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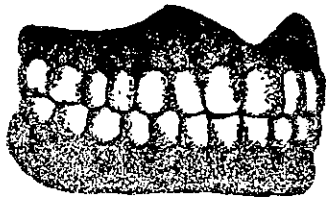
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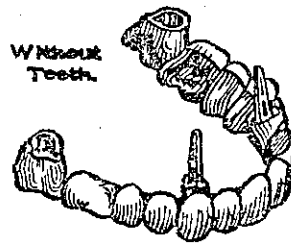
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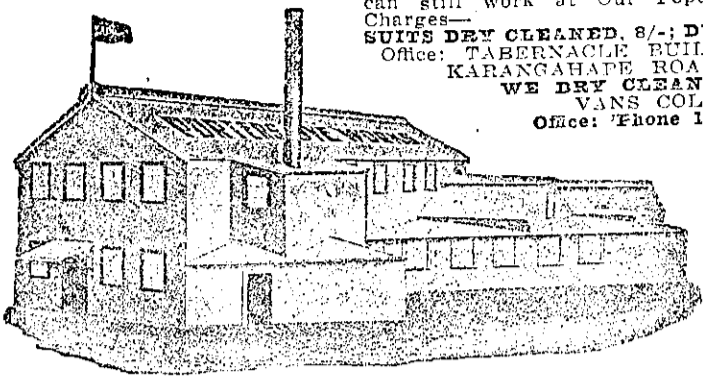
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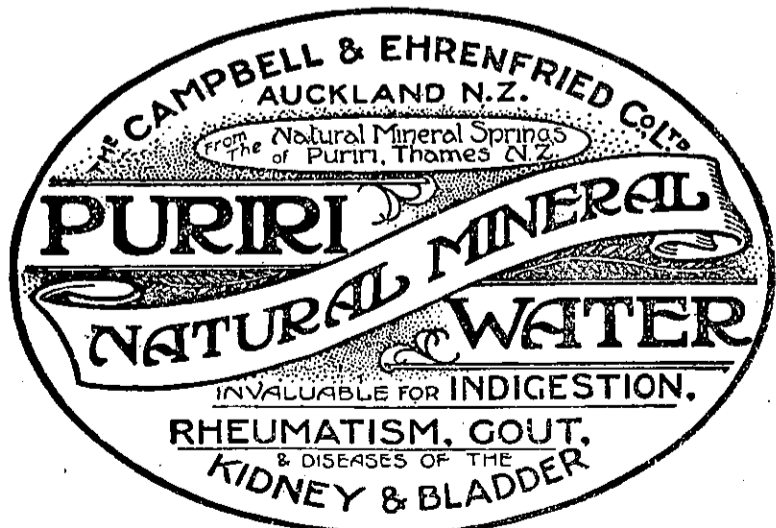
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PROGRAMME.

- First Race starts at 11.30 a.m. 1. HACK HURDLES, a handicap of 160 sovs, second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Distance one mile and a half, over six flights of batten hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. 2. TRIAL HACK PLATE of 130sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won a flat race of 25sovs or over at time of starting. Weight 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Five furlongs. 3. HACK STEEPLECHASE, a handicap of 180sovs, second horse to receive 30sovs and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 40s. Two miles. 4. MARTON HANDICAP (Open) of 260 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Minimum weight 7.0. One mile and a quarter. 5. RANGITIKEI STEEPLECHASE, a handicap of 275sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs and third horse 25sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. About three miles. 6. ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 140 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 30s. Minimum weight 7.0. Six furlongs. 7. RAILWAY HANDICAP (Open) of 220sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s, acceptance 50s. Minimum weight 7.0. Six furlongs. 8. TUTAENUI HACK WELTER, a handicap of 150sovs, second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Minimum weight 8.0. Seven furlongs.

NOMINATIONS close FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1920.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events (including the Trial Hack Plate) will close at the Secretary's Office, Marton, on FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1920, at 8 p.m. WEIGHTS will be declared on or about WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1920.

ACCEPTANCES for all events (including the Trial Hack Plate) will close with the Secretary at the Office of the Club, Marton, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1920, at 9 p.m.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any race or races may be re-handicapped by the Handicapper.

RULES.

All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing. All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Marton Jockey Club, Marton, and entrance money to be enclosed with name of horse, age at time of entry, name of owner and trainer, pedigree, and colours of rider. All nominations by wire must be confirmed by letter by first mail afterwards.

ACCOMMODATION AND STABLES.

The Club has erected 54 loose boxes and feed rooms on the grounds adjoining the racecourse, also an accommodation house on the racecourse capable of accommodating 50 persons. The Secretary will book accommodation for horses and attendants on application.

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Approved in accordance with Rules of Racing this 7th day of July, 1920.—Wm. Hall, Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

Another development is stated to have taken place in the big amalgamation of the theatrical firms of J. C. Williamson, Ltd., and J. and N. Tait. It is authoritatively announced that Mr. Hugh J. Ward, one of the managing directors of J.C. Williamson, Ltd., will leave Sydney on July 21 for America by the mail steamer Ventura for "an extended tour." It is further declared that Mr. Ward's active participation in the operations of the "firm" may not be as great as in the past, and that Mr. E. J. Tait will be appointed a managing director in Sydney.

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WINKIE (IMP.), 1.

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WINKIE comes in a direct family tail from PENELOPE, by TRUMPATOR (the dam of Whalebone and Whisker).

Winkie's sister, Winkipop, won over £12,000 in stakes, and produced at the stud that great colt, Blink. His brother, Pilliwinkie, with only six starts, won the Triennial Produce Stakes at Newmarket, beating Cantilever and Arda, and the Ascot Derby, beating by four lengths a large field, which included Augur and Sun Yat.

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THE THOROUGHBRED STALLION,

SUNNY LAKE (IMP.), 10.

(CHESTNUT HORSE, FOALED 1912.) By SUNDRIDGE (fastest horse of his time, and sire of SUNSTAR, Derby, etc.)—PEARL OF THE LOCH (winner of July Stakes and Granby Plate, by PERSIMMON (Derby, St. Leger, Ascot Gold Cup, and sire of SCEPTRE and PRINCE PALATINE, etc.)—LOCH DOON (winner of six races), by BREAD KNIFE—THE DOON, by BEAUCLERC (Middle Park Plate)—BOUVARDIA, by HERMIT.

SUNNY LAKE won the Grantham Stakes at Newmarket, beating such horses as Land of Song; the Wood Ditton Stakes at Newmarket, carrying 9.5, beating Son-in-Law, etc.; the Triennial Stakes, at Ascot, beating Polycrates (Newmarket Handicap).

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SOLFERINO (IMP.), 4.

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A THEATRICAL GALA.

The Prince of Wales was the guest of the Commonwealth and State Governments at a gala performance at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, on June 22. The theatre was a scene of unexampled brilliance. The decorations were composed of delicate verdure, interspersed with artificial roses, the flower of our Mother Land, in softest shades of pink and yellow. The hall was draped in palest blue and white, the colours of New South Wales, and sprays of wattle, filmy light, were mingled in delicate harmony amongst the wreathing ferns. Within the theatre, from stalls to the heights of the dome, were myriads of roses. There were roses twining round every post and covering all the balconies. Golden baskets, such as figure in the designs of the period of Louis XV, were hung at intervals along the balconies, and between them heavy wreaths depended with many coloured lights. It was a fairy palace of jewelled lamps, a dream come true of delicate beauty. Above the proscenium hung the Prince's arms, supported by the Union Jack and the flag of the Commonwealth.

The opening scenes of the entertainment consisted of the tableau, "A Pageant of Empire," in which the part of "The Spirit of Empire" was taken by Miss Florence Young. Africa was represented by an Eastern scene of great magnificence, where Miss Violet Yorke kept court as Cleopatra, attended by her harpist (Miss Goldstone) and the singer (Mr. Browning Mummery), "Isis is Dead, Osiris is Past," the song lamented, to the music of Mr. Andrew MacCunn. The dead past gave way to the living land of Canada, "Our Lady of the Snows," all frosty white and glittering, who, in the person of Miss Gladys Moncrieff, offered the Prince her people's "love that is warm as flame." A group of girls in a sleigh gave local colour to the scene. As India, Miss Maude Fane appeared amidst a company of dancers, slaves and incense bearers. She sang of India as "a jewel that a Prince might crave," her beautiful voice ringing clear and true in the swinging, waltz-like melody. The ever-popular Miss Nellie Stewart, in the part of New Zealand, won all hearts with her well-known charm, speaking of the country she represented as "the sweeter heritage." The last tableau of the pageant represented Australia, in the person of Miss Gladys Cole—Australia "garlanded with flowers." The stage was filled with figures emblematic of the States, and flags and flowers in brilliant array. A row of seven girls, draped in the flags of the Commonwealth, stood at the back. At a signal their gay mantles were thrown aside, displaying the word "Welcome" to the Prince.

On them the curtain fell, to rise again on the first scene of "Kissing Time."

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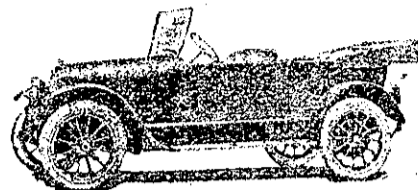
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A communication received by Colonel R. J. Collins, C.M.G., from the Commonwealth Council of Rifle Associations of Australia, states that as a British rifle team has decided to visit Australia this year, the Empire Match will be fired at Melbourne in November next. The council has invited New Zealand to send a team of eight to compete in the match, which has for its prize a handsome shield made by Australian workmen from Australian materials at a cost of £250. Colonel Collins (who is executive officer of the D.R.A.) states that a meeting to consider the invitation will shortly be held.

Lieutenant Otto Flood was invested with the O.B.E. by the Prince of Wales immediately prior to the departure of His Royal Highness from Sydney. Lieutenant Flood is a grandson of the late Hon. James O'Neil, of Auckland, and for many years was on the New Zealand staff of the Union Steam Ship Company.

Mr. Raymond Roze, the composer and musical conductor, died suddenly from a heart attack at his residence in Palace Gardens Terrace, London, W. 8. He returned from a theatre the previous evening apparently in good health. The son of Mme. Marie Roze, who was a highly popular singer in the early days of the Carl Rosa Company, Mr. Raymond Roze was a prolific composer, known chiefly by his incidental music for plays. More ambitious was his opera, "Joan of Arc," which, after portions were heard in London in 1911, was produced at Covent Garden during an English season organised by Mr. Roze in 1913. The work was chiefly notable for the occasions it gave for scenic display. In 1917 this work was produced at the Paris Opera at a special charity performance.

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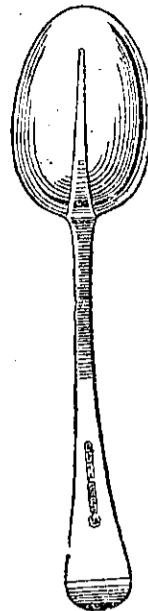
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One feature of the New South Wales State Orchestra's concert in Sydney last month was comprised in the prompt method adopted by Mr. Verbruggen at the end of the evening to deal with the encore problem. Mr. Hubert Elsdell, the new English tenor, was insistently recalled after the aria, "Where'er You Walk" (the last piece but one on the programme) and then sang a ballad for the encore. But this did not satisfy the audience, who kept on applauding even after the tenor had again bowed his acknowledgements. It was then ten o'clock; and Mr. Verbruggen, waiting in the conductor's stand meanwhile to begin the performance of "The Ride of the Valkyries," raised his baton. The applause, however, did not cease, and Mr. Verbruggen thereupon beckoned the members of the orchestra to their feet, and started the National Anthem, as a sign that the concert was at an end. He thus cut out the last orchestral piece altogether.

A collection of historic coaches, some lent by the Government and others by private persons, were exhibited at Olympia during the International Horse Show, which opened in London on June 17. Among the famous vehicles was the last London-York mail before the building of the railway and the London-Rochester coach in which Dickens travelled habitually. The original Sedan coach in which Napoleon capitulated was also exhibited, and the posting chariot which was used almost exclusively for carrying eloping couples over the border on the way to Gretna Green. Other exhibits were the Duke of Wellington's post-chaise in which he travelled while conducting the Peninsular War and the Waterloo campaign, and, as a contrast, the original "Deadwood Dick" coach drawn by six mules. The only Early Victorian tandem in existence was also shown, as well as the original brougham designed by Lord Brougham. Coachmen, servants and passengers were dressed in the correct costumes of the period.

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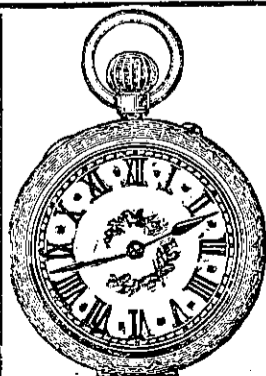
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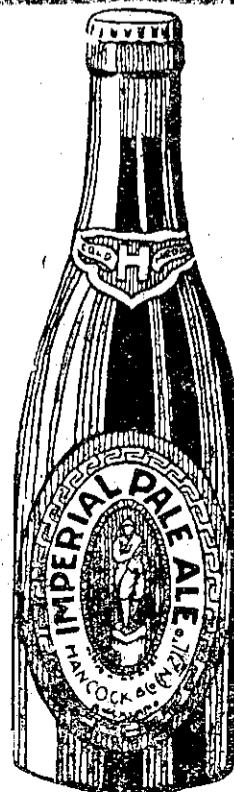
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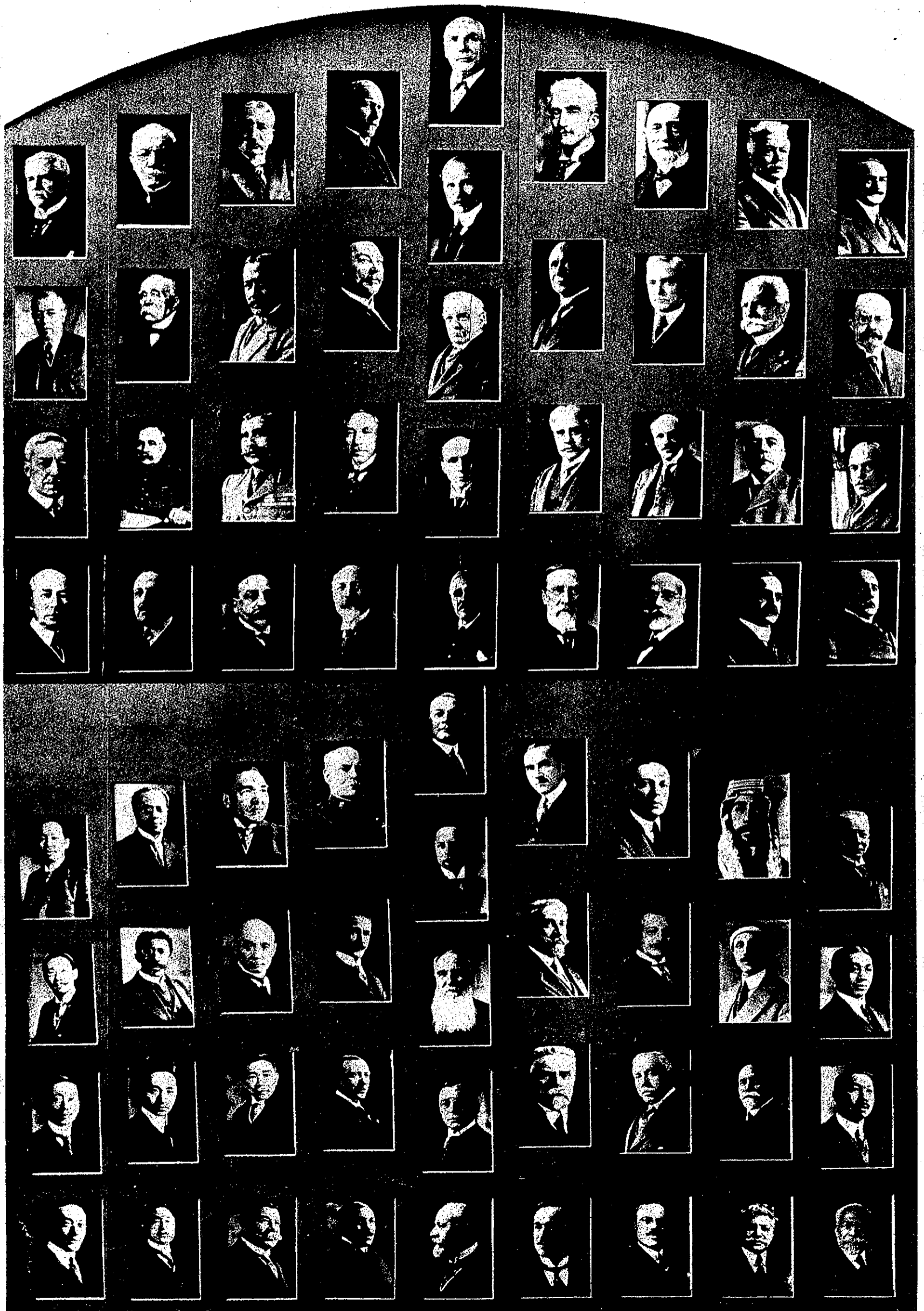
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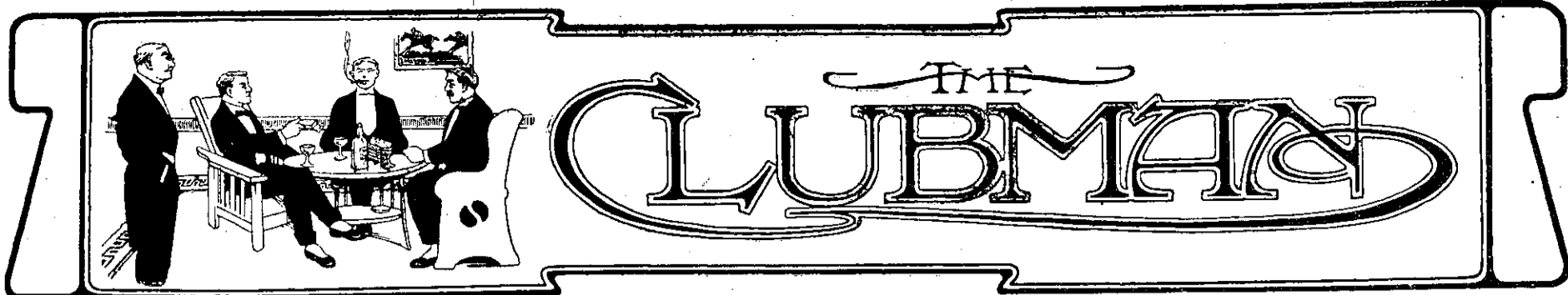
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The end of the racing season of 1919-20 was reached last week with the Wellington Racing Club's July meeting. So far as the winter meeting at Trentham is concerned it proved an unprecedented success from an all round point of view, and financially, no doubt, a long way ahead of its predecessors. The main sources of revenue—receipts from the totalisator, from owners in the way of fees, and from the gates—were never so large. Under ordinary circumstances and with ordinary luck in the matter of weather, it looked likely that the same good fortune as had been experienced at nearly every other meeting held in New Zealand this season would be in evidence at Trentham. A good many owners who it was thought would be reserving their horses for the New Zealand Grand National meeting, decided on letting them take their chances at meetings preceding, fearing that they might not have the opportunity of going further afield. Still a number of horses were also in readiness in the South Island for the Wellington meeting, and could not be brought north. The attendances at nine-tenths or more of the gatherings held in the Dominion during the season have been much larger this season than in any previous one, but it would appear probable that there has never been so large a civilian crowd at Trentham as assembled there on Wednesday of last week. Naturally, there was a lot of money invested per medium of the totalisator, and the club's new machines were equal to all demands. The racing is referred to elsewhere.

In most jumping races the element of luck enters more largely than in flat races, but at this season of the year the leading jumping events at the winter meetings are the chief pre-post betting ones. Backers from one end of New Zealand to the other following form were prepared to hear of the Auckland Great Northern double winner, Lochella, winning the Wellington Steeplechase, which, by reason of its greater value, they concluded would be his mission. It was, however, soon generally known that the Auckland-owned Slowcoach had a lot of friends in that event, and was coupled in the doubles with Lochella, who the betting pointed to as a sure starter in the Hurdle Race. Market operations disclosed the intentions of those behind the scenes, and as is often the case, there is such a run on certain combinations that the pencilers are stopped from laying more. They all had full books Slowcoach and Lochella, and could have laid as much again as they did even at a very short price. Both horses claimed the double engagement, but Lochella was withdrawn from the Steeplechase. Fielding, who rides Lochella and who won on Slowcoach in the only race he had previously captured, had the mount on the Auckland-owned gelding, who in private up to about six weeks ago had a bad reputation for sticking up with his riders when it did not suit him to work or jump. He had, nevertheless, always run consistently with the colours up, and had schooled well in the intervals, both at Ellerslie and at Trentham. The greatest confidence was reposed in him by his trainer and his connections, and apparently by those who were so strongly supporting him in combination with Lochella and other horses.

Slowcoach was not in a humour for steeplechasing last week, and after going a short distance in the Wellington Steeplechase and jumping but a few obstacles, stopped and refused to continue in the race despite the persuasive efforts of his rider. Thus all the doubles were upset in which Slowcoach's name was the first leg. Without consulting his owner, Julian, the trainer of Slowcoach, brought the horse out after an intervening race, and had him saddled up for the Hurdle Race, in which he beat Lochella, a stronger favourite than he had been for the Steeplechase. It can be imagined that Slowcoach had few friends for the Hurdle Race after

his dirty display an hour and a-half before, and most of his backers for the first start would be "full up." The temper of the crowd whose first experience it was of the Australian-bred one was sorely tried. This can be readily understood, and a large number of racegoers were found demonstrating disagreeably, which was most unfortunate for his owner, Hon. E. W. Alison. The only pleasing things about the win under the circumstances were that he was accepted for in both races, and that Turner, who rode him in the race he won had all the rough work with him, and deserved this, his most important success in the saddle. Incidents of this sort are very rare. It is no new thing for Slowcoach's owner to pay

Thomas Lipton's Shamrock IV., the challenger, representing the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, and the Resolute, representing the New York Yacht Club, the conditions of the contest being the first three out of five heats, over varying courses. When the news came through that the first heat had been won by Shamrock IV, there was intense satisfaction, because it was the first occasion on which the first heat had fallen to an English representative, and that was accepted naturally as a pointer to ultimate success. The result of the second heat, which was to have been decided on Saturday last, but was postponed on account of there being no wind until Tuesday, will be awaited with the same keen interest as the first.

hitherto existing conditions being those submitted on behalf of the jockeys and apprentices, whereby they are to receive increased payment for their services and be placed on a very much better footing. Races which will appeal to those increasing in weight, and who ride between the flags and over hurdles, will be specially well provided, and there will thus be more demand for their services throughout the year, whereas in the past the months of May, June, July and August have been the chief ones for those who can get comparatively few rides in other races. This change will encourage owners to put more of their horses into the jumping business. The main thing the members of the New Zealand Jockeys' Association were after when they set out nearly a year ago to form the association was an increase of remuneration, and a branch which disassociated themselves from the main body by their representations have obtained for the whole the increase of pay and other conditions that were put in the shape of "demands."

The necessary percentage of votes were not obtained in order to bring about the raising of the minimum weight from 6.7 to 7.0, nor was the suggestion to raise the weight of the next highest-weighted horse to 9.0 when none so handicapped were accepted for. That a majority of the clubs represented on the Conference favour the raising of the minimum is beyond question, and if the programmes for the meetings next season do not reflect more largely than in the past what they have been contending for it will be strangely inconsistent. A few clubs, such as the leading metropolitan ones, could get on fairly well with a 6.7 minimum for their leading races when meetings do not clash, and there are visiting trainers who bring their lightweights with them, but the exception is the rule, and wherever the fields reach dimensions such as have been experienced at the metropolitan, suburban and country meetings in the Auckland province there will still be the same difficulty. The limitation of the size of fields is a most important matter, and as one division race only is to be permitted when there are seven races on a day's programme and the number of horses would be abnormally large, it behoves the framers of programmes to remember this and cater more thoroughly for the horses in training according to their classes and qualifications. The sizes of the fields should be arranged as in New South Wales, where the fields are limited according to the size and capacity of the race-courses.

The representatives of the many clubs present at the Conference once again threw out the remit the carrying of which would have removed the licensing of jockeys and trainers from the district committees to a board to be appointed by the Conference. There are arguable points in this connection. One principle affirmed is that one district committee may not grant licenses which other district committees have declined to entertain, which is quite right. Though a small section of the representatives at the outset of the Conference proceedings was against entertaining suggestions from the jockeys, trainers, owners, handicappers, or anyone outside the members representing the clubs, it was pleasing to learn that the big majority of the delegates were not inclined to take such a view, but were prepared to listen to and entertain any suggestion which might be thought for the betterment of the sport, no matter from what source.

So few owners of horses have been racing in assumed names of late years in New Zealand that it was not expected there would be any opposition to the new rule doing away with the practice, which is still allowed in England, America, and in other parts of the world, and has been so for many years.



THE MAID OF ORLEANS—THE PRINCIPAL FIGURE IN THE RECENT PAGEANT HELD IN LONDON IN HONOUR OF THE CANONISATION OF JOAN OF ARC.

up for his horses in two races on one day, or to start them twice during an afternoon, which was a common practice years ago; indeed, we have seen horses started two, three, and as many as four times in one day over obstacles, and can recall occasions when happenings somewhat similar have occurred before. Backers who supported Slowcoach for the Steeplechase and Lochella for the Hurdle Race will remember the unlooked for results for many a long day, but will not attribute their bad luck to the machinations of the pencilers, who are congratulating themselves on still having a "sweet little cherub sitting aloft" who sometimes watches over their interests. Slowcoach can be said to have proved a good friend when he so upset the confidence of a large army of his backers.

The greatest sporting event of the week in the eyes of many millions of people is the contest which commenced last Thursday. This is the American Cup race between Sir

The element of luck enters into practically all contests more or less, but while Shamrock IV. lost about 200 yards through going over the starting line and having to turn back, the Resolute was more unfortunate, her halyards parting when still leading, which resulted in her being withdrawn from the race. According to the cables, Shamrock suffered a mishap to her bowsprit, which might easily have cost her the heat. In a truly sporting spirit, Sir Thomas Lipton, who witnessed the race from his steam yacht Victoria and whose emotions are said to have fluctuated like a barometer, said he would rather not accept a victory due to an accident or a fluke.

The New Zealand Racing Conference got through another session in its long career last week, and a good deal of necessary business was transacted. Practically all clubs carrying on racing were represented, and certain proposed amendments and additions to the rules took practical shape, the most important changes in

TURF TOPICS

The Marton Jockey Club has decided on a seven-stone minimum for its spring meeting.

Iolaus, winner of the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase, at Flemington, started favourite for that event, and was ridden by H. Thompson.

Nobleman, who is at present on the easy list, will shortly be given a chance to earn distinction as a hurdler.

Spear Thrust, a beautifully-bred three-year-old filly, by Brakespear (imp.) from Miss Driver, has been brought in after a spell at Richmond, and is to be put into work at Randwick by W. A. Hammett.

The Bulls trainer, H. Moss, has taken Metallum back to her owner's place at Rongotea, where he is now being kept busy with Mr. J. B. Gainsford's team. Metallum looked well, and has quietened down under Moss' care.

Birkenvale, who fell at the last fence while competing in the Hurdle Race at the Napier meeting, received a bad shaking, and is not likely to race again for some time. The son of Birkenhead is now in charge of the Foxton trainer, A. M. Wright.

The city editor of the "London Times" features the development of the insurance of sporting fixtures against rain. The insurance is effected in respect of the receipts based on past experience, and if play is stopped the club is reimbursed in whole or part.

Mention was made by Mr. D. McDonnell at the annual meeting of the Ashburton Trotting Club that the winter fixture was probably the most successful ever held by the club. The stakes given (£2000) were the largest yet offered by any country racing or trotting club in the Dominion for a one-day meeting. The race for the New Zealand Sapling Stakes was again a great success, and the public took a keen interest in the contest.

The ex-New Zealander, Silent Way, who did not fulfil his engagement in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race, was saddled up for the Keilor Hurdle Race (two miles) on the second day of the V.R.C. Grand National meeting at Flemington. Silent Way was elected to the position of favourite, but he had to be content with third place, Oriens winning by a head from Front Rank, who was seven lengths in advance of Silent Way.

The rising two-year-old colt by Absurd—Martia, which sustained a fractured leg 12 months ago, is reported to have recovered from the serious mishap, and will be used for stud purposes at the Highden establishment. Previous to meeting with the mishap, Mr. J. Goring Johnston received a very tempting offer for this well-bred colt.

