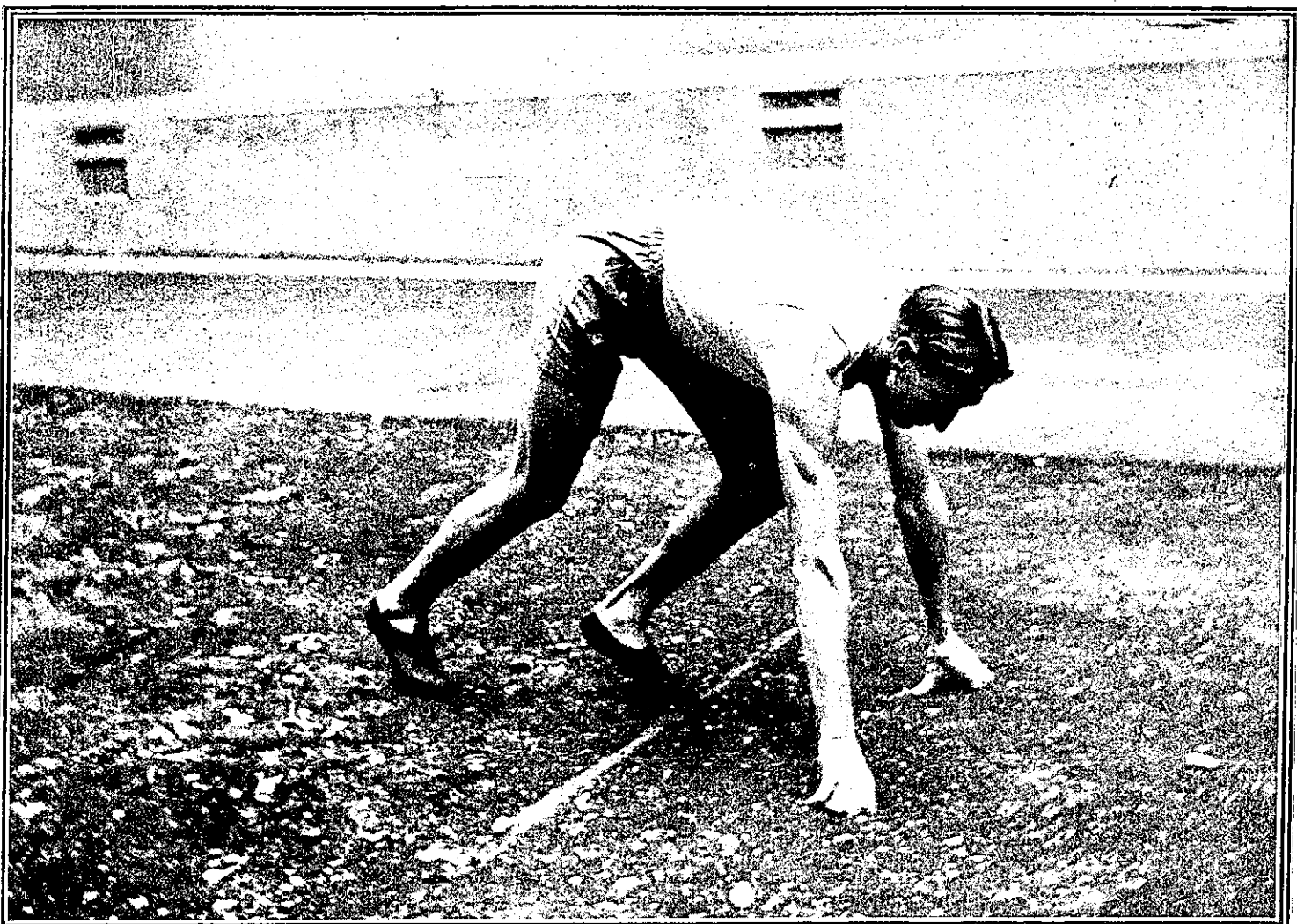
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THE CLUBMAN.

The South Pole has been won. Britain equipped, at the cost of about £30,000, the Scott expedition to explore the fastnesses of the Antarctic for the purpose of discovering the Pole. For weeks Captain Scott and his elaborately-fitted vessel attracted much admiration; his party were nearly swamped with sloppy sentimentality, while the gallant captain himself was idolised by a world of namby-pamby hero-worshippers. The departure of the Scott expedition to Atlantica was the signal for blatant enthusiasm throughout the great British Empire (on which the sun always shines).

While all this demonstration was being made over the British expedition a modest Norseman, without the taint of "la gloire," sailed quietly out of the haunts of civilised man into the unknown wilderness of ice. He had not one-tenth of the monetary backing that Captain Scott possessed, his vessel was poorly equipped, his party numbered only a third of the British expedition, and yet he wins the goal and returns to civilisation to modestly announce that the South Pole carries the Norwegian flag. That man was Captain Roald Amundsen. All honour to him! He won at the first time of asking what three expensively-equipped British expeditions have so far failed to achieve. He conquered not by following on the tracks of former explorers, but as a sportsman. He struck out on a route of his own. That he met with fair weather and favourable conditions was his good fortune, but can in no way detract from the signal honour he has won.

Captain Amundsen returns to civilisation—if we may call Hobart civilisation—and with characteristic modesty tells of his great achievement without ostentation and without "crowing" over his rival. How different to the return of the two blatant and vainglorious Yankees who returned from "somewhere" in the Arctic regions a couple of years ago. They each did everything in their power to belittle one another, and succeeded only in belittling themselves. One, at least, has been proved an arrant humbug, and the claims of the other have been seriously discounted; in fact, there is still some doubt if either actually gained what they claimed to have achieved: certainly neither are now vested with much glory.

Amundsen has told his story simply and with candour. Every word bears the imprint of truth. Neither has he endeavoured to wrap his long "trek" over the ice in any mystery in order to create an atmosphere for newspaper copy. His expedition was not undertaken for personal aggrandisement, but primarily to stimulate interest in discovery, so that he might be able to carry out his life-long ambition to explore the Arctic regions. Surely now Captain Amundsen has established his right to rank as the greatest explorer of the century, and the man that should be entrusted to lead an international expedition through the Arctic regions.

An American journalist has been waxing eloquent on the sins of party government as carried on under the blessed influence of the Southern Cross. This is what he thinks of the dignified (?) Assembly presided over by Mr Speaker Willis in the Mother State:—"I have seen the N.S.W. Parliament, and it impressed me as a poor machine to do business with. No business institution in the world would tolerate that kind of horseplay. Those men presumably are, or should be, there for a definite purpose, but they don't set about it in a business-like way. In other words, they make politics a game of competition, and competitive politics can be as bad for a country as competitive drinking. They sought nothing so much as to tear each other to pieces. And in that operation they employed tactics worthy of the bar-room or a prize-fight."

The Yankee scribe evidently did not visit the Parliament of this fair land; but, nevertheless, his remarks would be as appropriately applied to our own 'Ouse, with perhaps these words to substitute the last sentence: "And in that operation they employ tactics worthy of a Boys' Scout picnic or a woolshed debate."

Another visitor to Australia has been very frank in her remarks about politics in the Sunny South. This time it is a woman, who says:—"The worst thing I want to say about Australians is that they are allowing themselves to be governed by a class of person entirely ignorant. In Australia you seem to be content to let any ignorant man who has an inclination that way interfere with politics." Again the criticism seems to be equally applicable to this benighted land.

The great and glorious democracy which the Premier picnic used to prosper under has become transformed, and it now stands for a piebald, nondescript blending of all the incongruous elements that go to make up our hotch-potch social and political world to-day. Such gatherings as that held last week gives one pause for reflection, and suggest the ugly query: Is there anything straightforward in politics, or is it all a game of bluff and humbug? We find among the motley crowd the leaders of both

cil have ventured to do so by passing a regulation forbidding women using their public ways "to wear a hatpin which protrudes in such a way as to be a source of danger to any person." A conviction against this byelaw implies a penalty not exceeding £10. Everyone appreciates, even women themselves, that to wear fierce stillette blades projecting from their hats is dangerous to the public. But what of that. If fashion dictates that women must wear atrocious headgear that cannot be carried without skewers thrust through an inane collection of contraptions used to make a whisk of hair appear like a deformed haystack, those dangerous hatpins must prevail even at the risk of maiming helpless citizens.

The New Zealand Sports Protection League has been making good progress in the South, and the membership has now reached 50,000, while each month hundreds of new members are enrolling. Had it not been for a hopeless blunder perpetrated by an ill-advised organiser Auckland might have by this time been the chief stronghold of the League. Unfortunately the dissent raised by R. A. Armstrong's endeavour to use the League as a lever for the political preferment of certain candidates against the express wish of the Board of Control had an injurious effect on the cause in the North. The executive were, therefore, well advised to let the old sore heal before attempting to establish a permanent branch in Auckland.

Everyone is now fully aware of how hopeless it was to expect anything satisfactory to the cause of sport culminating out of the spasmodic flare-up Armstrong engineered. Naturally, like all pyrotechnic displays, it soon fizzled out, and for a time all that was left was the disagreeable odour. Happily that has now dissipated, and the atmosphere is again clear.

The time is now ripe for the executive to again turn their attention to this part of the Dominion, and take active steps to get a branch of the League established here on definite and clean-cut lines. There is no part of New Zealand where the anti-sport element is so strong as in Auckland, and consequently it is incumbent on every true sportsman to take active steps to counteract the baneful interference of the joy-strangling fraternity.

At a recent meeting of the Sports Protection League in Christchurch the chairman (Mr A. A. Boyle) repudiated the oft-repeated suggestion that the League was run primarily in the interests of the racing clubs by stating that in practically every branch that had been established the majority of members selected to the committees were identified with other branches of sport, and consequently racing men did not predominate on the councils of the League, although the racing clubs had provided the money which enabled the organisation to make a start.

Mr Boyle also had a good word to say for the sport of racing. He had, he said, been connected with racing all his life, and he was proud of it. He believed that they had on their racecourses at the present moment more respectable citizens interested in that sport than they had in any other sport in the world. There was a class of person who thought that if a man was connected with racing, or was a racing man, he was bound for perdition. If a racing man ever reached that locality he would probably find a good many of the other class there with him.

The young Scotsman, after having been entertained all day long by a friend, without making an offer to "stand" anything himself was at last seen to put his hand in his pocket.

"Oh, don't you offer to pay," said his friend a little contemptuously, "you'd better leave that to me."

"I never thoct o' paying," exclaimed the Scotsman, with indignation, "I was ainy scratchin' me leg."



MR W. G. NIGHTINGALE,
Assistant-secretary of the Dannevirke Racing Club.

The glory that used to shine on the Premier picnic at the zenith of Dick Seddon's fame was something to regard with awe. In those days the Premier picnic was a great event, but of recent years its glory has waned, even though it is still held under the aristocratic patronage of the Governor, our Baronet Premier, and a number of the lesser lights that twinkle in the political sky.

political parties and their underlings—to say nothing of the rail-sitters—all with their ears turned to catch the voice of the mob, and all endeavouring by every subterfuge to gain the approbation of the multitude.

Fancy trying to frightening women into wisdom. The thing seems preposterous. Yet the Sydney City Coun-



Apprentice REID, one of the lightest jockeys in New Zealand who had several mounts at the Dannevirke Racing Club's Autumn Meeting.



RACING.



RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1911-12.

FIXTURES.

March 13 and 14—Napier Park R.C. Autumn.
 March 16 and 18—Ohinemuri J.C. Annual
 March 18—Opunake R.C. Annual
 March 23—Bay of Plenty J.C. Annual
 March 28 and 29—Masterton R.C. Autumn
 April 6 and 8—Auckland R.C. Autumn
 April 6 and 8—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
 April 8 and 9—Canterbury J.C. Autumn
 April 8 and 9—Feilding J.C. Easter

NOMINATIONS.

March 15—Auckland R.C. Autumn (general entry)
 March 18—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
 March 22—Feilding J.C. Easter
 March 29—Wellington R.C. Autumn
 April 12—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

March 15—C.J.C. Autumn (Easter and Autumn Handicaps)
 March 15—Masterton R.C. Autumn
 March 29—Feilding J.C. Easter
 March 29—C.J.C. Autumn (minor events)
 March 29—Feilding J.C. Easter
 March 30—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
 April 10—Wellington R.C. Autumn
 April 22—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

March 15—Auckland R.C. Autumn
 March 22—Bay of Plenty J.C. Annual
 March 22—C.J.C. Autumn (Easter and Autumn Handicaps)
 March 22—Masterton R.C. Autumn
 March 29—Auckland R.C. Autumn
 April 2—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
 April 3—Feilding J.C. Easter
 April 3—C.J.C. Autumn (minor events)
 April 12—Wellington R.C. Autumn
 April 26—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

March 29—A.R.C. Champagne Stakes and Great Northern Oaks
 April 3—C.J.C. Champagne Stakes and 20th Challenge Stakes

FINAL PAYMENTS.

March 29—A.R.C. Easter Handicap, G.N. Champagne Stakes (sub.), and G.N. Oaks (sub.)

AUSTRALIAN RACING.

March 23—Rosehill Cup
 April 6—A.J.C. St. Leger
 April 8—Sydney Cup
 April 13—A.J.C. Plate

ENGLISH RACING.

March 18—Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase
 May 1—Two Thousand Guineas
 May 2—One Thousand Guineas
 June 5—The Derby
 June 6—The Oaks

TROTTING FIXTURES.

April 6 and 8—Wanganui T.C. Annual
 April 17 and 20—Auckland T.C. Autumn

IT IS WHISPERED

—That Billy Richardson took a rise out of his "friends the enemy" on Tuesday by forcing a licensing election.

—That Billy is jubilant because he alone was able to close all the bars on Tuesday.

—That such interference by one man—the cat's paw of the Prohibitors—with the convenience of many, won't gain any sympathy for the joy-stranglers.

—That Albert Edward Glovers advice to Sir Bart. Ward to drop hobnobbing with dukes and lords and embrace "my good people" provided a number of thirsty souls with "a taste" on Saturday at Joe's expense.

—That the Premier Picnic was under aristocratic patronage this year. A real live lord, a full-fledged baronet, and a lady-by-courtesy were among the honoured guests. Hurrah for Democracy!

—That there is every danger of the Auckland Exhibition fizzling out.

—That Hector Gray's disqualification should be a warning to a number of other leading horsemen whose riding has not been above suspicion of late.

—That Harry Massey thinks Handicapper Morse dealt harshly with Antarctic in the Autumn Steeplechase.

—That Ben Deeley has a long lead now for first place on the winning jockeys' list.

—That Ireland is having a big run this week with Allen Doone and St. Patrick's Day.

GRAY'S DISQUALIFICATION.

The disqualification of Hector Gray by the Dannevirke Jockey Club has excited unusual interest in racing circles, and is likely to have a salutary effect on other jockeys who have recently deserved but escaped a similar fate. Since the Appeal Board of the Racing Conference reversed, on technical grounds, the disqualification of Barlow and Julian inflicted by the Egmont and Wanganui clubs respectively, there appears to have been a general laxity on the part of racing-stewards to enquire into cases of foul riding and other malpractices. As a natural contingency to such laxity jockeys have become bolder, and in many cases have been openly guilty of practices that should have at least called for reprimand, if not disqualification.

THE DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

The stewards of the Dannevirke Racing Club deserve credit for the stand they have taken in the interests of clean sport, and it is to be hoped

ed, but possibly Gray may have some other evidence he can adduce to mitigate the alleged offence. If so he is entitled to be heard, but we trust that the Appeal Board will not on this occasion, as in the cases of Barlow and Julian, rely on a technicality to upset a decision if the facts support evidence the stewards of the Dannevirke Racing Club acted upon.

EMBARRASSED STEWARDS.

It has often been urged that the Racing Conference should revise the rules dealing with the powers of stewards of country clubs so as to clear away many of the intricacies and simplify the whole code. On this point we quote from a contemporary: "Since the inception into the Rules of Racing of definition of a 'question of fact,' there have been endless misgivings and misunderstandings, and though an instance of gross interference may occur under their very eyes, those in charge of a race meeting feel so embarrassed with the intricacies of racing law as it now stands, that they prefer to adopt all too indulgent

doubles is illegal does not in any way deter jockeys and their associates getting satisfactory odds on the selected combinations.

A JOCKEYS' RING.

On more than one occasion during the last few weeks we have known of certain well-known jockeys who have backed winning doubles and even telegraphed the "tip" through to their friends. The doubles referred to "came off" but the same jockey did not ride the two horses that won the respective doubles. There can be no question that there is a "jockeys' ring" and it is incumbent on the authorities to take stringent steps to break up the ring, and also to see that the rule quoted above is strictly observed.

IS RACING A BUSINESS?

There are some owners who are of opinion that they should please themselves, and not the public, in the mat-



VIEW OF THE LAWN DURING THE PROGRESS OF THE DANNEVIRKE RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

that the officials of other clubs will take courage from the stand taken at Dannevirke, and more carefully scrutinize the riding of jockeys, and if there are reasonable grounds for suspicion, hold exhaustive enquiries, and where the facts warrant it to inflict severe penalties on offenders. If racing stewards are not going to impartially carry out their duties to the public, it is high time the Racing Conference decided on the appointment of Stipendiary Stewards. The public as well as owners are entitled to protection against the malpractices of unscrupulous jockeys. Doubtless there will be an appeal lodged by Gray against the disqualification inflicted on him, and, of course, there is no reason why the matter should not be thoroughly sifted, for the aggrieved horseman is entitled to exhaust every means to clear his character.

A QUESTION OF FACT.

The resolution passed by the Dannevirke Racing Club stewards is a strongly-worded one, reading as follows: "Having seen Gray's riding and heard his explanation of it, we find as a fact that he deliberately and obviously rode his mount not to win, and deliberately interfered with Ladino's chance of winning. He is accordingly disqualified for twelve months." This leaves no possible doubt that the stewards of the club were honestly convinced that the facts fully justified them in the disqualification they pass-

an attitude rather than stand the racket of having their decision overruled by a higher court."

JOCKEYS AND BETTING.

As already stated, the laxity of stewards in failing to take more stringent measures to check malpractices and foul riding is having a very detrimental effect on the sport of racing; but there is another matter that calls for urgent attention, which, if not promptly checked, will go far to alienate public sympathy with racing clubs. We refer to the way in which jockeys are permitted to disregard the rule which reads:—"No jockey shall bet on any horse in any race in which he rides, except on the horse ridden by himself, and then only through or with the permission of the owner."

BETTING ON DOUBLES.

Referring to this subject the "Weekly Press" says:—"This rule is grossly disobeyed, and we have not the slightest hesitation in saying that there are plenty of stewards of racing clubs who clearly know that the rule is being broken on every day on which races take place. It is a common question for the average racegoer to ask what double such and such a jockey is backing. The other jockeys already know the selected double, and according to definite statements they do not hesitate to 'get in on' the right combination." The fact that betting on

ter of how they run their horses, but though a sentiment of this kind is excusable from a "battler," who has only the turf to look to for his bread and butter, something better is expected from men who are in a position to race for love of the sport. It is a peculiar fact, says an exchange, that many who are above suspicion in their own particular line of business, have a weakness to indulge in what they believe to be "cleverness" when they identify themselves with horse racing. Any other hobby they are prepared to pay for, but this particular one they expect to return more than they expend on it, and consequently let the monetary side take precedence of everything else. T

THE INTERESTS OF SPORT.

In commenting on this subject the "Otago Witness" contends that the ownership of racehorses should mean something more than the mere consideration of personal gain. They should be run in the interest of sport, and not regardless of the fact that the public dearly loves to see really good ones meet one another. The oft-repeated statement that the public does not pay the training bills, and has therefore no right to be studied, is not only unworthy, but not strictly true, for the public does, in fact, contribute very largely to the maintenance of horses in training. If there

were no gate money owners would have to depend on themselves only for stakes. Moreover, we live in days when the purely selfish ownership, even of racehorses, cannot be successfully defended. Rights without duties are inadmissible, and the real danger to the turf is that owners should disregard this truth, and treat racing as a money-making pursuit, and nothing more.

A DUTY TO SPORT.

Let them fully recognise that if they have the right, by virtue of their having sufficient means to run their horses in public, it is their duty, so far as is reasonably possible, to study the interests of sport and give the public a good show. Nor should they ever forget that the ultimate justification of racing is that it tends to the improvement of our breed of horses, the racecourse test affording the one sure method of finding out what animals are really the most worthy to perpetuate the species. It is neither good sport or policy to shirk and evade this test simply because money can be made more easily in another direction; and it is to be hoped that owners will give some serious consideration to this, for the enemy is always at our gates, and the cause of sport cannot be defended by mere commercialism.

EASTER HANDICAP.

Out of forty-three entrants for the Easter Handicap, to be decided at the Auckland Racing Club's autumn meeting next month, the handicapper has selected, as it was anticipated he would, Master Soul to hold pride of place at the head of the list with 9st 4lb. Los Angeles, who has run with very indifferent success this season, comes next with 9st 2lb, while Maori King and Dearest are each allotted 9st. The son of Merriwee has not been in winning form for a couple of seasons, but he is claimed to be coming on well at present, and will in all probability be a starter. Dearest has got all the poundage she deserves. Doubtless her recent running at Wanganui impressed Mr Morse, and she may prove next month that a mile is her best distance. Royal Scotch, with 8st 10lb, appears to be one of the fortunate ones, and will doubtless compete at Ellerslie instead of going to Canterbury, where he also claims engagements next month. General Latour is entitled to respect for his creditable performance when he won the Great Northern Guineas, and with 1.41 2-5 to his credit for a mile cannot be regarded as harshly treated with 8st 8lb. Antoinette, who won the Easter Handicap last year with 7st 10lb in 1.41, has been given an additional 10lb to carry, which does not appear excessive for the speedy daughter of Sout. Soutoria and Santa Rosa are on even terms, each being asked to carry 8st 7lb. Of the two Santa Rosa should be the choice over a mile. Midnight Sun (8st 8lb) has been an unlucky horse this season, but there is no doubt he has speed, and the Easter Handicap might quite easily fall to his lot. Domino (8st 8lb) would do better over a longer distance. Miscount has been a disappointment this season, and has escaped with an impost of 8st 2lb. If he were well and fit this poundage should not detain the son of Birkenhead. Master Wariki (7st 8lb) is one of the best treated horses in the race, and if he strips at the top of his form on Easter Saturday he should be one of the best backed horses in the race. Crown Pearl and

Miss Winsome, each with 7st 4lb, are two likely-looking candidates among the middle-weights, while below them St. Amans (7st 2lb), Gloy (7st 1lb), Jack Delaval (7st), and La Reina (6st 10lb), have the best records to put forward to entitle them to consideration. Acceptances for the Easter Handicap are due tomorrow (Friday) evening.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

On Saturday the Ohinemuri Jockey Club will commence their annual meeting on the Paeroa racecourse. Judging by the acceptances received, there is every reason to anticipate a successful meeting. The stewards of the Ohinemuri Club are a progressive body of sportsmen, whose efforts to foster their country club are worthy of strong support in the district. Realising, however, that to make a

and plenty of the best class of people would take up the sport again. Personally he regarded the present deadlock as one of the very best things that could have happened to the turf in that country, for not only would it help to eliminate a lot of undesirables and hangers-on, but it had been the means of getting rid of a lot of moderate and inferior stock (?), which did no credit to the country and never would have done.

NEW BLOOD STOCK REQUIRED.

