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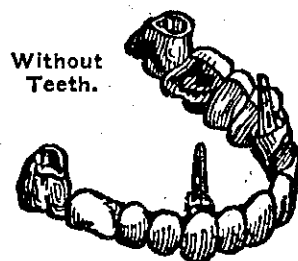
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MARTON JOCKEY CLUB. (Incorporated.)

SUMMER MEETING. To be held on Marton Course, adjoining Marton Junction Railway Station. SATURDAY AND MONDAY, JANUARY 1 AND 3, 1921.

Judge: Mr. J. Cameron. Handicapper: Mr. H. Coyle. Starter: Mr. A. Keith.

PROGRAMME. FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1921. First race starts at 11.30 a.m.

- 1. FIRST HACK HURDLES, a Handicap of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. 2. DASH HACK HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Minimum weight, 7.0. Five furlongs. 3. JUVENILE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Minimum weight 7.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. Four furlongs. 4. MARTON CUP (Open), a Handicap of 700sovs (including a silver cup value 60sovs to the winner); second horse to receive 140sovs, and third horse 60sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15s., acceptance 7sovs. One mile and a-quarter. 5. LADIES' BRACELET, a Hack Handicap of 155sovs, and gold watch bracelet value 20sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Gentlemen riders. Rider of winner presented with a gold-mounted whip donated by J. Green, Esq. Minimum weight 10.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Eight furlongs and a-half. 6. RAILWAY HANDICAP (Open) of 400sovs; second horse to receive 80 sovs, and third horse 40sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 4sovs. Minimum weight, 7.0. Six furlongs. 7. NEW YEAR HACK HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15s., acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs. 8. STURWARDS' WELTER HANDICAP (Open) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 30 sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Minimum weight, 8.0. Seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY. MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1921.

- First race starts at 11.30 a.m. 1. SECOND HACK HURDLES, a Handicap of 220sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the stake. Over six flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. About one mile and a-half. 2. NURSERY PLATE, a Handicap of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15s., acceptance 40s. Five furlongs. 3. SUMMER HANDICAP (Open) of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 80 sovs, and third horse 40sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15s., acceptance 5sovs. One mile and a distance. 4. ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Horses to be ridden by apprentices only. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Six furlongs. 5. HUNTERVILLE HACK WELTER, a Handicap of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Eight furlongs and a-half. 6. TELEGRAPH HANDICAP (Open) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60 sovs, and third horse 30sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Six furlongs. 7. FAREWELL HACK HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15s., acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs. 8. TURAKINA WELTER (Open), a Handicap of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 30sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Seven furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events close at the Secretary's Office, Marton, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1920, at 9 p.m. WEIGHTS for the First Day's Races will be declared on or about SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1920. ACCEPTANCES for the First Day's

Races will close with the Secretary, at Marton, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the Second Day's Races will be declared on SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1921, about 7.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the Second Day's Races will close at the Secretary's Office on SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 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.

ARTHUR WAY, Secretary.

P.O. Box 3, Marton. Phones: Office 169, Residence 314.

Approved in accordance with Rules of Racing, this 2nd day of November, 1920.—Wm. Hall, Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

DANNEVIRKE RACING CLUB. (Incorporated.)

SUMMER MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1920. President: Major James Armstrong. Handicapper: J. E. Henrys. Judge: R. H. Aldworth. Starter: R. H. Skipwith. Clerk of Scales: Captain M. O. Grainger. Secretary: Walter Dobson, Box 69, Dannevirke.

To start at 11.45 a.m.

- 1. GLENGARRY HACK HURDLES HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination 15s., acceptance 25sovs. One mile and a-half. To start at 12.30 p.m. 2. MAIDEN PLATE of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race at time of starting. Weight, 8.0. Nomination 15s., acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs. To start at 1.15 p.m. 3. OTANGA HANDICAP (Open) of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 60 sovs, and third horse 30sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15s., acceptance 3sovs. Six furlongs. To start at 2 p.m. 4. TIRATU JUVENILE STAKES HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stakes. For two-year-olds. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15s., acceptance 3sovs. Five furlongs. To start at 2.45 p.m. 5. DANNEVIRKE HANDICAP (Open) of 600sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15s., acceptance 5sovs. One mile and a-quarter. To start at 3.30 p.m. 6. TAMAKI HACK HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 15s., acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs. To start at 4.15 p.m. 7. ORINGI WELTER HANDICAP (Open) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 7.11. Nomination 15s., acceptance 3sovs. Seven furlongs. To start at 5 p.m. 8. RUAHINE WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 7.11. Nomination 15s., acceptance 2sovs. One mile and 110 yards.

ALL NOMINATIONS 150V. DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for ALL Events close on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, at 8 o'clock p.m. WEIGHTS will be declared on or about THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2. ACCEPTANCES for ALL Events close on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, at 8 o'clock p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- 1. All entries must be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box 69, Dannevirke, with the name and age at the time of entry, name of owner, pedigree and performances of the horse, and the registered colours of the owner. 2. Entries by telegram MUST be confirmed in writing by the NEXT MAIL, otherwise the fine under the Rules of Racing will be imposed. 3. All colours must be registered, or a fine of 150v will be imposed for every start. 4. The winner of any race after the declaration of weights may be re-handicapped. 5. The Committee or Stewards reserve the right at any time to alter or curtail the subjoined programme, or to abandon the meeting if they consider it advisable. They may also alter the order or dates of events, amount of entry or acceptance fees, dates of entries or acceptances, and dates upon which handicaps appear. 6. When nominating, the name and address of the trainer must be given, also the name of the owner, with his address.

WALTER DOBSON, Secretary. P.O. Box 69, Dannevirke. Approved by Hawke's Bay District Committee.—H. S. Moss, Secretary.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING.

To be held on the Club's Course, Te Hapara, on

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AND 5, 1921.

OFFICERS:

Patron: Sir James Carroll, K.C.M.G. President: F. J. Lysnar. Vice-President: D. J. Barry. Hon. Treasurer: C. J. Bennett. Hon. Timekeeper: M. G. Nasmith. Committee: Messrs. D. J. Barry, C. J. Bennett, H. E. Bright, J. W. Bright, H. D. de Lautour, F. Hall, F. J. Lysnar, G. Matthewson, J. R. Murphy, G. B. Oman, T. McConnell, C. White. Stewards: Messrs. C. J. Bennett, H. E. Bright, J. W. Bright, R. Hepburn, H. D. de Lautour, J. R. Murphy, T. McConnell, M. G. Nasmith, G. B. Oman, R. Scott, T. Sherratt, G. R. Wyllie. Judge: R. B. Lusk. Starter: R. H. Skipwith. Handicapper: H. Coyle. Totalisator Steward: W. O. Skeet. Clerk of Scales: M. DeCosta. Clerk of Course: W. A. Stephens. Secretary: H. E. Dodd.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1921.

To start at 12.15 p.m.

- 1. HANDICAP HURDLES of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles. 2. TE HAPARA HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. To be ridden by apprentices who have not won more than 15 races. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Seven furlongs. 3. WI PERE MEMORIAL HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Six furlongs. 4. MAIDEN SCURRY of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For horses that have never won a race of any description. Weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Four furlongs. 5. GISBORNE CUP HANDICAP of 500 sovs (450sovs in specie and a cup value of 50sovs); second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 40 sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 100s. One mile and a-quarter. 6. FIRST WELTER HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. One mile. 7. RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Five furlongs. 8. PARK HANDICAP of 160sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1921.

To start at 12.15 p.m.

- 1. JUMPERS' FLAT RACE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. For horses that have completed the course in at least three steeplechases or hurdle races in New Zealand. To be ridden by hurdle race or steeplechase riders who have ridden in not less than five of such races in the preceding two years. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. One mile and a-quarter. 2. TARUHERU HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Six furlongs. 3. FLYING HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Six furlongs. 4. MAIDEN SCURRY HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For horses that have never won a race, except the winner of the Maiden Scurry the first day, which shall be eligible. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Five furlongs. 5. GISBORNE RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 30 sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. One mile. 6. SECOND WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Seven furlongs. 7. AWAPUNI HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Five furlongs. 8. FINAL HANDICAP of 160sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Seven furlongs.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any race after the declaration of weights may be re-handicapped.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events close on FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1921, at 8 p.m. WEIGHTS declared for First Day's Handicaps on SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1921.

ACCEPTANCES for the whole of the First Day's events close on FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1921, at 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS declared for Second Day's Handicaps on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1921 (Night of First Day's Races), at 8.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the whole of the Second Day's events close on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1921, at 9.30 p.m.

H. E. DODD, Secretary.



**WELLINGTON TROTting CLUB.**

(Incorporated.)

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

To be held on the Club Track, Hutt Park, on

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**PROGRAMME.**

- HUTT PARK TRIAL HANDICAP (Harness)** of 100sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. For all horses that have never won a trotting race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of nomination. Horses in this event will be handicapped to do 4.0 or better. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. One mile and a-half.
- BOROUGH HANDICAP TROT (Saddle)** of 150sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. Horses in this event will be handicapped to do 3.50 or better. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. One mile and a-half.
- NEW ZEALAND TROTting GOLD CUP (Harness)** of 500sovs, a Gold Cup value 100sovs, presented by E. L. Riddiford, Esq., and 400sovs in specie; second horse 80sovs, and third horse 40sovs each from the stake. Horses in this event will be handicapped to do 4.42 or better. Nomination 3sovs, acceptance 5sovs. Two miles.
- PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP TROT (Harness)** of 200sovs; second horse 30sovs, and third horse 20sovs each from the stake. For unhopped trotters only. Horses will be handicapped to do 5.5 or better. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 3sovs. Two miles.
- WELLINGTON HANDICAP TROT (Harness)** of 150sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. Horses will be handicapped to do 5.10 or better. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. Two miles.
- STEWARDS' HANDICAP TROT (Saddle)** of 150sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. Horses in this event will be handicapped to do 2.20 or better. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2½sovs. One mile.
- PETONE HANDICAP TROT (Saddle)** of 150sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. For unhopped trotters only. Horses in this event will be handicapped to do 3.56 or better. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2½sovs. One mile and a-half.
- ELECTRIC HANDICAP TROT (Harness)** of 200sovs; second horse 30sovs, and third horse 20sovs each from the stake. Horses in this event will be handicapped to do 2.55 or better. Nomination 1½sovs, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

**PURSE FOR RECORD.**

A Purse of 100sovs will be given to any horse breaking the Australasian grass mile record of 2.8. In the event of more than one horse competing for the above record, the horse establishing the best time under that stipulated to receive the prize. Flying start, pacemaker allowed. Entries close on day appointed for receiving nominations.

NOMINATIONS for all events, accompanied by fees, close with the Secretary on MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, at 8 p.m.

HANDICAPS declared on FRIDAY, JANUARY 7. ACCEPTANCES for all events close on FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, at 8 p.m. Telegraph Office, Petone, closes at 5 p.m.

NOTE.—Races 6 and 8 will be handicapped and started by the yards system.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

Attention to be drawn to the following:— All stakes to be paid in full. All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of Trotting. All winners of any race after the handicaps are declared may be re-handicapped. No entry will be received for any race except on the condition that all disputes, claims, and objections arising from the carrying out of this programme shall be decided by a majority of the Stewards or whoever they may appoint. Their decision on all points connected with the carrying out of this programme shall be final, but, however, is subject to appeal to the Association, except on question of fact. In all nominations, the name, age, pedigree, colour, sex, and previous performance of the horse, the name of owner and trainer, and colours of rider or driver must be given. Every owner of trotting horses and ponies in New Zealand must register with the Association all horses in their possession, giving brand, age, pedigree, and general description of each horse, prior to nominating in any race. Any unregistered horse or pony nominated for any trotting meeting held under these rules shall be disqualified. Every person applying for admission to any course, and every person entering or endeavouring to enter a horse for any race, and every person having or subsequently acquiring any interest in such horse, shall be deemed to accept all the conditions and restrictions im-

posed or implied by these Rules, and to be barred from questioning the action of the Conference, Appeal Judges, Association, Club, Racing Club or body, Committee, Stewards, officials, agents, or servants in respect of any such person or horse, or any person connected therewith, otherwise than is provided for in Part XXX. of the New Zealand Rules of Trotting.

RE PROVIDENT FUND.—The Provident Fund fee of 20s. must be paid to the Association before nomination, in default of which a fine of £5 will be imposed.

No horse will be allowed to start unless all fees are paid. Amateur riders are defined by the Rules of Trotting.

R. W. SHORT, Secretary.

Box 4, Petone. Approved by N.Z. Trotting Association.—J. B. NORRIS, Secretary.

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**PROGRAMME.**

FIRST DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.

- TRIAL PLATE** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs and third horse 20sovs out of stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Maiden conditions. Three-year-olds 7.10, four-year-olds and upwards 8.5; no allowances. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.
- TOKOMARU HURDLES HANDICAP** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third 30sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles.
- GILLIES HACK HANDICAP** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and the third 30sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Six furlongs.
- MANAWATU CUP HANDICAP** of 1250sovs; second horse to receive 250sovs, and the third 125sovs out of stake. The winner of any race after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 3lb., of any race or races of the collective value of 200sovs 5lb. of 300sovs 7lb., of 500sovs 10lb. extra. (Penalties at foot of programme do not apply to this race.) Nomination 1sov, acceptance 18sovs. One mile and a-half.
- NURSERY HANDICAP** of 400sovs; second horse to receive 80sovs, and the third 40sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. Five furlongs.
- TARARUA HACK WELTER HANDICAP** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and the third 30sovs out of stake. Minimum weight 7.11. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and 55 yards.
- FITZHERBERT HANDICAP** of 600sovs; second horse to receive 120sovs, and the third 60sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 6sovs. Six furlongs.
- GRANDSTAND HANDICAP** of 400sovs; second horse to receive 80sovs, and the third 40sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. One mile and 55 yards.

**SECOND DAY.**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

- KELVIN HACK HANDICAP** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third 25sovs out of stake. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and 55 yards.
- TE MATAI HURDLES HANDICAP** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and the third 30sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and three-quarters, over six flights of hurdles.
- HIGHLDEN HACK HANDICAP** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third 25sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Six furlongs.
- PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP** of 800sovs; second horse to receive 160sovs, and the third 80sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 8sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
- PALMERSTON NORTH STAKES (Fifteenth)** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third 50sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds and upwards. Weight for age. Winners after August 1, 1920, of any race or races collectively of the value of 150sovs to carry 3lb., of 250sovs 5lb., of 500sovs 7lb., of 750sovs 10lb., of 1000sovs 14lb. extra. Maiden four-year-olds and upwards at time of starting allowed 10lb., three-year-olds 7lb.; geldings allowed 3lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeit of 1sov is declared and paid by Friday, November 26, 1920 (General Entry Day). All horses remaining in after that date must pay their total subscription of 5sovs, which will be payable on Tuesday, December 14, 1920.

- (Nominations closed.) Six furlongs.
- TERRACE HACK WELTER HANDICAP** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third 25sovs out of stake. Minimum weight 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Seven furlongs.
  - HIMATANGI WELTER HANDICAP** of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and the third 35sovs out of stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. One mile and 55 yards.
  - AWAPUNI HANDICAP** of 400sovs; second horse to receive 80sovs, and the third 40sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. Six furlongs.

**THIRD DAY.**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30.

- WHITMORE HACK HANDICAP (Apprentices)**; horses to be ridden by apprentice jockeys only; of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third 25sovs out of stake. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and a furlong.
- TIRITEA HURDLES HANDICAP** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and the third 30sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles.
- JUVENILE HANDICAP** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and the third 30sovs out of stake. For two and three-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Five furlongs.
- LIVERPOOL HANDICAP** of 700sovs; second horse to receive 140sovs, and the third 70sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 7sovs. One mile and a furlong.
- WESTBURY HACK HANDICAP** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third 25sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Five furlongs.
- CLANDEBOYE HANDICAP** of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and the third 35sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. One mile and 55 yards.
- CHRISTMAS HACK WELTER HANDICAP** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third 25sovs out of stake. Minimum weight 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Seven furlongs.
- KAWAU HANDICAP** of 400sovs; second horse to receive 80sovs, and the third 40sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. Six furlongs.

**PENALTIES.**

Fiat Races.—In any handicap race (except the Manawatu Cup Handicap) the winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights shall carry a penalty of 10lb., and of every additional race a further penalty of 6lb. extra. Horses handicapped at 8.10 and over to carry only half the above penalties. Hurdle Races.—The winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights shall carry a penalty of 10lb., and for every additional race 7lb. extra. Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances.

**NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.**

NOMINATIONS for all events and FIRST FORFEIT for the 15th Palmerston North Stakes will close with the Secretary, at the Office of the Manawatu Racing Club, Palmerston North, on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1920, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the First Day's Races will be declared on or about FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1920.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day's Races and FINAL PAYMENT for the 15th Palmerston North Stakes will close with the Secretary, at the Office of the Manawatu Racing Club, Palmerston North, on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1920, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the Second Day's Races will be declared on MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1920, about 7.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the Second Day's Races will close with the Secretary, at the Office of the Manawatu Racing Club, Palmerston North, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1920, at 8.30 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the Third Day's Races will be declared on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1920 (Morning Papers).

ACCEPTANCES for the Third Day's Races will close with the Secretary, at the Office of the Manawatu Racing Club, Palmerston North, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1920, at 12 noon.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**

Owners and trainers are warned that Rule 5 of Part XV. will be strictly enforced.

Entries, Acceptances, etc., made by telegram, if not confirmed in writing within seven days, the owner will be fined 2sovs.

Address to

THE SECRETARY, Manawatu Racing Club, P.O. Box 52, Palmerston North. Telephone 105.

Approved in accordance with the Rules of Racing, this 5th day of October, 1920.—W.M. HALL, Secretary, Wanganui District Committee.

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**PROGRAMME:**

**FIRST DAY.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1921. First Race starts at 11.45 a.m.

- MAIDEN PLATE** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Open to all horses that have never won a race of any description at the time of start. Weight for two-year-olds 8.0, three-year-olds and upwards 8.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Five furlongs.
- TARIKI WELTER HACK HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 17sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight 8.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.
- STRATFORD CUP HANDICAP** of 700sovs; second horse to receive 140sovs, and third horse 70sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 120s. One mile and a-quarter.
- OHURA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. One mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of 3ft. 6in. batten hurdles.
- DOUGLAS HANDICAP** of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 35sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. Six furlongs.
- MIDHIRST HACK HANDICAP** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
- MAHOE WELTER HANDICAP** of 275sovs; second horse to receive 55sovs, and third horse 27sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 8.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
- RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 17sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.

**SECOND DAY.**

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1921. First Race starts at 11.45 a.m.

- CARDIFF HACK HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Horses starting in this race to be ridden by apprentice jockeys only. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.
- TOKO WELTER HACK HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 17sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
- THE MALONE MEMORIAL HANDICAP** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 80s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
- MAKURI HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 17sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of 3ft. 6in. batten hurdles.
- NGAERE HANDICAP** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 30sovs from the stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. Six furlongs.
- STRATHMORE HACK HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 17sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Five furlongs.
- LOWGARTH WELTER HANDICAP** of 225sovs; second horse to receive 45sovs, and third horse 22sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
- COUNTY HACK HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 17sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.

**DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.**

NOMINATIONS for all events close on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1920, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for First Day's events declared on or about FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1920, and for Second Day's events on SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1921, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day's events close on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1920, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's events close at 9 p.m. on SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1921. Stratford Telegraph Office closes at 8 p.m.

ALFRED COLEMAN, Secretary.

Approved by the Taranaki District Committee in accordance with the Rules of Racing, this 21st day of October, 1920.—E. P. Webster, Secretary.



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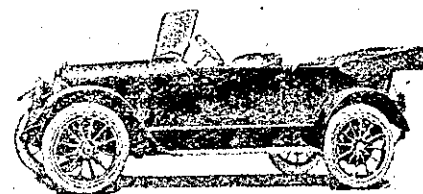
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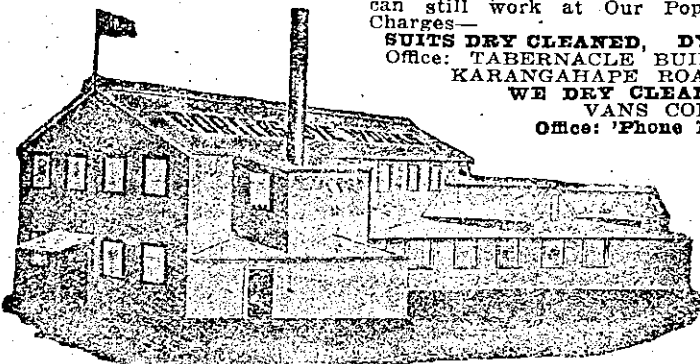
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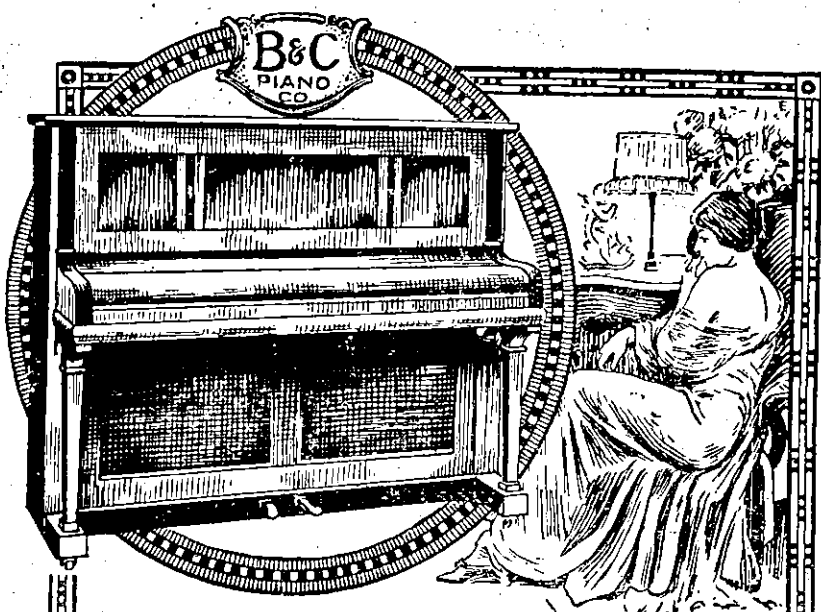
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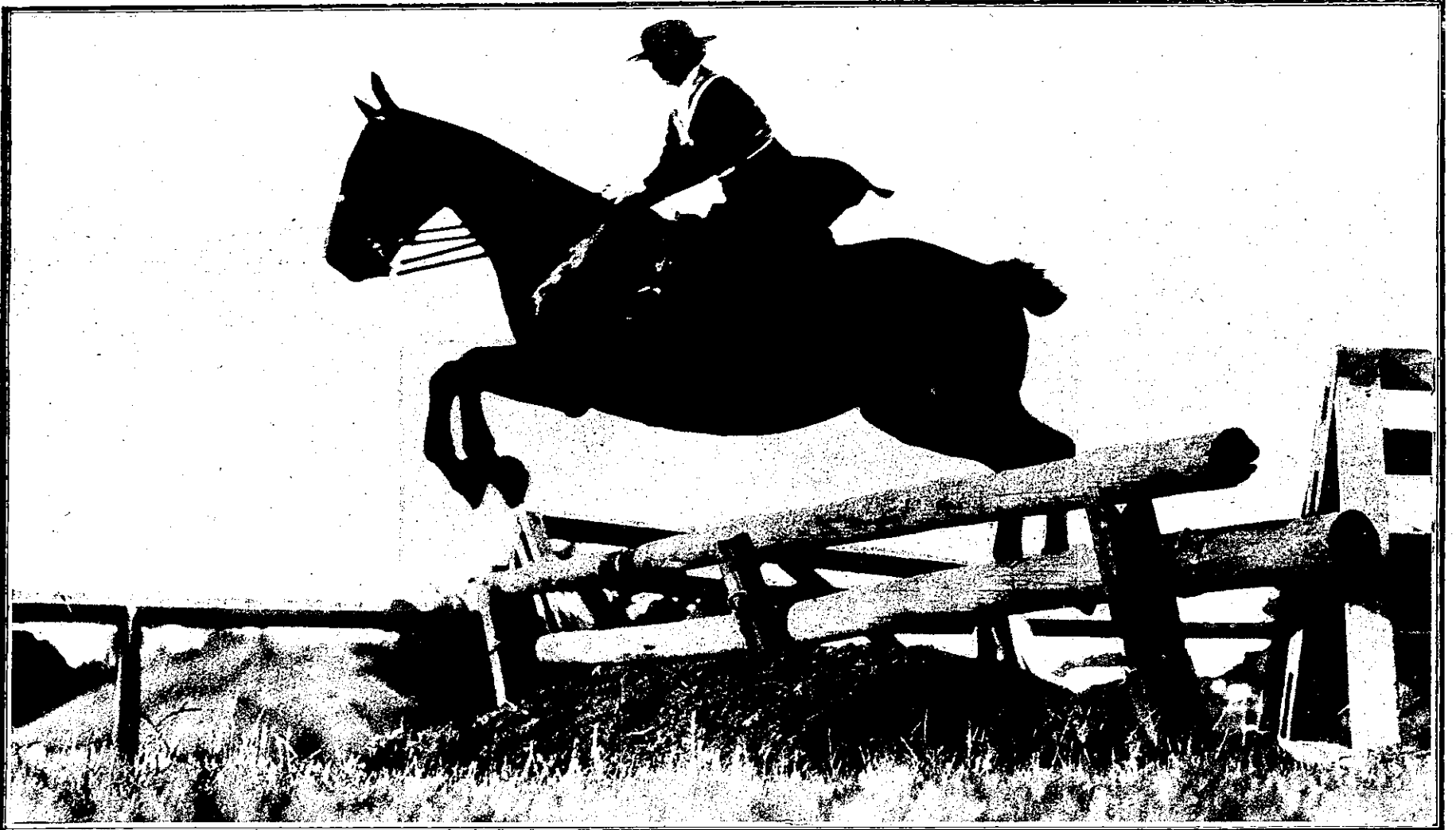
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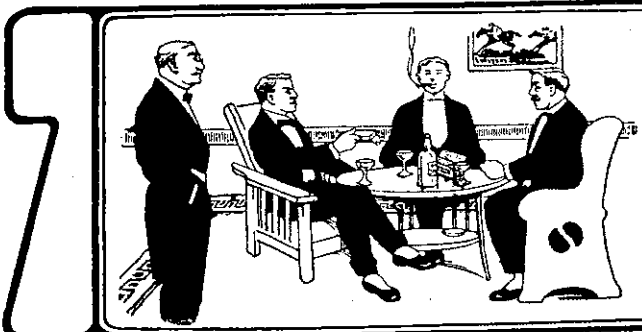


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MR. STANLEY HATHAWAY (PAKURANGA) RIDING OVER HUNTING FENCES IN THE GENTLEMAN RIDER'S COMPETITION AT THE AUCKLAND SHOW.





# THE CLUBMAN

The financial success of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's spring meeting has been in keeping with the success of the racing clubs which have held meetings in Auckland during the past two months. They have each had most profitable meetings, and so have all the clubs throughout New Zealand, the Auckland meetings with the larger attendances showing the larger corresponding increases in money handled. This means well for the clubs, more especially those needing all their profits to help them pay for their courses and the necessary improvements to accommodate their horse-owning patrons and the public for whom they are catering to the best of their ability. The totalisator is the main source of revenue, and the clubs everywhere are making every effort to get together all the money they can through its agency so as to be able to keep up their status and play the racing game as it should be played if it is to maintain its popularity. Perhaps when we have an increase in the number of days of racing the leading clubs may resort to seven races per day on their programmes, only having eight when it is deemed advisable to divide a large field for safety's sake. Seven races are quite sufficient under any circumstances with the long intervals the clubs make between the events. There is one alternative if the eight races are to be retained, and that is to start earlier each day. In Australia the leading clubs have six races and it is a pleasure to see how they manage at Randwick, where they cater for the best horse in every department, allowing the minor clubs to cater for the lower class material. With growing attendances it should be a consideration with clubs not only to provide all the necessary accommodation on their courses but to make sure that their patrons will suffer as little inconvenience as possible in getting away from the course after the sport is over. Earlier finishing would be much more preferable to existing conditions at Auckland meetings, near the metropolis. The Avondale Jockey Club and Whangarei Racing Club led the way and people got back to the city from the meetings of these clubs earlier than from either the Takapuna Jockey Club or Otahuhu Trotting Club's meetings, earlier indeed than from Ellerslie.

Our Clubman page this week is adorned with a portrait of Major S. Bolton, a well-known and popular personality in the Woodville district, who has been closely identified with the progress of this portion of New Zealand for upwards of a quarter of a century. Born in Scotland, where his father was M.P. for Stirling in the House of Commons, Major Bolton came out to the Dominion when a young man, and engaged in pastoral pursuits. He subsequently married Miss Hindmarsh and settled on his homestead at Oete, near Mangatainoka, which he has farmed for thirty years and where he still resides. Major Bolton was for many years a member of the Pahiatua County Council, and was recently re-elected for another term. He stood for the Pahiatua seat some years back in the Conservative interest, but was defeated. All along he has taken an active interest in the Volunteer movement, and for a considerable time was in command of the Pahiatua Mounted Rifles, his admirable work being greatly appreciated, while his promotion to the rank of major was proof of the high regard in which he was held in military circles. Major Bolton has invariably been a keen advocate of all branches of sport, and for many years has filled the position of president of the Woodville District Jockey Club, and in that official capacity he has been indefatigable in his efforts to further the interests of this progressive country racing institution. For many years he was president of the Woodville Agricultural and Pastoral Association, and still retains the position of patron. Major Bolton is well-known in the show ring as a breeder of milking Shorthorns, and many of the

most successful representatives of this famous strain first saw the light of day at Oete, which shelters the highest pedigreed and best milk-producing cattle to be found in New Zealand. It can therefore be readily understood that when Shorthorns bred by Major Bolton are available for sale keen rivalry takes place for their possession. In this connection he has made a specialty of the Shorthorn, and his efforts in producing a capital milking strain have been appreciated by those engaged in the dairying industry throughout the Dominion, proof of this being furnished by the excellent prices obtained for Shorthorns that come from Major Bolton's breeding establishment. Major Bolton has many wide financial interests, while he is also a director of several companies. Through his unfailing courtesy and honesty of purpose Major

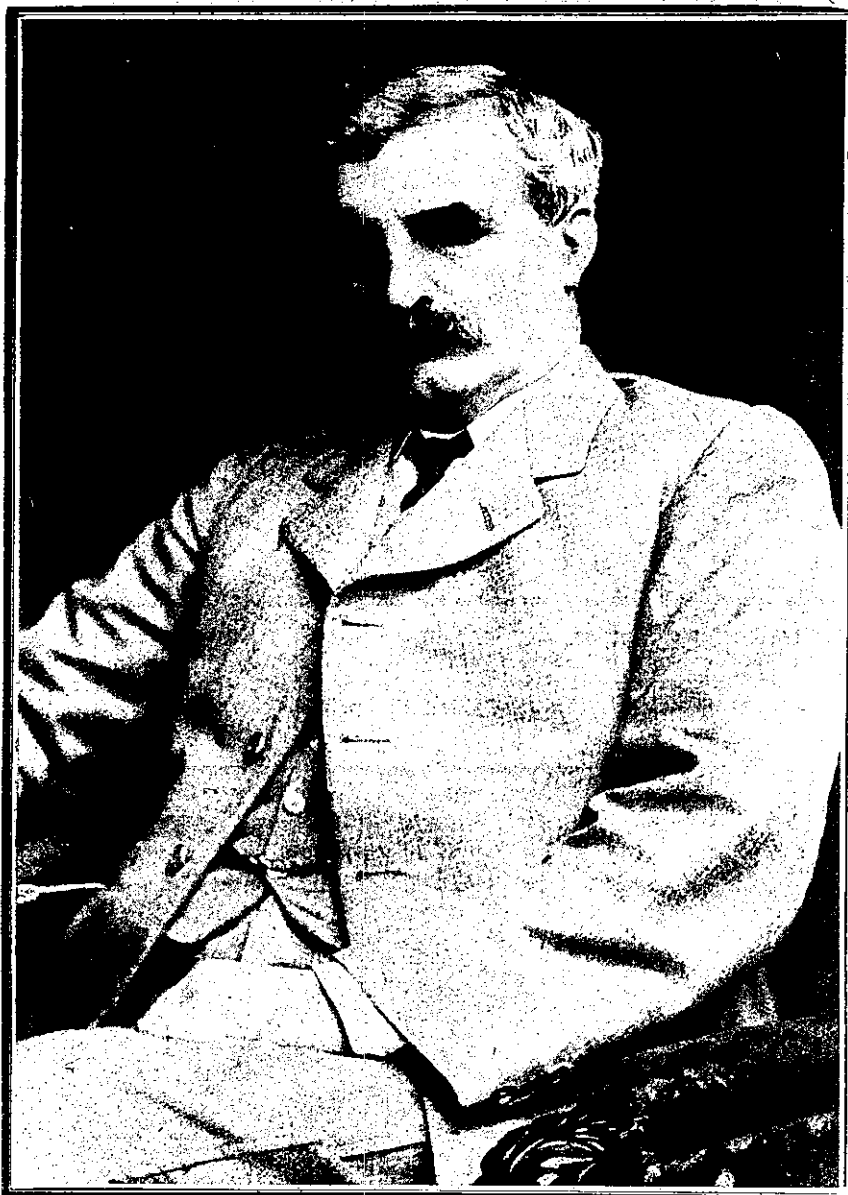
venient than it was a few years ago. It certainly costs more. There is more to be won, and proportionately the cost of nominating and accepting and racing, outside of the ordinary travelling expenses, may not have increased in the same ratio. A good healthy nomination list, followed by a correspondingly good acceptance, indicates that there is plenty of money in the game, just as the totalisator returns over meetings point to the spending powers of a very large section of lovers of sport on their chief pastime. It is a barometer of the times, showing the popularity of the horse-racing sport in all its branches. It has been a wonderful season so far as it has gone in all respects. Clubs everywhere in the North Island, and nearly all, if not actually all, in the South Island—racing and trotting—have been receiving larger entries

mission temporarily, but is a good four-year-old, and over each of the three distances named would not disgrace himself. The Englishman Arrowsmith would be found playing his part well from six furlongs to a mile and a-quarter with most of the English importations. Gloaming, whose good qualities were elucidated in New Zealand, though an Australian-bred horse from Australian parents, and a splendid Australian record also, would beat anything his age from six furlongs probably up to a mile and a-half. Duo and Gasbag, three-year-old sons of Demosthenes, are proved stayers with a bit of class about them. Humbug, Absurd's son, can go fast up to a mile, and Chrysestom is an improving customer who can go fast and promises to go a good middle distance. The mare that can beat Oratress from a mile and a-quarter to two miles at even weights might not be discovered this season in the Commonwealth even after a deal of searching. Another Demosthenes, we heard someone remark when she won the New Zealand Cup, what a pity we have not more mares by that distinguished sire.

Mermin is the colt most people would select of our two-year-olds. He is another of the Absurd flyers of his age, and travels like a stayer, and though so far only a winner of the four classic four-furlong races he has contested, and against only those of his own age, has given evidence that he can do his bit as a racing machine with all credit—indeed, in such a way as to lead those who have seen him race to conclude that he will follow in the footsteps of illustrious predecessors when asked to go over a bit of extra distance. Rational has not been entered for the A.R.C. meeting. He has won four times and been twice beaten. Mermin beat him with the luck in starting against him, and Gloaming triumphed over him also. Gloaming was the quicker away. The cracks don't want to loiter when Rational gets going. That gelding is another of Absurd's sons. He will stay on, we would imagine. Maunu, by Wolawa, once properly going can get in some great work, and a furlong or two more ground than he has raced over will likely suit him nicely. The Hawk raced well in Canterbury, and may be of the same class. There are a number of others with plenty of galloping ability in the events in which two-year-olds are to run, and some should develop into usefulness when this season has passed over. A bit of time to furnish and grow could be permitted some of them to their ultimate advantage. It seems a pity that some were raced so early.

There are some horses of varying ages in the flat races that we have not seen the best of. They are in a developing stage, and probably when the season is over there will be reason to elevate a few to higher pedestals than we have so far selected for them. The Derby field may at barrier rise number half a dozen of the eight figuring therein, but should it not be so there may be sufficient to provide a contest for the three prizes. Gasbag is the one commonly supposed to be the best, and he will likely have raced in the Auckland Cup and possibly on the second day of the meeting. There will be others racing of his age, too, before they meet for the classic honours, and Landslide, Listowel and Winter Wind, as the respective winners of the Avondale, Auckland, and Dunedin Guineas; Vespucci, who was good enough to set a solid pace in the A.J.C. Derby and won a race at Randwick; Right and Left, a winner at Riccarton, and Raceful, a winner at Feilding, are each of the field. Vespucci, it is thought, may be improved as much as any of his age that ran at Riccarton. On appearances most like a Derby proposition is Gasbag.

When the two, three and four-year-olds engaged in the Royal Stakes come to meet on weight-for-age conditions, with penalties according to age, sex and value of stakes won, without penalties when the stakes earned have been small, and with al-



MAJOR S. BOLTON, of Oete, near Mangatainoka, a prominent Shorthorn breeder, who is well-known in racing circles as president of the Woodville District Jockey Club, whose spring meeting is being held this week.

Bolton has endeared himself to a wide circle of friends, and as he is still a man in the prime of life there should still be many years of usefulness ahead of him in the district that he has so worthily assisted towards the prosperity which it now enjoys.

The Auckland Trotting Club's nominations give evidence that there are plenty of owners, local and from outside provinces and districts, who have designs on and are likely to be reaching for the rich prizes at the summer meeting. The entries, indeed, are record ones in the aggregate at least, if not for each particular event. That is as it should be. The track and stand accommodation has been vastly improved, the owners have everything as up-to-date as it is possible for the club to provide at the present time, and the prize money is so good that it was bound to have a magnetic attraction for those with horses that have any pretensions to sufficient class to win. Travelling horses to and from meetings has not been made much if really more con-

and more money from other sources as well as from the totalisator, and the trotting clubs are quite holding their own in public favour. Mr. C. F. Mark, secretary of the Auckland Trotting Club, has reason to be gratified with the first response owners have made to the first meeting his club will hold this season.

The Auckland Racing Club has the same pleasing experience as in former years. One year's entries exceed those of another. It has been the same for a considerable time past. Class is thoroughly represented in the different races. The best in nearly each department are as good, no doubt, as anything in our sister States. Allow us to pick our horses for certain contests and there would be a big chance of some of the prizes being retained against all invaders. We would not go outside the entry list for the Auckland meeting to select a horse to pit against Poirrel on weight-for-age conditions over a mile, a mile and a-half and two miles. Amythas has been placed out of com-

lowances when non-winners, it will be very interesting indeed to learn what penalised horses will be set to take on their several contracts. Penalties are on the sliding scale of 3, 5, 7 to 10lb., the maximum for winning a clear 1000sovs. The penalties apply to winners this year since August 1. Good winners last year or in the previous year, if they have not won this year, do not have their poundage increased. Those that have never won, if three years old or over receive 10lb., and those two years old that are in the same position receive an allowance of 7lb. each. Thus it is possible for the horses of varying ages that have earned the maximum to meet non-winners at a disadvantage of 10lb. to 20lb. Accepting the weight-for-age test as equitable to start off with, 20lb. would mean in some instances a very big pull.

Mermin, of the two-year-olds engaged in the Royal Stakes, has earned the maximum impost; Aureate, sister to Desert Gold, and Smoke Concert are a pair of fillies that will have to carry 6.3 to Mermin's 7.8. Surveyor, with his penalty for winning the Stead Memorial Stakes, will have 9.5; Golden Bubble, of the same age, 8.11. Rossini, a good winner last year, will not have his poundage added to unless he should win in the interval, as may others. Chrysostom has earned more by way of penalty than Humbug this season, and would therefore have to concede the latter a few pounds. In the Railway Handicap Humbug is weighted at 5lb. his superior. At the distance he may be, but it is a debatable point just now. Illumination and Delight will, if they do not win in the interval, meet those of their own age on favourable terms. The first-named would have the full concession. The Royal Stakes may result in quite a good race. It seems a good while ahead to ask owners to become liable for the whole of their subscription towards the stake, but twenty-five is the number who, with the others that have gone out, have provided such a big slice of this classic prize. We were not prepared to see Aureate's name still figuring in the Foal Stakes and Royal Stakes, and though we find it there it is not in any of the handicaps, and as she

has so far given no promise at all it must be presumed that, like some others left in the classic events, the necessity for withdrawing to save the forfeit money has been overlooked.