The Australian Jockey Club have decided to hold a meeting at Randwick on August 7, when it is expected that the Prince of Wales will be present. The programme will consist of: Hurdle Race (two miles), Flying Handicap (six furlongs), Steeplechase (two miles and a-half), Three-year-old Handicap (seven furlongs), Canterbury Park Cup (one mile and three furlongs), and Welter Handicap (one mile).

Many of the racing fraternity now in Wellington may learn with interest that Rothschild, the progenitor of many fine trotters now on the turf in New Zealand and Australia and whose descendants run into three figures, is still a guest at the Wellington Zoo, where he enjoys an honoured liberty, without giving anyone the slightest trouble. Rothschild is now 32 years old, and enjoys perfect health. Speaking of this horse, Mr. J. Langridge, the curator of the Zoo, stated that though Rothschild had been with him now for nearly four years, he had never had to be doctored; he feeds evenly, and looks very well indeed, and is greatly admired by connoisseurs of bloodstock, who occasionally make pilgrimages to the zoo to see the sire, grandsire and great grandsire of winners. Rothschild was placed in the zoo by his owner (Mr. Smith, of Aramoho) when he went into camp during the war, and as he has evinced no desire to remove him, the old horse will probably see the end of his days in the zoo.

Collector, who a number of years back was a prominent competitor in cross-country events in New Zealand, figures among the horses nominated for the South Canterbury Hunt Club fixture, and as he has lately been an attendant on the tracks at Riccarton, there is every prospect of him fulfilling his engagement.

Jack Gainsford, who at one time was a well-known horseman in New Zealand, among his successes being his victory on Wairiki in the 1903 Auckland Cup, is doing well in Sydney, where one of his sons, C. Gainsford, a 17-year-old lad who can go to scale at 4st. 7lb., is meeting with considerable success in the riding profession.

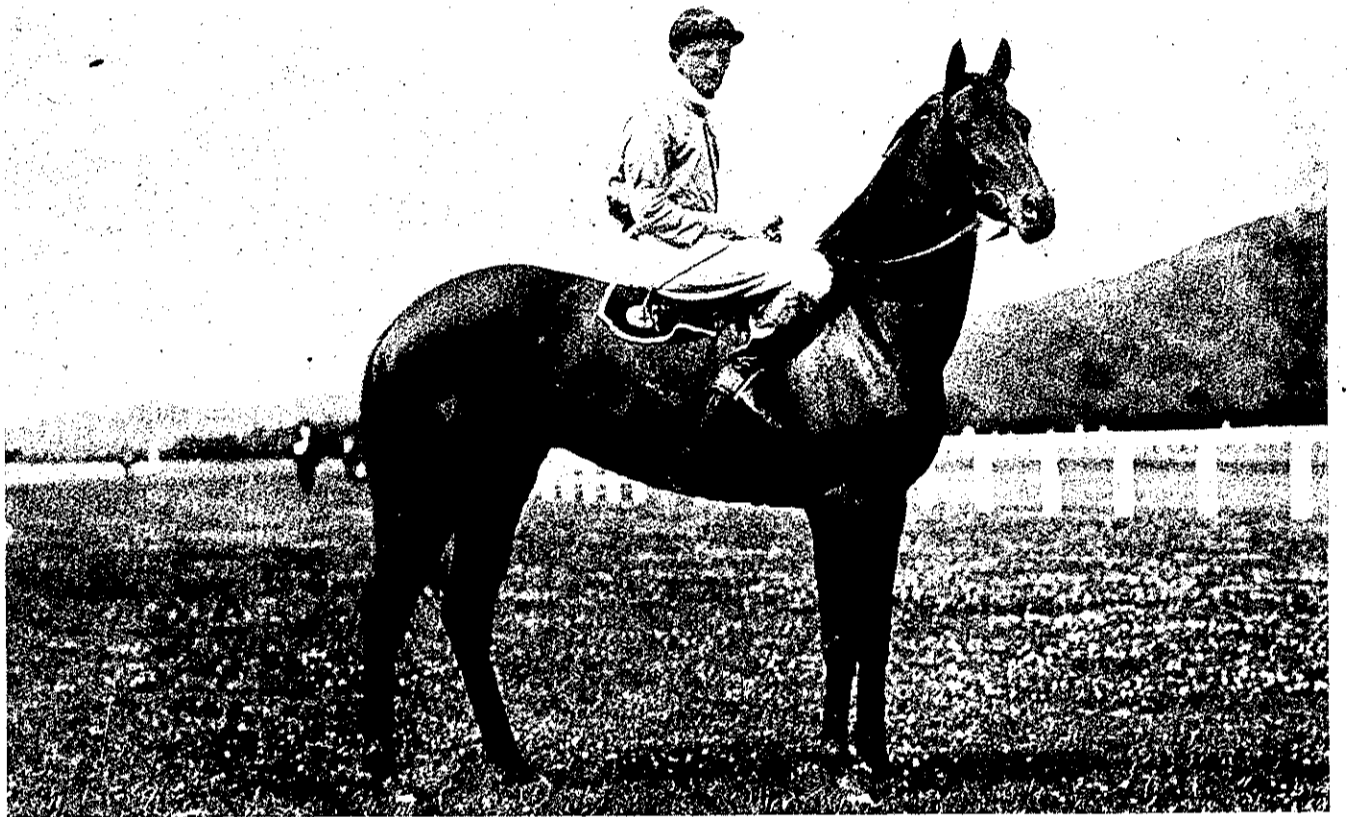
Dick Arnst, ex-champion sculler of the world, who, after a long absence from the sport, undertook a severe course of training, with a view to making another endeavour to regain the title, stated in Sydney the other day that he was nearly back to form. He has entered for the Sydney Handicap, to be raced on July 31 and August 7, in which event Barry and Felton have expressed their intention of competing prior to taking part in the world's sculling championship on August 28. Arnst is rowing the full Sydney Handicap course twice a day, and when beside Alf. Felton shows traces of the Arnst of old. If he does get back, his advent will do much for professional sculling.

Although it is regarded as certain that Amythas is not to fulfil his Melbourne Cup engagement, bookmakers in Sydney and Melbourne are taking no chances with the crack Demosthenes gelding, who figures as one of the shortest-priced candidates in the quotations, which are already receiving the attention of early backers.

Many regrets were expressed during the Prince of Wales' recent tour of the Dominion that the official arrangements did not include a trotting meeting, as there is little doubt that the Royal visitor would greatly have appreciated the opportunity of witnessing a number of the crack trotters and pacers in action. However, during his visit to Perth early this month he had the novel experience of attending one of the night trotting meetings, which are so popular in Western Australia. Unfortunately, heavy rain spoiled the gathering, though thousands put in an appearance at the course, which was brilliantly lit by electricity. So bad were the climatic conditions that doubts were expressed as to whether the Prince would keep his engagement, but he refused to disappoint the public, and was given a rousing welcome upon arrival by motor car at the course. The Prince started the first race, so that he now enjoys the distinction of having despatched trotters and gallopers during his Aus-

The Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club have decided as usual to hold their annual meeting on Labour Day. At the recent annual meeting of members of the club at the Waverley Town Hall, on the motion of Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Christensen, it was decided that a deputation, namely, Messrs. J. E. Palmer, J. Dalton, A. A. Fantham, and W. McFarlane, wait on the Wanganui Jockey Club with a view of securing the Wanganui racecourse to hold the club's annual meeting on Labour Day. It was pointed out that the improvements to the course and the club's new grandstand would not be completed by Labour Day.

The "Western Mail" says that at the annual meeting of members of the W.A. Turf Club (Perth) the chairman, Mr. E. Lee Steere, put it to the members that money should not be made out of the conduct of racing, for the benefit of the individual. He was a firm believer in club racing; not racing being conducted by persons or syndicates for their own benefit. He thought that any profit derived from racing should be devoted to the encouragement of breeding the best type of horse; to provide good stakes, and so encourage breeders to reward owners and trainers for testing their horses; for making racecourses safe, and the surroundings comfortable and attractive to members and patrons of the sport, and



Mr. H. Whitney's br m ROSE PINK, 6yrs., by Kilbroney—Madder, winner of the Parliamentary Handicap (11 miles) on the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting. M. McDonald in saddle.

The 1919 Caulfield Cup winner, Lucknow (Minoru—Amphora), who was purchased early this month by Mr. J. H. Aldridge, will join Pistol and St. Anton at the Richmond Park Stud in South Australia. Lucknow is not only a good-looking horse, but his form in the Caulfield Futurity Stakes, Caulfield Cup, Cantala Stakes and Melbourne Cup demonstrated his ability to run almost any distance.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the Ashburton Trotting Club:—President, Mr. H. F. Nicoll; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. P. Garrick; committee, Messrs. W. Bryant, J. J. Lewis, D. McDonnell, F. W. Seldon; stewards, Messrs. W. Anderson, T. Blackley, W. Bryant, J. Heseltine, J. J. Lewis, S. Madden, D. Montgomery, D. McDonnell, E. B. Newton, E. F. Nicoll, F. B. Robilliard, F. W. Seldon.

A good deal of controversy has been going on in New Zealand concerning Amythas (remarks the "Sydney Sun"). One sporting writer states that not only is he the undoubted champion, but likens him to Carbine as regards stamina and staying ability. Unfortunately Amythas never measured strides with Gloaming, and numerous Sydney sportsmen would have pinned their faith to Gloaming up to a mile and a-quarter against Amythas, or any other horse racing when Gloaming was here last spring. It took Poirrel all he knew to reach Gloaming at the end of the Spring Stakes (one mile and a-half), and beat him by a head. Gloaming subsequently won the A.J.C. Craven Plate (one mile and a-quarter) easily in 2min. 5½sec., beating among others Wolaro and Rebus (imp.).

Before taking his departure, the Prince insisted on his car cover being removed, and driving, hat in hand, standing up in the beating rain, twice around the course to the accompaniment of prolonged cheering. Small wonder that the Royal visitor has been received with remarkable enthusiasm by devotees of the turf in New Zealand and Australia, his sportsmanlike qualities having endeared him to the sport-loving community.

After dislocating his near fore fetlock joint, while competing in the 14 Hands Handicap at Rosebery, Sydney, on July 7, the promising Waukenphast (imp.) pony Breakphast had to be destroyed. The pony had only recently returned after a spell, and gave promise of turning out well. Labassa, by Kenilworth—Widden Lass, a three-year-old brother to Wolaro, who has been spelling at Windsor (N.S.W.) for some time, has returned to Sydney, and will shortly be put into work at Randwick. He is reported to have developed into a fine colt.

Several recent improvements to the course were reported at the monthly meeting of the Taratahi-Carterton Racing Club, which was presided over by Mr. H. A. Bunny. It was reported that two trucks of lime had been spread over the lawn, course and new straight. The erection of the fence for the new six and seven furlong straight had been delayed owing to inability to secure totara timber. Mr. Shannon wrote intimating that his services as judge were available, and the stewards resolved to defer filling the vacancy until the annual meeting. Messrs. R. J. Southgate and J. Pinkey were elected members of the club.

last, but not least, to enable a club, after the heavy taxes which the Government demand had been paid, to donate as much as possible to charities.

Mr. H. B. Lusk, who appeared for the defendants in the case of a Napier paper which was charged with publishing a statement as to investments on the totalisator in respect to events decided at the Hawke's Bay J.C.'s winter meeting at Hastings, from which statements the amount paid as dividends might be calculated, stated during the hearing of the charge that he was struck with the modesty of the Government in framing a law not allowing the public to know what a splendid thing their own betting machine was. He supposed the Purity League had been getting to work. (Laughter.)

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the Waverley-Waitotara Racing Club:—President, Mr. Jas. Kennedy; vice-presidents, Messrs. Fred Wilson and Jas. Dalton; judge, Mr. J. Cameron; handicapper, Mr. H. Coyle; starter, Mr. A. Morse; clerk of the scales, Mr. G. H. Graham; assistant clerk of scales, Mr. H. W. James; clerk of the course, Mr. G. Lynch; timekeeper, Mr. M. Kennedy; hon. surgeon, Dr. Simmonds; hon. veterinary surgeon, Major Neale; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. E. Palmer; stewards, Messrs R. Bremer, T. Lupton, F. Besley, H. W. James, A. A. Fantham, W. H. Watkins, G. Aitken, G. Lupton, G. H. Graham, Jas. Newland, E. Christie, W. J. Johnston, and Jas. J. Burke. It was resolved that the stewards comprise the committee of the club.

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1. GROUP OF MIRTH-PROVOKING STUDENTS WHOSE PRESENCE IN THE PROCESSION AND ABOUT THE STREETS CAUSED MUCH MERRIMENT. 2. "PREHISTORIC PROFESSOR PROP FOR PRIMITIVE PUPILS—AN AMUSING TABLEAU IN THE AUCKLAND STUDENTS' PROCESSION. 3. A QUARTETTE OF STUDENTS IN FEMININE ATTIRE, PARADING DOWN CUSTOMS STREET ON THE 6/8 BRIGADE." 5. A JOVIAL PARTY OF STUDENTS SETTING OUT FROM CUSTOMS STREET ABOARD A HORSE-DRAWN LORRY.

INTERPROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

WELLINGTON.

Wellington R.C.'s Successful Winter Gathering—Active Preparations for Marton J.C.'s Spring Fixture—Notes on the First Day's Racing at Trentham.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The winter meeting of the Wellington Racing Club, which was brought to a conclusion on Saturday last, was easily the most successful fixture held at that particular period of the year at Trentham. The attendance on both days constituted a record, while the investments on the totalisator revealed a similar gratifying state of affairs. Everybody connected with the management worked zealously, and in this direction the efforts of Mr. A. E. Whyte, the secretary, in making every provision for the welfare of the club's patrons were very keenly appreciated. Certainly all concerned deserve credit on the success of the two days' gathering.

The approach of the early spring fixtures is heralded by the excellent programme that has been issued by the Marton Jockey Club for their spring meeting (one day), which is set down for decision on September 1. Very liberal stakes are offered, and as quite a number of horses have been kept busy during the winter the fixture should prove a pronounced success. In a conversation with the club's popular secretary, Mr. A. Way, last week, he informed me that the officials of that enterprising body were all working hard with a view to making the gathering thoroughly enjoyable to all concerned. Nominations for all events close on August 13.

For a beginner at the jumping business, Merry Andrew (Birkenhead—Marionette) showed up well at Trentham. The gelding gives every promise of paying his way at the illegitimate game.

Sweet Tipperary showed a lot of pace for five furlongs in the Stewards' Handicap (six furlongs) on the opening day of the Wellington R.C. meeting, but the heavy going found the black mare out and she finished out of a place. The descendant of King's Guest—Golden Ball mare can be depended upon to carry her owners' (Messrs. Dwan Bros.) colours in a creditable manner next season.

Southland, whom A. Julian brought to Trentham, was not suited by the heavy going, and the gelding did well to get fourth in the Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase on Wednesday. The Waiuku-owned gelding was not accepted for on the second day, but Mr. Reid's horse gave critics the impression that he would do better later on.

It will soon become a difficult proposition to put Bestir (Bezonian—Prevail) where he can earn something towards his upkeep. A fine stamp of a galloper, with big sinewy quarters, this rising three-year-old colt looked well enough to beat any thing at Trentham, but he finished well behind the placed division in the Trial Plate on the opening day. Bestir was well placed entering the straight, but failed to come on. He may do better as a three-year-old, for his appearance certainly points this way.

Hallifax (Hallowmas—Happy Maid) ran a good race in the Trial Plate at Trentham, finishing fourth. The two-year-old colt can be depended upon to bring prestige to J. Ayres' stable at some of the early spring fixtures.

Listowel had bad luck to bump a good one in Battle Knight in the Trial Plate on the opening day at Trentham. Listowel was the smartest out when the tapes lifted, and was soon many lengths in front entering the straight and at the distance looked an almost certain winner, but by sheer gameness Battle Knight plodded on and, finishing resolutely, caught the favourite in the run to the post and won comfortably by a couple of lengths. The winner, who is a rising three-year-old gelding by Solferino—Madama, owned by Mr. H. M. Campbell, should prove a useful proposition in racing affairs next season.

All Cerise and Admyra proved very costly to followers of track form on the opening day at Trentham. Both horses had been doing well, and their failures were very discomfiting to many sporting adherents who hail

from the Wanganui and Rangitikei districts. The heavy going may have affected their prospects, for they were not produced on the second day.

SOUTHLAND.

P. T. Hogan's Team Leaves for Riccarton—South Canterbury Hunt Fixture—F. Hill Educating Winton Stakes Candidate in a Filly by Calibre—Dunedin J.C.'s Highly Satisfactory Season—Improved Totalisator Arrangement Forecasted at Dunedin and Southland Meetings.

INVERCARGILL, Saturday.

Heavy rain fell during the current week, putting the local tracks out of use for the longest period of a comparatively mild winter so far. However, road work appears to agree with many of the horses, the variety and strange scene appealing to equines as well as to their masters.

On Thursday a lengthy string of horses from the Rorke's Drift Lodge was entrained for the north, the most prominent of the number being Almoner, Calma, Dunmure, and Bengeroop. Several hunters and the rising two-year-olds St. Brenden and Song Bird were included in the team. P.

totalisator fixture, afterwards continuing his journey to Riccarton, from where he will work the Brackenfield gathering prior to the Grand National meeting.

F. Hill is at present educating a handsome rising three-year-old filly by Calibre—Feedalma, by Gipsy Grand—Neva (dam of Danube). The sister to Calma and Centimeter, who has been favourably treated since being purchased here at a sale in January last of horses bred by Mr. J. N. Grigg, of Longbeach, is being got ready to make her first public appearance in the Winton Stakes Handicap in November next. Calibre mares have not been very successful racehorses as a rule, but the filly referred to is of different make and shape to the general run of female progeny of the Light Artillery stallion. She is brown in colour, and obviously throws back to the Stepniak side of the horse.

The progress of the Dunedin Jockey Club during the last few years and the popularity of meetings held at Wingatui have been remarkable, hence it is not surprising to find that the club to date has experienced a very successful season. Starting the financial year with a cash balance of £2396 odd, and notwithstanding the large expenditure in improvements, maintenance, and increased prize money, their balance to-day is £2638. When it is claimed that the past season has been the most successful in the history of the club the position is not being overstated, and hearty congratulations have therefore to be extended to our friends over the border, for sportsmen in this district

WAIRARAPA.

Number of Horses Being Got Ready for Spring Fixtures—Master Boris Still Amiss—Torfreda Nominated for Brackenfield Hunt Meeting—Raceful's Promising Prospects as a Three-year-old—Mr. W. R. Kemball Probably Send Team North for Avondale Spring Fixture—Master-ton Stables Well Represented in Manawatu R.C.'s Classic Events.

MASTERTON, Saturday.

Elcullus is now being trained at Carterton by his owner, Mr. H. Jensen. The gelding has come on a lot lately, and is expected to turn out a useful performer next season.

Ohiti is being kept going at Opaki by W. Garrett, and will be seen out again at the early spring meetings. It is thought that when the tracks are firmer the gelding will give a much better account of himself.

The local lightweight R. S. Bagby, who has been well up in the list of winning jockeys during the past three seasons, is fourth on the list this year, he having ridden over 40 winners. Bagby is still attached to J. T. Jamieson's stable.

A. Crawford has O'Rane (Elevation—Lethe mare) going along nicely in his work at Tauherenikau, and Mr. Barton's gelding can be looked upon as a likely winner early in the new season.

T. Higgins is not doing much with Timidity and Lady Witchet just now, and the only active member of the stable is Scornful. The latter is a greatly improved animal since going into Higgins' stable. Lady General



MRS. CHAS. ELGAR, OF WELLINGTON, WITH HER PROMISING RISING TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT ZENITH, BY BONIFORM—VICELLA.

Hogan will not be represented in the Grand National Steeplechase this year, much as he would like to saddle up a competitor for the big cross-country race, but it is very likely that he will strip the winners of some of the minor events, while Bengeroop must hold a fair outside chance in the C.J.C. Winter Cup or some other event of similar class.

Wednesday of the coming week will mark the occasion of the Birchwood Hunt annual flag steeplechase at Otautau, for which quite a number of horses have been qualifying for some time past. Several promising novices will be tried out in the light and heavy-weight classes, for which several coveted trophies are on offer. Provided the maiden performers referred to acquit themselves with credit they will probably be regularly trained for the Otago Hunt totalisator meeting and early spring steeplechasing at Winton and elsewhere.

When following the Birchwood pack last week Dunmure struck a wire in a small gorse fence, with the result that he got a heavy fall, but escaped unhurt. Not so J. McChesney, however, the Glenapp gelding striking him on the head with one of his feet. The well-known cross-country horseman did not permit the happening to interfere with his programme, and he left for Timaru several days later to fulfil riding engagements at the South Canterbury Hunt fixture.

Trainer P. Hogan will probably tarry at Timaru for the local hunt

consider themselves as representing a separate province even though they are controlled from Otago under the rules of racing.

The dispute in regard to the date (March 17) between the Southland Racing Club and the Waimate Racing Club has been settled in favour of the latter body. The Southland R.C.'s autumn fixture next season will now take place on March 9 and 10, the Gore R.C.'s fixture being listed for the previous week. This arrangement should meet with everybody's approval, and seems to be a very satisfactory solution of the problem.

The Otago and Southland totalisator contractor, Mr. W. F. James, is about to pay a visit to Sydney, where he no doubt will closely study the working of the electric wagering machine in use at Randwick. It is an open secret that the Dunedin Jockey Club intend installing a mechanical betting agent in the near future, a fact which may have something to do with the trip which Mr. James is undertaking. The Southland Racing Club have also considered the fact that new totalisator arrangements will be necessary in Invercargill in the near future.

There is no necessity to hold an election in connection with the appointment of office-bearers for the Dunedin Jockey Club for the ensuing season, Messrs. A. C. Hanlon and L. C. Hazlett being returned unopposed as president and vice-president respectively. Mr. Hanlon is a very popular head to the metropolitan body, while he is always inclined to any progressive proposals or innovations likely to advance his club. As vice-president Mr. Hazlett is an expert on racing procedure and law, and he is possessed of very wide experience where course, track, and other appointments have to be established.

is wintering well, but is not likely to be persevered with.

Master Boris went amiss on the eve of the Wellington meeting, and had to forego his engagements there. It seems unlikely that the gelding will be able to race for a lengthy period. This is bad luck for his owner, as it was intended to race him at the Grand National meeting next month.

J. T. Jamieson returned from the south during the week, where he had been to see how his four horses held up at Riccarton were getting on. They were all doing well, and Torfreda has been nominated for the Brackenfield meeting.

Red Ribbon had anything but a good run in the Parliamentary Handicap at Trentham, and this, combined with her big weight, stopped her from getting into the money, although she was close up when the post was reached. The mare will now be settled.

For the office of president of the Masterton Racing Club, Mr. C. F. Vallance has been elected unopposed, and also the two vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Iorns and W. Cooper. As there were more names received for the office of stewards, an election will be held at the annual meeting of the club at the end of the present month.

Raceful (Martian—Rose Red) has come on a lot lately, and is pleasing his trainer by the way he is getting through his work at Opaki. Mr. Kemball's colt promises to turn out a good three-year-old, and all going well will be taken to Avondale for the Guineas in September. Another Masterton owner in Mr. A. McDonald is represented at the same fixture, he having engaged two in the Avondale Stakes and three in the Guineas. Although at present nothing has been decided definitely, W. Hawthorne hopes to have half a dozen horses racing at

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Avondale, and as most of his flat racers are well forward it is likely that besides being represented in the Guineas he will also have several handicap horses racing at the meeting.

Mr. C. F. Vallance was very disappointed when Luke broke down at Hastings, as the Masterton sportsman was relying on the son of Acrostic to carry his colours in the Wellington Steeplechase, and later on at Riccarton. There seems very little hope of Luke being able to face the starter for a considerable time, as the injury is more serious than was at first supposed. The stable, however, shelters a second string in Sturdee, who won the First Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase at Trentham on Wednesday, and the Advance—Roselyn gelding has run very consistently lately, having been successful twice at Hastings, and at Wellington. Sturdee is a likely stamp of a steeplechaser, and J. Gravestock will no doubt do his utmost to get the gelding into the shape necessary for a race like the Grand National. Providing accommodation can be obtained, Sturdee is to be taken south next week.

Masterton stables are well represented in the classic events to be run at the Manawatu Racing Club's meetings next year. In the Fifteenth Manawatu Stakes Mr. A. McDonald has eight engaged, Mr. Kemball seven, Mr. Vallance two, and Mr. Fred Dorset one. In the Thirteenth Sires' Produce Stakes four are engaged, three belonging to Mr. McDonald and one to Mr. Vallance. The Seventeenth Manawatu Stakes has 17 nominations from local stables, Mr. McDonald having eight, Mr. Kemball seven, and Messrs. Lord and Vallance one each. It is pleasing to note that so far as the juveniles have been tried out they show a good deal of promise, and as they are on the whole a very well bred lot it can be hoped that a fair share of the weight-for-age races will be successfully contested by horses from this district.

CANTERBURY.

Local Trainers Busy in View of C.J.C. Grand National Meeting—South Canterbury and Brackenfield Hunt Fixtures to Serve as Preliminaries to Big Riccarton Carnival—English-bred Stallion, Grey Spear, Purchased in Sydney for Canterbury—Fiery Cross Standing Up to His Work at Riccarton—Local Trotting Mentor Outwits Seamen.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

In the absence of all South Island horses very little interest was taken locally in the Wellington meeting. Nor is it thought that the form disclosed at Trentham is likely to throw much light on Grand National prospects, for at present there seems little chance of a settlement of the transport trouble. As about two-thirds of the horses engaged in the big jumping events hail from the North Island, and as there seems little chance of them coming south, matters do not look any too bright for next month's meeting at Riccarton.

In the meantime local trainers are making the most of what appears to be a rare opportunity. During the week the tracks have been well patronised and a lot of useful work has been got through.

As preliminaries to their more important engagements several mentors intend racing their charges at the South Canterbury and Brackenfield Hunt meetings. These two fixtures will afford excellent opportunities of giving the jumpers a run in public.

A few days ago two local sportsmen, Messrs. W. A. Nicol and G. Fulton, purchased the English-bred stallion Greyspear in Sydney, and he will be at the disposal of Canterbury breeders next spring. Greyspear is a son of the Carbine horse Spearmint from Kitty Grey, foaled in 1910. He has been at the stud in Australia for some time.

The North Island trainer J. T. Jamieson paid a visit to Riccarton early this month to see how his charges Torfreda, Murihiku, Strategy and Prince Martian are thriving. The quartette has been under R. W. King's charge for some weeks, and all are looking in the best of health.

There was some interesting work performed at headquarters on Thursday morning, when trainers had three tracks at their disposal.

Gloaming, who is looking in robust health, showed his accustomed brilliancy in getting over half a mile.

Cutts Brothers gave Checkmate, Nightraider, Winter Wind and Timepiece serviceable tasks. They are all well forward.

There was nothing to choose between Royal Star and Chaeronia at the end of a solidly-run four furlongs, while Samovar was too good for Triboulet over five furlongs.

Fiery Cross is standing up to his work really well, and always appears anxious to do more than is required of him.

Since last sporting silk Kilrush has furnished a good deal, and should be in the best of order by next month. He went particularly well in a gallop with Loyal Arch over six furlongs on Thursday.

Bon Spec is better than at any time during the present season, and can be marked off as a very likely winner at the Grand National meeting.

In an interesting gallop over a mile All Talk showed to slightly more advantage than Coalition and Waimai. The latter pair are particularly well, Waimai especially so.

When schooling a few mornings ago Bombproof overreached and cut himself slightly. He is now all right again, and galloping in resolute style.

Strayshot, Grim Joke and Glenlee were responsible for a serviceable school over a round of the hurdles. All fenced well and are on the improve.

A horse recently brought over from Sydney by a Christchurch trainer was held up in Wellington on his arrival there. Though belonging to the trotting variety the seamen refused to let him be shipped by steamer for his destination. The difficulty was overcome by the horse's

So as to give Mr. J. E. Henrys a chance of taking the form displayed at the Brackenfield Hunt Club's meeting into consideration, the date of declaring weights for the minor events of the Grand National meeting has been postponed from July 30 to August 2.

To conform with the recently-passed legislation, the Canterbury J.C. has decided to start racing on each day of its forthcoming meeting at 11 a.m., and conclude at 4.15 p.m.

Most of the Canterbury sportsmen who attended the Wellington R.C.'s winter meeting returned home on Sunday. The majority of them hold the opinion that there is little likelihood of any immediate settlement of the jockeys' dispute.

Though Manawapango is still affected by his fall at Wingatui last month, Gillett is keeping him going with the idea of contesting the Grand National Steeplechase. Even if started he can hardly be at his best by next month.

WANGANUI.

Rose Queen in Steady Work Again—Marton J.C.'s Spring Meeting—Feilding J.C.'s Successful Season.