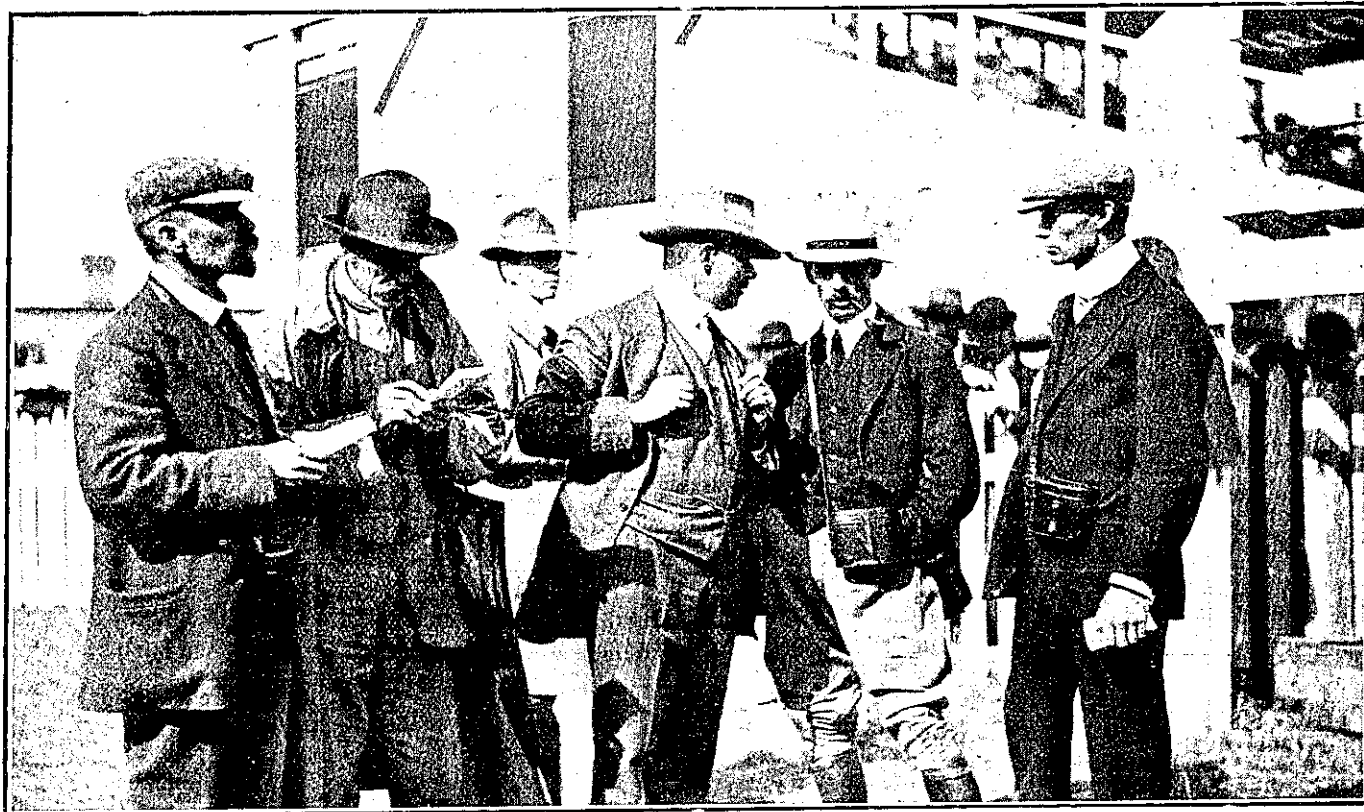
He said that with fresh blood well selected in this country and in France, the horse-breeding industry in America will, during the next few years, start booming as it never did before, and that within the next decade the blood stock of America will reach a higher standard than it ever has done in the past. "There is no better country in the world for raising thoroughbreds. They only want the proper and uncontaminated seed to start

TURF TOPICS.

General entries for handicap events to be decided at the Auckland Racing Club's autumn meeting close with the secretary (Mr J. F. Hartland) tomorrow (Friday) evening at 9 o'clock. At the same time acceptances are due for the Easter Handicap, Brighton Hurdies, and Autumn Steeplechase, and also first forfeits for the Great Northern Champagne Stakes and Great Northern Oaks.

The Egmont Racing Club made a profit of over £500 over their recent meeting. The Government tax amounted to £646.

It is stated that the Dannevirke Racing Club intend calling on several well-known jockeys to explain their riding at the recent meeting.



STEWARDS OF THE DANNEVIRKE RACING CLUB, PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE AUTUMN MEETING LAST WEEK.

success of country race meetings it is necessary to attract visitors, the stewards have gone a long way towards making the annual fixture a pleasant outing for patrons of racing residing at a distance. It is, therefore, not surprising that a considerable number of Auckland racing men have signified their intention of paying a visit to Paeroa this coming week-end, so as to be present at the Ohinemuri Jockey Club's meeting. We wish the club fair weather and all the good luck their enterprise deserves.

RACING IN AMERICA.

A prominent sportsman (Mr J. S. McDonald), who has been closely identified with the Turf in America, is hopeful of racing regaining its former prestige in the States. In an interview published in the "London Sportsman," Mr McDonald said there would again be racing in New York within two years. Thenceforward the American turf would be on a better and sounder basis than ever it was before,

with, and they will then grow horses to rival any other nation. The country has reserved its best, and will add pure stock from England, as they get rid of the rubbish, and will make a fresh start on better grounds.

Delegate met with a rather serious accident on Saturday while taking lessons over the steeplechase jumps. At one of the obstacles he overreached himself, and came down, with the result that he sustained several bad cuts. It is now questionable whether he will be able to take part at the Easter meeting.

An Irishman in Germany in three seasons has earned nearly half a million dollars on the turf. That is what James H. McCormick, the noted trainer of Sheephead Bay, has accomplished. In 1909 his horses won £28,000, in 1910 £25,000, and last year he capped the climax of his endeavours to capture the German money by finishing second to Emperor William's leading winning stable with £32,000 to his credit. He has fifty-six horses in training for this season.

Amongst the latest recruits to the jumping division are Rutter, Sir Artega, Surplus, and Bremen. With the exception of Sir Artega they all got through their initial lessons satisfactorily.

Mr G. D. Greenwood is about to leave for a trip to Europe, and nine of his two and three-year-olds, comprising practically all his horses in training, are in the private sale list (says a Southern writer). This does not necessarily mean that he is retiring from racing, no mention is made of his yearlings, and presumably during Mr Greenwood's absence Mason will proceed with the preparation of the juveniles for next season's two-year-old engagements. As a matter of fact, the horses to be sold have not proved up to the class which Mr Greenwood would doubtless like to have in his stable. He made a good start as an owner, but has had a lean time this season, and he is probably realising now that, in addition to being able to secure the most



MISS AUGUSTA (H. Gray) winning the Trial Stakes (four furlongs) from GALTEE and EPWORTH on the opening day of the Dannevirke Racing Club's Autumn Meeting.

promising young horses and the best training and riding, it is necessary to have the assistance of good luck to ensure complete success in a turf career.

It is reported from South that the Highden stable will be represented in the Riccarton Easter meeting by Ermengarde, Bronze, and Nyland.

Masterpiece appears to have thrown off the effects of his lameness, and is again bowling along freely in his tasks. The other members of the Chokebore Lodge division, including Counterfeit, Brown Owl, Autumnus, Glenfinnan, Achilla, Countermine, and

key Club meeting. They are The Chef and Bonnie Jean who will carry 11st 3lb and 10st 9lb respectively in Saturday's hurdle race.

W. H. McLachlan, who rode Popinjay to victory in the V.R.C. Futurity Stakes this month, won the same race on Soultline in 1909.

"Mr C. Kingston" has a fine-looking Merriwee gelding in Merrie Lad, who contested two races at Dannevirke without scoring a place. He, however, went out yesterday in a hurdle race at Napier Park, and won easily. This reversal of form seems to re-

man) was unable to be present at the meeting, and his absence was much regretted, while sincere wishes were expressed that Mr Freeman would soon regain his lost health. The management of the meeting rested largely on the shoulders of Mr W. G. Nightingale, who has for some time been acting-secretary, and every credit is due to him for the way he carried out his duties. Mr R. H. Skipworth, who officiated at the starting barrier, was most successful with his despatches. The facilities for betting on the totalisator were far from perfect, and the club should make an effort before their next meeting to improve their totalisator house.

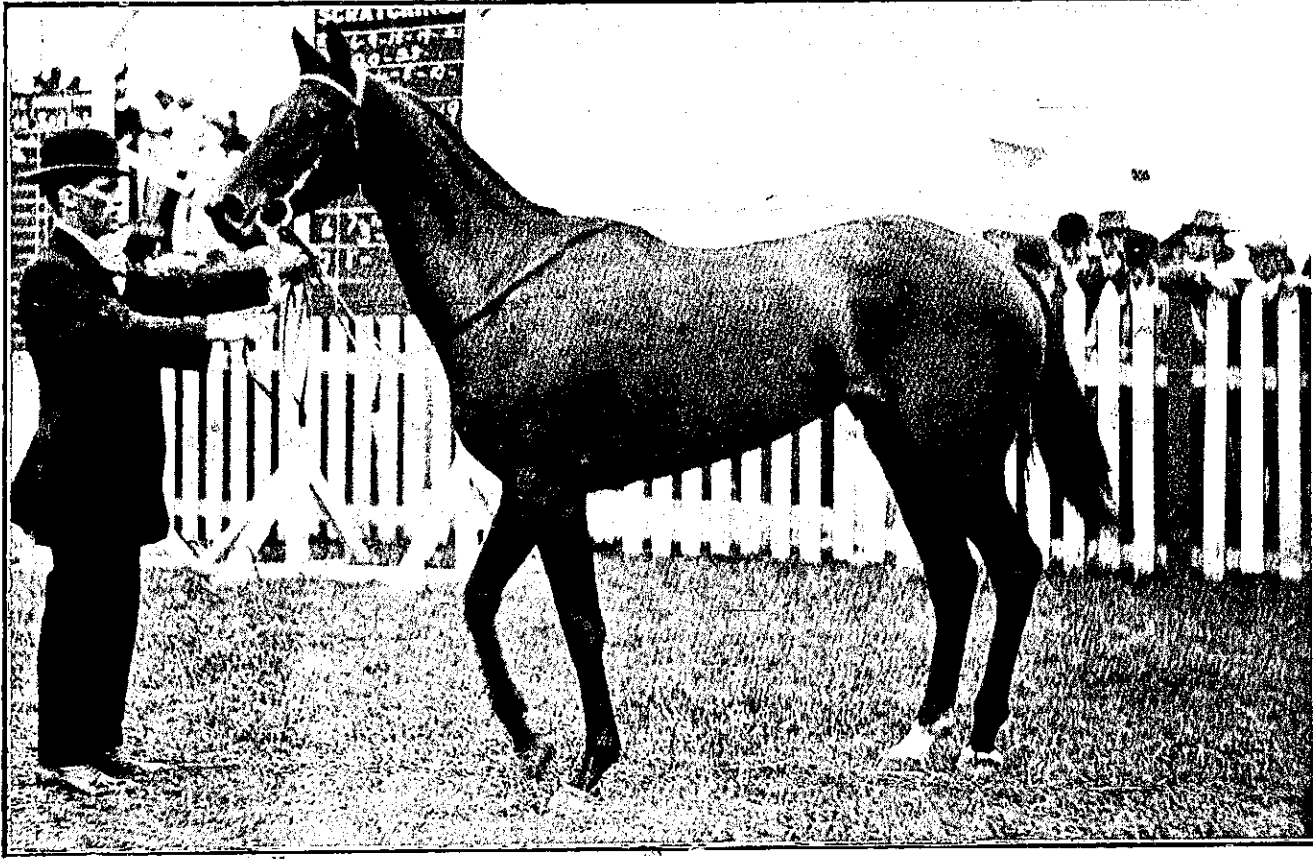
champion, instead of breaking a bone, cut one of the tendons of his foreleg. The injured member has since been under careful veterinary care, and there is every reason to believe that Vanguard's son will soon be well again.

Evadue, who won the Nursery Handicap at Dannevirke on the first day, and paid a sensational dividend of over a half-century, is by King's Guest from Heavenly Twin. She is a fine-looking brown filly, and is owned by Mr P. P. Neagle, of Hawke's Bay.

Comedy King, according to present arrangements, has run his last race, and no doubt Mr S. Green now regrets not having retired him after his 1910 Melbourne Cup victory. Apart from what his numerous defeats since then have cost his owner, the black horse's failures cannot otherwise than have depreciated his stud value to some extent.

Comedy King tried to beat Trafalgar at his own game—staying—in the Essendon Stakes, and failed badly. Prizefighter went out to make a pace, and at the back let Comedy King up on the inside. Trafalgar was at once after the black, and the pair were together about five furlongs from home. Comedy King's attempt to gallop Trafalgar down was a dead failure. He cracked up in half a furlong, and Trafalgar came into the straight with the race in hand. Comedy King was ridden out to the last stride, and could not make the least impression on Trafalgar, who simply played with him. It was a severe race for Comedy King, who is not nearly so good as he was this time last year, when he won and beat Trafalgar handsomely in 2.31½—or ¾sec faster than Saturday's time. Cadonia was third and he finished well.—"Sydney Referee."

Twenty odd years ago Carbine was the idol of Australian racegoers, recounts "The Judge." To-day "Old Jack's" grandson, Trafalgar, holds much the same position in the affection of racegoers, and it is not surprising therefore to read that the gallant chestnut son of Wallace and Grand Canary was cheered to the echo as he came up the Flemington straight in the Champion Stakes well ahead of his rivals. If the Messrs Mitchell were to retire the champion now he would leave the turf in a blaze of glory, for at the meeting just closed he proved to be quite in a class by himself. Some people have even urged that he is a better horse than Carbine was, but with so many years separating their careers on the turf it is impossible to judge accurately. The writer saw Carbine run in nearly every race for which he started, and there can be no doubt that he was a very great horse indeed. Has Trafalgar had to meet such doughty rivals as Abercorn, Melos, or The Australian Peer? Probably not, although even that is hard to say. But whatever the relative merits of grandsire and grandson, it is indisputable that Trafalgar is the champion of to-day, and that his popularity has been won by many great deeds on the turf.



Mr L. Te Urupe's br m MISS AUGUSTA, 4yrs, by Marshal Soult—Lady Augusta winner of the Trial Stakes (four furlongs), at the Dannevirke Racing Club's Autumn Meeting.

Heatherbrae, appear to be going on satisfactorily.

Sir Walter has been such a disappointment this season that it has been decided to retire him from the turf. The brother of Turbine will be used for hunting this winter in the Waikato.

Mr George Morse, the well-known handicapper, has decided to take up his permanent residence in Auckland, and as a first step to this end has arranged to dispose of his property at Fordell, out of Wanganui.

The yearling colt by Positano from that well-performed New Zealand mare Gladstone, was sold last week at Melbourne for 300 guineas. At the same sale the yearling brother to the Sires' Produce Stakes winner Sheriff

flect somewhat on the running of Merrie Lad at Dannevirke, but this much can be said, that both his owner and trainer (J. M. Cameron) fancied and supported the gelding in his two Dannevirke engagements, and his failure was a keen disappointment to them.

For the Doncaster Handicap Malt King is top weight with 9.2. Lady Medallist has been awarded 8.7. For the Sydney Cup Trafalgar heads the list with 9.11. Lady Medallist has been awarded 9.0, Vice-Admiral 8.11, Gunboat 8.0, Miss Mischief 7.13, and Maxwell 6.7.

The Dannevirke Racing Club's autumn meeting was ushered in with fair weather, and consequently a large crowd of townspeople and visitors flocked to the course. Unfortunately as the day wore on the sky

Mr F. J. Barton, who is leaving the Dominion, offered his two horses, Kohinoor and Cotton Reel, for sale during the progress of the Dannevirke Racing Club's meeting last week. The bidding for Kohinoor, a four-year-old horse by Royal Fusilier from Bijou, went up to 150 guineas, but was passed in at that price. Cotton Reel (Sarto—Reel) was knocked down at 51 guineas.

The Forbury Park (Dunedin) Trotting Club have fixed May 1st and 4th for their winter meeting. The prize list has been increased from £1585 to £1800, or an average of over 112 sovs for each event on the programme.

It is pleasing to report that the information to the effect that Advance had broken his leg is not correct—or, rather, was an exaggeration of the real state of affairs. The black



THE FINISH OF THE DANNEVIRKE CUP (¼ miles).—SEA QUEEN (A. McMullan) wins easily from CORK (H. Griffiths) and MESCAL.

Muir, by Wallace—Miss Delaval, went at 400 guineas. Both Gladstone and Miss Delaval won the Great Northern Derby in their respective seasons.

Two hurdles that are in winning form at country meetings just now are acceptors for the Ohinemuri Joc-

became overcast, and showers fell, making things very disagreeable, while the second day was far from favourable, and there was, as a consequence, a considerable falling-off in the attendance.

Owing to his serious disposition, the popular secretary (Mr. J. S. Free-

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The Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase comes up for decision on March 29. The New Zealand-bred Gold Seal II. is weighted at 10.0 in the race.

No less than thirty-three owners divided the £1300 stake money distributed by the Dannevirke Racing Club. Mr M. Ellerton headed the list with £170 and Mr J. Smith came next with £105.

The resolutions recently passed by the South Island Owners', Trainers', and Breeders' Association concerning handicapping has attracted attention in Australia, and the well-known writer "Fritz," commenting on the subject, says:—They are working very strongly in New Zealand towards introducing class racing, or at least such a short handicap limit, that will guarantee every race to be a contest in the widest and best sense of the word and with the large number of high-class horses at present racing over there, the matter should not present the slightest difficulty. I only wish we had anything like the number over here, so as to start this superior class of racing in Melbourne and I feel sure that, when the system has been once given a trial in New Zealand, it will never be departed from. Developed trotters will put up contests if raced in class trots and the public will pay to see this style of racing. It has been the strung-out procession we have often seen in the past that has tended to weaken the popular liking for the trotting horse, but in short salvation of the sport both in Mel-imit harness races, I can foresee the bourne and elsewhere.

Desire's victory in the Newmarket Handicap was no good for the Bar Vons. The colt came in for heavy support a few weeks prior to the race. Jacamar was supposed to have during the preceding couple of days, he was written up to such an extent again on the day of the race that it made him a loser for the Tommies. In Sydney Popenjay and Desert Rose were the principal candidates inquired for, and both at Canterbury Park and Kensington money came for each in big and small parcels right up to the time of putting up the shutters. The colt won decisively, and on his Saturday's form it appears as though Popenjay was a bit fortunate in downing him in the Futurity Stakes. Still, Caulfield running is a vast difference to the long six-furlong straight at Flemington, as horses that are capable of beating their fields over seven furlongs at the former place would not live with some of the beaten animals over the final furlong of the trying three-quarters of a mile at the Victorian premier club's course.

Mr T. Cameron, starter for the Feilding Jockey Club, has resigned, and Mr R. H. Skipworth, of Wellington, has been appointed to the position.

The Essenden Stakes has furnished further proof that Trafalgar is superior to Comedy King; in fact, the chestnut appears to have beaten the imported horse somewhat easily at the finish of a smartly run race, in which everything favoured Comedy King. To ensure a solid pace the stable started Prizefighter, and by his assistance Comedy King's rider (Clarke) was enabled to gain inside position but it was of no avail. Cadonia finished a fair third a similar position being held by Crown Grant in the St. Leger, for which there were only three starters. Jacamar was supposed to have improved to such an extent that he went out favourite at 6 to 4 on. Pike rode him a clever race, but Lambert, on the V.R.C. Derby winner Wilari, appears to have always had his measure, and won comfortably by a neck on the filly, who is by Wallace from Murna, by Haut Brion from Etra Weenie, by Trenton. That both Wolowa and Gold Brew were beaten in the Sires' Produce Stakes was a surprise, but nothing to the fact that Sheriff Muir, who finished last in a race at Caulfield, was the winner. By Wallace from Miss Delaval, by Scaton Delaval, the colt, who was ridden by Pike, was allowed to go out at 50 to 1 in a field of six.

The ex-New Zealander Sunburnt (Multiform—Drought) won the Flying Handicap at the Moorefield races on Saturday.

Te Puia is being schooled over fences at Hastings and is acquitting herself well. Originally the San Fran mare was purchased for hurdle racing, but her schooling was deferred till the tracks became softer.

The "Highden" stable is represented at the Napier Park meeting this week by Nyland and Lockwood, Cup and Trial Stakes candidates respectively.

The yearling filly by Charlemagne II. from Ma Mie Roseffe, purchased at the sale of Mr Moore's young thoroughbreds at Palmerston North by Mr C. Cross for 10 guineas, has again changed hands. She is now the property of Mr E. J. W. att who recently paid twice the above-named sum for her.

The acceptances received in connection with the Napier Park Meeting were eminently satisfactory and the

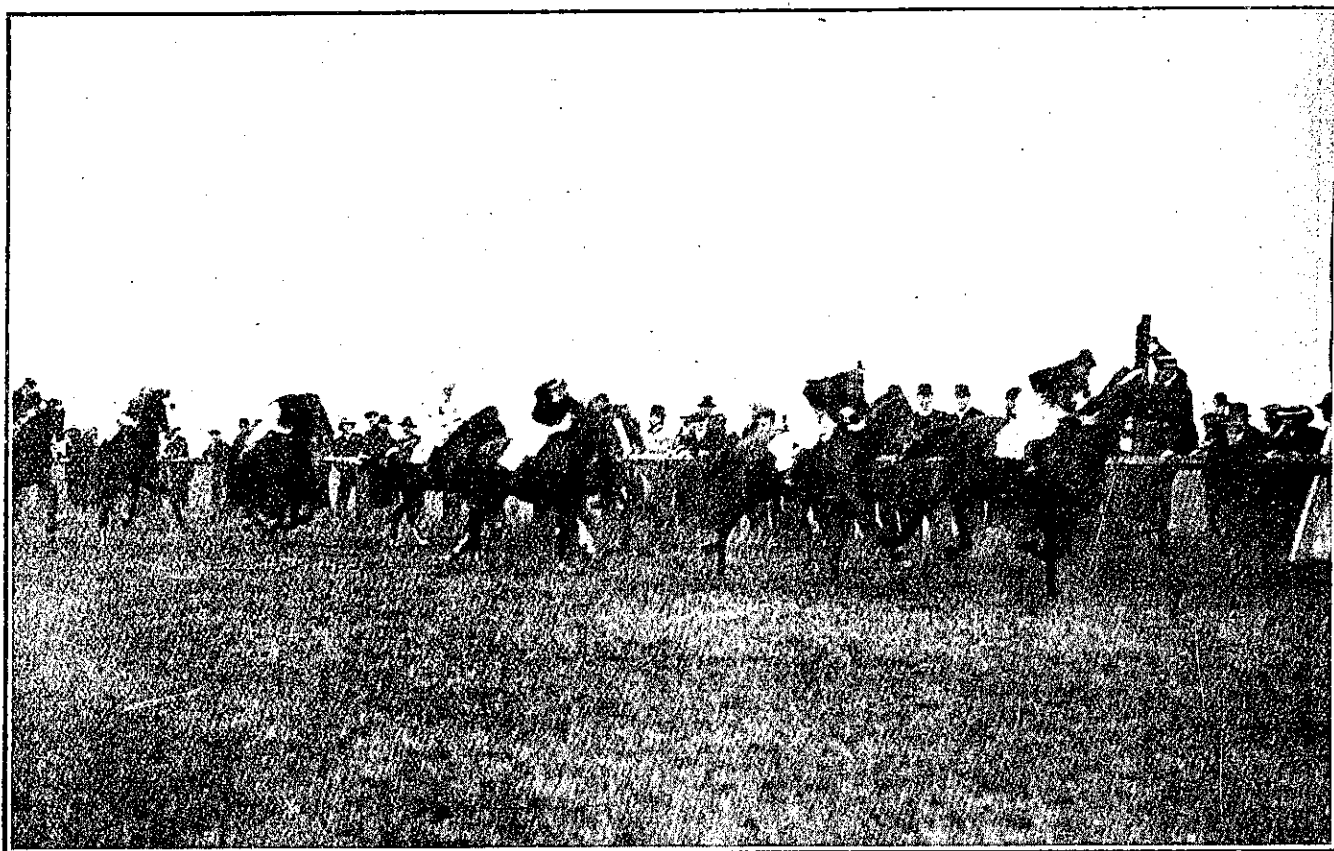
Trafalgar, who won the Champion Stakes on Saturday, was successful in the same event at Flemington last year.