The Shortland Plate entries are numerically good, and a number of those entered are thus handicapped by the owners themselves. Races of this kind are very popular for that reason. There are several entered which, if they can stay a mile, must have a big pull in weights compared with imposts they have received in handicaps. Forest Gold is a recent example. Fort Regel, who seemed well taken care of when entered amongst the horses with hack qualifications recently, is another, but there are others quite as noticeable. It should be a very interesting and fast race. A number of three-year-olds are engaged, and several mares, and the mares are made an allowance of 3lb.

The possibility of Gloaming, Arrow-smith, Surveyor, Volo, the best of the three-year-olds in Humbug, Chrysostom, Duo, Vespucci, Landslide, Winterwind, Listowel, Raceful, and a lot of those entered for the Islington Plate being seen out in that event will invest the race with interest. The final acceptance is not due until the 28th inst., but in the meantime some idea will be formed as to which will likely be saddled up. It will be Gloaming's first race should he train on, and every good sport will hope so, also that Arrowsmith will, if started, come out of the ordeal of carrying 10.7 in the Railway Handicap satisfactorily. It is a great task he has been set. Surveyor, too, should be a really good miler if he has stood up to his work satisfactorily since the C.J.C. meeting. Whether Volo is coming we are unaware. There is racing at the Manawatu meeting, which may keep some of the horses away on Boxing Day, but they could be brought to Auckland for the New Year and the fourth day of the meeting if their owners desire it.

The material is there for a good race for the Auckland Plate. With Oratress, Surveyor, Volo, Arrowsmith,

and Gloaming, the best of the older horses, and Duo, Gasbag, Vespucci, Raceful, and a number of others still in, it will be strange should there not be an interesting performance for this long-established event, which has invariably been won by a good one in the past. Enough has been written to show that the classic and weight-for-age races and special weight events, six of the thirty-two races on the programme, should be good as likely to introduce us to the best in their departments of various ages. There are, however, many good and useful horses in the handicap races, both open and with hack qualifications, and there are certainly a few useful hurdlers.

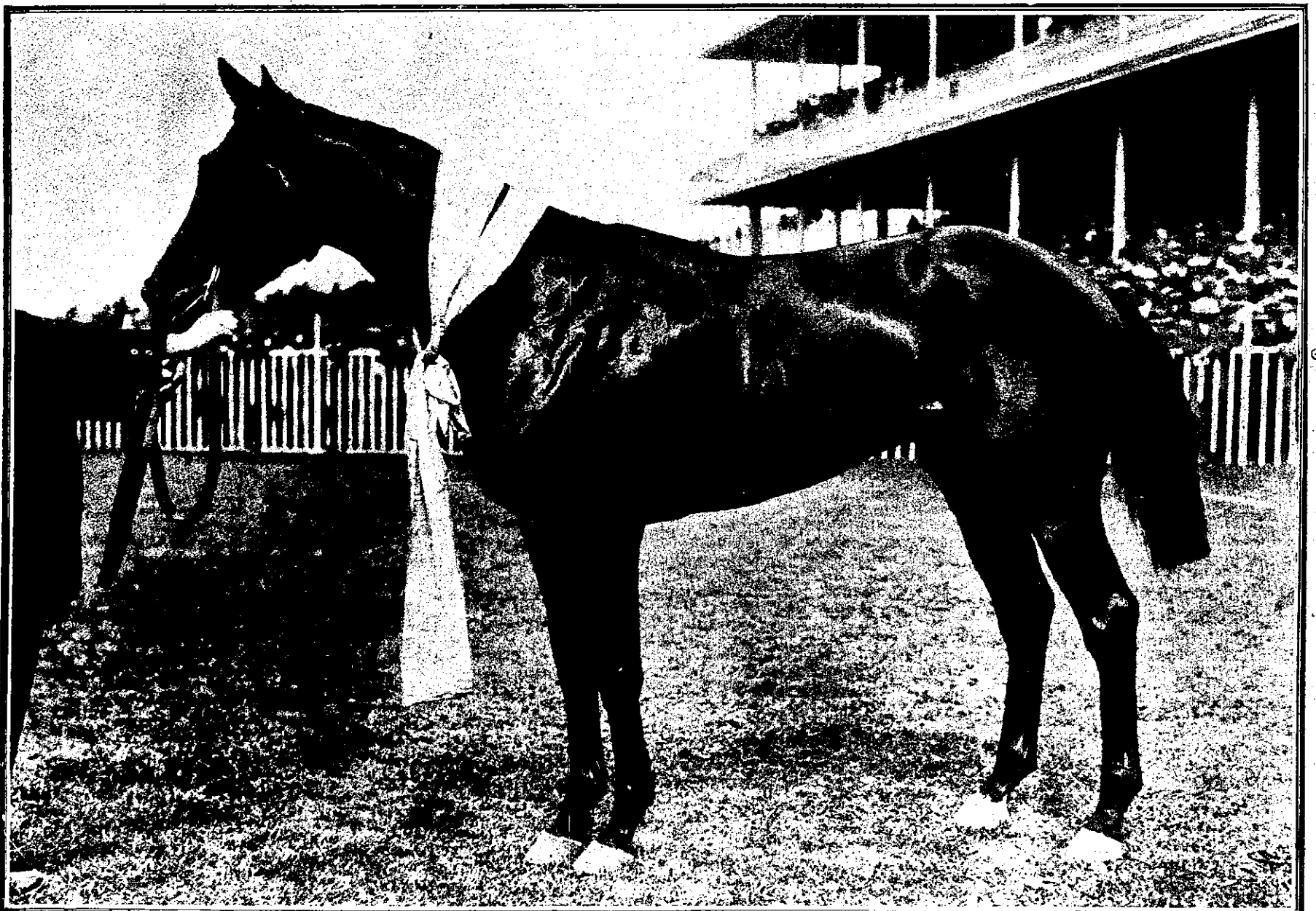
There are many racegoers who are keen on seeing the best two-year-olds, the best three-year-olds, and the best of these ages and the older horses in opposition, and to learn which are the cracks at weight-for-age over different distances, but old customs die hard, and we still find a lot of people wanting to know what they are to back for the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap. Lots of things can happen in the interval. Some of the acceptors may be elsewhere, though we would not like to gamble much on that. The money is alluring at Ellerslie, but the first acceptance for each of the races named gives an idea of what owners intentions were when they made them. What horses are allowed to drop out before the day will do so because they have failed in some respect in their training. There was a big weeding out of both races last Friday. The cream has been taken from the separator, so to speak, and when we come to look dispassionately at the new situation it must be allowed that the double and the single problems presented are not easy with the races over a fortnight away.

The Cup candidate, Prince Willonyx, is much fancied from the way he won each of his seven-furlong races at Takapuna, but has really not had a cup preparation. He has not raced beyond a mile. Every horse he will meet has been raced over distances extending from a mile and a-quarter

to two miles, most of them over a mile and a-half to two miles. Lots of people usually regarded as "hard heads" would not have this horse at any price before he started winning. He would not have had his praises sounded from the house-tops had he been beaten in Gisborne or in his next race at Takapuna. In receipt of weight in his first race at Gisborne and weight from everything in his first race at Takapuna (in with the minimum there), what would have been thought of him if he had failed. Was there a lot of merit in his defeat of Ohinewairua and Forest Gold and the rest of the field, giving the one 20lb. and the other about the same in his last race? There certainly appeared to be in the way he defeated them, and the way the race was run. Could either of these horses turned loose win an Auckland Cup over two miles? Could either beat such horses as the three with the minimum weight, viz., Kilgour, Walton, and Blue Cross, let alone Lord Kenilworth, who could, no doubt, present either Ohinewairua or Forest Gold with all Prince Willonyx did over seven furlongs and beat them just as the English horse did?

Prince Willonyx would have had a better show of winning the Auckland Cup if he had been raced over longer distances and thus been got fit to run two miles. He will be a surprising horse should he win on the training and racing he has done. If he should win it will discount the value of all training methods and prove him not only a remarkable horse, but a really good one, which we are inclined to believe he is. All the same, it would take a lot of consideration if he were ours before we would go on with him for an Auckland Cup. We would rather chance a shorter race for a smaller stake and a bit more weight than risk him over two miles. The work he does in the interval will be watched with interest. He is up against a pretty stiff proposition even if it is allowed that he has not so formidable a field as we have seen and that he is in 11b. below Gasbag, a three-year-old not yet a proved top-hole one. It is the value of the stake and the pleasure of winning the first one of such a value that may be influenc-

Notable Performers on the New Zealand Turf — No. 125 : DUO.



A CRACK THREE-YEAR-OLD WHO CLAIMS ENGAGEMENTS IN THE ISLINGTON PLATE AND AUCKLAND PLATE AT ELLERSLIE.—MR. W. F. DESHA'S B G DUO, BY DEMOSTHENES—GOLD BOUND. TRAINED BY W. DONOVAN. DUO has raced with considerable success this season, winning the Wanganui Guineas (one mile), New Zealand Derby Stakes (1½ miles), and the Canterbury Cup (2¼ miles).



ing his owner to start him, but will it be fair to the horse, the only one engaged that has not yet had something like a cup preparation?

First Salute is another cup candidate much in favour. He has done a good deal of racing, but had a good spell off for a time, and came back to form quickly. It will take him all his time to be quite ready, and he has won at a mile and two furlongs and a-half and looked like running on a good deal further when he secured the Alison Cup. Oratress has more weight than she won the New Zealand Cup with, but she has had the preparation, as did Karo last year, who had plenty of racing leading up to her success. From the easy way Karo won she could have carried another 14lb. to victory. Uncle Ned, with 6lb. more than last year, has plenty of weight to carry for a spidery-built customer like he is. He may run up to last year's form, but we know his trainer does not consider him quite so good at the present time as he was then, and has been hesitating about starting him over so long a course under the circumstances. Red Ribbon showed a glimpse of her form by winning the St. Andrew's Handicap at Feilding. She was training on well last year when she collided with a trestle, and that put her out of action for some days at a critical time. She may run a good race, as she did not a previous occasion.

Glen Canny has not had a respite from hard work for months. He worked all through the winter, and the New Zealand Cup was the race he was being got ready for. Shortly before he won the Avondale Cup his work was not impressive, and his southern form and Takapuna form was disappointing. Can he be produced a little over a fortnight hence a good deal better? Tenterfield has had racing to fit him for the task before him. He should master his impost as well as horses like Uncle Ned and First Salute theirs for neither are big. He may be fitter to run out two miles than he was in the New Zealand Cup, though his Metropolitan Handicap running pointed to him as pretty well at the half mile shorter distance, which, despite his second in the Australian Cup with a light impost may be more to his liking. He is one of the wiry kind.

Gasbag there is every reason to believe will be fitter at Ellerslie than he was at Riccarton, where he ran so well. He is a stayer, and from a family of stayers that improve with age. He is the only three-year-old left in, and with 2lb. over weight for age has all he has really earned. Three-year-olds have not won the Auckland Cup so often as the New Zealand Cup has been won by horses of that age, but fewer are set the task, as other prizes are so good. From present indications, Gasbag will be hard worked at the coming meeting. Nestor, St. Hippo, and Welcome Jack each won the Auckland Cup and Great Northern Derby, and Reputation, beaten by that good mare Warstep, was unlucky to have just missed the two-mile race. Woody Glen has shown staying form over the Ellerslie course, and if he is landed at the post right at his best and again well handled he should give a good account of himself, as he is well seasoned. Dusky Eve, on the score of weight, has nothing to complain of. At his best, two miles was a bit far for him, and one does not look for improvement in this free galloper. Johnny Walker is hardly likely to run up to his New Zealand Cup form of three years back, when he was just beaten by Menelaus, his stable companion. His action is against him, and the right-handed way of the course did not appear to suit him when he ran at Ellerslie last. Sunart and Kilgour are in the same interest. The first-named ran a mile and a-half well at the Prince meeting in Canterbury, suffering a head defeat by Royal Star, who he was conceding 12lb. Kilgour went sore before the Canterbury Jockey Club's spring meeting, but managed to win a race there. The better of Mr. McKenzie's pair may run well with their light imposts.

Starland gave promise of making a useful horse when he ran at Ellerslie last, and if he has gone on the right way may yet win a decent stake or two. He has pretensions to staying. Nightraider has been disappointing. Though he has been frequently placed and won but one race last season he ran like a colt that would stay, but lacked in brilliancy. A boy at 69 may not get the best out of him. Walton may possibly be found cap-

able of winning over a distance of ground before the season is out. Blue Cross has had two previous Cup preparations, and has a third to his credit, but is just a bit wanting in class. Lord Kenilworth is the fastest horse engaged, and has such a tempting impost that despite his recent failures over a distance, and since he won at a mile and at a mile and a-quarter at Ellerslie and ran second to Estland in the Derby at the same meeting, beating Vagabond and carrying Estland along for all he was worth, his owner evidently still has hopes of him winning over a long course. He would hardly have left him in otherwise. Oratress, First Salute, Gasbag and Woody Glen at the time of writing appeal to us most.

The Railway Handicap has a decidedly open appearance. Arrow-smith has been set a very severe task with 20lb. over weight for age. Silver Link has 2lb. more than she carried into second place last year. Rossini's brilliancy was undoubted last year, but longer distances than six furlongs were mapped out for him. He has only started once since he ran last year. With 2lb. under w.f.a. he has a fair impost. Gazique has 2lb. more than he ran unplaced with in the same race last year. Humbug is not badly used with 3lb. over w.f.a. Hymestra has 10lb. less than last year, and that he has retained his pace he showed recently at Feilding. Statuette ran well there, too. Chrysoptom may prove very hard to beat, and possibly better than Humbug, in the same ownership. King Abbey can go fast. He had severe calls upon his sprinting ability last year, and under big weights at country meetings. Whether this has taken the edge off his speed remains to be seen. Right and Left may be found running more nearly up to expectations than when chasing Humbug last year. He won at Riccarton, and looks likely to be hard to beat at Te Awamutu. Maioha still shows that he can muster up pace over short courses. Missgold on some of her form looks decidedly well in, and she has run well at Ellerslie. Landslide reads the best of those below, though each of the other seven are brilliant in their class. Golden Bubble, one of them, seems to be very unlucky. How Cantabile's position stands depends upon how the appeal pending is settled. Dovelet can sprint fast, but may be a bit overmatched. Crowhurst is very well just now. Arran races consistently enough, but he probably lacks sufficient dash, and though Tinokaha can go fast and begins well it is questionable whether he is quite good enough. Miss Mimic was affected in the wind when we last saw her, and she was amongst the "also started" lot last year. Chrysoptom, Humbug, Rossini, and the best of Mr. Kembal's pair—Missgold and Hymestra—it will be interesting to see in action, to say nothing of the others.

## FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB.

### SPRING MEETING.

#### GOOD RACING AND BIG DIVIDENDS.

#### GLOAMING'S BRILLIANT FORM.

(From Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

The Feilding Jockey Club's spring meeting was held on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, and on both days the weather was fine and the attendance very large. The rain on Monday had made the course a trifle dead for the opening day, but on Wednesday the track was in splendid order. The racing right through was very interesting, and Mr. J. E. Henrys, the veteran handicapper, had so well concealed the winners that big dividends were the rule on the opening day, which was not a good day for punters. Only one first favourite—Gloaming—scored on the first day, and that gelding and Borealis were the only ones to win on Wednesday.

The management of the sport throughout was excellent, thanks to the good work done by Secretary Ed. Goodbehere and his staff. The improvements effected to the course and the grounds have already been noted, but it must be said that they were greatly admired, while the new electric totalisator gave complete satisfaction and enabled the various races to be got off right up to time. The new entrance to the course is one of the principal improvements, and it will be very pretty later on when the flowers and shrubs are seen to advantage. The club must be con-

gratulated on the improvements, which are on an elaborate scale and will tend to still further popularise the Feilding meetings. Speculation throughout the two days was very brisk, the sum of £44,740 being put through the machine on the first day and £45,853 on Wednesday, making a total of £90,593 for the meeting, a large increase over last year's figures. The club should make a handsome profit over the meeting, which will give them funds with which to complete improvements now being carried out.

On the first day, Mr. R. H. Skipwith's starting was not as good as it might have been, but on the Wednesday he did better. The large fields on the first day and the very close finishes caused some confusion to the judge, Mr. J. Cameron, but on the second day he was in much better form.

Gloaming won the Feilding Stakes and the Oroua Stakes with the greatest of ease, being much too brilliant for the crowd opposed to him. Red Ribbon won the St. Andrew's Handicap in fine style, while the big money on the second day went to Depredation after a ding-dong battle over the last half-mile with Marquetteur and Dusky Eve.

Client shaped well on the first day, but appeared to be feeling the effects of that race on the Wednesday. He will probably do much better later on. Acre was looking on the big side, and will require some racing yet to get back to his best form.

### FIRST DAY.

#### RED RIBBON WINS ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP.

Proceedings opened with the Waituna Hurdles, for which seven went to the post, Maniahere, on the strength of his Trentham form, being the one most fancied by backers, Mattock ruling as second in demand. Tempo was out in front in the early stages, and then the favourite took charge, but Manhattan and Mattock were in the lead seven furlongs from home, the favourite dropping out of it. Mattock was well handled by A. McDonald, and had the race in safe keeping over the last five furlongs, winning by four lengths from Manhattan, with Tempo a long way back, third. Pauerewere was fourth.

The great field of 27 lined up in the Trial Plate, and there were several brackets, of whom Maropa and Red Bob were entrusted with most money. The winner turned up in the three-year-old filly Hallowroz (by Hallowmas), which was out in front early and stayed there, though Miss Elva finished well and was only a neck away. The winner and runner-up were bracketed on the machine. Merry Queen, a three-year-old filly by Merry Moment, might have won had she not been blocked at the bend. She looks like turning out well. The lucky backers of Hallowroz and Miss Elva got a big price.

The five acceptors went to the post in the St. Andrew's Handicap, Tenterfield being sorted out as the most likely winner by backers, though Client got strong support. The last-named had to make the pace, as none of the others seemed anxious to force matters. The son of Elevation kept command all the way until about fifty yards from the post, where Red Ribbon came with a rattle and cut down the topweight, Depredation being next and the favourite last. The winner was backed for a lot of money away from the course, being sent out early in the morning by a cunning crowd coupled with Chimera for the flying, but the last-named could only get second, and the good thing came undone.

Despite the fact that he had top weight, Warrawee was the most solidly backed of the seventeen starters in the Kowhai Handicap, but he had to be content with fourth honours. The winner proved to be Beloved, the five-year-old daughter of Gazeley getting away better than anything except Valdina, and had the race won at the bottom of the straight, but was driven along right to the post, getting home by a dozen lengths from Valdina. Blackhead's number was hoisted second at first, then 22 was substituted, and finally 23 went up, to the relief of Valdina's backers. Both first and second paid big prices.

Chimera carried more money than Mr. W. R. Kembal's pair, Missgold and Dunedin, in the Flying Handicap, which looked a good thing for the favourite a furlong from home, but Nursing Sister finished very strongly and got the verdict by a length from Chimera, with Missgold third and Sweet Memory fourth. Acre looked as if he would be all the better for a race or two, but this is not surpris-

ing since it was his first race for the season, and he is a gross horse which needs racing into condition. Astinome got away badly, while Simonides was left at the post.

It scarcely need be said that Gloaming was made a hot favourite in the Feilding Stakes, for which seven started, Listowel being next in demand. The favourite had no difficulty in winning, Hymestra finishing fast and cutting Silver Link out of second money, with Listowel next. The last-named did not show the dash expected of him, otherwise he ought to have run second.

Borealis was made a slightly better favourite than Amber Tips in the Fitzroy Hack, for which a big field started. Canyon led to the straight, where Admyra got up and looked a likely winner, when Namur joined issue. The Strowan mare managed to get her head in front of Admyra as they flashed past the post, with Amberine only a neck away, and Canyon next. Amber Tips was never prominent.

Fifteen contested the Kiwitea Welter, for which Matatane was the popular pick, though Raceful and Hurry Up were well backed, with Jutland next in demand. Kipling began well, and was going so nicely at the half-distance that it looked as if he was going to break his run of bad luck. Idle Talk ran up to the leader before the straight was reached and then took command, with several close up. Jutland went after Idle Talk, and a fine finish was fought out, the son of Advance winning by a head, with Simon, who came fast, third, and Railand fourth.

The results were:—

WAITUNA HURDLES HANDICAP of 300sovs. One mile and three-quarters.  
2—J. B. Gaisford's b g Mattock, aged, by Martello—Itopo mare, 9.8 (A. McDonald) ..... 1  
7—T. E. Welch's b g Manhattan, 9.4 (McKinnon) ..... 2  
3—F. Tilley's b g Tempo, 9.0 (Lambess) ..... 3  
Also started: 4 Lord Nagar 11.8 (Preston), 1 Maniahere 10.11 (Kaan), 5 Goldstream 10.3 (Burt), 6 Pauerewere 9.0 (McMullan).

Won by four lengths, ten lengths between second and third. Pauerewere was fourth. Time, 3min. 28sec.

AORANGI TRIAL PLATE of 200sovs. Weight 8.0. Five furlongs and a-half.  
9—J. M. Durie's b m Hallowroz, 3 yrs, by Hallowmas—Meroz (C. Reed) ..... 1  
9—S. Fisher's blk m Miss Fisher (R. Reed) ..... 2  
2—A. Atwood's ch f Merry Queen (W. Young) ..... 3  
Hallowroz and Miss Elva were bracketed on the totalisator.

Also started: 4 Mida (M. McCarten), 11 La Paloma (M. McDonald), 12 Prudent Lad (Bagby), 17 Erin's Isle (Rutherford), 18 Lenatta (Corlett), 3 Top Dog (B. Morris), 8 Stylish Lady (Ware), 5 Siberian (Tucker), 16 Sprinkle (A. Reed), 7 Sandy Macdonald (Barry), 6 Theic (E. Manson), 1 Maropa (A. McDonald) and Red Bob (Murtagh) bracketed, 15 Gamboola (McLean), 10 Dignity (Gray) and Te Kaha (Robinson) bracketed, 13 Golden Vi (Deeley) and Western Boom (Rowlands) bracketed, 14 Marthon (Leur) and Lady Pat (Anderson), 19 Glenmai (Gunn) and Springtide (Griffiths) bracketed, 20 Coronta (Con Reed), 21 Birkwick (Ayer).

Won by a head, a similar distance between second and third. Gamboola was fourth. Time, 1min. 11 1/5-sec.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP of 700 sovs. One mile and a-half.

3—F. Dorset's ch m Red Ribbon, aged, by Elevation—Blue Ribbon, 9.0 (Deeley) ..... 1  
2—F. Tilley's ch g Client, 9.2 (M. McCarten) ..... 2  
5—R. Barlow's b h Depredation, 8.8 (Olson) ..... 3

Also started: 1 Tenterfield 8.13 (J. O'Shea), 4 Marquetteur 8.12 (Gray).  
Won by half a length, a neck between second and third. Marquetteur was fourth. Time, 2min. 42 2/5-sec.

KOWHAI HACK HANDICAP of 200 sovs. Seven furlongs.

5—T. Bevan's ch m Beloved, 5yrs, by Gazeley—Hinemahura, 7.2 (Blanche) ..... 1  
13—A. J. Hughes' b m Valdina, 6.12 (Hare) ..... 2  
6—C. Erickson's b m Sweet Song, 7.11 (Corkhill) ..... 3

Also started: 1 Warrawee 9.1 (Bagby), 4 Blackhead 8.0 (Gunn), 7 War Baby 8.5 (Toms), 9 Prodigal 8.5 (Tucker), 12 Mimira 8.0 (Edgecombe), 2 All Cerise 7.11 (McCormack), 3 Pente 7.2 (R. Morris), 8 White Hope 7.2 (A. Griffiths), 11 Kyoto 7.1 (Murtagh), 14 Vagrancepiece 6.13 (Ryder), 10 Velociform 6.12 (Cochrane), 16 Mangawai 6.12 (Holmes), 15 Bombala 6.12 (Rutherford) and Eldenholm 6.12 (Anderson) bracketed.

Won by ten lengths, half a length between second and third. Warrawee was fourth. Time, 1min. 30sec.

FLYING HANDICAP of 400sovs. Six furlongs.

5—D. O'Reilly's br m Nursing Sister, 4yrs, by Solferino—Miss Dalrymple, 8.5 (A. Reed) ..... 1  
1—C. F. Vallance's br m Chimera, 8.11 (Deeley) ..... 2  
2—W. R. Kembal's b m Missgold, 8.4 (J. O'Shea) ..... 3

Also started: 4 Acre 8.13 (M. McCarten), 2 Dunedin 8.1 (Tucker) coupled with Missgold, 8 Simonides 8.4 (Goldfinch), 3 Sweet Memory 7.13 (R. Reed), 6 Astinome 7.8 (Kitchener), 7 Bonny Briar 6.7 (Anderson).

Won by a length, a similar distance between second and third. Sweet Memory was fourth. Time, 1min. 15 4/5-sec.



FIFTEENTH FEILDING STAKES of 500sovs. Weight for age. Five furlongs.

- 1—G. D. Greenwood's b g Gloaming, 5yrs, by The Welkin—Light, 9.4 (Deeley) 1
4—W. R. Kembal's ch h Hymestra, 9.1 (J. O'Shea) 2
2—A. Alexander's br m Silver Link, 8.10 (McFlinn) 3
Also started: 4 Weldone 8.2 (Tucker) bracketed with Hymestra, 5 Listowel 8.12 (Robinson), 3 American Beauty 8.9 (Gray), 6 Panache 6.6 (Anderson).
Won easily by a length, two lengths separating second and third. Listowel was fourth. Time, 1min. 2 3-5sec.

FITZROY HACK HANDICAP of 200 sovs. Six furlongs.

- 10—A. G. Havill's b m Namur, aged, by Strowan—Country Boy mare, 7.2 (Ryder) 1
5—L. G. Paul's ch m Admyra, 8.8 (Rayner) 2
6—S. J. Gibbons' b m Amberine, 8.13 (Gray) 3
Also started: 3 Hymarty 9.5 (E. Manson), 12 Asterina 9.1 (Ware), 8 Voluble 8.13 (Goldfinch), 1 Borealis 8.11 (W. Young), 11 Parorangi 8.7 (M. McCarten), 7 Empyrean 8.7 (Robinson), 9 Big Push 8.2 (Barry), 4 Canyon 8.1 (M. McDonald), 2 Amber Tips 7.12 (Tucker), 13 Prince Martian 7.8 (Bagby), 14 Bell o' the Camp 6.11 (Corkhill).
Won by a head, a neck between second and third. Canyon was fourth. Time, 1min. 17 1-5sec.

KIWITEA WELTER HANDICAP of 350sovs. One mile and 54 yards.

- 4—Jas. Campion's blk g Jutland, 6 yrs, by Advance—Brown Spec., 9.1 (Deeley) 1
14—Miss G. Barrett's b m Idle Talk, 7.11 (Tucker) 2
5—M. F. Bradley's b g Simon, 8.5 (B. Morris) 3
Also started: 10 Maioha 9.13 (R. Reed), 9 Nobleman 9.9 (Hatch), 1 Matatane 9.2 (Lowe), 3 Moutoa Ivanova 8.13 (McFlinn), 6 Rose Queen 8.12 (Rayner), 2 Raceful 8.12 (J. O'Shea), 13 Arrowfield 8.11 (M. McCarten), 8 Hurry Up 8.9 (Gray), 11 Seasprite 8.4 (A. Reed), 12 Kipling 8.4 (L. Morris), 7 Sir Fanciful 8.3 (W. Young), 15 Rail and 8.1 (E. Manson).
Won by a head, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min. 47 4-5 sec.

CONCLUDING DAY.

DEPREDAATION WINS MANCHESTER HANDICAP.

Racing on the second day opened with the Cheltenham Hurdles, and on the strength of his win on the first day Mattock was made a better favourite than Tempo, with Manhattan the most fancied of the others, but not one of the three mentioned got into a place. Vigilo won comfortably at the end from Whetoki. Neither of these two had started on the first day. Tempo again ran badly, though his track work had pointed to him as a very likely winner.

Missgold and Trespass between them carried more money than Chimera in the York Handicap, for which a dozen started. Maioha and Astinome led in turn, and then Listowel took charge, but Chimera and Missgold raced to the front at the distance, Chimera scoring a nice win, with Admyra close up, third, and Croesus fourth.

There was a big dividend in the Novice Stakes, for which 21 started. Minsk, a six-year-old mare by Martian, hopped out smartly, got a break on the field and led all the way, winning nicely from Stylish Lady, Miss Elva and Golden Vi following in order.

Marquetteur carried most money in the Manchester Handicap, Client being the next in demand. Tenterfield led from Dusky Eve right to the five-furlong post, where Depredation displaced Tenterfield, but Marquetteur put in his claim, while Dusky Eve closed up. A great finish saw Depredation prevail by a neck, with Dusky Eve third, a head away, and then came Client. The last-named did not appear to have benefited by the first day's race. As a matter of fact, he looked to be knocked out.

Borealis won the Nikau Hack from a large field in fine style. He was a good favourite, and well handled by W. Young he caught Blackhead, Namur and American Beauty in the straight, going on to score in attractive style from Beloved and Namur. Amberine finished fourth.

Gloaming beat seven others very easily in the Oroua Stakes. Mockery bolted twice before the start. Sweet Memory showed the way to Statuette and Gloaming to the top of the straight, where the crack went to the front and won as he liked from Statuette, which finished fast and cut Sweet Memory out of second money. Acre was fourth. The last-named will take some racing yet to bring him back to his best.

Voluble was a strong order for the Rongotea Hack, and the Mystification gelding had the race practically in his keeping half-way up the straight, where his rider (H. Goldfinch) was taking things easy when H. Gray brought Prodigal with a rattle and the favourite got beaten a head. Warrawee ran into third place, and Mangawai was fourth. H. Goldfinch was subsequently suspended for a

period of 14 days for the careless handling of his mount.

A very successful meeting was brought to a close by the decision of the Empire Welter, for which nine started, Simon being the popular pick. The winner proved to be Raceful, ridden by J. O'Shea, the Martian colt beating Moutoa Ivanova by a narrow margin, with Rose Queen and Simon close up.

The results were:—

- CHELTENHAM HURDLES HANDICAP of 250sovs. One mile and a-half.
4—T. W. Hickey's b g Vigilo, aged, by San Fran—Basilisk, 9.8 (McBrearty) 1
8—R. Richardson's ch g Whetoki, 9.0 (Wallace Young) 2
5—W. R. Kembal's b g Lord Nagar, 11.9 (Preston) 3
Also started: 1 Mattock 11.1 (A. McDonald), 7 Goldstream 10.6 (Burt), 3 Manhattan 9.13 (McKinnon), 2 Tempo 9.9 (Lambess), 6 Pawerewere 9.3 (McMullan), 9 Bombala 9.0 (McSweeney).
Won by three lengths. Pawerewere was fourth. Time, 2min. 50 2-5sec.

- YORK HANDICAP of 300sovs. Seven furlongs.
2—C. F. Vallance's br m Chimera, 6yrs, by Finland—Landrail, 9.1 (Deeley) 1
1—W. R. Kembal's b m Missgold, 8.3 (Tucker) 2
5—L. G. Paul's ch m Admyra, 7.3 (McCormack) 3
Also started: 1 Trespass 8.11 (J. O'Shea) bracketed with Missgold, 3 Maioha 8.9 (R. Reed), 4 Listowel 8.6 (Robinson), 11 Simontides 8.3 (Goldfinch), 7 Croesus 7.11 (A. Reed), 8 Astinome 7.5 (Kitchener), 6 Idle Talk 6.13 (Ryder), 10 Kipling 6.13 (Gunn), 9 Gold Problem 6.7 (Blanche).
Won by a length. Croesus was fourth. Time, 1min. 29 1-5sec.

- NOVICE STAKES of 200sovs. Weight, 8.8. Five furlongs and a-half.
9—F. Attfield's b m Minsk, 6yrs, by Martian—Stephanie (C. Reed) 1
10—F. J. Lysnar's br m Stylish Lady (Were) 2
5—S. Fisher's blk m Miss Elva (R. Reed) 3
Also started: 13 Achillion (Bell), 8 Aphrodisia (Lowe) and Gamboola (McLean) bracketed, 18 Birkwick (Hare), 4 Festive (Gray), 12 Golden Vi (Deeley), 16 Glenmai (Robinson), 17 Lenatta (Corlett), 14 La Paloma (M. McDonald), 1 Merry Queen (W. Young), 6 Mida (M. McCarten), 11 Princess Marlon (McFlinn), 19 Marthon (Lewer), 15 Brudent Lad (Bagby), 7 Top Dog (B. Morris), 3 Theic (E. Manson), 20 Western Boom (Goldfinch), 2 Ranglata (A. Reed).

- MANCHESTER HANDICAP of 400sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
4—R. Barlow's b h Depredation, aged, by Campfire—Gosling, 8.7 (Goldfinch) 1
1—F. Besley's ch g Marquetteur, 8.10 (Gray) 2
6—H. M. Campbell's b g Dusky Eve, 8.3 (McLean) 3
Also started: 2 Client 9.6 (M. McCarten), 3 Tenterfield 8.9 (Tucker) and Bonnetter 8.9 (J. O'Shea) bracketed, 5 Lovematch 8.9 (Lowe).
Won by a neck, a head between second and third. Client was fourth. Time, 2min. 11 3-5sec.

- NIKAU HACK HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs.
1—F. R. Waller's b g Borealis, 5yrs, by California—Austerlitz, 8.9 (W. Young) 1
10—A. G. Havill's b m Namur, 8.2 (Ryder) 2
2—T. Bevan's ch m Beloved, 8.2 (L. Morris) 3
Also started: 5 Hymarty 9.5 (E. Manson), 6 Amberine 9.4 (Gray), 4 American Beauty 8.12 (Robinson), 3 Blackhead 8.6 (M. McCarten) and Sandy Macdonald 6.12 (Gunn), 11 Hallowroz 7.13 (C. Reed), 8 Amber Tips 7.12 (Hare), 7 Maropa 7.7 (McCormack), 9 Pente 7.5 (R. Morris), 12 Siberian 7.0 (Kitchener), 13 Velociform 6.12 (R. Reed), 15 Bell o' the Camp 6.12 (Blanche), 14 Lady Pat 6.12 (Anderson).

- OROUA STAKES of 350sovs. Weight for age. Five furlongs and a-half.
1—G. D. Greenwood's b g Gloaming, 5yrs, by The Welkin—Light, 9.8 (Deeley) 1
6—G. D. Beatson's br m Statuette, 8.10 (Bell) 2
5—J. E. Fitzgerald's br m Sweet Memory, 8.10 (Gray) 3
Also started: 4 Acre 9.1 (M. McCarten), 2 Hymestra 9.1 (J. O'Shea) and Weldone 8.4 (Tucker) bracketed, 3 Silver Link 8.10 (McFlinn), 7 Mockery 6.4 (Hare).
Won by three lengths, a neck between second and third. Acre was fourth. Time, 1min. 8 2-5sec.

- RONGOTEA HACK HANDICAP of 200 sovs. One mile and 54 yards.
4—R. Barlow's b h Prodigal, 4yrs, by Sutala or Danube—Lady Wayward, 8.3 (Gray) 1
1—R. Grant's br g Voluble, 9.5 (Goldfinch) 2
3—A. J. Peachey's b g Warrawee, 8.13 (Bagby) 3
Also started: 5 Rebuff 8.1 (Tucker), 7 Mimire 8.0 (Deeley), 2 All Cerise 7.10 (R. Reed), 8 White Hope 7.8 (Griffiths), 6 Passenger 7.0 (Corkhill), 9 Vagrancepiece 7.0 (Ryder), 10 Mangawai 7.0 (R. Morris).

- EMPIRE WELTER HANDICAP of 250 sovs. One mile and a distance.
4—W. R. Kembal's b c Raceful, 3 yrs, by Martian—Rose Red, 8.10 (J. O'Shea) 1
3—F. S. Easton's br m Moutoa Ivanova, 8.11 (McFlinn) 2
8—G. M. Currie's br m Rose Queen, 8.10 (Rayner) 3
Also started: 2 Jutland 9.12 (Deeley), 9 Arrowfield 8.9 (M. McCarten), 1 Simon 8.7 (B. Morris), 5 Hurry Up 8.7 (Gray), 6 Railand 7.13 (E. Manson), 7 Tiranga 7.12 (Barry).

Won by a neck. Simon was fourth. Time, 1min. 57 2-6sec.

INTERPROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

WELLINGTON.

Wairarapa R.C.'s Improvements to Course—Notes on the Feilding J.C.'s Meeting—Dannevirke R.C.'s Summer Fixture Arousing Keen Interest—Red Ribbon's Auckland Cup Engagement—Death of a Valuable Filly.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Visitors to Tauherenikau for the summer meeting of the Wairarapa Racing Club, which takes place at the New Year, will appreciate the improvements that have been carried out since the last fixture. The lawn alongside the saddling paddock has been graded back on a gradual slope twenty-four feet to the lawn level. This will enable several rows of people to view the horses parade in the saddling paddock without craning their necks to see over the heads of those more fortunately placed on the fence. The innovation will prove a boon, and it will occasion no surprise to find other clubs adopting a similar plan. The course proper is in splendid racing condition, having been disced and rolled by Caretaker Blake, who for several years looked after the Trentham racecourse, where he gained much valuable experience.

A. Jackson, who some years back was in the forefront of trainers and owners through his association with Roosevelt, Coromandel, John, and other horses that he trained and raced, has set up in business again at Normanby. Among the horses which Jackson has in training are Valdina (St. Paul—Vivacity), who, by the way, returned her few supporters a substantial two-figure dividend for running second in the Kowhai Hack Handicap at the Feilding meeting last week; Otanga, Lady Paula, Country Air, and Riki. Several additions to the team are expected in the near future. Jackson has some excellent material to work on, and he should certainly be doing several of his clients some useful service during the holiday racing campaign at New Plymouth and Stratford.

H. McSweeney, the Trentham hurdle horseman, who is riding in fine form this season, was responsible for a good display of horsemanship on Bombala, a useful sort of a hurdler, at Feilding. This mare gave an excellent showing, and later on should assuredly fare well in her efforts over the obstacles.

Manhattan gave two curious displays at Feilding. The gelding was always amongst the leaders on the opening day and ran a creditable second, returning a good price, whereas on the concluding day the horse was never prominent and finished a long way behind the placed division.

Goldstream ran a surprisingly good race in the Waituna Hurdles at Feilding, in which he finished fourth. The gelding still retains his robust constitution, and there appears every probability of this hurdler doing his veteran Porirua owner-trainer, Mr. J. H. Prosser, some useful service in the near future.

Owners and trainers should not overlook the fact that acceptances for the Dannevirke Racing Club's summer meeting, to be held on Wednesday of next week, close with the secretary, Mr. Walter Dobson, at Dannevirke, at 8 p.m. on Friday next (December 10). The club are making every effort to ensure the success of their one-day fixture, and there is every indication of their efforts meeting with every appreciation by racegoers, who always roll up in big numbers at Tamaki.

The Foxton Racing Club have drawn up a splendid programme for their annual meeting, which takes place on January 22 and 24. The Foxton Cup is endowed with 500sovs., while the President's Handicap, on the second day, carries with it £350. There is no race worth less than 150sovs. The go-ahead policy adopted by the club is sure to meet with approval from owners and trainers, who always patronise the Foxton meetings on a liberal scale.

Manhattan (10.4) is not badly treated in the Glengary Hurdles at Dannevirke, while Powder King (9.6) has a good private reputation as a hurdler. Hymarty and Handy read a likely pair to run with some prominence in the Otanga Handicap at Dannevirke.