WANGANUI, Monday.

W. Rayner returned from Wellington on Friday with Listowel, which colt ran second in the Trial Plate at Trentham. The son of Absurd was unable to do his best in the soft going, which he found very different



The placed horses returning to scale after the decision of the Parliamentary Handicap (1¼ miles), the principal flat event on the opening day of the Wellington R.C.'s winter meeting—ROSE PINK (Deeley), followed by the second, third and fourth horses, TAME FOX (M. McCarten), UTUWAI (J. Olsen) and GOLDSHINE (W. Young) respectively.

trainer getting him across to Picton by a small vessel, and from there he will travel by train and road to Christchurch. This is a hint for those North Island owners who wish to get their charges down for the Grand National meeting.

LATER.

Arrowsmith Rejoins Active Brigade—Riccarton Stables Well Represented at South Canterbury Meeting—Interesting Track Work at Riccarton.

(Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent)

Arrowsmith is in steady work again, and looks really well after his spell. It is anticipated that his first effort next season will be in the Champion Plate at Trentham, in which he may be opposed by Amythas and Gloaming.

Riccarton stables will be well represented at the South Canterbury Hunt meeting on Thursday, amongst their contributors to the fields being Nightraider, Checkmate, Loyal Arch, Strayshot, Merry Lad, Here We Are, Bombproof, Forty Winks, Gossard, and Gaylight.

A fair amount of jumping was indulged in at Riccarton on Saturday morning. The Grand and Wicklow, with amateur riders up, gave a good exhibition in a round of the steeplechase fences. The latter did a round by himself a little later, again going well.

All Talk, Sonny, and King Star, who finished in that order, gave a first-class display over a round of the schooling hurdles. The trio jumped clean, and their showing was as good as has been witnessed for some time.

War Tax, alone, with B. Burrows up, gave a creditable showing while doing a round of the schooling hurdles, jumping very straight.

Coalition and Waimai were associated in a nice working gallop over two miles, the former showing to most advantage.

from the Wanganui tracks, and though he led until a furlong from home the last bit found him out. He looks none the worse for his trip, and will be kept going in view of the Marton meeting.

Rayner has Rose Queen in steady work again, and the daughter of King Rufus is looking very well indeed, the spell having done her a lot of good. She will probably be seen out at the Marton meeting.

The Waverley Waitotara Racing Club will hold its annual race meeting on Labour Day on the Wanganui racecourse if the metropolitan body will give its permission, and it is not likely it will refuse to do so. The contractors for the new stand at Waverley have been delayed owing to inability to get material, and consequently the stand will not be ready in time for the annual meeting.

The Marton Jockey Club has decided on a 7st. minimum for its annual meeting on September 1.

It is more than likely that when Nobleman is next seen out it will be as an aspirant for jumping honours, as it is intended to school him when he is put into work again.

The many friends of Mr. Tom Cameron, who recently sold his farm at Bulls, and intends taking up his residence at New Plymouth, will regret to learn that this well-known sporting enthusiast is in an indifferent state of health.

The tightening up of the restrictions on bookmakers is evidently having an effect. One or two who have been operating here on an extensive scale have given the game best recently. However, though there has been less betting on horse racing there has been much more on football matches, and quite a lot of money is wagered on all the big games played here now. It appears that there are some who will bet on something. If they cannot invest their money on a racehorse they will find other sports on which to gamble.

The annual meeting of the Feild-

ing Club will be held at Feilding on Friday next, the 23rd inst. The report to be presented congratulates members on another successful season. The report states that the day's racing which was lost owing to the war restriction was restored during the past season, and this, added to the general prosperity of the country, caused a very considerable increase in the receipts for the year. Both the spring and autumn meetings were very largely attended, and the receipts from both gates and totalisator were greatly in excess of any previous year. The sum of £179,936 was invested through the machine. The new automatic totalisator has arrived in New Zealand, and is waiting completion of the necessary alterations to the building before being installed, but it is expected that everything will be in readiness for the next spring meeting in November. The scheme of improvements to the course as designed by Mr. Hill, of Auckland, which was held in abeyance during the war, has now been commenced, the entrances and boundary fences being the first work to be carried out; considerable progress has already been made, but it will take some years to complete the whole programme. It is with regret that the committee recorded the death of four members of the club, i.e., Mrs. Hastie, Messrs. Barron Green, W. Pearson, and W. J. Neill. The president, vice-president, and following members of committee retire in accordance with rules, but are eligible

C.J.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

WEIGHTS FOR PRINCIPAL EVENTS.

The following weights have been declared for the principal events to be run at the Grand National meeting at Riccarton on August 10, 12, and 14:—

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLCHASE, three miles and a-half.—Lochella 12.7, Master Strowan 12.5, Waimai 12.5, Coalition 11.9, First Line 11.9, Old Mungindi 11.5, Crib 10.13, Luke 10.13, Slowcoach 10.13, Oakleigh 10.11, Manawapango 10.10, Omaha 10.9, Gladful 10.8, Poeman 10.7, Morecambe 9.13, San Sebastian 9.12, Guanaco 9.10, Peneton 9.9, Wirokino 9.7, Sturdee 9.7, Ormesby 9.7, Gaekwar 9.7, Notability 9.7, Diavolo 9.7, Zeus 9.7, John Bunny 9.7, Manhat-tan 9.7, Barrister 9.7, Warform 9.7, Nocturnal 9.7.

WINTER CUP, one mile.—Gazique 11.9, Gold Kip 11.9, Parisian Diamond 11.9, Radial 11.6, Kilrush 11.3, Onslaught 10.13, Marquetteur 10.12, Sunart 10.8, Burrayong 10.7, Melee 10.7, Royal Star 10.7, Brackenfield 10.6, Hetana 10.6, Bon Spec 10.5, Glencanny 10.5, Croesus 10.1, Killowen 9.12, Rose Pink 9.11, Swanee River 9.11, Heather Sprig 9.11, Hurray Up 9.11, Comedy Prince 9.9, Clean Sweep 9.9, Jock 9.8, Loyal Arch 9.8, Matatane 9.8, Warlike 9.7, Dainty Step 9.7, Royal Exchange 9.6, Ruddy 9.5, Sir Fanciful 9.5, Nightraider 9.3, Caverock 9.3, Astinora 9.2, General Advance 9.2, Tamara-roa 9.2, All Talk 9.2, Arran 9.0, Rising-ingham 9.0, Matatua 9.0, Almoner 9.0, Prince Hal 9.0, Scornful 9.0, Sanacre 9.0, Bombproof 9.0, Will Oakland 9.0, Sambric 9.0, Walton 9.0, Printemps 9.0, Tortrix 9.0, Admyra 9.0, Railand 9.0, Carmel Arch 9.0, Benderoop 9.0, Parorangi 9.0, Miss Camouflage 9.0, Good Hope 9.0, Black Lake 9.0, Bitters 9.0, Lady Pallas 9.0.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLES, two miles and a-half.—Lochella 12.6, Thrace 11.8, Hylans 11.6, Kauri King 11.3, Gazique 11.2, Slowcoach 11.1, Paraoa 10.13, Gaylight 10.11, Mill o' Gowrie 10.11, Lord Nagar 10.11, Kohu 10.11, Omaha 10.11, Loyal Arch 10.10, Waimai 10.7, Fisher 10.2, Rekanui 10.2, All Over 10.2, Paddington Green 9.11, Deviation 9.11, Pendoo 9.9, Ladogeur 9.9, Melchikoff 9.9, Alteration 9.9, All Talk 9.6, Kerehone 9.3, Jack Symons 9.2, Manawapango 9.0, Mannish 9.0, Signysian 9.0, Cymer 9.0, Achilleus 9.0, Wild Pilgrim 9.0, King Star 9.0, Marshal Neil 9.0, Nautical 9.0, Warform 9.0, Whipcord 9.0, Calma 9.0, Bombproof 9.0, Rising-ingham 9.0, Samiel 9.0.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

WINTER MEETING OPENED.

FIRST LINE WINS STEEPLECHASE.

SLOWCOACH WINTER HURDLES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

Fine but cloudy weather was experienced for the opening of the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting at Trentham to-day. The attendance constituted a record for an "off" day, the large crowd that rolled up clearly demonstrating that the embargo placed on racing by several labour bodies carried no weight with sporting enthusiasts. Many prominent racing folk were present, while there was a large assemblage of delegates and racing club secretaries from all parts of New Zealand, whose mission to Wellington consisted of the annual racing and trotting conferences.

The racing throughout was decidedly interesting, and the fact of only one first favourite winning proved that backers fared adversely in their dealings with the totalisator. Out of the eight events, no less than five of the winners returned their supporters double-figure dividends, that on Rose Pink, who won the Parliamentary Handicap, being of large dimensions, and easily the best price paid out during the day.

The big steeplechase provided a fine race between First Line and Foeman, who were coupled on the totalisator. Both horses gave a fine exhibition of jumping, and appeared to hold their opponents safe at any part of the race. Slowcoach was greatly fancied for this event, but the Auckland rider refused to gallop after jumping the double when the final circuit was entered upon. Despite G. Fielding's resolute riding, the bay gelding would not respond to the efforts of his rider, but with the stable boy, H. Turner, up, was again weighed out for the Winter Hurdles, and in this race Slowcoach was in one of his best moods, for he was never farther away than second from Ladoguer, and, jumping the last hurdle in great style, he came away to win very easily by two lengths from Lochella, who had no chance with the winner. The crowd made a demonstration against Slowcoach on his return to weigh in, but the stipendiary stewards present were quite certain—and so were the majority of racegoers—that Slowcoach was a genuine trier on both occasions, and no action in the circumstances was considered necessary.

The new electric totalisator again proved a great boon, for it enabled the races to be got off up to time, with the result that everyone was able to catch the special trains with a minimum of delay.

The meeting was admirably managed by the secretary (Mr. A. E. Whyte) and his right-hand man (Mr. J. Griffiths), and both gentlemen are to be congratulated upon the result of their efforts in this direction.

People came well supplied with the sinews of war, for at the close of the day it was ascertained that £68,489 had found its way through the totalisator, compared with £35,172 that was handled on the corresponding day's of last year's meeting.

THE RACING.

Proceedings commenced with the Victoria Hurdle Handicap, which attracted 17 starters. Sir Agnes and Signysian were fancied in this order, but the pair faded out at the business end, and finished well behind the placed division. At the start, Otauru Kid was showing the way for a mile, when the field commenced to close up. Otauru Kid was first to turn for home, with Melchikoff and Ethiopian both handy, and the trio rose at the final obstacle together. Melchikoff outpaced his rivals in the run to the post, winning comfortably by two lengths from the Hatuma-owned hurdler, Ethiopian, with Otauru Kid two lengths and a-half away third. Chummy was close up fourth, and Kerehona, Sir Agnes, and Golden Petal next.

Another big field of 22 horses saddled up for the Stewards' Handicap, and in looking for a winner the public made Tama-a-roa favourite, while Bo-Peep, who has been shaping very well recently, was practically neglected on the machine. From an even send-off, Sweet Tipperary took the lead, and piloted the field till near the straight entrance, where the black mare faded out of the contest, Hymarty being first to turn for home. Half-way up the running, Bo-Peep assumed the lead, and galloping in great style had a two lengths' advantage from Hymarty when the winning post was reached, with Royal Exchange three-quarters of a length away third. Matatua was fourth, and Tama-a-roa next.

It was destined for Sturdee to do backers a good turn in the First Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase, for the Wairarapa chaser was the only favourite to win all day. The field soon became strung out, but both Sturdee and Ormesby were noticed putting in excellent work, and coming away after negotiating the last obstacle, Sturdee won by a neck from Ormesby, with Fawerewere 20 lengths away third. Southland was a poor fourth. During the progress of the race Ngakanui, Te Toa and Mead fell, while Master Webster ran off. Happily, no injury came to any of the riders.

Listowel, a smart two-year-old, belonging to Mr. G. M. Currie, the Wanganui studmaster, was backed down to a very short price for the Trial Plate, and at one stage of the race it appeared as if the chestnut colt would have an easy victory, for getting out smartly the youngster led until half-way up the straight, where Battle Knight, owned by Mr. H. M. Campbell, M.P., ranged alongside, and, taking Listowel's measure, went on to win easily by two lengths and a-half, with Miss Elva four lengths away third. Halifax was fourth, and Princess Marion next. The winner is a good sort, and should soon be heard of again.

Slowcoach was backed for the big steeplechase as if the event was a foregone conclusion, but the Auckland rider was in one of his worst moods, and would not do anything for his jockey. G. Fielding was niggling at him, but

this only made matters worse, for the horse refused absolutely to gallop, and did not finish. The Foxton-trained pair, Foeman and First Line, were always the leading division, and coming over the last obstacle First Line passed his stable mate, who was being vigorously ridden, and finishing resolutely won by a length, with Notability a furlong away third, and Harbour Light fourth. During the running of the race, Gladful and Wirokino fell, while John Bunny, whose rider (S. Henderson) had lost a stirrup iron, ran off.

Red Ribbon was made favourite in the Parliamentary Handicap, which attracted 12 runners. In the early part of the race the field was fairly close together. Half a mile from home, Red Ribbon received a knock, which sent her back nearly last. Entering the straight, the colours of Rose Pink could be seen coming fast, and Deeley gaining an opening on the rails rushed his mount up, and the daughter of Kilbroney—Madder, responding to his appeals in generous style, went on to win easily by two lengths from Tame Fox, who was three-quarters of a length in front of Utuwal, with Goldshine a good fourth. Railand was the last to finish. Rose Pink returned her supporters the largest dividend of the afternoon.

A big surprise awaited backers in the Winter Hurdles, for it was generally conceded that the race was a soft snap for the Great Northern double winner, Lochella, who, by the way, was the cause of an inquiry owing to his scratching for the Wellington Steeplechase, run earlier in the day. Slowcoach, who finished last in the Steeplechase, was again saddled up, and the Auckland rider gave a splendid exhibition.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 300sovs.

- Six furlongs.
 - 8—W. E. Herbert's b m Bo-Peep, 4yrs, by Bezonian—Shepherdess, 11.6 (L. Morris) 1
 - 15—F. Ormond's ch m Hymarty, 5 yrs, 9.0 (E. Manson) 2
 - 10—O. S. Watkins' b f Royal Exchange, 3yrs, 9.6 (A. Reed) ... 3
- Also started: 4 Parisian Diamond 11.7 (Sid. Reid), 6 Astinome 10.2 (Gray), 16 Crowhurst 10.2 (Wood), 12 Ruddy 10.1 (B. Morris), 1 Tama-a-roa 9.13 (C. Reed), 15 Hurray Up 9.12 (McFlinn), 3 Comedy Prince 9.11 (Deeley), 13 Arch Salute 9.9 (Olsen), 2 Sanacre 9.8 (H. Robinson), 14 Sweet Tipperary 9.8 (W. Young), 9 Matatua 9.7 (Bell), 22 Pacific Slope 9.6 (O'Halloran), 20 Scornful 9.4 (Corlett), 5 Admyra 9.2 (M. McCarten), 19 Prince Charleroi 9.0 (Lowe), 17 Magistrate 9.0 (B. Manson), 11 Honey Bee 9.0 (McCarten), 21 Trentham Rose 9.0 (Campbell), 7 Hyginas 9.0 (Bagby).
- Won by two lengths and a-half, three-quarters of a length between second and third. Matatua was fourth. Time, 1min. 19 3-5sec.

FIRST HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE of 250sovs.

- Two miles and a-half.
 - 1—C. F. Vallance's br g Sturdee, aged, by Advance—Roselyn, 10.9 (Bowden) 1
 - 2—T. E. Whelch's b g Ormesby, aged, 11.2 (W. Fielding) 2
 - 7—J. Bellis' b g Fawerewere, aged, 11.1 (Hawker) 3
- Also started: 6 Ngakanui 11.4 (Tilley), 8 Mattock 10.10 (Kaan), 4 Bill 10.7 (Thompson), 3 Graffella 10.6 (G. Fielding), 5 Te Toa 10.2 (Preston), 9 Southland 9.10 (Wood), 10 Master Web-

ster 9.9 (McSweeney), 11 Mead 9.7 (Fowler).

Ngakanui and Te Toa fell, Mead dislodged his rider, and Master Webster ran off. Won by half a length, twenty lengths separating second and third. Southland was fourth. Time, 6min. 2 3-5sec.

Also started: 3 Gold Kip 11.12 (Robinson), 1 Red Ribbon 11.6 (Lowe), 8 All Over 10.1 (B. Morris), 4 Dainty Step 9.11 (Gray), 7 Sir Fanciful 9.8 (A. Reed), 5 Arvan 9.7 (C. Reed), 9 Goldshine 9.5 (W. Young), 6 Bagdad 9.4 (McFlinn), 11 Railand 9.0 (O. McCarten).

Won by two lengths, a neck between second and third. Goldshine was fourth. Time, 2min. 18 1-5sec.

WINTER HURDLES of 750sovs.

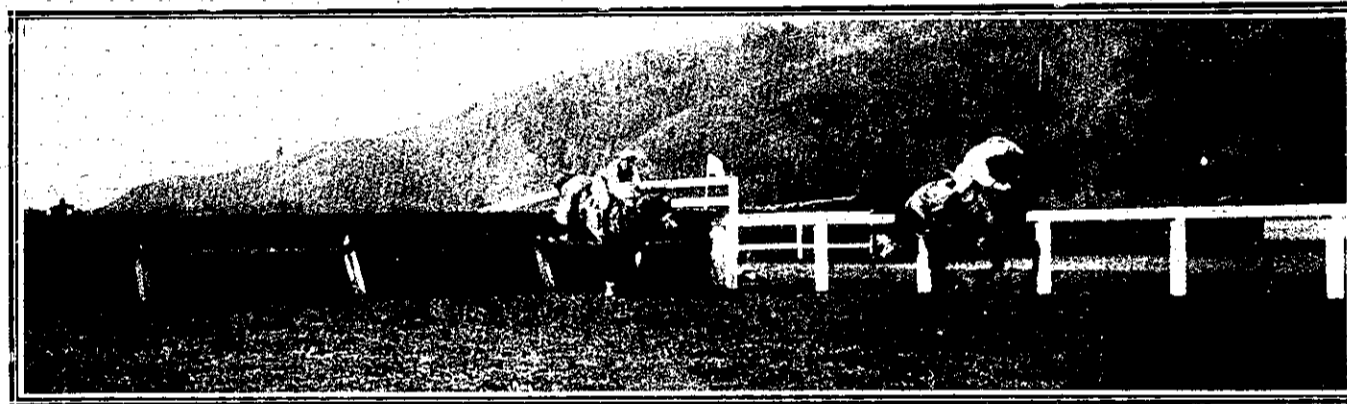
- Two miles and a-quarter.
 - 7—Hon. E. W. Alison's b g Slowcoach, 5yrs, by Wauken Phast—Aquiline, 9.9 (Turner) 1
 - 1—R. Acton-Adams' b g Lochella, aged, 11.7 (G. Fielding) 2
 - 4—G. Green's br g Thrace, aged, 11.12 (Henderson) 3
- Also started: 2 Kauri King 10.13 (Rowe), 5 Paddington Green 10.3 (W. Bowden), 3 Ladoguer 9.12 (Thompson), 6 Goldstream 9.0 (McSweeney).
- Won by two lengths, five lengths between second and third. Kauri King was fourth. Time, 5min. 32sec.

TE ARO HANDICAP of 200sovs.

- Seven furlongs.
 - 3—J. M. Cameron's b g Molyneux, 4yrs, by Danube—Pearl d'Or, 10.8 (Cameron) 1
 - 1—G. Hume's b c Prince Hal, 3yrs, 10.4 (McFlinn) 2
 - 2—W. A. Henderson's b g Scrap o' Paper, aged, 10.13 (Gray) 3
- Also started: 15 Parorangi 10.10 (H. Lorigan), 12 Fisher 10.8 (Cress), 9 Lord Astolat 10.7 (E. Manson), 4 Printemps 10.7 (A. Reed), 21 Elcullus 10.4 (McBrearty), 14 Kareao 10.2 (B. Morris), 18 Night Time 10.2 (Bell), 7 Mosthenes



BATTLE KNIGHT (L. Berry) registers an easy victory from LISTOWEL (P. Rayner), with MISS ELVA (W. Taplin) third, in the Trial Plate (six furlongs) on the opening day of the Wellington R.C.'s winter meeting.



STURDEE (W. Bowden), the winner, leading ORMESBY (W. Fielding) at the last fence in the Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase (2½ miles) on the opening day of the Wellington R.C.'s winter meeting.

The race never appeared in doubt as far as Slowcoach was concerned, for the Auckland rider, after allowing Ladoguer to act as his companion for two miles, came away after clearing the last hurdle, and going on well won easily by four lengths from the fast-finishing Lochella, who, by the way, was kept a long way back in the early stages. Thrace, who came fast, was five lengths away third, and then came Kauri King, Ladoguer and Goldstream. A section of the public made a demonstration against the winner, but it was quite apparent to those interested that Slowcoach was a genuine trier on both occasions.

Prince Hal, a locally-trained galloper, who had been doing excellent work at Trentham, was favourite for the Te Aro Handicap, while there was big support forthcoming for Scrap o' Paper, and Molyneux. From a fine send-off, Kareao took the lead, and piloted the field to well within the straight, when Molyneux and Prince Hal singled themselves out for a tussle, and in a ding-dong finish Molyneux got the verdict by a length, with Scrap o' Paper a similar distance away third. Red Signal was close up fourth. Although he had just won a race at Hastings, Molyneux's recent performance was overlooked, and he returned a false price to-day.

The results were:—

VICTORIA HURDLE HANDICAP of 200sovs.

- One mile and three-quarters.
 - 8—P. A. Herman's b g Melchikoff, aged, by Menschikoff—Lady Melton, 10.9 (Bracken) 1
 - 11—P. F. Wall's b g Ethiopian, 4 yrs, 9.2 (W. Fielding) 2
 - 7—Curran and Woods' ch g Otauru Kid, 5yrs, 9.5 (Bowden) 3
- Also started: 3 Kerehona 11.2 (Warner), 2 Signysian 10.13 (Thompson), 9 Orleans 10.10 (Cress), 1 Sir Agnes 10.8 (G. Fielding), 5 Falstaff 10.3 (McSweeney), 6 Risingham 10.2 (Lorigan), 10 Marshal Neil 9.11 (McSweeney), 12 Spangle 9.9 (O'Halloran), 16 Golden Coast 9.0 (Campbell), 13 Golden Petal 9.0 (Turner), 14 Mentmore 9.0 (Wood), 3 Chummy 9.0 (Kaan), 15 Merry Andrew 9.0 (McBrearty).
- Won by two lengths and a-half, two lengths between second and third. Chummy was fourth, and Kerehona fifth. Time, 3min. 25sec.

TRIAL PLATE of 200sovs.

- Six furlongs.
 - 7—H. M. Campbell's b g Battle Knight, 2yrs, by Solferino—Madama, 9.0 (Berry) 1
 - 1—G. M. Currie's ch c Listowel, 2 yrs, 9.3 (Rayner) 2
 - 11—S. Fisher's blk f Miss Elva, 3 yrs, 9.11 (Taplin) 3
- Also started: 8 Gold Pan 9.13 (W. O'Halloran), 4 Princess Marion 9.13 (Lowe), 12 Maungaraka 9.13 (McSweeney), 10 O'Rand 9.13 (Olsen), 6 Auto-moana 9.11 (Hatch), 5 Bestir 9.3 (M. McDonald), 3 Halifax 9.3 (Gray), 9 Sagacity 9.0 (A. Reed), 2 All Cerise 9.0 (M. McCarten).
- Won by two lengths, four lengths between second and third. Halifax was fourth. Time, 1min. 19sec.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE of 1000sovs.

- About three miles and a-quarter.
 - 3—McIver and Wright's blk g First Line, 6yrs, by Advance—Ballarat, 10.8 (McSweeney) 1
 - 3—McIver and Wright's blk g Foeman, aged, 10.8 (Kaan) 2
 - 5—P. A. Herman's b g Notability, 9.7 (Hunt) 3
- Also started: 2 Gladful 11.2 (Lorigan), 1 Slowcoach 10.9 (G. Fielding), 4 Wirokino 9.9 (Bowden), 6 Harbour Light 9.9 (E. Copestake), 7 John Bunny 9.7 (Henderson).
- First Line and Foeman were bracketed on the totalisator.
- Gladful and Wirokino fell, John Bunny ran off, while just after commencing the final circuit Slowcoach refused to gallop. Harbour Light was fourth. Time, 7min. 5sec.

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP of 500 sovs.

- One mile and a-quarter.
- 10—H. Whitney's br m Rose Pink, 6yrs, by Kilbroney—Madder, 9.0 (Deeley) 1
- 2—W. Duncan's b g Tame Fox, 4yrs, 10.1 (M. McCarten) 2
- 12—W. McKegg's b g Utuwal, 6yrs, 9.0 (Olsen) 3

CONCLUDING DAY.

FIRST LINE WINS AGAIN.

GOLD KIP AND ARCH SALUTE DEAD-HEAT IN WINTER OATS.

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

The meeting was brought to a close to-day in fine weather, and in the presence of a big crowd of sporting enthusiasts. The various races were stubbornly contested, and, taken all round, the gathering will long be remembered as the most successful winter meeting held at Trentham. The totalisator investments for the afternoon amounted to £96,139, which is a record for the course. For the two days, £164,628 was handled, as against £112,859 for the three days' winter meeting last year.

Racing was resumed with the running of the Talavera Hurdle Handicap, which was contested by the capital field of 16 jumpers. Passing the stands the first round, Otauru Kid was showing the way to Falstaff and Tempo. The first-named was still the pilot going around the back, with Trentham Rose, Tempo, Ethiopian, and Falstaff following in the order named. Otauru Kid had a slight advantage of Kerehona entering the straight, and though the latter made a determined effort, he could not reach Otauru Kid, who won by a head, Golden Petal being three lengths away third, and Sir Agnes fourth.

Arch Salute and Scornful were taken out of the Liverpool Handicap, leaving 12 runners. Hymarty, Royal Exchange, and Astinome were the leading trio racing on to the course proper, where Parisian Diamond made a forward move. Hymarty was first to straighten up for the run home, with Prince

Charleroi, Crowhurst, Parisian Diamond, and Royal Exchange all handy. A splendid finish ensued, in which the horses named all appeared to have excellent winning prospects, but Sid Reid brought Parisian Diamond with a well-timed run, gaining the victory by a length from Royal Exchange, with Crowhurst half a length away third. Hymarty was fourth.

Ormesby, Pauerewere, and Master Webster were withdrawn from the Second Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase, in which Sturdee, Notability, and Bill were all well backed. After a false start, the horses were got away in good style. Mead began smartest, and passing the stands on the first circuit led from Nicomar and Sturdee. Going around the back the second time, Mattock took the lead, and was in charge passing the stands, with Sturdee, Bill, Notability, and Ngakanui following, in that order. Half a mile from home, Bill and Sturdee singled themselves out, but Sturdee had a slight advantage over the last obstacle, but Bill, who was nicely ridden, came with a splendid run, and got up in time to win by half a length from Sturdee, with Nicomar a furlong away third. Ngakanui, who unseated his rider, was remounted by a bystander, and finished fourth. During the running of the race, Mattock and Mead fell, while Notability ran off.

The only withdrawal from the Crofton Handicap was Sir Fanciful, leaving a dozen starters. From a good despatch, The Digger was the first to show out, and led for a couple of furlongs, when Bitters rushed to the front, and was first to the straight entrance. Mosthenes, who was in second position, Ben Bolt, and Printemps were close up to the leader at this stage, and the last-named, getting to the front half-way down the running, had to do his best to win by a neck from Molyneux, who appeared unlucky to lose. Ben Bolt was a length and a-half away third, while Utuawai was close up fourth. The winner was ridden a fine race by Hector Gray.

Lochella, Sturdee, and Wirokino were withdrawn from the July Steeplechase, in which there were half a dozen starters, including the stablemates, Foeman and First Line. Foeman was the pilot passing the stand, but at the end of a mile he lost his rider. Harbour Light then took command, and with Guanaco and Gladful as his nearest attendants carried on the running, but passing the stand the second time Gladful was the leader, with Guanaco lying second. The latter took the lead when the final portion of the journey was entered upon, but once over the last obstacle First Line came away to win by a clear length from Guanaco, with Gladful 12 lengths away third, and Harbour Light fourth. Ormesby came to grief at the long while running well.