O. Cox has put the useful Recipe in work at Hawera. The Stepniak gelding bears a robust appearance after his recent respite.

Ermengarde figures in the list of those engaged in the Northern Champagne Stakes, and if sent up for the race will be likely to start one of the hottest favourites on record. The Auckland colt, Prince Soult, who is also engaged, has been galloping very freely of late and may be the "Highden" filly's most formidable rival.

nation showed that the injury was nothing more than a badly bruised shoulder.

The "Sydney Referee" gives expression to a doubt that appears to be very prevalent in Australia that our horses this season are not as a class equal to those of former times. In referring to Mr E. J. Watt's Ireland (Kilcheran—Savanna), nominated for the Rosehill meeting the "Referee" says:—"At Wellington he won the Summer Handicap with 7.10, running the mile in 1min 40 2-5sec. He beat some fair performers, too, those behind him including Miscount, Equitas, Nyland and Undecided but a doubt obtains as to whether New Zealand horses are of the same class as in many previous



THRAVE (B. Deeley) scores a victory from the favourite, MAKARA (A. Oliver) in the Electric Hack Handicap (five furlongs) at the Dannevirke Racing Club's Autumn Meeting. SEPTIMUS (H. Tricklebank) third.

fixture should be a success. Among the horses engaged that have earned penalties since the declaration of weights are Park Tide, Thrave, Miss Augusta, Cullinan, Masted Kilcheran, Evadne, and Mangoroo.

Mr George Currie, the Kai Iwi stud-master has refused several tempting offers for the yearling half-brother to Bronze, by Soult. Sydney is Mr Currie's market (says the Dominion), and he intends to stick to it. The Koatouni yearlings will be shipped there this week.

The light-weight horseman, P. Moore, who was riding in Auckland last season, recently got into trouble in Western Australia and was ordered to stand down for three months by the stewards.

J. Gray, who was for many years identified with S. Waddell's team, recently took the position of trainer to Mr F. S. Easton's horses, and made a good start by turning out Lady Moutoa a winner at Woodville. Gray was once connected with two or three of the stables in the old days when Forbury Park was the racing headquarters.

Mr T. H. Lowry, of Hawke's Bay, sent four yearlings to Sydney by last week's steamer. They were a half-brother (by Royal Fusilier) to Bobrikoff, a full-brother to Beldame, a full-brother to Kohinoor, and a filly by Royal Fusilier from Rose Madder.

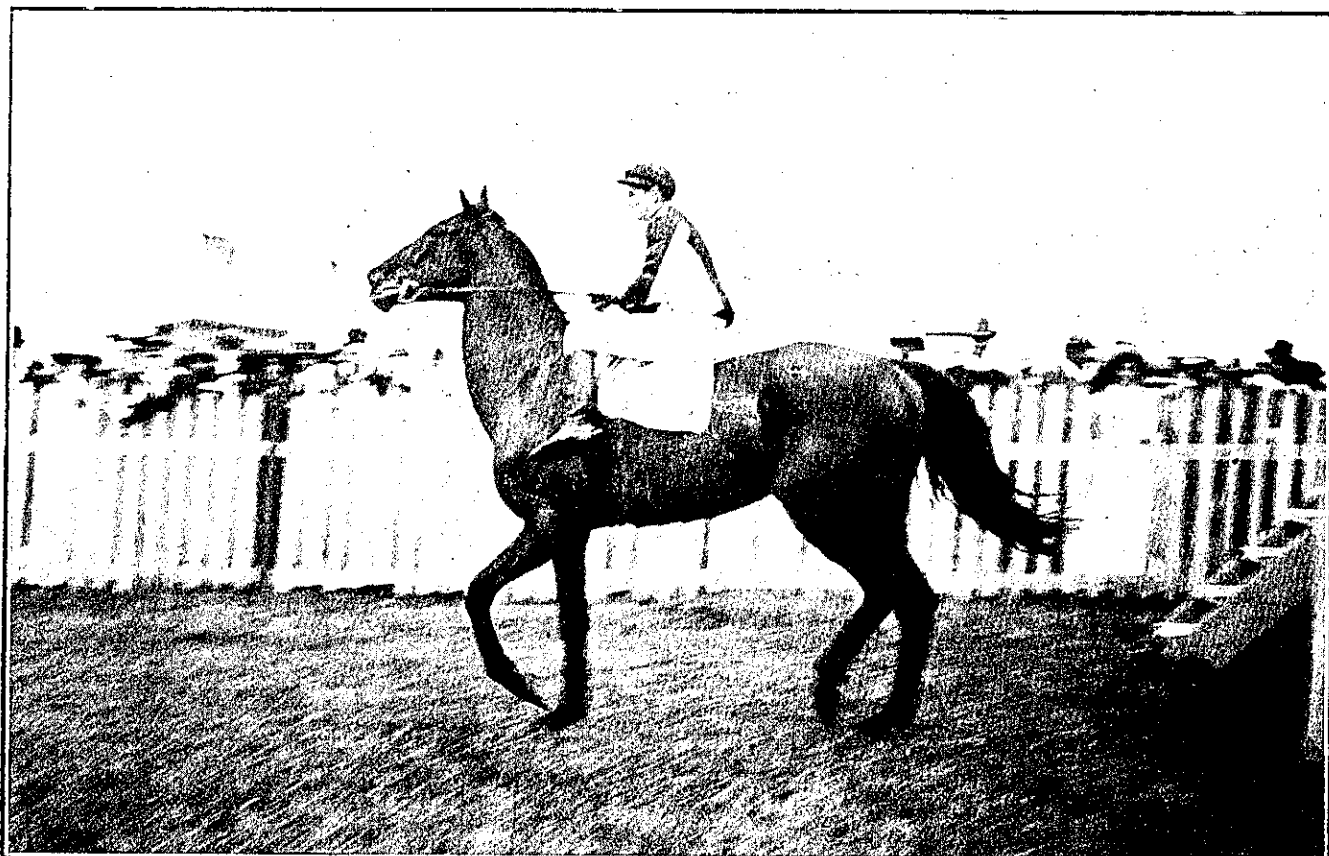
W. Young did not, after all, sustain a broken collarbone when Eiya fell with him at Woodville. Later exami-

years. Perhaps our handicappers will regard Ireland's form in the Dominion with a lenient eye."

Miss Augusta, winner of the Trial Stakes at Dannevirke, is only a pony, but she is a decidedly smart beginner, and, with a little racing, will be very useful over a short course. In each of her races at Dannevirke she got well away, and quickly raced to the front.

Miss Explosion, who was operated on for throat troubles, is well again and has resumed work at headquarters.

Cheap excursion tickets will be issued in connection with the Ngaruahia Regatta on March 16. Details appear elsewhere.



MR M. M. Ellerton's b m SEA QUEEN (A. McMullan), returning to scale after her victory in the Dannevirke Cup (1 1/4 miles).

INTERPROVINCIAL.

WEST COAST.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WANGANUI, Monday.

As a result of the Cup meeting the Wanganui Jockey Club will have to pay in Government tax the sum of £1192.

Uhlando is to be given a chance to distinguish himself as a hurdler, as he is engaged in the race over the small obstacles at the Opunake meeting on the 18th inst. On the form he showed here, both in the Cup and in the big money the second day, the son of Uhlan must be nearly back to his best form, and if he takes kindly to the jumping game should win a race or two over hurdles during the coming season.

Labour Day has recovered from the ailment which kept her out of her second day's engagement at the Wanganui J.C. meeting. She is in work again. It is unlikely, however, that the Soult filly will be taken to Riccarton for the Easter meeting, but she will probably be seen out at the Feilding meeting.

The programme for the winter meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club, to be held in May, will contain no fewer than seven jumping events. One of the hack flat races which formerly appeared on the bill of fare has been struck out, and a hack steeplechase inserted in its place. This will be run on the first day, and will give owners of hacks an opportunity of seeing how their horses shape over the big jumps, and if they do well they can, if so desired, be started in the big steeplechase on the second day. There will be two steeplechases (a hack and an open race), and two hurdle races on the first day, and one steeplechase and two hurdle races on the second day. It will thus be seen that owners of jumpers will be well provided for, while those who like such races will have plenty of excitement with the three steeplechases and four hurdle races to be decided on the two days.

Some writers have gone out of their way to make a great fuss because of the fact that in two or three races some money was shut out of the totalisator at the recent Cup meeting of the Wanganui J.C., and have proceeded to lecture the club on its alleged want of foresight. As a matter of fact, everybody knows that probably twice as much money as was invested on any race could have been handled by the staff. There

would have been no money shut out for the habit many people have of waiting until the very last minute to invest, and then making a dash to get on. The abolition of the races leading up to the totalisator windows probably led to some crushing, but it is intended to reinstate these for the winter meeting. In all probability the club will erect a new tote house for the next Cup meeting, and ample facilities will then be provided for any likely increase for some years to come. The scheme which the club already have under consideration will include the enlargement of the lawn by removing the fence right back to where the outside stand is situated, and the new tote house will be some 25ft longer than the present building, which will permit of many more windows being added.

Euroto, who was formerly trained by Walter Rayner, has been purchased by Mr Tom Scott, who a few years ago was very prominent in racing circles. It is understood that he intends to race her in some of the steeplechase events during the coming season. The daughter of Euroclydon has plenty of pace, and is a good jumper, so may win a race or two for Mr Scott, whose many friends would like to see him get hold of another Plain Bill.

Alma Rose, the full-sister to Coromandel, has so far been a disappointment, but it is quite on the cards that she will do better next season, as she looks like one that should improve with racing. Mr A. Jackson has had several offers from would-be buyers lately, and it would not be surprising to hear of her changing hands shortly.

Mr George Morse, the well-known handicapper, who is selling up his farm at Fordell, intends to take up his residence in Auckland.

J. Lambess is now handling a four-year-old mare by Advance from Endeavour, and consequently a full-sister to Effort.

Lambess is also putting a three-year-old colt by St. Paul, owned by Mr H. M. Speed, through his facings.

The Secretary of the Wanganui Trotting Club reports that applications for entry forms for the forthcoming Easter carnival are coming in well from all parts, and indications point to the nominations, which close on Thursday, the 14th inst., being large. As the club is the only trotting club between Wellington and Auckland that has a totalisator permit, there is every inducement for horse-owners to give the forthcoming meeting their hearty support.

Mr George Currie, the well-known breeder of thoroughbreds, from whose stud at Roatānui, near Wanganui,

Bronze comes, has sent another batch of yearlings over to Sydney for the sales there. They are a fine-looking lot, and big prices should be realised for three or four. Quite one of the best of the collection is a half-brother by Soult to the last Wanganui Cup winner. He is of average size, but a truly-balanced muscular colt, which is sure to command a lot of attention when he steps into the ring. A filly by Soult from Keepsake is another youngster which should bring a big price, as should also a filly by Field Battery from Grandeur. In view of the form recently shown by Bronze, Field Battery stock should be in request. In addition to the above, a filly by Field Battery out of Moira, a filly by Soult out of Alannah, a colt by Harrow from Merveilleuse, and a filly by Harrow from Vexation, comprise the party. The latter is a medium-sized youngster, and so far as appearances go the outsider of the crowd. However, she may turn out a good one, as she is bred to gallop.

WELLINGTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, March 11.

The Masterton Racing Club have been favoured with capital nominations for their autumn meeting, and there is every prospect of a successful gathering. Mr J. H. Pollock's handicaps for the first days events are due on Friday next.

Some grave irregularities in connection with the running of several horses occurred at the Dannevirke meeting last week. The writer, who has been attending races for over a quarter of a century, has never seen such barefaced swindling perpetrated on the turf. Races appeared to be "arranged" with consummate ease and impudence, and the stewards of the Dannevirke Club are deserving of the highest praise for the stand they took in one case, where disqualification was meted out. If the turf is to be kept above suspicion, then some exemplary comments are necessary in connection with the unsatisfactory state of things that prevailed at Dannevirke.

Sea Queen's success in the Dannevirke Cup was well received in town, where the mare's owner is a popular identity. The bay was ridden a capital race by A. McMullan.

Kilosteri failed to show out prominently in the Dannevirke Cup, and finished well back. This "Highden" colt is far removed from a good one, and the numbers on the totalisator

indicated that Kilosteri's connections did not favour his chance, for he was the biggest outsider of the field, and ran accordingly.

Consequent upon the retirement of Mr T. Cameron, the Feilding Jockey Club have appointed Mr R. H. Skipwith, of Wellington, starter to their club.

Gay Lawless, who for some time past has been trained by F. Porter at Awapuni, has been handed over to C. Pritchard to be prepared for her future racing.

F. Porter, at Awapuni, is handling a smart two-year-old filly by Martello—Miss Bogey. The juvenile, who has not been long in work, already creates a favourable impression by her galloping ability on the Manawatu tracks.

Sir Knox is bowling along in an attractive style on the Opaki tracks. The chestnut should give a good account of himself in the Masterton Cup.

Full Rate is reported a much improved galloper. The big fellow will be seen out at the Masterton meeting.

Mr H. Whitney, the local sportsman, is sending a small team across to the Nelson meeting. C. Pritchard has the bearers of the heliotrope jacket and black cap looking very fit.

F. Higgott has received a horse from Mr F. Preston, of Hunterville, to train. The Otaki trainer has seventeen horses in work, quite a big number.

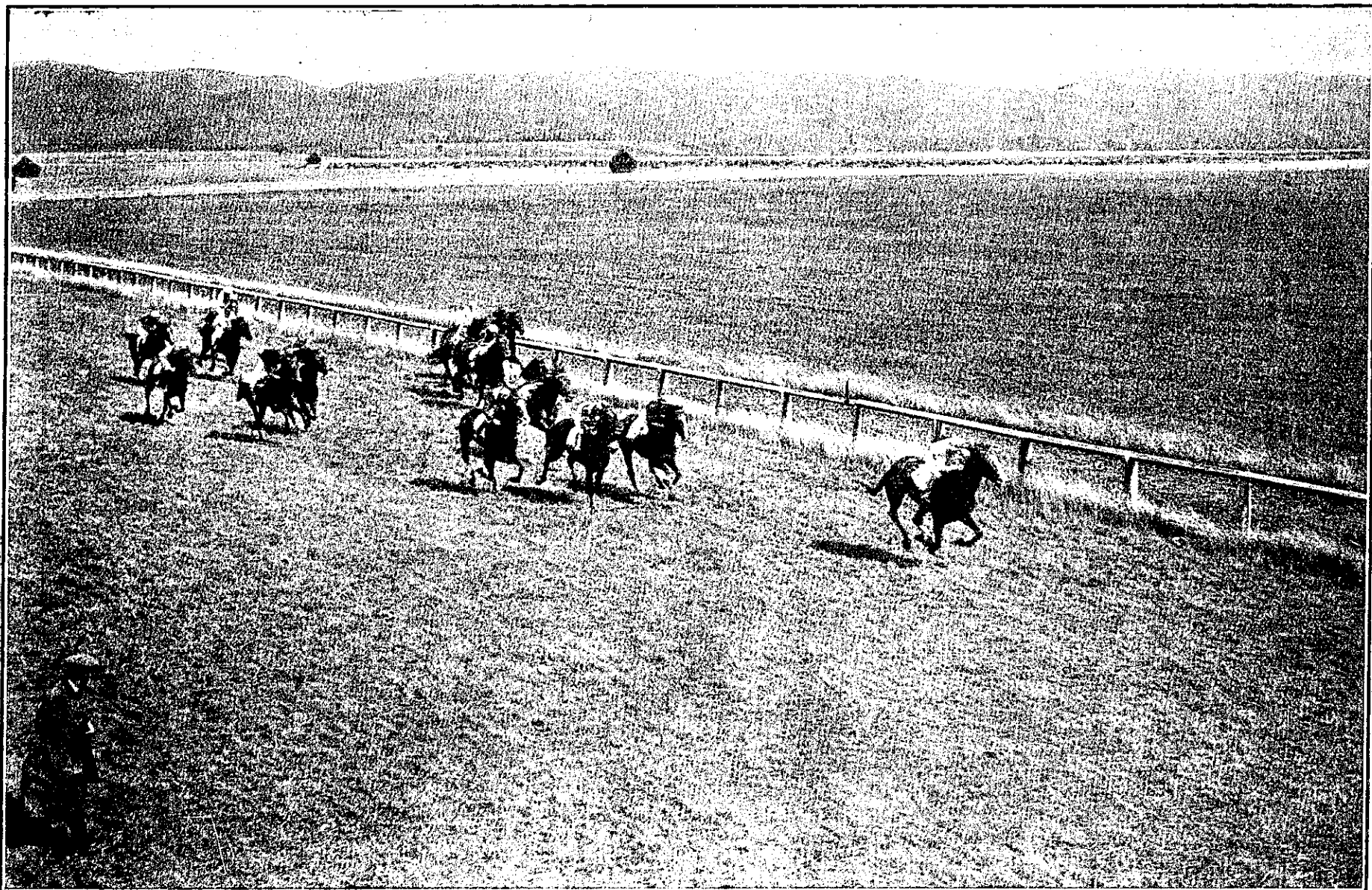
Epworth, who got on the winning list at Dannevirke, is trained by J. Cameron at Feilding. The Tupuhi gelding should win in better company than was opposed to him last week.

A. M. Wright, at Foxton, has a fair number of horses in work, and some of them are destined to assist at the Masterton meeting. Lady Laddo, The Rover, and Puketotara are a trio that will be sent across the ranges.

The Sir Laddo—Windless gelding Ladinc ran a capital race at Dannevirke, and but for being interfered with would assuredly have won the Telephone Handicap. Owner Higgins is, however, anticipating better fortune at the Masterton meeting.

G. Neich has British Maid in capital trim at Clareville in view of her Masterton engagements.

H. Fletcher, the Tauherenikau trainer, is taking Sinapis to Nelson. The St. Ambrose mare can be depended upon to make a bold showing in events that she competes in at Richmond Park.



A MEMORABLE RACE.—The Telephone Handicap at the Dannevirke R.C. meeting. It was as a result of his riding in this event that Hector Gray was disqualified for twelve months. The picture depicts Park Tide leading in the straight, The Swallow lying second, while Miss Augusta, on which Gray had the mount, is running third.

ROUND ABOUT ELLERSLIE.

In view of the near approach of the A.R.C. Autumn meeting the training stables round about Ellerslie are again assuming a busy air, and the leading mentors are keeping their charges up to the collar. On Saturday morning a lot of useful work was indulged in at Ellerslie. All the work was done on the sand track.

Lord Gladstone, alone, galloped a mile in 1min. 53sec.

Ashby and Goldsize were stretched out for a circuit, which they negotiated in 2min 4 2-5sec with heads together.

Sea Elf, Soultoria and Maxwell did good sound three-quarter pace work. This trio are very fit.

La Reina and Bleriot had a half mile spin in 54 3-5sec.

Jack Delaval, not all out, did a similar sprint, clipping off three-fifths of a second.

Waimangu, who does not appear too sound, was content with half pace work.

Prophet strode round twice, running the last seven furlongs in 1min 41sec.

Prince Soult had Martian in trouble at the end of a short flutter.

Maurewa put in a solid run—seven furlongs in 1min 34sec.

Presently looks a picture and covered a couple of circuits in pleasing style.

Prince Merriwee beat Maunina at the end of five furlongs in 1min 7 3-5 sec.

Wee Olga ran the last seven of eight furlongs in 1min 39sec.

St. Amans, who looks none the worse for his South Auckland exertions, has built up and must be reckoned with next month.

Muskewai beat Devastation over half a mile in 52 2-5sec. This colt is steadily improving.

Antarctic, who is at present on the heavy side, put up two useful rounds at half pace.

First Wairiki, who looks more muscular than he has done for some time, easily held his stable mate, Penfold, over a mile in 1min 55 2-5sec.

Solitude was pitted against Almeida from the five furlong post. The former won in 1min 6 3-5sec.

Monotone, Monoline and Laverna all worked separately. This trio should all earn winning brackets before the end of the season.

Necktie, who Hall has looking well, sprinted four furlongs in 53 3-5sec.

Santa Rosa galloped two rounds at a fair pace. The last Auckland Cup winner will strip fit next month.

Master Wairiki, another Easter and Autumn Handicap candidate, is coming on nicely.

Pyralis and Tangewai were at top at the end of a few furlongs and look healthy.

Geneva and Hazelton sprinted in company.

Miss Winsome ran the last three of four furlongs in 38 3-5sec. Her stable mate, Kakama, was on the easy list.

Sir Artega and Dawn after some half pace work sprinted four furlongs in 54 2-5sec. The latter was lame on being pulled up.

Lomb's pair of three-year-olds, Monorail and Lannacost, worked together at half pace. They look benefited by their rest.

Antoinette, who accounted for the Easter Handicap last year, seems to be going a bit short.

Capt. Soult and Delavalite broke away from the five furlong mark and ran 1min 9 1-5sec.

Bully (Speakman) negotiated the double stone wall but did not take too kindly to the double jumps.

Surplus (Pinker) tackled the small battens and only made one faulty jump.

Lloyds gave a good exhibition over the battens.

Ben Johnson (V. Coleman) and Sphinx (McFlynn), assisted by Web-foot (Deery), had a turn over the schooling hurdles. Sphinx out-jumped and out-paced his mates, and should prove useful as a jumper.

Delegatē (McFlynn), Hautere (Pinker) and Tui Cakobau, starting at the sod wall, took several obstacles. Tui Cakobau came down at the first fence of the double and then baulked at the old water jump. The other pair made no mistakes until the second jump of the double, where Hautere came a cropper. Delegate, for a novice at

'chasing, fenced carefully and seemed to like the hill.

Rumour has it that Dave Ballantyne has parted with his favourite pony, Little Dave (13.2). The price is given as 150gns.

TUESDAY.

Jack Chaafe was the early bird to spin his pair, Goldsize and Ashby, out over a mile. They came home together from the seven furlong post on the grass in 1min 30 4-5sec.

Jack Delaval, alone, rattled off half a mile in 54 1-5secs. on the sand.

Prophet, alone, put up a merry circuit on the grass in 1min 55s.

Admiral Soult and Martian sprinted separately.

Sea Elf, who looks well, sprinted the last four of six furlongs on the grass in 50sec.

Collier Lad, who ran second at Te Aroha, was given a short spin, moving nicely.

Sphinx had Manurewa well beaten over seven furlongs on the grass, in 1min 32 2-5sec.

Harenoa, who looks none the worse for his three wins at Te Aroha, ran along at top for a few furlongs.

Solitude had Almeida for a made in a smart run five furlongs on the grass. The former led throughout in 1min 7sec.