Both horses have something to recommend them in the galloping line.

Dissertation is fast coming up to concert pitch at Woodville. This two-year-old claims an engagement in the Tiratu Juvenile Stakes at Dannevirke, as does another promising sort in an unnamed filly by Demosthenes—Rose Shield. The latter is owned by Messrs. Dwan Bros., of Wellington.

The distance of the Dannevirke Handicap (1 1/4 miles) should suit Ben Bolt to a nicety. The gelding was seen finishing very fast in the Fendalton Handicap at Riccarton, and he may be seen to better advantage next week. Another useful candidate that can go the distance is Warrawee, who is credited with being capable of picking up a decent handicap in the near future.

Mumble is coming on with every gallop, and it would occasion no surprise to find this grey galloper faring well at Dannevirke. The gelding claims an engagement in the Tamaki Hack Handicap, while another useful one is Probate, who is very fit at present.

In Vasilkov, Missmaid and Explorer Mr. W. R. Kembal is well represented in the Oringi Welter at Dannevirke. The "elect" on the day should come in for spirited support.

Stylish Lady is engaged in two events at Dannevirke. This Demosthenes—Iney mare can gallop to some purpose.

Mr. F. Dorset informed the writer at Feilding that Red Ribbon would take her place in the field for the Auckland Cup. Mr. Dorset has already won an Auckland Cup with the aid of Sir Solo, and history may repeat itself in this year's race.

Attached to A. D. Webster's stable at Otaki is a promising lightweight rider in H. E. Ryder, a son of well-known residents of Petone, who gives decided promise of becoming an accomplished horseman. Ryder, who is 20 years of age, was responsible for a particularly well-timed race on Namur when that mare won on the opening day at Feilding and returned her supporters the largest dividend at the meeting.

Mr. F. S. Easton, the well-known Foxton sportsman, suffered a severe loss last week when his three-year-old filly by All Red from Lady Moutoa succumbed from internal inflammation. The youngster was a particularly promising sort and gave indications of developing into a typical racer.

WAIRARAPA.

Affection Coming Back to Form—Valuable Addition to P. Hazleman's Team—Snub Reported to Have Broken Down—Mr. W. R. Kembal's Railway Handicap Candidates—Roseberry's Promising Prospects Over Hurdles—Success of Wairarapa Horses at Feilding J.C.'s Meeting.

MASTERTON, Saturday.

Matatua is to be given schooling over the hurdles, and Trainer Garrett has hopes that the son of Birkenhead—Sunbonnet will turn out another Sir Solo.

Among the improvements to be carried out at the Wairarapa Racing Club's course is a tier over the judge's box, to be used by the stipendiary steward on race days.

Affection is fast coming back to form, and has been standing up to his work well at Opaki. The four-year-old son of Kilbroney will probably make his reappearance at the Manawatu R.C.'s summer meeting at the end of the month.

Elcullus is going along nicely in his work, and Mr. C. Oliver's gelding is one that is sure to pay his way this season. B. Burgess has plenty of racing condition on the son of Lucullus—Eldreda just now.

Probate is one of the Tauherenikau-trained horses who is showing marked improvement in her track essays. W. Galbraith is taking the mare to the Woodville meeting.

The two-year-old Merry Day, in W. Garrett's stable, is not being hurried, and is not likely to race before the Wairarapa meeting on New Year's Day. The daughter of Merry Moments—Labour Day can go fast over a few furlongs.

W. Hawthorne's team for the Auckland R.C.'s summer meeting will

probably be as follows: Hymestra, Trespass, Tenterfield, Missgold, Wel-done, Missanna, Rekanui, Mill o' Gowrie, and Bonnetter.

Sir Walter is settling down more in his track work, and Mr. Dorset's gelding is one of the attractive-looking horses at Opaki. He is not being given very much fast work, but will come to hand as soon as the finishing touches are put on.

Prudent Lad (Prudent King—Lady Lamasol) is one of Mr. McDonald's horses at Opaki for which a good word is spoken. The gelding has raced a few times, and is looking in fine trim just now.

Lady General has finished her racing career, and has visited Sir Knox. This mare won several good races for T. Higgins over a six-furlong course, and has been successful in the open sprint events at Manawatu, Wanganui, and Opaki, besides several smaller races. During the past twelve months she showed no form at all.

The youngsters which Messrs. Kemball and McDonald purchased at the Christchurch sales are a very likely-looking lot, and it will be surprising if the Masterton sportsmen do not get a good return for their money next season.

The Featherston trainer P. Hazleman is getting a nice team together, the latest addition to the stable being a yearling colt by Martian—Rose Red, for which he gave 850 guineas at the Christchurch sales. The youngster has arrived at his new home at Tauherenikau, and is a compact, racy-looking sort, greatly resembling his full-brother Raceful. It is understood that Hazleman was acting on behalf of the Wellington lady who already owns most of the horses in the stable. The Featherston mentor is likely to have another one or two youngsters under his care in the near future, as his patron is giving him practically a free hand to pick up some promising juveniles. Although the stable has not had a great deal of success so far this season, the inmates are a very promising lot, and it is quite safe to say that before the present season ends Hazleman will lead in quite a few winners.

Several Wairarapa-trained horses competed at the Ashhurst-Pohangina meeting, but the only one to win a race was O'Rane, who registered his third successive win. L. A. Crawford has the gelding very well at present, and as he is a natural jumper he should account for some good races this season. Vasilkov and Rekanui were expected to run well in their engagements, but the sharp turns were against a long-striding horse like Vasilkov. They both have been responsible for pleasing work on the track lately. T. Higgins intended taking Scornful and Timidity to the meeting, but was unable to secure a suitable rider, and left the horses in their box.

During his recent visit to Fiji Mr. Fred Jensen, the well-known Masterton owner, donated a trophy for one of the events on the programme at a race meeting held there. He was not impressed with the conduct of the meeting at Fiji, and the class of horses competing were very second-rate.

J. T. Jamieson is taking Tommy Rot, Kiltimo, and Bonnie Rose to the Woodville and Dannevirke meetings. The trio are all two-year-olds, and have been responsible for some serviceable work on the tracks lately.

Vasilkov is to be tried over a distance in future, and the half-brother to Sasanof is to compete in the Dannevirke Handicap (1¼ miles). The gelding has not shown much form so far this season, but he is a very gross horse, and will improve with the racing he has had lately.

S. Pinkerton has at present under his care a full-sister to Vitella (Hallowmas—Vite). Black Hill, which was trained and owned by the same mentor, is still running out in the paddock, and it is unlikely that he will be persevered with.

Snub has broken down, and is not likely to be seen out again for some considerable time. The gelding has been a good stake earner since being purchased by Mr. Kemball, and it is to be hoped that the injury will not be of a permanent nature.

Sir Wai is still on the easy list, and R. Knox does not intend giving him much work for some time to come. The son of Sir Knox—Kakawai is still a maiden, and although at times he showed a lot of pace in his track work he did not do so well with the colours up.

Although W. Hawthorne has only been training for Mr. W. R. Kemball a matter of three years, he has led in the winner of the Railway Handicap

at Auckland on two occasions. Hymestra ran a dead-heat with King Lupin three years ago, and Na'na was successful the year following. The stable will again be represented in the event on Boxing Day, Hymestra and Missgold both figuring in the list of acceptors.

Sir Solo is again off the training track, and the trouble this time is in the front leg. It would appear that W. Garrett will have some difficulty in getting the old fellow to stand up to another preparation, and the son of Sir Laddo—Wepener may be retired from the race track, where he did so well.

Mr. Kemball's team will be divided during the Christmas holidays. W. Hawthorne will be at Auckland, B. Burgess at Manawatu, while J. Prendergast will take several horses to the Wairarapa meeting.

R. Knox has at present in work a promising type of hurdler in Roseberry (Sir Knox—Merrie Rose), which the veteran trainer hopes will turn out a good one before the present season ends. In his efforts over the schooling fences Roseberry has shown both pace and ability to negotiate the fences, and he has only to keep sound to win a good race or two.

Little River is at present having an easy time, and has lightened up a lot since returning from Riccarton. Mr. Vallance had high hopes of the gelding turning out a good three-year-old, but so far this season he has not shown the same promise as when successful in the Sires' Produce Stakes at Manawatu in the autumn. However, after a short spell J. Gravestock hopes to have the son of Martian—Blue Lake back to winning form.

The Masterton-trained horses which assisted at the Feilding meeting had a successful time. Red Ribbon accounted for the St. Andrew's Handicap, which was her only start. Chimera was successful in the Flying Handicap on the second day, after filling second place the day previous. Raceful showed he is coming back to form by his win in the Empire Welter, and others in the same stable to get into the money were Lord Nagar (third), Missgold (second and third), and Hymestra, the latter beating all but Gloaming in the Feilding Stakes. The wins of Red Ribbon and Chimera were anticipated by Masterton sports, and a good deal of money came to the town in consequence. It is Mr. Dorset's present intention to send Red Ribbon north to contest the Auckland Cup, and Chimera will be taken to Manawatu for the sprint events.

Mr. C. J. Carlyon, secretary of the Wairarapa Racing Club, reports that enquiries already received for boxes at Tauherenikau for the club's New Year meeting are well above those of previous years, and everything points to this year's gathering being a record one for the club. A unique improvement which is at present being carried out on the course is the digging out of two feet of the lawn, which is to be bevelled back on a gradual slope to the lawn level. By this means several rows of people will be enabled to see the horses parading in the paddock without craning their necks to see over the heads of those by the fence. Caretaker Blake reports the course in first-class order, and with an assured large attendance on the holiday the club's officials are looking forward to the best meeting held on the course.

## WANGANUI.

Client's Form at Feilding—Dusky Eve Shows Up Well—Crucelle to be Taken to Taranaki J.C.'s Christmas Meeting.

WANGANUI, Monday.

Client ran a good race the first day at Feilding, but that effort, instead of improving him as was expected, evidently took something out of the son of Elevation, as he did not run nearly so well on the second day. However, he is looking very well, and he is sure to have benefited by the racing last week. He will probably show much improvement at Awapuni, where he will contest the Cup. Isabel, in the same stable, is also engaged in the big money at the Manawatu meeting.

Warrawee is looking none the worse for his racing at Feilding, where he ran third each day. He will most likely contest the Dannevirke Handicap, in which he has 7.0, and should run a good race.

J. Peachey, who trains Warrawee, also has Bold Boy in work. The last-named has had a long spell and is very big on it, but appears to be sound.

Dusky Eve ran so well at Feilding that he is expected to be hard to beat at Woodville. If he is taken north for the Auckland Cup, the son of Signor will probably show that he is not yet a back number.

All Cerise did not run up to expectations at Feilding, but the All Black filly should not be long in winning another race for T. Long.

Tempo did not show the dash expected of him at Feilding in the hurdle races. It looks as if the son of Maniapo'o does much better in private than when the colours are up. He was backed very confidently on both days last week.

Listowel performed disappointingly at Feilding and appears to have temporarily lost his form. However, a few days' spell will probably freshen the son of Absurd up.

Rouen is likely to be a warm favourite for the Oete Handicap at the Woodville meeting. He is expected to show much better form there than he did at Ashurst, as he has improved in the meanwhile.

The Wanganui horses which competed at Feilding did no good. Warrawee (two thirds) ran consistently, as did also Admyra, which filly is evidently coming back to her best form, and in that case she will only need to keep sound to win a race or two shortly.

Crucelle has been in steady work at Waverley since the Labour Day meeting, and will be taken to New Plymouth for the Christmas Handicap most likely, though she is also in the big events at the Manawatu meeting.

## CANTERBURY.

The Methven R.C.'s Annual Fixture—Notes on the Racing—Warlike's Brilliant Victory in Cup.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

There was a very large attendance at the Methven Racing Club's annual meeting on Thursday, and the sport provided was of a most entertaining nature. Owing to the special passenger and horse trains being nearly an hour and a-half late, the first race was put back from noon to 1.15 p.m. This prejudiced the success of the gathering, Christchurch visitors not reaching home till 11 o'clock. In the absence of Mr. A. G. Wood through illness the starting was entrusted to Mr. W. B. Freeman, but his efforts at the barrier were not over successful. Backers of favourites had a bad time, not a single one coming to their rescue, but those who supported second favourites collected six dividends out of the eight events.

Though Endure was saddled up for the Mount Harding Hurdles, no rider could be obtained for him and he was withdrawn, the investments on him being returned. Vice Regal was in charge all the way and won easily by three lengths from Mandrake. The winner was evidently all the better for his race at Timaru, but his jumping was not too clean. For a first attempt Mandrake gave a promising display and will be all the better for his experience. When looking to have fair prospects, Stray-shot ran out at one of the hurdles, and jumped the wing, losing several lengths, while Good Hope broke down badly.

The Methven Cup produced one of the finest races ever seen on the course. Royal Mac and Greek Son showed the way past the stand, with Nightraider already tailing off. Racing along the back, Warlike improved his position, and a quarter of a mile from home was just behind the leading pair. At the distance Greek Son had Royal Mac's measure, and there Warlike put in his claim. Staying on better than Greek Son, Warlike got up in the last few strides to win by a neck. It was a fine performance on the winner's part and not a little of his success was due to the vigorous manner in which he was ridden by C. Emerson. Greek Son put up his best race to date, and with a stronger horseman on him might have reversed positions with Warlike. Royal Mac ran like a non-stayer, while Nightraider put up a patchy performance. After refusing to try in the early stages, he was galloping over everything at the finish.

Late scratchings reduced the field for the Springfield Trial Plate to nine moderates, and it failed to arouse much interest. Palladium got the best of a straggling start, and led throughout, winning comfortably by two lengths from Amendment. Only for getting badly away the latter would have been dangerous. Chinatown, the favourite, never looked to have winning prospects, while Jean Gluten was stopping badly over the

last furlong. When holding a good position Pussyfoot ran off the course, and galloped ten miles before being captured.

After several brakes away in the Electric Hack Handicap, they got away in straggling order, Kolyma and Lady Pallas being quickest out. With heads in line for home there was little to choose between Volkova, Lady Pallas and Sans Souci. A hundred yards from the post the first named pair drew away and in a desperate finish, Lady Pallas got the verdict by a short head. Sans Souci was hampered by his penalty over the last furlong, but even so, put up a creditable race.

On his fine showing in the Cup, Greek Son was backed with every confidence for the Viewmount Welter. Braid got a flying start, and with half the journey gone was quite six lengths clear of Thestius and Greek Son. Turning into the straight the leader had relinquished little of her advantage, and, though hard ridden, was still three lengths to the good when the post was reached. A battle royal between Bondage and Greek Son for second money ended in favour of the former by a neck. Braid owed her success to her lucky start, as under ordinary circumstances both Greek Son and Bondage should have beaten her.

Fabisco was backed as a certainty for the Mount Hutt Handicap, with Mythology next in demand. Starting with his accustomed brilliancy, the favourite was soon out in front, but he retired well beaten soon after entering the home straight. This left the issue to Bomb and Braid, who fought out a great finish, which ended in favour of the former by a neck. The winner was ridden a nice race by F. Voight, who is one of the most accomplished lightweights at present riding.

LATER.

Great Northern Derby Candidate, Vespucci, Shows Marked Improvement—Arrowsmith's Attractive Track Essays—Meeting With Gloaming in Islington Plate Arousing Keen Interest—Royal Mac to be Given Spell—Auckland Cup Favourites—Riccarton Representatives for A.R.C. Meeting.

(Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent)

After winning a couple of races at Feilding with Gloaming, R. J. Mason returned to Riccarton on Saturday. He will superintend the preparation of Vespucci and Rossini, and leave with them in about a fortnight's time for Auckland. Vespucci has improved a lot since racing in the C.J.C. Derby, and he will give evidence of it in the Great Northern Derby. On Saturday morning he got over five furlongs in 1min. 3 1-5sec., finishing particularly well. Rossini's track efforts have not been of such a nature as to suggest him having much of a chance in the A.R.C. Railway Handicap.

No horse trained at Riccarton has been galloping so attractively as Arrowsmith. On Saturday morning, with J. Campbell in the saddle, carrying 9.6, he broke away from the mile post, reeling off the first four furlongs in 49 1-5sec., five furlongs in 1min. 1 2-5sec., six furlongs in 1min. 14sec., and the full journey in 1min. 43 2-5sec., easing up over the last couple of furlongs. The English-bred horse is in even better form than when he won the Stewards' Handicap. I understand he is to be a starter in the Railway Handicap at Ellerslie, and it is only a matter of his being well placed in the early stages to trouble the best of them over the last furlong.

Gloaming remains at Feilding to be picked up by his trainer on his way to Auckland. If Arrowsmith meets him in the Islington Plate there will be a contest worth travelling from one end of the Dominion to the other to see.

Royal Mac gave a lot of promise in the spring, but has hardly sustained early expectations. He has run several good races, including a couple of wins, and has seldom been out of a place. After his failure at Methven Harrison determined to give the gelding a good spell, and he will be taken up again in time for the C.J.C. summer meeting.

E. Scoullar has recently taken in

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hand the Boniform—Margarete gelding purchased by Mr. A. Murdoch at the November yearling sales. The youngster gives more than average promise.

Locally, Gasbag and Prince Willony are favourites for the Auckland Cup. Nightraider will be a starter, but on any of his recent form the Chokebore representative can be written out. Still it is only a question of his galloping generously all through to be on hand at the finish. He will probably be ridden by that promising lightweight F. Voight, who seems to get more out of the uncertain son of Martian than any other horseman.

Winning Hit has been galloping very nicely since the November meeting. He will be sent north to oppose Mermin in the Great Northern Foal Stakes, and looks like defeating everything else. Winter Wind is going on the right way, and is in much better racing order than when he raced at the N.Z. Cup meeting. He will form one of Sir George Clifford's representatives at the A.R.C. fixture, and should be kept in mind. Another Chokebore representative in Miss Mimic is on the improve. She has only to be on her best behaviour to be troublesome in the A.R.C. Railway Handicap.

Good Hope's breakdown at the Methven meeting was of such a serious nature that it is doubtful if he will ever race again. At present he is under veterinary treatment.

Owner-trainer Mr. C. Buckenham has taken Happy Captain in hand again after a spell. The gelding appears to feel better for his throat operation, as does Pyjama, who underwent similar treatment.

Clean Sweep and Some Kid are at present on the easy list as a result of minor ailments. Both will be taken in hand again shortly.

Acting under medical advice, Jockey G. Young has taken a fortnight's holiday, which he will spend in the North Island. His brother Harold has almost thrown off the effects of his recent illness.

With Some Kid amiss, W. McDonald has only two moderates in Fabisco and Castellan in work at the present time.

**SOUTHLAND.**

**Bengeroop Feeling the Effects of Strenuous Spring Campaign—Kilkee Likely to Prove a Good Stayer—Moonglow to Make His Debut as a Hurdler—Golden King Taken Up Again After Lengthy Spell—Dunedin and Southland Meetings Attracting Wide Attention.**

**INVERCARGILL, Monday**

Unfavourable weather for training operations was experienced over the latter part of the past week, causing anxiety to trainers with horses claiming engagements at the approaching Dunedin J.C.'s summer fixture and meetings nearer home following immediately afterwards.

On his return from the South Canterbury meeting Bengeroop displayed signs of soreness as a result of his strenuous racing experiences of the past two months. P. Hogan, who is very clever with horses suffering in this manner, holds high hopes, however, of staving off the trouble threatening the big son of Calibre. In the event of anything going wrong with Bengeroop, Hogan has two other good strings to his bow in Almoner and Kilkee. The former has gone on the right way since winning the Winton Cup, and will be very hard to beat in some of the valuable events to be decided in the south in about three weeks' time. It would not be surprising to find Kilkee playing a leading part in some of the immediate long-distance races, as the son of Kilbroney is a better stayer than many people are aware of. Although he did not quite get into the money he ran well over two furlongs at the New Zealand Cup meeting, and there are backers who are not going to forget this fact.

After a lengthy absence from the turf, that once well-known sprinter Moonglow is down to make his re-appearance at the Dunedin summer meeting, when the descendant of Treadmill—Sunglow is listed to make his debut as a hurdler.

The order for the destruction of Adeline was countermanded at the last minute, and an attempt was made to save the sister to Michaela for stud purposes, but it was finally decided to put her out of misery at the end of last week.

The novice gelding in A. McIvor's string turns out to be a three-year-old brother to the North Island sprinter Solfanello, by Solferino—Rosalia. He was sold with a draft

from the Burnside Stud as a yearling for 25 guineas to a Canterbury resident, from whom Mr. W. Stone recently purchased him untried at a price under the century. He moves pleasingly, but it will be some time before he can be genuinely tried out.

The Pallas—Redstart mare Red Pal rejoined P. T. Hogan's team after undergoing a spell. The rest did the half-sister to Red Admiral a power of good, as she came in thickened out and full of vigour. She is a very useful galloper, and should win in her turn for Mr. J. E. Rogers, of Gore. A brother to this mare who races as Good Start has been engaged to make his first appearance over the hurdles at the Dunedin Jockey Club's summer gathering. He has been schooled from the Rorke's Drift Lodge, and Mr. Rogers has satisfied P. Hogan that he is possessed of jumping ability. Good Start on several occasions proved that he was a galloper of fair merit.

The disappointing sprinter Post Haste was discovered jumping a hurdle at play recently, with the result that he may presently be tested over the battens.

It has been finally decided to make use of the Southland R.C.'s new track at the forthcoming summer meeting. The inner railing has been completed, and the circuit is now receiving its final touches. Provided the weather is favourable it may wear through the summer fixture, but the club is taking some risk.

Eleus and Silver Peak have been doing good work of late. The former is coming on nicely and has lost the burly appearance that characterised him at the early spring gatherings.

The ancient Golden King has been taken up again after being fired and treated to a spell. He is looking well, having probably been well treated by his owner, Mr. Graham, in his home quarters. Hogan has performed wonders with the old horse by way of keeping him on his legs, and he now looks as if he will stand yet another preparation.

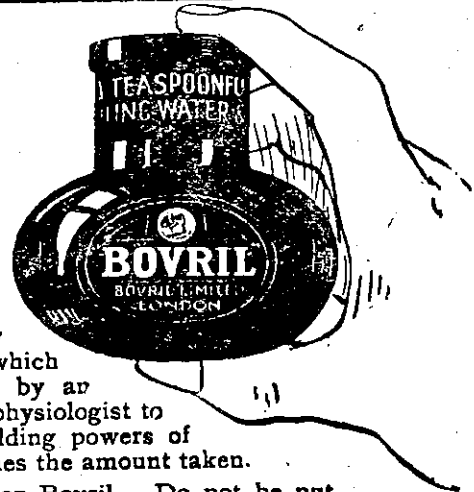
Mr. W. T. Hazlett's four horses, which are trained here, are doing well, and it would appear that J. A. Rowland is going to make good as private mentor to the president of the Southland R.C. Mazama, who used to fume and fret as he came within sight of the racecourse and at times became unmanageable, now behaves himself like any other sober-minded galloper. He is also looking very well, and Frenchman, who galloped pleasingly at Winton, gives every indication that he is at least going to place some money to the credit of his somewhat discounted sire, Danube. Moulin Rouge and the full-brother to Brackenfield have not been seriously tried out as yet, but both move freely and resolutely. The big Boniform—Gargaron gelding is going to be a more powerful horse than Brackenfield. He is now a much better horse behind the saddle. Mr. Hazlett probably will elect to give him ample time to mature, as he certainly appears to be well worth keeping.

Listening Post is making a good recovery from the accident that caused him to be laid aside on the opening day of the Dunedin J.C.'s spring fixture. He shows no sign of the injured joint distressing him, and now can gallop about his enclosure with perfect freedom.

Sir James Carroll's juvenile Tatau—Tatau, by Kilbroney—Taringamutu, has been entered for the two-year-old races at the Dunedin J.C.'s summer meeting, and she will probably be hard to beat. She ran well at the New Zealand Cup meeting, but met with a disappointment in more than one race, a fact that is not generally known. Hence she may be put down as a very promising youngster.

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**HAWKE'S BAY.**

**Fife and Drum on Easy List—Death of Iliad's Hero—J. Oldfield's Useful Team at Greenmeadows—Delight Put into Work Again—Hawke's Bay to Have Strong Representation at Auckland R.C.'s Summer Meeting.**

**NAPIER, Monday.**

Toa Taua has been blistered and consequently will be given a let-up for a time. The two-year-old son of Mountain Knight and Fairy Gold, it will be remembered, met with an accident in the horse-box conveying him from Auckland to Hastings through a collision taking place. It seems hard luck for the managers of the Douglas Estate that they should lose the services of this promising juvenile, for Toa Taua could both gallop fast and stay on well.

Heather Sprig is doing well at Greenmeadows under the tuition of J. Oldfield, and it is intended that he will be despatched to Auckland in about ten days' time to race at the A.R.C. summer meeting. Fife and Drum, who was one of the stable comrades of Heather Sprig, has been turned out. When at her best the half-sister to Chortle, for she is by Heather Mixture—Amusement, showed a lot of brilliancy over short courses, and it is to be regretted that her services will not be available to her owner, who intends having her sent back to his property at Gisborne.

Another of Oldfield's pupils in Sabrenella, the three-year-old full-sister to Heather Sprig, is now one of the resting lot owing to having gone amiss.

The yearling colts by Martian—Pheta, Martian—Polynia, and Gay Lad—Dabchick, purchased by Mr. A. B. Williams, the Douglas Estate and Mr. A. F. Symes, respectively, at the thoroughbred sales in Christchurch last month, arrived here on Friday by steamer from the south. The trio were landed in good order, and were apparently none the worse for their sea trip.

Bodyguard, the two-year-old son of Boniform and Multiguard, who has been one of S. Waddell's students at Napier Park, and is owned by a Wellington sportsman, has been retired from active service for a time, and when he next makes his appearance will be one of the unsexed lot.

It is quite likely that Trainer F. Quinlivan will make an assault with Hepta and Lord Astolat upon the stake money offered by the Stratford Racing Club in connection with their New Year meeting.

The three-year-old gelding by Our King out of an unknown mare, who was purchased some time back by F. Quinlivan, has been leased by that trainer to Mr. C. Bird, of Walling-

ford, and it is intended that he will make his debut at the Porangahau R.C.'s annual meeting on Boxing Day.

Trainer J. Walker has severed his connection with Mr. D. McLeod, owner of that nice filly Soldier's Love (Martian—Litchen), and as Mr. McLeod has obtained from the Hawke's Bay District Committee a permit to train his own horses the presumption is that for the future he will attend to the education of Soldier's Love.

Mr. G. McDonald, of Meanee, experienced a stroke of bad luck of late, for his stallion Iliad's Hero (Achilles—Kitchen Maid) had the misfortune to break one of his legs and he had to be given his quietus. When engaged at the racing industry Iliad's Hero made good on many occasions, and showed himself possessed of pace and endurance. At his stud life he was given but few opportunities to transmit his powers.

A four-year-old half-sister by Fort William to Multaine and Lord Ainslie, and full-sister to Miss Ainslie, is in work at Napier Park under the direction of J. O. E. Jones. She is owned in Gisborne, and in the near future looks as if she will be profitable property to control.

J. Oldfield has a useful team in work at Greenmeadows, his lot consisting of Heather Sprig, Many Colours (a three-year-old son of Heather Mixture and Gay, the last-named being a half-sister to Chortle by Gazetey), Road Hog (a three-year-old by Heather Mixture—Scorch), and Silver Tongue. The last-named is going on well in his work, and should have a successful period ahead of him, a remark which also applies to the other member of Oldfield's string, Pao, who if he could be induced to give a replica of his rehearsal form in public would bring wealth to his owner.

Delight has so far recovered from her recent attack of the strangles that G. Jones has been able to put her into work again. Unluckily, another member of his team has become affected with the same malady, and at present is in a pretty bad way.

Cashmere is under offer to a southern sportsman, who intends next Tuesday having a look at the gelding.

A younger full-brother to Admiral Codrington that for some time past has been an inmate of H. Hickey's establishment at Hastings has been taken out of work, and has been sent for a spell to his owner's (Mr. F. J. Lysnar) property at Waioura.

It would appear as if the "Bay" will be well represented at the approaching summer meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, for First Salute, Gasbag, Dusky Eve and Walton have accepted for the Auckland Cup, while Humbug, Statuette, Chryssom and Maoha remain in the Railway Handicap. Toa Taua (there does not seem to be any probability that he will be a starter), The Hawk, Kick Off, Many Colours, Mermin, Maunu and Grotesque have been left in the Great Northern Foal Stakes, while Gasbag has been paid up for in the Great Northern Derby. Amongst those standing their ground in the Royal Stakes are Delight, Surveyor, Chryssom, Humbug, Toa Taua, The Hawk, Kick Off, Many Colours, Mermin and Maunu.

All of the members of G. Jones' team are, with the exception of Delight, getting through serviceable work on the test-out at Napier Park. Sasanof is included amongst the band and the versatile gelding is looking all serene.

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## TURF TOPICS

The Taumarunui Racing Club's annual meeting, to be held next Wednesday, should be well patronised, and should afford settlers along the Main Trunk line (north and south) a good outing. The acceptances closed a day too late for inclusion in this issue, but there should be plenty of horses to ensure a good meeting at this inland township of the North Island with its growing population.

The Taranaki Jockey Club have received record nominations for their Christmas meeting, these totalling 383, which is an increase of 74 over last year's number. In connection with the Seventh Taranaki Stakes, to be run at the autumn meeting, 30 horses remain in this event after payment of the second forfeit, the number including Gloaming, Silver Link, Hymestra, Winter Wind, Rossini, Listowel, Affectation, and Weidone.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., will hold their annual sale of thoroughbreds on December 30. Yearlings from the Waikanae (Wellington) and Okawa (Hawke's Bay), and from several local studs will be disposed of, also some two and three-year-olds. The imported stud horse Marble Arch, the imported mares Ladysmock, with colt foal at foot and stunted again by imported Snow King, and Lady Mareca, stunted to Snow King, and a number of horses in training will also be submitted. Several breeders intend selling their yearlings next autumn, so the catalogue for this month's sale will not be a heavy one.

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FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1921.

TRIAL HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding the value of 50sovs at time of starting. To be ridden by apprentices who have not previously won more than 15 races. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Seven furlongs.

ZEALANDIA HANDICAP of 375sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Seven furlongs.

HAURAKI HANDICAP HURDLES of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race exceeding the value of 75sovs at time of entry. Winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb. extra. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half.

TAKAPUNA CUP HANDICAP of 1500 sovs; second horse to receive 300 sovs, and third horse 150sovs out of stakes. Winner of any flat race of the value of 200sovs after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 3lb.; of 500sovs, 7lb.; exceeding 500sovs, 10lb. Nomination 1sov, acceptance (first payment) 4sovs, final payment at post 10sovs. One mile and a-half.

FERRY HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race of the value of 150sovs, or races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of entry. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb. extra. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlongs.

CALLIOPE HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of stakes. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. Five furlongs.

OREWA HANDICAP HURDLES of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Hauraki Hurdles to carry a penalty of 7lb. extra. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. About one mile and three-quarters.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of stakes. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1921.

MOANA HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding the value of 75sovs at time of entry. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Seven furlongs.

TAKAPUNA HACK HANDICAP HURDLES of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 15

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sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 250sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 500sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half.

SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 55sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Five furlongs.

TAKAPUNA J.C. HANDICAP of 800 sovs; second horse to receive 150 sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 7sovs. One mile two furlongs and a-half.

HOBSON HANDICAP of 450sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of stakes. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. Six furlongs.

RANGITOTO HACK HANDICAP of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race of the value of 250sovs, or races of the collective value of 500sovs at time of entry. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile one furlong.

WAIWERA HANDICAP HURDLES of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Takapuna Hurdles to carry a penalty of 7lb. extra. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. About one mile and three-quarters.

ANNIVERSARY WELTER HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb. extra. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. Seven furlongs.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, by 5 p.m.  
NOMINATIONS all races both days.  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, by 4 p.m.  
WEIGHTS First Day's Racing.  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, by 5 p.m.  
ACCEPTANCES First Day's Racing.  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, at Post.  
FINAL PAYMENT Takapuna Cup.  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 (Morning Paper).  
WEIGHTS Second Day's Racing.  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, by 12 o'clock noon.  
ACCEPTANCES Second Day's Racing.  
Approved by the Auckland District Committee September 17, 1920.—W. S. Spence, Secretary.

R. WYNYARD,  
Secretary.

**NORTHERN WAIROA RACING CLUB.**

SUMMER MEETING.

To be held on the Awakino Course,  
DARGAVILLE,  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1921.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

Patron: Captain J. Gordon Coates, M.M., M.P. President: Mr. D. Finlayson, Stewards: Messrs. F. J. Dargaville (Chairman), E. R. Finlayson, B. Coleman, S. G. Mitchell, D. Finlayson, H. Kimber, H. Massey, W. J. O'Dowd, F. O. Peat, J. P. Stanaway, T. Wells, J. Cockerton, N. Morrin. Judge: Mr. E. Coleman. Clerk of Scales: Mr. J. Reardon. Clerk of Course: Mr. H. Massey. Time-keeper: Mr. F. O. Peat. Handicapper: Mr. F. McManemin. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Assistant Starter: Mr. T. Wells. Treasurer: Mr. F. O. Peat. Totalisator Steward: Mr. G. S. Mitchell. Finance Committee: Messrs. B. Coleman, D. Finlayson, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer (ex officio). Course Committee: Messrs. B. Coleman, T. Wells, D. Finlayson, H. Kimber, J. P. Stanaway. Secretary: Mr. J. P. Stanaway.

PROGRAMME.

1. FINLAYSON HANDICAP of 650sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. One mile.
2. MAIDEN HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 7sovs, and third horse 3sovs out of stakes. For horses that have not won stakes to the value of 50sovs at time of starting. Entrance 30s. Six furlongs.
3. NORTHERN WAIROA CUP HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 30s., acceptance 30s. One mile and a-quarter.
4. SETTLERS' HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 7sovs, and third horse 3sovs out of stakes. For horses that have been owned by bona fide residents in any county north of Riverhead for three months prior to date of nomination, and that have not won a race at time of starting. Entrance 30s. Five furlongs.
5. RAILWAY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Six furlongs.

6. JUMPERS' FLAT RACE of 60sovs; second horse to receive 7sovs, and third horse 3sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. One mile and a-quarter.

7. AWAKINO STAKES HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Five furlongs.

8. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 7sovs, and third horse 3sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

NOMINATIONS close at the Secretary's Office, Dargaville, or with Mr. C. F. Mark, Auckland, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1920, at 5 p.m.

WEIGHTS will be declared on or about MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1921. Minimum weight, 7.0.

ACCEPTANCES close with the Secretary, at Dargaville, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1921, at 5 p.m.

Entries by telegram must be confirmed in writing by first mail.

Owners, trainers and others are notified that entries and acceptances must be accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.

When nominating, the name and address of the trainer, also the name of the owner, with his address, must be given.

Winner of any race or races after the declaration of weights may be re-handicapped by the Handicapper or Assistant Handicapper.

All bookmakers, disqualified persons, and undesirables will be excluded from the course.

J. P. STANAWAY,  
Secretary.

**KAWAKAWA RACING CLUB.**

SUMMER MEETING.

To be held on the Awakino Course,  
DARGAVILLE,

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1921.

LIST OF OFFICERS:

Patron: V. H. Reed, Esq., M.P. Vice-Patron: E. C. Clark, Esq. President: C. F. C. Miller, Esq. Vice-President: Tau Henare, Esq., M.P. Judge: Mr. A. H. Morgan, Clerk of Scales: Mr. W. Wilson, Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Handicapper: Mr. F. McManemin. Treasurer: Mr. J. F. Wall. Stewards: Messrs. C. F. C. Miller, R. Bridge, E. C. Clark, W. Wilson, J. Dykes, J. F. Wall, A. H. Morgan. Secretary: Mr. C. H. Puttick.

PROGRAMME.

1. MAIDEN HANDICAP of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have never won a race of any description at time of entry. Nomination 15s., acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.
2. FLYING HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 7sovs, and third horse 3sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Five furlongs.
3. KAWAKAWA CUP HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Nomination 50s., acceptance 40s. One mile and a-quarter.
4. PUBLICANS' PURSE HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs, and third horse 3sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.
5. COUNTY HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 7sovs, and third horse 3sovs out of stakes. For horses that have been owned, trained, and located for two months prior to date of nomination North of Waiatema County. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. One mile.
6. RAILWAY HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Seven furlongs.
7. JUMPERS' FLAT RACE HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 7sovs, and third horse 3sovs out of stakes. Nomination 15s., acceptance 20s. One mile.
8. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 7sovs, and third horse 3sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Seven furlongs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

NOMINATIONS close at 5 p.m. on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1920, with the Secretary, Kawakawa, or with Mr. C. F. Mark, Auckland, or with the Secretary, Northern Wairoa Racing Club, Dargaville.

WEIGHTS will be declared on or about MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1921.

ACCEPTANCES close with the Secretary, Kawakawa, or with Blomfield and Mark, Auckland, or with the Secretary, Northern Wairoa Racing Club, Dargaville, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1921, at 5 p.m.

Entries by telegram must be confirmed in writing by first mail.

Owners, trainers, and others are notified that entries and acceptances must be accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.

The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb.

In the Cup, Flying, and Railway Handicaps, the winners of two or more races will carry a penalty of 12lb.

CLAUDE PUTTICK,  
Secretary, Kawakawa.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The following nominations, first forfeits and acceptances have been received for the Auckland Racing Club's summer meeting, to be held on December 27 and 29 and January 1 and 3:—

FIRST DAY.

SHORTLAND PLATE, one mile.—Illumination, Sir Huon, Pagoda, Pine Arch, Amberine, Bonnie Heather, Guerre a Mort, Penona, Monocrat, Bitholia, Commission, Marble Slab, Canowindra, Early Dawn, Ohiti, Pukemarama, Kilbeggan, Isingarch, War Tank, Thrace, Forest Gold, Actrice, Counter Attack, Nightraider, Over There, Pavo, Fort Regal, Geoffrey.

ROBINSON HAUNDICAP, seven furlongs.—Bang, Geoffrey, Over There, Counter Attack, Grab, Lovelight, Arch Margot, Machree, Prince Jewel, Hyrax, War Tank, Pepin, Formalin, Some Fashion, Oak Abbey, Emerald Hill, Prince Menschikoff, Sylvan, Maid of the Lake, Recreation, Tout Bon, Marble Glass, Sanacre, Cantoris, Penona, The Gleaner, Wanigan, Bitholia, Bright Light, Tresor, Night Time, Miss Leslie, Stammer, Marble Bell, Miss Melva, Heathermoon, Persian King, Aircraft, Poanui, Explode, Blackhead, Early Dawn, Ohiti, Tinohoro, Clonmel, North Loburn.

GRAFTON HURDLES, two miles.—Luperino, Shell Shock, Tenacious, Deviation, Oakleigh, Scottish Knight, Kohu, Thrace, Cymer, Gatherer, Guianform, Khartoum, Gamecock, Pendoon, Paddington Green.

NURSERY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Koodoo, Landbird, La Sine, Grotesque, Poet, Namutere, Zero Hour, Mountain Gun, Smoke Concert, Snowden, Leithfield, Alburnia, Creme de Menthe, Exchequer, Silver Rain, Katharina, Bonny Doreen, Five-eighths, Martial Dawn, The Hawk, Toa Tava, Oranga, Thurnley, Marble Crag, Thurnane, Southerina, Soot, Arch Laddie, Maunu, Prince Ferouz, Armored, Blushet, Winning Hit, Unahi, Golden Dream.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, one mile.—Prince Willonyx, Raceful, Bonnetter, Trespass, Lord Kenilworth, Archie, Pagoda, Lightning, Mangamahoe, Tigritiya, Kilgour, Heather Sprig, Rockfield, Monocrat, Right and Left, Starland, Prince Carl, Te Oro, Marble Slab, Perfect Day, Bute Sound, Bezzant, Ohinewairua, Arran, Maioha, Vermillion, Tinopal, Prince Charleroi, Arch Salute, Duo, Forest Gold, Windorah, Ruatara, Royal Irish, Glen Canny, Prince Rufus, Vespucci, Rathlin, Winter Wind.