The withdrawals from the Winter Oats were Astinome, Sweet Song, and Prince Charleroi. From a good send-off, the colours of Arch Salute became prominent, but once the field settled down, Prince Hal was in front, with Arran, Bagdad, Goldshine, Arch Salute, and Scornful racing next, in that order. Racing to the straight entrance, Arch Salute made a forward move, and was the first to negotiate the home bend, where Gold Kip could be discerned coming fast. An exciting race, in which Arch Salute was vigorously ridden to stall off a determined challenge from Gold Kip, saw the horses cross the line together, the judge declaring a dead-heat. All Over was a length and a-half away third, and Goldshine fourth, with Scornful and Printemps next.

Slowcoach and Alteration were taken out of the Final Hurdle Handicap, leaving a field of nine useful horses. Passing the stands the first time Rekanui was showing the way to Mannish and Kauri King, with Thrace bringing up the rear. The leader lost a lot of ground at one of the fences at the back, Mannish taking up the role of pilot at this point. At the straight entrance the field began to close up on Mannish, who was practically done with at this stage, Kauri King and Kerehona taking up the running. The latter was first over the final hurdle, but Kauri King and Lochella challenged, a keen race seeing the last-named prevail by a length from Kauri King, who defeated Kerehona by a neck for second honours. Mannish was fourth.

There was a big pool in the last race, over £16,000 being invested on the machine. Scrap o' Paper, Magistrate, and Yankee Dan carrying the bulk of the investments. Vitella and Yankee Dan both got away well, but Scrap o' Paper quickly had their measure, and was first into the straight. Yankee Dan made a big effort to get on terms with the Auckland in the run to the judge's box, but the latter, ridden by H. Gray, held his own, and gained a popular victory by a length. Magistrate was a length away third, and Flight Commander fourth.

The results were:—

TALAVERA HURDLE HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile and a-half.

1—Curran and Woods' ch g Oturu Kid, 5yrs, by Campfire—Artist mare, 9.7 (Bowden) 1
 8—J. Hanks' b g Kerehona, aged, 11.0 (Roach) 2
 13—Hon. E. W. Allison's ch g Golden Petal, aged, 9.0 (Turner) 3
 Also started: 7 Melchikoff 11.10 (Bracken), 6 Signysian 10.11 (Deeley), 12 Orleans 10.8 (Cress), 4 Sir Agnes 10.6 (G. Fielding), 10 Falstaff 10.0 (McSweeney), 3 Tempo 9.12 (Lambess), 11 Marshal Neil 9.9 (Copestake), 2 Ethiopian 9.9 (W. Fielding), 16 Spangle 9.7 (O'Halloran), 15 Trentham Rose 9.3 (Campbell), 14 Strangeways 9.0 (Cameron), 5 Mentmore 9.0 (R. Manson), 9 Chummy 9.0 (Kaen).

Won by a head, three lengths between second and third. Sir Agnes was fourth. Time, 3min. 36sec.

LIVERPOOL HANDICAP of 300sovs. Six furlongs.

4—G. D. Beatson's br g Parisian Diamond, aged, by Charlemagne II—Hope Diamond, 11.5 (Sid. Reid) 1
 3—O. S. Watkins' b f Royal Exchange, 3yrs, 9.7 (A. Reed) 2
 5—J. Crane's ch g Crowhurst, 5yrs, 10.0 (McFlinn) 3
 Also started: 7 Sir Fanciful 10.1 (L. Morris), 6 Astinome 10.0 (Gray), 9 Ruddy 9.13 (B. Morris), 2 Tama-a-roa 9.12 (C. Reed), 1 Hymarty 9.7 (E. Manson), 12 Pacific Slope 9.4 (O'Halloran), 10 Hyginas 9.0 (Olsen), 8 Honey Bee

9.0 (Lowe), 11 Prince Charleroi 9.0 (R. Manson).

Won by a length, a length and a-half between second and third. Time, 1min. 20 3-5sec.

SECOND HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE of 250sovs. Two miles and a-half.

1—D. Bohar's b g Bill, aged, by Moral—Mottle, 10.7 (Thompson) 1
 3—C. F. Vallance's br g Sturdee, aged, 11.11 (Bowden) 2
 5—J. L. Bowen's ch g Nicomar, aged, 9.7 (W. Fielding) 3
 Also started: 4 Ngakanui 11.5 (Thistle), 2 Notability 11.1 (Hunt), 6 Mattock 10.8 (Kaen), 7 Mead 9.7 (Turner), Mattock, Mead, and Ngakanui fell, while Notability ran off. Won by a head, a furlong between second and third. Time, 6min. 8 3-5sec.

CROFTON HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile.

4—A. Goodman's b g Printemps, 3 yrs, by Autumnus—Rene, 10.5 (Gray) 1
 1—J. M. Cameron's b g Molyneux, 4yrs, 11.5 (Lowe) 2
 7—A. Symes' b g Ben Bolt, 4yrs, 9.0 (Bagby) 3
 Also started: 2 Utuawai 10.8 (Olsen), 10 Lord Astolat 10.3 (E. Manson), 8 Mosthenes 9.11 (S. Reid), 5 Sweet Song 9.9 (B. Morris), 9 Walton 9.7 (M. McCarten), 3 The Digger 9.6 (Deeley), 12 Royal Prince 9.0 (T. Young), 6 Bitters 9.0 (O. McCarten), 11 Persian Prince 9.0 (W. Young).

Won by a neck, a length and a-quarter between second and third. Utuawai was fourth. Time, 1min. 53 2-5sec.

JULY STEEPLECHASE of 650sovs. About three miles.

1—McIver and Wright's blk g First Line, 6yrs, by Advance—Ballarat, 11.6 (McSweeney) 1
 2—H. M. Campbell's br g Guanaco, 5yrs, 9.11 (Thompson) 2
 4—W. R. Kempl's b g Gladful, aged, 11.2 (J. Preston) 3
 Also started: 1 Foeman 11.0 (Kaen) bracketed with First Line, 3 Ormesby 9.7 (W. Fielding), 5 John Bunny 9.7 (Henderson), 6 Harbour Light 8.7 (R. Manson).

Ormesby and Foeman fell. Won by a length, 12 lengths between second and third. Time, 6min. 35sec.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 400sovs. One mile.

2—H. S. Keesing's ch g Gold Kip, 5yrs, by St. Amans—Fraulein, 11.10 (Robinson) 1
 4—G. F. Hardy's b g Arch Salute, 3yrs, by Marble Arch—Salute, 9.9 (Olsen) 3
 8—J. Bull's b g All Over, 6yrs, 10.0 (B. Morris) 2
 Also started: 3 Bo-Peep 11.7 (L. Morris), 1 Dainty Step 9.13 (Gray), 7 Arran 9.7 (C. Reed), 9 Goldshine 9.6 (W. Young), 5 Bagdad 9.5 (Berry), 11 Mata-tua 9.3 (Bell), 12 Scornful 9.0 (Corlett), 10 Printemps 9.0 (Deeley), 6 Prince Hal 9.0 (McFlinn).

Dead-heat for first place. The third horse was a length and a-half away, with Goldshine fourth. Time, 1min. 51 sec.

FINAL HURDLE HANDICAP of 400 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

1—R. Acton-Adams' b g Lochella, aged, by Grafton Loch—Estella, 11.12 (G. Fielding) 1
 2—A. N. Gibbons' b g Kauri King, aged, 10.12 (Rowe) 2
 9—J. Hanks' b g Kerehona, aged, 9.0 (Roach) 3
 Also started: 4 Thrace 11.10 (Henderson), 5 Fisher 10.6 (Cress), 6 Rekanui 10.4 (Preston), 7 Paddington Green 10.0 (Bowden), 3 Ladoguer 9.11 (Thompson), 8 Mannish 9.0 (McSweeney).

Won by a length, a neck between second and third. Mannish was fourth. Time, 4min. 30 3-5sec.

KIA ORA HANDICAP of 200sovs. Five furlongs.

1—W. A. Henderson's b g Scrap o' Paper, aged, by Seaton Delaval—Tauriki, 11.0 (Gray) 1
 3—W. James' b c Yankee Dan, 3yrs, 9.10 (M. McCarten) 2
 2—H. Tupaea's br g Magistrate, 3 yrs, 9.3 (E. Manson) 3
 Also started: 10 Flight Commander 9.10 (L. Morris), 5 Red Signal 9.9 (R. Bagby), 4 Dead Sweet 9.6 (Sinclair), 12 Zephland 9.6 (W. Young), 7 Vitella 9.4 (Deeley), 17 Peter Pan 9.2 (McFlinn), 8 Miss Elva 9.0 (Tampplin), 13 Princess Marlon 9.0 (B. Morris), 16 Gold Pan 9.0 (O'Halloran), 9 Idleness 9.0 (Olsen), 6 Rangataia 9.0 (A. Reed), 14 Sir Wai 9.0 (Lowe), 18 Opiate 9.0 (T. Pritchard), 15 Perrier 9.0 (Bowden).

Won by a length, a similar distance between second and third. Flight Commander was fourth. Time, 1min. 6 4-5sec.

THE CLUBMAN.

(Continued.)

The Hon. C. J. Anderson, Minister of Internal Affairs, aims at literally wiping out the bookmakers with his Gaming Act Amendment Act introduced for that purpose. That means the odds layers whose books are made for them by the totalisator, as well as the pencilers who give straight-out prices on some races and have doubles on practically all meetings of any note. The men who come under the category of bookmakers and tote odds layers have had many lives, but at last the game is up—that is if the Bill is passed, and those responsible for it will see that its provisions are enforced—that is, the layers and takers of the odds—are each punished by fine or imprisonment. It will be interesting to learn whether such a measure will be placed on the Statute Book. The backer brings himself down to the same social scale as the layer. One sets out to try and win the money of the other, but of the hundreds of cases against bookmakers or layers of the odds no one has yet heard of a backer being fined, or contributing

a shilling to the revenue. The book-makers throughout New Zealand have had to pay many thousands, and only the fear of having to go to gaol if caught again has had the effect of sending some into retirement. If the Hon. G. J. Anderson's Bill becomes law and a vigilant detective force gets to work it has been suggested the gaols of the Dominion will be too small to accommodate all the culprits after the first few meetings.

The Eclipse Stakes, one of the richest races given in England, standing as it does at 5000sovs. and a sweepstake added, was run last week at Sandown Park, and was won by Lord Astor's four-year-old Sunstar colt Buchan, whose consistency as a winner and place-getter in the good races is an indication that he is a class above the average. He beat the three-year-old colts Silvern (by Polymelus) and Allenby (by Bayardo) and also Tetratema, who could not stay out the distance. As he gets older Buchan retains or improves on his earlier form, and has been shaping better than the large majority of his own age. He must be pretty good to dispose of the three-year-olds as he has done. Buchan has raced with a fair share of bad luck, too, on occasions, and at least lost one good race this season through interfering with another competitor, who was awarded the stake. Bullock, the ex-Australian, rode him then, as he did on Thursday last.

The weights for the New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Race, Steeplechase and Winter Cup made their appearance on Monday, but with quite one-half of the horses engaged in those races at present in the North Island and still some doubt whether they will be transported from one island to the other, or that any proportion of the number will reach the scene, speculation as to what may be expected would be idle. We have been assured that the meeting will be brought off irrespective of what may be the club's experience in the way of fields, and no doubt a very good meeting will result, but after all these years in which North Island horses and owners have played such a prominent part, were it not that there are a few North Island horses in Canterbury, where they were marooned after the Prince of Wales meeting, a Riccarton race meeting, and especially a National one, would be like a pudding with the chief ingredients left out. It will be worse than bad luck should the Canterbury Jockey Club, who last year had their grandstand burned down and who need all the money they can make to reinstate the necessary buildings, have to bring off their coming meeting with at least a third fewer horses than would race at Riccarton under ordinary circumstances. The seamen surely do not intend to carry matters to such an extreme as to try and prevent the owners of horses in the North Island taking or sending them to compete in the south.

As was expected, a large number of racing and trotting clubs are seeking to obtain permits to use the totalisator and to race during the coming season, and amongst them some who have already the use of the totalisator for one or two days are applying for an extension of days. The new Minister of Internal Affairs has had nothing better to offer than the suggestion that a redistribution of permits is one way out. We have been told seriously that a large body of legislative opinion favours a redistribution of existing permits, but we can hardly believe that there would be found a majority of members so disposed. To think of taking permits or days of racing from established clubs that have built stands and provided appurtenances and conveniences for the people and to give them to other clubs in the kindergarten stage would be not only a mistake but a very grave one, and we feel sure there is not a club of that class whose members would really ask for a permit if it was known that one would have to be taken from a deserving sporting club to gratify the request. The racing community are not asking for a redistribution of permits, but for an increase in keeping with the increase in population and prosperity of the country, and if the people's representatives in Parliament are against a further increase of permits they will show it when the opportunity arrives for them to vote on the Gaming Act Amendment Bill introduced by the new Minister of Internal Affairs. We believe that a number of extra permits should be given, and which would be justified by circumstances.

ELLERSLIE ITEMS.

Blue Cross never looked in better fettle to make an onslaught on the rich prizes which are to be given away next season. On Monday morning the son of Marble Arch—Maheno gave his youthful pilot some most uncomfortable experiences. The boy was sent to the grass three times, and wisely led the gelding home.

Mr. Robert Walker, owner of Galopin, has been offered a very tempting price for the son of Rohepotae—Riviera. The owner's present intentions are to have a flutter with the big well-bred gelding.

Some Fashion, a half brother to that good galloway Frederick, is wintering well, and, judging by his present appearance, will be quite ready to meet all calls to take a hand in the opening of the coming spring fixtures.

Aircraft, who got wrenched somehow at the A.R.C. winter meeting, has been in the paddock ever since. The ailment is supposed to be in the round bone.

Otara has been spelling since he was staked. His injury was not quite as serious as was at first thought, and the son of Gazeley—Aorangi will shortly be taken in hand again.

Jolie Princess has been off the tracks for a few days through dental troubles, which are not likely to give this fine daughter of Prince Merriwee—Jolie Fille a set-back in her spring preparation.

With the weather changed for the better, the rising two-year-olds will be able to find their feet on the grass tracks again. The local trainers are not enamoured with too much sand for their juveniles, and prefer the grass rink.

The Auckland horses racing at the Wellington meeting did fairly well. Melchikoff, Slowcoach, Gold Kip, and Scrap o' Paper each scored a win, while Kerehona, Golden Petal, Crowhurst, and Kauri King each secured some place money. The stay-at-home policy is not always a sound one, as racing is essentially a game of chance, where a speculator must take more risks than in ordinary commercial business.

With the present spell of ideal weather, things are livening up at headquarters. The grass rinks are not yet available on account of the recent soakings received.

On Tuesday morning, A. Asprey set the improving rising three-year-old gelding Bright Light a five-furlong sand task in company with Bitholia, the pair running home in the order named.

Octopole gave his worst exhibition of schooling to date over the little and big battens, but after warming up fenced in an improved style.

W. Kemp had a full brother to the speedy Emerald Hill down at the tracks receiving a preparatory lesson. The youngster is still in the kindergarten stage, but is a shapely sort.

STRATFORD RACING CLUB.

TWO EXTRA DAYS' RACING SOUGHT.

A request that a permit for two extra days should be granted to the Stratford Racing Club was made by a deputation which waited on the Minister of Internal Affairs in Wellington last week. Mr. R. Masters (Stratford) introduced the deputation, which consisted of Messrs. A. Coleman and S. Pitt, secretary and treasurer respectively of the club.

It was explained that the club had made application to previous Ministers, who had admitted that it had a good case; in fact, one of them had advised the Racing Conference to agree to the club having another day. The Racing Conference, however, had no power to redistribute the existing permits, and therefore the present Minister was urged to authorise the Racing Conference to bring down a scheme of redistribution. The Taranaki province, it was urged, was very badly off for totalisator permits, and if only on a population basis, Stratford should have more than the present two days. Stratford Club, it was stated, served a number of settlers who could not afford to attend meetings further afield. The club, too, needed further revenue to enable it to bring its appointments up to date.

The Minister, in reply, said he realised that there was a great deal of discontent in regard to permits, and added that he agreed that a reallocation would probably be the best way of meeting the position. He could make no promise, but would go thoroughly into the points raised, with a view to doing justice all round. He added, in reference to the suggestion that permits should be allocated on a population basis, that it would not be fair to wipe out clubs which now served comparatively small populations, but which in the past had been instrumental in keeping the sport going. He would do nothing before the conference finished its reports.

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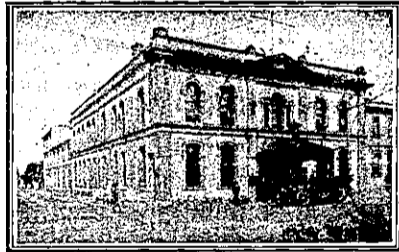
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REVIEW OF PAST SEASON'S OPERATIONS.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The annual conference of delegates from the various racing clubs throughout New Zealand was held in Wellington on Thursday last, when representatives were present from all parts of the Dominion to discuss matters having for their object the control and betterment of the sport for the coming season.

The president (Sir George Clifford, Bart.), presented the following report for the 1919-20 season:—

"Before turning our attention to the problems which lie in front of us, we may, in all sympathy with their relations, deplore the absence of Mr. M. Hannan, in whom we have lost an able representative of Westland, and of Mr. J. Colvin, whose kindness was such that he may truly be said never to have made an enemy. In dealing with appeals since our last meeting we are indebted for their services to Messrs. W. E. Bidwill, E. A. Campbell, Geo. Hunter, M.P., C. P. Skerrett, K.C., and O. S. Watkins. It may be well to recall that since the institution of the appellate tribunal the fairness of its judgment has been unquestioned, while its speedy and permanent settlement of difference has been of material advantage to the welfare of the turf.

"The reaction from war strain has given an impetus to all healthy outdoor sports, in which racing has fully participated, the past year having been in every way a record one. Increased attendances on our racecourses, additional turnover in the totalisator, and fields of sometimes inconvenient dimensions, are clear evidence of the growth of public interest. As any institution thus suddenly expands new problems arise, and some modifications of previous arrangements and regulations are needed. It is our part to watch this progress of our sport, and to endeavour, under altering conditions, to so guide it as to ensure for it the fullest obtainable

measure of popular confidence. Absence of any serious criticism of the past administration of this Conference, and the nature of its representative constitution, sufficiently guarantee our impartiality in the execution of the duties entrusted to us.

ASSOCIATION OF JOCKEYS ORGANISED.

"In the course of the past season, without preliminary application to the Conference, an association of jockeys was organised, chiefly by persons unconnected with the profession, with the nominal object of securing some 32 points, which were detailed by its leaders. If these propositions had come from licensed jockeys in the spirit which assuredly animates the great majority of them, such as were reasonable would have been accorded by us every due consideration. As president of this Conference, I refused to recognise them as presented by the association, partly because it was clear that its members had joined it under a complete misapprehension of its nature, and partly on account of the dictatorial attitude it at once assumed. The first reason was confirmed by the speedy and voluntary resignation of most of the more prominent members. As to the other, the virtual control of the details of racing could not be allowed to fall into the hands of its irresponsible promoters. The choice lay between this Conference with its carefully devised system for securing justice to all, and the executive of the Jockeys' Association claiming and striving to exercise a right to veto decisions of the racing tribunals by the summary method of calling a strike. The existence of racing as a popular institution was at stake, and I did not hesitate to ignore an association whose pretensions were so antagonistic to all the traditions of racing in every part of the Empire. If owners, trainers or jockeys choose to form associations among themselves, and respectively present suggestions to this Conference, no objection can be offered, but for any one of these sections to ally itself with outsiders and attempt to tyrannise over the rest would destroy the mutual good feeling essential to the

due government of the turf, and would drive many of our best supporters to other pursuits.

"We may trust that the action of the Transport Workers' Advisory Board, in its interference with the shipment of horses and the passages of jockeys and racing officials, was based on a misunderstanding of the position. The prohibition is petty in itself, of questionable legality, and in its effect hurts the whole community far more than the racing clubs, at whom it appears to be aimed.

GRATIFYING RESULTS OF ACCIDENT FUND.

"The accident fund constitutes a department of itself, and we may pride ourselves on a result which, for administrative economy, can challenge all possible comparison. Its allowances are far in excess of the statutory provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act, and criticisms to the opposite effect are indeed wide of the mark. The general trustees are now asking for rather wider powers in order to remove any possible doubt of the legality of somewhat generous views hitherto taken by them of the scope of the fund. Hardships may result from negligence in payment by owners of the qualifying fee, carelessness which may cause loss alike to owner and employee. To place himself in absolute security every owner should pay one fee for the ensuing season prior to August 1, or as soon as he puts a horse into training. Secretaries of clubs should ascertain that fees have been paid on every starter, as no horse with unpaid accident fee is eligible to compete, and laxity in this detail may lead to serious complications in regard to stakes and totalisator dividends, for which clubs might find themselves doubly liable.

"There is no excuse for non-provision of ambulance and medical facilities upon racecourses. Clubs can combine at moderate cost for supplying the requisite equipment, and Rule 15 of Part XXXV. of the Rules of Racing imposes upon district committees certain obligations to this end.

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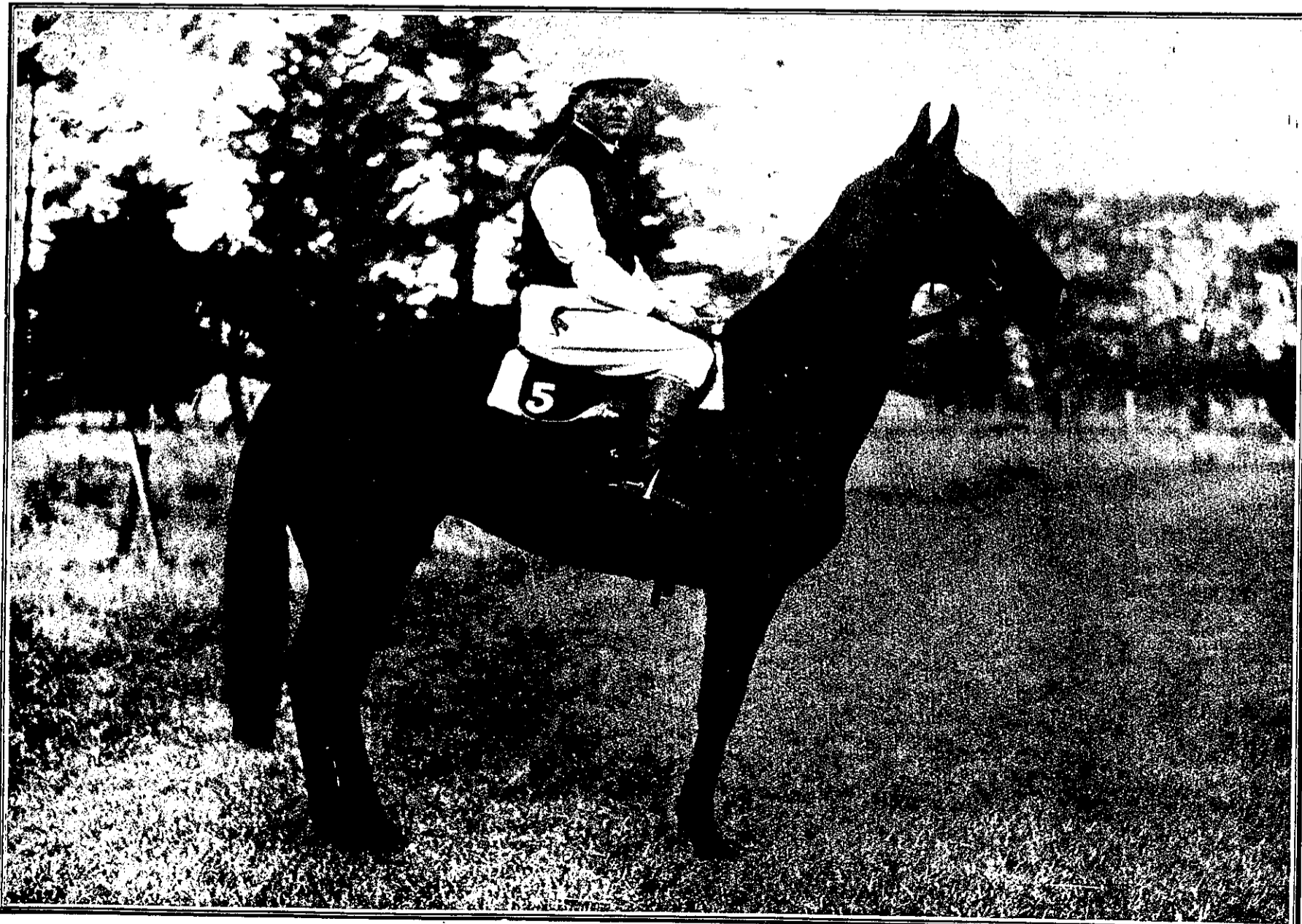
UNDUE RESTRICTIONS UPON RACING CLUBS.

"We may turn to the Legislature with some hope that certain restrictions unduly pressing upon racing clubs may be removed. Foremost among these is the levying of income tax upon clubs. This, however strictly legal, is morally unjust, inasmuch as special taxes of an onerous nature were, by agreement, imposed upon clubs and horseowners in lieu of other imposes less easy to assess. At the time of this settlement income tax was not regarded as payable by them, and, therefore, should not now be exacted. The prohibition to publish totalisator dividends is a petty annoyance, playing into the hands of the illegal betting agents, as does the refusal of permission to secretaries of clubs to receive money for investment. Provision should also be made for issue of additional totalisator licenses for growing districts when recommended by this Conference, and approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs. A general redistribution of permits, as sometimes suggested, would lead to confusion and widespread dissatisfaction, and is scarcely practicable.

IMPROVEMENT EFFECTED IN SPORT OF RACING.

"It cannot be questioned that the sport of racing has been very greatly and steadily improved since the institution and under the administration of the Conference. What evils remain may largely be traced to the influence of unscrupulous bookmakers, and we may congratulate the authorities on taking more stringent measures to protect the public from the retailers of unfair odds. We ask that larger powers be entrusted to the Police and Telegraphic Departments for enforcement of the law, and that such powers be not permitted to lie dormant. Whatever may be said to the contrary, this Dominion has gone further than any other part of the British Empire in its effort to

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TURF GOSSIP.

Grey Arrow, a three-year-old half brother to Taiamai, won the second division of the Granville Stakes at Rosehill, on June 26. Grey Arrow is by the Spearmint horse Greyspear, and his dam (Lady Molly) is an imported mare by Trenton from Dainty Lady, by Surefoot.

Mr. J. H. Finney, who has been a member of the executive of the Nelson Jockey Club for 15 years, and who filled the office of president for two years, has been appointed secretary to the club, in place of the late Mr. J. Glen. Mr. Finney is a son of Mr. E. Finney, a former president of the Nelson Jockey Club, and a son-in-law of Mr. A. Hathaway, secretary of the Masterton Racing Club.

By the Riverina which arrived from Sydney last week, an upstanding five-year-old imported English-bred horse named Prince Willonyx reached Auckland. He is by that rare stayer, the William the Third horse, Willonyx, from Gally Bawn, daughter of Gallinule, and was purchased from his importer in Australia on account of Mr. T. L. Bright, of Auckland, and on his breeding and appearance should make a useful addition to the ranks of stud horses. He is at present located in Greenlane at the stables of P. Conway, who met the steamer and took charge of the newcomer, a good bay in colour, nicely marked with white.

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The following straight out resolution was moved by Mr A. Smith at the annual meeting of the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club in Christchurch last week: "That nomination and acceptance fees during the present year be reduced by one-third, on account of the extra cost to horse-keepers, and the increase in fares and travelling expenses. "Anyone, Mr. Smith pointed out, who had to do with horses knew that it was impossible to keep them going except at great expense; gear, shoeing, and keep had all gone up 100 per cent.

The railways were going to charge a great deal more for carrying horses. If the club was to be kept going it would have to encourage the small man. He noticed that in Australia that the nominations were free in respect of races up to £2000. Mr. Leech seconded the motion. Mr. J. S. Williams pointed out that effect could not be given to the motion, if agreed to, as the club's programme for the year had been passed by the association, and had been printed. Mr. J. Wood said that in view of the increase in stakes of £11,000, and of the likelihood of the club being called upon to pay income tax, it would be unwise to reduce the fees. Replying to Mr. R. Brown, the chairman said that at present the nomination and acceptance fees were 1 1/2 per cent. of the stake. Mr. Brown said that the fees were very reasonable. He would rather see the stakes increased. By reducing the fees to next to nothing he thought that they would have horses competing that ought not to compete. (Hear, hear.) On being put, the motion was lost on the voices.