Laverna (a maiden) hopped off the four furlong mark and registered 50 sec on the grass.

Bow Bells and two others ran 51 3-5sec for half a mile, the former in front; on the grass.

Lloyds, who is engaged in the Handicap Hurdle Race at Paeroa (9.7), jumped five hurdles in a workmanlike style.

Presently is putting in a sound preparation with the Easter and Northern hurdle races in view.

Bully and Tui Cakobau went over the sod double and stonewall jumps. They repeated this with Dunhorve joining in. It was a poor exhibition.

Master Wairiki, who is coming into shape, put in two useful rounds.

Sir Artega was tried over the small battens but did not relish the task, and looks like making a poor jumper.



BRISK SPECULATION ON THE TOTALISATOR AT THE DANNEVIRKE RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

Master Jack and Worcester swung round the grass in 2min 1sec.

La Reina and a couple of companions were together after a sprinting mission.

Muskewai had Devastation beaten from the five furlong mark in 1min 6 4-5sec on the sand.

Soultoria put in useful work once round. The little mare looks very fit.

St. Amans, who is nicely handicapped in the Easter Handicap (7.2), put in two rounds at medium pace (on the sand) and sprinted home the last three furlongs.

Prince Merriwee again had the best of Maunina in a sprinting mission on the sand.

Necktie, who has been on the shelf for a long time, sprinted four furlongs on the sand in 52 4-5sec.

Monoline (on the grass) not looking for time, scampered over four furlongs in 54 2-5sec.

Prince King, who has been resting since the Spring Meeting, fluttered over half a mile, with a mate, in 51sec.

Monorail and Lannacost had two separate short sprints, on the grass. The pair promise to be fit and well by April next.

The speedy Rutter jumped the small hurdles well for a new beginner.

Antoinette and Tact sprinted four furlongs in 50 3-5sec.

Kakama and Miss Winsome finished together at the end of nine furlongs in 2min 0 3-5sec.

Centenary and Hazelton were together after a four furlong spin in 51sec.

Pyralis and Tangewai finished together in front of Captain Soult registering 1min 5 3-5sec for five furlongs on the grass.

Aristocrat bolted away from a companion on the grass, cutting half a mile out in 51 2-5sec.

The racecourse staff, under Albert Hill, have almost completed the railing round the two-year-old track.

The following also did useful toil: Maheno, Captain Paul, Santa Rosa, Allworthy, Hautere, Crispineer, Monotone, Lucille, Zinnia, Dawn, Bogey, Bremen and others.

The Ohinemuri Jockey Club has some very open races, notably the Shorts, with 17 acceptors nearly all of a class—without top-notchers. A punter must be considered lucky who selects the winner.



MR R. ROAKE, Clerk of Course, at the Dannevirke Racing Club's Autumn Meeting.

TURF RESULTS.

DANNEVIRKE RACING CLUB.

SEA QUEEN WINS THE CUP.

HECTOR GRAY DISQUALIFIED.

The Dannevirke Racing Club opened its autumn meeting on Wednesday last, when the weather was fair, and there was a good attendance. Late in the afternoon it became showery, but did not seriously interfere with the sport. On the concluding day (Thursday) the weather conditions were far from favourable, as several heavy showers fell during the afternoon. The racing for the most part was interesting, but in some cases it was palpable that certain jockeys were in league and the decisions were not a correct index of the capabilities of the horses. This most unsatisfactory state of affairs culminated in the stewards calling on Hector Gray to explain his riding on Miss Augusta in the Telephone Hack Handicap. The result of the enquiry was that the stewards decided to disqualify Gray for twelve months. The management of the meeting was in the capable hands of Mr. W. G. Nightingale, who filled the position of secretary on account of the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. S. Freeman, who was seriously indisposed. Mr. R. H. Skipworth was very successful at the starting barrier, and succeeded in getting his fields away on even terms. The totalisator returns reached £20,351 for the two days, which was £962 in advance of the receipts of last autumn meeting. The results were as follows:—

TRIAL STAKES of 65sovs. Four furlongs.

3—Miss Augusta, by Marshal Soult—Lady Augusta, 8.10 (H. Gray) 1
1—Galtee, 8.10 (R. Hatch) 2
2—Epworth, 8.10 (F. Meagher) 3
Chief Marshal, 7 The Swallow, 6 Ngakow, 16 Fighting Maid, 14 Petrolina, 18 Red Seal, 17 Beach, 9 Enterprise, 11 Panthea, 15 Rosalys, 16 Admiral, 4 Hutu, 12 Runaway Girl, 19 Crown Battery, 18 Waipoha, 13 Miss Ambrose, 5 Sylvia May. Miss Augusta was first out and won all the way, passing the post with a head advantage. Time, 52sec.

DANNEVIRKE CUP of 200sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

6—Sea Queen, by St. Ambrose or Grand Circle—Sequin, 7.7 (A. McMullan) 1
2—Cork, 7.3 (H. Griffiths) 2
3—Mescal, 6.13 3
Also started: 1 Aberbrothock, 5 Sublime, 14 Kilosterl, 9 Te Puia, 11 Vi, 7 Meremere, 8 Ariom, 4 Kauroa, 10 Loch Maben, 12 Queen of Scots. Passing the stand the first time Queen of Scots led the field, followed by Ariom and Sublime. Queen of Scots led until the seven furlong post was reached, Mescal then taking up the running. Rounding the turn for home Cork and Sea Queen, who were lying handy, put in their claims, and a good race to the post resulted, Sea Queen winning comfortably by two lengths. Time, 2min 11 4-5sec.

TAHORAITI HACK WELTER of 80sovs. Seven furlongs.

6—Mangaroa, by San Fran—Maude, 8.4 (C. Rollo) 1
12—Happy New Year, 8.4 (H. Griffiths) 2
1—Adare, 8.3 (A. Oliver) 3
Also started: 2 Matlow, 4 Merrie Lad, 5 Fashion Plate, 3 Gaby, 9 Lord Renown, 8 Good Form, 13 Waikheua, 11 Kingswell, 7 Merrimac, 10 Mozella, 15 Kurapotango, 14 Jackey Jack. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 30 sec.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 85sovs. Four furlongs.

9—Evdadne, by King's Guest—Heavenly Twin, 6.10 (H. Watson) 1
2—Peroneal, 8.12 (R. Hatch) 2
1—Master Kilcheran, 7.4 (B. Deeley) 3
Also started: 3 King's Favourite, 7 Expect, 9 General Madeira, 4 Warlight, 8 Elevator, 5 Daybreak, 6 The Nile. Evdadne made the pace and won by three-quarters of a length from Peroneal. Time, 1min 5 1-5sec.

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 70 sovs. Five furlongs.

2—Thrave, by Torpedo—Carnelion, 7.8 (B. Deeley) 1
1—Makara, 9.4 (A. Oliver) 2
3—Septimus, 7.1 (H. Tricklebank) 3
Also started: 5 Emona, 7 Elfish, 7 Wee Rose, 9 Arohakau, 4 Park Tide, 6 Topic, 11 Crown Battery, 10 Miste. Time, 1min 4 1-5sec.

TAMAKI WELTER of 115sovs. Six furlongs.

3—Khamsin, by Quarryman—Mist, 8.4 (W. Price) 1
5—Seatondale, 8.12 (C. Jenkins) 2
1—St. Toney, 9.9 (C. Price) 3
Also started: 9 Gold Battery, 2 Blakeney, 4 Master Sylvia, 10 Cullinan, 7 Willing Post, 8 Moree, 6 Thetis, 11 Golden Water. Won by half a length. Septimus two lengths away third. Time, 1min 16sec.

MAKIRIKIRI HACK HANDICAP of 85 sovs. Six furlongs.

2—Avauance, by Advance—Stepfast, 8.9 (C. Price) 1
8—Ladrone, 7.7 (L. Wilson) 2
3—San Pluie, 8.8 (F. D. Jones) 3
Also started: 4 Allurement, 5 Manituau, 1 Easy, 10 Tuatahi, 7 Florence Nightingale, 5 Sir Donald, 9 Papamarama. Avauance came with a fine run and beat Ladrone by half a length. Time, 1min 18sec.

SECOND DAY.

GOLDEN LOOP WINS AUTUMN HANDICAP.

MAIDEN PLATE of 65sovs. Weight 8.0. Five furlongs.

3—Epworth, by Tupuhi—Administrator mare (F. Meagher) 1
1—Galtee, 4yrs (C. Price) 2
2—Sylvia May (B. Deeley) 3
Also started: 5 Chief Marshal, 9 Red Seal, 8 Beach, 7 Enterprise, 11 Black Lupin, 6 Hautu, 4 Stellaris, 12 Crown Battery, 10 Waipoha, 13 Wairoto.

Entering the straight Epworth came with a good run, and won by half a length. Time, 1min 4sec.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 130sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

5—Golden Loop, by Lupin—Docility, 6.13 (C. Emmerson) 1
2—Mescal, 7.3 (W. Weller) 2
1—Coromandel, 9.0 (A. Oliver) 3
Also started: 10 Aberbrothock, 3 Cork, 9 Vi, 7 Meremere, 4 Kauroa, 6 Loch Maben, 8 Queen of Scots. Won by half a length. Coromandel a length away third. Time, 2min 14sec.

TELEPHONE HACK HANDICAP of 70 sovs. Five furlongs.

1—Park Tide, by Sylvia Park—Ebb Tide, 7.9 (C. Price) 1
3—Septimus, 7.0 (H. Tricklebank) 2
6—Miss Augusta, 8.3 (H. Gray) 3
Also started: 2 Makara, 4 Thrave, 9 Emma, 8 Wee Rose, 13 Elfish, 7 Good Form, 10 Dervish, 5 Ladrone, 12 The Swallow, 9 Runaway Girl, 11 Miste, 14 Panthea. Won by a length.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 75sovs. Five furlongs.

2—Master Kilcheran, 7.7 (B. Deeley) 1
1—Obligant, 7.10 (H. Gray) 2
5—King's Favourite, 8.4 (F. Meagher) 3
Also started: 3 Evdadne, 4 Daybreak, 6 Warlight, 7 Elevator. Won by three lengths. King's Favourite two lengths further back third. Time, 1min 5sec.

MANGATERA HACK HANDICAP of 75 sovs. Seven furlongs.

1—Matlow, by Captain Webb—Lady Gwynne, 8.13 (H. Gray) 1
9—Florence Nightingale, 7.0 (A. Reid) 2
8—Kingswell, 7.2 (C. Monk) 3
Also started: 7 Avauance, 4 Manituau, 3 Gaby, 2 Easy, 5 Papamarama, 6 Sir Donald. Won by a length. This race was run in a heavy shower of rain. Time, 1min 34sec.

KAITOKE WELTER of 110sovs. Six furlongs.

7—Cullinan, by Royal Fusilier—Bijou, 7.12 (H. Griffiths) 1
1—San Pluie, 7.13 (B. Deeley) 2
2—St. Toney, 9.11 (C. Price) 3
Also started: 3 Seatondale, 6 Kohinoor, 5 Moree, 4 Thetis. Won by a length. Time, 1min 19 4-5 sec.

TAPUATA HACK WELTER of 75sovs. One mile.

2—Lord Renown, 7.13 (B. Oliver) 1
5—Queen of Scots, 9.2 (A. Oliver) 2
1—Fashion Plate, 9.1 (C. Price) 3
Also started: 3 Merrie Lad, 4 Happy New Year, 6 Mozella, 8 Tuatahi, 7 Kurapotango. Won by three lengths. Fashion Plate a length away third. Time, 1min 52sec.

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB.

BAD WEATHER SPOILS MEETING.

HARENOA'S DOUBLE SUCCESS.

The Te Aroha Jockey Club concluded their annual race meeting on Thursday. The first day of the meeting was far from favourable, as the course was heavy and the weather uninviting. On Wednesday the concluding day's sport had to be postponed on account of tempestuous weather. This abated somewhat on Thursday morning and the stewards consequently decided to proceed. During the morning there were two heavy showers, but after that the climatic conditions improved, although the track was left in a most unsatisfactory condition. The attendance was seriously affected and naturally the club suffered a loss over the fixture, despite the fact that the totalisator returns for the two days showed an increase of £1300 over last year, the total being £6500. The loss was most unfortunate, because the Te Aroha Jockey Club is one of the country clubs deserving of encouragement, because the stewards are enterprising sportsmen, imbued with a resolve to make their annual gathering a source of enjoyment to their patrons. The following are the results of the second day's racing:—

SECOND MAIDEN HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Six furlongs.

Harenoa, 9.7 1
Romantic, 7.13 2
Faida, 7.0 3
Also started: Sir Walter 8.8, Sir Louis 1.9, Koroirangi 7.2. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 21sec.

WAIHOU HANDICAP of 30sovs. Six furlongs.

Impulsive, 7.5 1
Blue Mount, 7.6 2
Luperin, 7.2 3
Also started: Marangai 8.0, and Tobias 7.0. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 23 2-5sec.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 35 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

The Chef, 11.4 1
Mavourneen, 9.13 2
Arty, 9.9 3
Also started: Active Lad 9.2. Won by six lengths. Time, 3min 50 2-5sec.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 70sovs. Seven furlongs.

Kopane, 6.10 1
Fuss, 7.12 2
Blue Mount, 7.0 3
Won by a head. A couple of lengths separating second and third horse. Time, 1min 53 3-5sec. Also started: Monoplane 8.3, Aristocrat 7.8, Zinnia 7.2.

SECOND HACK RACE of 25sovs. Five furlongs.

Gibson Girl, 7.7 1
Collier Lad, 8.2 2
St. Peer, 7.10 3
Also started: Master Lane 8.3, Cuckoo 8.3, Star West 8.2, Vivace 8.2, Rukuhia 7.12, Koroirangi 7.9, Addition 8.0, Tim Doolan 7.7, Napper Tandy 7.7, La Sylphe 1.7, Manaroa 7.7, Faida 7.7. Master Lane and Cuckoo came to grief. Ross, the rider of the former, broke his

collarbone and Sceats sprained his back. The winner was well supported, and won easily. Time, 1min 10 3-5sec.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 25sovs. Four furlongs.

Harenoa, 8.0 1
Moreykoff, 7.9 2
Mahinga, 8.8 3
Also started: Bow Bells 8.8, Heyboy 7.3. Won easily. Time, 54sec.

AROHA WELTER HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Seven furlongs.

Ruatangata, 9.10 1
Kopane, 8.9 2
Miss Livonia, 10.3 3
The only starters. Won comfortably.

AUSTRALIAN RACING.

TRAFALGAR WINS CHAMPION STAKES.

The Victoria Racing Club's autumn carnival was concluded at Flemington on Saturday. Rain fell steadily from early morning, but cleared off at noon, and a big crowd attended. The programme contained an extra item that attracted considerable attention. The owners desired that the merits of Wolawa and Tadanga should be decided by a match over a straight six furlongs, for £500 a-side, the club allowing the match to take place after the second race. Wolawa (8.13) beat Tadanga (8.7) by five lengths in the Alma Stakes at Caulfield, and b half a neck in the Ascot Vale Stakes, the weights being 8.10 and 8.3. Again he beat her by a short neck for second in the Sires' Produce, 8.10 against 8.7. On Saturday the weights were: Wolawa 8.5, and Tadanga 8.2. The following are details of the racing:—

ELMS HANDICAP of 300sovs. Seven furlongs.

Wassail, 7.2 1
Uncle Sam, 6.13 2
Durdans, 7.7 3
There were 14 runners. Won by five lengths. Time, 1min 29 1/2 sec.

GIBSON GARMICHAEL STAKES of 500 sovs. For two-year-olds. Seven furlongs.

Fedan, by Wallace—Morisca, 6.9 1
Puringa, 8.4 2
Alconner, 7.5 3
There were eight starters. Won by a length and a-half, with two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 29 1/2 sec.

PLACE HANDICAP of 400sovs. One mile and a-half.

Matouree, by Playbill—Trilby, 8.1 1
Flath, 7.5 2
Hallowmas, 6.7 3
Also started: Eyeglass, Kurnell, Flavian and Flavel. Flavel led at the distance from Matouree and Flavian. Matouree then came very fast, Hallowmas also challenging. The former won by two lengths. Time, 2min 39 1/2 sec.

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE of 400sovs. About three miles.

Leah Klesha, by Carbinier—Spieler, 10.11 1
Big Bob, 10.13 2
Don Q., 10.0 3
Also started: Nigel, Hautapu, Alert Dream, Acute Angle. Hautapu led the field for two miles. Leah Klesha then took charge from Big Bob and Acute Angle. The latter fell, and Leah Klesha romped home by ten lengths. Alert Dream and Nigel also fell. Time, 6min 32 1/2 sec.

CHAMPION STAKES of 1000sovs. Weight-for-age. Three miles.

Trafalgar, by Wallace—Grand Canary, 6yrs, 9.5 1
Prizefighter, 9.2 2
Indiscreet, 9.0 3
The only starters. Indiscreet led for the first mile, when Trafalgar took command and won easily by three lengths from Prizefighter, with Indiscreet a furlong behind. Time, 5min 55 1/2 sec.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 300sovs. One mile.

Braw Scot, by Wallace—Fides, 7.5 1
Mashtun, 7.8 2
Ptah, 8.0 3
There were 18 runners. Won by half a neck, with a neck between second and third. Time, 1min 41 sec.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

ACCEPTANCES.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

The following are the acceptances for the first day's races of the Ohinemuri Jockey Club's meeting, which opens on Saturday next:—

SHORTS HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Hikua 8.11, Bow Bells 8.5, Marangai 8.2, Manurere 8.1, Haku 8.0, Harenoa 7.9, Moreykoff 7.8, Arawa 7.8, Fremantle 7.6, Tipperary 7.2, Vivace 7.0, Solitude 7.0, Maungatete 6.11, Gibson Girl 6.11, St. Wood 6.10, Lady Cuirassier 6.10, Cuckoo 6.8.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, two miles.—The Chef 11.3, Bonnie Jean 10.9, Sphinx 9.10, Webfoot 9.10, Lloyds 8.7, Commander 9.5, Hokio 9.0, Golden Glow 9.0.

NETHERTON WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Explosive 9.3, Manuwera 9.2, Watchchain 8.9, Collier Lad 8.2, Report 8.0, Steppink 8.0, Ben Tulloch 8.0.

KOMATA HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Heyboy 9.0, Invader 8.7, Solitude 8.2, Vivace 7.13, Avalon 7.12, Collier Lad 7.10, Lady Thorne 7.10, Dainty Maid 7.10, Rukuhia 7.9, Koroirangi 7.9, Manaroa 7.7, Cuckoo 7.7, Steplink 7.7, Master Lane 7.7, Faida 7.6, St. Hilda 7.6, Clare 7.6, Pearl 7.6, The Witch 7.5, Glen Afric 7.4, Phosphorus 7.4, Addition 7.4, St. Peer 7.4.

OHINEMURI CUP, one mile and a-quarter.—Monoplane 8.3, Miss Livonia

7.9, Aristocrat 7.9, Waiotahi 7.7, Ruatangata 7.4, Zinnia 7.2, Kaween 6.10, Ben Tulloch 6.7.

KARANGAHAKE HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Bow Bells 8.5, Marangai 8.3, Firelock 8.3, Manurere 8.1, Haku 8.0, Arawa 7.9, Blue Mount 7.5, Necktie 7.5, Tobias 7.3, Pet 6.10, Parawai 6.10, Faida 6.8, Gibson Girl 6.8, Report 6.8.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half.—Mavourneen 10.13, Sphinx 10.5, St. Wood 9.5, Pip 9.5, Penfold 9.2, Dinkum 9.2, Glen Afric 9.0, Dunrobin 9.0, Avaunt 9.0, Joe 9.0, Mildura 9.0.

ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Captain Soult 9.0, Mahinga 8.5, Firelock 8.3, Jena 8.2, Peggy Pryde 7.12, Moreykoff 7.7, Impulsive 7.5, Blue Mount 7.4, Necktie 7.4, Kaween 6.8, Kopane 6.8.

HANDICAPS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

The following handicaps have been declared for the principal events to be run at the A.R.C. autumn meeting, next month:—

THE EASTER HANDICAP. One mile.

Master Soult 9 4 Kakama 7 6
Los Angeles 9 2 Maheno 7 6
Maori King .. 9 0 Miss Winsome 7 4
Dearest .. 9 0 Crown Pearl .. 7 4
Boanerges .. 8 11 Sea Elf 7 3
Dawn 7 11 Smilax 7 2
Undecided ... 8 10 St. Amans ... 7 2
Gipsy Belle ... 8 10 Royal Arms .. 7 1
Royal Scotch 8 10 Gloy 7 1
Gen. Latour .. 8 8 Wee Olga ... 7 1
Midnight Sun 8 8 Golden Loop 7 0
Domino 8 8 Jack Delaval 7 0
Soulitoria ... 8 7 Seatondale .. 7 0
Santa Rosa ... 8 7 St. Petersburg 7 0
Fort William 8 6 Ashby 7 0
Antoinette ... 8 6 La Reina ... 6 10
Coromandel .. 8 4 First Wairiki 6 9
Miscount 8 2 Temerite 6 9
Goldsize 7 10 Kaween 6 8
Mstr. Wairiki 7 8 Taketumu ... 6 7
Sublime 7 6 Maui Nina .. 6 7
Our Queen ... 7 6

BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE. Two miles.

Espartero 12 10 Blue Mountain 9 9
Bik. Northern 12 0 Master Theory 9 9
Delegate 11 12 Bonnie Jean 9 9
Presently 11 8 Sphinx 9 5
Reumac 11 7 Idealism 9 4
Prophet 11 1 Spectre 9 2
Don Quex 10 13 Lloyds 9 2
Sol 10 5 Sandy Paul .. 9 0
Napper 10 2 Captain Paul 9 0
Bully 9 11 Mstr. William 9 0

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE. About three miles and a-half.

Antarctic 12 7 Tui Cakobau 9 11
Pleiades 11 0 Bully 9 11
Sol 11 0 Hautere 9 9
Loch Fyne ... 10 10 Commander .. 9 8
Delegate 10 10 Beeline 9 7
Reumac 10 7 Dinkum 9 7
Webfoot 10 1 Golden Glow 9 7
Hunakaha ... 10 1 Mildura 9 7
First Barrel .. 10 0 Rebel 9 7
Blue Mountain 9 13 Creusot 9 7

Acceptances for the above races close to-morrow (Friday), on which date general entries for the minor events of the programme also fall due.

FIELDING JOCKEY CLUB.

EASTER MEETING.

NOMINATIONS for all events as under, close on FRIDAY, 22nd March, 1912, at 8.30 p.m.:

FIRST DAY.

- 1. WAIATA HACK, five furlongs and a-half, 1sov.
2. MANGAONE STAKES, six furlongs, 1sov.
3. KAWA KAWA HURDLES, about two miles, 1sov.
4. TAONUI HACK HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters, 1sov.
5. FIELDING CUP, one mile and a-half, 1sov.
6. ONEPUHI HACK WELTER, about one mile, 1sov.
7. ONGO HACK, five furlongs and a-half, 1sov.
8. HALCOMBE WELTER, seven furlongs, 1sov.

SECOND DAY.

- 1. DENBIGH STAKES, six furlongs, 1sov.
2. AWAHURI HACK WELTER, one mile and a distance, 1sov.
3. KIMBOLTON HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters, 1sov.
4. OROUA HACK HURDLES, one mile and a-half, 1sov.
5. EASTER HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter, 1sov.
6. REWA HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs, 1sov.
7. MAIDEN HACK SCURRY, five furlongs and a-half, 1sov.
8. MAKINO WELTER, about one mile, 1sov.