AUCKLAND CUP of 3000sovs. Two miles.

Table with columns for race name, distance, and participants. Participants include Oratress, Uncle Ned, First Salute, Tenderfield, Red Ribbon, Glen Canny, Gasbag, Pr. Willonyx, Woody Glen, Dusky, Eve, John Walker, Sunart, Starland, Nightraider, Kilgour, Walton, Blue Cross, and Lord Kenilworth.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 1400sovs. Six furlongs.

Table with columns for race name, distance, and participants. Participants include Arrowsmith, Silver Link, Rossini, Gazique, Humbug, Hymestra, Statuette, Chrysoptom, King Abbey, Right and Left, Maioha, Missgold, Crowhurst, Gold, Arran, Miss Mimic, Cantabile, Tinokaha, and Dovelet.

After the first forfeits, the following remain in the

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES, six furlongs.—Smoke Concert, Namutere, Winning Hit, Aureate, Toa Tava, The Hawk, b k c by Treadmill—Blissful, Kick-off, Oranga, Many Colours, Royal Box, Mermin, Maunu, Grotesque, Loyal Irish.

SECOND DAY.

BOWEN HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Sylvan, Maid of the Lake, Pagoda, Recreation, Lord Bruce, Tout Bon, Wish Wynne, Sweet Kathleen, Jaffna, The Gleaner, Proposer, Wanigan, Bright Light, Tresor, Foxglove, Stammer, Miss Ellice, Maungarangi, Tiki, Persian King, Poanui, Woori, Blackhead, Valley Queen, Chin, Clonmel, Fairmount, Kilbeggan, Lady Frederick, Miss Norval, Hyrax, Astry, Machree, Arch Margot, Grab, Going Up, Counter Stroke, Over There, Pavo, Irish Knight, Queens Up, Geoffrey, Bang.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Illumination, Landslide, Maid of the Lake, Lightning, Sweet Memory, Chrysoptom, Humbug, Caricature, Truthful, Princess Charming, Cantabile, Dovelet, Ring Lupin, Night Time, Jolie Princess, Royal Mark, Statuette, Canzonet, Blackhead, Early Dawn, Escaped, Queen Abbey, King Abbey, Golden Bubble, Dead Sweet, Ruatara, Sam, Silver Link, Crowhurst, Rathlin, Avancer, Winter Wind, Hymestra, Weldone, Missgold.

FONSONBY HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Octopete, Kumara, Luperino, Shell Shock, Tenacious, Deviation, Lombardy, Oakleigh, Scottish Knight, Kohu, Thrace, Cymer, Gatherer, Golden Petal, Guianform, Manukau, Glucian, Khartoum, Gamecock, Pendoon, Paddington Green.

CRITERION HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Grotesque, Poet, Zero Hour, Royal Box, Alburnia, Silver Rain, Five-eighths, Sunny River, Sussex, Martial Dawn, The Hawk, Toa Tava, Oranga, Marble Crag, Thurnline, Southerina, Maunu, Prince Ferouz, Armored, Winning Hit, Unahi, Loyal Irish, Kick-off, La Sine, Namutere, Smoke Concert.

WAITEMATA HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Bang, Multiplane, Fort Regal, Nightraider, Counter Attack, Actrice, Lovelight, Slowcoach, Forest Gold, War Tank, Sylvan, Sir Huon, Pagoda, Pine Arch, Bonnie Heather, Eraf, New Zealand, Marble Glass, Cantoris, Guerre a Mort, Kinkora, Penona, Wanigan, Bitholia, Commission, Tresor, Nunerrant, Marble Slab, Marble Bell, Persian King, Aircraft, Canowindra, Explode, Salvaess, Ohiti, Boomaday, North Loburn, Isingarch, Formalin, Pepin.

PLUNKET WELTER, one mile.—Ohinewairua, Windorah, Prince Rufus, Raceful, Bonnetter, Miss Mimic, Rath-

lin, Lord Kenilworth, Archie, Illumination, Walton, Amberine, Mangamahoe, Scrap o' Paper, Bonnie Heather, Sunart, Tabasco, Heather Sprig, Rockfield, Monocrat, Right and Left, Prince Carl, Te Oro, Heathermoon, Perfect Day, Bezzant, Arran, Early Dawn, Maioha, Vermillion, Royal Abbey, Prince Charleroi, Arch Salute, Forest Gold, Ruatara, Hyrax, Prince Jewel.

THIRD DAY.

FERGUSON HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Pavo, Prince Menschikoff, Geoffrey, Sylvan, Illumination, Maid of the Lake, Broadwood, Tout Bon, Peter Maxwell, Jaffna, Penona, The Gleaner, Wanigan, Commission, Tresor, Night Time, Miss Leslie, Milesian, Accelerate, Stammer, Miss Ellice, Maungarangi, Princess Rell, Tiki, Persian King, Canzonet, Finkop, Poanui, Blackhead, Early Dawn, Valley Queen, Tinohoro, Going Up, Counter-stroke, Irish Knight, Chin, Clonmel, Emerald Hill, Oak Abbey, Kilbeggan, Dead Sweet, Lady Claireen, Miss Norval, Flowing Bowl, Hyrax, Prince Jewel, Lady Rudge, Astry, Machree, Arch Margot, Grab, Queens Up.

NEW YEAR HURDLES, two miles.—Luperino, Shell Shock, Tenacious, Deviation, Oakleigh, Scottish Knight, Kohu, Thrace, Coroglen, Cymer, Gatherer, Guianform, Manukau, Khartoum, Gamecock, Pendoon, Paddington Green.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Landbird, Grotesque, Mermin, Poet, Zero Hour, Mountain Gun, Miss Curran, Royal Box, Leithfield, Alburnia, Creme de Menthe, Exchequer, Silver Rain, Sunny River, Katharina, Bonny Doreen, Rose Thurnham, Five-eighths, Martial Dawn, The Hawk, Namutere, Toa Tava, La Sine, Oranga, Kick-off, Thurnley, Marble Crag, Koodoo, Thurnline, Golden Dream, Southerina, Loyal Irish, Soot, Unahi, Maunu, Prince Ferouz, Smoke Concert, Armored, Blushet, Winning Hit.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Lord Kenilworth, Illumination, Landslide, Sweet Memory, Tigritiya, Surveyor, Princess Charming, Cantabile, Heather Sprig, Right and Left, Dovelet, Royal Mark, Statuette, Explode, Early Dawn, Maioha, Tinokaha, Queen Abbey, King Abbey, Golden Bubble, Ruatara, Silver Link, Crowhurst, Rathlin, Arrow-smith, Miss Mimic, Hymestra, Weldone, Missgold, Gazique, Geoffrey.

ELLERSLIE HANDICAP, one mile.—Lovelight, Arch Margot, Slowcoach, Forest Gold, War Tank, Pepin, Formalin, Some Fashion, Isingarch, Fairmount, North Loburn, Pukemaramara, Over There, Bang, Maid of the Lake, Illumination, Sylvan, Sir Huon, Pagoda, Pine Arch, Recreation, Bonnie Heather, Eraf, Marble Glass, Cantoris, Kinkora, Penona, The Gleaner, Wanigan, Bitholia, Commission, Tresor, Nunerrant, Miss Leslie, Marble Slab, Marble Bell, Miss Melva, Heathermoon, Aircraft, Canowindra, Explode, Salvaess, Bright Light, Ohiti, Counter Attack, Fort Regal.

GLASGOW HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Ohinewairua, Windorah, Fort Regal, Pavo, Prince Rufus, Bonnetter, Missgold, Hymestra, Miss Mimic, Rathlin, Crowhurst, Glen Canny, Prince Jewel, Ruatara, Forest Gold, Arch Salute, Prince Charleroi, Gold Plane, Tinohoro, Escaped, Lord Kenilworth, Archie, Illumination, Maid of the Lake, Sylvan, Lightning, Amberine, Tigritiya, Scrap o' Paper, Delight, Bonnie Heather, Kilgour, Sunart, Heather Sprig, Sanacre, Rockfield, Monocrat, Right and Left, Prince Carl, Te Oro, Jolie Princess, Esthonia, Perfect Day, Bute Sound, Bezzant, Arran, Blackhead, Early Dawn, Maioha, Vermillion.

After the first forfeits, the following remain in the GREAT NORTHERN DERBY, one mile and a-half.—Landslide, Winter Wind, Listowel, Vespucci, Raceful, Right and Left, b c by Campfire—Ristori, Gasbag.

FOURTH DAY.

GOODWOOD HANDICAP, one mile.—Counter Attack, Lord Kenilworth, Trespass, Archie, Illumination, Landslide, Maid of the Lake, Sylvan, Sir Huon, Walton, Pagoda, Pine Arch, Amberine, Mangamahoe, Tigritiya, Scrap o' Paper, Delight, Bonnie Heather, Kilgour, Sunart, Tabasco, Heather Sprig, Sanacre, Rockfield, Monocrat, Right and Left, Starland, Prince Carl, Te Oro, Marble Slab, Esthonia, Heathermoon, Rathlin, Actrice, Nightraider, Perfect Day, Persian King, Aircraft, Bute Sound, Bezzant, Canowindra, Arran, Explode, Early Dawn, Maioha, Bitholia, Ohiti, Vermillion, Bang, Tinopal, Kilbeggan, Isingarch, Some Fashion, Geoffrey, Formalin, Ohinewairua, Prince Charleroi, Windorah, Arch Salute, Royal Irish, War Tank, Fort Regal, Forest Gold, Prince Rufus, Ruatara, Raceful, Hyrax, Bonnetter, Vespucci, Crowhurst, Miss Mimic, Winter Wind.

SYLVIA HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Landbird, Grotesque, Mermin, Poet, Zero Hour, Mountain Gun, Royal Box, Leithfield, Alburnia, Silver Rain, Sunny River, Bonny Doreen, Sussex, Five-eighths, Martial Dawn, The Hawk, Toa Tava, Oranga, Marble Crag, Thurnline, Southerina, Smoke Concert, Arch Laddie, Namutere, Mannix, Kick-off, Prince Ferouz, Golden Dream, Armored, Loyal Irish, Winning Hit, Unahi.

AUCKLAND HURDLES, two miles.—Kirtwinning, Octopete, Luperino, Shell Shock, Tenacious, Keystone, Signature, Deviation, Lombardy, Oakleigh, Scottish Knight, Kohu, Thrace, Coroglen, Cymer, Hard Labour, Gatherer, Guianform, Khartoum, Gamecock, Pendoon, Multiplane, Paddington Green.

COUNTY HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Glen Canny, Prince Jewel, Rathlin, Counter Stroke, Miss Mimic, Lord Kenilworth, Archie, Illumination, Landslide, Lightning, Sweet Memory, Tigritiya, Chrysoptom, Humbug, Caricature, Right and Left, Dovelet, Miss Ellice, Jolie Princess, Royal Mark, Esthonia, Statuette, Canzonet, Blackhead, Early Dawn, Maioha, Vermillion, Geoffrey, Escaped, Pavo, Tinokaha, Over There, Queen Abbey, Miss Gold, Golden Bubble, Hymestra, Ruatara, Silver Link, Crowhurst.

GREY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Prince Menschikoff, Sylvan, Maid of the Lake, Pagoda, Recreation, Glen Leckie, Lord Bruce, Caricature, Broadwood, Tout Bon, Truthful, Peter Maxwell, Wish Wynne, Warshot, Sweet Kathleen, Jaffna, Cantoris, Penona, Im-

pudence, The Gleaner, Proposer, Wanigan, Tresor, Night Time, Foxglove, Miss Leslie, Milesian, Accelerate, Awaraka, Stammer, Miss Ellice, Maungarangi, Princess Rell, Royal Mark, Heathermoon, Tiki, Canzonet, Finkop, Poanui, Woori, Blackhead, Early Dawn, Danton, Ellie, Chin, Firesight, Reka-toa, Clonmel, Loved One, Emerald Hill, Oak Abbey, Fairmount, Kilbeggan, Dead Sweet, Lady Frederick, Lady Claireen, Narrow Neck, Miss Norval, Pepin, Flowing Bowl, Harlestone, Fallwin, Prince Jewel, No Mistake, Astry, Machree, Swift Flight, Arch Margot, Avancer, Grab, Going Up, Counterstroke, Jovial, Queens Up, Over There, Pavo.

After the first forfeits, the following remain in the TWENTY-SIXTH ROYAL STAKES, six furlongs.—Illumination, Rossini, Winter Wind, Weldone, Cantabile, Right and Left, Delight, Golden Bubble, Surveyor, Chrysoptom, Humbug, Smoke Concert, Namutere, Winning Hit, Aureate, Toa Tava, The Hawk, Silver Rain, Kick-off, Oranga, Many Colours, Royal Box, Mermin, Maunu, Loyal Irish.

ELLERSLIE ITEMS.

SATURDAY.

Before breakfast, most of the work was of the useful order. First Salute, who seems to be one of the strong fancies of the locally-trained talent, put in work of the useful order. The same can be said about his sparring partner, Arch Salute. Geoffrey, Smoke Concert and Namutere were on the easy list. Thrace assisted the novice, Lady Epsom, to perfect herself in schooling over the little sticks. The rest has freshened up Thrace.

Escaped and Gleaner rattled off four furlongs in 52sec. Lady Frederick and Bitholia covered the same track in 51 3-5sec.

Te Oro cut out six furlongs alone in 1min. 19 2-5sec., tiring at the finish.

Prince Carl, alone, put a grass circuit past in attractive style.

Tressor and Commission (as pace-maker) put a lot of vim into a circuit of the grass track in 1min. 46sec.

Bute Sound and Woori put four furlongs behind in the good time of 50 3-5sec. The latter is on the improve.

Ruatara, jumping out of his skin, ran four furlongs in 50 3-5sec. By the time the A.R.C. summer meeting rolls round he should be at his best.

During the week, Grand Canyon was indulged in a schooling lesson over the big battens, shaping well. Guianform was tried in company with Wangaroa, but did not take kindly to the timber.

Manukau is settling down now, and may make a useful hurdler, as he possesses plenty of pace.

Perfect Day seems to be going a bit short.

Maunu sprinted three furlongs in 37 2-5sec.

Scrap o' Paper cleared a circuit of the No. 2 grass, alone, in 1min. 47 1-5 sec.

Maori Tekanga and Wangaroa cleared four of the big schooling battens without mishap.

W. Hawthorn is expected at the old Harp of Erin stables with a team of ten, Luke Wilson with three, and W. Hazelman with three are reported to be coming there also.

Southerina and Soot left five furlongs behind, the last four in 52sec. Recreation easily held Formalin over the same course.

Queens Up worked on the tan. Windorah, looking well, was not busted.

C. Brown has been riding work at Ellerslie, among others he handled Soot.

TUESDAY.

Among the horses shipped to the Bay of Plenty Jockey Club's meeting were: Scrap o' Paper, Guianform, Recreation, and Royal Irish, who will be ridden by McTavish.

Royal Irish, Recreation, and Some Fashion each gave a good account of himself before leaving for the Bay of Plenty.

A. J. McFlinn leaves early in the week for the Woodville Jockey Club's meeting, where he will have the mount on Prince Hal and others.

K. Bracken may be riding First Salute in the Auckland Cup. He leaves Sydney shortly, bringing his wife for a trip to the Wonderland of the antipodes.

F. Loomb has left for the Waipa Jockey Club's meeting with Perfect Day, Heathermoon, Tiki, and Persian King.

Marble Slab sprinted five furlongs in 1min. 5sec. Miss Ellice sped away from Bitholia and Monocrat, as written, in 1min. 4 3-5sec.

Alies was in front of Valley Queen and General Stephen.

Aircraft held Te Oro and Bright Light safe from the seven furlongs disc in the fair time of 1min. 32 1-5sec.

Prince Carl beat Commission over four furlongs in 54sec. Golden Bubble left half a mile behind in 52sec. Canowindra took a second longer to cover the same track.

A Julian is away at Waiuku. His team, consisting of War Tank, Flowing Bowl, Golden Petal, Slowcoach, and Astry, did half-pace work.

Crowhurst, looking a picture, easily held Blushet, the Turnham—Miss Modesty filly, who, however, shows signs of improving and looks well.

Prince Willonyx would not work on the tan on Saturday and Monday, but on Tuesday morning went with Dribble over six furlongs on the grass, starting slowly, but finishing with the mare in 1min. 21 2-5sec. He looks really well.

After breakfast, Gidgi, one of G. Henderson's team, rattled off four furlongs in 51sec.

Manu alone scammed over four furlongs in a shade over 51sec. Munus, the stable companion to Manu, has been added to the list.

Ruatara left five furlongs behind in 1min. 5 1-5sec.

Gazique and another finished with heads together over half a mile in 51sec. Guerre a Mort left a grass six furlongs behind in 1min. 19 2-5sec., and then galloped a tan circuit in fair time.

The best showing of the morning was between Over There and Formalin. The former hopped out in front, and showed his track mate a clean pair of heels over half a mile in a tick under 48sec., the filly registering 50 2-5sec.

Quite a number of others did good utility work.

Clonmel sprinted four furlongs in 51 3-5sec.

Thrace acted as schoolmaster over the battens to Lady Epsom. While coming back to the scraping sheds the mare swerved, and fell on the two-year-old rink, and it looked as her youthful rider (Tinker) had sustained serious injury, but, happily, such did not prove to be the case.

A number of horses go from here for the Taumarunui meeting, and more will be sent to the Waipa fixture at Te Awamutu on the 18th inst.

NOMINATIONS.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

CHRISTMAS MEETING.

The following nominations have been received for the Taranaki Jockey Club's Christmas meeting, which takes place at New Plymouth on December 27 and 28. Weights for the first day will be declared by Mr. H. Coyle on Friday next, December 10:—

FIRST DAY.

HUATOKI PLATE, seven furlongs (weight for age)—Talata, Gaiety Girl, Interest, Pouma, Skylight, Patrogun, Dignity, Complex, Malingerer, Ah Fu, Silver Paul, Halsea, Festive, Sir Huon, Kiko Kiko, Banogue, Mangawai, Lady Pat, Celmisia, Vagrancepiece, Timmera, Wiri, Birkwick, Lady's Man, Potona.

STEWARDS' HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Kareao, Country Air, Passin' Through, Marble Bar, Master Curran, Piro Piro, Valdina, Vocopoto, Lady's Man, Empyrean, Stork.

RAHOTU HACK HURDLES, one mile and a-half and 100 yards.—Kerry Knob, Kareao, Otter, Maori Tikanga, Antwerp, Marshal Neil, Hushman, Diamond Nap, Otara, Whizz Bang, Encircle, Te Toa, Grattan, Banogue, Ngakanui, Stelpaul, Wee Paul, Nicomar, Erin's Isle, Toa Tere, Clem, Goolwa.

BOROUGH HACK HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Flying Master, Lady Paula, Key, Melita, Pouma, Semper Idem, Lady Glissas, Hepta, Mollenoge, Marble Bar, Jovial, Lenetta, Gay Patron, Velociform, Ah Fu, Pure Laziness, Maropa, Hori, Lady Kotiroto, Piano, Quiniro, Irapuka, Tigrinia, Lady Loo, Tora, Golden Foam, Prodigal, Empyrean, Potona.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP (Open), one mile and a-quarter.—Volo, Crucelle, Haversack, Te Oro, Admiration, Voluble, Simon, Egmont Park, Marquetteur, Walton, Alteration, Mimiri, Trombone, Depredation, Lockson.

LEPPERTON WELTER, seven furlongs.—Army Service, Country Air, Admiration, Skylight, Dignity, Velociform, Master Curran, Malingerer, Landloper, Wapping, Sir Huon, Belle Noir, Kiko Kiko, Piro Piro, Mangawai, Riki, Mattock, Vagrancepiece, Alice Montrose, Amber Tips, Erin's Isle, Halcyon, Hallow, Lockson.

TIKORANGI HACK SCURRY, five furlongs.—Flying Master, Talata, Ici, Gaiety Girl, Interest, Lady Paula, Passin' Through, Semper Idem, Lady Polly, Marble Bar, Lenetta, Gay Patron, Velociform, Pure Laziness, Maropa, Festive, War Nurse, Wolthea, Lady Kotiroto, Huairoa, Sweet Lady, Aotearoa, Quiniro, Kato, Irapuka, Lady Pat, Tigrinia, Miss Beaufoote, Celmisia, Maniaroto, Wiri, Tora, Golden Foam, Reretoea, Hipo, Mockery, Rangatapu.

FLYING HANDICAP (Open), six furlongs.—Income, Crucelle, Simonides, Voluble, Dribble, Simon, Egmont Park, Tiranga, Esthonia, Vermillion, Glenroy, Scrap o' Paper, Spanner.

SECOND DAY.

FITZROY HACK HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Talata, Gaiety Girl, Interest, Country Air, Pouma, Skylight, Patrogun, Dignity, Complex, Velociform, Ah Fu, Malingerer, Silver Paul, Halsea, Maropa, Festive, Landloper, Sir Huon, Belle Noir, Kiko Kiko, Kato, Polthogue, Mangawai, Watercall, Valdina, Lady Pat, Timmere, Wiri, Birkwick, Vocopoto, Lady's Man, Lockson, Goolwa.

INGLEWOOD HANDICAP (Open), six furlongs.—Income, Crucelle, Lord Astolat, Voluble, Simonides, Marble Bar, Dribble, Simon, Egmont Park, Esthonia, Vermillion, Glenroy, Scrap o' Paper, Spanner, Stork.

SUMMER HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Kareao, Lady Paula, Key, Passin' Through, Mollenoge, Lenetta, Gay Patron, Velociform, Master Curran, Halsea, Belle Noir, Kiko Kiko, Piro Piro, Irapuka, Valdina, Alice Montrose, Tora, Prodigal, Empyrean, Stork.

TARATA HACK HURDLES, one mile and a-half and 110 yards.—Kerry Knob, Kareao, Otter, Maori Tikanga, Antwerp, Marshal Neil, Hushman, Diamond Nap, Otara, Whizz Bang, Encircle, Te Toa, Grattan, Banogue, Polthogue, Glenaron, Ngakanui, Stelpaul, Wee Paul, Nicomar, Erin's Isle, Toa Tere, Clem, Goolwa.

NEW PLYMOUTH HANDICAP (Open), one mile and 100 yards.—Income, Volo, Crucelle, Haversack, Te Oro, Admiration, Voluble, Simonides, Dribble, Egmont Park, Simon, Marquetteur, Tiranga, Walton, Vermillion, Alteration, Mimiri, Scrap o' Paper, Trombone, Depredation, WAREA HACK STAKES, five furlongs.—Flying Master, Talata, Ici, Interest, Lady Polly, Skylight, Marble Bar, Lenetta, Gay Patron, Velociform, Pure Laziness, Festive, Landloper, Wolthea, Lady Kotiroto, Huairoa, Sweet Lady, Aotearoa, Quiniro, Kato, Foremost—Omine colt, Otapawa, Irapuka, Lady Pat, Tigrinia, Miss Beaufoote, Celmisia, Wiri, Tora, Golden Foam, Lady's Man, Prodigal, Reretoea, Potona, Mockery, Rangatapu.

URUTI WELTER HACK HANDICAP, one mile and 110 yards.—Army Service, Country Air, Marshal Neil, Admiration, Master Curran, Malingerer, Wapping, Sir Huon, Mimiri, Piro Piro, Mangawai, Riki, Mattock, Vagrancepiece, Amber Tips, Erin's Isle, Halcyon, Hallow, Lockson.

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Lady Paula, Key, Melita, Pouma, Interest, Passin' Through, Semper Idem, Lady Glissas, Lady Polly, Hepta, Mollenoge, Patrogun, Marble Bar, Jovial, Lenetta, Gay Patron, Ah Fu, Pure Laziness, Maropa, Festive, War Nurse, Wolthea, Hori, Kotiroto, Huairoa, Piano, Aotearoa, Quiniro, Irapuka, Celmisia, Maniaroto, Lady Loo, Tora, Golden Foam, Flying Master, Tigrinia, Prodigal, Empyrean.



HANDICAPS.

DANNEVIRKE RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING.

Mr. J. E. Henrys has declared the following weights for the Dannevirke Racing Club's summer meeting, which takes place on Wednesday next, December 15. Acceptances for all events are due with the secretary, Mr. Walter Dobson, P.O. Box 69, Dannevirke, on Friday next, December 10, at 8 p.m.:—

GLENGARRY HURDLES, one and a-half miles.—Orane 11.6, Sweet Tipperary 10.13, Hyttus 10.9, Vigilo 10.8, Manhattan 10.4, Crosswords 10.4, Pacific Slope 10.4, Tornea 10.2, Diamond 10.1, Nicomar 9.11, Better Luck 9.7, Powder King 9.6, Grange 9.2, Trentham Rose 9.0, Portraiture 9.0, Merrie Poto 9.0, Lady Witchet 9.0, Marziale 9.0, Buckeye 9.0, General Rouen 9.0, Papanui 9.0, Tipperary Lass 9.0.

OTANGA HANICAP, six furlongs.—Waimatao 9.6, Humbug 9.5, Nursing Sister 9.4, Affection 8.13, Croesus 8.10, Dunedin 8.3, Sweet Memory 8.3, Woden 7.13, Caricature 7.13, Black Lace 7.12, Hyttus 7.11, Early Dawn 7.11, Paonui 7.9, Asterina 7.8, Handy 7.7, Gold Problem 7.0, Doric 7.0, Samarang 7.0.

TIRATU JUVENILE STAKES, five furlongs.—Toa Tana 8.9, Prince Perouze 8.3, Grotisque 8.3, Backsheesh 8.3, Disertation 7.11, Warpath 7.3, Tapairu 7.8, Landbird 7.8, First Born 7.8, Poet 7.8, Anomaly 7.8, Panache 7.5, Tommy Rot 7.5, Edendale 7.5, Bonnie Rose 7.3, Rose Shield filly 7.3, Creme de Menthe 7.3, Ruse 7.0, La Sue 7.0.

DANNEVIRKE HANICAP, one and a-quarter miles.—Molyneux 9.0, Gasbag 8.13, Tigritiya 8.11, Dusky Eve 8.10, Nobleman 8.9, Maioha 8.9, Demagogue 8.6, Rose Pink 8.4, Walton 8.1, Hyttus 7.8, Moutoa Ivanova 7.8, Ben Bolt 7.8, Athens II 7.8, Croesus 7.7, Sycorax 7.6, Tari 7.3, Hurry Up 7.3, Black Lace 7.3, Silver Tongue 7.0, Idle Talk 7.0, Vermillion 7.0, Scornful 7.0, Warrawee 7.0, Antler 7.0, American Beauty 7.0, Ladify 7.0, Sweet Song 7.0, White Hope 7.0, Pente 7.0.

TAMAKI HACK HANICAP, six furlongs.—Early Dawn 9.6, Handy 9.3, American Beauty 8.13, Martian Miss 8.9, Hepta 8.8, Yankee Dan 8.6, Hotoke 8.5, Tigritiya 8.5, War Baby 8.4, Verbosity 8.3, Quiniro 7.13, Autoamoa 7.13, Samarang 7.11, Valley Rose 7.11, Stutter 7.9, Mumble 7.9, Timidity 7.7, Probate 7.7, Willys Knight 7.7, Convention 7.5, Prince Martlan 7.5, Bacchante 7.4, Miss Elva 7.3, Royal Moments 7.3, Larkspur 7.3, Theic 7.2, Correspondent 7.0, Gamboola 7.0, Reretoa 7.0, Wiri 7.0, Sun Rose 7.0, Princess Marion 7.0, Sagacity 7.0, Absurdity 7.0, Weird 7.0, Shadow Dancer 7.0, Tiora 7.0, Pupil 7.0.

ORINGI WELTER HANICAP, seven furlongs.—Waimata 9.13, Maloha 9.12, Nobleman 9.6, Croesus 9.5, Punga 9.4, Teka 9.4, Potentiality 8.12, Tari 8.11, Ben Bolt 8.11, Elcullus 8.10, Honey Bee 8.10, Paddington Green 8.7, All Talk 8.7, Vasilkov 8.7, Sycorax 8.6, Idle Talk 8.4, Missmaid 8.3, Black Lace 8.3, Olynthus 8.1, Scornful 7.13, Vermillion 7.13, Doric 7.13, Hotoke 7.11, Explorer 7.11, Strategy 7.11, Samarang 7.11, Probate 7.11, Convention 7.11, Wiri 7.11.

RUAHINE WELTER HACK HANICAP, one mile and 110 yards.—Admiralty 9.8, Explorer 9.5, American Beauty 9.2, Olynthus 8.13, Beloved 8.11, Antler 8.9, Rebut 8.9, Maniatera 8.9, Signysian 8.8, Mumble 8.6, Powder King 8.5, Wamba 8.3, Prince Martlan 8.2, Stylish Lady 7.13, Sir Huon 7.13, Transmission 7.12, White Hope 7.12, Pente 7.12, Festivity 7.12, Malingarer 7.11, Passenger 7.11, Arion 7.11, Royal Gift 7.11, Conziska 7.11, Achillen 7.11, Sagacity 7.11, Lady Sykes 7.11, Californian 7.11, Poto-mea 7.11, Pupil 7.11.

ACCEPTANCES.

BAY OF PLENTY JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Bay of Plenty Jockey Club will hold their annual meeting to-day (Thursday) at Tauranga, and judging by the character of the fields for the various events some highly interesting racing should be witnessed. A large number of Aucklanders intend patronising the fixture, and the Club should experience a most successful meeting. The acceptances are as follows:—

MAIDEN HANICAP, five furlongs.—Alfa Laval 9.6, Ginger Mick 8.10, Melting 8.7, Great Form 7.13, Lady Liditte 7.13, Menace 7.13, Glencairn 7.10, Teranga 7.8, Miss Rangl 7.5, Waitemahine 7.2, Firewater 7.0, Accurate 7.0.

SHORTS HANICAP, five furlongs.—Ring Lupin 9.0, Carllysian 8.11, Independence 8.11, Gatherer 8.6, Analogue 8.1, King Pin 7.2, Causeway 7.2, Boko 7.0, Lady Frederick 7.0.

TAURANGA CUP, one mile and a-quarter.—Scrap o' Paper 8.9, Royal 8.9, Royal Irish 8.4, Over There 8.3, Te Oro 7.10, Tabasco 7.7, Gatherer 7.0, Guianform 6.7, Great Form 6.7.

RAILWAY HACK HANICAP, six furlongs.—Alfa Laval 9.6, Ginger Mick 8.11, Paonui 8.6, Melting 8.6, Great Form 7.11, Morrin Abbey 7.9, Causeway 7.4, Recreation 7.0, Mahoetahu 7.0, Savoureen 7.0.

BOROUGH HANICAP, seven furlongs.—Scrap o' Paper 9.10, Over There 9.0, Carllysian 8.7, Te Oro 8.5, Tabasco 7.12, Gatherer 7.5, Some Fashion 7.5, Nunerrant 7.5, Analogue 7.5, Boko 6.11.

COUNTY STAKES HANICAP, six furlongs.—Alfa Laval 9.6, Ginger Mick 8.10, Great Form 7.13, Menace 7.13, Glencairn 7.10, Waitemahine 7.2, Firewater 7.0, Accurate 7.0, Strawberry 7.0.

BAY OF PLENTY HANICAP, one mile.—Gatherer 8.11, Some Fashion 8.6, Melting 8.3, Nunerrant 8.3, Paonui 8.2, Morrin Abbey 7.4, Silver Lode 7.3, Causeway 7.2, Guianform 7.0, Recreation 7.0, Mahoetahu 7.0.

FLYING HANICAP, six furlongs.—Scrap o' Paper 9.7, Royal Irish 9.6, Ring Lupin 8.5, Carllysian 8.4, Independence 8.4, Te Oro 8.3, Nunerrant 7.4, Savoureen 7.0, Lady Frederick 7.0.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Starter," Tokomaru Bay.—The rules of the New Zealand Athletic Association state that the starter may use his discretion in the matter of penalising a competitor for breaking away before the pistol in championship events.

RACING FIXTURES, 1920.

- Dec. 2—Methven R.C.
Dec. 8, 9—Woodville District J.C.
Dec. 9—Bay of Plenty J.C.
Dec. 15—Dannevirke R.C.
Dec. 15—Taumarunui R.C.
Dec. 15, 16—Lake County J.C.
Dec. 18—Waipa R.C.
Dec. 27—Porangahau R.C.
Dec. 27, 28—Dunedin J.C.
Dec. 27, 28—Westland R.C.
Dec. 27, 28—Taranaki J.C.
Dec. 27, 28, 30—Manawatu R.C.
Dec. 27, 29, Jan. 1, 3—Auckland R.C.
Dec. 30, Jan. 1, 4—Greymouth J.C.
Jan. 1—Wynndham R.C.
Jan. 1—Waikouaiti R.C.
Jan. 1, 3—Wairarapa R.C.
Jan. 1, 3—Stratford R.C.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

Wednesday, December 8. Acceptances Waipa R.C. annual, at 9 p.m. Acceptances Taumarunui R.C. annual, at 5 p.m.

Thursday, December 9. Nominations Wairarapa R.C. summer, at 8 p.m.

Friday, December 10. Weights first day Manawatu R.C. summer. Weights first day Taranaki J.C. Christmas. Nominations Marton J.C. summer, at 9 p.m. Acceptances Dannevirke R.C. summer, at 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 11. Handicaps Robinson Handicap, Grafton Hurdles, Nursery Handicap, and Christmas Handicap, A.R.C. summer.

Tuesday, December 14. Acceptances first day Manawatu R.C. summer and final payments 15th Palmerston North Stakes, at 9 p.m.

Friday, December 17. Nominations Northern Wairoa R.C. annual, at 5 p.m. Nominations Kawakawa R.C. annual, at 5 p.m. Weights first day Stratford R.C. annual.

Acceptances first day Taranaki J.C. Christmas, at 9 p.m. Acceptances Robinson Handicap, Grafton Hurdles, Nursery Handicap, and Christmas Handicap, A.R.C. summer, also final payments Shortland Plate, Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap, G.N. Foal Stakes, 47th G.N. Derby, and 26th Royal Stakes.

Weights first day Wairarapa R.C. summer.

Saturday, December 18. Weights first day Marton J.C. summer.

NORTHERN WAIROA RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The progress which racing is making in the north of Auckland is furnished by the increased stakes being offered by country clubs in connection with their annual meetings. The Northern Wairoa Racing Club have arranged an attractive programme for their summer meeting, which takes place on January 15, two days before the Kawakawa fixture, and can look forward with every confidence to a large contingent of visiting horses putting in an appearance at Dargaville next month. The principal event is the Northern Wairoa Cup Handicap, of 150sovs., 1 1/4 miles, while the other seven races are run over distances varying from five furlongs to a mile, and are of the value of from 60sovs. up to 100sovs. Nominations are due with the secretary, Mr. J. P. Stanaway, Dargaville, or with Mr. C. F. Mark, Auckland, on Friday, December 17, at 5 pm.

Prince Willonyx is to be started at the Waipa meeting, as also are Queens Up, Over There, and Dribble. The two last-named will be sent to Taumarunui. Jovial over-reached or would have joined the others on the trip.

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WAIPA RACING CLUB.

TE AWAMUTU.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

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TE AWAMUTU,

DECEMBER 18, 1920.

First Race Starts at 11.45 a.m.

Special Train Arrangements (see Railway Handbills).

Extensive preparations are being made in anticipation of a record meeting.

Admission to Course: 1/6.

J. G. WYNYARD, Secretary.

KAWAKAWA RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Kawakawa Racing Club will hold their summer meeting at Dargaville on Monday, January 17, when among the eight events to be decided will be the Kawakawa Cup Handicap, of 150sovs., 1 1/4 miles. There is every prospect of the meeting being extended a wide measure of patronage from owners and trainers, good stakes being allotted for the various races. Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. Claude Puttlick, Dargaville, or with Mr. C. F. Mark, Auckland, on Friday, December 17, at 5 p.m.

Trotting enthusiasts will regret to learn that a cable entering three Australian horses of note for the Auckland Trotting Club's summer meeting, in Happy Voyage (a crack), Medway, and Haricot, was received in Auckland in good time, but delivery was late.

There are ample indications that the Waipa Racing Club's annual meeting, to take place on the 18th inst., at Te Awamutu, will be a successful one. The Auckland and country district owners, chiefly in the Waikato, will be found extending their patronage, and there are sure to be a number of locally-trained horses taking a hand, with a good prospect of holding their own in some of the races. A few visitors are already there with horses from distant parts, taking advantage of the opportunity of giving their horses some work on the grass track before the meeting.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

Mr. F. W. Edwards has declared the following handicaps for the opening day of the Auckland Trotting Club's summer meeting, to be held at Alexandra Park on December 28, 30, and 31. Acceptances are due with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, on Friday, December 17, at 5 p.m.:

FIRST DAY.

The following acceptances have been received for the GREAT NORTHERN DERBY, one mile and a-half.—Nelson Derby, Childe Pointer, Copa de Ora Junior, Taraire, Avenue, Sir Henry, Wild Thyme, Logan Queen Oro, br g by Great Audubon—Wildwood mare.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CUP OF 2000sovs (limit 4.37). Two miles.—Huon Grattan limit, Lord Rose limit, Royal Step limit, Gold Girl limit, Homeleigh Dick limit, Comedy Chief limit, Kewpie limit, Oruarangi 12yds, Gold Boy 12yds, Woodvale 12yds, Dillonwood 12yds, Partner 24yds, Harold Junior 24yds, Rangitata Lass 24yds, Gleaming 24yds, Vice-Admiral 24yds, Money-maker 36yds, Norah Creina 48yds, Dean Dillon 60yds, Man-o-war 84yds.

INTRODUCTORY HANICAP, one mile and a-half.—Guava limit, Lady Lonsdale limit, Norland limit, Appeal limit, Mujik limit, Miss McKinney limit, Waimairi limit, Gold Lad limit, Audex limit, Lady Nan limit, Roi Alto limit, Carbinea limit, Othello limit, Timbell limit, Hoacetta limit, Peterson limit, Lord Roberts limit, Huia Girl limit, Golden Gate limit, War Tank 36yds behind, Mintonette 48yds, Gipsy Mac 48yds, My Junior 48yds, Sebisca 48yds, Emma Salisbury 48yds, Wild Nut 60yds, Bon Bon 72yds, Canberra 72yds, Miss Marvin Downs 84yds, Marble Hall 84yds, Mutu 96yds, Maggie Girl 96yds, Ghoad 108yds, Rita Galindo 120yds.

DECEMBER HANICAP, one mile and a-half.—Pukeora limit, Bellova limit, Silvery Moon limit, Wildwood Direct limit, Ngatarawa limit, Willie Mac limit, Whispering Dell limit, Edna limit, Archwood limit, Roma limit, March On limit, The Pointer limit, Peace Bells limit, Irish Bell limit, Peter Scott limit, Gold Flake limit, Ekeoeranei limit, Pederden limit, Gold Bud limit, Ambush 12yds, Scottish Child 12yds, Rua Pere 12yds, Phil Smith 12yds, Bushchild 24yds, Leverine 24yds, Wild Lad 24yds, Golden Wave 36yds, Jewel Wood 48yds, Blue King 60yds, Mindful 72yds, Piletta 72yds, Inora 84yds.

ROWE HANICAP, two miles.—Amberite limit, Grattan Abbey limit, Tiki 12yds, Kirikiriroa 12yds, Wild Lad 12yds, Pura Bell 24yds, Over Rate 24yds, Gold Rod 36yds, Rio Grande 36yds, Hova 60yds, Peter Timmerman 84yds, Lady Park 84yds, Billy Parole 120yds, King Capitalist 132yds, Homeleigh Dick 192yds.

PARNELL HANICAP, two miles.—Speculator limit, Blackthorn limit, Bluewood 12yds, Lena Patch 12yds, Auckland Girl 12yds, Nita Bell 24yds, Bronze Patch 60yds, Whisht 120yds, Gold Boy 156yds.