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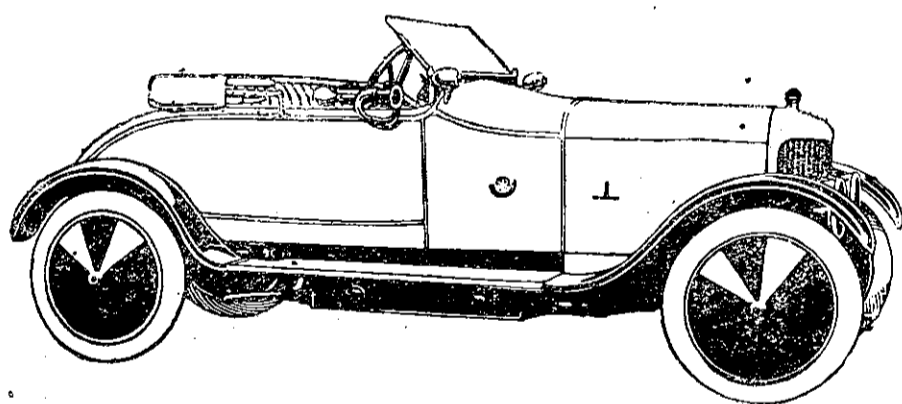


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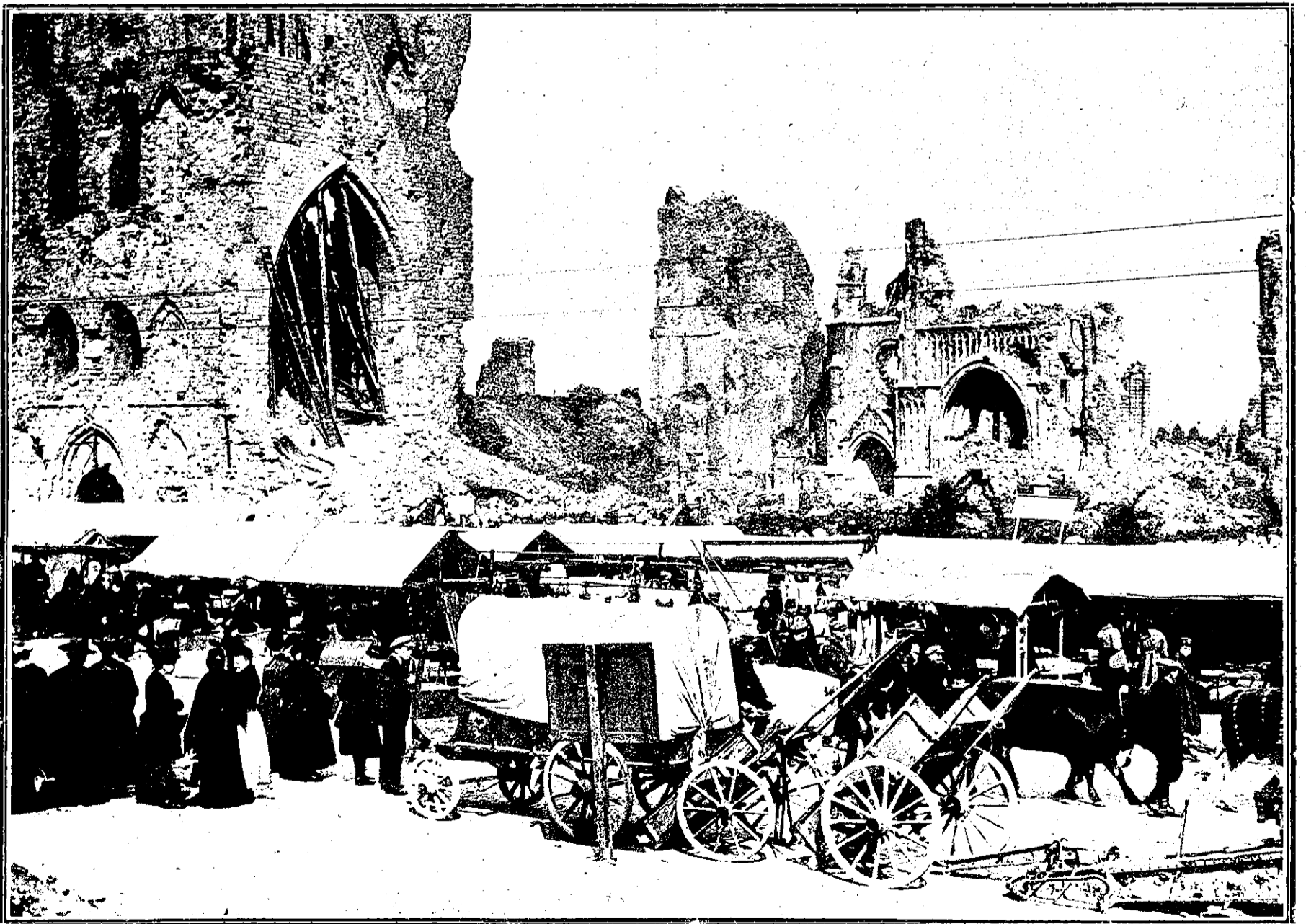
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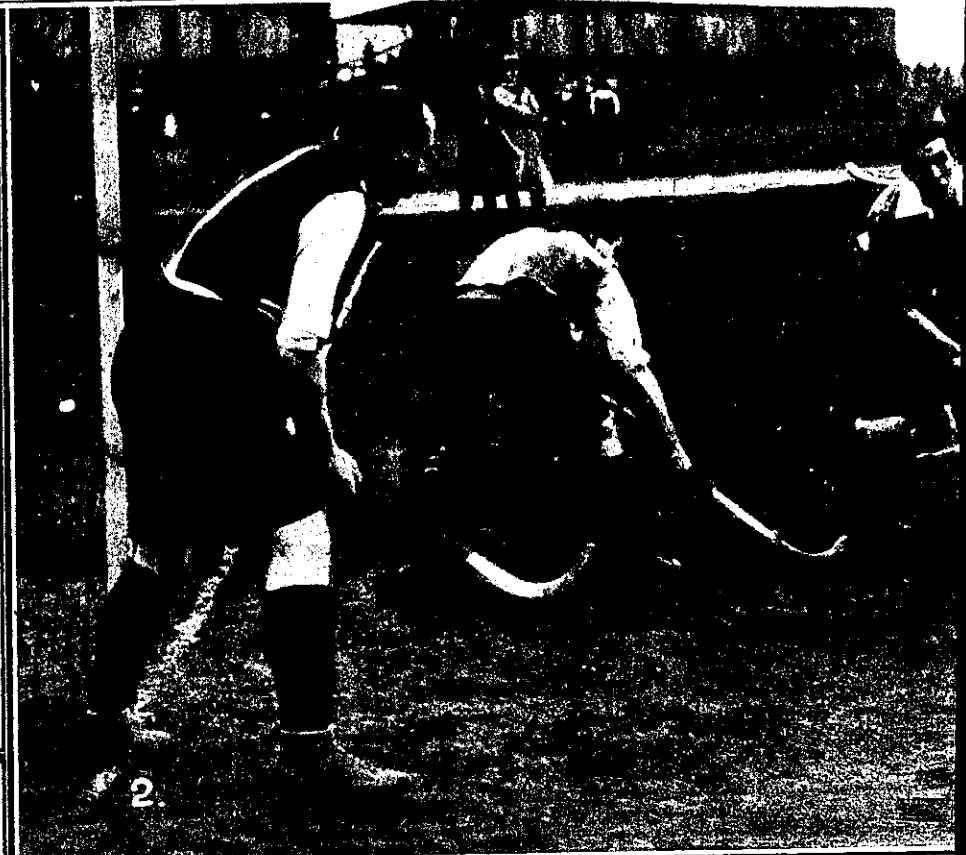


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Impressive Funeral of the Late Crown Princess of Sweden, and the



1. LONDON'S JOAN OF ARC PAGEANT.—SAINT JOAN OF ARC, MOUNTED ON A GREY CHARGER AND IN SHINING ARMOUR, CARRYING A BANNER IN HER HAND, AS SHE MARCHES FOR THE FIRST TIME ALONG THE ROUTE CHOSEN, FROM WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL AND BACK. The canonisation of Joan of Arc was celebrated throughout the Roman Empire. **AT THE FUNERAL AT STOCKHOLM OF THE LATE CROWN PRINCESS OF SWEDEN (PRINCESS MARGARET OF CONNAUGHT), WHOSE DEATH TOOK PLACE IN 1882, AND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE KING OF CONNAUGHT, WHOSE DEATH TOOK PLACE IN 1892, AND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE KING OF DENMARK, WHOSE DEATH TOOK PLACE IN 1899, AND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE KING OF NORWAY, WHOSE DEATH TOOK PLACE IN 1905, AND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE KING OF SWEDEN, WHOSE DEATH TOOK PLACE IN 1907, AND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE KING OF DENMARK, WHOSE DEATH TOOK PLACE IN 1912, AND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE KING OF NORWAY, WHOSE DEATH TOOK PLACE IN 1917, AND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE KING OF SWEDEN, WHOSE DEATH TOOK PLACE IN 1920.** **MOTHERLESS CHILDREN ON THEIR WAY TO THE GRAVESIDE.** King Gustaf of Sweden, and the Kings of Denmark and Norway are seen in the illustration, directing the funeral. **of Connaught, reached his 70th birthday anniversary and when the Swedish people were in the midst of May Day rejoicings. She was born on January 15, 1882, and died on May 20, 1920, leaving five children—four boys, of whom the eldest is 14, and a girl of ten. 4. THE FUNERAL OF THE CROWN PRINCESS OF SWEDEN STARTING OUT FROM THE SQUARE, STOCKHOLM.** King George was represented by Princess Arthur of Connaught and the Earl of Onslow. The late Crown Princess of Sweden's married life was a real romance, and she was buried with her bridal veil until the coffin was closed, and that her shroud should be made from

The Recent Pageant held in London in Honour of Saint Joan of Arc.



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THE SOCIAL WORLD



Announcements of engagements and contributions of interest relating to weddings and social gatherings should be sent to **Lady Editor, "Sporting and Dramatic Review" Office, Auckland.** In all cases the writer's signature and address must be attached (not for publication). Photographs of wedding groups will be reproduced by arrangement.

Miss Vida Caldwell, Auckland, has left on a trip to Sydney.

Mrs. Edmunds, Auckland, is the guest of Mrs. H. Beetham, Brancepeth, Wairarapa.

Mrs. R. Acton Adams, who has been paying visits to Wellington and Napier, has returned to Sydney.

On Alexandra Day many Australians sold roses on a special stand outside Australia House, London. Mary Pickford bought roses at £5.

General Sir William Birdwood and Lady Birdwood spent a few days at the home of Sir Andrew Russell, Tunanui, Hastings.

The engagement is announced of Miss Freda Rossiter, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Rossiter, Mt. Eden, to Mr. Eric Yates, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates, Mt. Eden.

Madame Calve, at the finish of a recent Albert Hall concert, was presented with a silver casket containing loaf sugar. It is also stated that Queen Alexandra bought a side of bacon when attending a charity sale.

The "Daily Mail" understands that the Empress Eugene bequeathed the mansion grounds at Farnmouth to Prince Victor Napoleon's wife, Princess Clementine, also a large legacy to her god-daughter, the Queen of Spain. The Empress' remains will be placed in a large granite sarcophagus and interred in a crypt of the Church of Saint Michael at Farnborough, beside the remains of her husband and son.

The s.s. Mahana left for New Zealand at the end of May with 960 English girls on board. The vessel was specially chartered for the accommodation of this large number of girl emigrants, over half of whom are affianced to members of the demobilised N.Z.E.F. The vessel has been facetiously termed the "sweet-hearts' ship."

"Paris, while occupying herself with this new waistline, has not relinquished the straight waist. She is faithful to it in the long body, which is used for many of the handsomest afternoon costumes. In particular it is used for dull-gold cloth, often embroidered in dull-coloured wool, the lower part of the dress and the wrap that goes with it being of velvet or duvetyn or in some cases even of mole fur. In spite of these extravagant materials, the sober colours which are used give them the effect of a subdued and quiet distinction."

In discussing the introduction of tooth brush drill in the infant schools, Miss Myers said, at the last meeting of the Women Teachers' Association, in Wellington, that while it was perfectly obvious that serious conditions existed, she did not think that the proposals to deal with these conditions were practicable under present circumstances. Anyone who knew our schools knew the impossibility of carrying out these reforms under sanitary conditions, and knew also the possibility of making perfectly healthy children unhealthy. Another point in regard to this matter, and one that she considered very important, was that under this system the mothers would be losing the care of their children. It would do something to lessen parental responsibility, which was a state of things not to be desired. Miss Myers thought it might assist matters if those who were desirous of introducing reforms into the school system could consult with the people who had to carry them out, as in that way many difficulties and impossibilities might be avoided.

Miss Violet Nelson, Wellington, leaves for England by the Argyllshire, where she will pursue her art studies.

Miss Winifred Isitt, who went to England a few months ago, is studying massage at St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

As a result of the production of "Puss in Boots" at the Gisborne Opera House recently, the sum of £56 9s. has been handed over to the Magistrates' Fund for the relief of those in indigent circumstances.

The engagement is announced of Miss Winnifred Gilkison, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Gilkison, of Wellington, and late of Dunedin, to Mr. W. Boswell Stead, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Stead, of "Aldinga," Stoke, Nelson.

Miss Beryi Lynch, M.A., who was formerly on the staff of the Wellington Girls' College, has accepted the position of immigration, employment, and domestic science secretary, Y.W.C.A., and will be in charge of an entirely new department in the Sydney association.

General Birdwood is a lover of children. At the close of an address down south, he remarked that he always liked to see plenty of children about. When he heard farmers complaining about their crops, he always remarked: "Never mind about your crops; children are all the crops a country needs. As long as you have plenty of children your crops are all right."

Many middle-class families in New York are now foregoing such things as potatoes, which cost 6s. a peck, making shift with dinners consisting of macaroni and rice. Lamb chops cost from 3s. to 4s. a pound, butter 3s. 6d., and a single head of lettuce 1s. 10d.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. McFarlane, who are leaving Napier to take up their residence in Auckland, were tendered a farewell dance by a number of friends. During supper, Mr. T. Ringland expressed the regret of those present at the loss of Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane to the social and musical circles in Napier, Mr. McFarlane being specially eulogised for his work in connection with the Sav-age Club.

Mrs. E. M. Cran, a London journalist and representative of the London "Daily Telegraph," is at present in Sydney. Mrs. Cran is visiting Australia as an envoy of the Imperial Association and British press to report on conditions of migration within the Empire.

NEW ZEALAND LADIES' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

This year the New Zealand Ladies' golf championship meeting will take place in Christchurch, on the Shirley Links, play beginning on September 29. The programme just issued by the Christchurch Ladies' Golf Club shows the list of events which are to be contested.

First in point of importance comes the championship itself, contested by match play on level terms, but open only to players whose handicap does not exceed 15. Next stands the Mell-sop Cup, also a non-handicap event, but decided by the best gross aggregate put in three medal rounds. The L.G.U. Challenge Bowl and the Coronation Medal matches are handicap medal events, competitors being restricted to those whose L.G.U.



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The marriage took place in London recently of Mr. F. A. Hornibrook and Miss Ettie Rout, two well-known residents of Christchurch in pre-war days, states a Christchurch paper.

Under the will of the late Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick, an Australian grazier, a Normanby (Taranaki) nurse has been bequeathed £100 "in recognition of the way she nursed him through a serious illness at a hospital in Auckland."

Miss Amy Evans, the Welsh soprano, who, in association with Mr. Fraser Gange, the eminent Scotch basso cantante is booked to commence a tour of New Zealand under the direction of Chappell and Coy, Ltd., in Auckland next month, is said to be the most beautiful woman on the concert platform of to-day. The Sydney and Melbourne Press were unanimous in comment and said Miss Evans created a sensation. Her truly superb voice and regal presence gained an immediate and emphatic success.

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Lady Birdwood's little daughter, Judith, who is accompanying her mother on the Australasian tour, is the youngest of a family of three. The other daughter is married to a runholder in Australia, who was in England during the war as a Flying Corps officer. The only son holds a commission in the Indian Army.

A one-act play, entitled "A Scrap of Silk," written by Mrs. Leo Myers, formerly of Auckland, was produced recently at the Florence Etlenger School of Dramatic Art, in London, and it had a very cordial reception.

A delightful jazz party, arranged by Mr. Ken. Impett, was given at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Bagnall, Cheltenham Beach. Capital sitting-out nooks were made of the wide verandahs, facing the seafront, and a carefully prepared floor ensured some splendid dancing. Charades and musical items were interspersed with the dances, songs being contributed by Miss Doris Bagnall, piano-forte solos by Mr. Allan Dale, and vocal duets by Miss Olive Hardley and Mr. Impett. The guests included Misses: A. Pagni, Norma Ifwerson, Irene McCarthy, Elsie Tait, May Lewis, Hilda King, Fanny Fitchett, Marjorie Moulton, Eileen Jull, Flo. Blackburn, and Messrs. W. Faulkner, R. Corbett, L. Culpan, E. Tait, E. Swinnerton, R. A. McKay, G. Young, and Eric W. Harris.

handicaps are 20 or less. The Donnelly Cup, also a medal competition, is open to all players, and, unlike the challenge trophies mentioned above, may be won outright by any player who wins it three times in succession or four times at intervals. In addition to these matches there are two bogey matches for ordinary trophies; also a club team match and a competition between the best players from the North and South Islands.

The New Zealand Ladies' Golf Union is singularly fortunate in the number of valuable challenge trophies available, these all being gifts from enthusiasts in the game.

The Championship Cup is the gift of Mrs. G. G. Stead, of Christchurch, and the replica which accompanied it is given this year and for all time by Mrs. Guy Williams. The Mell-sop Cup was given by Mrs. Mell-sop, hon. secretary to the N.Z. Ladies' Golf Union, and the replica, also for all time, is given by Mr. Mell-sop. The Coronation Medals are a gift to New Zealand from Mrs. Miller, originator of the Ladies' Golf Union, and Mrs. Hulton, the first treasurer of the organisation. The L.G.U. Challenge Bowl, intrinsically a most valuable trophy, was given to New Zealand by the English Ladies' Golf Union (which with the idea of encouraging colonial golf also gave at the same time similar trophies to Canada, South Africa, and Australia), and a

replica of it is given yearly by the N.Z. Ladies' Golf Union. The Donnelly Cup was presented by the late Mrs. G. P. Donnelly of Hawke's Bay, and though this is a trophy which may be won outright by a certain number of wins, no one has so far had her name twice engraved upon it.

A new challenge trophy is open for competition this year, presented by Miss K. Rattray, who has been president of the N.Z. Ladies' Golf Union since it has been an independent organisation. This trophy is to be held yearly by the player making the best aggregate return in the two bogey matches listed on the programme. It is thus quite possible for a player who has not won either of the bogey competitions to become the holder of the challenge trophy, a fact which adds a good deal of interest to the bogey matches and the new challenge cup.

Hamilton.

The Hamilton Ladies' Golf Club intend holding an open championship meeting on the St. Andrew's links, on October 6, 7, and 8. This fixture will take place a fortnight after the men's New Zealand championship meeting. The St. Andrew's links are in splendid order at present, the fairways being excellent.

Wanganui.

A match against a team of 14 Palmerston ladies played at Wanganui resulted in a win for the local team by 10 to 4. In a four-ball match the local team were again victorious.

Napier.

The following is the result of the monthly medal competition of the Napier Ladies' Club:—A Section: Mrs. Dalgleish, 104—20—84; Miss F. Clark, 105—19—86; Miss E. Brown, 97—11—86; Mrs. Smith, 106—14—92; Miss Hamlin, 101—9—92. B Section: Miss Dysart, 104—21—83; Miss Ormond, 110—21—89; Mrs. Ruddick, 114—21—93.

Hastings v. Napier.

An inter-club match between the Hastings and Napier Ladies' Golf Clubs was played at Waiohiki last week, Napier winning by nine games to one. The following is the result, the Hastings ladies being mentioned first:—Mrs. Maitland lost to Miss E. Brown; Miss G. Wellwood beat Miss Hamlin; Mrs. Rainbow lost to Mrs. Olliver; Miss Z. Wellwood lost to Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Davis lost to Miss F. Clark; Mrs. King lost to Mrs. Dalgleish; Mrs. Baker lost to Miss Dysart; Mrs. Symons lost to Miss R. Brown; Miss Burr lost to Miss B. Cato; Miss A. Wellwood lost to Miss A. Cargill.

Takapau.

A bogey match for a trophy presented by Miss Brabazon resulted as follows:—Miss R. Cameron, all square; Miss R. Pepper, two down; Miss Johnston, three down; Mrs. Wilson, three down; Mrs. Saunders, seven down; Mrs. Hobson, seven down; Miss L. Pepper, eight down; Miss Inglis, ten down; Miss A'Deane, ten down; Mrs. Cameron, ten down.

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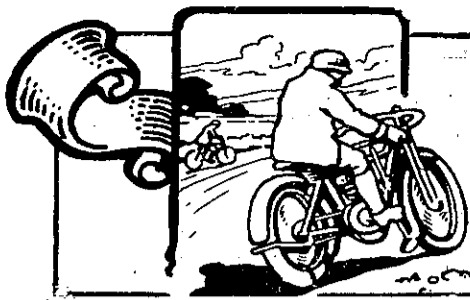
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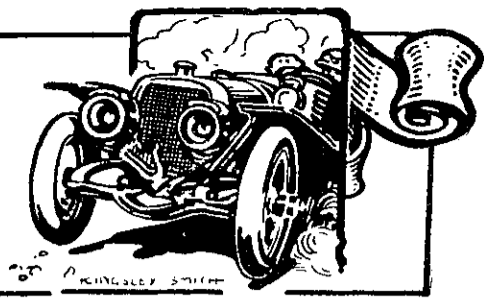
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The P.B. Athletic and Motor Cycle Club have applied to the N.Z.A. and C.C. for permission to hold a Marathon race from the Bridge hotel to the Gisborne post office. As well as cash prizes, some valuable trophies have already been donated.

"It would defeat itself," was the expression made by Mr. T. M. Chambers, chairman of the Hawke's Bay County Council, when a letter was read at a meeting of that body suggesting that where a motorist was convicted of dangerous driving he should be fined £100. No action was taken.

In a case heard in Wellington in the Appeal Court yesterday the question of the use of a highway for "improper" purposes was being argued by counsel. His Honour Mr. Justice Chapman said that it was probable that a person who drove a van, on which was an advertisement, up and down a road was not exceeding his lawful rights as a user of the road.

A meeting of the Wellington Automobile Club on Thursday framed the following remits for submission to the annual meeting of the New Zealand Automobile Union: "That this club desires to protest against the erection of toll gates, since this method of raising funds is objectionable, as being out of date and too costly; that any special taxation imposed on motorists in the future by legislation should be expended on roads constructed to carry modern traffic."

With regard to the "Safety First Campaign," the secretary of the Wellington Automobile Club reported at last meeting that he had issued a notice to all members of the club with a request that the same be pasted on the wind screen of cars. It was decided that in the event of members taking up the matter in the interests of themselves and pedestrians with a view to educating the public how to use the streets that a further notice should be provided and issued monthly.

At a meeting of the Palmerston North Borough Council Cr. Oram mentioned that by-law prohibiting one man being in charge of two vehicles in the borough at the same time. He said that in some parts of the town it would be quite safe to allow a man to have charge of two vehicles provided the rear dray was fastened by a chain or otherwise to the back of the front one. If a man was not allowed to do this it would make carting more expensive, and so render the cost of building greater. He gave notice of his intention to move that the by-law be altered so that the prohibition against a person having charge of two vehicles only apply to the inner area of the borough.

A communication has been received by the Government from the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London stating that the Imperial Motor Transport Council, of which Sir Arthur Stanley is chairman, is holding a conference in London in October next to discuss matters relating to motor fuels, roads, and motor transport generally. The Dominion Governments have been invited to arrange for representation at the conference, and to nominate suitable delegates to represent Government Departments, principal municipalities, chambers of commerce, traders, pastoralists' organisations, motor associations, and fire brigades. The Minister of Industries and Commerce (the Hon. E. P. Lee), who is dealing with the matter, has communicated with the Association of Chambers of Commerce, and with the president of the Council of Agriculture, with a view to the nomination of a delegate or delegates being made to represent at the conference the motor transport interests of New Zealand.

An Otaki schoolboy (Master Keith St. George) recently cycled on a push bike to Wanganui and back to Otaki, doing the trip from Wanganui to Otaki in eight hours.

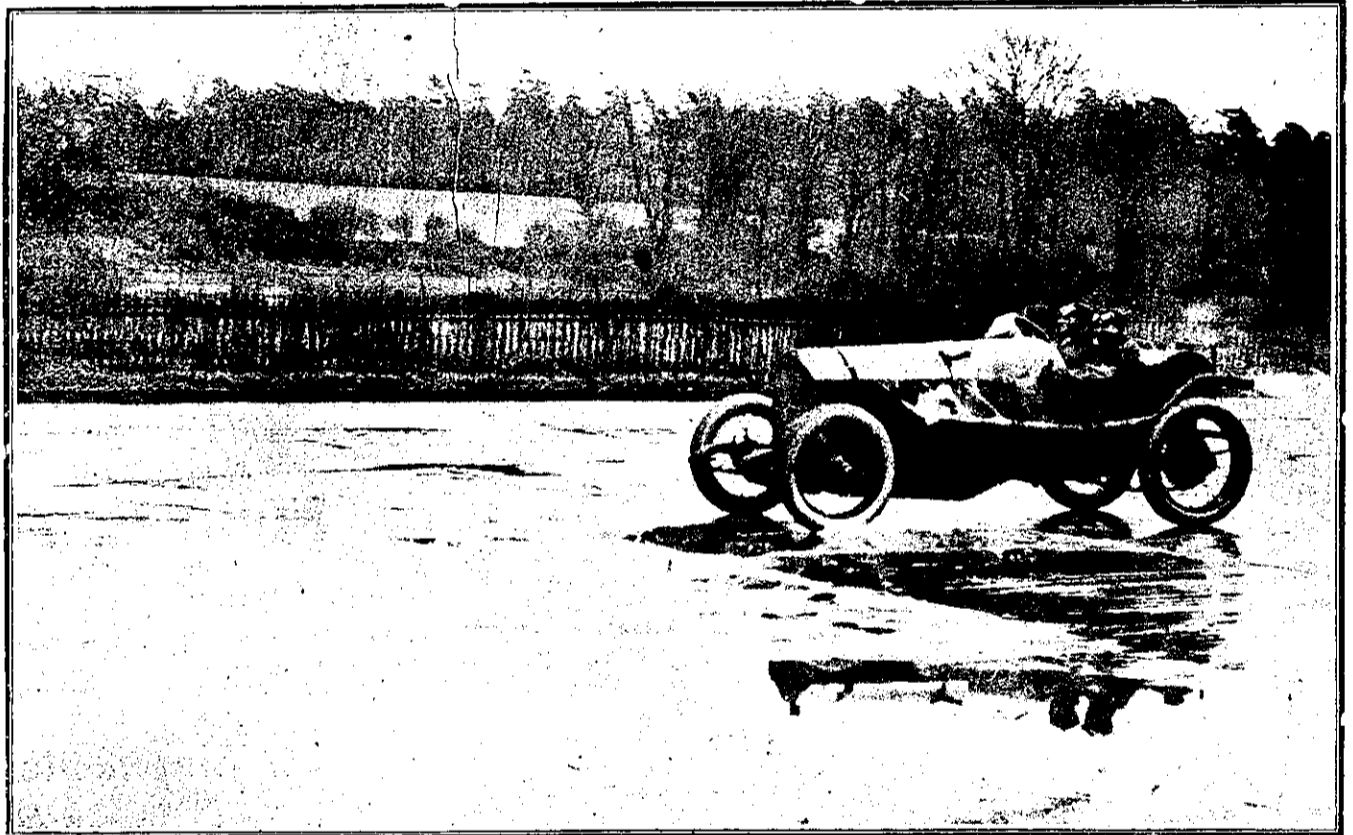
A claim and counter-claim for damage formed the basis of a case in which a great deal of conflicting evidence was tendered, heard by Mr. J. L. Stout, S.M., in the Palmerston North Magistrate's Court as the outcome of a collision that occurred on May 31 at the corner of Alexandra and Church Street. The two vehicles that came into collision were a motor van belonging to F. H. Smith, laundryman, of Palmerston North, and a motor car, owned and driven by J. Hodge, grocer of Palmerston North. Both vehicles sustained damage. The action was brought by Smith, who claimed £15 damages on the grounds of alleged negligent driving by the defendant, Hodge. On the other hand Hodge set up a counter-claim for £10 and contended that the negligence was on Smith's part. After the hearing of evidence his Worship intimated that he would take an opportunity of visiting the scene and would refrain from delivering judgment until he had done so.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Auckland Automobile Association:—President, Dr. C. B. Rossiter; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. H. Wynyard, G. Henning, and J. H. Kinnear; executive committee, A. Grayson, S. G. Chambers, F. Clark, J. B. King, G. F. Mellars, J. L. Innes, W. Colman, H. T. Shepherd, R. B. Spinks, G. White; auditor, Mr. E. C. Pinker.