WEIGHTS are due on or about FRIDAY, March 29th, 1912.

ACCEPTANCES for all the above events close TUESDAY, April 3rd.

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BOXING.

THE KNOCK-OUT PUNCH.

SENSATIONS IT PRODUCES.

The effects of the knockout punch was the topic of discussion when a number of old-time fighters, men who had shown prominently in the ring a few years ago, congregated in a boxing gymnasium in Chicago recently. They had gathered informally, or, rather, had just stepped in to take a look around. Naturally the first thing they did was to compare the present generation of fighting men with those of the past, the past, of course, being favoured by long odds. After chewing this topic to shreds the conversation shifted around to the subject of knockout clouts and the sensation produced.

Jack Root, who once aspired to be the champion heavyweight, but failed because Marvin Hart hit him too hard a lick on the chin; Harry Walsh, the Canadian middleweight, and Harry Gilmore, who conducts a boxing gymnasium, and a couple of others, including Harry Forbes, the little ex-champion, who has recently "come back" par excellence, were among the number.

This party got to relating some of the wallops they had seen put over that ended battles when Forbes started them all laughing with a story of a knockout which he had recorded a few weeks before in an Indiana ring. Forbes was fighting a youngster in the "bushes," and his opponent entered the ring carrying the burden of "The Crown Point Kid."

The fight had not gone one round before it was evident to Forbes and to the crowd that the "Crown Point Kid" was soft picking. Harry let him go along for a couple of rounds, then clipped him on the point of the jaw a little harder than usual, just to see if he was game. Down went the "Crown Point Kid." He took the count of "nine" and got to his feet. He wasn't even dazed and a moment later Forbes planted another one on the chin and down went the "Kid" again. The referee started counting and had just announced "one" when the "Kid" looked up and whispered: "Don't count, Mr Referee; I'm out."

"I guess he thought the nine the referee counted on him first time he went down and the one counted the second time constituted a knockout," commented Forbes, "for he didn't like the game a little bit."

One of the funniest knockouts that Walsh had ever seen was performed in a Chicago ring, when Al. Fellows, a little fellow, who was a pretty good article in the game of fisticuffs, was jolted hard. It was just about as nice a wallop as ever landed. Fellows straightened up stiff and went flat, the back of his cranium hitting the floor hard. When he came out of it the first things he said was: "How sweetly the birds do sing." Fellows, talking about it afterwards, said that the sensation wasn't unpleasant, but when he came to—what a headache!

When Jack McCormick knocked out "Kid" McCoy in about half a round in their first fight the first thing the "Kid" said when he opened his eyes was: "What happened?"

When Packey McFarland knocked out Morrie Bloom in eight rounds in a Racine (Wisconsin) ring a few months ago, Bloom was as completely knocked out a fighter as ever left the ring. Knocked down for the count three times, Bloom finally stayed down while the referee told off the fatal ten seconds. McFarland had left the ring before Bloom had recovered his senses, and the first thing Bloom tried to do was to continue the fight. Instead of McFarland as an opponent, he picked out the crowd, and, standing with his hands over the ropes, he went through the motions of swinging at imaginary opponents. His seconds finally apprised him of the fact that the bout was over by the knockout route.

Jack Root once fought a fellow hailing from Philadelphia by the name of Ed Denfass. In the fourth round Root hooked the Quaker City fighter on the jaw and he went down dead to the floor. Afterwards Denfass said that he could hear the church bells ringing and that the world seemed so bright. It didn't seem so bright when Ed counted his loser's end and went back to Philadelphia to tell his pals how it all happened.

Boxers as a rule do not consider the knockout punch a serious thing. The sensation it produces is not the most pleasant thing in the world, of course, but there isn't one of them who would not rather receive the sleep producer than to take a beating and then lose a fight.

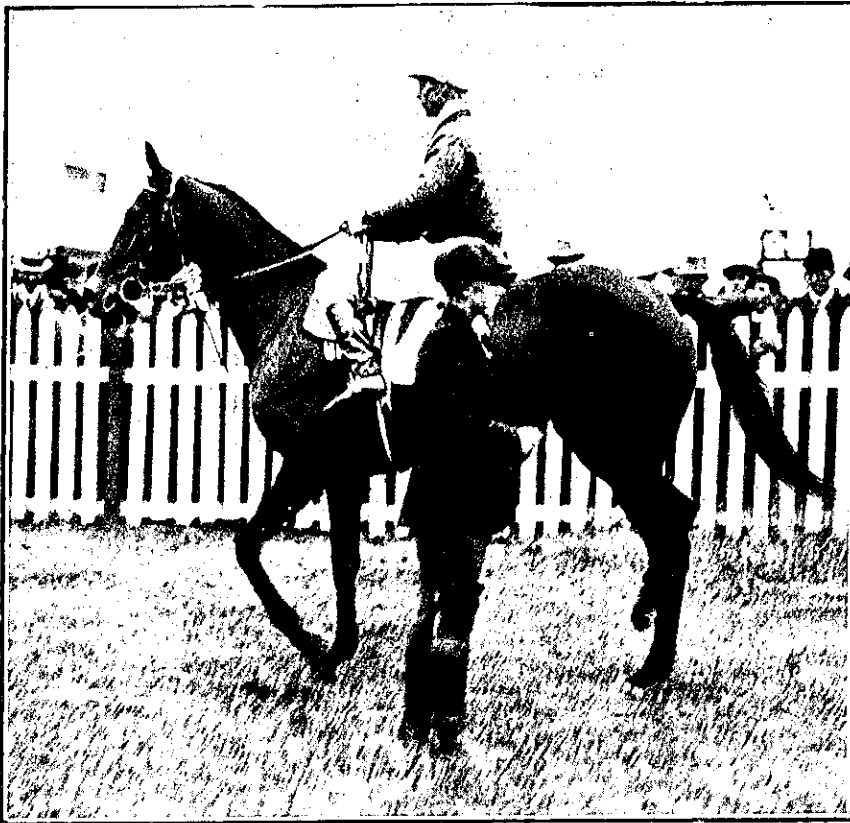
A knockout doesn't leave any lasting effects, as does the average beating received by most losers, and it is the surest cure for a novice who really wasn't meant for the prize ring. It is the fighter who takes the beating minus the knockout who in the long run suffers the most damage. There are fighters to-day who have not been the victims of a knockout punch more than once or twice, who have taken terrific beatings and whose mentality is seriously impaired as well as their physical selves.

FITZSIMMONS ON "PROBATION."

Word was recently published to the effect that Mrs Fitzsimmons the beauty actress and wife of the famous ex-world's champion Fitz, had left her husband owing to Robert's fondness for the wine cup. American papers to hand state that Mrs Bob Fitzsimmons, who is playing in vaudeville at Milwaukee, mourned her lonely observance of New Year's Day, and told a local newspaper woman that she was longing for the day when her big prize-fighter would come back to her. She said he was on trial to prove to

last Saturday it is probable the Lester-Thompson battle will be delayed another week.

"Kid" McCoy's "come back" career is being watched with much interest by followers of the ring, particularly by those who are acquainted with the Hoosier boxer's wonderful doings during the time he was at the height of his form as a pugilist. McCoy has so far succeeded in winning all four battles he has participated in since his return to the ring, and must be given credit for his successful efforts in regaining a portion of his laurels in the fighting arena. In his match with Jim Savage the "Kid" scored a victory over his opponent in four rounds, but the former gave McCoy considerable trouble while the bout lasted. Savage's youth stood him in good stead, and although McCoy outpointed him, yet in the third round the Kid was on the verge of collapse from sheer weariness, and only managed to pull himself together in the nick of time to administer a punch on the jaw that dropped Savage for the full count. The performance was creditable, as far as it went, but one hates to think of what would happen to McCoy in a bout lasting any great length of time with one of the better class of heavyweights for an antagonist. The strain would tell upon the once famous pugilistic star beyond a doubt and bring about his downfall. It's the lack of the stamina, reduced by age, training and dissipation, which makes the path of the old timers for



MISS AUGUSTA (H. Gray) returning to scale after winning the Trial Stakes (four furlongs) at the Dannevirke Racing Club's Autumn Meeting.

her that he could get along without drinking. "Mr Fitzsimmons is on probation," she said. "I hope I can go back to him, but I don't know myself. He once deceived me when he promised to give up liquor, and I left him again, and I am trying him on another promise now. He wants me to come back to him, which shows that he knows there was no truth in what was told of me. When Bob Fitzsimmons is himself, he is all I thought him. But when he has been drinking and his eyes have a look in them, it is different. And he gets fearfully jealous."

"Will you go back to Mr Fitzsimmons again?" was asked. "I wish you wouldn't ask that. Mr Fitzsimmons is on probation. I hope I shall go back, but I don't know myself. You know, he used always to keep any promise he made to me, but the last time he promised me he wouldn't drink for six months, he did drink before the time was up, and then tried to deceive me about it. I saw then that I had lost control, and there was no use staying any longer, so I am trying him on another promise now."

Bill Lang recently underwent a successful operation for a contused eye.

Jack Lester and "Cyclone" Johnny Thompson have been matched to fight their return match on Saturday next (March 16), but as this is the day set down for the Jim Barry-Sam McVea contest, which was postponed from

the most part woefully hard to travel. But then you never can get one of the clan to believe this statement.

"Kid" McCoy's ten-round battle with George Gunther, the coloured-fighter, in Paris, proved a very tame affair, the once famous fighter winning by a narrow margin on points from the black. Both men fought badly, McCoy doing little, while that which Gunther busied himself in doing was ineffective. McCoy showed that he had not forgotten to use straight lefts and uppercuts to advantage, while it was noticeable that the "Kid" possessed two valuable assets over the coloured boxer—grace and public sympathy. The ringsiders cheered McCoy's efforts with much enthusiasm, but it could not be said that his work warranted such admiration, for his ring appearance and coolness seemed to be what impressed the crowd most. The outbursts in favour of McCoy must have disheartened the coloured man, for he appeared awkward and ill at ease and his attempts to outpoint McCoy were unavailing, the judge's verdict "Kid McCoy, winner," meeting with general popularity. However, in the opinion of a number of keen authorities the decision was not by any means a fair one, it being contended that a draw would have been the best ending to so poor a battle or to go a step further, had it been declared no contest the verdict would have been more in keeping with the wretched exhibition given by both fighters.

Jack Johnson, when lately interviewed regarding his future plans, stated that his next opponent will be either Jim Flynn, the American, or Sam McVea, the coloured heavy-weight. "I am feeling as fit to-day as ever I was in my life, and am really better than I was before I started to train for my fight with Jeffries," said Johnson. "I could get down to weight in less than three weeks and be ready to go straight into the ring then. What's more, I guess that I will be going along all right, and ready to box anybody for several years to come. You can take it from me that there won't be any change in the heavy-weight championship for quite a while. It will be some time before any of these new white boxers that are coming to the front get right into championship form. I had to go through a stiff journey, a lot of hard training and hard fighting before I could get where I belonged and these fellows can't hope to have things made any easier for them."

The strained relations which existed between Champion Jack Johnson and Jim Corbett during the month preceding the Reno fiasco have not in any way been smoothed over, and the "Pompador" and "Lil Artha" are at present continuing their "dirty linen" campaign in no unmeasured terms. It will be remembered that Corbett has always maintained that the great negro fighter possessed a "yellow streak," an insinuation which Johnson bitterly resents. Corbett is now publicly stating his opinion that Johnson was the luckiest of champions, and that he was dodging fights with the best of the present-day heavyweights. Also that he was a man of doubtful courage, and that he was hogging it by demanding £6000 for his end of a purse for the world's championship. Johnson's retort to this uncomplimentary reference to himself appears in a Chicago paper, and is a distinct knock to "Gentleman Jim," being as follows:—"Jim Corbett and a Chicago theatrical man offered me £20,000 to lie down to Al Kaufmann after I had defeated Jim Jeffries. When I returned from Australia, Corbett and the same theatrical magnate visited me and offered a substantial prize if I would consent to fake ten rounds with Corbett, and assist in rebuilding Gentleman Jim's reputation."

Pat Doran, the Victorian heavy-weight, fails to make much headway in the professional ranks, and last week he suffered another defeat in Sydney, being beaten by Dan ("Porky") Flynn, the American, in the eleventh round. Flynn did not impress the critics as a heavyweight above the ordinary, and as Doran fought wildly at times, the contest was not one to go into ecstasies about. In view of the fact that Dan Flynn had a year ago beaten Jim Barry in New York in the twelfth round and had given Joe Jeanette and Jack Johnson some hard battles during his career, he was made a warm favourite among the betting section, and the general opinion was that he would easily account for Doran. The latter, however, gave the American a busy time of it whilst operations lasted and not until half-a-dozen rounds had been fought did Flynn's superiority manifest itself. Doran appeared nervous during the encounter, and his lack of confidence undoubtedly had much to do with the contest ending as early as the eleventh round. In the remaining rounds Flynn was repeatedly the aggressor, and he drove home blow after blow with monotonous regularity. When the eleventh round opened it was noticeable that Doran was in a weakened state, and Flynn brought a telling uppercut in contact with the Victorian's jaw, and then went in to finish the contest straightway. This he was spared from doing per medium of the knock-out, Doran's seconds wisely throwing in the towel. The referee, "Snowy" Baker, thereupon declared Flynn the victor.

Just after Ad Wolgast recovered from his recent operation for appendicitis an attack of pneumonia caused his friends some anxiety. This was due to his recklessness in disregarding his physician's instructions, and persisting in taking long automobile rides in bad weather soon after his illness. Not long ago Ad issued a statement in which he said that he was confident that he would be able to fight again about the beginning of March. Jones couldn't get to a telegraph office quick enough in order to flash messages broadcast across the country denying the statement.

ATHLETICS

WORLD-FAMED WRESTLERS.

GOTCH MAY RE-APPEAR.

HACKENSCHMIDT AGAIN HOPEFUL.

The meeting some months back between the world-famed wrestlers, Frank Gotch, the American, and George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion," ended so convincingly in favour of the former as to set at rest all doubts as to the champion wrestler of the world. On that occasion, Hackenschmidt, whose aim in life appeared to be to have an opportunity of endeavouring to wipe out the defeat he sustained at the hands of Gotch when the pair first met in Chicago several years back, made a poor showing compared to his previous efforts against the big American, and so completely did he collapse in the Iowa wrestler's embrace that those at the ringside could hardly believe their eyes. Gotch's deadly toe-hold, of course, played a prominent part in the match, but even so, Hackenschmidt gave but a glimpse of his former self in his vain attempts to measure skill with the burly American. The Russian's explanation of his feeble showing was that he was suffering from an injured knee sustained just fifteen days before the match, whilst wrestling with Dr. Roller. That, however, did not alter the fact that the title was retained by Frank Gotch, and he was heralded on all sides as the invincible world's champion wrestler. Indeed, so easily did he account for Hackenschmidt that many of the leading judges aver that Gotch is the best all-round wrestler the world has ever known. This is a flattering comment to make when it is considered the Iowa athlete emerged from a lengthy retirement with a view to specially giving Hackenschmidt a return match, and unlike the majority of athletes—who find the task of "coming back" beyond their capabilities—he demonstrated conclusively that he had lost none of his strength, skill and speed on the mat, the unanimous opinion being that he was in better wrestling trim than even when he met Hackenschmidt the second time.

With his match against the "Russian Lion" over Gotch declared that he was through with the wrestling game, his connection with which has made him a comparatively wealthy man. He has since been repeatedly challenged by aspirants for wrestling honours, but has met all with a deaf ear. Of the wrestlers who are at present in the limelight, Gotch considers Yusef Mahmout the Turk, is the greatest of all, but the fact that the latter has had a defeat registered against him by the world's champion plainly shows the Iowa athlete's undoubted superiority at the grappling game. Zybsco has persistently demanded a match with Gotch since the latter vanquished Hackenschmidt for the second time, but as Gotch had decided to remain firm in his avowal of retirement he refused to entertain the idea of another match. As is nearly always the case with a great athlete who decides to quit his profession, no end of pressure was brought to bear upon Gotch with the object of making him cast aside his resolution and re-enter the wrestling arena in defence of his title. Gotch, however, appeared to have settled down in retirement, until Zybsco's repeated challenges succeeded in making the champion take the first step that may lead to his re-appearance in contests at no distant date, Gotch having notified Zybsco that he will wrestle him provided Zybsco defeats Mahmout first. Although Zybsco will probably find Mahmout a superior wrestler to himself, Gotch's announcement can be taken as an indication that he has not done with the wrestling game just at present, and the return to the mat of so remarkable an athlete is likely to be attended with many interesting developments in the wrestling world.

One result of Gotch's return to the wrestling arena will be a third match between the champion and George Hackenschmidt. The latter who is at present in England whither he specially journeyed to receive a course of treatment to the torn ligaments of his left knee, the external semi-lunar car-

tilage of which was also injured, has not by any means accepted his defeat by Gotch as final. He states that it is the great ambition of his life to beat Frank Gotch, and he is certain he will do it if he has health and strength. "I'm game for another try," said Hack' to a London interviewer early this year, "and Gotch, if he beats me then, can take all the gate money and the picture rights as well. I am not afraid of Gotch: I never was."

Hackenschmidt says that his last defeat well-nigh broke his heart, so much had he set his heart on winning. The training expenses for the match cost Hack £700, for not only did he have Dr Roller and Zybsco as wrestling partners but a number of other leading wrestlers were in attendance at his training camp. When he left England for America, the scene of the combat, the "Russian Lion" was stronger in mind and body than he had ever been before, and he felt, as expressed in his own words "like a giant refreshed with new wine." On arrival in America he injured his knee a fortnight before the match, and he immediately told Jack Curley, who had a large sum of money at stake, that it was all up, and he knew it, and that was the reason he made them cry all bets off.

How bitter that beating in the return match was to Hackenschmidt can well be imagined by those who knew that it was the Russian's one great desire in life to turn the tables on the man who resorted to such questionable tactics in order to gain the decision at Chicago on the occasion of their first meeting. Even during his visit to Auckland Hackenschmidt made no secret of the fact that he counted on fulfilling one great mission, and that was to defeat Gotch, and with that task accomplished he would then be able to bid adieu to the wrestling arena after putting the seal of success on one of the most remarkable careers that ever fell to the lot of any athlete.

In conclusion it is interesting to note Hackenschmidt's reference to his last match when lately speaking to an English interviewer:—

"That second defeat by one to whom I felt and still feel, superior was very hard to bear. It was not the actual defeat; it was the thought of the keen disappointment of all my friends in England and elsewhere who believed in me and expected me to win. I did not come to London, but went straight to the Continent, for I could not face the music in England. But I can face it now, because I believe I shall get my own back yet, and I mean to do it."

THE 1912 OLYMPIC GAMES.

DOMINION'S SCANT REPRESENTATION.

OTHER COUNTRIES' ENTHUSIASM.

It is impossible to view New Zealand's representation at the 1912 Olympic Games at Stockholm in anything but a disappointing light, for all prospects of getting-together a strong team of athletes to represent the Dominion have now been shattered. The increased interest displayed by the various countries who intend sending representatives to this year's international sports has been most marked during the past couple of months, Great Britain, America, Japan, Hungary, and Germany having been particularly busy in their endeavours to secure the best representation possible. Under these circumstances it is all the more regrettable that New Zealand is to be worse off on the score of representative athletes than was the case last year, G. N. Hill, long-distance runner and A. F. Wilding, tennis champion, being the only two representatives chosen by the New Zealand Olympic Council to do battle for the Dominion at the Games in June and July next, for it is improbable Malcolm Champion, of Auckland, will make the trip to compete in the swimming events. Summed up, the position is that Hill will be our sole representative in athletics, for but little interest is attached to the tennis championship, which claims the Dominion's other representative. New Zealand's poor representation can safely be accepted as a general lack of interest in athletics

in this country, for there is no gain-saying the fact that there is plenty of good material still to be found competing at our athletic gatherings. Such fine athletes as G. P. Kedell (Southland), R. Opie (Canterbury), H. Kerr (Wellington), W. F. Harding (Hawke's Bay), and W. Woodger (Wellington) are capable of upholding the athletic prestige of any country. These men have been communicated with by the New Zealand Olympic Committee, Kedell replying that he was unable to make the trip to Sweden, Kerr and Harding failing to reply, and Opie stating his inability to give a definite reply. In the case of Woodger the Council deemed it best not to send him.

It is thus seen that the New Zealand Olympic Council are in no way to blame for the unsatisfactory state of affairs which prevails regarding the Dominion receiving proper athletic representation at the Games. This body have done all in their power to cope with a most difficult situation, for, with limited funds at their disposal, combined with the fact that they received practically no co-operation from the athletes themselves, they have been greatly handicapped in carrying out their duties. It is therefore little wonder that the Council have deemed it fit to send but one representative to Sweden, and even in the case of this athlete it is no secret that the funds in hand fall short of the amount required to pay the expenses of the trip. At the time of writing there is still a shortage of the necessary funds, but it is confidently anticipated the sum required will be forthcoming, and Hill will leave for Sydney to catch the Osterley Grange for London. The Australian representatives will proceed to London by the same steamer, and will on arrival on English soil join forces with the British team for Stockholm. Hill will undergo a special preparation for the 1500 and 5000 metres events, and should arrive in Sweden in excellent form for his engagements.

As mentioned in a preceding paragraph, New Zealanders have only themselves to thank for the absence of a strong team to do battle for them at this year's Games, so trivial an interest have they taken in the matter of having the Dominion properly represented. The whole success of athletics in New Zealand lies in the patronage accorded sports meetings by the public, and we regret to have to say that, though some of the best athletic carnivals on record have been held in the various provincial centres during the past few months, the attendances have been of a most discouraging nature. Athletic bodies in New Zealand are faced with a difficult problem so far as attracting the public is concerned, and it is a well-known fact that one "star" event on a programme will go further towards ensuring a good attendance than all the rest of the events together. Until the real worth of athletics appeals more strongly to the average New Zealander we cannot expect the fame of our runners to spread abroad, and in being poorly represented at the world's greatest athletic carnival a good opportunity of gaining further laurels in the field of sport is thus lost.

Whilst on the subject of this year's Olympic Games it is worthy of note that Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and South Africa will not, as at previous carnivals, compete as individual nations, but will enter the Olympiad as one team under the title of "the British Empire

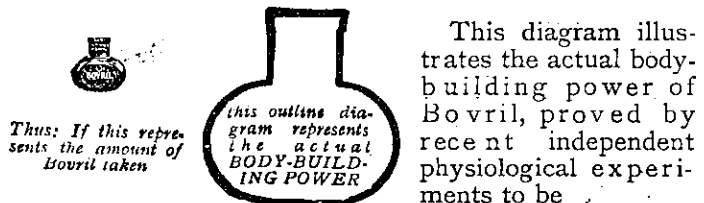
team." This is all the more reason why New Zealand should have sent a strong contingent of athletes to unite with the Britishers, and thus assist Great Britain in making a bold bid for athletic supremacy against the other nations of the earth. America intends to send a team of 150 men to compete in events, and as the Americans carried off the palm at Athens in 1896, again in Paris in 1900, St. Louis in 1904, and London in 1908, they are naturally looking forward to wide success at this year's Olympiad. Germany will be very strongly represented this year, especially in the field games and jumping departments. Hungary will also be well represented, for whereas the Hungarian team for the Olympic Games in London in 1908 numbered 40, the team for Stockholm will be 130, composed as follows:—Football 17, shooting 8 to 10, swimming 12, athletics 20, wrestling 12, fencing 12, lawn tennis 5, gymnastics 22, rowing 13, and cycling 6. The Hungarian Government has contributed 4800 kroner towards the expenses of the competitors. Japan intends to guard her laurels at this year's Olympic Games, in which Japanese representatives will compete for the first time. The Japanese are reported to have some remarkable long-distance runners in their team, Sniize Kanakuri, who is credited with time over a Marathon course (25 miles) which has only been eclipsed by Tom Longboat, being looked to to give a great account of himself in the Marathon race.