GREAT NORTHERN HANICAP, one mile.—Ruanui limit, Miss Havoc limit, Temple limit, Manuka Park limit, Harold Devon limit, Ena Bell limit, Prinzoza limit, Salamander limit, Dorothy Dimple 12yds, Rothcliff 12yds, Wonderland 12yds, Antonio 24yds, Prince Berlin 24yds, Eccentric 36yds, Woodvale 36yds, Derby Dillon 36yds, Duke Whips 36yds, Royal Step 36yds, Strategy 48yds, Money-maker 48yds.

ST. HELIER HANICAP, one mile.—Treanac limit, Jack of Diamonds limit, Avenue limit, Lady Burlington limit, Mykot limit, Profitier limit, Winestra limit, Prince Childe 12yds, Blue King 12yds, Tim Doolan 12yds, Inora 12yds, Lucille 12yds, Taraire 12yds, Sir Henry 12yds, Rangiatea Erua 24yds, Fair Puritan 24yds, Kempsey 24yds, Mint Boy 24yds, Red Star 36yds, Chaos 36yds, Master Iam 36yds, Miss Rolfe 48yds, Silver Shoe 60yds, Bronze Patch 60yds.

The following nominations have been received for the second and third days:—

SECOND DAY.

OAK HANICAP (Harness), one mile and a-half.—Baalbeck, Hoacetta, Miss Marvin Downs, Timbell, Peterson, Gipsy Mac, Emma Salisbury, Amberite, Canberra, Ghoad, Lady Lonsdale, Guava, Appeal, Notland, Bon Bon, Mistic, Huia Girl, Golden Gate, War Tank, Wild Nut, Marble Hall, My Junior, Sebisca, Fairbairn, Munjik, Miss McKinney, Roi Alto, Namuriri, Audex, Mintonette, Bell Holt, Lady Nan, Gold Lad, Rita Galindo, Maggie Girl, Carbinea.

TRAMWAY HANICAP (Harness), one mile and a-quarter.—Irish Bell, March On, Blue King, Rua Vere, Treanac, The Pointer, Peter Scott, Bush Child, Archwood, Jewel Wood, Piletta, Edna, Wildwood Direct, Roma, Peace Bells, Battery Bell, Reveille, Peter Eden, Whakatare, Golden Wave, Silver Moon, Christopher, Ekeoeranei, Mindful, Phil Smith, Plain Peter, Pukeora, Wild Thyme, Lockwood, Gold Bud, Profitier, Scottish Child, Ambush, Whispering Dell, Willie Mac, Levina, Gold Flake, Black Prince.

SUMMER CUP HANICAP (Harness), two miles.—Partner, Dean Dillon, Woodvale, Strategy, Oruarangi, Dillon Wood, Comedy Chief, Antonio, Norah Creina, Huon Grattan, Kewpie, Man-o-War, Money-maker, Lord Rose, Gold Boy, Gold Girl, Harold Junior, Gleaming, Vice-Admiral, Homeleigh Dick, Royal Step, Ranfurly Lass.

DOMINION HANICAP (Saddle), one mile.—Gallipoli, Woodvale, Puhenua, Winestra, Inora, Salamander, Ruanui, Albert Patch, Te Awa, Prinzoza, Taraire, Silvershoe, Tim Doolan, Mint Boy, Miss Havoc, Dorothy Dimple, Prince Poole, Queen Pirate, Prince Berlin, Resurrection.

EPSOM TROT (Harness), two miles.—Kirikiriroa, Amberite, Wild Lad, Hova, Billy Parole, Rio Grande, Grattan Abbey, Speculator, Over Rate, Lady Park, Tiki, Blackthorn, Gold Rod, Homeleigh Dick, Pura Bell, Peter Timmerman.

RANFURLY HANICAP (Harness), one mile and a-quarter.—Rothcliff, Nelson Derby, Wonderland, Ena Bell, Oruarangi, Copa de Ora Junior, Antonio, Huon Grattan, Kewpie, Man-o-War, Gold Girl, Harold Junior, Eccentric, Miss Rolfe, Money-maker, Whisht, Miss Havoc, Prinzoza, Derby Dillon, Chaos, Duke Whips, Manuka Park, Temple, Steel Bell.

CHRISTMAS HANICAP (Harness), two miles.—Auckland Girl, Lena Patch, Bluewood, Gold Boy, Bronze Patch, Master Iam, Whisht, Homeleigh Dick, King Capitalist.

DASH HANICAP (Harness), one mile.—Kempsey, Blue King, Childe Pointer, Ena Bell, Winestra, Inora, Lucille, Ruanui, Taraire, Tim Doolan, Red Star, Profitier, Oro, Mykot, Mint Boy, Jack of Diamonds, Fair Puritan, Sir Henry, Avenue, Rangiatea Erua, Nita Bell, Lady Somerset, Willie Mac, Prince Childe.

THIRD DAY.

TAMAKI HANICAP (Harness), one mile and a-half.—Hoacetta, Lord Roberts, Timbell, Othello, Peterson, Gipsy Mac, Canberra, Ghoad, Lady Lonsdale, Guava, Appeal, Norland, Bon Bon, Mutu, Huia Girl, Miss Patch, Golden Gate, War Tank, Wild Nut, Marble Hall, My Junior, Sebis, Fairbairn, Miss McKinney, Audex, Mintonette, Bell Hoult, Lady Nan, Gold Lad, Rita Galindo, Maggie Girl, Cartmea.

PARK HANICAP (Harness), one mile and a-half.—Irish Bell, March On, Blue King, Camille, Rua Pere, The Pointer, Peter Scott, Bushchild, Archwood, Jewelwood, Wildwood Direct, Roma, Battery Bell, Ngatarua, Reveille, Peter Eden, Bellova, Golden Wave, Christonia, Silvery Moon, Esperance, Mindful, Air Raid, Plain Peter, Reliance, Pukeora, Wild Thyme, Gold Bud, Profitier, Scottish Child, Whispering Dell, Puduma, Willie Mac, Leorine, Gold Flake, Black Prince.

PRESIDENT'S HANICAP (Harness), two miles.—Partner, Woodvale, Dean Dillon, Strategy, Oruarangi, Dillon Wood, Norah Creina, Huon Grattan, Kewpie, Man-o-War, Money-maker, Lord Rose, Silver Shoe, Steel Bell, Gold Boy, Harold Junior, Gleaming, Vice-Admiral, Homeleigh Dick, Royal Step, Rangitata Lass, Temple.

ASSOCIATION TROT (Harness), two miles.—Kirikiriroa, Amberite, Wild Lad, Hood, Billy Parole, Rio Grande, Speculator, Over Rate, Lady Park, Meyik, Tiki, Gold Rod, Homeleigh Dick, Pura Bell, Peter Timmerman.

TELEGRAPH HANICAP (Saddle), one mile.—Te Awa, Albert Patch, Ruanui, Salamander, Inora, Winestra, Ena Bell, Puhenua, Woodvale, Prinzoza, Gallipoli, Piletta, Silver Shoe, Tim Doolan, Mint Boy, Miss Rolfe, Miss Havoc, Dorothy Dimple, Tancaua, Queen Pirate, Levina, Prince Childe, Prince Berlin, Resurrection.

NEW YEAR HANICAP (Harness), two miles.—Lena Patch, Auckland Girl, Billy Parole, Speculator, Bluewood, Bronze Patch, Blackthorne, Whisht, Homeleigh Dick, King Capitalist.

ONSLow HANICAP (Harness), one mile.—Kewpie, Huon Grattan, Comedy Chief, Salamander, Copa de Ora Junior, Dillon Wood, Strategy, Childe Pointer, Wonderland, Nelson Derby, Rothcliff, Money-maker, Steel Bell, Gold Girl, Harold Devon, Eccentric, Man-o-War, Vice-Admiral, Whisht, Derby Dillon, Royal Step, Rangitata Lass, Duke Whips, Manuka Park, Ena Bell.

PREMIER HANICAP (Harness), one mile and a-quarter.—Antonio, Ruanui, Lucille, Inora, Treanac, Blue King, Kempsey, Piletta, Taraire, Tim Doolan, Red Star, Profitier, Oro, Mykot, Mint Master Iam, Over Rate, Sir Henry, Chaos, Rangiatea Erua, Nita, Bell, Lady Somerset, Lady Burlington, President Wilson, Prince Childe, Temple.

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## TURF GOSSIP.

The committee of the Dunedin Jockey Club has appointed Mr. W. F. Dunne to frame the handicaps for the second day of the summer meeting.

The Auckland horseman B. Deeley had a great innings at the Feilding J.C.'s spring meeting, riding five winners and one second out of ten mounts. An investment on each of Deeley's mounts would have returned over 75 per cent.

A good-looking horse that competed in the Maiden Race at Ashhurst was Weird (Mystification—Eland). The bay gelding is a five-year-old full-brother to Cervulus, and was bred by Mr. George Hunter, M.P., but was sold some time back to Mr. R. Grant, in whose colours he now races.

Mr. C. P. Nash tired of Birkenvale, and recently made a present of him to a member of the clergy, who will use him as a hack. The Palmerston North owner has in work a good cut of a two-year-old filly by All Red—Melologue (dam of Spare Moments) named Redlogue. He also has Glorify, with whom he intends to try and win a hurdle race.

The South Canterbury trainer F. E. Jones intends racing a portion of his team at the Auckland Trotting Club's summer meeting at the end of the present month. Those making the trip will be Rangitata Lass, who may contest the Auckland Trotting Cup, Royal Step, Doraldina, and the three-year-old colt Wild Thyme, who is engaged in the Great Northern Derby.

The Auckland Cup candidate Tenterfield was one of the five contestants in the St. Andrew's Handicap (1½ miles) on the opening day at Feilding, but failed to reproduce the form for which he was responsible at the N.Z. Cup meeting at Riccarton, being last to finish. Tenterfield also contested the Manchester Handicap (1¼ miles) on the second day, and was the last of the seven starters to finish.

H. Gray rode Dignity, Marquetteur, American Beauty, Hurry Up and Amberine in their respective engagements on the opening day of the Feilding meeting, and was only on one occasion in a place, this being when Amberine ran third in the Fitzroy Hack Handicap. On the second day Gray rode Prodigal to victory in the Rongotea Hack Handicap, was second on Marquetteur in the Manchester Handicap, third on Sweet Memory in the Oroua Stakes, while his other two mounts (Festive and Amberine) ran unplaced.

Red Ribbon, who won the St. Andrew's Handicap (1½ miles) on the opening day of the Feilding J.C.'s meeting, figures in the Auckland Cup (two miles) and the Manawatu Cup (1½ miles). Red Ribbon, it will be remembered, filled the position of runner-up to Flery Cross in the 1917 Auckland Cup, on which occasion she carried 7.2 and was ridden by the Auckland horseman J. Conquest. The daughter of Elevation—Blue Ribbon is now in her eighth year, and with 8.4 to carry in this year's Auckland Cup she is confronted with a difficult task.

After the payment of the forfeit, the following horses remain in the Fifteenth Palmerston North Stakes, of 500sovs., six furlongs, w.f.a., to be run on the second day of the Manawatu R.C.'s summer meeting, which takes place on December 27, 28 and 30:—Mockery, Demand, Blackmail, Toa Taua, Taipairu, Aureate, Princess Pat, Warplane, Panache, Dunedin, Tommy Rot, Koodoo, Strategy, Prince Martian, Affection, Soldier's Love, Ennea, Munus, Red Band, Roset, Edendale, Little River, b c Wolawa—Float.

Nursing Sister (Solferino—Miss Dalrymple), formerly an inmate of the Highden establishment at Awapuni, but now the property of Mr. D. O'Reilly, is proving a great asset to her owner, her success in the Flying Handicap (six furlongs) on the opening day at Feilding making her third consecutive win in the space of a fortnight. Nursing Sister won the McDonald Memorial Handicap (six furlongs) at the Horowhenua R.C.'s meeting, and also the Raupal Welter Handicap (seven furlongs) at the Ashhurst-Pohangina R.C.'s annual fixture, thus crediting her owner with £535 in stakes for the three above-mentioned races. She was ridden in each of her successes by Ashley Reed.

A number of Auckland horses were nominated for the Manawatu meeting in addition to Uncle Ned. The weights are due on Friday next.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club's meeting was got through in fine weather. It rained hard next day, and no trotting meeting could have been held then. Friday, however, proved fine for the Show, and the rain had laid the dust nicely.

H. Robinson was riding at the Feilding J.C.'s meeting, but experienced no success. He piloted the Great Northern Derby winner, Listowel, in the Feilding Stakes and the York Handicap, the son of Absurd finishing outside of a place in both events. Robinson also had the mounts on Te Kaha, Empyrean, Glenmal and American Beauty, none of which ran into a place in their respective races.

Mr. W. R. Kembell had no less than sixteen representatives carrying his colours at the two-day fixture of the Feilding Jockey Club. On the opening day he failed to secure a win, though Hymestra ran second to Gloaming in the Fifteenth Feilding Stakes, while Missgold was third in the Flying Handicap, in which race he stable had another representative in Dunedin, who failed to run up to expectations. Lord Nagar, Tenterfield, Weldone and Raceful all ran unplaced in their respective engagements on the opening day. On the second day matters looked the reverse of pleasant for backers of the Kembell stable, for after Missgold (who was bracketed with Trespass, the pair being favourites on the machine) had acted as runner-up to Chimera in the York Handicap (the second race on the programme), Tenterfield, Bonetter, Hymestra, Weldone and Rebuff all ran unplaced in subsequent engagements. The last race, however, gave the Kembell establishment a change of luck, for Raceful, who was fourth favourite, placed the event to his credit, returning a fairly good dividend.

For winning the St. Andrew's Handicap at the Feilding meeting Red Ribbon had her Auckland Cup weight raised 2lb. by the A.R.C. handicapper, Mr. F. Macmanemin, making it 8.4.

K. Bracken has been offered riding at the A.R.C. summer meeting, and in the event of him coming to New Zealand this month should have no difficulty in getting a number of mounts thereat.

Recent reports as to the condition of the 1919 Melbourne Cup winner, Artilleryman, who is still at Bacchus Marsh, are much more satisfactory than they have been since he was sent out. The swelling in his hind leg has subsided considerably, and he now moves about much more than he has been doing.

When Gloaming won the Fifteenth Feilding Stakes last week he returned one of the smallest dividends on record. A much better price was obtained about The Welkin gelding in the Oroua Stakes on the second day of the Feilding J.C.'s meeting, and he again defeated his half-dozen rivals in decisive fashion. Gloaming's next appearance will be in the Islington Plate (one mile) on the second day of the Auckland R.C.'s meeting, an event in which he has been successful on the last two occasions. Desert Gold registered three consecutive successes in the Islington Plate, so that there is every probability of Gloaming equalling her record at the forthcoming meeting at Ellerslie.

B. Deeley headed the list of successful horsemen at the Feilding J.C.'s spring meeting, being responsible for five winners (Gloaming twice, Jutland, Chimera, and Red Ribbon). Con Reed came next with two wins (Minsk and Hallowroz), while the following each rode a winner:—A. McDonald (Mattock), W. Blanche (Beloved), A. Reed (Nursing Sister), H. E. Ryder (Namur), P. McBrearty (Vigilo), H. Goldfinch (Depredation), W. Young (Borealis), H. Gray (Prodigal), and J. O'Shea (Raceful).

## TOTALISATOR FRACTIONS.

DIVIDENDS SHOULD BE PAID OUT TO THREEPENCES.

It is to be hoped, in the interests of fair play, that the protest which the Dunedin Jockey Club Committee are to make against the confiscation of the totalisator fractions by the State will set forth the argument clearly and forcibly. To the Dunedin Jockey Club it means a loss of about £1,300 a year. This is serious. There will be so much the less to spend on improvements. I do not see how the taking of this money can be defended on any grounds. It belongs to the people who put it on the totalisator, and racing practice, assented to by investors, is to pay it out for the benefit of racing generally. If they had a voice they would object very strongly to giving it to the State which amounts to sharing it with those persons who are forever unfairly attacking and misrepresenting the national sport. If the State has any show of right to capture this money, apart from the right of might, it may with equal justice collar the indivisible fractions of companies and corporations, and also the pocket money of husbands and wives, giving no better reason than that the State wants it so that extravagance may be paid for. One might justifiably become angry over this question. One of the basic principles of taxation is that the State takes money for services rendered. What service does it render racing. It does nothing but worry and oppress, in weak submission to killjoys, who would, if they could, stop a man smoking and all other pleasures. It seems to me that one way of replying to this grab is to pay out dividends to threepences instead of sixpences, if such can possibly be done. I suggest that the D.J.C. committee confer with Mr. W. F. James and see if this would be possible.

## CAMBRIDGE TROTTING CLUB.

### INAUGURAL MEETING.

To be held on the Cambridge Racecourse and Show Grounds on SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1921.

### PROGRAMME

(Under Rules of the N.Z. Trotting Association.)

(Approved by the N.Z.T.A.)

Judge: Mr. R. L. Absolum. Handicapper: Mr. F. W. Edwards. Starter: Mr. F. W. Edwards.

Races will be run in following order:

1. FARMERS' PLATE HANDICAP (Saddle) of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, third horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. For Trotters or Pacers within a radius of 10 miles from Cambridge which have never won a race. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination 10s., acceptance 30s.
2. LEAMINGTON HANDICAP (Harness) of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, third horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. For horses that have never won at better than 2.85 to the mile at time of nomination. Limit, 4.0. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination 10s., acceptance 30s.
3. CAMBRIDGE TROTTING CUP (Harness) of 175sovs, with a Cup valued at 25sovs, donated by Mrs. Tully; second horse to receive 25 sovs, third horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Limit, 4.50. Distance, two miles. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30sovs.
4. HAUTAPU HANDICAP (Harness) of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, third horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Limit, 3.50. Distance, one mile and a-quarter. Nomination 12s. 6d., acceptance 35s.
5. BARDOWIE HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, third horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. For Unhopped Trotting Horses only. Limit, 5.12. Distance, two miles. Nomination 15s., acceptance 40s.
6. PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (Harness) of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, third horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 3.50. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination 12s. 6d., acceptance 35s.
7. FAREWELL HANDICAP (Saddle) of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, third horse to receive 5 sovs from stakes. Limit, 2.30. Distance, one mile. Nomination 12s. 6d., acceptance 35s.

### NOMINATIONS.

NOMINATIONS for all events close with Mr. C. F. Mark, Secretary Trotting Club, Auckland, or the Secretary, Cambridge Trotting Club, Cambridge, at 5 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1921.

### ACCEPTANCES.

ACCEPTANCES for all events close with the Secretary, at Cambridge, or Mr. C. F. Mark, Secretary Trotting Club, Auckland, at 5 p.m. on MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1921.

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**FIRST DAY—JANUARY 20, 1921.**

1. TRENTHAM JUMPERS' FLAT HANDICAP of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and the third horse 35sovs from the stake. For horses and jockeys who have at time of entry completed three times a steeplechase or hurdle race. Minimum weight, 9.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile.
2. NURSERY HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third horse 50sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. Five furlongs.
3. ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP of 600 sovs; second horse to receive 120 sovs, and the third horse 60sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 6sovs. One mile.
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7. TELEGRAPH HANDICAP of 1000 sovs; second horse to receive 200 sovs, and the third horse 100sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 10sovs. Six furlongs.
8. RUAPEHU HANDICAP (Hack Conditions) of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and the third horse 35sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Five furlongs.

**SECOND DAY—JANUARY 22, 1921.**

1. MUNGAROA JUMPERS' FLAT HANDICAP of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and the third horse 35sovs from the stake. For horses and jockeys who have at time of entry completed three times a steeplechase or hurdle race. Minimum weight, 9.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and a-half.
2. JANUARY WELTER HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and the third horse 50sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. One mile.
3. FITZHERBERT HANDICAP of 350 sovs; second horse to receive 70 sovs, and the third horse 35sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds that have not won a race exceeding the value of 200sovs at the time of starting. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Five furlongs.
4. KELBURN PLATE of 650sovs; second horse to receive 130sovs, and the third horse 65sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds and upwards. Weight for age. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 6sovs. Four furlongs.
5. WELLINGTON RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs, and the third horse 100sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 10 sovs. One mile and three furlongs.
6. DOURO CUP HANDICAP (Hack Conditions) of 750sovs; second horse to receive 150sovs, and the third horse 75sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 7sovs. One mile.
7. METROPOLITAN HANDICAP of 700 sovs; second horse to receive 140 sovs, and third horse 70sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 7sovs. Six furlongs.
8. CAMP HANDICAP (Hack Conditions) of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and the third horse 35sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Six furlongs.

**THIRD DAY—JANUARY 24, 1921.**

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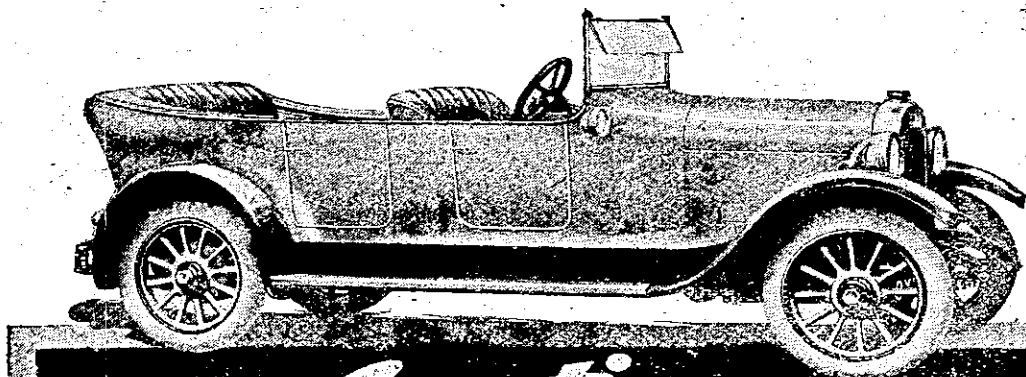
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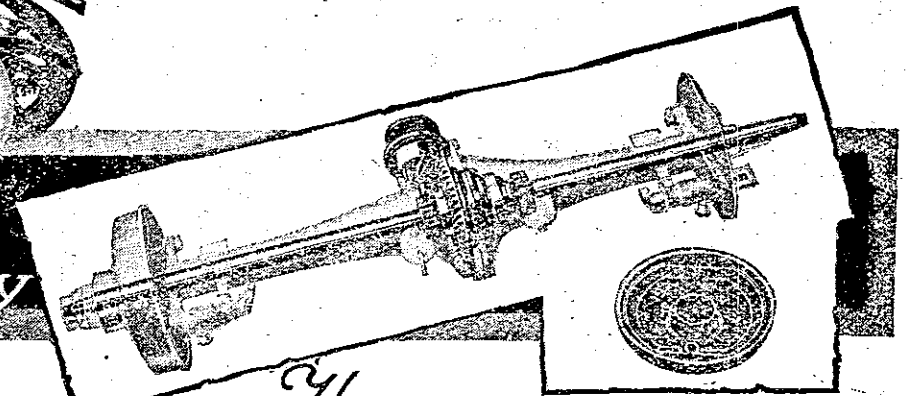
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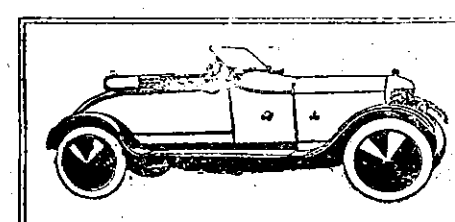
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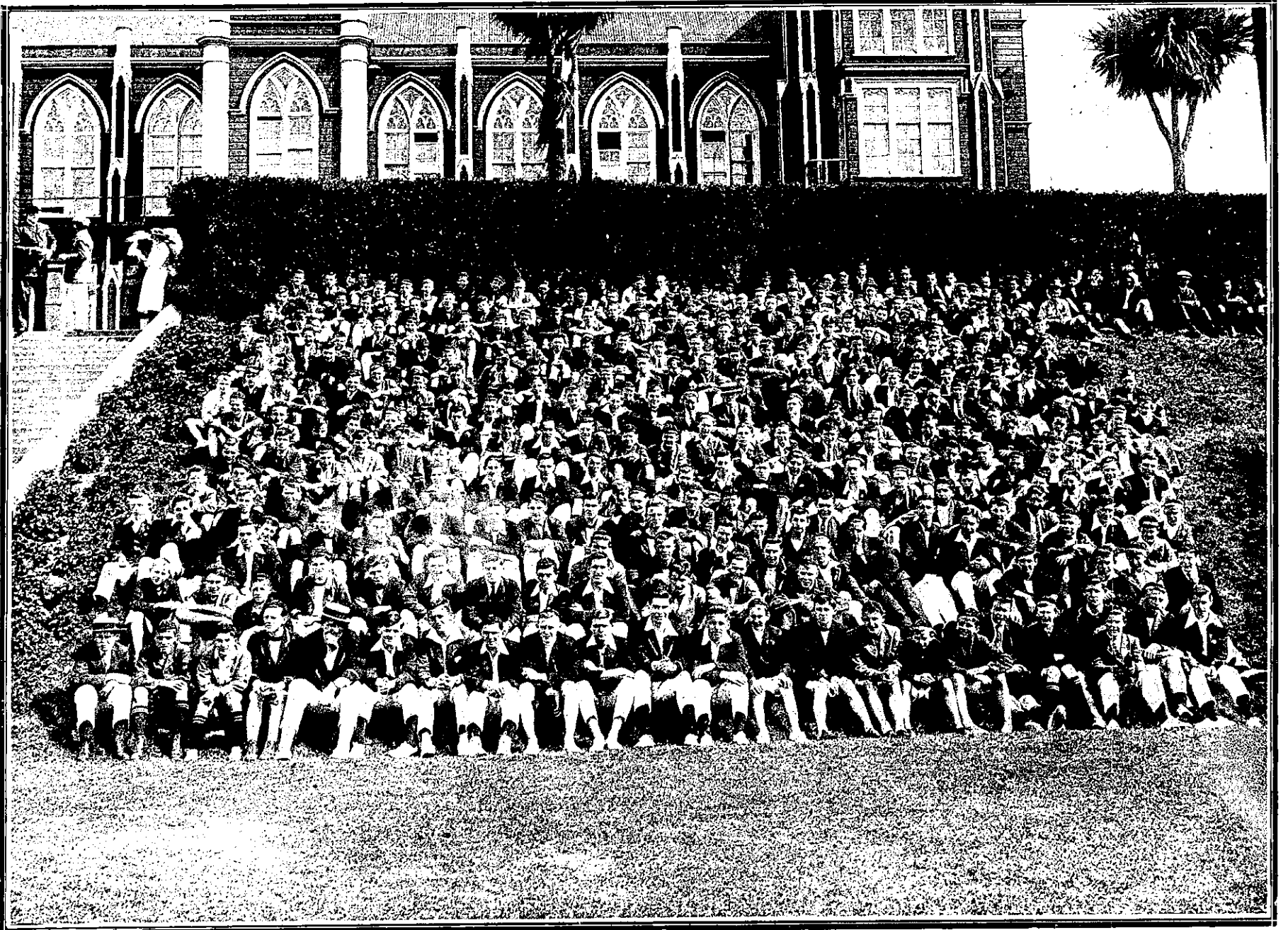
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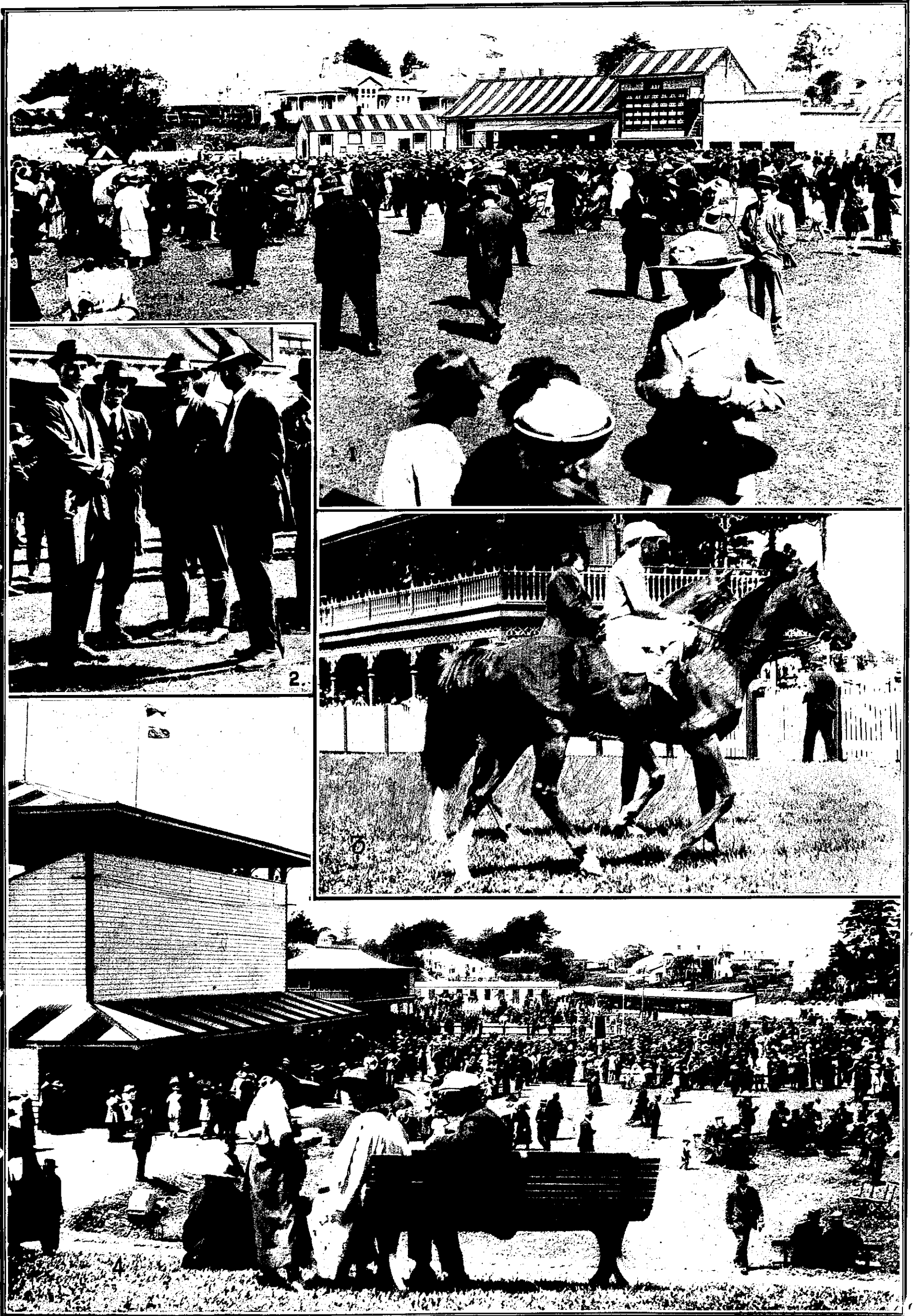
GROUP OF COMPETITORS AT THE WELLINGTON COLLEGE'S RECENT ATHLETIC SPORTS.



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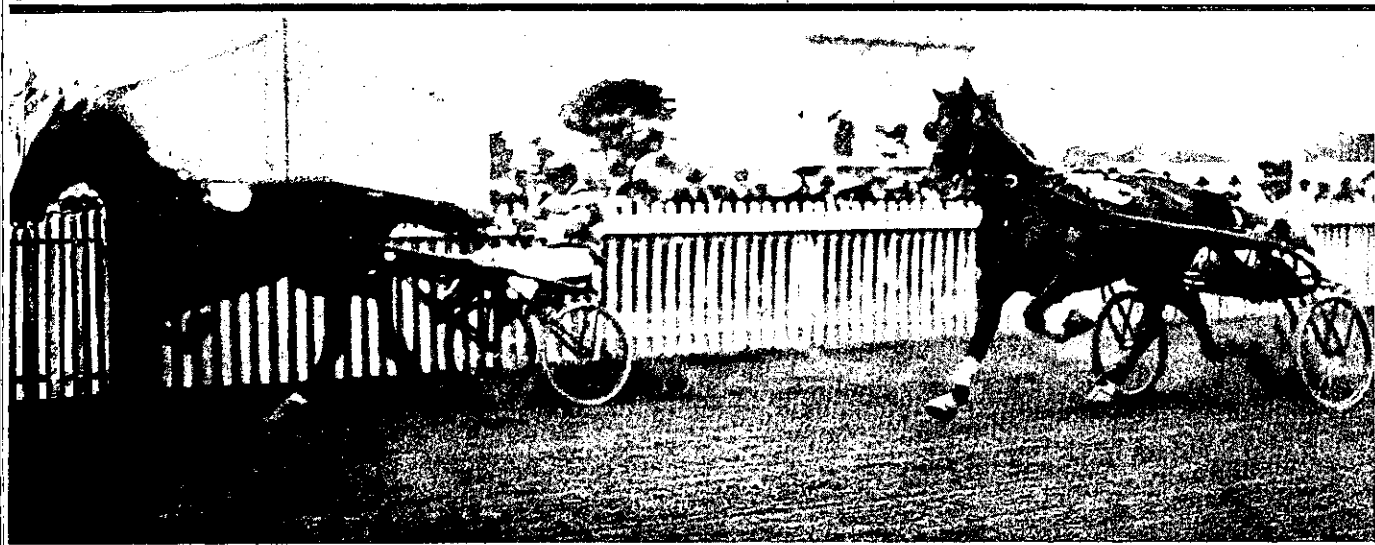
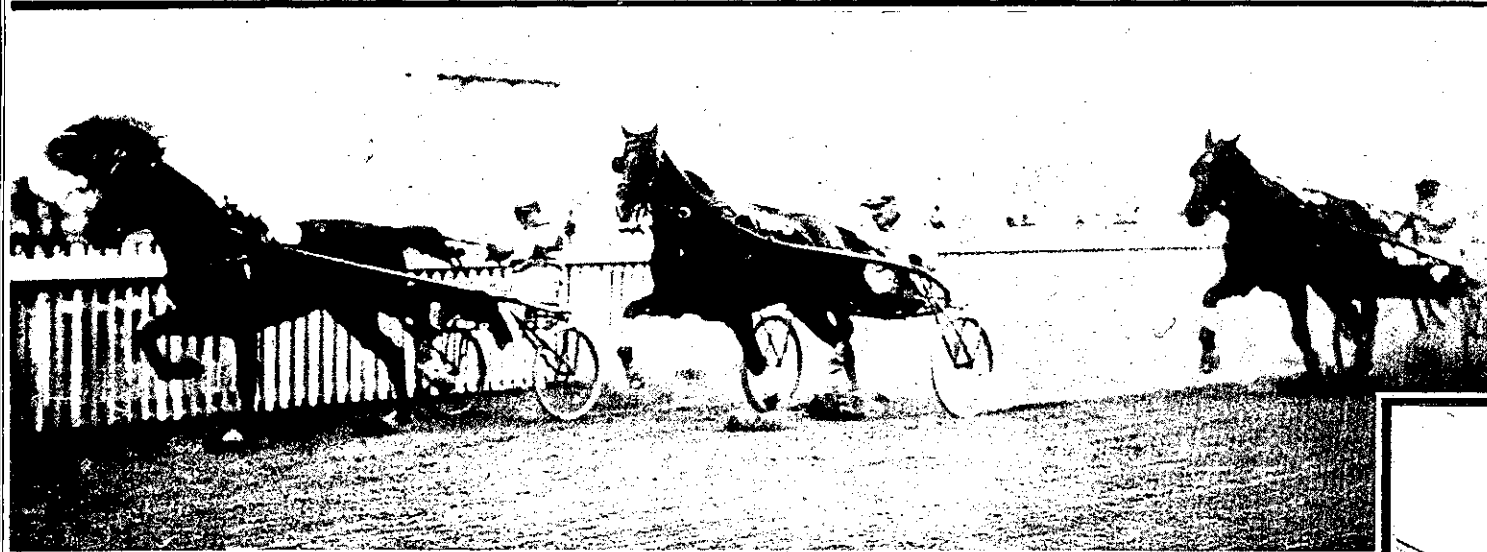
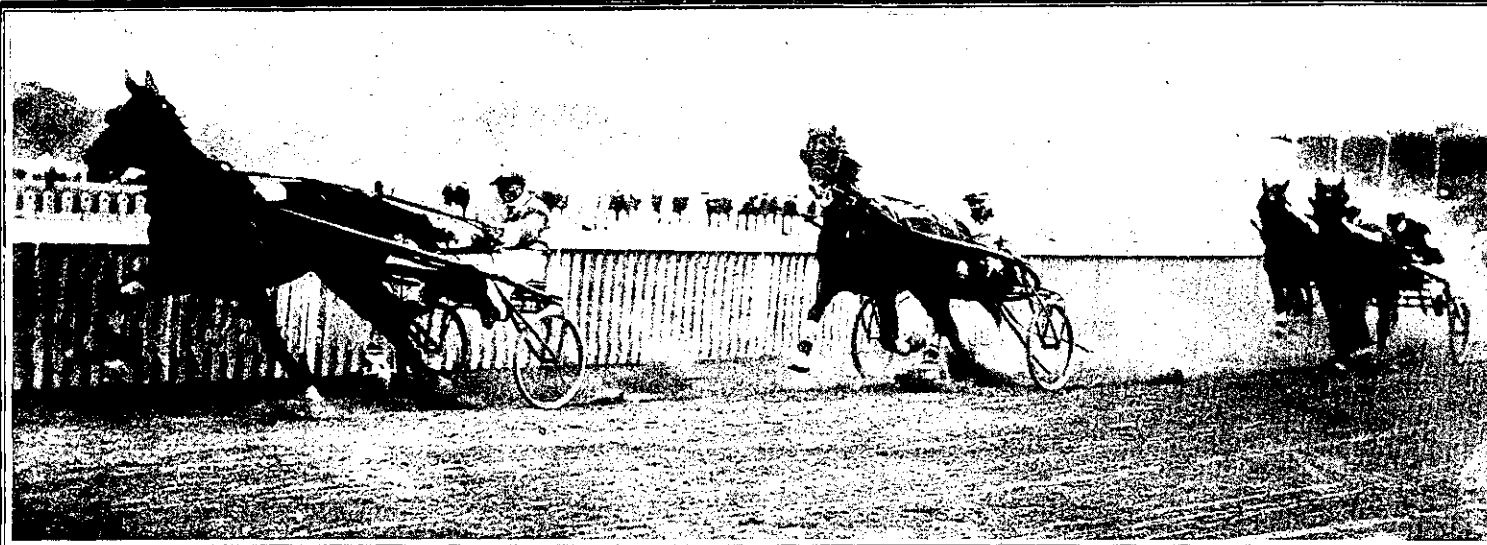
# The Takapuna Jockey Club's Recent Spring Meeting.



1. VIEW OF THE LAWN AT THE TAKAPUNA RACECOURSE DURING THE PROGRESS OF THE T.J.C.'S SPRING MEETING, SHOWING PATRONS ASSEMBLED IN FRONT OF THE TOTALISATOR. 2. JIMMY CLABBY (second from right), the famous middleweight boxer, and friends at the Takapuna races. 3. GRUMPURST (R. Manson) returning to scale after winning the Cautley Handicap (six furlongs) on the concluding day. 4. VIEW, TAKEN FROM THE TERRACES, OF THE LAWN AT TAKAPUNA, WITH THE STEWARDS' STAND, BIRDCAGE, AND SADDLING PADDOCK IN BACKGROUND.