Referring to street traffic control at the annual meeting, Mr. G. W. Hutchison (secretary of the Auckland Automobile Association) said that after each accident a number of correspondents wrote to the newspapers advocating stricter measures, and it was quite evident they were in ignorance of the position. The existing regulations were not enforced, and in many cases the negligence was on the pedestrian's part. A significant fact was that in the city, where regulations were enforced and pedestrians were alert, accidents rarely happened. The police should prosecute every motorist seen "scorching," a practice the association did not countenance, but every motorist should not be penalised for the offences of the road hogs.

At the annual meeting of the Auckland Automobile Association, a resolution was carried setting forth the opinion of the association that the best means of preventing accidents lies in the stricter administration of existing legislation, which is considered ample to adequately protect the interests of the public.

The urgent need for substantial assistance in the improvement of roads and the renewal of bridges in the Pelorus district, was laid before the Hon. J. G. Coates, Minister for Public Works, by a deputation from the Pelorus Road Board, introduced by Mr. R. McCallum, member for Wairau. It was pointed out that the local authority had to bear the expense of providing facilities for traffic which did not originate in its district. The deputation urged that the State should become responsible for the upkeep and improvement of the arterial road between Blenheim and Nelson. The Minister undertook to look into the various points raised, and to do what he could to assist the local authority. The proposal in regard to the maintenance of the arterial road, would, he said, require special legislation.



WET WEATHER AT THE BROOKLANDS MOTOR RACING TRACK, WEYMOUTH, LONDON.—Despite the wet nature of the track, a motor car competitor is shown indulging in a trial spin on the famous racing circuit, where recently motor car and motor cycle racing has been revived on as large a scale as ever.

Mr. J. S. Barton, S.M., in dealing with cases arising out of breaches of the Borough by-laws, intimated in the Gisborne Court last week that on June 15th he had given a warning through the press, after he had compiled a return of convictions during the preceding two months on by-law cases, and comprising 60 convictions, that he would consider the laying down of a heavier penalty if more respect was not paid to the by-laws. Since that date, twenty-five further convictions had been entered. He was anxious not to visit breaches of the by-laws with severe penalties, but he would notify that the batch of charges now before the Court would be the last to be dealt with under the ruling-scales of fines. He had exhausted the possibility of deterring offenders by public warnings and moderate fines, and he wished to leave no room for the view that there was anything freakish in the treatment of these offenders. However, no deterring effect had been produced by the warnings and fines and it now only remained for him to put into effect the full force of the argument of jurists that punishment would deter, and he would have to see if a heavier fine would not reach the inner consciousness of these offenders who appeared to flaunt the by-laws at their pleasure.

The motor car which the Auckland Patriotic Association has for some time past placed at the disposal of patients in the military hospital in the Domain is at present under repair, but the president (Mr. J. H. Gunson) stated that it will shortly be on the roads again. The car has carried many thousands of soldiers to and from the hospital, and has served a very useful purpose.

More severe punishment of motor car drivers convicted of driving at an excessive speed was advocated by the Manawatu County Council in a letter read at the meeting of the Newmarket Borough Council. The writers proposed that the amount of the fine should be increased to £100, and also that magistrates should have power to suspend licenses of drivers convicted. Mr. G. E. Smerdon moved that the proposals of the Manawatu County Council be supported. He said he did not know what the end would be. As the roads were getting better the motor cars were going faster. Mr. A. Kent seconded. He said the speed at which some motor cars were driven was appalling. A by-law was being considered for Newmarket making it compulsory for all motor vehicles to stop when they came to stationary tramcars. The motion was carried.

An interesting event at Sydney last month was the arrival of the motor ship Afrika, flying the Danish flag. She is the largest motor ship in the world, and embodied in her construction are many interesting features. She has four masts, six large hatches, 21 winches, but no funnel. The Afrika was built for the East Asiatic Company, which has a fleet of 21 motor ships. The Afrika is fitted with two six-cylinder motor Diesel engines, developing 4500 horsepower, which drove the ship at the rate of 11½ knots, the revolutions being 120 per minute. She uses 15 tons of oil fuel every 24 hours, running at full speed, the fuel being automatically supplied to the furnaces. The oil capacity of the Afrika is 1472 tons—sufficient to last the ship for 98 days running at full speed. On the present voyage from Copenhagen, via Singapore, the Afrika had 7500 tons of cargo for Australian ports, including a large quantity of superfine Danish cocksfoot for Messrs. Barraud and Abraham, Ltd., of this town.

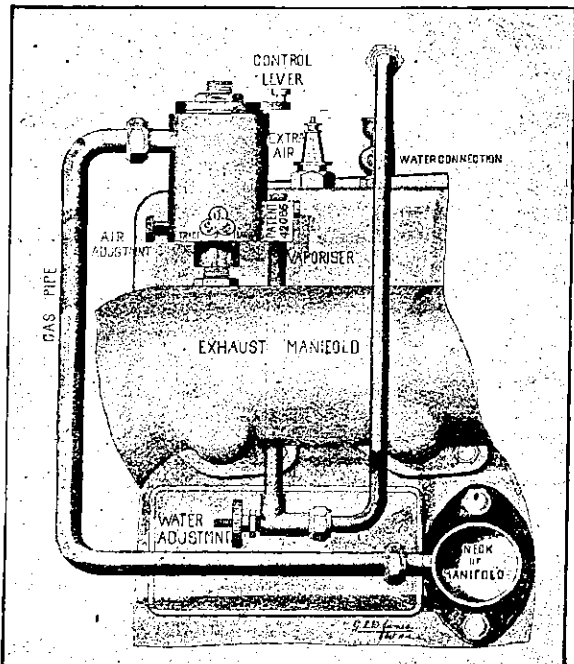
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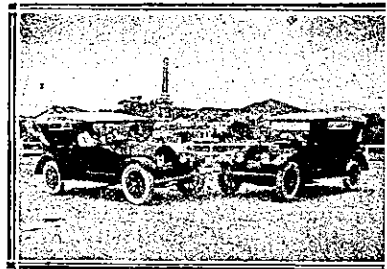
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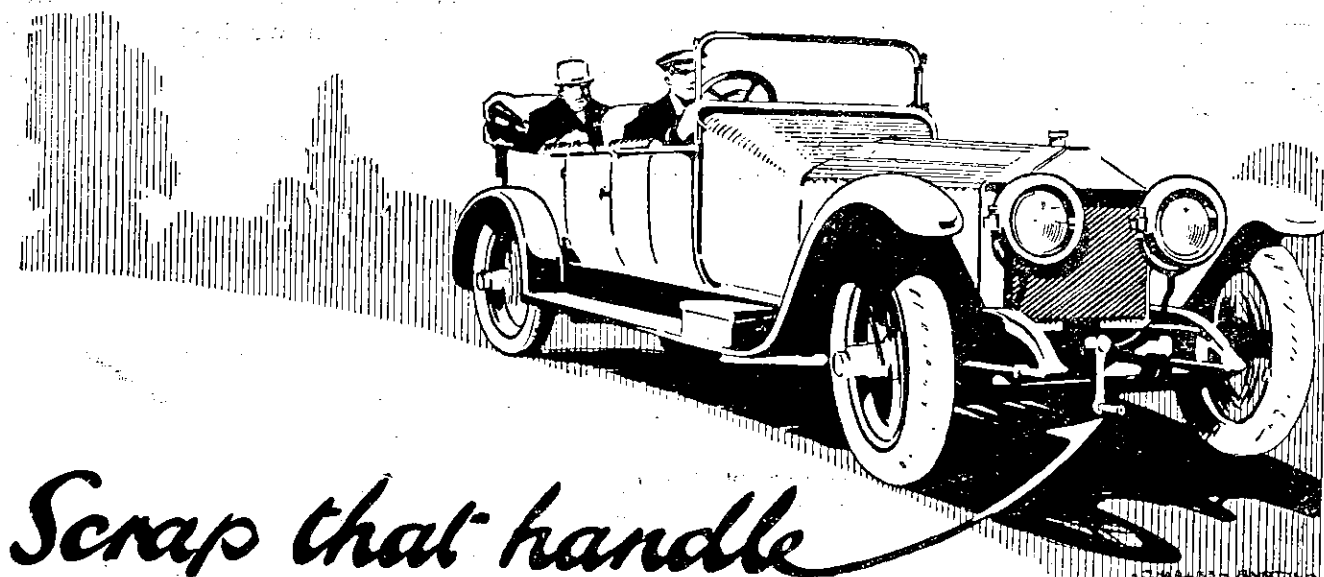
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A correspondent to the "Auto" (England), writing against the British way of coach painting and highly polished car bodies (as against the American method of enamelling—rapid and cheap), supports the statement made by Mr. S. F. Edge "that the great majority of owner-drivers do not want—nay, are handicapped and inconvenienced by—highly polished cars." The correspondent then goes on to say: "To my mind, putting five or six coats of paint and varnish on cars for general service is just like putting paint and varnish on the soles of a navy's boots. If a car can be reserved for an occasional stately progress through town in the season, during which it will never be exposed to more than a shower or two, it is all right to make it look like a Chinese vase of the Ming period. But to lavish coach painter's skill upon something to be driven in the country for nine months out of the twelve in an average English year seems to me simply idiotic. Why should this practice persist?" It might be added that the Australian climate is no respecter of car body finish.

Attention is again drawn to the damage done to tyres, rims and axles of cars through carelessness in approaching and leaving the kerb, especially if the footpath is well above the road level. In running against the kerb, the car has an enormous leverage over the rim or the tyre, and a very considerable strain of a wedging type is set up, which may do considerable injury to the tyre, the wheel, or the stub axle steering bearing. As regards the tyre, this rubbing against the kerb rapidly wears the side of the rubber. Again, cases where the alignment has been deranged have been noted, and even of a back axle torsion shaft. Ford cars are liable to trouble from this cause, as the driving shafts to the rear wheels are comparatively light, and not designed to the enormous strain which is set up by running, at an acute angle, on the kerb. The good driver will keep his wheels away from the kerb by at least a few inches, for if both wheels get right up against the kerb, there is sometimes a difficulty in leaving it, when the tyres must suffer.

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The famous Daytona Beach, Florida, has been the scene of many record attempts by motor cars, but in March it was given over to two teams of motor cyclists, using the Harley-Davidson and Indian machines respectively, when some extraordinary speeds were registered. With an "Oversise" engine in the Harley-Davidson (1.114c.c.) a kilometre was covered in 19.98sec., representing a speed equal to 111.98 miles per hour; with a side-car attached, the same machine compassed five miles in 3min. 25.64sec., or at a pace equaling 87.52 miles per hour. With a lower-powered machine (500c.c.) of the same make, a speed of 76.27 miles per hour was reached in a run of five miles in 3min. 56sec. Records were also secured for the intermediate distances, numbering 23 in all. Greater speeds were recorded by the Indian machines in April, when, with an eight-valve engine of 998c.c., a mile was covered in 31.1sec. (115.7 miles per hour), and with a stock Powerplus model in 34sec. (105.7 miles per hour), while a speed of 87.8 miles per hour was attained by a four-valve (500c.c.) Indian in a mile of 41sec. The Daytona Beach, 15 miles in length, is the finest of its kind in the world.

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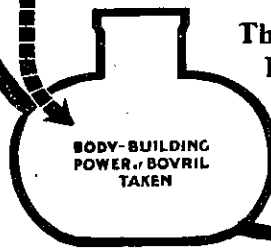


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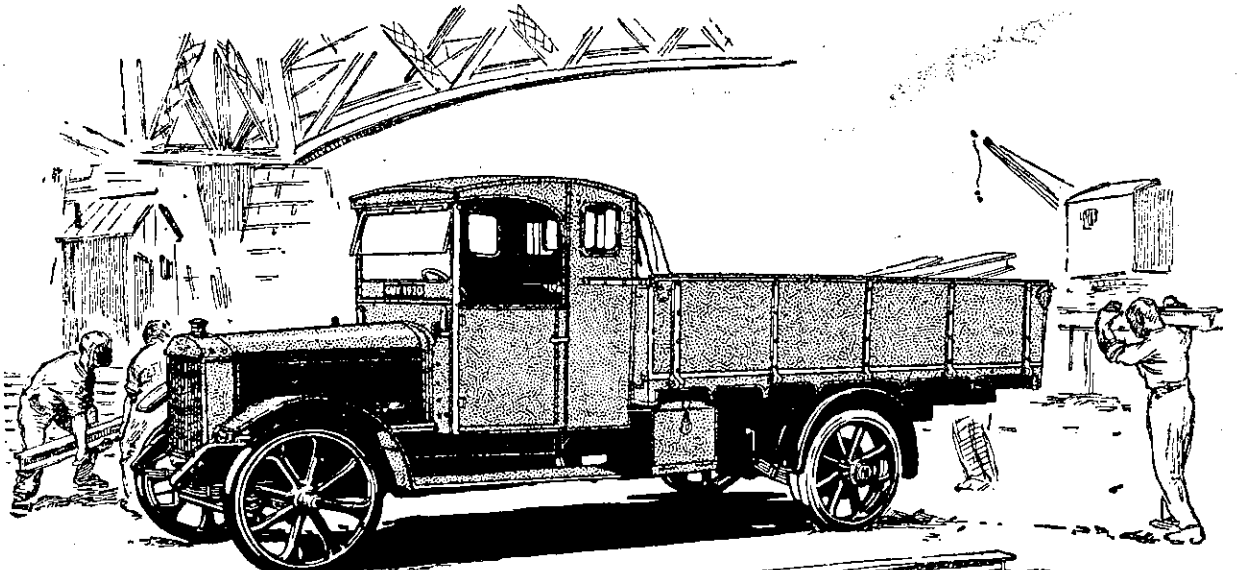
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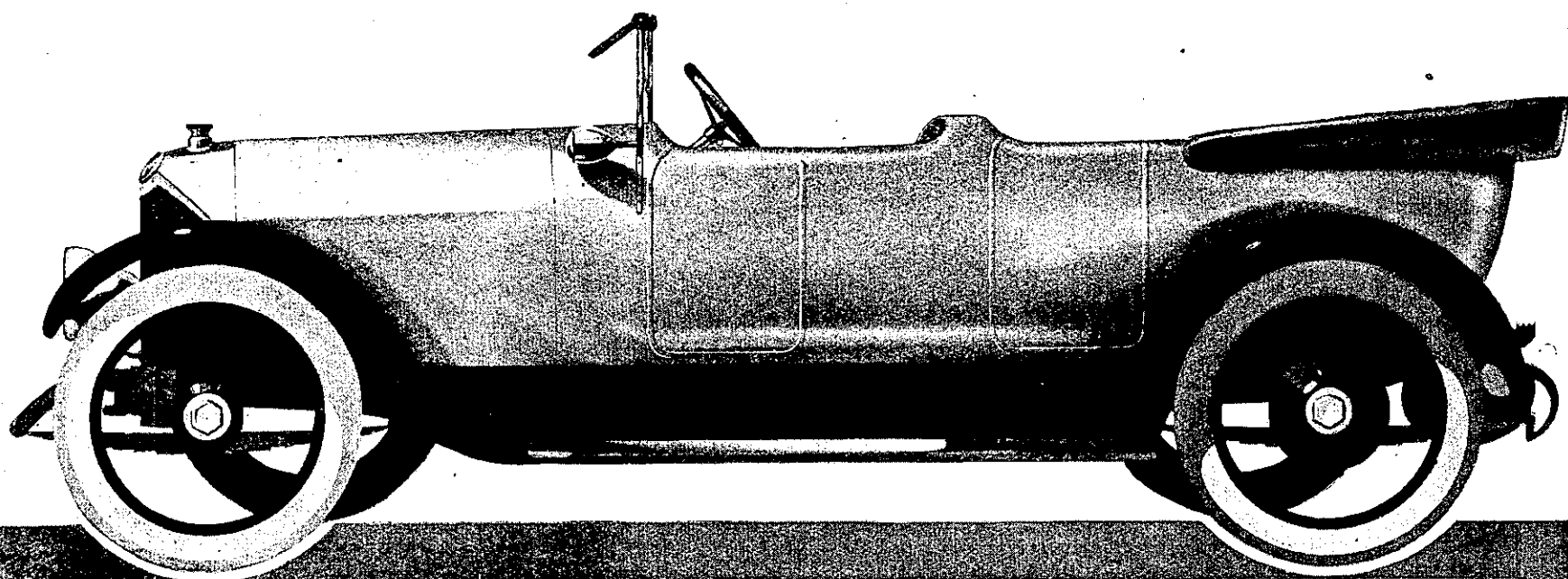


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GREENROOM GOSSIP

When "The Unmarried Mother" was presented by the Fuller firm at Melbourne Palace Theatre, some time ago the daily papers of that city refused to print either the preliminary or current advertisements for the piece, and although they reviewed it, did so without mentioning its name. The same attitude was taken with another Fuller drama, bearing the title "A Girl's Temptation."

When King Manuel of Portugal was deposed, the stage inherited one of his most notable possessions. This is Baby, a magnificent Nubian lion, four years old. Baby is the property and pet of Carter, the magician, who is presenting his entertainment of magic at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, under the management of J. C. Williamson, Ltd. It appears that Manuel went hunting big game in Africa, and killed Baby's parents. Bringing the lions' two cubs back to Portugal, they were reared by hand as pets. When the deposed monarch fled, there was a sale of his live stock, and Mr. Carter purchased Baby to act in "The Lion's Bride," one of his most sensational and elaborate illusions.

One of the most successful young dancers in the Dominion is Ruby Phillips, of Auckland. This little maid, who is only eleven years of age, owns enough medals to distinguish a veteran. Besides running up a meritorious list of successes at various contests, she has appeared frequently at local dance recitals and entertainments, her work even as a tiny child being marked by individuality. She is the winner of 138 medals in open competition, including three points medals; winner of Glaxo Cup (£15 15s.) twice in succession; the Easter Cup, Te Aroha, and is also holder of four championships of Auckland under sixteen years. This clever performer is the daughter of Mrs. J. W. Phillips, of Mount Eden.



RUBY PHILLIPS, the talented young Auckland dancer, whose successes photographically speak for themselves.

Sir J. M. Barrie's new play, "Mary Rose," which was presented at the Haymarket, London, recently, is the most whimsical and original Barrie play ever produced. It touches spiritualism genially, eerily, and fancifully, and it leaves one after a breathless three acts, never flagging in eager interest and rippling comedy and dramatic intensity, with the sensation of a man who, having seen the world go up with a bang, waits in vain for the final detonation. Mary Rose is a delightful Barrie sweetheart and wife, who twice is spirited away by Hebridean magic, and finally meets (as a pale ghost haunting her old house for her baby) that baby grown up into a swaggering Anzac. There is humour, pathos, sweet cynicism, acid humour, and laughter, with a sob in it, all through Sir James' play, but no satisfying final curtain. The acting and staging are superb. Robert Loraine plays three parts in one, including son to his own father. Miss Fay Compton is delicious, and Mr. Thesiger as a girl graduate is beyond words. But beyond the moral that all men slay their mothers' babies—kill the fond maternal illusion—the play seemed to leave one mystified, is the opinion of a London critic. It was only moderately well received at the end after being furiously applauded until nearly the close. It didn't quite get there.

Mlle. Gaby Deslys, the French actress, left personal estate of £7225 in the United Kingdom. Her real name was Gabrielle Caire, and her home was Villa Maud, 299, Promenade de la Corniche, a beautiful house that she built at Marseilles. In the will, which has been proved in London, the total value of all her property is not given. At the time of her death it was reported in Paris that she had left about £400,000. To Mr. Harry Pilcer, her dancing partner ("mon bon camarade"), she left 250,000 francs (nominally £10,000) and a life annuity of 1,500 francs (nominally £60) a month. She pointed out that her mother was entitled by French law to one-fourth of her estate absolutely, and she left the remaining three-fourths (subject to the bequests to Harry Pilcer) upon trust for her mother and sister, Mme. Matilda Conill, or the survivor for life. The remainder is to go to the city of Marseilles on condition that her house, Villa Maud, is converted into a hospital to bear her name and to be maintained out of the income from her estate. The bequest is further conditional upon the maintenance of her grave in the cemetery of Saint Pierre at Marseilles and the expenditure thereon of not less than 100 francs (£4) a month. She added: "It is my wish at my death to have a beautiful funeral, for which some 20,000 francs (£800) to be expended."

WELLINGTON NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, July 19.

Messrs. J. and N. Tait, in conjunction with Messrs. Bailey and Grant, open a tour of the Dominion at the Grand Opera House on Wednesday evening with the pantomime "Mother Hubbard." The extravaganza is in two acts of twenty scenes, and will be presented on the same lavish scale as staged in Melbourne and Sydney. The management claim to have got together a combination of artists equal to anything ever seen in New Zealand. Barry Lupino plays the Dame, and Jack Cannot will appear as her husband.

The English Pierrots opened their Wellington season in the Town Hall Concert Camber on Saturday evening last to a packed audience, which was most enthusiastic over the fare provided. The entertainment is bright and clean, being free from any semblance of vulgarity, and contains plenty of originality and charm. The Pierrots are in for a good season.

Mr. Charles M. Berkeley has wired me that the South Island tour of the "Sleeping Beauty" pantomime is turning out as big a success as the Wellington season, and that is going some, because the Wellington season was a record-breaker.

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150 ACRES, NGATEA.—The property is carrying 90 cows and young stock. Will easily carry a cow to the acre. Watered by artesian bores and windmill; river frontage, wharf on property. Four-roomed house, whare, eight-bail cowshed, four-cow plant (Gane), workshop, implement shed, trapshed. Steamer from Auckland calls three times weekly. P.O. 1½ miles, school 1½ miles, saleyards 1½ miles. The cream is collected by water at present at the wharf. **Price, £105 per acre, £3000 cash. 100 acres fully improved. When balance is brought in will easily carry one cow to the acre.** (3824)

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168 ACRES, PIAKO DISTRICT.—20 acres in crops, balance in grass. About 50 acres undulating, balance flat. This property will carry 40 cows and young stock. Subdivided into eight paddocks. Watered by good stream. Four-roomed house and conveniences; three-cow plant, implement shed, etc. Land Transfer Title. Three miles from town, one mile from station, P.O. and school, four miles from saleyards, dried milk receiving depot 1½ miles. **Price, £45 per acre, £1500 cash; or as a going concern at £50 per acre, £2000 cash. The following is included in the going concern: 38 cows, 1 bull, 1 horse, spring dray and harness, single furrow plow, 12-blade disc, tine harrows, chain harrows and tripod harrows, McCormick mower, half share in drill (Farmers' Favourite), 65-gallon separator (Alfa Laval), five-cow plant (L. Kennedy), and milk cans, etc.** (3637)

NORTH AUCKLAND—29 miles from Auckland—137 acres, Freehold, 120 acres in grass, 4 in orchard. Area in grass is surface sown, but good. Four acres in orchard, mostly export apples, and four acres turnips; all ploughable. Divided into seven paddocks with five wires, boundary fence seven wires. The property is nicely sheltered and watered by creeks and springs. Contains a new bungalow of four rooms, with all conveniences; cowshed and separator room. Four miles from station, one mile from school. Property will carry 25 head of cattle. **Total Price asked £2200, with £600 cash.** (3533)

FRUIT FARM, HENDERSON VALLEY—15 acres; all planted in full bearing trees of export apples, few lemons and grape vines. Is beautifully sheltered with live hedges. City water supply. There is a glass house 85 x 24, which grows two crops of tomatoes. The returns for last year were £100. The soil is exceptionally good, and would grow a vast quantity of outdoor tomatoes, which always realise good prices. Five-roomed house, very pleasantly situated, telephone and wash-house. There are all necessary buildings for packing, stable and workshop. The price is as a going concern, including horse, cart, all necessary implements, spraying machines, fruit cases, etc. This orchard is one of—if not the—cleanest in the district. **Price, £3500, £1500 cash.** (3522)

WE ARE OUT TO PLEASE.

If these do not meet your requirements, let us know what your requirements are, and we will, without delay, submit you some properties that are bound to satisfy you.

J. and N. Tait regretfully announce that the brilliant Russian pianist, Moiseiwitsch, will not visit New Zealand as originally arranged. His sensational success in Australia has already caused too long an extension of his visit, and arrangements made prior to his departure from America must be rigidly adhered to, in spite of pleading cables from J. and N. Tait to his American managers. However, he has promised to come back in the near future, and J. and N. Tait promise that he will then visit New Zealand.

Hayakawa's next release is "The Tong Man," a picture that lifts the veil from Frisco's Chinatown and sheds a lot of light on the Oriental underworld of tongs and hatchet-men, of whom Hayakawa is a shining example in the story.

Mr. Fritz Hart, who returned to Melbourne recently from a six months' tour abroad, stated that it was not unlikely that Dame Nellie Melba, whom he met in Paris, may bring an operatic company to Australia in the not far distant future.

CONTROL OF RACING.

DECISIONS OF CONFERENCE.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

The New Zealand Racing Conference was held at Wellington on Thursday last, when the president (Sir George Clifford) delivered his annual address, which is fully reported on page 16 of this issue. Several important alterations to the rules of racing were decided upon as a result of the various remits which came up for discussion, the decisions of the conference being as follows:

It was resolved to amend the rules by providing that "winning" includes dead-heat for first place.

The president moved: "The programme of every meeting at which the totalisator is used shall include not less than one steeplechase or hurdle race, or jumpers' flat race on each day, unless otherwise authorised in writing by the president." The president said this had been suggested to him by a deputation of jockeys, and he thought it would be a good idea. The intention was to provide employment for steeplechase jockeys. The motion was amended as follows and carried: "The programme of every meeting at which the totalisator is used shall include on each day at least one steeplechase or hurdle race or a jumpers' flat race—that is to say, a flat race confined to horses and jockeys who have at time of entry completed three times a steeplechase or a hurdle race."

It was also resolved that programmes shall include: "if the meeting extends over two or more days, at least one race (not a maiden race, or a race for two-year-olds, or a race for less distance than six furlongs) in which only apprentice jockeys shall be eligible to ride."

Mr. T. E. Coates (Greymouth) moved to give district committees greater discretion in the matter of their approving programmes. Mr. Coates said that at present the letter of the law could be complied with and the spirit of it broken. As far as he could see, the only thing the district committee had to look to now was that there was a mile and a-quarter event, that the stakes were right, and so on, and there was nothing to prevent about three trotting races being included in the programme. The proposal was agreed to.

At the request of a deputation of jockeys, the president moved that at no race meeting from May 7 to August 31, inclusive, should the last event for the day be fixed for later than 4 p.m. The president said the idea was to do away with racing in the dark, which was dangerous. The punctual starting ensured by the electrical totalisator would go a long way in the same direction. The motion was seconded by the Hon. O. Samuel. The time was altered to 4.15, and the proposal was carried.

As anticipated, the proposal of the Dunedin Jockey Club to have the minimum weight raised from 6.7 to 7.0 was the subject of considerable discussion. The mover (Mr. A. S. Orbell) went over ground that has been covered on previous occasions, claiming that the scheme would benefit the breed of horses and be humanitarian, as it would reduce the amount of wasting done by jockeys. He said, also, that the boys who could ride 6.7 were not numerous. Dunedin had tried the 7.0 minimum, and was satisfied with the result. With the 6.7 minimum, many boys had to declare overweight. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. T. Hazlett, who said that in Southland the 7.0 minimum had been tried, with the result that they had had better racing, and had made more money. Mr. J. G. Duncan (Wellington) opposed the motion. His chief objection was that it would raise the maximum weight, and thus penalise the best horses. John Porter, probably the greatest authority on the subject, had said that the reduction of the minimum weight had been largely responsible for deterioration in horsemanship. He favoured leaving the matter optional, as at present. The motion was lost. The ayes were 12 and the noes 18.

Rule 10 was amended to read as follows: "At no race meeting shall there be more than eight races included in any day's programme, exclusive of matches or private sweepstakes to which no prize is added by the club, provided, however, that with the object of preventing accidents by limiting the number of starters, the stewards or committee of any club may, if there are less than eight races on the day's programme, with the previous approval of the president, divide any race into two races, and the stewards or committee of the club holding the race meeting at which such race shall be divided and run shall provide as prize money an amount equal to the original advertised amount for such race."

The proposal that all licenses should be granted by a committee of the conference was again defeated. The voting was ayes 19, noes 12.

Mr. J. H. Perrett (Wanganui) moved that no assumed name should be used in any entry. He said that though some thoroughly representative men raced under assumed names, there were others who were not reputable, and who used assumed names to hide identities that were not a credit to the turf. Few, if any, except these latter would object to the motion. The second (Hon. O. Samuel) said it was necessary in the interests of good sport to pass the rule. We should in this follow the example of England. The remit was carried unanimously.