The State Cabinet of Victoria evidently does not believe in the encouragement of athletics, for it has refused to contribute funds to send a team of athletes to the Olympic Games. The New South Wales Ministry, however, showed a more generous spirit, donating a sum of £500.

This year's Five Miles Cross-Country championship will be decided at Wellington, the winter event being allotted to the different centres annually. The 1911 cross-country race, it will be remembered, was run in Auckland and was won easily by G. N. Hill. Owing to his trip to the Olympic Games, Hill will not be a competitor in the event this year.

Commenting on the Auckland Amateur and Cycle Club's action in nominating A. A. Dormor as one of the New Zealand representatives for the Olympic Games the "Otago Witness" says:—There is a suggestion to send Dormor, of Auckland, to the Olympic Games. This youth is the one "discovery" of the season of 1911-12. He has put up several good times in half-mile races, and won the quarter and half-mile races at the recent N.Z. championships at Invercargill. Dormor set the seal to his New Zealand fame on Saturday by running a half-mile at the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club's meeting in 1min 58 1-5sec (equalling Hector Burk's New Zealand record). Still, this performance is not good enough to justify his being sent to compete at the Olympic Games. Even allowing that Dormor can improve on this, Australia has unearthed a half-miler who the other day at the Victorian championships did 1min 56 3-10sec, beating Wheatley's Australasian best of 1min 56 3-4sec. If Australasia is to be represented in the half-mile at Stockholm, Watson, the new Victorian champion, is the man who should be sent.

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THE STAGE

AUCKLAND FIXTURES.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

March 4-18—Allen Doone Dramatic Company.
 March 18 to April 3—"A Girl's Temptation" (George Marlow, Ltd.).
 April 6 to 20—"Everywoman" Company.
 June 24 to July 3—Pantomime "Sinbad the Sailor."
 July 22 to August 3—"The Blue Bird."
 September 30 to October 12—Oscar Asche-Lily Brayton.

TOWN HALL.

Newbury-Spada "Pops"—Every Saturday night.

PICTURE SHOWS.

Queen's Theatre (Continuous).

OPERA HOUSE.

Fuller's Vaudeville.

HIS MAJESTY'S.

"A ROMANCE IN IRELAND."

SIMPLE IRISH LIFE.

"A Romance in Ireland" is a drama with a real smack of Erin written by Allen Doone. The romance centres round Larry O'Daly, who is impersonated by the author himself, and possesses material for the author-actor to infuse personality into a quaint and interesting story. Larry loves Norah Doyle. Norah has a brother Gerald, who has a commission in the army and he returns home on furlough, accompanied by a scamp named Captain Downes. This officer promptly fell in love with the bewitching Norah and resolved to make her his wife. Norah, however, loves Larry, so in order to damn the young Irishman's chances, Captain Downes endeavours to implicate his rival in a felony. This is accomplished—somewhat clumsily—by placing a roll of notes Norah's father misplaced in Larry's pocket. The theft is discovered when Farmer Doyle hands over an empty wallet to Squire O'Daly in payment of a debt. A search is made and the notes found on Larry, who after a most dramatic scene is disowned by his father. The parting of the lovers is tragic, but everything is satisfactorily adjusted by Captain Downes admitting his despicable trick. It can hardly be said that the theme has much merit or that the construction of the play reflects the handiwork of a successful dramatist, yet there is an atmosphere of rustic Ireland that kindles patriotic fervour, and there is romance enough to hold attention. The sentiment was somewhat forced but was happily relieved by a strong admixture of Irish humour which kept the audience in a constant ripple of merriment. Despite crudities and shortcomings it must be admitted that "A Romance in Ireland" has the virtue of being simple and wholesome drama of the class which makes a strong appeal to that large section of the public who want thrill, relaxation and amusement for the coin they part with at the theatre door. Mr Allen Doone, as the central figure of the play (Larry O'Daly) possesses the happy knack of immediately getting on good terms with the audience and by his interweaving of pathos and humour holds attention and earns rounds of applause. Miss Edna Keeley was charming and vivacious and acquitted herself admirably as a sweet colleen, although at times her brogue was foreign to Ireland. Mr Tom Buckley did well with his part of Father

O'Flynn, and the remainder of the company enacted their parts with moderate success.

To night "Molly Bawn" will be staged and this will carry the season to a close on Saturday.

GEORGE MARLOW'S DRAMATIC COMPANY.

"A GIRL'S TEMPTATION."

With the hall-mark of a big metropolitan success upon them, the George Marlow Company will make their appearance in His Majesty's Theatre on

there would appear to be good grounds for the assertion. In reviewing "A Girl's Temptation," a prominent critic said:—"After having witnessed "A Girl's Temptation" one may easily understand why it is that at present the piece is drawing crowds nightly to the London theatres. It has aptly been described as a remarkable drama. But it is something more. It is a daring and most skilful handling of decidedly Zolaesque materials, cleverly sugar-coated with farcical comedy, and rounded off with numerous thrilling situations. The authoress has taken her materials from real life, and placed her characters on the stage of

where the booked seats are one shilling extra, is at Wildman and Arey's.

TOWN HALL.

NEWBURY-SPADA CONCERTS.

The Town Hall has become quite a centre of attraction on Saturday nights since the inauguration of the Newbury-Spada "Pops." Last week there was the usual large and enthusiastic audience amongst them the Prime Minister (Sir Joseph Ward), Lady Ward, and Miss Eileen Ward, every item meeting with unstinted approval. In fact, it is rather a pity that encores are so insistently demanded in every case, for by the end of the programme, owing to the exigencies of train and boat, there is a marked depletion in the number of listeners, a grievance which has become very real to those who have to leave early. Mr Philip Newbury gave an effective rendering of Blumenthal's "Message," and for a clamorous recall "Sally in our Alley," while Madame Spada's numbers were "Angels ever bright and fair" and a composition of Alf. Hill's. Herr Raimond Pechotsch, Mr Harold Gregson, Miss Letitia Gardner, and Mr Oliver Farrow assisted towards an artistic success. Madame Spada, Madame Pechotsch, and Mr Leo Whittaker played the piano accompaniments.

OPERA HOUSE.

THE VAUDEVILLE BOOM.

With the unfurling of the vaudeville banner by the Fullerian management, the Opera House is being crowded nightly. There is a big section of Aucklanders keen on the music hall variety of entertainment; there is a swing and verve about it that appeals, and as long as it keeps up to the high-water mark of merit it will always draw. The current programme is diversified enough to suit all tastes, and no one escapes an encore. Mr Frank Yorke, as usual, tops the list in his comicalities, and a humorous interlude with Mr Marshall Palmer fairly brings the house down. The latter has a sympathetic voice, and his dramatic song, "The Fireman," given with mechanical effects, meets with a storm of applause. King and Miss Millard provide plenty of fun in their sketch entitled "The Bailiff," while a dainty juggling performance is given by Hugo and Olga, who have brought the art of balancing to the finest point. Two clever artists, they are deservedly applauded. Miss Deli Connor scores heavily in her song, "The Last Waltz," which is illustrated, and Miss Male Vine further establishes her reputation for her male impersonations. One of the most enjoyable items is given by Miss Stella Ranger, who has a charming soprano voice of exceptional range, and makes a most favourable impression. Miss Florrie Ranger is of a humorous bent, and strikes those similarly inclined. The Driscoll boys continue to make pleasant patter, while the "Circle," without which no self-respecting vaudeville is complete, sings and jests in time-honoured fashion. The orchestra is under Miss Ivy Akerstein's direction and gives every satisfaction.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"Love and Friendship," the subject of an exceptionally fine drama, has been the magnet at the Queen's Theatre for the past three days and nights, the thrilling story of two girls being its theme. The scenes were admirably set and the incidents realistically portrayed. "The Voice of a Child," was another study that made a strong appeal to both men and women while the humorous and educative element was excellently represented. A new programme will be submitted to-day, which will comprise some of the best subjects yet seen here.



MR CECIL MANNERING,
 as Will Gordon in "Luck of Roaring Camp," to be produced by the George Marlow Company, which opens at His Majesty's Theatre next week.

Monday, March 18th, in the latest and one of the biggest dramatic successes that the Australian stage has seen for some considerable time, entitled "A Girl's Temptation." The authoress, Mrs Morton Powell, claims to expose some of the temptations which beset most young girls who go out into the world to earn an honest living; hence there would appear to be some ground for the statement that "A Girl's Temptation" has been written "by a woman for women." Mr Marlow is sending to this town an organisation second to no other dramatic combination in Australia, and judging by the success achieved by the drama and the praise bestowed upon the artists,

every-day life. The result is an olla podrida of comedy, farce, and tragedy, which is screamingly funny, and at the same time sufficiently interesting to hold the attention of a crowded house through four acts and many fine scenes." "A Girl's Temptation" has also been described as the most appealing play of modern times, and in so far as it appeals to the public, Mr George Marlow has very good reasons for believing this is the truth, for big business has been done everywhere this drama has been staged. The full metropolitan company and complete scenery and effects as used in Melbourne will be used in the presentation of the drama here. The box plan,

IN PERSONAL TOUCH.

In George Marlow's production of "A Girl's Temptation" there are four acts and ten scenes, but most of the scenes are acts in themselves, so tense are the situations.

In Melbourne, since the announcement of the production of "The House of Temperley," there has set in a great rush on "Rodney Stone," Sir Conan Doyle's novel, upon which he has based the play. Booksellers have disposed of the cheap edition in thousands.

The J. C. Williamson management have been inundated with applications from young men and women—particularly the latter—who desire to "walk on" in the Asche-Brayton productions during the forthcoming season, opening in Melbourne.

Mr William Anderson's new theatre in the Victoria Market Buildings, Sydney, will shortly be an accomplished fact.

"What has become of that talented actress, Beatrice Day?" (writes a correspondent). Miss Day has been with the Plimmer-Denniston Company for some time now, and is assisting towards the triumphal tour of that company in Australia. "A Woman of No Importance" and "A Village Priest" are amongst the latest plays in which she is appearing. She is

American magician and illusionist, who is astounding crowded audiences at the Sydney Criterion.

Sousa, the March King, intends writing a book of impressions of his Australasian tour.

Madame Melba has been presented with a gold loving-cup in return for the assistance she has given to the Music Conservatorium in Melbourne. Lady Madden made the presentation.

Jansen, the magician, has each finger insured for £1000.

"Men," says one of the characters in "Thy Neighbour's Wife" (being played in America) "spend their courting days in deploring their unworthiness and pass their married life in proving it."

Three American artists will be imported by Mr William Anderson for his "Land of Nod" season at the King's Theatre, Melbourne, on an early date. They appeared in the original production in America.

"A Girl's Temptation," "The Mother of His Child," "Luck of Roaring Camp," and "Driving a Girl to Destruction" are in the repertoire of Geo. Marlow's new dramatic company. They have all been big successes in Australia.

Dr. Harriss, who will be remembered in connection with the Sheffield Choir, has donated £700 towards the fund for the erection of a new building for the Marshall-Hall Conservatorium of Music in Melbourne.

Miss Marie Baines is playing to good houses in the South in "The Lancashire Lass." After leaving Greytown this clever comedienne received a highly-flattering letter from a number of Maoris who had seen her play. "We reckon your company was the best yet ever visited our township," wrote the leader of the party.

One of the few comedians who can make and sing topical verses spontaneously and with success is Victor Prince. As Boobamah in the recent revival of "The Cingalee" in Sydney the song, "It Will All Come Right in the Future," fell to his lot. The opportunity offered for several pointed comments on questions before the public was fully availed of, and each evening the supply of topical allusions was maintained at a standard that kept the audience laughing and applauding.

Mr Edward Duggan, the well-known character actor of Mr William Anderson's Dramatic Company, has severed his connection with that organisation to take up his share of work as partner of the Bert-Bailey Dramatic Company. He has been with Mr Anderson since 1899, and during the whole of the twelve years he has only missed one night. He first appeared under his new engagement as Private Mason in the drama "Tommy Atkins," and has since taken important parts in over a hundred plays.



MISS MAJE VINE, the male impersonator, who is appearing at the Opera House.



MR CROSBIE WARD, Stage manager for George Marlow's new English Dramatic Company.

associated with those fine artistes, Mr Geo. S. Titheradge and Mrs Robert Brough.

"Miss Ethel Irving is taking everyone by storm in Wellington," writes Mr Leo D. Chateau. "Wanganui and Palmerston North will also see this charming actress for a two nights' season."

"In all probability the music hall of the future will take the place of many theatres—everything depends upon the music hall."—Sarah Bernhardt.

The King's Theatre, Melbourne, is now seeing its "East Lynne" baptism and prior to the present season it was the only dramatic theatre in Australia in which the piece had not been played. Miss Eugene Duggan (Mrs Wm. Anderson) says that she has appeared more often as Lady Isabel and Madam Vine than any other actress in Australia.

Plenty of phases! In "A Girl's Temptation" there is a poor working girl, a son of a millionaire, an overseer, a broken man, a ladies' man, a broker's man, a sweater, a coming millionaire, an earl's daughter, a factory girl, and a victim to temptation, to make up the many sidepoints of human nature which are so adroitly dealt with in this stirring drama.

To the new Portus-Talbot firm we owe a coming visit from Jansen, the

GREENROOM GOSSIP.

A Stirring Play.

On Monday, March 18 the Marlow management will produce at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, "A Girl's Temptation," which is declared to be in all respects a fitting follower to "The Bad Girl of the Family." Like that affair it has played to capacity business everywhere. Special scenic effects and gorgeous mountings are outstanding features in the production. The company will be one of the strongest ever sent through New Zealand, including the well-known English artists Miss Louise Hampton, Mr Cecil Mannering, Mr J. Bannister Howard, also such well-known names as Miss Harrie Ireland, Miss Alice Deorwyn (Mrs Charles Holloway), Miss Pearl Smith, Miss Addie Kelly, Messrs R. Stewart Garner, Herbert Linden, Johnny O'Neill, Crosbie Ward, Godfrey Cass, P. Vincent Scully, and many others too numerous to mention.

"The House of Temperley."

There are four acts and 38 characters in "The House of Temperley," which was staged by J. C. Williamson, Ltd., at Melbourne on Saturday. The scenery was painted by Phil Goatcher and J. P. Hogg. The first act takes place in Temperley Manor; the second at Tom Cribb's, a supper to the "fancy" finishing with a four-rounds contest between Joe Berks and Ginger Stubbs. Act three shows Belcher's training quarters. This is the scene where Ginger Stubbs, who is to fight for the house of Temperley, is kidnapped. Scene two of this act is the great fight on Crawley Down between Clester Dick and Captain Jack Temperley. In act four, which takes place at Natier's Club, Sir John Hawker's villainy is exposed, and scene two of this act takes place on the battlefield and in the trenches, Peninsula War.

The Great Jansen.

For the past ten years the Great Jansen has been known in magic circles as the Master Magician. His entertainments are entirely different from any other, as he has struck out into a new field of conjuring. He has also discovered some new principles of great ingenuity, which enabled him to build up many mystifying effects and creatures unknown to any other magician. Not only in pure legerdemain does he excel, but in the larger fields of illusions he shows a master mind, which gives birth to many mystifying productions, that have made the Jansen performances renowned in almost every country on the globe. Seemingly endowed with a magic power he unlocks the secrets of the supernatural sphere, while optic effects lend their help in the invention and completion of his many marvellous creations. Jansen will shortly be seen in New Zealand under the Portus-Talbot direction.

Esprit de Corps.

A grand theatrical carnival is to take place in Melbourne on Friday afternoon, March 22, in aid of the J. C. Williamson Royal Comic Opera Co. sick fund and the Musical and Dramatic benevolent fund. The locale will be the East Melbourne Cricket Ground. The "Simbad the Sailor" and the "House of Temperley" companies are co-operating, and a strong working committee is now arranging matters. The programme will include a host of novelties, and the ladies of both companies will preside over the side-shows. The public are already looking forward to the event with keen interest.

Kismet.

Oscar Asche and Joseph Harker were one day discussing the scenery for "Kismet." It was in the famous scenic artist's studio, and Mr Asche outlined his ideas while the artist toyed with a brush. Presently Harker rose, and, crossing to his desk, mixed some colour on a palette and quickly dashed off a sketch. Mr Asche looked at it and quickly jumped to his feet. "My poster!" he exclaimed, "and the scene, too." It was the loveliest concoction of deep, Oriental blues and chocolates and whites that he had ever seen. In the foreground was the entrance to the palace, with Hajj, the beggar, crouched at the doorway. In the background were the minarets and domes of the mosque, and into the azure sky rose a majestic cypress tree. That is how the wonderful poster-picture of "Kismet" came to be painted, and shortly it will be seen on the advertising hoardings of Melbourne.

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SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES.

WELLINGTON.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, March 11.

Miss Ethel Irving opened an eight-nights' season at the Opera House on Saturday evening last with "Lady Frederick." The reception accorded the brilliant English artiste and her talented company must have been exceedingly gratifying to every one of them. At the close of the first act Miss Irving was accorded four curtain calls, at the close of the second the number was increased to about nine, whilst at the final curtain the enthusiasm of the packed house rose to such a state that the whole company were the recipients of several curtain calls, whilst Miss Irving and Mr S. T. Ewart were recalled some twelve times. In fact the enthusiasm displayed by the large audience from beginning to end of the play has seldom, if ever, been equalled in Wellington. "Lady Frederick" will be played five times, the last three nights of the season being devoted to A. E. W. Mason's dramatic masterpiece, "The Witness for the Defence."

The Kilbirnie Skating Rink has opened for the season and is being well patronised notwithstanding its out of the way position.

Mr Baxter Buckley who won the pianoforte competition at the recent Wellington competitions, has taken up his residence in Wellington and intends giving a pianoforte recital in the Town Hall concert chamber on Wednesday evening. He will be assisted by Miss Carey-Wallace (vocalist) and Mr F. R. Johnstone (cellist).

The Wellington Municipal Orchestra gives a concert in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening at which Mr Hamilton Hodges will be the vocalist.

Mr Blascheck's six nights' season at the Opera House was in every way a great success. He shows at Blenheim to-night and Nelson on Tuesday night, returning to Wellington on Wednesday. The following North Island towns have yet to be visited by this clever entertainer:—Wanganui, March 16; Hawera, 18; New Plymouth, 19; Eltham, 20; Stratford, 21; Dannevirke, 23; Napier, 25; Gisborne, 27, opening a season in Sydney on April 6th. At the close of his Australian tour he visits South Africa, en route to England to fulfil engagements in London and the provinces.

West's and the Star Pictures have amalgamated their Newtown enterprises, under entirely new management. Newton will in future have only one picture house.

So far nothing is known definitely concerning the Easter attractions for New Zealand under the banner of J. C. Williamson, Ltd. "The Girl in the Train" and "Everywoman" were to have commenced their respective Dominion tours in Wellington and Auckland during Easter week. In a conversation with Mr Bert Royle on Saturday evening that gentleman informed me that so far he has not received any intimation of these dates being fulfilled by the attractions named.

Rumour has it now that the Easter dates at the Opera House will be filled by an attraction under the management of Messrs George Portus and Frank Talbot. If such is the case it is a safe bet it will be Jansen, the Amer-

ican magician, who is at present playing a big season in Sydney.

Mr Allan Hamilton's Dramatic Company opens a seven nights' season at the Opera House on Tuesday, the 19th inst., with "Beauty and the Barge," which will be played for four nights. "Why Men Love Women" will be staged on the 23rd and 24th and "A Message from Mars" on the 26th. Mr Harry Muller, the touring manager of the company, arrived in town last Friday and got to work quick and lively with the result that the city is excellently billed already announcing the coming of the company.

Mr Alf. Linley was a passenger for Sydney by the Maungauni on Friday on a business visit.

The Fullers re-opened the Theatre Royal with vaudeville last Saturday evening. There was a packed house, which bids fair that vaudeville is in for a good time, but it must be first-class vaudeville. No other class of entertainment will draw for "nuts."

town as this there should be no lack of patronage. The management is often hard put to it to find comfortable seating accommodation for the patrons who flock to the Colosseum nightly.

The H. B. Irving Co. had packed houses all through the Christchurch season and the company received a very good hearing. Louis XI. was cheered to the echo on the opening night and the other pieces "The Lyon's Mail" and "The Bells" finished up a most successful season. The company left for Australia after the Christchurch season.

The Allan Hamilton Co. with "Beauty and the Barge," is due here on March 28. The piece was very popular when produced by the Brough-Fleming Co. and should be welcomed by large audiences on its revival.

The old controversy about the seating of the family circle in the Theatre Royal has been revived with the visit

programmes at popular prices each week, but the hall is well out of the beaten track of picture-goers, and the company can hardly hope to compete with the well-established firms.

From the American newspapers it is evident that there are ebullitions in the motion picture business. Most of the big houses have become apprehensive of the effect of small, cheap picture shows, and efforts are being made to secure the high standard of picture houses. One of the methods that is being suggested is that the producing firms will not sell the film, but will lease it for six months, thereby securing its return before it has had time to get down to the picture houses where the prices per foot range about 1d or a bottle. This disturbance will probably affect this part of the world, and already I believe the bigger firms are girding their loins preparatory to a fray. Combines are being talked.

MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G String.")

Miss Rosina Buckmann, who recently appeared in Wellington and Auckland with the Irish tenor, Mr John McCormack, returns to Melbourne shortly to create the leading part in a new opera by Prof. Marshall Hall. Miss Buckmann projects giving a concert in Wellington before she leaves. It ought to be well attended.

Mr John McCormack and Miss Marie Narelle were due to give concerts in San Francisco on Tuesday, February 27th, and Sunday March 3rd.

Mendelssohn would probably be astonished could he hear his music sung in thousands of churches at Christmas time to the words, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," for before the music was adapted to the words he himself wrote of it:—"I am sure that piece will be liked very much by singers and hearers, but it will never do to sacred words."

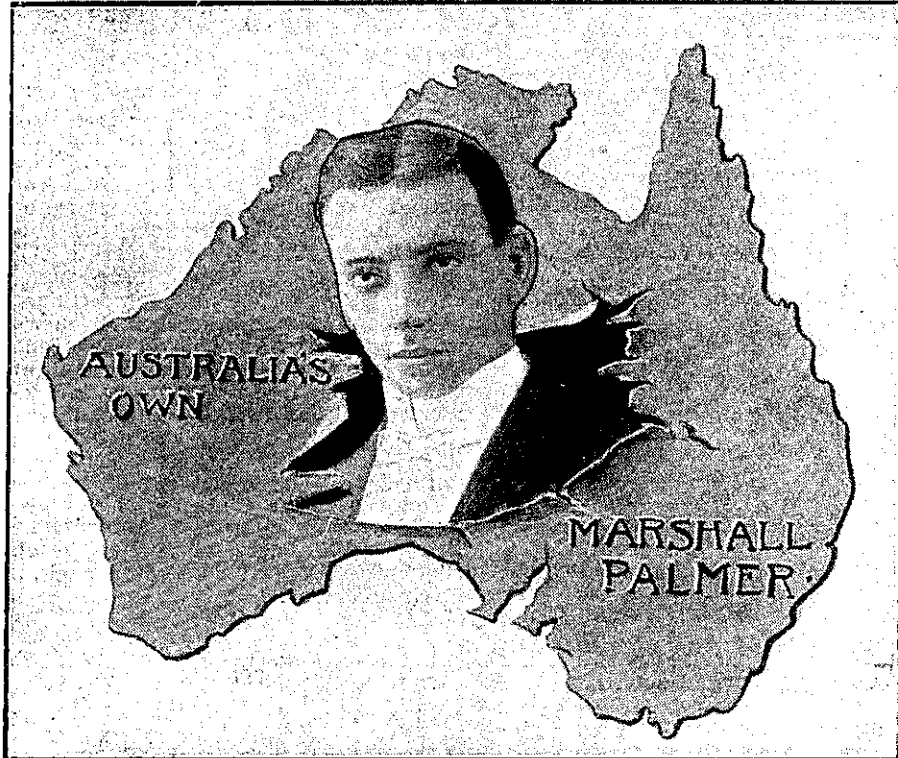
During 1911 the park bands of London gave 1254 performances at a cost to the London County Council of just over £12,000.