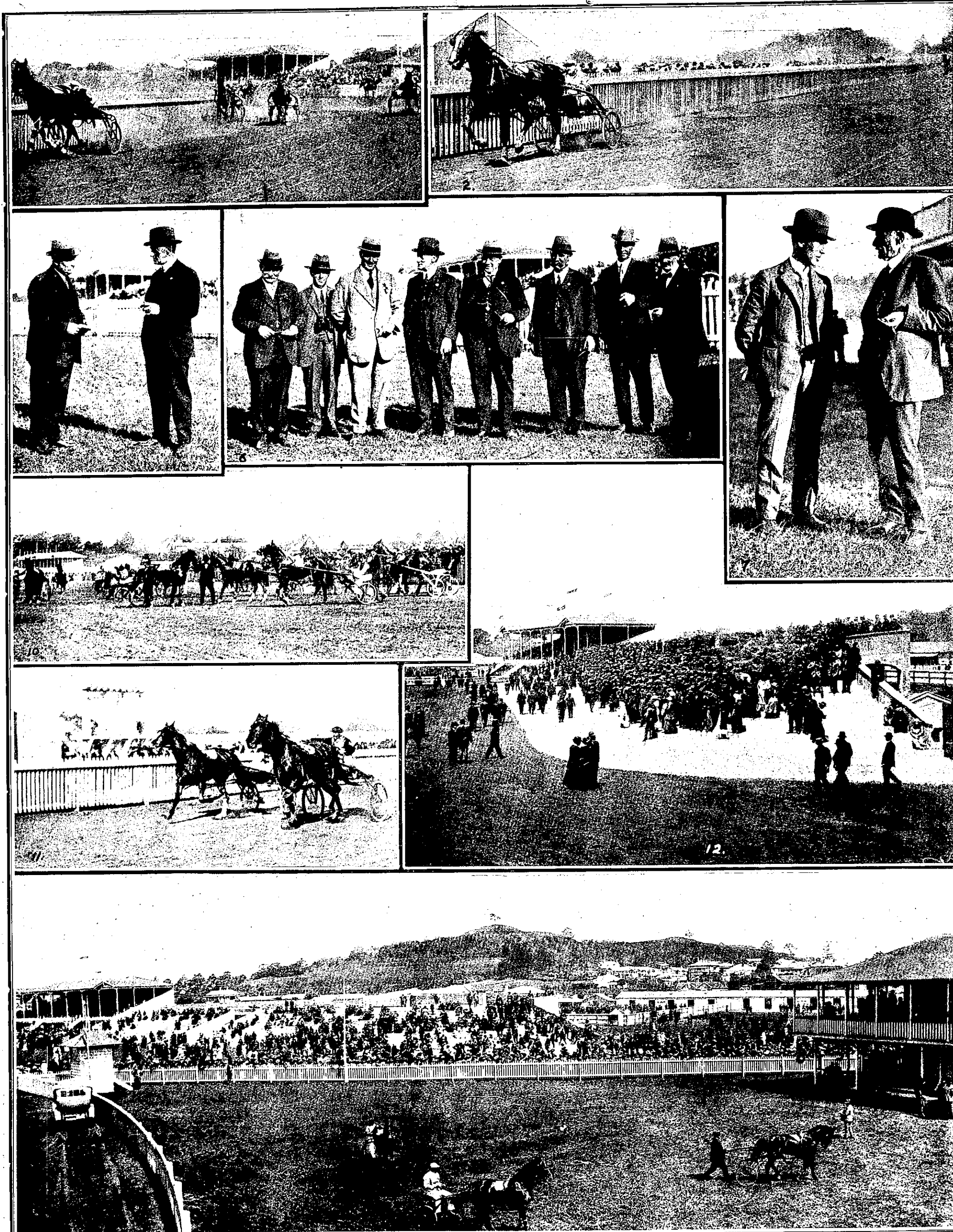
# Snapshots at the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Spring Meeting at Alexandra Park



1. GOING OUT OF THE STRAIGHT THE FIRST TIME IN THE VISITORS' HANDICAP (TWO MILES)—TIKI leading AMBERITE, with GRATTAN ABBEY and GOLD ROD following. 2. THE SECOND TIME PAST THE POST IN THE VISITORS' HANDICAP—TIKI still has charge from AMBERITE, with KIRIKIROA lying third. 3. THE FINISH OF THE VISITORS' HANDICAP (TWO MILES)—TIKI (E. Groat) wins from AMBERITE (J.

Gee). 4. MESSRS. A. G. MABEE (stipendiary steward) and E. V. SUTHERLAND (secretary Otahuhu T.C.) and T. A. BROWN (clerk of course). 7. ORUARANGA (secretary Otahuhu T.C.) and T. A. BROWN (clerk of course). 8. A TRIO OF

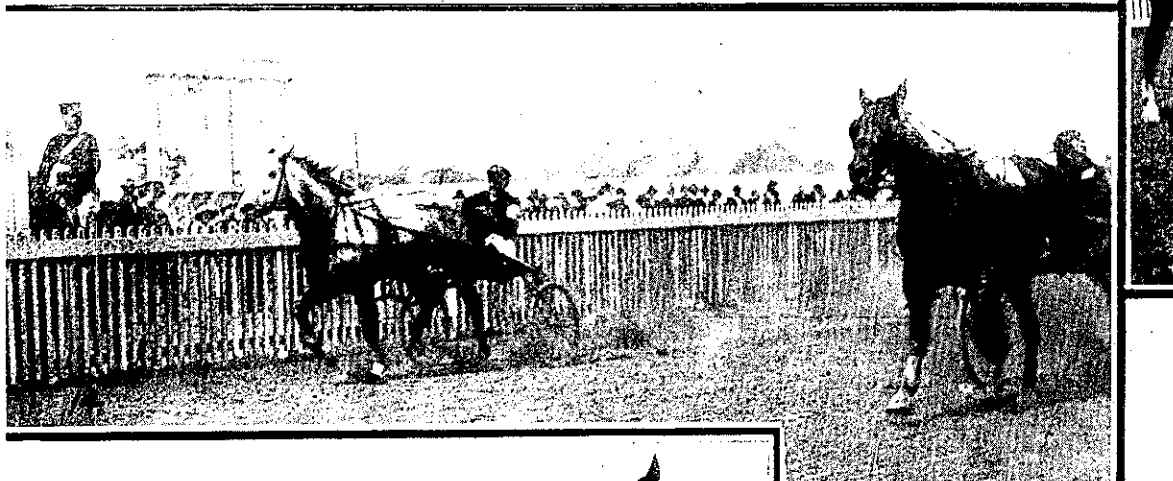
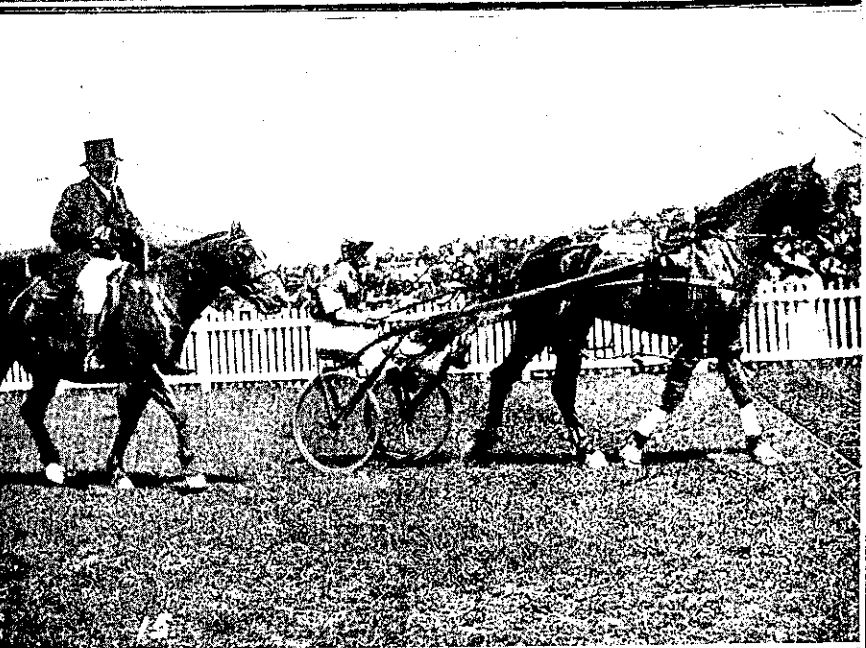
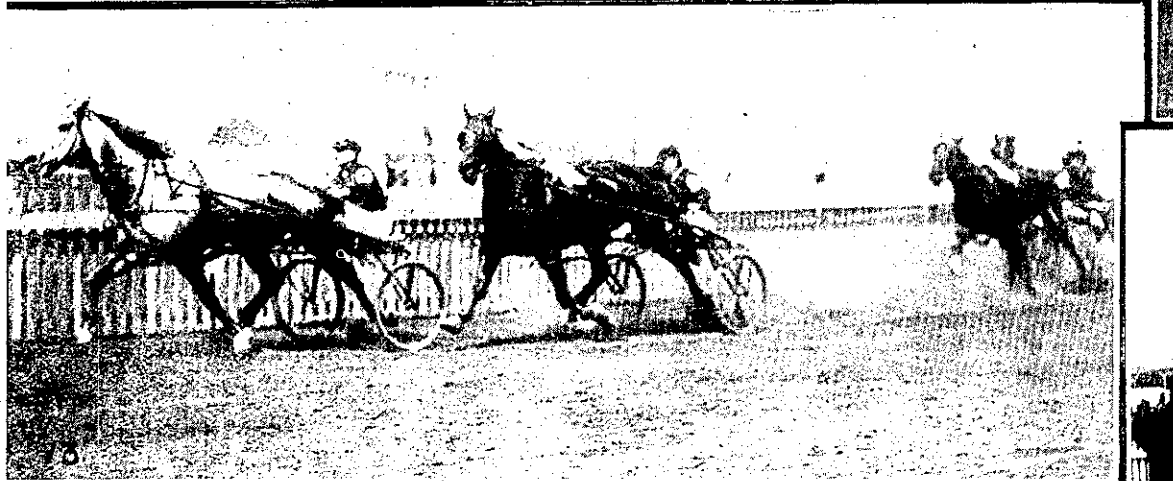
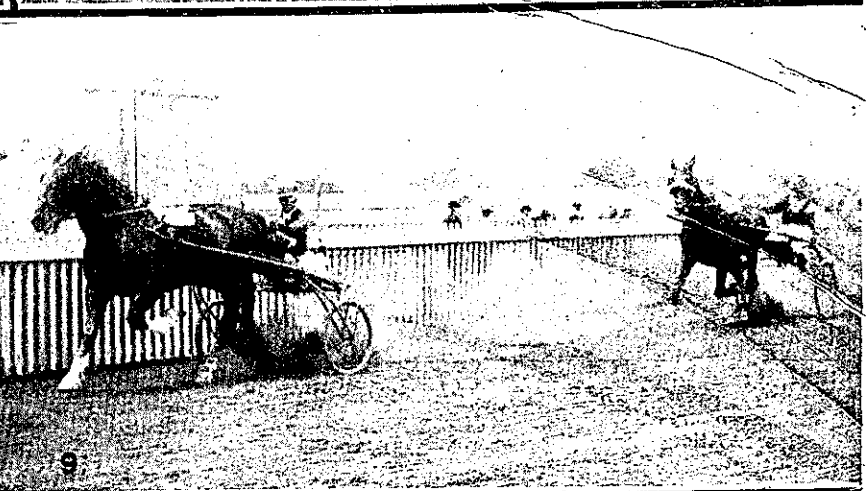
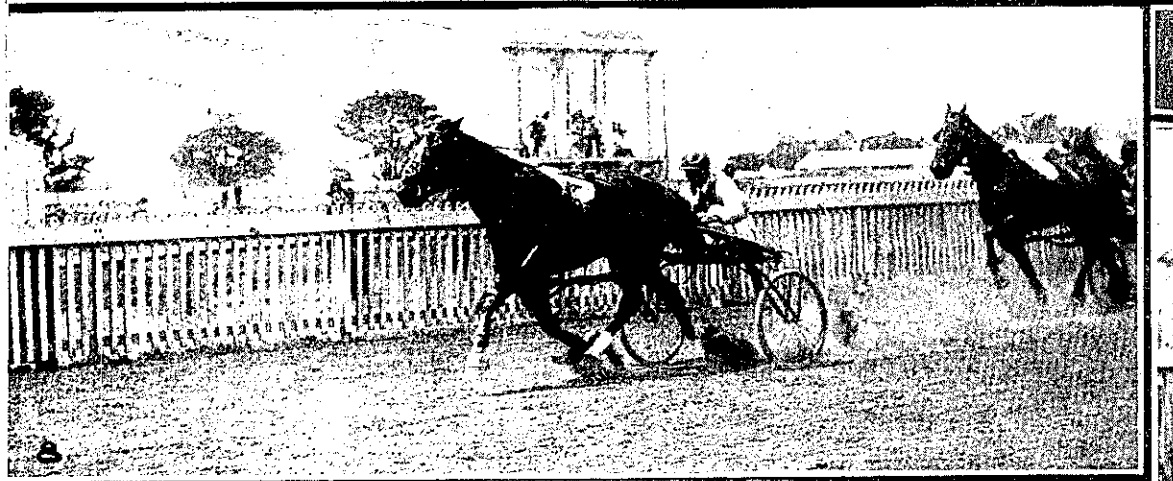
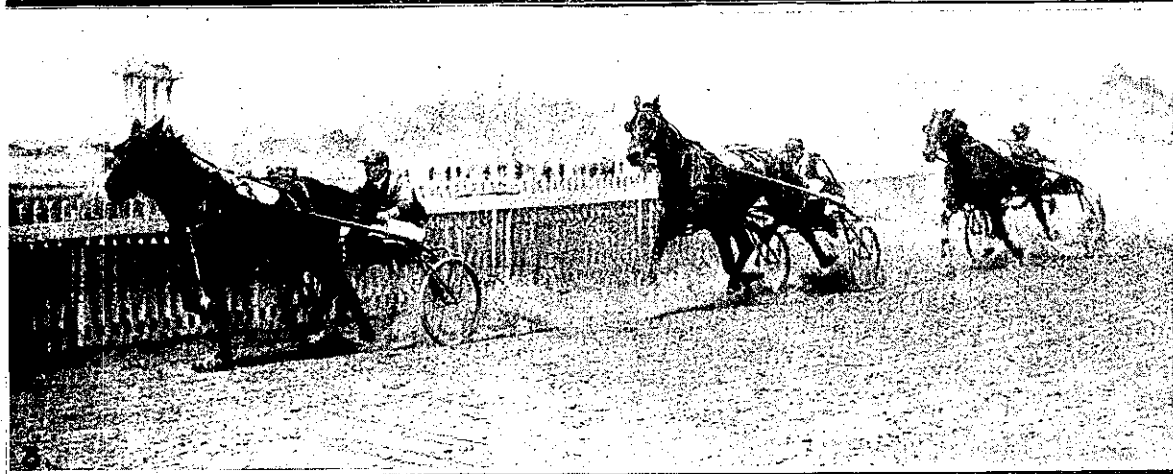
## Opening of the Trotting Season in Auckland—The Otahuhu Trotting



1. COMEDY CHIEF (McMillan) racing in advance of LORD ROSE, TEMPLE, GOLD GIRL and ANTONIO going out of the straight the last time in the Liverpool Handicap (two miles). WOODVALE and HUON GRATTAN, who finished first and second respectively, had a commanding lead at this stage. 2. WOODVALE (Fleming) registers a runaway win in the Liverpool Handicap. 3. REVEILLE (Roe, jun.) showing the way to MYKOT (Groat) and MINDFUL (Willetts) just after entering upon the final circuit in the Epsom Handicap (1½ miles). 4. Group of enthusiasts on the lawn at Alexandra Park. 5. MESSRS. R. L. ABSOLUM (secretary) and H. R. Mackenzie (chairman of committee). 6. GROUP OF OFFICIALS OF THE OTAHUHU TROTTERING CLUB—From left: Messrs. R. L. Absolum (sec.), A. G. Mabee (stipendiary steward), E. V. Sutherland, H. R. Mackenzie (chairman), A. M. Loasby, Capt. R. Gibbons, A. E. Murphy, J. Wilson. 7. MESSRS. H. MORPETH and C. F. MARK (secretary Auckland Trotting Club). 8. THE FINISH OF THE EPSOM HANDICAP (1½ MILES)—MINDFUL (Willetts) wins from MYKOT (Groat), with BLUE KING third. 9. PURA BELL (Monk) winning the Innovation Handicap (1½ miles) from MALMSBURY (G. Paul) on the concluding day. 10. GETTING READY FOR THE START OF THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP (1½ MILES) ON THE OPENING DAY. 11. AN EXCITING FINISH IN THE ONEHUNGA



# Trotting Club's Record Spring Gathering at Alexandra Park, Epsom.



HANDICAP (1½ MILES) ON THE OPENING DAY—The favourite, REDSTAR (A. Brown), on outside, just gets up in time to defeat LADY SOMERSET (W. J. Paul) by a neck. 12. VIEW OF THE STEPS OF THE NEW CONCRETE STAND WHICH IS TO BE ERECTED AT ALEXANDRA PARK BY THE AUCKLAND TROTTERING CLUB, SHOWING LAWN PATRONS OBTAINING AN EXCELLENT VIEW OF THE RACING. 13. PASSING THE STAND THE SECOND TIME IN THE FRANKLIN HANDICAP (TWO MILES)—WONDERLAND (Fleming) has charge from BOYCOTT (G. Paul), with JEWEL WOOD and AMBUSH racing next. 14. AN EXCITING FINISH IN THE FRANKLIN HANDICAP.—BOYCOTT (G. Paul), on outside, defeats WONDERLAND (Fleming) by a head. 15. ORO (Cunningham), after his popular victory in the Mangere Handicap (1¼ miles). 16. VIEW SHOWING THE BIRDCAGE, AND THE STEPS OF THE NEW STAND, WHICH, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL ACCOMMODATE BETWEEN 6000 AND 7000 PERSONS. 17. KEWPIE (G. McKendrick), after accounting for the Jellicoe Handicap (two miles). 18. GOLDEN WAVE (Paton) leading ORO (Cunningham), the winner, past the stands the first time in the Mangere Handicap (1¼ miles) on the opening day. 19. PORTION OF THE LARGE CROWD ASSEMBLED IN FRONT OF THE TOTALISATOR.



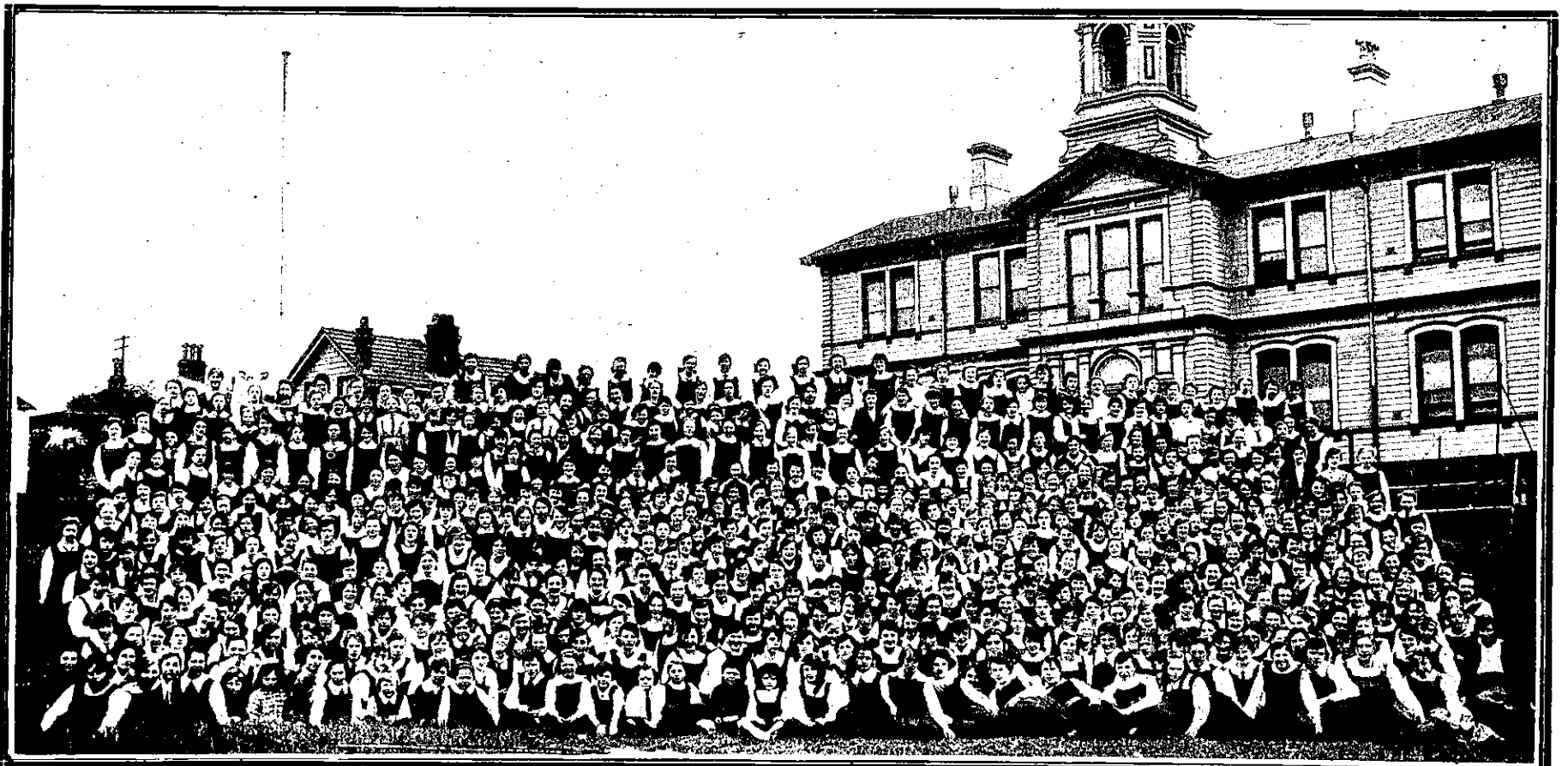
## Lord Jellicoe at Wanganui ; Girl Pupils and Teaching Staff at Wellington College.



GROUP PHOTOGRAPHED ON THE STEPS OF THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB, WANGANUI, DURING THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S VISIT TO THAT INSTITUTION. His Excellency was made a life member of the Club, which has a membership of 2000. Seated in front, from left, are: Messrs. Allomes, D. Wilson, J. Driver (president), His Excellency Lord Jellicoe, Messrs. T. B. Williams (Mayor), W. Veitch, M.P., and the Governor-General's A.D.C.

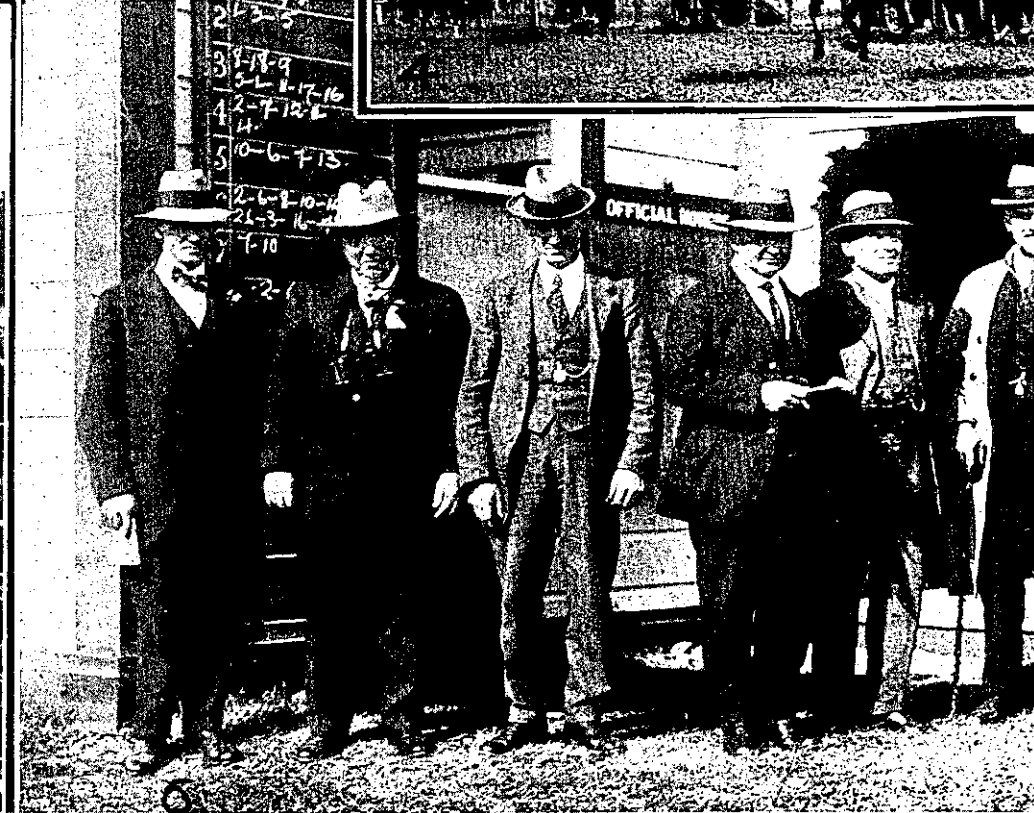
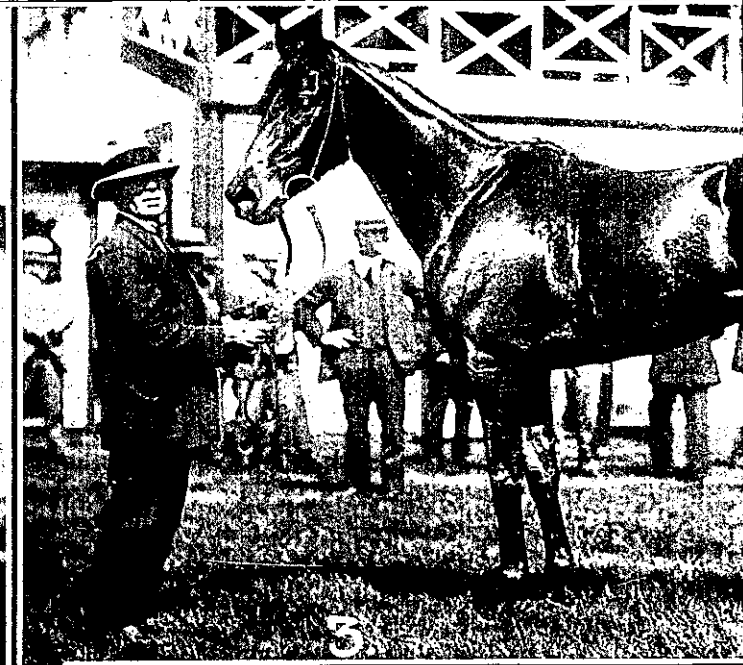


THE HEADMASTER AND STAFF OF WELLINGTON COLLEGE.—Back row (from left): F. E. Thornton, H. A. Smithson, W. F. Balham, J. K. Lomas, H. T. M. Fathers, E. J. Hercus, J. Hall, T. E. Beard, W. Stevens. Middle row: A. E. Caddick, J. N. Millard, H. B. Tomlinson, Thos. Brodie, A. Reine, J. P. Firth (headmaster), A. C. Gifford, F. M. Renner, W. Alexander, R. Biggar, G. Morice, J. Thompson. Front row: F. Joplin, C. Taylor, V. Jones, L. J. O'Connell, W. G. Harwood, J. Cuddie.



THE PUPILS OF THE WELLINGTON GIRLS' COLLEGE.

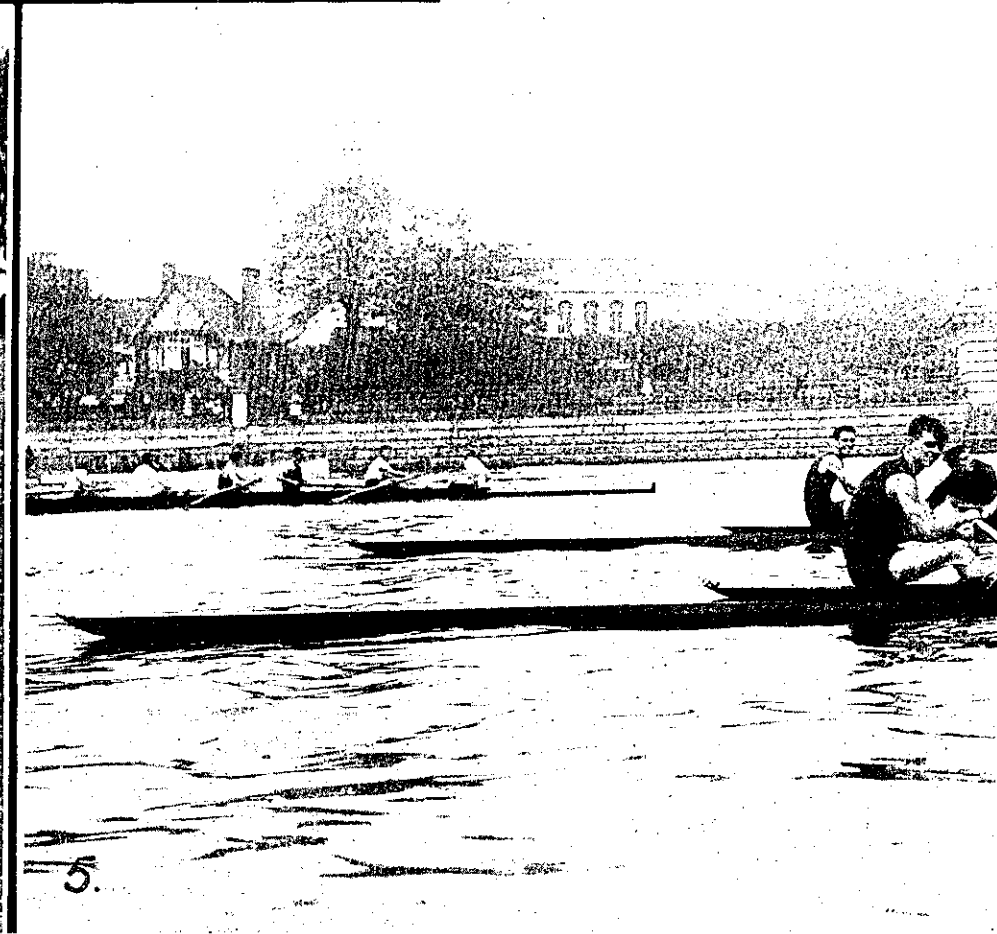
# Snapshots at the Ashhurst-Pohangina Racing Club's Successful Annual Fixture.



1. A SUCCESSFUL NORTH ISLAND HURDLER—Mr. R. N. Barton's b g O'LANE, 6yrs., by Elevation—Lethe mare, who followed up his recent success at the Horowhenua R.C.'s annual meeting by capturing the Hack Hurdles Handicap (1½ miles) at the Ashhurst-Pohangina R.C.'s annual fixture. W. Bowden in saddle. 2. SWEET MEMORY (A. Reed), after winning the Pohangina Handicap (six furlongs). 3. A DUAL CUP WINNER DURING THE PAST MONTH—Mr. J. Fuller's b m ESPERANCE, 5yrs., by Martian—Mary of Argyle, who won the Ashhurst Cup (1¼ miles) on November 24. The previous week she accounted for the Horowhenua Cup (1¼

miles). 4. AMERICAN BEAUTY (W. Young) winning the Komako Hack Handicap. 5. TIAN MISS (J. O'Shea), with GOOLWA third. 6. A VIEW OF THE FRONT OF THE ASHHURST-POHANGINA RACING CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING. 7. LEADING MEN PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE ASHHURST-POHANGINA RACING CLUB'S MEETING. 8. J. A. Nash (M.P. for Palmerston North), T. Dwan (Wellington)

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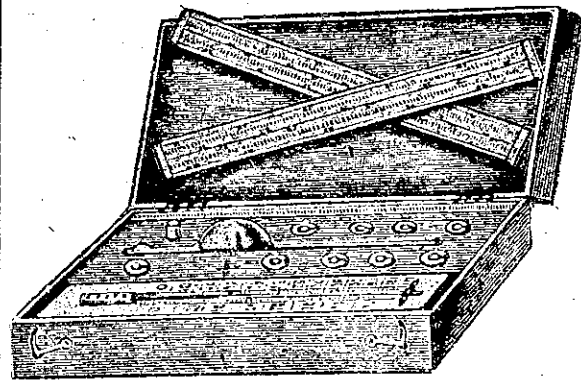
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Dr. and Mrs. Coats, who left Wai-pukurau for Scotland last year, returned to the Dominion by the Ionic.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Hunter have left Auckland on a visit to Napier and Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Greenwood, Christchurch, returned from Sydney by the Manuka. They have just made a tour of Queensland, having travelled 3000 miles.

Mrs. George Wright, Miss Etta Wright and Miss Grove returned to Auckland by the Tahiti from Australia.

The committee of the Wellington Golf Club has decided to hold a golf tournament during the Christmas holidays.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Jeannie Marriner, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Marriner, Ridings Road, Remuera, to Mr. J. H. Gosset, of Waimatenui, Northern Wairoa.

The engagement is announced of Miss Madge Smith, daughter of Mr. R. W. Smith, M.P. for Taihape, to Mr. White Batley, younger son of the late Mr. R. T. Batley, of Moawhango. The marriage is to take place in January.

Mrs. Dansey, formerly of Wellington, and now of Sydney, arrived by the Ulmaroa on a visit to relatives in New Zealand, after an absence of ten years.

Prior to his departure from Wellington, en route for England, Sir Keith Smith was entertained at the Midland Hotel by a number of ex-members of the A.I.F. Mrs. F. M. Norton was hostess for the occasion.

The engagement is announced of Miss Sylvia Mayne, second daughter of the Very Rev. Dean and Mrs. Mayne, Napier, to Mr. Ewen McLaren, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McLaren, of Christchurch.

Lady Conan Doyle did not accompany her husband on his New Zealand tour, but, with her three children, will remain in Australia during his absence. She will spend part of the time at the Blue Mountains.

Lady Rodwell, wife of the Governor of Fiji, who has been visiting New Zealand, left Auckland by the Talune on her return home.

Mr. C. F. Kelly, assistant master of the School of Art, Christchurch, has been granted by the Board of Governors of Canterbury College twelve months' leave of absence, to enable him to visit Europe.

A smart wedding took place at St. Mary's pro-Cathedral, Auckland, on Wednesday, November 24, when Miss Margery Thomas, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Thomas, of St. Stephen's Avenue, Farnell, was married to Mr. Hugh Hanna, eldest son of Mr. A. Hanna and the late Mrs. Hanna, of Victoria Avenue, Remuera, the Rev. Robson officiating. The church was beautifully decorated with white lilies and pale pink roses. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a graceful gown of deep cream charmeuse, made en princesse, the lower part of the skirt caught with golden motifs. A square-cut train of gold tissue, lined with faint pink georgette, hung from the shoulders, and a coronet of gold held the lace veil in place. A sheaf of lilies was carried. The bridesmaids, Miss Nancye Hanna and Miss Neroli Knight, wore frocks of eau de nil taffeta, and black lace hats. Mr. Seymour Colbeck was best man, and Mr. Sam Hanna groomsmen.

Miss Evadne Goodson, Wellington, has left on a holiday trip to Sydney and Melbourne.

Mrs. and Miss Theomin, Dunedin, spent some days in Auckland on their return from a visit to Australia.

The engagement is announced in a Napier paper of Miss Beryl Cato, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Cato, of Greenmeadows Hill, Hawke's Bay, and Dr. Falconer Brown, of Auckland, son of Mrs. Blezard Brown, also of Auckland.

Mr. J. J. Virgo, honorary world's representative of the Y.M.C.A., was married in England in October to Miss Emmeline D. Aston, only daughter of the Rev. F. Aston and Mrs. Aston, formerly of Macclesfield. Mr. Virgo is a South Australian.

The death is announced from London of Mr. William Baker, head of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. He gave up a lucrative practice as a barrister when the founder died in 1905, and took control of the homes.

Miss Kathleen M. Cadell, of Sydney, has been appointed by the Dunedin Hospital Board masseuse and tutor in the training school of massage and physiotherapy. There were seven applications for the position, which carries a salary of £300.

Miss Evelyn Thomas, Christchurch, is leaving for England by the Tainui, and will spend some time with her aunt and uncle, Lord and Lady Strathspey, in London, returning to New Zealand via Singapore.

The New Zealand Swimming Association has been advised that Miss Bleibtrey (America), the Olympic champion, will tour the Dominion in January, if financial arrangements can be made.

The marriage of Miss Daphne McIntyre, formerly of Christchurch, to Mr. Michael Shathin, of Moscow, took place at the Russian Consulate in Yokohama on October 19. Mr. Shathin is connected with "The Japan Advertiser," the largest foreign newspaper published in the Far East, and for the time being they will live in Tokio, Japan.

The wedding took place last month at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Auckland, of Miss Rosa Hall-Jones, daughter of Sir William and Lady Hall-Jones, of Bunnell Avenue, Wellington, to Mr. William E. Brown, of Belmont, Wellington. The Rev. Archdeacon Murray performed the ceremony, and the bride was given away by her father. The marriage was very quiet, there being no bridesmaid or groomsmen, and only the bride's parents were present. Afterwards Lady Hall-Jones entertained the wedding party at lunch at the Grand Hotel, and later Mr. and Mrs. Brown left for Rotorua. They left last Thursday for a trip to Sydney by the Riverina.

Mr. Saxon W. B. Foster, late private secretary to the Hon. Dr. Pomare, accompanied by his wife, left last week for Raratonga, where Mr. Foster will take over the duties of private secretary to the Administration, Cook Islands Group.

Mr. Ernest H. Salmon, manager of the Dunedin branch of H. E. Partridge and Co. (Auckland), was married on November 24 to Miss Katherine Salter, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Salter, of Castle Street, Dunedin. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Father J. Coffey in St. Joseph's Cathedral. The bride, who was tastefully dressed, was given away by her father. Mr. Joseph V. Salmon was best man and Miss Hazel Salmon was bridesmaid. The breakfast was held at the Central Fire Station, and was attended by a large number of guests. Mr. Salmon is the third son of Mr. J. J. Salmon, deputy-superintendent of the Dunedin City Fire Brigade, and saw considerable active service during the war.

His Excellency Viscount Jellicoe has consented to become patron of the Wellington Caledonian Society.

Sir William Hall-Jones and Lady Hall-Jones were in Auckland last week, staying at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. Leo Myers, of Auckland, returned to New Zealand by the Ionic, after eight years' absence.

Mr. A. T. Bate has returned to Wellington after an absence of two years much improved in health.

For an artistic and comprehensive selection of views, not to mention a diversity of bright reading matter, the Christmas issue of the "Sporting and Dramatic Review" stands unrivalled. It is printed on art paper, the reproductions being operated in two colours. The frontispiece, an attractive design in pastille blue, green and henna, is of special feminine interest.

Lieut. George Buckley, conductor of the Queen Alexandra Band, Wanganui, has been chosen as adjudicator for the North Island Band Contest, to be held at Dannevirke on February 15 to 18.

Two scholarships have been awarded as follows by the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee:—For 1920, Mr. W. T. J. Airey (Auckland); for 1921, Mr. H. J. Ryburn (Otago). Both of the successful candidates are returned soldiers.

Mr. James Morton has been appointed inspector of the South British Insurance Company. Mr. Morton returned recently from India, where during the last two years he has been acting-manager of the company's Bombay and Calcutta branches.

On the morning of October 5, at St. Philip's Church, Earl's Court, London, Dr. Sydney Hartley Hay, of Dunedin, late captain, N.Z.M.C., was married to Josephine Trevelyan Turner, daughter of Mrs. Turner, of Earl's Court Gardens, and a granddaughter of the late Mr. William Buckingham, of Northcote Manor, North Devon, and 12 Southernhay, Exeter. Dr. and Mrs. Hay are coming out to New Zealand about the beginning of the New Year.

"I fancy the question of the Prince of Wales' marriage is likely to come up in the course of the coming winter," writes the London correspondent of the Dunedin "Star." "Hitherto, very sensibly, the King and Queen have left the Prince alone in this matter, and, indeed, there is no reason to press for an early match. On the other hand, the Royal rule in these matters, which is to marry very early, is a hard one to break, and I should not be surprised if the Prince's engagement was announced before he goes to India next year, even if the marriage does not take place till after his return. There are many reasons for believing that the future Princess will be an Englishwoman. Meanwhile, York House will be the centre of many bachelor parties this winter, when the Prince is not away hunting, which he means to do as much as he can. I fancy the voyage has done him more good than it was dared to hope for, and that he has completely recovered from his severe Australian experiences."