Rule 6, concerning programmes, was amended so that programmes shall include a mile and a-quarter flat race, not more than one six furlong race for horses three years and upwards, and in the winter a maiden or hack steeplechase. It was resolved that before publication copies of programmes of meetings shall be forwarded to the secretary of the Racing Conference.

The matter of the well-known "Entente Cordiale" case was mentioned. Interested parties wrote asking the conference to reopen the matter and remove it to the Supreme Court, but the suggestion was not accepted after a very brief discussion.

The president submitted a report giving the reasons why the Opanake, Marton, and Canterbury Jockey Clubs were granted permission for a less sum to be given in stakes than the net amount derived by such clubs from the use of the totalisator during the previous years. The report was unanimously adopted.

DATES COMMITTEE.

The Dates Committee, in its report, stated that the Stipendiary Stewards Committee had brought under its notice the following list of clubs having racecourses not completely railed on the inside of the racing track: Tolaga Bay, Hororata, Cheviot, Beaumont, Lake County, Tuapeka, Vincent, Opanake, Opanake, Kawakawa. The Dates Committee accordingly recommended that the clubs having racecourses not completely railed on the inside of the racing track be notified that unless the inside railing was completed to the satisfaction of the president by next year their licenses might be withdrawn. The report also pointed out that application for additional or new totalisator licenses could not be granted, as there were no totalisator licenses or days of racing available. Touching objections to dates, the committee recommended: "that the time for lodging objections to dates be fixed at not later than July 1 in each year, and that when an objection is made it shall be forwarded by the objecting club to the club objected to, and to the district committee, as well as to the secretary of the conference. It is also recommended that, in the event of any clubs in the same district applying for dates which clash, the district committee approve the dates which in their opinion should be allotted."

It was further recommended that the certificates of registration of the following clubs be cancelled, there being no record of their having held meetings during the preceding four years: Alford Forest Racing Club, Geraldine Hunt Club, Pine Bush Hack Racing Club, Inter-Wanganui Racing Club, Petane Racing Club, Whakataki Hack Racing Club; also that the following clubs having held race meetings during the current season, and not complied with the provisions of Part XXIII, Rule 13, the district committee be instructed not to approve of any further programmes until the provisions of the rule had been complied with: Whatawhata Racing Club, Bengerburn Jockey Club, 1916-17.

The report was adopted, and the present committee was reappointed to hold office for the ensuing year.

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT.

The report of the stipendiary stewards on racing generally for the 1919-20 racing year mentioned that the control and management of meetings during the season now about to close had, in the majority of cases, shown decided improvement, more especially with regard to the supervision of the bird-cage and paddock, and control of the jockeys' rooms. Ambulance and first-aid appliances were still inadequate on many racecourses. Efforts should be made by country clubs to combine and obtain the use of proper ambulance appliances and attendants for their meetings. In some instances, a medical man was not available at meetings; this was a matter that should receive attention from all racing clubs. No decided step had yet been taken to adopt a uniform style of starting gate. Some of the barriers in use were obsolete. In the committee's opinion, all cords or tapes used in a starting gate should be of an easily breakable material. Unnecessary delay was still caused by unruly horses at the starting post. Starters should be compelled to carry out strictly the provisions of Rule 6, Part XXV, of the Rules of Racing. Seeing that clubs still persisted in accepting the entry of horses known to be vicious and unruly at the starting post, the conference should take steps to remove this blot on the conduct of racing. Adequate accommodation for the public was still a very urgent need on many of the racecourses in the Dominion, and it was to be hoped that clubs would take the necessary steps to provide the improvements and enlargements so manifestly needed at the earliest possible moment. A good standard of racing had been maintained during the season just past. Class generally had improved, more especially with regard to jumping horses. Fields had been large during the year in many handicap events, so much so that in some cases it had been necessary to run events in two divisions. It was hoped that the proposed rule dealing with this matter on the order paper for the ensuing meeting of the conference would be given effect to. Many of the courses were not suitable for large fields, and it was not a desirable thing to run fields of more than 25 on any course. Very few serious, and no fatal accidents to riders occurred during the past year. Interference of an intentional nature had not been strongly in evidence, but some of the rough riding or bumping witnessed had been due to incompetency or carelessness on the part of the riders concerned—the former predominating. Attendances of the public at most meetings throughout the Dominion had been phenomenal, and the popularity of the sport still increased in a remarkable manner.

The report also stated: "The list of licensed jockeys still contains the

names of many who are in no way qualified to hold a jockey's license; a large number of them get few, if any, mounts. The conduct of most of the jockeys who have come under our notice has been quite satisfactory, but there are others whose conduct both on and off the racecourse we cannot consider satisfactory. The positions of judge and clerk of scales remain in many instances of an honorary nature. We cannot too strongly urge upon the conference the desirability of insisting that the posts in question be filled with paid officials."

The report was received, and the following were appointed the Stipendiary Stewards' Committee: Sir George Clifford, Hon. E. Mitchelson, Hon. O. Samuel, M.L.C., Messrs. W. E. Bidwell, E. A. Campbell, P. Miller, and O. S. Watkins.

NORTH TARANAKI HUNT.

THIRD TOTALISATOR MEETING.

To be held on the Taranaki Jockey Club's Racecourse.

(By kind permission.)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1920.

OFFICERS.

Patron: Hon. O. Samuel. President: Colonel C. H. Weston. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. Alexander, A. W. Budge, E. P. Blundell, A. H. Halcombe, W. T. Jennings, M.P., N. King, L. A. Nolan, S. Pitt, F. H. Sampson, S. G. Smith, M.P. Stewards: Messrs. A. Alexander, L. Birding, H. Brookman, B. H. Chaney, R. D. Climie, J. Cole, G. Foreman, G. Fraser, N. Fulton, W. T. Hookham, A. L. Humphries, A. H. Halcombe, N. King, H. Linn, J. B. Martin, W. McKenzie, L. A. Nolan, W. Newman, R. H. Pepperell, A. R. Standish, C. Stockman, P. Sampson, E. Sole (Band), G. N. Skelton, F. Watson, E. P. Webster, E. W. Wheatley, C. Webster. Judge: Mr. J. R. L. Stanford. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Hon. Timekeeper: Mr. J. Bennett. Handicapper: Mr. H. Coyle. Hon. Surgeons: Drs. Leatham, Fookes, Home and Brewster. Hon. Veterinary Surgeons: Mr. B. R. Wood, M.R.C.V.S.L., F.V.M.A., and Mr. E. Mason. Hon. Clerk of Scales: Mr. W. C. Weston. Assistant Clerk of Scales: Mr. L. B. Webster. Totalisator Stewards: Messrs. W. L. Newman, G. Fraser. Clerk of Course: Secretary: Mr. E. L. Humphries, Box 105, New Plymouth.

PROGRAMME.

THURSDAY, August 26, 1920.

To start at 11.45 a.m.

- HUNTERS' HANDICAP FLAT RACE** of 80sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes, and a trophy valued at £5 5s., donated by the President (Colonel C. H. Weston) to the rider of the winner. For qualified hunters, season 1920. Gentlemen riders. Minimum weight 10.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-quarter. To start at 12.30 p.m.
- URENUI HACK HANDICAP** of 95 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlongs. To start at 1.10 p.m.
- LADY'S BRACELET MAIDEN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. For qualified hunters, season 1920. Minimum weight, 10.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. About two miles. To start at 1.30 p.m.
- STRATFORD HANDICAP (Open)** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30/-. Six furlongs. To start at 2.30 p.m.
- NORTH TARANAKI HUNT CUP HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 200sovs, and a cup to the value of 20 guineas; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stakes. For qualified hunters, season 1920, that have never won a race exceeding in value 150sovs to the winner at time of entry. Minimum weight 10.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. About three miles. To start at 3.15 p.m.
- WAIHI HACK HANDICAP** of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Seven furlongs. To start at 3.50 p.m.
- LEPPERTON HUNTERS' HANDICAP HURDLES** of 95sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. For qualified hunters, season 1920. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One and a half miles. To start at 4.35 p.m.
- OPUNAKE HACK SCURRY** of 90 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Open to horses that have never won a race on the flat at time of starting. Weight 9.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Qualified Hunters are those that have qualified in compliance with Part V. of the New Zealand Hunts Association Rules. Masters' certificates of qualification must be produced at the scales. The winner of any race after the declaration of weights may be re-handicapped.

Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances.

N.B.—The foregoing programme is subject to revision by the committee prior to closing, as to date of entry, acceptances, etc.

The committee reserve the right to alter the date on which handicaps appear should they deem it fit to do so.

No entry will be received after the hour named under any pretext whatever.

All nominations and acceptances made by telegram must be confirmed by letter immediately afterwards.

Definition of a hack, as per Rules of Racing Part XI.

NOMINATIONS will close at the Secretary's office, Egmont Street, New Plymouth, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS will be declared on SATURDAY, AUGUST 14.

ACCEPTANCES will close at the Secretary's office, Egmont Street, New Plymouth, on FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, at 9 p.m.

Subject to revision pending alterations of Rules of Racing by the Conference.

E. L. HUMPHRIES, Secretary.

Box 105. Phone 642. New Plymouth.

Approved this 6th day of July, 1920, by the Taranaki District Committee. E. P. Webster, Secretary.

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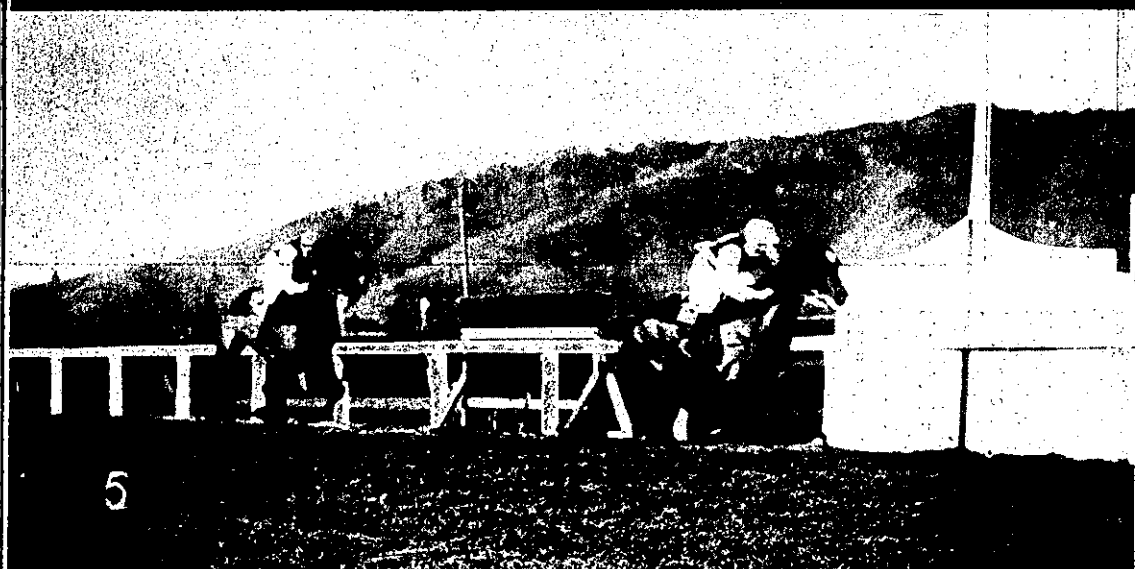
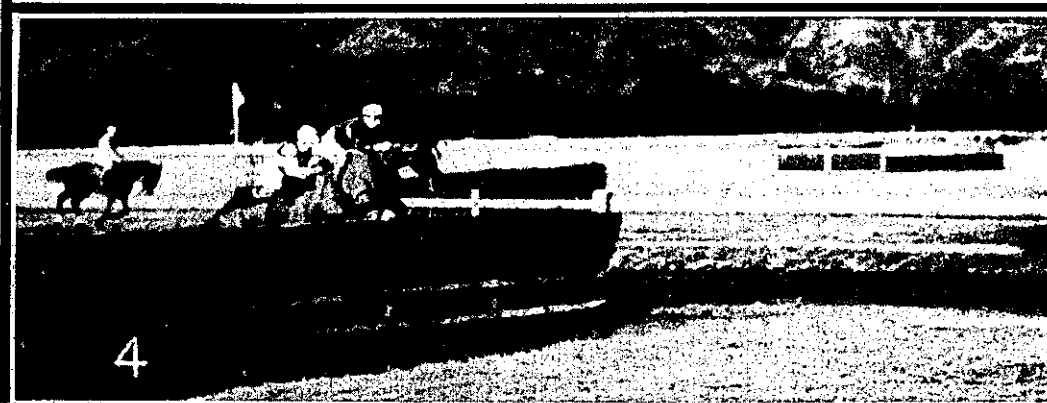
NEXT QUEEN'S PICTURES.

The Auckland v. Taranaki Inter-provincial Rugby Football Match at Eden Park on Saturday.



1. THE 1920 TARANAKI RUGBY FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVES, who played Auckland at Eden Park on Saturday, the latter winning by 9 points to 3. 2. The Auckland forwards secure the ball. 3. A Taranaki player carries the ball out of bounds. 4. E. GASPARICH being tackled by a Taranaki man. 5. V. BADELEY (Auckland) inaugurates a passing run among the blue and whites. 6. The Aucklanders defending in close proximity to their line—the Taranaki v. Auckland representative football match.

First Line's Wellington Steeplechase Victory---Rose Pink Effects a Surprise in the Parliamentary Handicap



1. ARRAN (C. Reed) leading BAGDAD (A. McFlinn) and GOLDSHINE (W. Young) going out of the straight in the Parliamentary Handicap (1¼ miles); 2. THE FINISH OF THE PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP—ROSE PINK (B. Deeley) scores a surprise victory, with TAME FOX (M. McCarten), on outside, second, UTUWAI (J. Olsen), in centre, third, and GOLDSHINE (next rails) third. 3. FIRST LINE (H. McSweeney) leading FOEMAN (J. Kaan) and WIROKINO (W. Bowden) over the double brush in the Wellington Steeplechase (3¼ miles). 4. AT THE WATER JUMP IN THE WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE—FOEMAN (J. Kaan) leading WIROKINO and FIRST LINE. 5. THE FINISH OF THE WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE (3¼ MILES)—FIRST LINE (H. McSweeney) winning from his stablemate, FOEMAN (J. Kaan). 6. FIRST LINE (H. McSweeney) turning to scale after running first and second respectively in the Wellington Steeplechase.

THE STAGE

OPERA HOUSE.

Stage and pulpit meet on a happy plane in the engagement of the Rev. Frank Gorman on Fuller's Vaudeville circuit. The American divine made his first appearance at the Opera House on Monday and scored immediately with his camaraderie of manner and excellent baritone voice. After advancing in verse his reasons for adopting a new calling for the time, he was heard to pleasing effect in the ballad "The Heart of a Rose," which he followed up with a negro lullaby and met with so hearty a reception that he had to comply with three more songs, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" amongst them. Mr. Gorman explained that before he returns to America he will have completed a world's tour, appearing on the stage on week days and preaching in church on Sundays. Two English sketch artists, Hall and Menzies, were also seen for the first time, their change-comedy "Photo-Bits" being full of novel touches that kept the audience laughing uproariously all the time. The lady in several burlesque character sketches of clients wanting their photographs taken, proved herself an adept in low comedy work, and her partner was a quiet, but effective feeder. Le Mounier re-appeared in his exhibition of strength, science and grace, and afforded plenty of interest with his methods of defence. A tug-of-war—five men aside—proved the impossibility of breaking his grip. Dainty Nora Burke also returned and made a pleasing addition to the bill in a couple of light numbers. Mr. Louis London, who is in his last week, kept the house entertained with his breezy style, and was obliged to extend his allotted time. Mr. Leonard Nelson had them all lustily singing "Abe, Abe" and introduced new character numbers. The remainder of the bill was upheld by Corporal Joe Nathan, Miss Maggie Buckley, Tilton and West and Kitchie and Kliffie.

THE STUDENTS' CARNIVAL.

JUBILANT PROCEEDINGS.

Continuous rain had no effect on the ardour of the Auckland University College students, their eagerly anticipated procession taking place as arranged last Thursday. Crowds of spectators lined the streets and enjoyed the clever burlesques and caricatures so effectively expressed by disguised students. His Majesty's Theatre was given over to their revels on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings for the production of "The Bolshy," a crisp satirical extravaganza written by Mr. L. P. Leary, one of the college graduates. In neat, facetious style it treats of the Bolshevistic craze, the author ingeniously transferring the *mise en scene* from Russia to New Zealand as the incidents develop in the course of two acts, thus skilfully introducing witty topical allusions that covered every controversial subject from profiteering to house-hunting, and, needless to say, were a source of delight to the audience. Mr. Leary, as Lenin, a Russian dictator holding the reins in New Zealand, sketched the character with fine judgment and conviction, while his handling of a topical song fairly brought down the house, and he had to pay the penalty with a generous response. Mr. F. J. Easter, who was Mr. Leary's coadjutor in producing the farce, supplied plenty of fun of the robust type in his grotesque role of Lenin's pet assassin. Three local celebrities prominent in politics, university and school were amusingly caricatured by Messrs. W. A. E. Leonard, A. G. Davies and N. T. Sinclair. The vagaries of a comic guard on the lines of a beauty chorus created shrieks of laughter, the whole production being a credit to all concerned. The orchestra, conducted by Miss Inez Stretton, was no unworthy adjunct to the performance, and—even if comparisons are odious—there was the jazz band too. The students were naturally well in evidence amongst the audience each night and made the most of their traditional license, quips and jests and oranges (apologies to O. Henry)

being gaily exchanged. A wire extending from the "gods" to the stage offered facilities for vegetable offerings to make their descent easily to the performers, and hilarity ruled all through. But there was no spoiling of the performance, a favourite ecclesiastical drummer, at the instigation of the revellers for a speech, ensuring uninterrupted by a few tactful words at the commencement. On Saturday night the curtain was rung down on a wild scene of enthusiasm, expressing the pent up feelings of the students on their resumption of gaiety after a lapse of six years.

Miss Vera Pearce has left on a trip to America.

Mr. Scott Colville arrived from Australia by the Maheno on Monday preparatory to the Dominion tour of Carter the Great.

BATHIE STUART.

Something unique is promised in Miss Bathie Stuart's entertainment which she will present at the Concert Chamber to-night (Wednesday), Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Miss Stuart has gained golden opinions everywhere for her ability as a comedienne and character impersonator, and in Maori songs, which are her special metier, she has made a name all through New Zealand. Another feature of the performance will be the harmonising of popular melodies in conjunction with her Musical Maids, and an additional draw will be the Hawaiians in ukelele and steel guitar numbers. Their rhythm is delightful and they are past masters in expressing the soft, languorous music of their country. Miss Liane Le Fevre in Eastern dances, Miss Iliua Page (soprano), Miss Dorothy Baker (violinist), and Miss Clarice Wood (accompanist) will give support individually and with Miss Stuart.



MISS BATHIE STUART, the versatile comedienne who will give a four nights' season at the Town Hall Concert Chamber, Auckland, commencing to-night (Wednesday).



MISS AMY EVANS, the famous Welsh soprano, who will shortly open a tour of New Zealand in association with Mr. Fraser Gange, under the direction of Chappell and Company, in the Town Hall, Auckland.

A SINGER OF STRENGTH AND SWEETNESS.

CESARONI, ITALIAN BASS.

"I come now three times to your Auckland," said Signor Cesaroni, chatting in his delightfully inflected English to a "Review" representative, "and I write it in my memoirs how much I like that they appreciate me." Cesaroni was here first with the Gonzalez Grand Opera Company, and the second time with Cappelli, under Mr. John Hopkins' direction. Now he is the star on tour. With a voice that matches his physique in robustness, Cesaroni demonstrates that a bass is not only a bass. We have had many basses that belong to that domain only, but Cesaroni's voice is remarkable for its great flexibility, and its facility to traverse from crescendo to *dimuendo*. Starting in the regions of E flat he soars to G with utmost ease, getting almost the effect of a lyric soprano. This is an attribute that one may expect from the baritone and tenor, but only in exceptional cases from the bass. So this is one big point on which he scores.

Cesaroni, who is descended from one of the noble families of Rome, has profited by the world's best training. For six years he learnt under Professor Parvesi, Italy, and made his debut in Venice in "Faust," next appearing at the Municipal Theatre, Geneva, in "Les Huguenots" (Meyerbeer). Then he left for London with the Castilano Italian Opera Company which went on tour in England. He also sang at special concerts in the Albert Hall, and enjoyed the distinction of being the first Italian to sing in English Balfe's "Laughing Song," the London press giving him highest praise. He has sung before the rulers of various countries, the King of Siam presenting him with silver links inscribed with the Royal initials. Nearly all the world Cesaroni has travelled—America, Japan, China, Russia, Java, the Philippines, Sumatra. Then to Australia with the Gonzalez Grand Opera Company in 1916, over here the following year, and on the disbandment of the company in Australia later on Cesaroni remained, married an Australian and quickly added the English tongue to his long list of languages. A three years' residence in Wellington has given him a further mastery in expressing himself, and his richly-modulated voice with its suggestion of accent gives an extra charm to a striking personality.

Whether grand opera will attract him again he is not certain. "I prefer better the concert," he says. "You can choose your own songs and give more variety." He certainly has everything in his favour—voice, range, flexibility, phrasing, embellishments, and the repertoire. Also he is young and he has the presence.

The supreme story of a woman's heart is unfolded in "Everywoman," now being screened at the Princess Theatre. In it hundreds of beautiful women are figured, gowned in the most exquisite creations of the world's fashion makers. Intimate glimpses of love and intrigue make the picture a fascinating one and help to its enthrallment. Passion, wealth, youth, beauty, modesty, conscience, are materialised in the grand quest for love, and leave a lingering impression in the minds of those who witness "Everywoman."

Miss Rosa Walton, one of the hardest worked artists with the Cesaroni party, is a prominent Melbourne accompanist and song-at-the-piano entertainer. She came over to New Zealand in January, under engagement to Mr. John Hopkins for his Dandies, and after strengthening that organisation in her dual capacity for five months, has been transferred to the Italian basso's company, where her distinctive art also finds worthy recognition. Miss Vera Carew, also a Melbourne girl with Conservatorium successes, is a dainty addition to the party. Her soprano voice is of penetrating quality and round colouring, and she charmingly establishes the concert atmosphere.

"Yes, Uncle," is going strong at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne. The J. C. Williamson management anticipate that this musical play of Gay Paree will prove another "Going Up."

Word has come of the emphatic success of the Alice Sovereign Concert Party, who started out on their Australasian tour at Brisbane under Mr. John Griffiths' direction. Paul Costello (tenor), Elias Breeskin (violinist), and Arthur Loesser (pianist) are comprised in the company. Mr. Duncan Neven is touring manager.

"The Passing Show of 1920," the big J. C. Williamson, Ltd., revue at Her Majesty's, Melbourne, is nearing the end of its run, as Gilbert and Sullivan opera follows, the opening piece being "The Mikado." The revue company then goes to Adelaide with "The Bing Boys on Broadway" and "The Passing Show of 1920."

The Philistines held one of their most enjoyable gatherings in record at the Attic on Saturday. Mr. J. L. Conlan was in the chair and a well chosen programme went with a swing. The vocalists were Mrs. H. W. Cook and Mrs. Goldsmith, Miss Mary McCormick and Mr. Hubert Carter with Mr. Jack Tole as accompanist. Miss Bathie Stuart in a couple of Maori numbers, Mrs. Patrick Cole and Mr. Graham in an excerpt from "Paolo and Francesca," Mr. C. Clark (Wellington) in an elocutionary gem, and "The Bathroom Door," a humorous little sketch by Messrs. Montague, Butland, Woods, Misses Betty Sharman, Ruby Palmer, and Vera Ziman further helped to gladden the guests. Supper and fox-trotting wound up the evening, which was distinguished by the presence of the Cesaroni Concert party, who came in after their performance in the Town Hall.

The Cesaroni Concert Company concluded their Auckland season on Saturday before an enthusiastic audience. Cesaroni was recalled again and again for his magnificent renderings, his numbers including the Prologue from "Pagliacci," the Prologue from "Otello," "Piff Paff" from "Les Huguenots," and a long list of encores. Miss Vera Carew (soprano), Miss Rosa Walton (accompanist and piano entertainer), the violin wonder (Miss Gladys Vincent) and Ivan Tarbeef (tenor) gave artistic and popular support. The company, with Mr. John Hopkins, director, left for Thames on Monday.

"The Dandies of 1920" (Mr. John Hopkins) are going well in Dunedin and will make their way north in due course.

Louise Huff, the golden girl of the screen, has a delightful role in her latest World feature, "T'other Dear Charmer," with John Bowers. Most of the screen stars have a pet of some sort, and Louise is no exception, but her particular fancy is not a pup or a cat, or even a tame leopard, but her simple taste runs to a baby—her own—a charming little three-year-old edition of its mother. The story of "T'other Dear Charmer" deals with a susceptible young man who loves, as he thinks, two different girls, and, unfortunately for him, proposes, and is accepted by each. Then he finds out they are both the same girl, and the unravelling of the entanglement he has woven round himself takes some doing.

Mr. Arthur Roberts, the comedian, has received from Mr. Charles B. Cochran an offer of £1000 a year for life—without any stipulation as to the number of performances. Mr. Roberts has decided to accept. While theatrical managers are searching high and low for new comedians, Mr. Cochran has thus turned to the "old school," for Mr. Roberts, who made his first appearance on the variety stage 49

So confident is Mr. Walter M. Hobbs of the drawing capacity of the Chappell and Co. vocal stars—Miss Amy Evans and Mr. Fraser Gange—that he has secured the big Town Hall for their season in Auckland. "It is no exaggeration to say they will cause a sensation," asserts Mr. Hobbs, and having had a long association with Dolores he ought to know an artist's capability.

"Do the dead live?" is a psychical question that is dealt with largely in David W. Griffith's latest masterpiece "The Greatest Question." It is a startling drama of the clashing of evil with good that will force people to think. It probes the depths of human emotions, touches the deepest tragedies of life, and is filled with mystery, love and thrill.



The First Prize Winner at the successful Fancy Dress Ball, recently held at Wanganui—MISS DARBY as "Shells." Most of the shells creating the costume were gathered at Motuihi Island.

years ago, is 68. "Mr. Roberts' engagement will begin as soon as he signs the contract, but his first appearance under my management will probably be in the new revue, 'London, Paris, and New York,' at the London Pavilion—his old home—in September," said Mr. Cochran. "He will be seen chiefly in character sketches, but will, of course, not bear the burden of the whole show. One part I have in my mind for him is that of a Brighton bath-chair man." Probably Mr. Roberts' greatest success was as the up-to-date cabman in "Gentleman Joe," in which he appeared with Miss Kitty Loftus. His "low comedy" is inimitable and spontaneous in its originality.

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RELEASES FOR WEEK COMMENCING JULY 23, 1920.

- AUCKLAND:**
STRAND— "His Bridal Night" (Select)—Alice Brady.
LYRIC— "Fong Man" (Haworth)—Sessue Hayakawa.
GRAND— "Social Pirate" (World)—June Blividge.
- WELLINGTON:**
KING'S— "Quinney's" (Samuelson)—Henry Ainley, Isabel Elsom.
EMPRESS— "The White Lie" (Paralta)—Bessie Barriscale.
EVERYBODY'S— "T'other Dear Charmer" (World)—Louise Huff.
- PALMERSTON N.:**
KOSY— "Great White Trail" (Wharton)—Doris Kenyon.
PALACE— "Circus of Life" (Butterfly)—Zoe Rae.
EVERYBODY'S— "Sea Waif" (World)—Louise Huff.
- WANGANUI:**
HIS MAJESTY'S— "Brass Buttons" (Pathe)—William Russell.
GRAND— "Within the Cup" (Paralta)—Bessie Barriscale.
- MASTERTON:**
COSY— "American Way" (World)—Dorothy Green.
"Go West Young Man" (Goldwyn)—Tom Moore.
"Circus of Life" (Butterfly)—Zoe Rae.
- HASTINGS:**
EVERYBODY'S— "One Dollar Bid" (Paralta)—Warren Kerrigan.
"Inveiling Hand" (World)—Kitty Gordon.
- GISBORNE:**
EVERYBODY'S— "Heartsease" (Goldwyn)—Tom Moore.
"This Hero Stuff" (Pathe)—William Russell.
- HAMILTON:**
KING'S— "Probation Wife" (Select)—Norma Talmadge.
ROYAL— "Rogue's Romance" (Vita)—Earle Williams.
- FIELDING:**
LYCEUM— "Burglar for a Night" (Paralta)—Warren Kerrigan.
"Ginger" (World)—Violet Palmer.
- DANNEVIRKE:**
PALACE— "Poppy" (Select)—Norma Talmadge.
"Dust of Desire" (World)—Ruby de Remer.