Mr Neil Forsyth, the manager of the Royal Opera at Covent Garden declares that hardly one English opera produced during twenty-one years has brought in enough money to repay its cost of production, and accuses England of a lack of musical curiosity.

Mr H. N. Southwell and Mr John Lemmone have evidently much faith in Good Friday concert business in Sydney as they have secured the Town Hall for April 5th. The rent for the one night is the tidy sum of £111. Mr Edward Sykes put in a tender for a paltry £100 5s and Mr Gehde put one in for £95 5s. The tender for Easter Monday night is £27 10s, which seems paltry alongside £111 for Good Friday night. Messrs. Southwell and Lemmone were again the successful tenderers.

The Vienna Society of Music Lovers has offered a prize of £400 for a large choral work for its centenary festival in December, 1912.

Leipzig, the stronghold of German conservatism, never was proud of its native son, Richard Wagner, till after his death. If he gave a concert of his own music there the hall was nearly always empty, and the critics tore everything into a thousand shreds. For decades his music was tabooed by the Gewandhaus, the leading orchestra in the city.



MR MARSHALL PALMER, who is appearing at the Opera House with much success in his character songs.

Miss Renee Querec, the brilliant Wellington pianist, sails for Berlin on Wednesday to complete her musical education under Madame Carreno.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

It is reported that the Fuller vaudeville circuit has engaged 20 artists already, and Mr Walter Fuller informed me this week that the Opera House will be in full swing again with vaudeville at Easter time.

The all day picture venture has definitely arrived in Christchurch, and Messrs MacMahon and Donnelly have secured a central site opposite the United Service hotel in Hereford-street. They will dismantle an old wooden building on the site and will erect an up-to-date picture theatre. The location will be a good one for business, and in such a picture-loving

of the Irving Co., and the City Council has been endeavouring to force the hand of the Williamson management by wanting a box plan thrown open some hours before the performance begins. Nothing so far has yet been done, but I hear that the Council insists on a blue line being drawn between each seat to mark off where each patron is to sit. What will happen when stout Ma and Little Willie sit in the family circle on their respectively marked pieces of seat, and Willie refuses to budge to make room, I do not know, but apparently we are as far from a solution of the seating difficulty as ever. It only means that if restrictions are imposed on the managers the prices will be raised and the public which loves to crowd into the gallery will be the sufferer.

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BILLIARDS.

E. Diggle, the English cueist, who is to visit Australia in June next, can claim to be the inventor of a stroke. About ten years ago when playing Dawson at Argyll Hall, his opponent's ball covered the billiard spot, and as is usual, the red was placed on the pyramid spot. From this position Diggle made 56 consecutive winning hazards into the four pockets—the middles and the two tops—a very difficult feat. This led to the alteration of the rule by the Billiard Association, who had overlooked the matter.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

A new speed record was recently established in France by Vedrines, the crack French aviator, mounted on a 100 h.p. monoplane; Vedrines flew 94 miles in 62 minutes 23 seconds.

A fine motor car performance was registered last week by Mr R. J. Lewis, a Melbourne motorist, who drove from Sydney to Brisbane (about 700 miles) in 76 hours gross time. His actual driving time was 32 hours.

the time of almost maximum compression. It is self-igniting and operates on either the two or four cycle principle, according to the arrangement of the design. Its great advantage, if it is subsequently proved to have advantages over the conventional type will probably be found in its ability to use an oil of low flash point and cheap in cost of production. The engine may be considered a little more complicated than the usual type of motor, having four valves to each cylinder and also a supply pump and compressor. But, on the other hand, the whole of the electrical equipment is dispensed with, and this is a matter

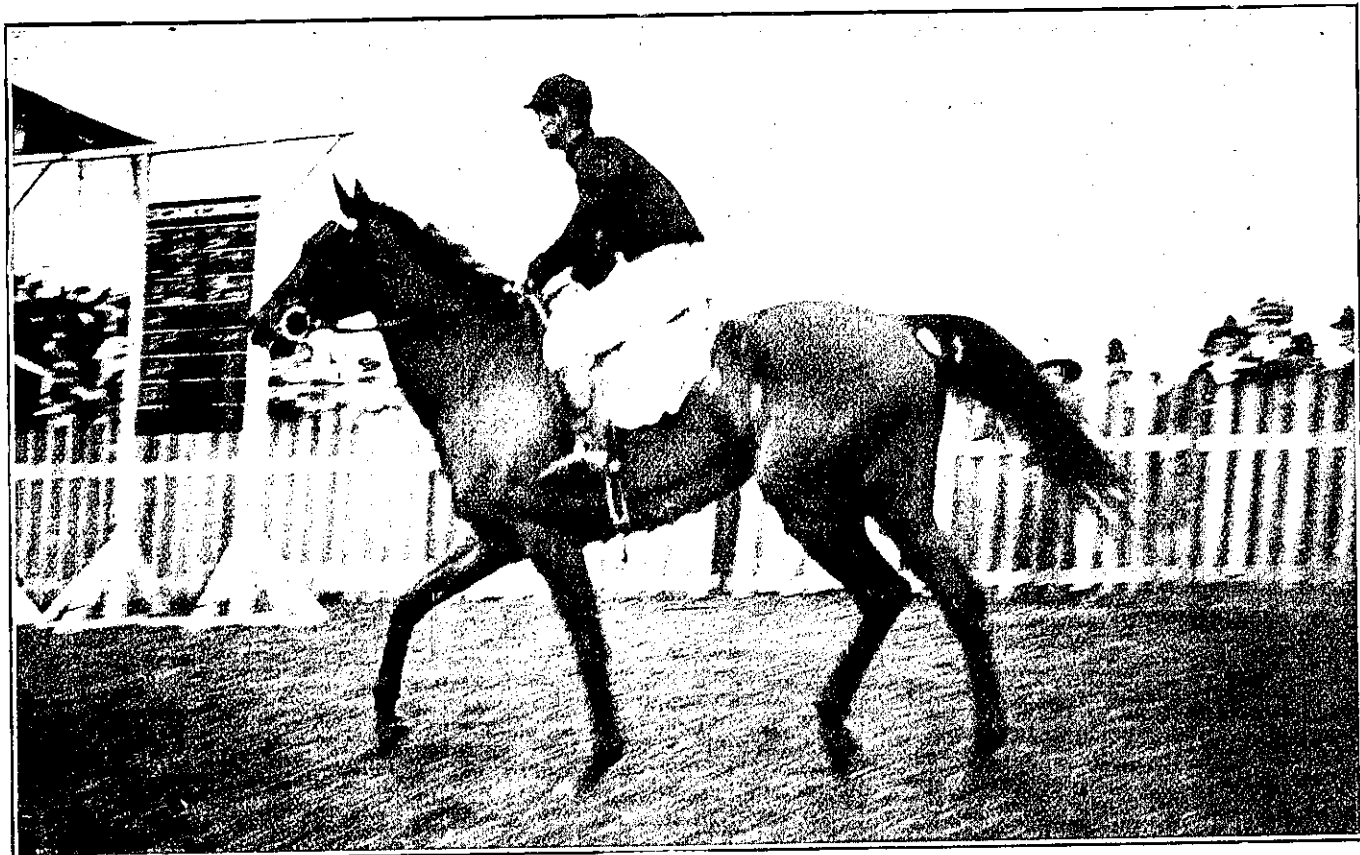
overcome. High powers with low grade and cheap fuel and the discarding of the electrical plant are attractive features, but they will not be sufficient to ensure the adoption of the Diesel engine for pleasure cars if inflexibility, valve complication, increased weight, are to remain as concomitant features of its use.

DONALDSON-POSTLE MATCH.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPORTS.

The St. Patrick's Day sports will be held in the Domain on Saturday, when a programme of unusual merit will be presented to athletic patrons. Judging by the enthusiasm with which the energetic officials are working to make Saturday's gathering eclipse any previous sports meeting promoted by the St. Patrick's Day committee it only requires fine weather to ensure a record attendance at the Domain. The opportunity of seeing the world's two greatest sprinters—Jack Donaldson and Arthur Postle—in action is one Aucklanders cannot afford to miss, for it is doubtful if ever two such brilliant runners will again visit these shores together. The large crowds that have congregated in Australia for the purpose of witnessing these high-class runners in competition is a striking testimony of the high regard in which both are held by the Commonwealth sport people, and Aucklanders are considered to be most fortunate in being provided with a running match which is likely to prove memorable in the world of athletics. Both Donaldson and Postle have trained hard for their contest on Saturday, and are thoroughly accustomed to the Domain track, so that a great race is fully anticipated. Although many are looking forward to a victory for Donaldson on the score that two of the distances,—150yds and 200yds—will suit him better than Postle, it would not cause any surprise to see the speedy Queenslander stay better over the longer distances than has been the case on Australian tracks, for the Auckland Domain has been regarded by visiting sprinters as one of the fastest in the world. With so evenly a matched pair engaged, the three races should result in exciting finishes, and the meeting of the two crack sprinting champions should long be remembered by those who spend their holiday at the Domain on Saturday.

The 120yds. Sheffield Handicap has attracted a large entry, including some of the best known runners in Auckland. Altogether the attractive programme gives promise of a real enjoyable day's sport.



Mr A. F. Douglas' br g THRIVE (B. Deeley) after his victory in the Electric Hack Handicap (five furlongs) at the Dannevirke Racing Club's Autumn Meeting.

Diggle takes his aim with the point of his cue on the cloth, and then by a curious upward action of his thumb raises it to the required height. He is unlike any other player in his style, and quite unorthodox in his methods. He appears to be thoroughly unhappy when playing, and if in form makes his opponent really so. In his methods he upsets all ideas we possess as to the swinging fore-arm as a compulsory aid to scoring, but he makes great breaks.

The billiard-lust is one of the ills the Maori soul is heir to, writes a correspondent of a Gisborne paper. It is liable to grip Henare as violently as the cigarette craze does Meri. I know a Maori shearer who does his cheque in on billiards with as much zeal as the Pakeha does on diluted soda-water. It is his invariable custom, on pay day, to wave the draft aloft, and, crying "Kaiwai te pirriadi!" to go on a violent cuejag, that only ends when insolvency dawns.

The Twenty-fifth Austral Wheel Race was decided at the Melbourne Exhibition Track on 25th February, and resulted in a win for E. Priestley (off 60yds.) by a few inches from J. F. Hazel, with E. Birch third. Time, 4min 20 4-5sec.

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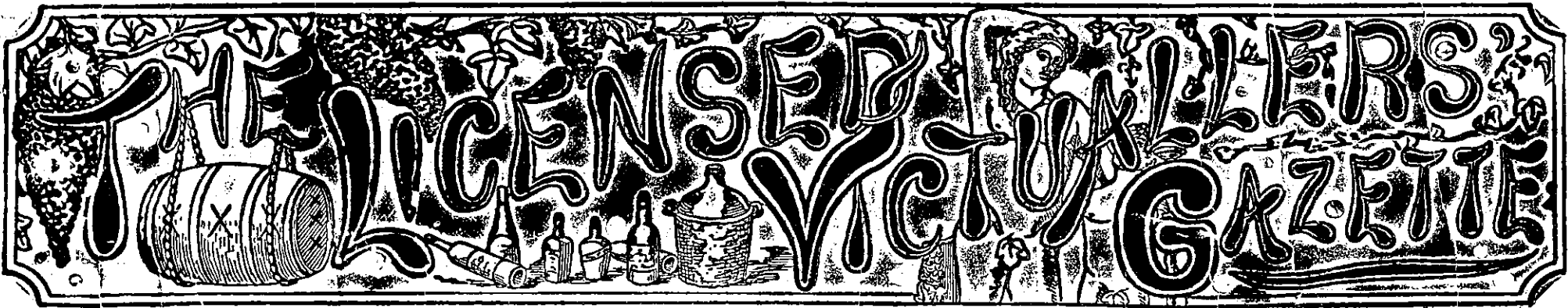
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H. J. WILLIAMS.

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

THE 1911 LICENSING POLLS.

AN INSTRUCTIVE ANALYSIS.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY THE OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The facts laid before the gathering of Licensed Victuallers that assembled at Auckland last week, to do honour to the President of the New Zealand Licensed Victuallers' Association (Mr J. S. Palmer), have an especial significance, not merely for the members of the licensed trade in New Zealand, but also for that very large section of the general public, whose rights and liberties are imperilled by the formidable Prohibition vote, that was recorded at the 1911 licensing polls. In the exhaustive analysis of the local No-license and National Prohibition results, presented by Mr Palmer on the occasion referred to, some very disquieting circumstances have to be noted. In the first place, the local No-license and National Prohibition votes are strongest in the North Island, where No-license is least known, and weakest in the South Island, where No-license has taken deeper root, and where its results have been more thoroughly tested. Another anomaly is found in the contradictory No-license and National Prohibition results, and it is as well to again remind "Gazette" readers before proceeding to discuss the wider issue, that, for the first time for some years, an actual majority of the valid votes polled on the Local Option issue, was recorded in favour of Continuance. That vote, which in 1908 constituted only 45.41 per cent. of the total of valid votes polled, rose to 50.25 per cent. in 1911. On the other hand, the No-license vote declined from 53.43 per cent. to 49.75 per cent. The contradictory character of the National Prohibition vote is apparent in the fact that only 44.17 per cent. of the valid votes were cast against Prohibition, whereas 55.83 per cent. were recorded in favour of that principle. And it must be conceded that this "Yes-No" attitude on the part of the electors is as embarrassing to those who are interested in Continuance, as it is to their Prohibitionist opponents.

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A QUESTION FOR THE PUBLIC.

Mr Palmer has very truly said that the question involved in the wider issue submitted at the National Option polls is no longer one between the Trade and its opponents, but between the public and the extremists. The latter, by their votes and influence, are seeking to make indulgence in certain lawful and perfectly legitimate appetites impossible. They propose to coerce, by means of the bare majority, if possible (and failing that by means of a 55 per cent., or in the further alternative, a three-fifths vote), those of their fellows, who neither see, nor admit the necessity for the drastic step they contemplate forcing the country to take, in absolutely prohibiting the importation, sale or manufacture of alcoholic beverages. That being the case, the people whose liberty of action is thus

challenged, and who are in a fair way of having this indignity put upon them, ought to take a very keen interest in a matter that concerns them so nearly and so intimately. And it is for these people (and more especially for those of their number who have been in the habit of voting No-license), to consider how they can best help to combat a vote that is admittedly going against them. There are, it is true, signs of an awakening. Men and women are coming to realise the serious nature of the position. But that realisation is still only partial, and evidence is not wanting that there are those who voted No-license and even National Prohibition at the recent polls, secure in the belief that Prohibition could never be carried in this country. Others who had been in the habit of voting No-license certainly changed their tactics at the 1911 polls, otherwise the Continuance vote would not have gone up as it did, nor would the No-license vote have receded by over 4 per cent. in the North Island electorates, and by nearly the same percentage in the South Island. But the gain in both cases is out-balanced by the National Prohibition vote, which is actually 13.90 per cent. greater than the Continuance vote in the case of the North Island electorates, and 8.86 per cent. in advance of the South Island Continuance vote, while the votes for the whole of the Dominion show a difference of 11.66 per cent. between the Continuance and the National Prohibition vote, the majority being, of course, in favour of the latter. The figures are so significant that they will bear repetition. Thus:—

PERCENTAGE OF VALID VOTES RECORDED.

| | NATIONAL PROHIBITION VOTE. | | Diff. in favour of Prohib. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| | Against | For | |
| North Island (38 Districts) | 43.05 | 56.95 | 13.90 |
| South Island (30 Districts) | 45.57 | 54.43 | 8.86 |
| New Zealand (68 Districts) | 44.17 | 55.83 | 11.66 |

Eliminating the twelve No-license areas, the result of the National Prohibition vote is certainly more favourable to Continuance, but the best that can be said is that, even in the 56 License areas, the total Prohibition vote averaged 55 per cent. of the valid votes.

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IN THE NO-LICENSE AREAS.

The voting in the No-license areas was curiously inconsistent, especially so in the South Island electorates. In 1908 the Restoration vote in the twelve districts only amounted to 39 per cent. of the valid votes, whereas the No-license vote was 61 per cent. The 1911 polls witnessed an increase of 5 per cent. in the Restoration vote and a corresponding decrease in the No-license vote, the former rising to 44 per cent. and the latter falling to 56 per cent. The Prohibition vote in the twelve districts also fell below the No-license standard of 1908, 42 per cent. of the votes being cast against Prohibition and 58 per cent. for. Grey Lynn, with 71 per cent. for and 29 per cent. against, put up the best record for Prohibition, and was closely followed by Eden, with 68 per cent. for and 32 per cent. against. In the case of Eden the No-license vote was in advance of the 1908 poll, rising from 63 per cent. in that year to 69 per cent. in 1911. Grey Lynn, however, went back a point, falling from 71 to 70 per cent. Ohinemuri slumped badly, and failed to maintain its three-fifths majority, although putting up a 55 per cent. vote for National Prohibition. But, whereas in 1908 it carried No-license by 61 per cent., it failed to record a majority in favour of the principle last year, the No-license vote falling 12 per cent. to 49 per cent. of the total of valid votes. Masterton was in similar case, its 61 per cent. No-license vote in 1908 falling to 49 per cent. in 1911. On the National Prohibition issue the Masterton vote worked out at 48 per cent. against and 52 per cent. for. Wellington South and Wellington Suburbs both showed a decline in their No-license vote. In each instance the

1908 majorities were equal to 63 per cent. of the valid votes polled; on the National Prohibition issue Wellington South gave a 40 per cent. vote against and a 60 per cent. vote for Prohibition. Wellington Suburbs contented itself with a 42 per cent. vote against and a 58 per cent. vote for National Prohibition.

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THE SLUMP IN THE SOUTH ISLAND.

In the South Island electorates under No-license there was a palpable slump. Ashburton, "the model borough," put up a 54 per cent. vote in favour of Restoration, and on the National Prohibition issue polled 52 per cent. against and 48 per cent. for that principle. Oamaru, which in 1908 cast a 59 per cent. vote in favour of No-license, could only secure 53 per cent. in favour of the restrictive policy in 1911, its National Prohibition vote being 55 per cent. of the total number of valid votes polled. On the No-license issue the Bruce vote in favour of Restoration rose from 38 to 43 per cent., the Clutha vote from 35 to 43 per cent., the Mataura vote from 44 to 46 per cent., and the Invercargill vote from 44 to 46 per cent., the No-license majority in each case being correspondingly reduced. The Prohibition vote secured majorities of 56 per cent. in the case of Bruce, 58 per cent. in the case of Clutha, and 55 per cent. in the case of Mataura and Invercargill. It is interesting to here notice that thirteen North Island and two South Island license areas gave a stronger Prohibition vote than these four No-license districts, while the Prohibition vote in Ashburton was actually the lowest recorded by any electorate in the Dominion. If these figures can be taken to prove anything at all they show an unmistakable weakening in the No-license and Prohibitionist movement, in the centres where the former principle has been longest in operation, and where its effects are best known. And that very weakening should act as a warning and a deterrent to other electorates that may feel inclined to put their necks into the No-license noose. It should further set the electors of this country thinking very seriously before they commit themselves to an experimental policy which is built largely upon deception, and which in practice fails to achieve the results claimed for it. On a future occasion it may be convenient to review the results achieved in the areas under license. But, in closing, it is as well to again emphasise the need for careful and intelligent inquiry into the feelings and wishes of the public so far as the Trade is concerned. We do not accept the view that a majority of the public desire to bring about its extinction. But, on the other hand, there is, we believe, a widespread and very general feeling that reforms are essential to its continued existence. The fact is recognised by members of the several L.V. Associations themselves, and the gentleman who has, with his all-compelling figures, called attention to the curious position occupied by the Trade, and the apparently contradictory attitude adopted by the public towards it, has suggested a procedure that ought to commend itself to every licensee in the Dominion, as it must certainly do to the great body of the general public. Let there be a full, thorough, and impartial inquiry into the business, by means of a Royal Commission, that would exhaustively investigate the methods and procedure governing the conduct of the Trade in all its branches, and the relationships existing between licensees and the general public. If reforms are to be brought about, and they are to be successful, they can only come as the result of a thorough overhaul of a system that is apparently breaking down because of the dissatisfaction that is felt with the existing methods.

W. A. Healy, a hop beer manufacturer at Waikato, was fined £15 and costs for carrying on the business of brewer without having a brewer's license.

LICENSING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS.

As the result of the Licensing contest in the Auckland city district, the old committee were re-elected, the only other candidate Mr W. Richardson being defeated. The result of the voting was as follows:—

| | Votes. |
|------------|--------|
| Holland | 981 |
| Bagnall | 960 |
| Mennie | 970 |
| King | 951 |
| Somers | 925 |
| Richardson | 527 |

The Parnell contest resulted in the defeat of Mr G. E. Davis and the election of the following members:—

| | Votes. |
|--------------|--------|
| I. Hill | 292 |
| G. W. Basley | 290 |
| W. Thomas | 280 |
| A. Clements | 278 |
| W. W. Whyman | 230 |
| G. E. Davis | 202 |

The Licensing Committee election for Opoitiki resulted as follows:—F. A. Crawford, 596; H. R. Hogg, 595; J. Broon, 468; Henderson, 326; F. Burt, 411; G. Hall, 329; N. Thompson, 328; Jackson, 374; Martin, 286; Peebles, 224; Hanson, 229; Dillicar, 148.

The Gisborne licensing election evoked considerable interest. The result of the poll was as follows:—Dewing, 755; Hepburn, 723; Somervell, 664; Darton, 577; McLeod, 555. All were members of the previous committee. Messrs Somervell, Daron, and McLeod stood as Prohibition candidates. The other candidates were: Coleman (Labour), 397; Hall (Labour), 336; Beere (Independent), 285. Returns from outlying booths have still to come, but they cannot affect the result.

From the Christchurch Licensing Committee four temperance ticket candidates were returned, and one Independent. A total of 870 informal votes were cast, due to too many names being left in. At Riccarton, where the contest was the keenest, owing to the intention of the temperance party to veto conditional licenses in connection with races, trots, and agricultural shows, the moderate party was successful by an overwhelming majority.

The Dargaville Licensing Committee election resulted as follows:—Trounson, 730; Bassett, 726; Hayes, 691; Finlayson, 686; McLean, 625; Slade, 477; Harding, 446; Atkinson, 373; Hook, 529. There is one return to come, which cannot alter the result.