A genuine attempt to cater for children only is being made in Wellington at the present time. A theatre has been specially set apart for special children's matinees, the programmes for which are selected by a committee of ladies representing the Kindergarten Association, National Council of Women, Wellington Girls' College, and other bodies. These ladies have themselves viewed and chosen the picture to be submitted, with the object of amusing and instructing the younger generation with subjects suitable for their years.

A Gentlewoman's Aid Society exists in Melbourne, and has been going on for 26 years. It has accomplished a splendid work, and has helped a class of people which suffers sorely in silence, as a rule. There are one hundred members of this society, several of them being over eighty years of age.

Mr. Philpot Crowther, who took a leading part in organising the New South Wales Fruitgrowers' Association, has left for Rotorua and will afterwards visit the South Island.

Quite a reliable weather-teller is to be found on the breakfast table. When you drop the lumps of sugar into the cup of tea or coffee, up comes a cluster of bubbles. Now, the manner in which these behave will give an indication of the conditions for the day. If the bubbles remain in the centre of the cup, one may be sure that rain is not coming. When these are very much heaped up, a clear sky and plenty of sunshine is likely. Should the bubbles spread all over the surface of the liquid, the weather is likely to be uncertain; showers may be expected with bright intervals. If the bubbles adhere to the sides of the cup it is a bad sign. Rain, and very likely wind, too, is coming. In the winter such a grouping of the bubbles signifies the approach of heavy snow.

A wedding of particular interest to New Zealanders took place at St. Simon's Church, Upper Chelsea, on October 1st, the bridegroom being Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Powell Braithwaite, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., and the bride being Lady Plunket, widow of the 5th Baron Plunket, and youngest daughter of the first Marquess of Dufferin and Ava. The ceremony took place at 9.30 a.m., and the bride was given away by her son, Lord Plunket. She wore a draped dress of grey panne velvet, bordered with a deep hem of mauve, and a grey velvet toque trimmed with a mauve and pink ostrich feather and draped with a grey lace veil. Her bouquet was of magenta carnations. The bride's youngest daughter, the Hon. Joyce Plunket, accompanied her mother. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. M. Selwyn, vicar of St. Simon's, and Major Montagu was best man. Lieut.-Colonel Braithwaite was on the late Lord Plunket's staff when he was Governor-General of New Zealand.

Are the days of the big society wedding functions doomed? (writes the New York correspondent of the London "Daily Chronicle" on August 7.) It would certainly seem so, for there has been quite an epidemic of elopements among the younger set of the fashionable world. One of the latest elopements is that of the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould and the 20-year-old Carroll Wainwright, a Yale undergraduate. The odd part about the elopement was that the parents of the runaways expressed themselves delighted when they received the news from their offspring by telegram, so that there was on the face of it really no necessity for the lovers to elope. The bridegroom's explanation to the reporters was that they had eloped to avert a tragedy—that they would have been separated for the whole summer. An amusing feature of the affair is the fact that Miss Gould, on the morning she was to meet her young Lochinvar, drove down town with her father, who was, of course, all unconscious of her pending flight, and then went on to the trysting place. The couple then hurried to the railway station and took train for Philadelphia. On reaching there they were refused a license on account of the bride's youth. Nothing daunted, however, they hired an automobile and drove 70 miles to Elkington, Md., the Gretna Green of that State, and had no difficulty in getting a clergyman to tie the knot. Thus did Miss Gould follow in her parents' footsteps, for George J. Gould and the beautiful Edith Kingdom also made a runaway marriage.

It is stated that Kubelik, the celebrated violinist, is about to start a music-printing enterprise in Prague.

If you are looking for an acceptable gift for a friend, try the Christmas Number of the "Sporting and Dramatic Review." The price is only 1s. 6d., and you get your money four-fold in the profusion of entrancing photographs depicting scenes of picturesque interest all over New Zealand, Australia and the Islands.

An English writer comments on the popularity of the name Mary, and says: "I don't suppose since the beginning of Christendom there were ever so many Marys as to-day." Probably the popular Queen and Princess who bear the name have something to do with the fashion. In New Zealand more "odd" names seem to be favoured, and on reading lists of school prizes, and so on, names are seen that have either been coined by the parents to suit occasions, or must have been dug out of remote classics or from folk-stories of foreign countries. "Melva" is a name coined, because the father's first name was Melville, and it was feminised to suit a baby girl. Another parent called the child "Stace" to embody the initials of five persons who all expected to have the little one named after them individually. Yet another quaint happening was when there were two affectionate grandmothers and one was Grace and the other Jane. The first daughter to arrive was called Grace Jane, and when number two appeared she was named Jane Grace; so presumably both the old ladies were happy in having had first consideration.

"One cannot live in London without observing the extraordinary prevalence of childish superstitions about numbers, days of the week, and so forth," said Dean Inge, preaching at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. "God is not the kind of person," he added, "to send some dire calamity for dining one of 13, or for walking under a ladder, or for getting married in May." A newspaperman who went in search of the superstitious found them in abundance. Women appear to be rather more superstitious than men, and an experienced family man gave the following two as the favourite feminine beliefs: Boots must never on any account be placed upon a table; a woman must always pour out the tea if a man (even her husband) is present. "Don't ask me the reasons," he begged. "They are among the things which every woman, but no man, knows." A girl, who is one of a big family, when first questioned, said that "sensible girls have no superstitions." Afterwards, however, she confessed that no woman dare pass a pin on the ground without picking it up, lest bad luck come upon her. She must be very careful to pick it up head first. The fashionable fetish among men is undoubtedly the one about not lighting three cigarettes from one match. A majority of males are superstitious in regard to this, though no two agree as to the origin of the belief. Some say it started at the time of the match shortage, others that it began during the Boer War—when to keep a match burning long enough to light three cigarettes gave a sniper a chance—and others that the Canadians brought it over during the Great War, the superstition being rife among lumbermen.

**MODERN CROQUET.**

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A generation back croquet was considered a game for curates, grandmas and flappers. To-day the game has improved out of all knowledge, and with the exception of golf is perhaps the most scientific and least "flukey" of all outdoor games, always provided its votaries really know the game and are capable of bringing into the game the brains and generalship it requires. Without the aid of these, truthness of eye, accuracy of touch and judgment of strength will not come into their own. Combine all these quali-

ties and the game becomes engrossing to either play or look at.

We have been fortunate in New Zealand in having two of the foremost exponents of the modern game residing here, at least for a time. I refer to Mr. Keith Izard and Dr. Whitaker, both ex-champions of England and among the foremost players. The latter, owing to his professional duties, has not devoted a great deal of time to the game since taking up his residence in Palmerston North, but has, even without practice, retained sufficient form to secure the honour of New Zealand champion. He has also done a lot towards putting croquet on a proper footing, the recently-formed N.Z. Croquet Council, with which most of the local associations are now affiliated, owing its birth to his initiative. In addition to this, Dr. Whitaker has, purely as a labour of love and without any prospective profit to himself, written a book under the style of "Standard Croquet," which should go a long way towards improving the game in Australasia. With the aid of the diagrams and explanations so lucidly set forth in this book, any beginner, with the faculty of understanding, as well as the mediocre, or the fairly expert players, should be able to greatly improve their game.

The more good players we have, the more players will take up croquet and the more the general standard of play will be raised.

In Auckland itself very few men have taken up the game, which is to be regretted. In other parts, especially in Canterbury, it has numerous votaries among the men, and perhaps as a consequence more of the younger generation and the opposite sex are attracted and find the game an interesting variation from tennis.

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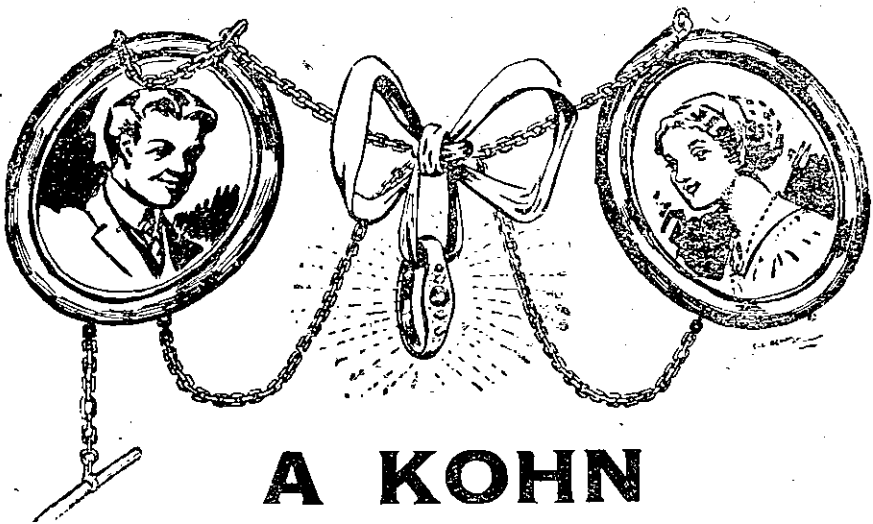
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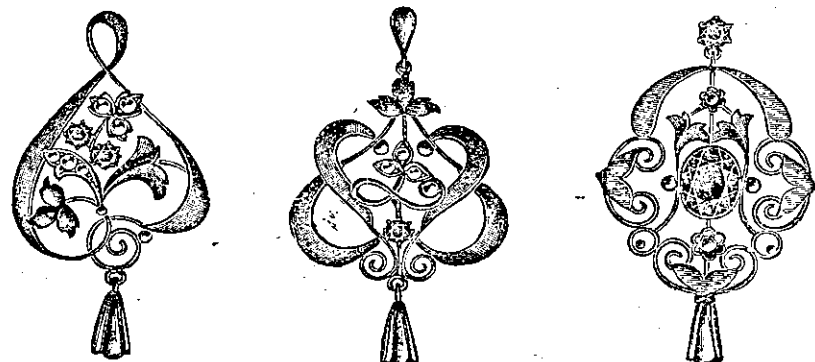
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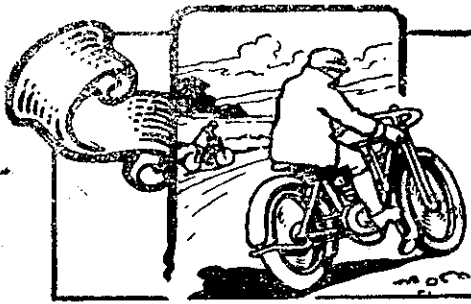
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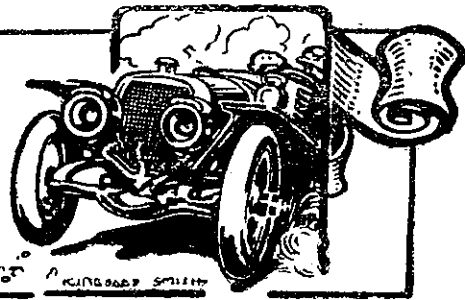
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# MOTORING & CYCLING



Photographs of private motorists in their cars, snapshots taken while on tour, or accounts of motoring trips and other items of interest to car-owners, will be inserted in these columns if posted to "New Zealand Sporting and Dramatic Review," P.O. Box 52, Auckland.

The King has awarded the Air Force Cross to Lieutenants Parer and McIntosh, who recently completed a flight from England to Australia.

Speaking of the profits in the calling of a taxi-driver, a witness in a case at the Magistrate's Court at Gisborne remarked that in one month he took £450.

As an indication of the rise in price of oil since 1914, the Gisborne Borough Council recently landed one hundred barrels of fuel oil from Australia at a landed cost of £27 per ton. A year ago similar oil cost £8 2s. 6d. per ton to land.

Motorists! Are you looking for holiday resorts? Buy a copy of the Christmas Number of the "N.Z. Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic Review" for 1s. 6d., and you will have an unerring guide. It is easily the best Christmas production yet issued.

The Hawke's Bay Automobile Association has requested the Hawke's Bay County Council to renovate and repaint the danger signals erected some years ago on the Taupo and other roads. The association intimated that it would supply the paint and brushes if the council's workmen would do the work. The association further drew the council's attention to lumps on the road on the Titikura hill, which it was stated were a danger to cars and other traffic, and they asked that they be removed.

A peculiar position arose at the Napier Police Court recently. G. D. Crystall was on the list as having left a car without lights. Defendant forwarded a letter stating that it was his first offence, and a cheque for £1 and 7s. costs was enclosed. The position was that the summons had not been served on defendant, and the case could not be gone on with. Hearing was adjourned for a week.

Mr. Champtaloup, who recently rode a motor cycle out of the crater of Mount Eden, successfully climbed the Bald Spur at Te Aroha, starting from the Tourist Domain. He reached his objective, the Black Rock. Much public interest was displayed in the attempt, and the rider was cheered for his performance.

Good roads are a feature of the highways in the Rangitikei which divide for miles and miles rich productive country of Arcadian promise. Motoring under such ideal road conditions is a highly enjoyable pastime, and affords enviable comparison with less favoured districts from the motorists' point of view further north.

Lieutenant C. C. Moseley, of the United States Army, won the air race for the Pulitzer trophy, completing a 132 mile triangular course in 44min. 29½sec. He attained a speed of 191 miles an hour, flying an American Verville machine. Forty-four aeroplanes of American, British, French, Italian and German makes competed.

Emphasising the importance of suitable aeroplane landing places being selected throughout New Zealand and properly marked, Sir Keith Smith mentioned in an interview in Auckland that when he had to go from Christchurch to Blenheim to give a lecture the roads were impassable, owing to floods. It was suggested that he should fly there, but this could not be done, as he was not aware of a place to land on. The absence of these marked grounds did not matter much at the moment, but marked landing paddocks would be necessary before commercial aviation could be developed.

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The Hawke's Bay County Council last month registered 28 motor cars and 2 motor cycles, and the Napier Borough Council 13 motor cars, 7 motor cycles and 2 trucks.

"The Hutt County Council collects money for the upkeep of roads and allows them to get into bad repair. The Eastbourne Borough Council keeps its roads in the best of condition, and motorists come round the bays for the pleasure of driving over them." So said Mr. H. Shortt at a conference of delegates from Wellington bodies.

Major Burton, Mr. W. S. Mout and party, of Wellington, arrived in Hamilton after a somewhat exciting motor trip from the Capital City one night last week. They found Foxton flooded, and had to dig themselves out several times on Mount Messenger. They forded the Mokoiia River, and were bruised and shaken as a result of the crossing of the Tamata River, at which point it was indescribably rough. The party journeyed on to Auckland next morning, and returned to Wellington via the Rotorua-Taupo-Napier route.

"What benefits can we tell prospective members will accrue from an association?" asked Dr. Brown at the inaugural meeting of the Southland body. "Legislation, roads, signposts, sociability," replied the chairman, Mr. J. F. Lillierap. Then those present waxed enthusiastic over these advantages, the opinion being that the improvement of roads was the most important item. "We should be conferring a boon on motorists if we got surfacemen to spread metal and not leave it in heaps on the country roads," remarked Mr. J. R. Haigh.

"The subject of roads has been given unceasing thought," says the committee of the Wellington Automobile Club in its annual report, "the club being represented at several deputations to the Prime Minister with regard to the outlet from Wellington, and also on the subject of roads in general. The committee has strenuously pursued the proposal of the deviation of the Paekakariki Hill road, and has made such progress that the Government has intimated that when the railway deviation is made round the coast the present railway would be converted into a main road. This, of course, is not quite satisfactory, inasmuch as the club is not convinced that the railway deviation will be started within a reasonable time. The committee is in favour of the Victorian road system being instituted in the Dominion. Pamphlets were issued by the club to Parliamentary candidates previous to the last election for their opinion of a good road scheme for New Zealand, the replies being considered fairly satisfactory.

Over 300 children from the various orphanages in the city and all the available patients from the Forbury Convalescent Home were given an outing by the members of the Otago Motor Club. After gathering the children from the various hostels, motorists assembled in Anzac Square, there being present over 60 motor cars and 35 side-cars well laden with happy children. About 2 o'clock the procession moved off. Mr. F. J. Carter's car, decorated with the O.M.C. banner and carrying the children from the Convalescent Home, taking the lead. A most enjoyable run was made to Wingatui, the Dunedin Jockey Club having kindly given the use of its grounds for the outing. The splendid response to the club's appeal for cars was very gratifying—in fact, many more cars were offered than could be made use of for the occasion, and several club members who were unable to provide a car sent along a monetary donation in order to show their practical sympathy. Messrs. P. Breen, G. Walters, F. J. Carter, and W. Gibb were the organising committee.

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During the hearing of motor by-law case at the Gisborne Magistrate's Court, Mr. J. S. Barton, S.M., observed that his judgment against the borough by-law requiring a motorist approaching a corner to sound his horn, and do various other things at one and the same time, appeared to have spread a conviction that blowing the horn when approaching an intersection of streets was done away with. This, he remarked, was an erroneous impression, as the motor regulations themselves provided a penalty for failure in respect to sounding a warning.

A flight to Timaru and back was made by Captain Douglas Gray in one of the Canterbury Aviation Company's Avro machines, carrying two passengers, Messrs. C. R. Bidwill and A. Balfour, of Wairarapa, says the "Lyttelton Times." These two sportsmen decided to drop in for dinner on Mr. Balfour's sister, Mrs. Johnston, of Timaru. They left Christchurch at 11.30 a.m., and landed in a paddock at Washdyke, Timaru, seventy-five minutes later. They lunched at Timaru and left again at 3.25 p.m., circling over Timaru and then setting out for the Sockburn aerodrome, which was reached at 4.50 p.m. The weather was ideal. A light easterly breeze followed the machine south, but a light nor'wester was encountered on the return trip. The average height was 2000 feet, but the machine was up 3000 feet at one part of the journey.

Commenting editorially on the dismissal by Mr. V. G. Day, S.M., of a charge against a cyclist of having given a false name and address to a policeman, the "Lyttelton Times" says that the decision "is likely to have a considerable effect, on the by-law-making powers of municipal corporations. The magistrate decided that a municipal corporation has no right to constitute the giving of a false name and address an offence. Under the Municipal Corporations Act a borough or city council has the right to make by-laws 'for the good order and government of the borough,' provided that their ordinances must not be repugnant to the laws of New Zealand." Under the Police and Licensing Acts the giving of a false name and address is made an offence, and the police have power to arrest in such cases. Under municipal by-laws they have no power of arrest, and the magistrate's decision renders the conviction of a person who refuses his name and address, or who gives false information, practically impossible. We are of opinion that the magistrate's decision ought to be tested by a higher tribunal, and that if it is sustained the law should be amended to remove the anomaly."

The committee of the Wellington Automobile Club, in its annual report, states that the accounts show a surplus of receipts over expenditure of £404. The membership has been increased from 224 to 459. The committee has supported the resolution passed at the New Zealand Automobile Union meeting that in the event of a tax being imposed on motor cars it should be put on tyres, with a special provision that such money should be devoted to the forming of main arterial roads, and the committee is not in favour of any rebates being given whatsoever. The committee is not in favour of a toll-gate system being instituted as at present in Taranaki, inasmuch as it is considered prehistoric and costly. During the year the committee attacked the subject of traffic, and a circular was sent to all members asking them for their ideas on the subject of how to deal with congestion of traffic in the city. Several members sent very excellent ideas, but on the whole the circular was not responded to in a satisfactory manner. The sub-committee attended on the City By-laws Committee, and submitted traffic suggestions, which had been approved by the committee, the principal idea being the alteration of the tram lines at Courtenay Place, together with Cambridge and Kent Terraces. It is noticeable that several of these suggestions have lately been put before the ratepayers by the council authorities.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to state the actual volume of the consumption of petrol in New Zealand per month or per year, since it varies as from week to week; but a computation of the consumption in Otago and Southland, including the supply for pleasure and business cars, delivery vehicles, milking and lighting plants, and so forth, shows that the total has approximately doubled within the last four years, says the "Dunedin Star." The quantity of petrol available in New Zealand is sufficient to meet restricted requirements. Care has to be still exercised. No user is allowed more than a month's supply. But by strictly keeping to this rule there is reason to think that the requirements can be steadily met.

The establishment of a Lloyds Aviation Record has been approved (says the "Bulletin of the Department of Overseas Trade"). This is the first fruits of the labours of a sub-committee on aviation, assisted by a technical committee, established some time ago by the Committee of Lloyds, and including representatives of air transport companies, aircraft constructors, and underwriters. The first part of the Record will shortly be issued to subscribers, bearing information in respect to aircraft and pilots; and it is intended to follow this with further information as to technical personnel, aerodromes, alighting waters, air routes, foreign laws, etc. The scope of the Record will be international, and steps are being taken to establish Lloyds' aviation agents and surveyors at Home and abroad.

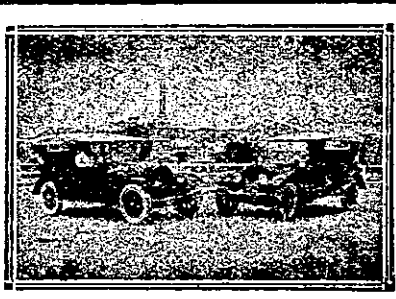
"I have never found the roads between Gisborne and Tolaga in better condition for motoring," was the comment of a Gisbornite after a trip along the coast. He said the roads generally speaking all along the coast were better than he had known them before. The Uawa County Council was expecting five motor lorries to be delivered any day, and these were being put on to the work of improving the roads. He had motored from Tolaga in two hours. The Waiapu river is considered to be lower just now than it has been for some years past. School children can paddle across it, and the water is not too deep to be forded by a car, though the approaches would not be good. The road between Kahukura and Te Araroa was rough, but it was pleasing to see men engaged in improving this and other stretches of road. Petrol is at a famine stage along the coast, and supplies are most difficult to procure.

A conference of delegates representing the clubs affiliated to the South Island branch of the New Zealand Automobile Union was held in Dunedin on November 29. The chair was occupied by Mr. A. Ansell (president of the Otago Motor Club), and the following northern delegates attended:—Canterbury Motor Club: Messrs. R. W. Lockhead, W. H. Benson, R. McCartney, and P. R. Harman (secretary of the New Zealand Automobile Union); South Canterbury Club: Messrs. E. R. Guinness and R. J. McKeown. The roads and motor taxation questions were fully discussed, and the recommendations of the conference will be further considered at a later meeting. A discussion took place on the question of dangerous railway crossings, and it was decided to forward suggestions to the Government whereby the danger referred to might be lessened or obviated. As regards the regulation of traffic from side streets crossing or coming into main roads, it was decided to suggest to the Minister of Justice that the greater onus to see that the road was clear should rest on the driver coming in from a side street. Mr. Ansell said he would like to make it clear that one of the club members, Mr. Wright, was the originator, so far as New Zealand was concerned, of the New Zealand memorial highway scheme. He congratulated Mr. Wright on the keen interest he had always taken in motoring, and said that he must be awarded great praise for the foresight he had shown in suggesting such a splendid memorial to their soldiers.

Are you looking for a pictorial guide in setting de luxe? Possess yourself of a copy of the "Sporting and Dramatic Review" Christmas Number, and all will be well. It covers ground from Auckland to the Bluff, from Samoa to England, with legions of intermediate resorts in between typifying their nature.

"I know they overcharge; they have overcharged me, and then the man goes into the box and tells a pack of lies. Honesty is the best policy even among taxi-drivers," said Mr. F. K. Hunt, S.M., at Wellington, when fining a taxi-driver named A. E. Dimock £3 and costs amounting to 19s. for having charged a fare of 10s. from the Ferry Wharf to the foot of Creeff Street, off Karori Road, in place of the fare of 5s. allowed under the municipal by-laws. Dimock denied that he had charged more than 5s., but his statement carried no weight with the magistrate. "There are some funny things going on in the taxi business, as you say," concluded Mr. Hunt, "and I am going to stop some of them."

The Eltham Cycling Club's road race to Awatuna and back took place on November 25 in glorious summer weather, and proved most successful in every respect. The officials for the day were: Starter, Mr. F. Vincent; judges, Messrs. A. Beesley and C. Cooper; stewards, Messrs. W. S. Heyes, W. H. Shipton, and A. Beesley; secretary, Mr. H. A. Nuttall. The race attracted a good field. There were twenty-four entries, and of these twenty-one started. The prizes and prize-winners were as follows:—1st prize, £15 and trophy, Cross (New Plymouth), riding time 1hr. 34min. 45sec., 7min. behind scratch; 2nd prize, £6 and trophy, W. S. Sharrock (Stratford), riding time 1hr. 38min. 50sec., 3min. behind scratch; 3rd prize, £3 10s. and trophy, S. Crutchley (Wanganui), riding time 1hr. 32min. 18sec., 13min. behind scratch; 4th prize, £3, W. Parker (Kapuni), riding time 1hr. 33min. 19sec., 12min. behind scratch; 5th prize, £1 10s., H. Andrews (Eltham), riding time 1hr. 32min. 23sec., 15min. behind scratch; 6th prize, £1, V. Oakshott (Inglewood), riding time 1hr. 38min. 33sec., 9min. behind scratch. Other riding times taken were: G. Collingwood (Eltham), 1hr. 32min. 14sec.; P. Hill (Christchurch), 1hr. 35min. 45sec.; W. Sharrock (Stratford), 1hr. 39min. 55sec.; W. Mackinder (New Plymouth), 1hr. 42min.; C. Whiting (Eltham), 1hr. 42min. 27sec.; L. Page (Eltham), 1hr. 41min. 32sec. The special prize of £5, donated by Mr. A. Pennington, was won by Crutchley, the well-known Wanganui rider, who beat H. Andrews by 5sec. and G. Collingwood by 23sec.



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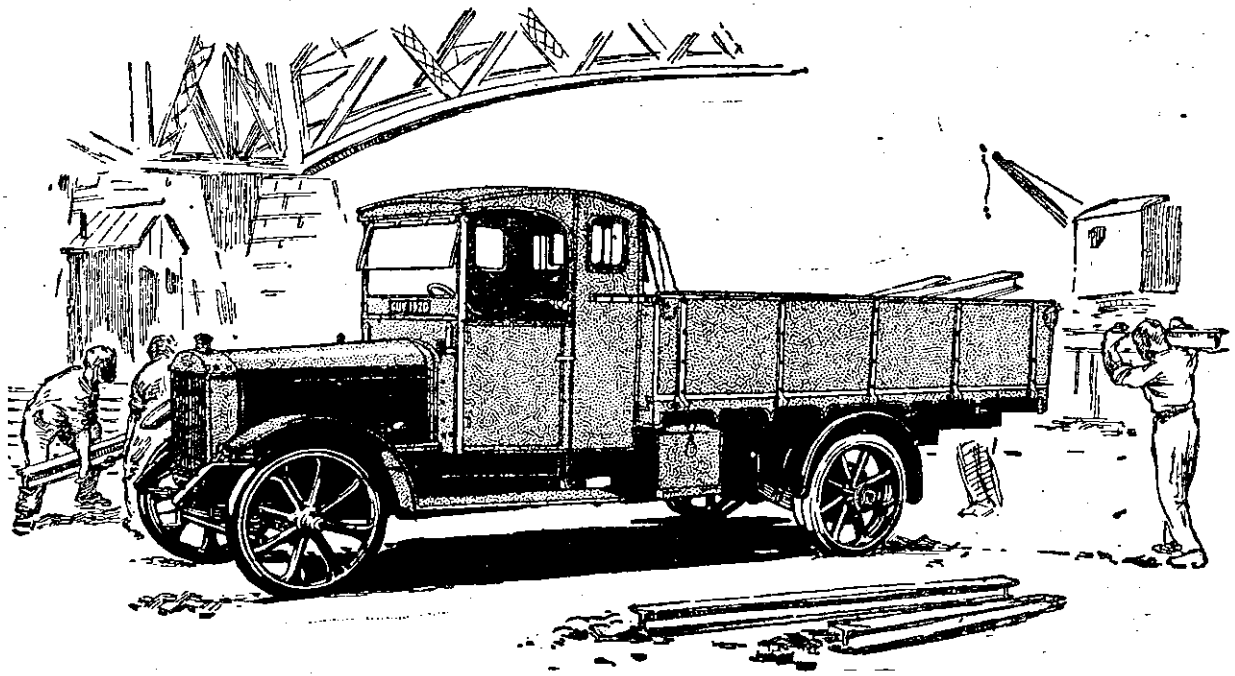
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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brett returned to Auckland by the Tahiti from Sydney, after an absence of nine months.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Odlin, of Island Bay, returned to Wellington last week from a trip to America.

Lieut.-Colonel N. P. Adams, who was Commandant of the Featherston Military Training Camp during the war, returned from a visit to England and America by the Marama.

Dr. H. D. Mackenzie, of Auckland, accompanied by Mrs. Mackenzie, left by the Marama on a short visit to San Francisco. They expect to return in February.

A cable message states that Sir Charles Fryer, the well-known fisheries expert, died in a London omnibus a few days ago. Sir Charles Fryer took a prominent part in connection with the introduction of trout, and the efforts to acclimatise salmon in New Zealand.

Mr. Daniel Ryan, manager of the Auckland branch of the Huddart-Parker Company, Limited, died suddenly on Tuesday week at his residence, Silver Road, Epsom. He had only recently returned from a tour of Australia. He leaves a widow and five young children.

Mr. E. H. Kellett, M.P. for Dunedin North, and Mrs. Kellett have been on a visit to Auckland.

The Hon. G. W. Russell, Christchurch, has been on a short visit to Taupo and Auckland.

Dr. Hamilton Gilmer and Mrs. Gilmer, Wellington, have left on a holiday trip to Sydney.

Mr. H. Buckleton, general manager of the Bank of New Zealand, has left on a two months' visit to Australia.

Mr. Justice Hosking has returned from Honolulu, where he had been on a health-recruiting trip.

Mr. J. J. Boak, who has represented Messrs. Macky, Logan, Ltd., as buyer for the firm in England for over sixteen years, has returned to New Zealand.

Mr. William McCullough, who bought the "Thames Star" nearly half a century ago, has parted with his interest in that journal to a local syndicate that will carry on business under the style of the Thames Printing Company.

Mr. T. H. Harley, late brewer of Nelson, who is well-known in racing circles through his association with the late Mr. Henry Redwood, the father of the New Zealand turf, having owned Black Rose, Redwood and other horses, is at present on a holiday visit to Auckland, accompanied by Mrs. Harley. They are staying with Dr. Coldicutt, and will remain in Auckland until Christmas. Mr. Harley, who is now approaching his 80th year, being born at Nelson in 1842, is still enjoying the best of health.

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Messrs Ryan and party, from Auckland, secured 37 fish in Lake Okatama by trolling. The largest tipped the scales at 20lb., while the smallest weighed 6½lb.

Mr. E. E. Stark, city electrical engineer at Christchurch, is leaving shortly on a trip to America to inquire into the latest methods of developing and distributing electrical energy.

News has been received of the death of Mr. Victor Marsden, of the "Morning Post," London, who represented his paper in the recent tour of the Prince of Wales.

Inspector Cruickshank, of Grey-mouth, who has been in charge of the West Coast police district for nearly five years, will retire at the end of the year.

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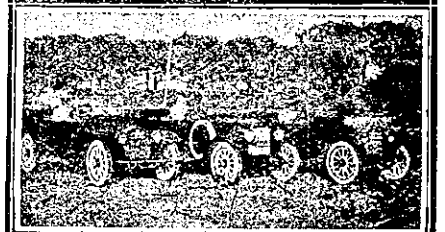
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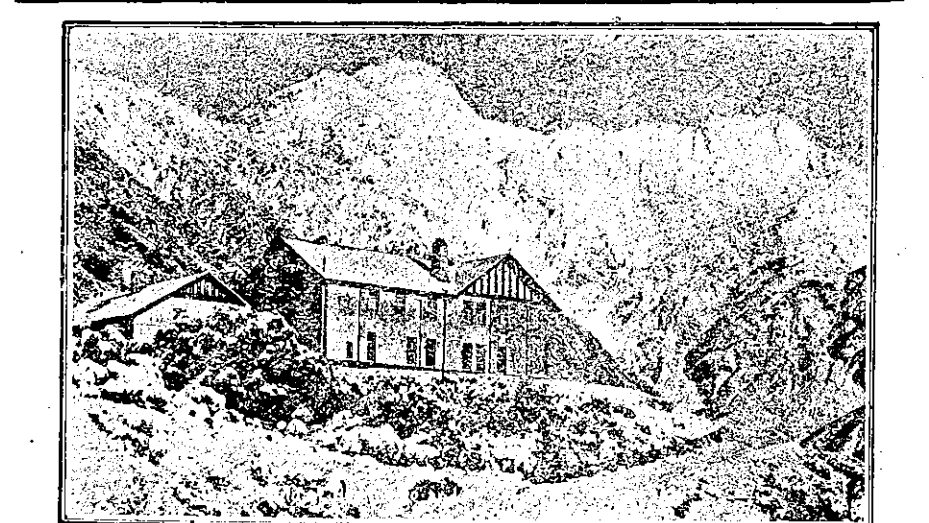
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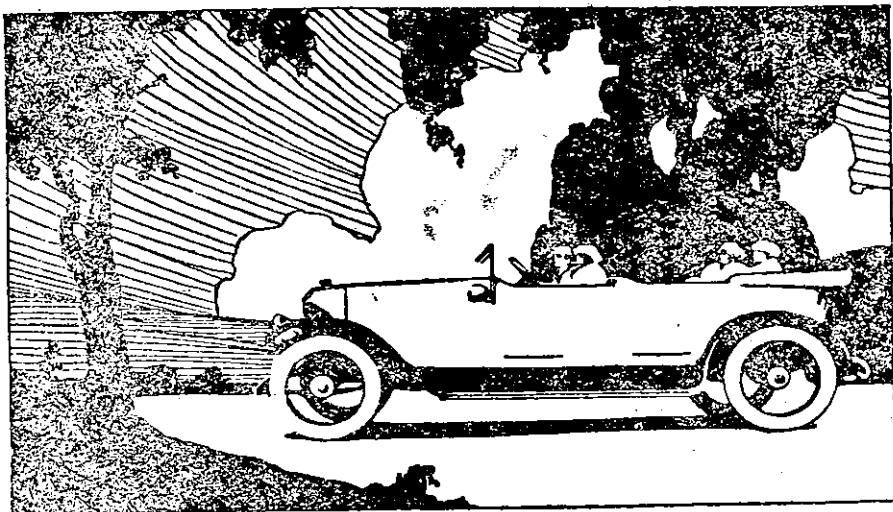
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## GREENROOM GOSSIP

### N.S.W. STATE CONSERVATORIUM ORCHESTRA.

The visit of the N.S.W. State Conservatorium Orchestra to New Zealand last year was the outstanding feature of a season remarkable for the number of important musical attractions that visited the country at that time. The Verbrugghen Orchestra, as this wonderful body of musicians is popularly styled, created a tremendous impression. Everywhere enormous audiences gathered to hear the masterpieces of orchestral music played by this talented organisation conducted by Mr. Henri Verbrugghen, the "wizard of conductors." It is therefore gratifying to learn that the N.S.W. Government has decided that the State Orchestra is to again visit New Zealand. Last year the Orchestra's tour was guaranteed against financial loss by prominent citizens of New Zealand, and the expenses, although enormous, were more than covered by the receipts. Feeling sure that the patronage of music lovers will again be generously extended to the Orchestra's tour throughout New Zealand, Mr. Verbrugghen has refrained from asking for a similar guarantee this time, trusting to the energy of everybody in the Dominion who has a genuine regard for the advancement of the art to support in every possible manner the Orchestra's concerts, and arouse interest in their tour. Mr. Verbrugghen's plans for the Orchestra for the year included the New Zealand tour, and visits to Victoria and South Australia, in order that the Dominion and Australian States outside New South Wales might share in the delights of the Orchestra's playing. This compelled two or three members of the Orchestra to resign, as they and the director agreed after consultation they could not be spared from their professorial work in connection with the Conservatorium. Mr. Verbrugghen has fortunately been able to fill these vacancies to advantage. Miss Jenny Cullen, the brilliant violinist, is now leader, and the musical critics state that the Orchestra's playing is now at a higher level than ever it has attained. The Melbourne "Age" says that "it is a body that would arouse enthusiasm in London, Paris or Berlin."

Transferred to Her Majesty's, Melbourne, "The Boy"—the latest success of the J. C. Williamson Royal Comic Opera Company—has gained impetus by reason of the larger capacity of the theatre, and has drawn packed houses during the week. "The Boy" holds its own not only by reason of its tuneful music, its excellent cast, and magnificent staging and mounting, but also because of the plentiful comedy throughout the entire play, which makes it one of the funniest musical comedies ever staged in Australia.

Preparations are now well in hand for the J. and N. Tait pantomime to be presented at the King's Theatre, Melbourne, at Christmas, and the management are now able to promise an attraction that will excel all their previous ventures in this department of amusement. Among the artists who have been secured to take a leading part is Jennie Hartley, the vivacious artist who gave such life to the J. C. Williamson production of "The Passing Show of 1920." Also a big position in the cast has been allotted to Elinor Crane who has been specially engaged in England. Jack Cannon will make a welcome re-appearance in a part that will allow him considerable latitude for his engaging humour. Likewise Elsie Parkes has been re-engaged and will sparkle in a dancing scene. Arthur Benton, a new English comedian, is also in the list of entertainers along with two other brilliant comedians, Edgley and Daws and the Littlejohns, a specialty team.

Miss Dorothy South, who has held Sydney in thrall for twelve weeks as leading lady of the J. and N. Tait hit, "Irene," at the Criterion Theatre, is a brilliant little American whose volatile energy and keen sense of humour have lifted her to a premier position on the New York stage. Miss South is a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, where she sang in the church choir and had some local reputation under her real name of Lillian McMillan. After she went to Boston to complete her musical training she decided to drop her own name if she ever went on the stage, as she considered it unsuited for the musical comedy actress she was trying to become. So when her opportunity arrived she christened herself Dorothy South—Dorothy because it was her mother's favourite name, and South because she came from there.

"Shore Acres," in which John D. O'Hara is playing at King's Theatre, Melbourne, holds the record for comedy-drama on the American stage. James Hearne, the author, who played the role of Uncle Nat for seven years without a break, told Mr. O'Hara that according to his reckoning over 30,000,000 people in America had witnessed the play during its long career. The eulogies of the play by the American press fill fifty-five large scrap books, now in the possession of the author's family.

The Minister of Education for N.S.W. (The Hon. T. D. Mutch, M.L.A.) has arranged for Messrs. J. and N. Tait the well-known concert entrepreneurs to manage the New South Wales Orchestra's tour of New Zealand, and it is hoped that every assistance will be offered to them in order to make the tour a success and encourage further visits from the Orchestra.

### WELLINGTON NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, December 6.

It has now been definitely decided that the attraction for the Christmas season at the Grand Opera House will be the Marie Tempest Comedy Company. The repertoire will include a new comedy entitled "At the Barn," and a number of comedies in which Miss Tempest created successes during her previous visit to New Zealand. Mr. John Farrell will act as business manager, and Mr. Charles M. Berkeley as touring representative.

After several weeks of strenuous rehearsal the management committee of the Wellington Amateur Operatic Society announce that the charming musical comedy "A Country Girl" will be presented at the Grand Opera House to-morrow evening for a run of seven nights. The previous productions of the society have attained a well-deserved reputation, and it is said that this year's venture will prove no exception to the rule. "A Country Girl" will be produced by Mr. Tom Pollard, whilst Mr. Bernard Page will conduct.

### MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

During more than half his life, Bolto, poet-composer of "Mefistofele," was engaged, on and off, upon an opera of his own libretto, entitled "Nero." This tragic work is now promised for production at the La Scala, Milan, next year, under the conductorship of Arluro Toscanini. The famous conductor has secured a grant of seven million lire from the city of Milan for the spectacular staging, which involves the entire reconstruction of the stage.

Everyone with pretensions to be a violinist knows James Tubbs, of Soho, London, England's famous violin bow maker. Tubbs is eighty-five years old, and is still making fiddle-bows for the great violinists of the world. His great-grandfather was the first of the Tubbs line to make fiddle-bows. He was making them two hundred years ago, and at that remote period a Tubbs violin bow was regarded as the best obtainable in the world. There are great violinists of



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Private advices have been received from Italy that the well-known Wellington flautist and conductor, Mr. Alf. P. Truda, who recently returned to his native land with a view to studying voice production, is at present at Naples, under Professor Conti and the great tenor de Lucia, both maestros at the Liceo Musicale di Napoli. Signor Truda is looking forward to a great musical treat during the coming grand opera season, after which he expects to return to the Dominion early in 1921.