TOURIST AND TRAVELLER

HERE AND THERE.

In December 1919, the population of Australia was 5,247,019.

Mr. K. G. Archer, accountant at the Auckland branch of the Standard Insurance Company, has been appointed manager of the New Plymouth branch.

Mr. George Riseley, organist and conductor, has been presented with an illuminated address and a cheque for 1000 guineas as an appreciation of his work for music in Bristol during the past 50 years.

In Detroit, Michigan the citizens have agreed to issue authorised badges of honour for wearers of old clothes as a protest against the cost of living.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy L. Halsted, Christchurch, are in Paris. They expect to remain in Europe about two years, and hope to travel extensively in that interval.

It is officially announced that Lord Jellicoe, Governor-General-designate of New Zealand, will, with Lady Jellicoe and family, leave London for the Dominion by the Corinthic on 19th August.

Mr. E. R. Godward, who left Invercargill close on four years ago in connection with an invention for economising in the use of petrol in motor cars, etc., has returned. During his absence he visited England and America.

Mr. A. L. Stevenson, manager of the Waikato Shipping Co., Ltd., and Mr. F. Bond, of Hamilton, are en route to Noumea in connection with the purchase of a large steamer for the company's service.

A monster spring salmon, the largest of its kind ever caught by an angler in the River Tweed, has been landed from the Rutherford Water, Keiso. It weighed 43lb. and measured 53in. in length and 24in. in girth.

Mr. J. S. Ross, a member of the firm of Ross and Glendinning, Ltd., who has resided in London since 1905, returned to the Dominion by the Ruahine last week. He is accompanied by Mrs. Ross and family. He will in future reside at Dunedin.

Last week's appeal to raise £12,000 for the establishment of a Y.M.C.A. at Hamilton was successfully closed amid a scene of great enthusiasm. The success means obtaining Mr. Ewen McGregor's gift farm valued at £4000.

The repeal of the anti-shouting law was demanded by Mr. G. Witty in a question addressed to the Prime Minister. The official reply runs: "This matter will be dealt with by legislation during the present session."

Mr. Sidney Williamson, Christchurch, is a recent arrival in London. He is devoting his time entirely to hearing the best music, and is visiting the County Council schools to study the latest methods of school and class singing. Later, he will make a tour to the north and to Scotland, with the same object in view.

At the monthly meeting of the Wellington Acclimatisation Society, a petition, signed by 30 anglers of the Wairarapa district, was received, protesting against the netting of trout for sale in the Wairarapa lake. The petition trusted that the society would use its utmost endeavours to prevent such a proposal being carried into effect. The matter was left to the fish committee, with power to act.

The body of the late Commander Horne, Sergeant-at-Arms in the House of Representatives, was cremated at Karori.

Lieutenant E. H. Rawson, M.C., R.F.A. Reserve, son of Dr. Ernest Rawson, Willis Street, Wellington, returned by the Ruahine, after an absence of six years.

In the report of the work during 1919 of the National Canine Defence League in England, reference is made to the stage dog. One of the largest music-hall syndicates, it is stated, has privately circulated a note to owners of performing animals that such "turns" will be excluded from their halls at the end of the present year.

The Prince of Wales has amended the remainder of his Australian itinerary, and has decided to travel through the back country. Instead of visiting Rabaul (New Guinea), he will witness shearing and other aspects of station life, and will also participate in kangaroo hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beddie, of Wellington, have left by the Ionic on a trip to Scotland from which place Mr. Beddie has been absent for thirty-one years.

Mr. J. T. Coleman, of Waitirau, Hawke's Bay, has forwarded the sum of £1000 to the fund organised by the commercial travellers' for the relief of blind sailors and soldiers.

Lieutenant C. V. Connolly, of Auckland, who served with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in the North Sea and in the Mediterranean during the war, returned by the Ruahine.

Dr. H. M. Goldstein, son of Rabbi Goldstein, returned to Auckland by the Ruahine. He left with the seventh reinforcements in 1915, and after serving three months in Egypt, proceeded to France, where he remained till the conclusion of hostilities. In addition to being awarded the Military Cross, he was mentioned in despatches.

Lady Jenner, widow of Sir William Jenner, Bt., the eminent physician and authority on fever, who attended the Prince Consort and the Prince of Wales (King Edward VII.) in their illnesses, and later was medical adviser to Queen Victoria, has died at Greenwood, Bishops Waltham, in her 84th year.

The burning of the ship Cospatrick in the English Channel in 1874, when a large number of New Zealanders perished, is recalled by the death of Mr. T. P. Judkins, at Auckland. He and his wife had taken passages by the Cospatrick, but owing to a mistake by a shipping clerk they had to come out by the Assaye.

A high compliment has just been paid to Mr. W. A. Bowring, of Wellington. Prior to his departure, Lord Liverpool commissioned him to paint his portrait, which represents a fine piece of work. It shows His Excellency in the uniform of colonel of the Rifle Brigade.



THE START OF THE QUARTER-MILE AT THE FINALS OF THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY SPORTS RECENTLY HELD IN LONDON.

The four-year-old daughter of Constable Henry, of Hastings, has the honour of being the first child in Hawke's Bay to be taken up in the aeroplane at present visiting Hastings, and in addition to this, she is the youngest child ever taken up in this 'plane in New Zealand. She made the trip, accompanied by her father.

Lowell Thomas, the famous traveller and war correspondent, who is coming to Australia at the invitation of the Commonwealth Government to tell us how the Anzacs helped to wrest Arabia and Palestine from the yoke of the Turk, is a young man of unusual personality. His "lecture" is a casual talk—chatty, humorous, and gripping—crowded with flashes of description and enthralling details. His remarks are punctuated with moving pictures of Arabia and Palestine, and the operations of the troops under Allenby. Lowell Thomas flew from Cairo to Jerusalem, across the Sinai desert, in less than 40 minutes. J. C. Williamson, Ltd., will present Lowell Thomas throughout Australia and New Zealand. His opening entertainment will be entitled, "The Last of the Crusaders: With the Anzacs in Palestine and Arabia."

Mr. W. F. Alexander, who has been editor of the "Timaru Herald" for the past ten years, has been appointed editor of the "Dunedin Evening Star" as from December 1 next. The Hon. Mark Cohen, who is at present editor of the "Star," will retire from that position at the beginning of December.

An enthusiastic gathering of his Stratford district supporters entertained Mr. J. B. Hine, ex-M.P., and presented him with a cheque for £1000. This is the second presentation, the northern end of the electorate having already given Mr. Hine a present of £650.

At a social gathering at the Overseas Club room, Dunedin, Mr. T. Blanchard, who has been the right-hand man of Mr. W. F. James, the totalisator proprietor, for the past 16 years, and has decided to become mine host of the Royal Hotel, Temuka, was presented with a gold chronograph and a substantial cheque from Mr. James. Mr. Allan Bedford, who has also been associated with Mr. James for some considerable time, and is taking over the Balfour Hotel, was the recipient of a silver tea service.

The position in the Far East was recently described by Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip, a banker of New York, and student of international problems. Mr. Vanderlip had just returned from Japan and the Orient, where he had been as the head of a mission of 10 American business men at the invitation of the Japanese Welcome Association to study questions on the reciprocal relations between the peoples of the East and the West. "The Military Party of Japan," said Mr. Vanderlip, when addressing the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, "trained in Prussianism, has seen the downfall of its idol in the world war, and has realised with the rest of the country that Japan can never expect to be successful in territorial conquest through force." He added that the performance of the United States in transporting two million men across the seas in a few months during the European war had bereft Japan of hopes through military measures. The Military Party still, however, wielded an influence, but realised the change that had come over the national thought. He described Japan as a "living democracy with high ideals, believing her destiny was to serve in the leadership in the Far East, a service that she could assume in constructive evolutionary peace."

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Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P. for Hutt, returned by the Tofua last week after a visit to America.

There is at least one family in Wanganui which has attempted to solve the housing problem and has met with a fair amount of success. Tired of the everlasting search for rented houses the family, the head of which is a railway employee, has now found accommodation in two Public Works Department huts on the waterfront in an unused portion of the railway station yard.

The United States Shipping Board claims that "America is now the premier shipbuilding nation of the world," and that to-day the United States has "more shipworkers, shipyards, slipways, and vessels under construction" than any other country. It is stated, that whereas in 1914 the States had only 15 vessels 1000 tons and over engaged in overseas trade, to-day the American flag is flown by 1280 ocean going steamships.

"There are shipbuilding yards from Halifax to Prince Rupert, and Canada's shipbuilding programme is young," said the Canadian Minister of Marine recently, adding: "A great deal of credit is due to Canadian shipbuilders for having risen to the occasion so well when the Government asked them to undertake steel shipbuilding." It is interesting to note that the capital invested in Canadian shipyards to-day amounts to 47 million dollars. What pleases people in Canada is that the ships are very largely built of native materials, and that Canadian shipyards can compete with almost anybody.

Evidence of the remarkable popularity of the League football game in New South Wales and Queensland is furnished by the fact that the five principal matches played in Sydney and Brisbane respectively by the English Northern Union team, which is at present in Auckland, were witnessed by attendances totalling 290,000. Details of the attendances at the five matches in question are as follows:—England v. Metropolis (Sydney), 70,000; England v. N.S.W. (first match, Sydney), 60,000; England v. N.S.W. (second match, Sydney), 70,000; England v. Australia (first test, Brisbane), 30,000; England v. Australia (second test, Sydney), 60,000.

Admiral Earl Beatty warmly defended the capital ship at a luncheon in Glasgow, when the freedom of the city was recently conferred upon him. He declared that the Fleet in commission to-day represented the minimum compatible with British superiority and supremacy of the seas. There were critics who said we must have ships which could disappear under the surface one minute and be lost in the clouds the next. He dared say those critics were right, but the time for such ships was not yet, and he disagreed with the statement that the day of the capital ship had passed. The capital ship was still the unit upon which the sea power of the Empire was built. Nothing had been devised by the critics to take its place. Scientific research was being pushed forward, and general all-round efficiency was being maintained.

Lloyd's shipping summary for 1919 shows that Canada now stands fourth among the shipbuilding countries of the world, following Japan, which comes after Great Britain and the United States. The total tonnage for the British overseas Dominions was 378,728 tons, out of which there were launched in Canada 271,264 tons, including more than 150,000 tons of steel steamers. Holland was the only other country which launched over 100,000 tons.

Carter, the Mysterious, when in the East devoted a good deal of time to the investigation of the so-called marvellous tricks of the Hindu fakirs. He was particularly interested in the "mango trick" that he saw performed in Delhi, India. "The trick is very simple," he said, "you just plant a seed in the earth, water it, cover it with a cloth, and, removing the cloth, reveal a little mango tree or bush. But the fakir I saw had a new wrinkle. You could see the tree grow, pushing up the cloth cone-wise as he played on a squealing pipe he took from the pouch at his side. I made him do it twice. Then I caught on. After planting the seed and then showing a tiny sprout, inserted cleverly as he withdrew the cloth the first time, he slipped under the cloth as he replaced it a dormant cobra, which he took from his pouch. The music of the pipes has a peculiar effect on the cobra. It makes him stand up on his tail and wave about. That gave the appearance of the tree growing. Of course, the rest was merely sleight of hand—whisking the cobra back into the bag, and the tree out, and sticking it into the ground, all the while withdrawing the cloth. But the cobra as a 'prop.'? No, thanks," said Carter, "I prefer lions."

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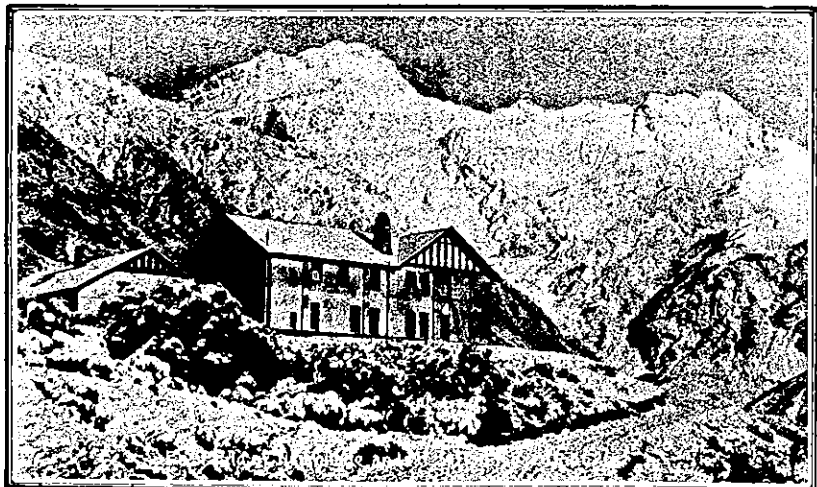
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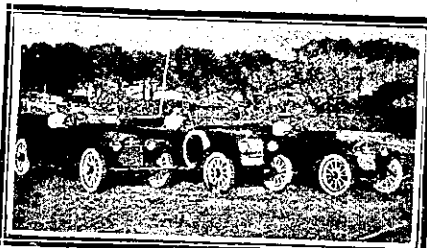
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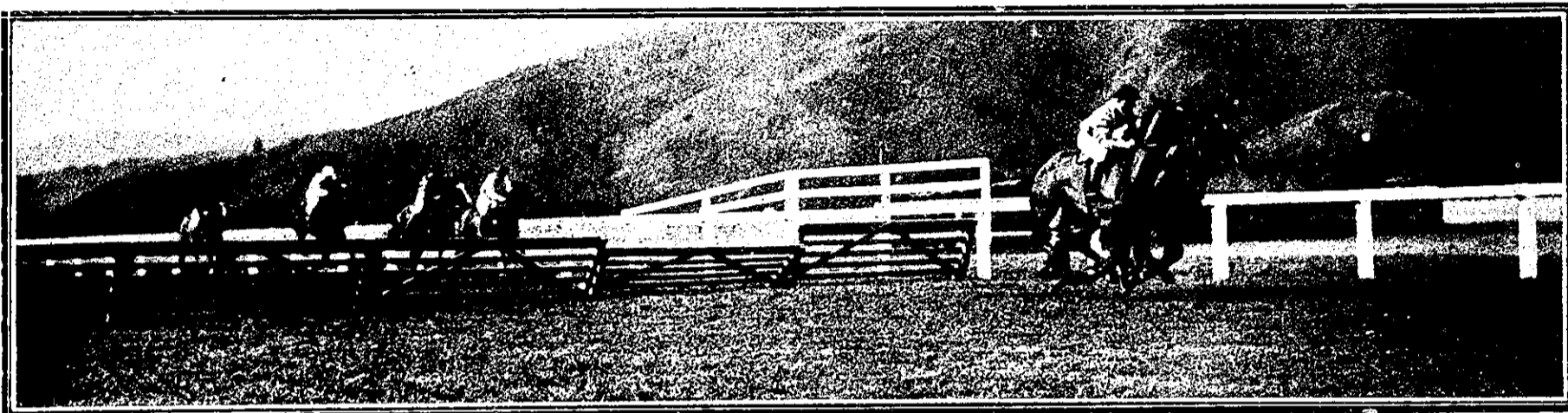
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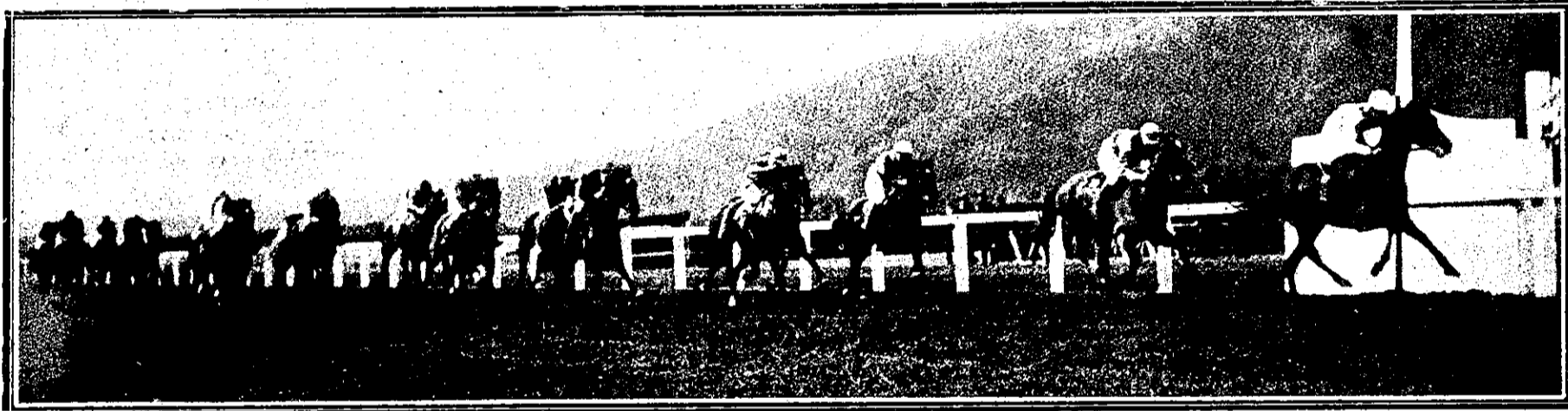
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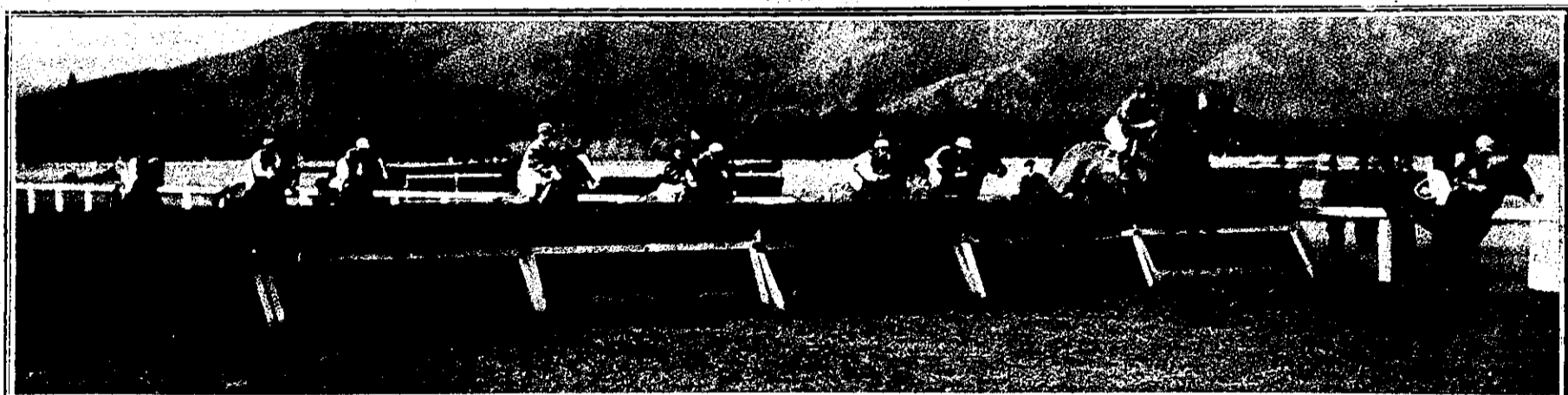
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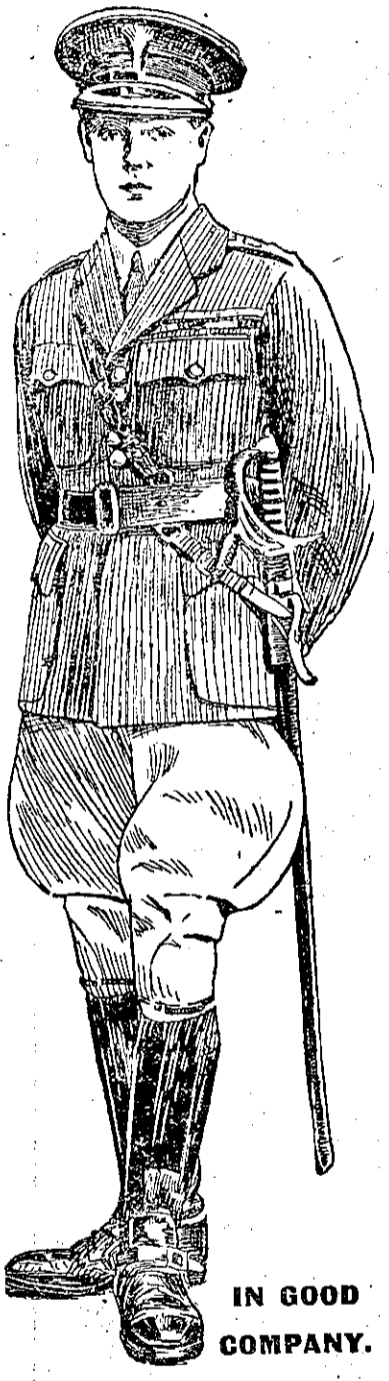
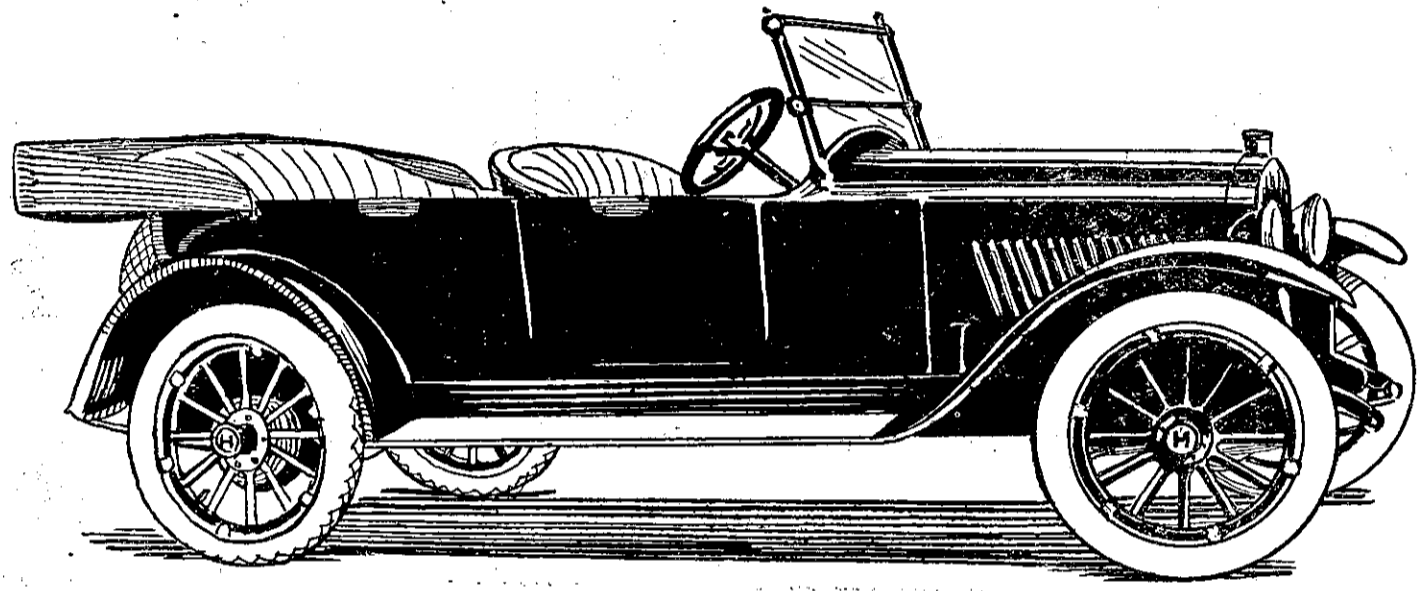
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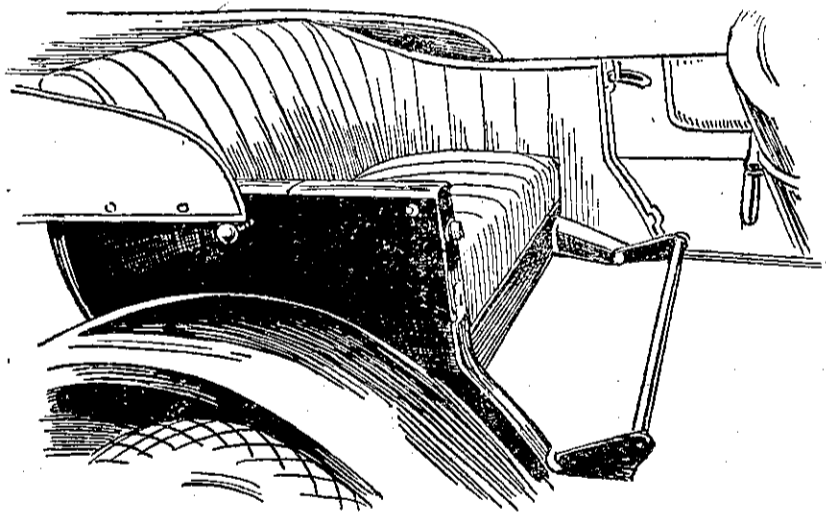
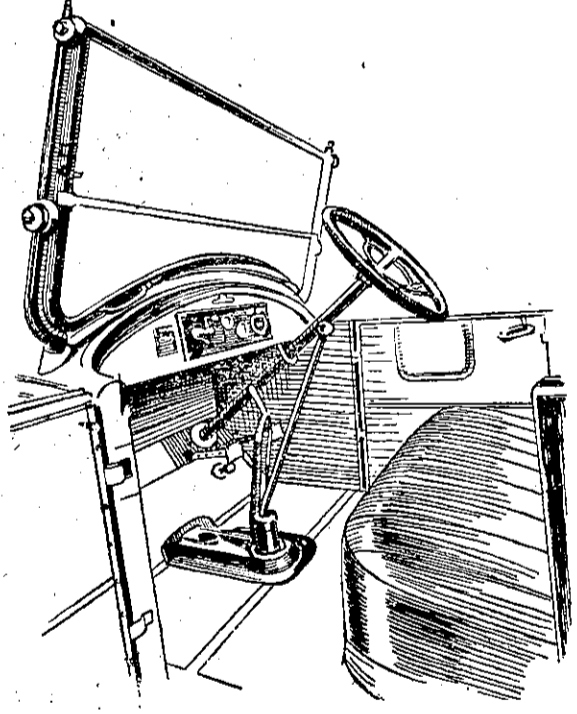
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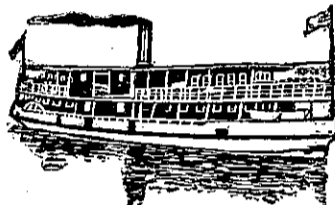
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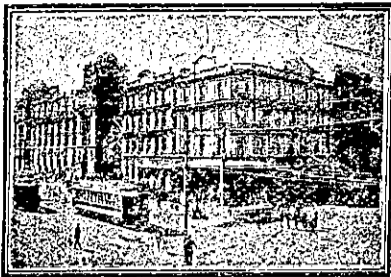
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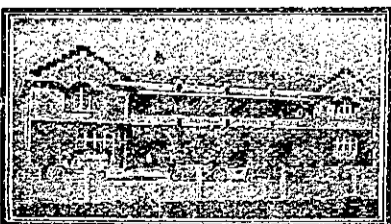
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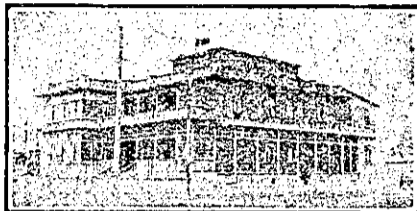
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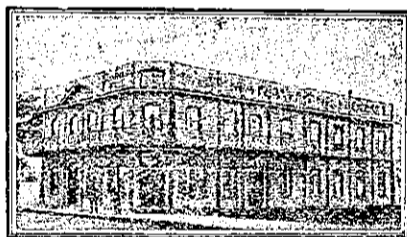
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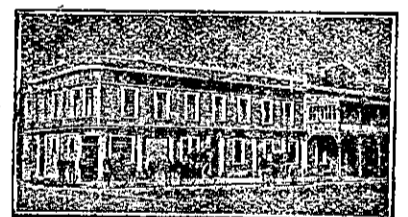
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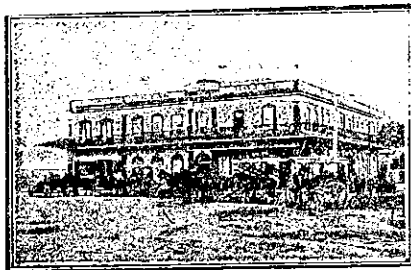
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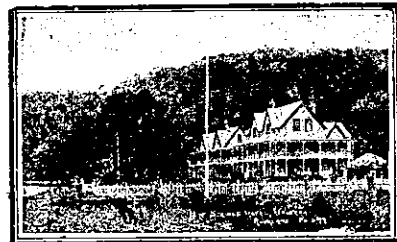
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