The retirement of Mr E. J. Scantebury from the contest for the Licensing Committee of Grey did away with an election. Messrs H. J. Bignell, W. Irving, F. H. Kilgour, T. C. O'Brien, and J. Steer were therefore declared duly elected as committee for the Grey district.

Keen interest was taken in the Wellington South Licensing election the unusual situation of a licensing committee being required in a no-license electorate created by the changed electoral boundary bringing two hotels, one at Porirua, and another at Pahautamu. In the ordinary course of the law these houses must disappear in July, but the New Zealand Alliance, as the result of agitation to secure their retention, contested the election of the licensing committee, winning all the seats with its nominees. The result was as follows:—W. Cook, 524; H. N. McLeod, 523; Lily M. Atkinson, 507; C. Cathie 492. The committee will probably hold but one meeting as the licenses lapse on June 30.

Dunedin City elected the following to the Licensing Committee:—W. Barnett, W. Belcher, T. J. Sullivan (moderate), and G. Calder and A. H. Burton (temperance). In Dunedin South the following were elected:—Marlow, Cuttle, Burk (moderate), Filis, and Wright (temperance).

At the Paeroa Court, before Mr F. J. Burgess, S.M., James O'Shaughnessy was charged with keeping liquor for sale at Karangahake, within the no-license district of Ohinemuri. Sergeant Wohlmann stated that during the last six months the defendant had received 88 gallons of beer. Defendant, in evidence, showed that he had been in the habit of getting in five gallons of beer weekly, most of which he consumed himself. He drank on an average five gallons of beer each week. He often shouted for his mates, but had never received payment for any liquor, which he had given away. The Magistrate said he considered the circumstances were very suspicious, but the police had given no evidence that any persons had been seen drinking at or coming away from defendant's house showing signs of liquor. The case was therefore dismissed.

The quantity of local beer passed for Customs duty in Invercargill during February shows an increase of 1652 gallons compared with the corresponding month of last year.

At the quarterly meeting of the Parnell Licensing Committee, which was attended by Messrs E. C. Cutten, S.M., L. Hill and G. W. Basley, a transfer was granted in respect of the Newmarket Hotel from Edward Forde Buller to Frederick Maybrick.

The Weber Hotel, (Hawke's Bay) has been leased to Mr J. Freeman, of Wellington.

We learn that Mr Shaw has disposed of the Pakarae hotel to Mr Law, of the Waipiro hotel, and leaves about the end of March with Mrs Shaw for an extended trip to the Old Country.

Mr C. J. Barford has taken over the Empire Hotel, Waipawa.

At the quarterly meeting of the Hutt Licensing Committee applications for transfers of licenses were granted as follows: Grand National Hotel, Petone, from W. J. Jorgenson to A. Johnson; Central Hotel, Lower Hutt, from J. S. Fletcher to J. J. Marriott.

The following permanent transfers were granted by the Pahiatua Licensing Committee:—Post Office Hotel, Pahiatua, from Watts to Michael Fitzgerald; Club Hotel, Pahiatua, from Mangusson to Robert A. Grant.

For selling liquor in Ashburton, a prohibited district, Thomas Henry Alexander was fined £50 and costs.

A peculiar case is to be brought before the magistrates at the next sitting of the Court at Murchison, Canterbury. A man will be charged by the police with procuring a bottle of beer, proceeding to the local lock-up, forcing his way into the premises, and transferring the liquor into a long-necked vinegar bottle, administering it through the bars of the cell to a prisoner who had been locked up for drunkenness.

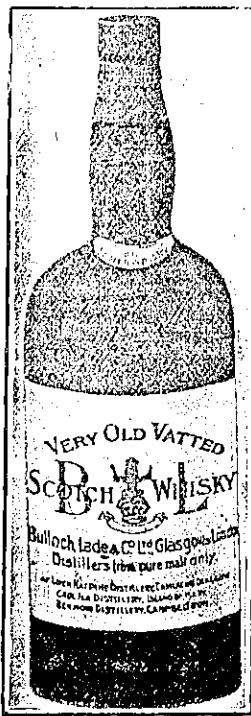
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mated Union of Workers. Mr Culver said that the defendant refused to join the union, and had since left the district. A fine of £2 was imposed.

Adelaide publicans are said to be suffering much inconvenience owing

to the scarcity of good barmaids who are gradually getting scarcer as time goes on. There is a feeling on the part of several leading hotelkeepers that Parliament should be approached to a view to amending the Licensing Act to a view of reinstating barmaids.

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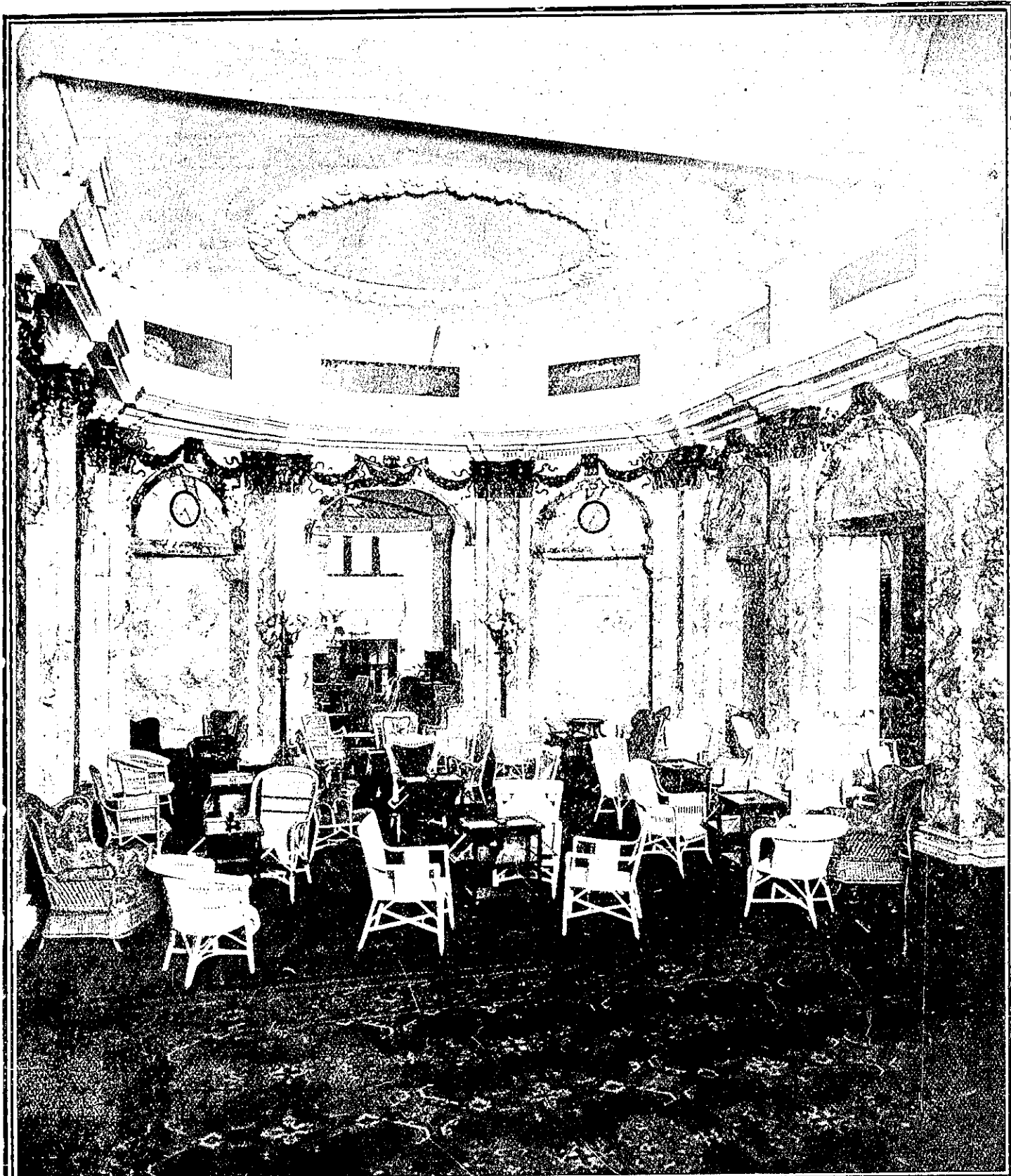
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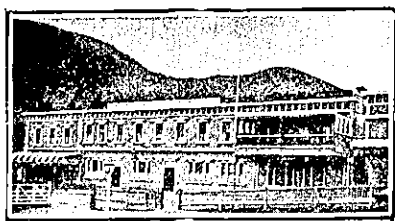
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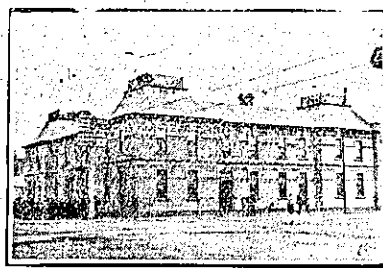
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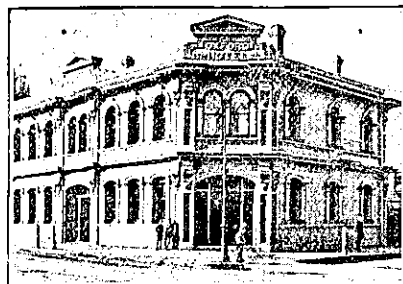
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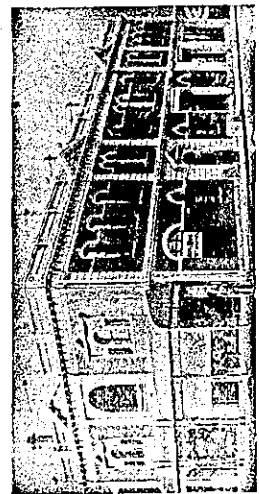
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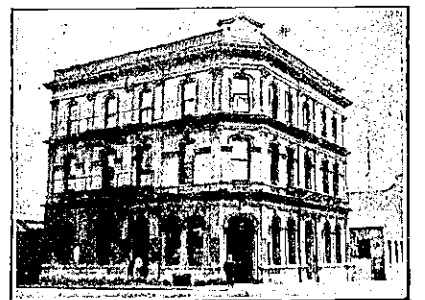
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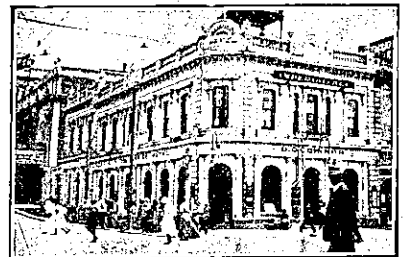
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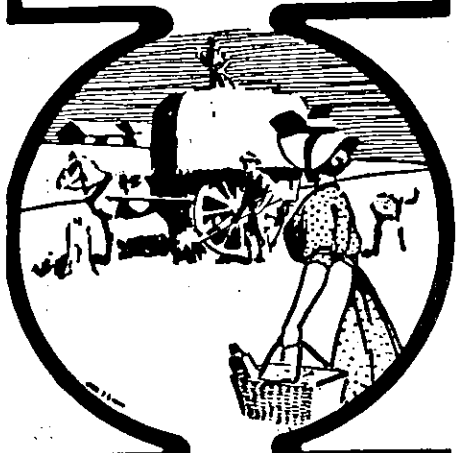
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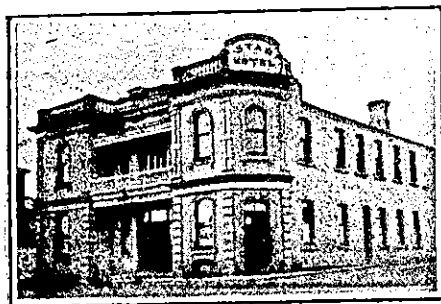
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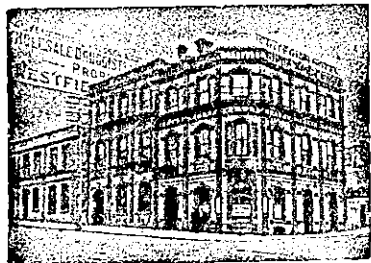
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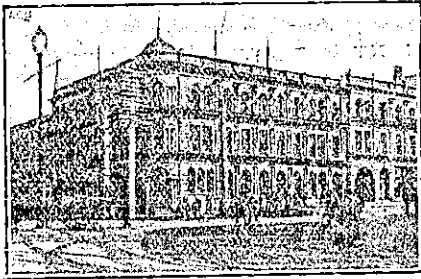
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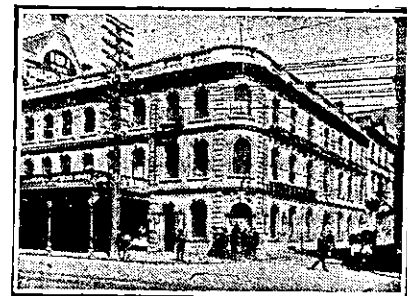
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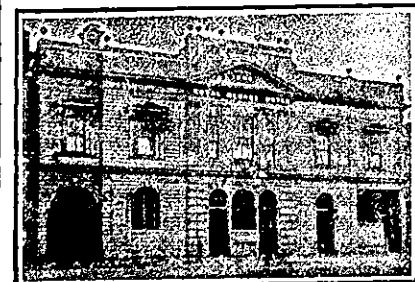


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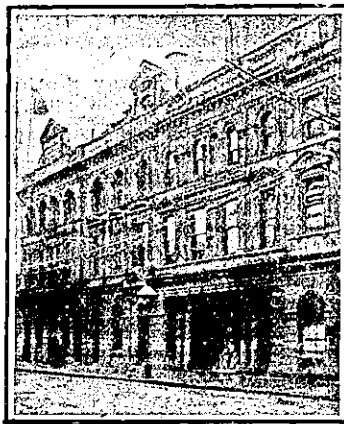
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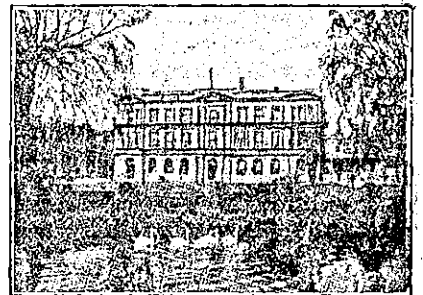


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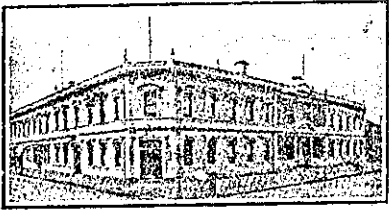


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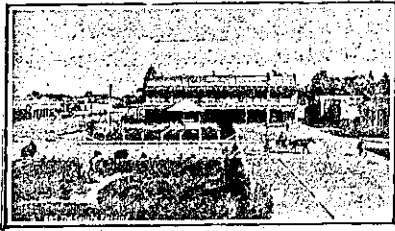
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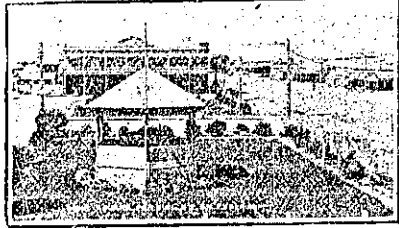
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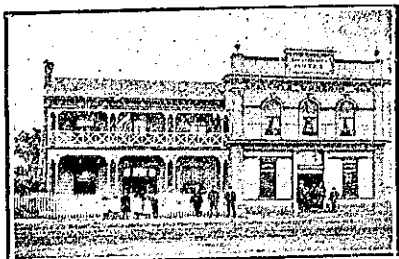


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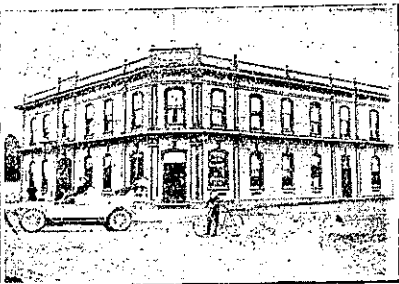


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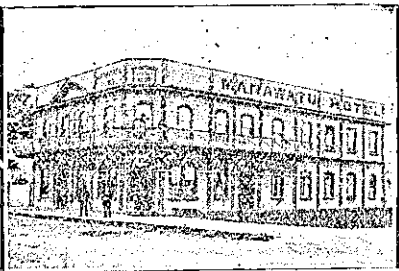
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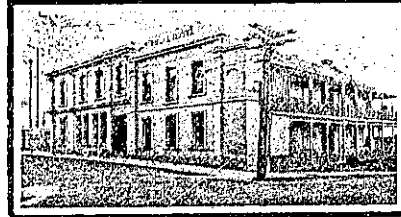
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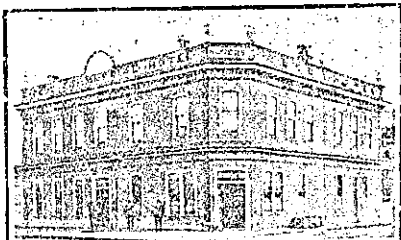


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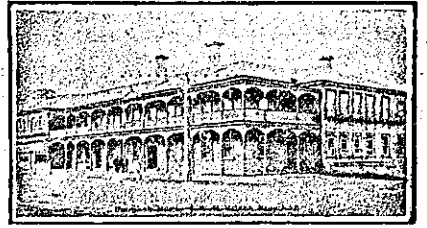
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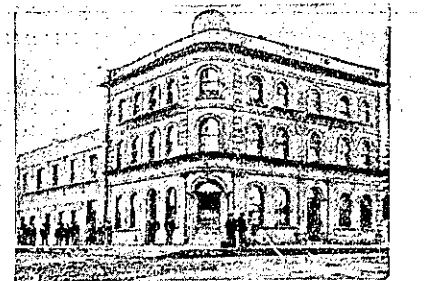
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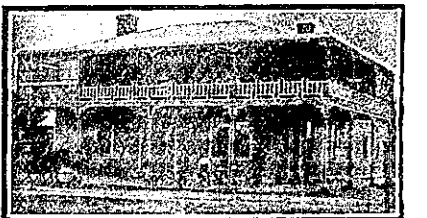
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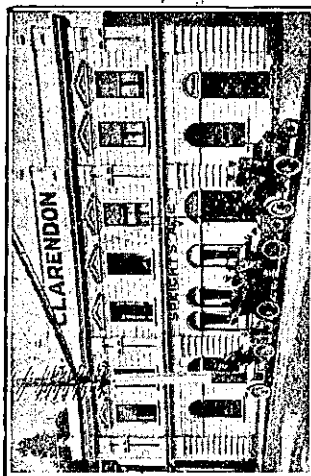
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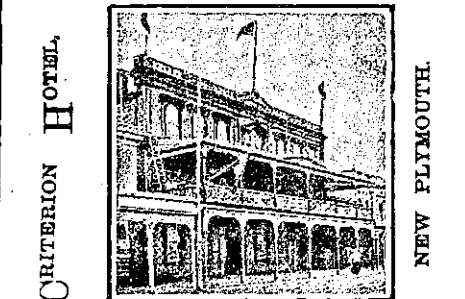
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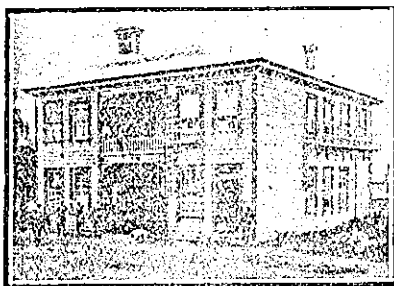
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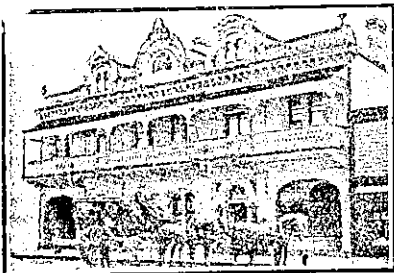
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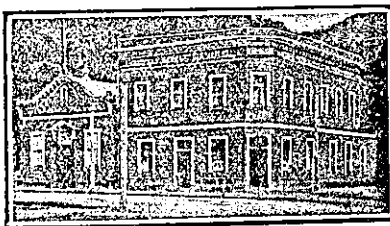
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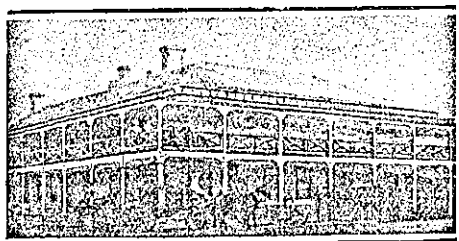
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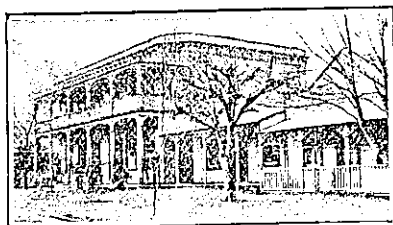
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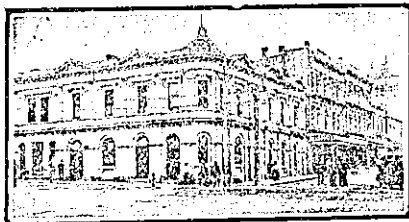
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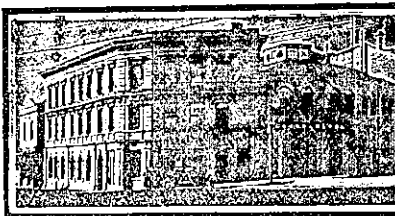
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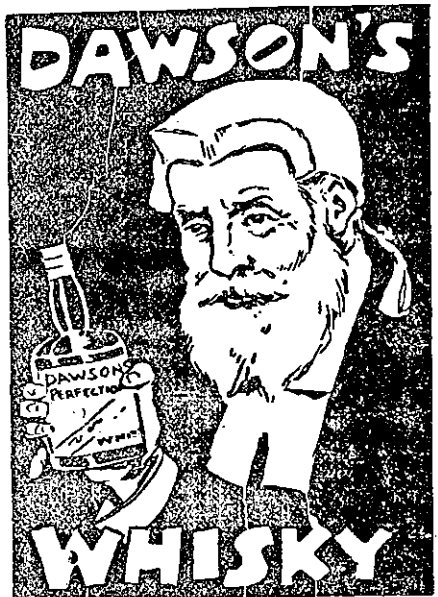
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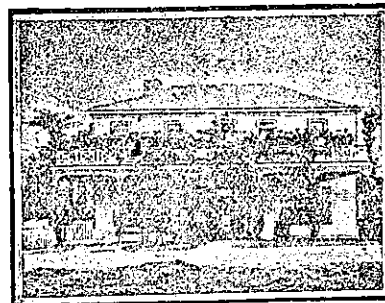
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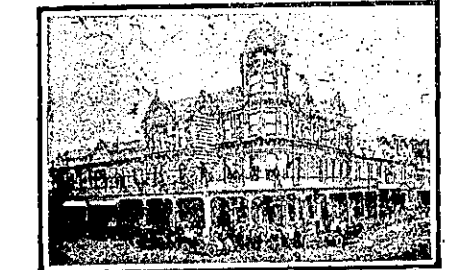
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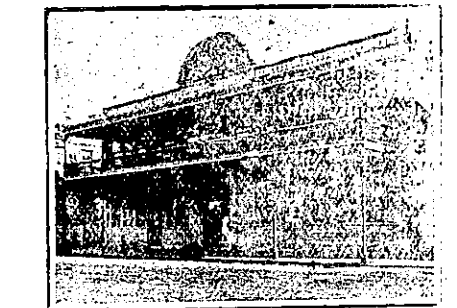
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