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# The Stage

## OPERA HOUSE.

Laughter is the compelling note of the current programme at the Opera House, a good welcome being given new and old artists on Monday. Evans and Deen, "the minstrel boy and the Mary Pickford of vaudeville," made the hit of the bill. A little piano work by the Pickfordian maid, a tambourine jazz by the man, and ragtime dances by the dainty lady in a quaint bloomer costume of blue satin, put them in high favour with everyone, but the best was to come in their skating specialty, in which they featured the latest stepping. Ward and Shearman were a scream in their military absurdity "Right Turn," the fat man of the duo causing peals of merriment with his views on the war, and three assisting artists as the army did much towards the fun. Hall and Menzies provided an amusing interlude in a domestic sketch wherein the model wife was lured to reveal her past. Carlton Max and his dummy, who this week is in nautical vein, were great favourites. Alberto deceived and entertained ad lib. with his conjuring tricks. The Eddy Duo were a star item in their tight-wire performance, the ease and gracefulness of their daring movements captivating the audience. De Wilfred is a xylophonist that knows the value of artistic setting as well as his instrument. Hal Rate, the piano entertainer; Rix, the lightning crayon manipulator, and Clegg and Hart, sketch artists, composed the remainder of the offering.

## CONAN DOYLE LECTURES.

Sir Conan Doyle, the distinguished author and spiritualist, arrived in Auckland by the Maheno on Monday, and as we go to press is giving the first of his Dominion lectures in the Town Hall on "Death and the Hereafter." "My object," he told an interviewer, "is to prove immortality, to prove the life beyond the grave, and therefore to prove the points which are the very centre, not only of Christianity, but of every great religion in the world. Spiritualism is not confined to any one religion, but to the general stock of human knowledge. There is no religion which could not adopt spiritualism and yet retain its own fundamentals. There is a great wave of interest in the matter going over Great Britain at present, but the people out here have not yet learned what a tidal wave is sweeping over the world in this matter, and it is purely to show that that I am here. I have come against the greatest personal interest possible. I have come at my own great loss. I take no payment for my lectures." Sir Conan has studied spiritualism for 30 years. Up to that time he had been an agnostic or a materialist, but gradually through reading up the subject he found such evidences on the one hand and the absolute absence of investigation on the other, that he became convinced that the balance was in favour of it. He did not realise its importance, however, until the war broke out, and so much mourning was occasioned. He then went into the subject much more deeply, and satisfied himself absolutely as to the truth of it.

In his second lecture he will show on the screen some remarkable psychic photographs, which he will explain and guarantee.

## STUDENTS' RECITAL.

A vocal and pianoforte recital out of the ordinary rank is promised in Mr. Walter Impett's evening, to be held at the Town Hall Concert Chamber on Saturday next (December 11). Mr. Impett will present his advanced students in a programme of important musical works, covering all the great composers. Some of these pupils possess high musicianly attainments that should eventually gain them prominence in the great world, and Mr. Impett has every confidence in introducing them to the public on Saturday. The box plan is at Lewis R. Eady's, and as this is a recital with unusual features to commend it, it is worth while securing a seat in time.

"Jim Jam Jems" is the title of a new musical comedy produced in New York. Critics prophesy for it a popular run.

## DRAMA AT KING'S THEATRE.

Fuller's Dramatic Company opens at King's Theatre, Newton, on Boxing Day with a matinee performance of "The Unmarried Mother," one of the big pieces Mr. Ben J. Fuller purchased during his recent tour. Mr. George Cross and Miss Nellie Bramley will head the cast, which comprises Muriel Dale, Kenneth Carlisle, Dorothy Cope, Walter Cornoch, Ella Carrington, Bert Frawley, Crosbie Ward and others. This company recently had an unbroken run at the Palace Theatre, Melbourne, of 196 weeks, during which time they produced and played over 150 different pieces. "The policy will be complete weekly changes," said Mr. Clyn Edgares, manager of the Opera House. "And it won't be a case of trying out anything on the 'dog,' as every play to be presented here has been a proved success. 'A London Actress' will succeed 'The Unmarried Mother,' and there are plenty of other thrilling titles to follow in quick succession."

Affinity with unseen powers is suggested in Carter's Hindu miracle, "Levitation," which he is performing at His Majesty's this week. To see a human body floating in mid-air under bright electric lights is, to say the least of it, weird and uncanny.

Mr. E. J. Gravestock, manager for the Dominion tour of the New South Wales State Orchestra, is at present in Wellington.

Mr. Walter Monk arrived by the Maheno after a trip to Sydney, and is busily employed setting things in train for the opening of the J. and N. Tait attractions, "Irene" and the New South Wales State Orchestra. "Irene" is due in Auckland on December 22. "The best musical comedy that's ever been produced," is Mr. Monk's verdict, and this is the opinion of everyone who has seen the show in London, New York, or Australia. It ran for sixteen weeks in Sydney. Mr. Harald Bowden will come over to manage the tour.



MISS DOROTHY SOUTH, who takes the title role in the J. and N. Tait musical comedy "Irene," opening in Auckland on December 22.



MRS. J. J. SEALES as Lady Betty and MR. W. J. H. REYNOLDS as the Hon. Hughie Pierrepoint in the recent successful production of "Our Miss Gibbs" by the Hamilton Operatic Society.

"Irene," the brilliant J. and N. Tait musical comedy hit, which is due in Auckland on December 22, makes a special appeal to the musical and humorous sense of the public. Its comedy is delightful, and the songs that are given to the principals simply demand to be remembered by even those people who normally have no ear for musical comedy melodies.

"I saw some fine shows in Sydney," said Mr. Monk; "Marie Tempest in 'Penelope' and 'At the Barn' (a charming little play); 'The Girl For the Boy,' with Lee White the star; and 'Irene,' the ideal musical comedy."

"Strange to say," said Mr. Carter in the course of a chat yesterday about the psychology of audiences "every audience is an entity, not an individuality. I have noted it repeatedly. They laugh en masse, and they respond en masse. Induction of thought, I suppose."

Miss Margaret Anglin at latest advices was appearing in New York in "The Woman of Bronze."

Mr. John Farrell will manage the New Zealand tour of the Marie Tempest Comedy Company, due to open in Wellington at a matinee performance on Monday, December 27. Mr. Farrell is at present in Auckland, having seen the "Bing Boys on Broadway" Company off to Sydney on the conclusion of their Dominion tour, of which he was business manager.

Miss Daisy Yates, the clever dancer who was here with the "Mother Hubbard" pantomime, is a member of the Walter Johnson Revue Company now playing in "His Little Wives" in Christchurch.

A popular appointment in Film House is that of Mr. R. Thomas (late manager of Everybody's Theatre, Napier) to the arduous post of exhibitions manager for New Zealand for Picture Supplies.

Hetty Hartley (sister to vivacious, versatile Jennie Hartley) took Connie Ediss' place in the "So Long, Letty" revival in Sydney.

It is stated that James Hay, light tenor with the J. C. Williamson Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company, has had a legacy left him running into four figures.

"The Fortune Hunter" shows Earle Williams at his best. The story is from Winchell Smith's celebrated play, and makes a fine picture subject. Winchell Smith wrote "Lightnin'," which was so cordially received in New Zealand recently, and "The Fortune Hunter" is every bit as good.

Baby, the big 1175lb. lion, which adds to the mystery of Carter the Great's entertainment, was a source of interest to the children at the matinee on Saturday. He was fed with his usual rations of meat, and before demolishing the morsel gazed knowingly round at his juvenile audience with a "what-do-you-know-about-that?" look. Mr. Carter says Baby thoroughly enjoys his publicity out- ing through the streets, though he took it very hard when a butcher's boy unconsciously stood in front of him with some juicy pieces of beef!

Mr. Ben J. Fuller (from an article in the Sydney "Theatre") does not endorse the complaint often made by English-speaking visitors as to the suggestiveness of Parisian vaudeville. "You may be wicked; but you must not be vulgar." He quotes the saying as highly expressive of the French. The result is that they get away innocuously with stuff which in other hands would be very raw.

The amateur conjurers of Auckland met two visiting professional magicians, Carter the Great and Alberto, at a pleasant social gathering held during the week-end in the rooms of the New Zealand Society of Magicians. The president of the society, Mr. Stirling C. Maxwell, occupied the chair. There were also present: Mr. Keith W. Liddle, past-president, and founder of the society, and several artists appearing at the Opera House, including Messrs. Ward and Shearman, Rix, Eddy, and De Wilfred. Mr. Carter suitably replied to the toast of "The Guests of the Evening," and Mr. Alberto responded to the toast of "Magic and its Professors." On the motion of the president, Messrs. Carter and Alberto were made honorary vice-presidents of the society. The speakers included Messrs. G. C. Tollerton, K. Liddle, E. Axford, E. J. R. McLaren, and O. C. Bramwell, a visitor.



**STAGE—Continued.****WORTHY OF EMULATION.****MR. BEN. J. FULLER'S GIFT.**

In order to enable the new Rhodes scholar for New South Wales, Mr. V. H. Treatt, to go to England and take up his studies, Mr. Ben. J. Fuller, managing director of the big vaudeville and theatrical firm of Fullers, has come forward with a donation of £1000.

In announcing the gift Mr. Storey, Premier of New South Wales, said that Mr. Fuller had been prevailed upon by him to make the fact public. "A statement recently appeared," said Mr. Storey, "to the effect that the selected Rhodes scholar, V. H. Treatt, was unable to take advantage of the prize owing to the inadequacy of £300 a year in England at the present time. Mr. Ben. J. Fuller, when he read the statement, lost no time in getting into touch with the young Australian concerned. He found that he was the 15th child in a family of 18, and that going to England under all the circumstances was out of the question. 'I asked him,' said Mr. Fuller to me, 'how much money he needed to take advantage of the scholarship. He named a sum, and then I straightway paid £1000 to his credit at a bank, and told him to keep it dark.'

"That is where I joined issue with Mr. Fuller," added Mr. Storey. "In my opinion it is a gift that should not be kept dark. Our wealthy men are far too backward in taking the initiative in matters of this kind. Mr. Fuller saw at a glance the importance of the occasion, decided on the right thing to do, and quickly did it."

"I am pleased to be able to announce also that Mr. Fuller regards this donation of £1000 as only a starting point in assisting the advancement of education. Like myself, he is conscious at times of his own limitations, through lack of access to the University. An Englishman born, he is an upholder of British institutions, and has great faith in the universities. By sheer hard work, courage, and natural gifts, he has succeeded in Australia, and desires to employ a portion of his fortune in assisting young men, who, like himself in earlier years, want to get to the university and cannot. No definite plans have yet been formed; but I am safe in stating that Mr. Fuller, so far as his means permit, intends to help all he can in the cause of education in New South Wales."

Miss Dorothy Brunton has been making a great hit in Sydney in a revival of "So Long Letty."

Mr. Harry Musgrove was welcomed by the Federated Picture Showmen's Association, Sydney, on his return from a tour of America and England. Mr. Musgrove saw no great improvement in the English film industry, and saw little hope of Australia getting many films from England. The English firms had not the money nor the organisation necessary. A film in America made ten times the money than a film made in England.

"The Lilac Domino," a dainty musical play, which ran to close on four years in London, will follow "The Girl for the Boy" at the Sydney Tivoli. An important engagement for the play is that of Mr. Jamieson Dodds, who played the lead in London. Miss Rene Maxwell has also been engaged, and her appearance on the musical comedy stage is being eagerly looked forward to. "The Lilac Domino" will be put into rehearsal in Sydney almost immediately.

Mr. Victor Gouriet, who is an important member in "The Girl for the Boy" at the Sydney Tivoli, produced three pantomimes and one original comic opera, La Bal Masque, before he was 21. He was eventually selected to follow the late Dan Leno in the musical comedy, Orlando Dando, after which he was engaged by the late George Edwardes, with whom he remained for 16 years. Mr. Gouriet has toured in all parts of the world, and has played in 15 theatres in the West End of London. Before returning to Australia under engagement to the Tivoli management, he concluded a five years' engagement with Laurillard and Grosssmith at the Gaiety, Shaftesbury, and Prince of Wales theatres, London. At the end of his present engagement he returns to the same management.

The many Australian performers in England that Mr. Ben. J. Fuller met during his recent trip included Harry Linden and Ida Berridge, Tom Armstrong and Mab Howarth, Billy Wells and Eclair sisters, the Martyn Hagen-Lucy Fraser family, W. S. Percy, and Delino. Mr. Percy (he says) does not look a day older, and is as bright and entertaining as ever. He's doing well. Mr. Armstrong and Miss Howarth hold their own with any of the English and American acts in their particular line. The Wells-Eclair combination have an offering—eccentric dancing is the feature of it—worthy of any theatre in the world. Mr. Fuller would not be surprised if they are again seen in Australia before long. Jack Hagen is with the N. 1 Grossmith-Laurillard Co. in the provinces. "Heading for London" is how Mr. Fuller sums up his roseate prospects. Delino has never looked back. Harry Quealy was encountered in New York. He is still smoking fat cigars. "Whenever I see Harry," says Mr. Fuller, "I always think—'once an actor, always an actor.' He couldn't do enough for me."—Sydney "Theatre."



A new design in evening dress worn at the Pan-Masque, London, recently, the white piping and buttons relieving the severity of the conventional black suit.

Mr. Horace Hunt made his re-appearance in pianoforte recital at the Wellington Town Hall on November 23, and created a most favourable impression. Much has happened (commented the "Evening Post") since he last played here, and much time has passed, troubled years, of which, as a prisoner in Germany, he had his full share. But from the success attending his performance last evening, it would not appear that they have been sterile years. On the contrary, Mr. Hunt has returned—as he proved—a stronger and mellower artist than ever he was before. How much influence his life as a prisoner in Ruhleben has exerted on his art is a matter of surmise; but he clearly demonstrated, as his hearers warmly testified, that he is now a very fine player. His programme was a masterpiece of compilation, and not too long; in fact, it was exactly right in this particular. It opened with the Saint-Saens version of Bach's Overture to the 28th Cantata—a majestic piece of its kind and played with flawless technique. It closed with Schumann's celebrated Carnival, a work taking a little over 20 minutes to play, and one presenting all the difficulties and affording all the scope that any truly able pianist may ask. All through his programme held his hearers' interest.

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"Snowy" Baker's insurance was limited to £5000 by the Australian insurance companies for the production of "The Shadow of Lightning Ridge." Every possible risk that could be imagined in riding, diving, shooting and fighting has been introduced into the part allotted "Snowy," and when the insurance companies read the scenario they maintained that the risks were too great for ordinary cover.

Madame Albani, the once famous singer, has been granted by the British Government a pension of £100 a year, in consideration of the recipient's circumstances. In her sixty-eighth year, Albani is teaching singing in London. During her great career, her wonderful voice has been heard in America, Canada, Great Britain, Russia, Germany, Australia, South Africa, India, and New Zealand.

Another Drury Lane melodrama that has proved a smashing success as a photoplay is Vitagraph's special production of "The Sporting Duchess" with Alice Joyce in the title role. On the limited confines of the biggest stage in London this drama, which took three men to write it, was hailed as a spectacle—its thrilling, pulse-pounding racing scenes charmed and thrilled hundreds of thousands.

Playgoers will be interested to learn that Jennie Hartley, who appeared with such success in "The Bing Boys on Broadway" and "The Passing Show of 1920," presented by J. C. Williamson's Revue Company, will be the principal boy of the J. and N. Tait and Palley and Grant pantomime, "Sinbad the Sailor," at King's Theatre, Melbourne. Her charm and personality, to say nothing of her attractiveness in face and figure, should make her an ideal pantomime "boy." Moreover, few artists who have ever visited Australia have been more capable in the art of "putting a song over."

The programmes for the New Zealand tour of the New South Wales Orchestra have been carefully compiled by Mr. Verbrugghen, and operatic music is to figure largely in this year's programmes, in addition to the best and most attractive of orchestral compositions. In the centres the programmes for three of the concerts will be devoted to gems from grand opera. Important operatic singers have been engaged, and it is hoped to get the co-operation of the local choral societies in order that some of the famous operatic choruses may be included.

Active preparations are in train for the production of Chu Chin Chow at the Tivoli early in December. This mammoth show will be an exact replica of the famous London production. Wondrous and bizarre costumes and accessories have already arrived. During the next few weeks Mr. Frank Cochran, the London producer, in collaboration with Mr. Robert Greig, will be a very busy man preparing for the staging of Chu Chin Chow. Mr. Arthur Styan, who, as Lord Kelham, in Maggie, proves a distinguished quality of acting, has been specially engaged to play Oscar Asche's big part in the production.

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	"The Flapper" (Selznick)—Olive Thomas.
<b>GRAND—</b>	"Little Boss" (Vitagraph)—Bessie Love.
<b>WELLINGTON:</b>	
<b>KING'S—</b>	"Fortune Hunter" (Vitagraph)—Earle Williams.
<b>EMPRESS—</b>	"Fugitive from Matrimony" (R.C.)—H. B. Warner.
<b>EVERYBODY'S—</b>	"Lady Clare" (British Actors)—Mary Odette.
<b>PALMERSTON N.:</b>	
<b>KOBY—</b>	"Shadow of Lightning Ridge" (E. J. Carroll)—Snowy Baker.
<b>PALACE—</b>	"Cheating Cheaters" (Select)—Clara Kimball Young.
<b>EVERYBODY'S—</b>	"Dragon Painter" (Haworth)—Sessue Hayakawa.
	"Ruling Passions" (Select)—Julia Dean.
<b>WANGANUI:</b>	
<b>HIS MAJESTY'S—</b>	"Trixie From Broadway" (Pathe)—Margarita Fisher.
<b>GRAND—</b>	"Great Impostor" (Harma)—James Knight.
<b>HASTINGS:</b>	
<b>EVERYBODY'S—</b>	"Leave it to Susan" (Goldwyn)—Madge Kennedy.
	"His Father's Wife" (World)—June Elvidge.
<b>GISBORNE:</b>	
<b>EVERYBODY'S—</b>	"Lone Wolf's Daughter" (J. P. R.)—Louise Glaum.
	"Zero Hour" (World)—June Elvidge.
	"Tower of Jewels" (Vitagraph)—Corinne Griffith.
<b>HAMILTON:</b>	
<b>Strand—</b>	"Greatest Question" (First Nat.)—Lillian Gish.
	"A Day's Pleasure" (First Nat.)—Charles Chaplin.
	"Valley of Doubt" (Selznick)—Thurston Hall.
	"Great White Trail" (Wharton)—Doris Kenyon.
	"Circus of Life" (Butterfly)—Ella Hall.
<b>FEILDING:</b>	
<b>LYCEUM—</b>	"Shadow of Lightning Ridge" (E. J. Carroll)—Snowy Baker.
	"Way of a Woman" (Select)—Norma Talmadge.
	"Social Pirate" (World)—June Elvidge.
<b>DANNEVIRKE:</b>	
<b>TOWN HALL</b>	"In Old Kentucky" (First National)—Anita Stewart.
	"The Mating" (Vitagraph)—Gladys Leslie.
<b>AND PALACE—</b>	"Zero Hour" (World)—June Elvidge.
<b>WAIHI:</b>	
<b>ACADEMY—</b>	"End of the Game" (Hedkinson)—Warren Kerrigan.
	"Heart of Gold" (World)—Louise Huff.
<b>THAMES:</b>	
<b>KING'S—</b>	"Greatest Question" (First National)—Lillian Gish.
	"A Day's Pleasure" (First Nat.)—Charles Chaplin.
	"Veiled Adventure" (Select)—Constance Talmadge.
	"Daughter of Eve" (Broadwest)—Violet Hopson.
	"Heart of Gold" (World)—Louise Huff.
<b>STRAND—</b>	
<b>NAPIER:</b>	
<b>EVERYBODY'S—</b>	"Regular Girl" (Selznick)—Elsie Janis.
	"In Old Kentucky" (First National)—Anita Stewart.
	"Man Who Won" (Vita.)—Harry Morey.
	"Praise Agent" (World)—Dorothy Green.

**OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.**

**SPRING MEETING.**

**CONCLUDING DAY.**

The weather continued bright for the concluding day of the spring meeting of this club. The attendance was excellent and the fields, with the exception of two races, good, and the contests in most instances were full of interest. There was plenty of money in circulation, the sum of £46,785 being put through the totalisator, this being an increase of £15,064 10s. over the second day of last year's spring fixtures, bringing the total for the two days to £96,012, an increase of £33,456 10s. over the corresponding two days. The management was satisfactory, but though good time was kept to the seventh race the concluding one showed considerable delay, making it late by the time racegoers got back to their homes and the city. In the second and third races a number of reinsmen were questioned as to the reason of their being so far away from the leaders, and practically taking no part in the contests. The breaking of gear was given as the cause in each case. There will be some fines in future if drivers are not more careful in the selection of their strappings. A general warning to that effect was given by Mr. Mabee, the stipendiary steward. There were a few reversals of form as compared with the first day, and nearly all through the races were faster. A good rainfall on Monday imparted a freshness to the grass plots and laid the dust well, and the sprinkler was only used in front of the stands twice during the afternoon. The starting in the hands of Mr. C. O'Connor left nothing wanting.

Fifteen started in the Innovation Handicap, Malmsbury and Appeal, who were not bracketed as on the first day, and Hula Girl being the best supported. Pura Bell soon made it apparent that she had won more easily than her time on the first day indicated, as she soon ran through her field and won handily from Malmsbury, who failed to settle down properly, or would have done better. War Tank on the limit and Wildnut, 72 yards, were best of the others. Pura Bell went 16secs. faster than on the first day.

There were seventeen runners for the Epsom Handicap (over the same distance as the preceding race), won by Mindful, the second favourite, after a good go with Mykot, the fourth fancy, and Blue King, the favourite, the first and last mentioned being limit horses. Reveille was also close up but the others were well strung out. There was only a second between the respective times of Mindful and Blue King, but Mykot put up the best, doing from off the 48yds. mark 3min. 37 2-5sec.

There were but five starters for the Franklin Handicap, William the First the back marker, being made favourite. Each of the starters beat the respective times they were set to do, and Wonderland showed that he could get the distance all right at a pace. Fleming, his driver, apparently thought he had the race won, when Boycott came with a good finishing run after having been passed by Wonderland and beat him by a head. Jewel Wood nearly fell at the start and everything passed him before he found his feet, and he got within a length and a half of the pair that beat him. This was the third stroke of bad luck for Jewel Wood. William the First made up over 40 yards of his handicap of 96 yards on the winner.

For the chief race of the day, the Liverpool Handicap, most people were selecting Lord Rose to win and backing the local horse, the reported lameness of Woodvale contributing towards Lord Rose's support. The visitor, however, came in for very solid backing, and those connected with him evidently did not regard the trouble as very serious. He simply waited on Huon Grattan and then came away over the last couple of furlongs, winning by six lengths, and Lord Rose, who had given chase and had run into second place, got very tired, and Huon Grattan re-caught the used-up son of Lord Elmo and beat him a head for second money. Woodvale covered the two miles in 4min. 38sec., and those backers who were game to follow him the second time got their money back and a little over, Fleming again driving him.

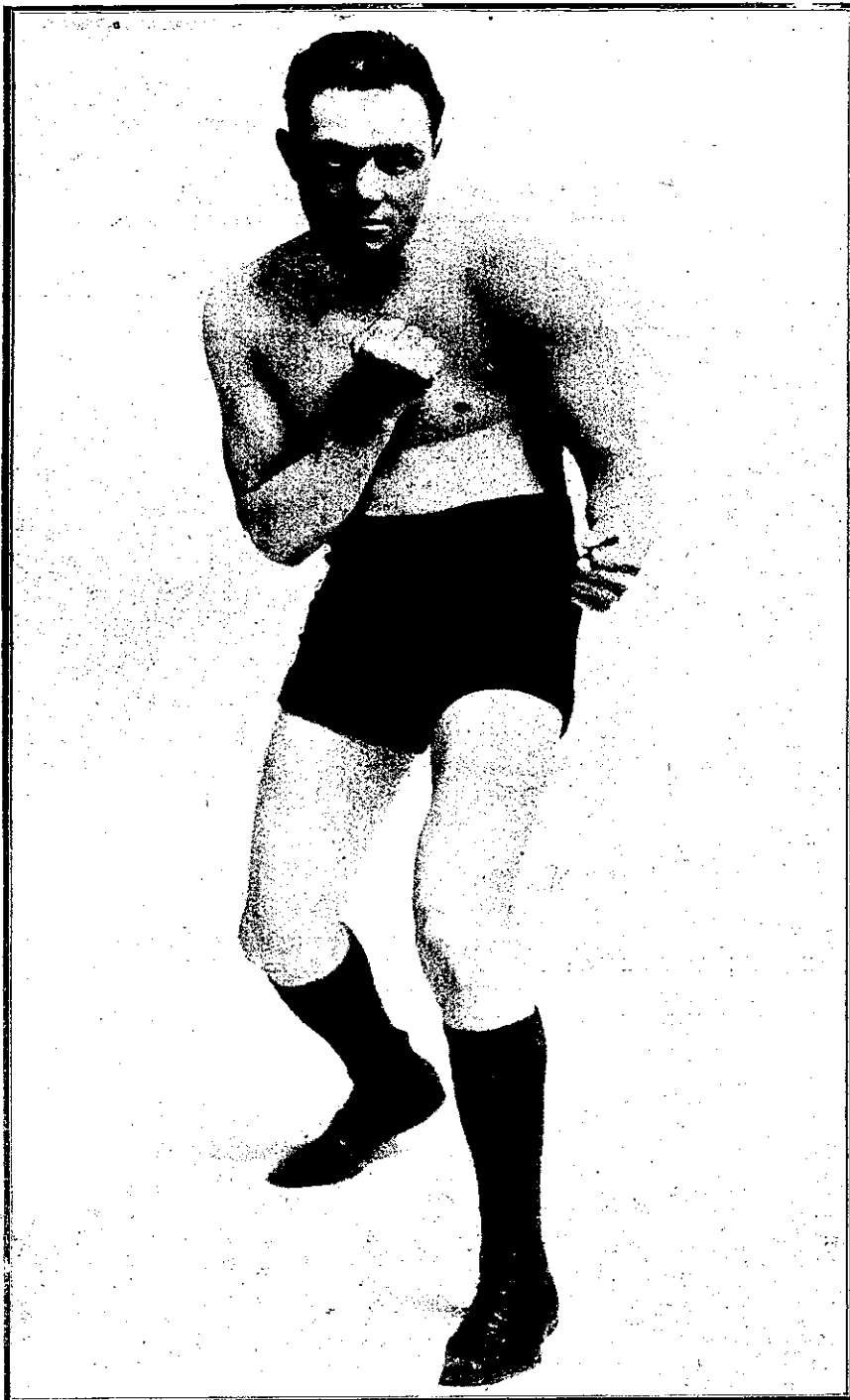
Tiki and Amberite, first and second favourites, finished in that order, within a length of each other, at the end of the Visitors' Handicap, and old Kirikiriroa, giving them 60yds.

start, was about the same distance off, third, with Gold Rod fifty yards away, fourth. None of the starters ran quite up to their best previous form.

Backers fell over themselves in their support of the two three-year-olds Oro and Nelson Derby for the Maungakiekie Handicap. The first-named did not commence well and only managed to pass about half the starters, but Nelson Derby gave him 36yds. and caught and passed them all from the 84yds. mark, only, however, to suffer a head defeat by Sea Nymph, driven by J. Shaw, whose success after his bad luck with Jewel Wood was not out of place. The dividend was the best of the day. Lady Burlington was two lengths and a-half away, third, and Ambush, whose

a long neck, Trenac being fourth, each of the first four acting up to the form they were handicapped on.

The results were:—  
**INNOVATION HANDICAP (Harness)** of 150sovs. For trotting horses only. Limit, 4min. 6sec. One mile and a-half.  
 4—T. Douglas' ch m Pura Bell aged, by Ripon Child—Diamond Bell, 96yds (Monk) ..... 1  
 1—F. D. McGovern's br g Malmsbury 60yds (G. Paul) ..... 2  
 5—J. T. Paul's b g War Tank, limit (Owner) ..... 3  
 Also started: 9 Audex 12yds (Robertson), 3 Hula Girl 12 yds (Orange), 6 Norland 12 yds (McMaster), 14 Baalbek 12yds (Dillon), 13 Mujik 12yds (Young), Gratinora 12 yds (Willets), 7 Lady Steppy 12yds (Paton), 2 Appeal 12yds (Pollard), 8 My Junior 60yds, (McSweeney), 11 Wild Nut 72yds (Tristram), 10 Canberra 84yds (Julian), 9 Miss Marvin Downs 96yds (Millen).  
 Won by two lengths and a-half, six



**JACK JANESSE**, the Australian boxer, who fought a draw with Harry Gunn (Timaru) at Wanganui on November 12, and who meets "Digger Evans at Wanganui this (Wednesday) evening, December 8, in a 15 rounds match for a £300 purse, under the auspices of the Wanganui Boxing Association.

second race it was, got fourth. Nelson Derby's performance was a good one for a three-year-old.

The Richmond Handicap provided another most interesting race, the old white horse Eccentric being made a little better favourite than Salamander, while Dorothy Dimple was third selection in a field of ten. The other grey, Wonderland, who was on the limit, was again allowed to start at a good price. Salamander, Prinzora and Dorothy Dimple each went away smarter than Wonderland did, and they were at it from barrier rise with all pressure on. In the run down the straight, Robinson brought Wonderland along on the outside and he got up to win by a length, a long neck between Salamander and Prinzora, with Dorothy Dimple a handy fourth, all four doing better than they were actually asked to do. Eccentric was not able to maintain his pace, but went as well as any of the others. The winner, Wonderland, beat his time of the previous day by over 4sec.

The business of the meeting concluded with the Telephone Handicap, for which Kempsey, Mint Boy, Sea Nymph and William the Third (bracketed) were the most fancied. Treanac led Inora and Mita Bell along the back and into the straight, but Mita Bell got up close at the end of the circuit and finally won by a length from Inora, who beat William the Third, whose second race it was, by

lengths between second and third. Canberra was fourth. Time, 3min. 43 sec.

**EPSOM HANDICAP (Harness)** of 150 sovs. Limit, 3min. 48sec. One mile and a-half.

2—H. Rowe's b m Mindful, 4yrs, by General Joubert—Judge Beldon mare, limit (Willets) ..... 1  
 4—K. H. Smith's b g Mykot, 48yds (Groat) ..... 2  
 1—G. Craw's b g Blue King, limit (Owner) ..... 3  
 Also started: 10 Plain Peter limit (Monk), 14 Ardwood limit (J. Paul), 17 Battery Bell limit (Brown), 11 March On limit (Phipps), 12 Silvery Moon limit (Hall), 7 Reveille limit (Roe, junr.), 15 St Ives limit (Pillenger), 9 Scottish Child 12 yds (Riddell), 3 Edna 36yds (Shaw), 16 Rua Pere 36yds (Gee), 5 Gold Flake 36yds (Osborne), 8 Ekoerane 36yds (W. J. Paul), 13 Peter Eden 48yds (Lowe), 6 Golden Wave 72yds (Hanigan).  
 Won by a length, half a length separating second and third. Reveille was fourth. Time 3min. 41sec.

**FRANKLIN HANDICAP (Harness)**, of 200sovs. Limit, 4min. 56sec. Two miles.

5—G. Paul's ch g Boycott, aged, by Harold Dillon—Fatality, limit (Owner) ..... 1  
 4—A. Fleming's gr g Wonderland 48yds (Owner) ..... 2  
 3—C. Arden's br g Jewel Wood, limit (Shaw) ..... 3  
 Also started: 2 Ambush limit (Shaw), 1 William the First 96yds (Adams).  
 Won by a head, a length and a-half between second and third. William the First was fourth. Time, 4min. 52 4-5 sec.

**LIVERPOOL HANDICAP (Harness)** of 500sovs. Limit, 4min. 22sec. Two miles.

2—J. J. Spiers' ch g Woodvale, 6yrs, by Wildwood Junior—Velvet Vale (Fleming) ..... 1

7—R. A. Smith's ch g Huon Grattan, limit (Orange) ..... 2  
 1—K. H. Smith's b g Lord Rose, 60 yds (Groat) ..... 3  
 Also started: 4 Temple 24yds (Cutts), 6 Antonio 36yds (McNaughton), 3 Gold Girl 72yds (S. Roe), 5 Comedy Chief 72yds (McMillan).

Won by close on 100 yards, a head separating second and third. Comedy Chief was fourth. Time, 4min. 38sec.

**VISITORS' HANDICAP (Harness)** of 225sovs. For trotting horses only. Limit, 5min. Two miles.

1—Donald McFarlane's b m Tiki, aged, by Harold Dillon—Wood Nymph, limit (Groat) ..... 1  
 2—J. Gee's b g Amberite, limit (Owner) ..... 2  
 7—W. Kelsey's b g Kirikiriroa, 60yds (Owner) ..... 3  
 Also started: 8 Scientist 24yds (Tetley), 6 Grattan Abbey 48yds (McNaughton), 4 Gold Rod 84yds (W. J. Paul), 3 Rio Grande 84yds (Lynch), 5 Lady Park 132yds (Cunningham), 9 Auckland Girl 132yds (Orange).  
 Won by three-parts of a length, a length between second and third. Gold Rod was fourth. Time, 5min. 0 3-5sec.

**MAUNGAKIEKIE HANDICAP (Harness)** of 200sovs. Limit, 3min. 42sec. One mile and a-half.

7—C. L. Kasper's blk g Sea Nymph, 5yrs, by Brent Locanda—Wildwave, 36yds (Shaw) ..... 1  
 2—G. Craw's br c Nelson Derby, 84yds (Owner) ..... 2  
 8—E. Bromwich's b m Lady Burlington, 24yds (Fisher) ..... 3  
 Also started: 3 Bushchild limit (McMillan), 4 Rita Rye limit (Maidmont), 9 Levine limit (Lynch), 10 Reliance limit (Hall), 6 Ambush 12yds (Pell), 11 Selkirk 36yds (Dally), 5 Winestra 36yds (Paul), 1 Oro 48yds (Cunningham), 12 Master Ham 84yds (Lewis).  
 Won by a head, two lengths and a-half separating second and third. Ambush was fourth. Time, 2min. 39sec.

**RICHMOND HANDICAP (Saddle)** of 250sovs. Limit, 2min. 20sec. One mile.

4—A. Fleming's gr g Wonderland, aged, by Wildwood Junior—Lady Mary, limit (Robinson) ..... 1  
 2—R. A. McMillan's ch g Salamander, limit (Owner) ..... 2  
 5—C. Le Campion's br g Prinzora, limit (Willets) ..... 3  
 Also started: 8 Ruauul limit (McMaster), 3 Dorothy Dimple 12yds (W. J. Paul), 10 Rothcliffe 24yds (Phipps), 9 Prince Berlin 24yds (Lowe), 1 Eccentric 36yds (Julian), 6 Derby Dillon 36 yds (Sewell), 7 Strategy 60yds (J. Paul).  
 Won by a length, a neck between second and third. Dorothy Dimple was fourth. Time, 2min. 18 4-5sec.

**TELEPHONE HANDICAP (Harness)** of 200sovs. Limit, 3min. 2sec. One mile and a-quarter.

5—M. Paton's br m Nita Bell, 4yrs, by Gold Bell—Agnita, 24yds (Young) ..... 1  
 7—G. T. Lynch's ch m Inora, 12yds (Lynch) ..... 2  
 3—A. E. Adams' William the First, 48yds (Owner) ..... 3

Also started: 13 Treanac limit (Phipps), 6 Profiteer limit (Cunningham), 4 Pileta limit (McKendrick), 10 Lady Burlington 12yds (Fisher), 3 Sea Nymph 12yds (Shaw) bracketed with William the First, 11 Lucille 24yds (McMaster), 12 Tim Wilkin 24yds (Willets), 18 Tim Doolan 24yds (Smith), 16 Prince Child 24yds (Shepherd), 9 Albert Patch 36yds (Cameron), 1 Kempsey 36yds (Kelsey), 2 Mint Boy 36yds (Julian), 14 Te Awa 48yds (Monk), 8 Lady Somers 60yds (W. J. Paul), 20 Victor G. 60yds (Galbraith), 19 Hymen 60yds (Lowe), 16 Temple 84yds (Cutts), 17 Oruarangi 132yds (J. Paul).  
 Won by a length, a similar distance between second and third. Treanac was fourth. Time, 2min. 57 4-5sec.

The summer programme of the Takapuna Jockey Club appears in this issue and is an attractive one.

**TURF GOSSIP.**

The little mare, Miss Muriel, shipped from Auckland for Dunedin on the Wanaka, was a fortnight making the trip—a record surely.

At least one driver at the Otahuhu Trotting Club's meeting was caught napping when he looked to be a sure winner.

Jockey Goldsmith appears to have thrown a race away at Feilding through over confidence and was ordered to stand down for fourteen days.

The splendid rainfall on Friday last freshened up the grass plots and course at Ellerslie which have been looking green all through the spring, and were never in better condition at any time of year.

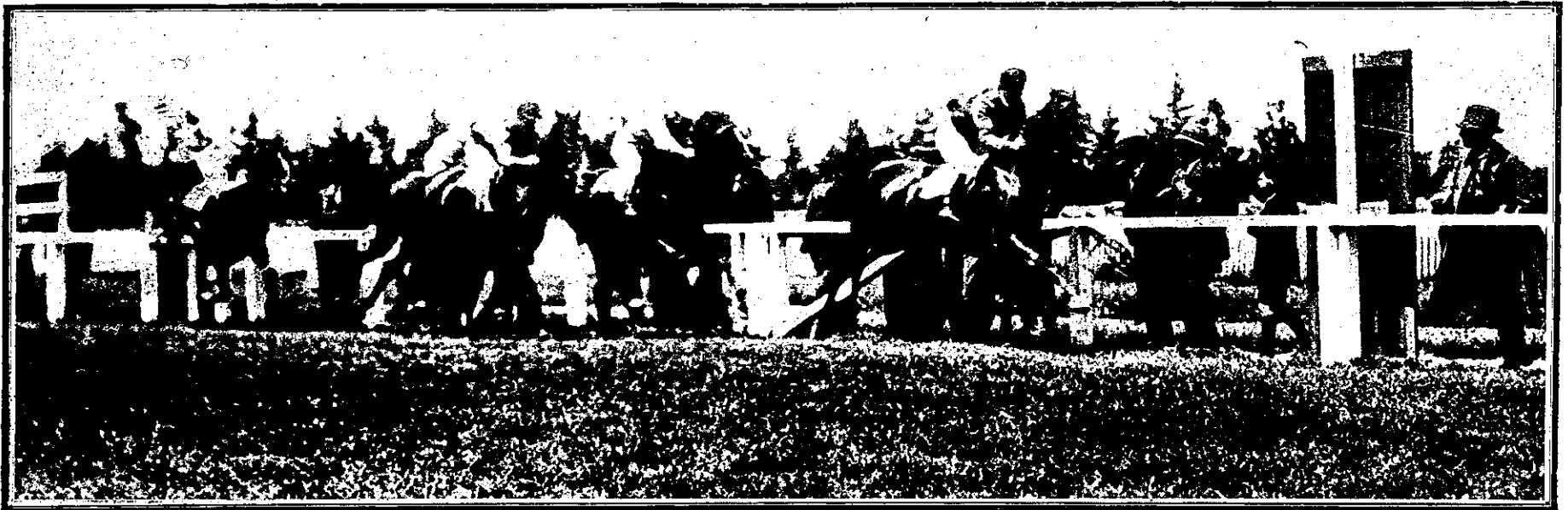
It is understood that a substantial offer was refused for the English horse, Prince Willonyx, soon after the Takapuna meeting. Mr. J. J. Spratt bought him for stud purposes.

The trotter Rio Grande and the pacer Inora, and it is understood, several other visitors are remaining in Auckland for the summer meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club.

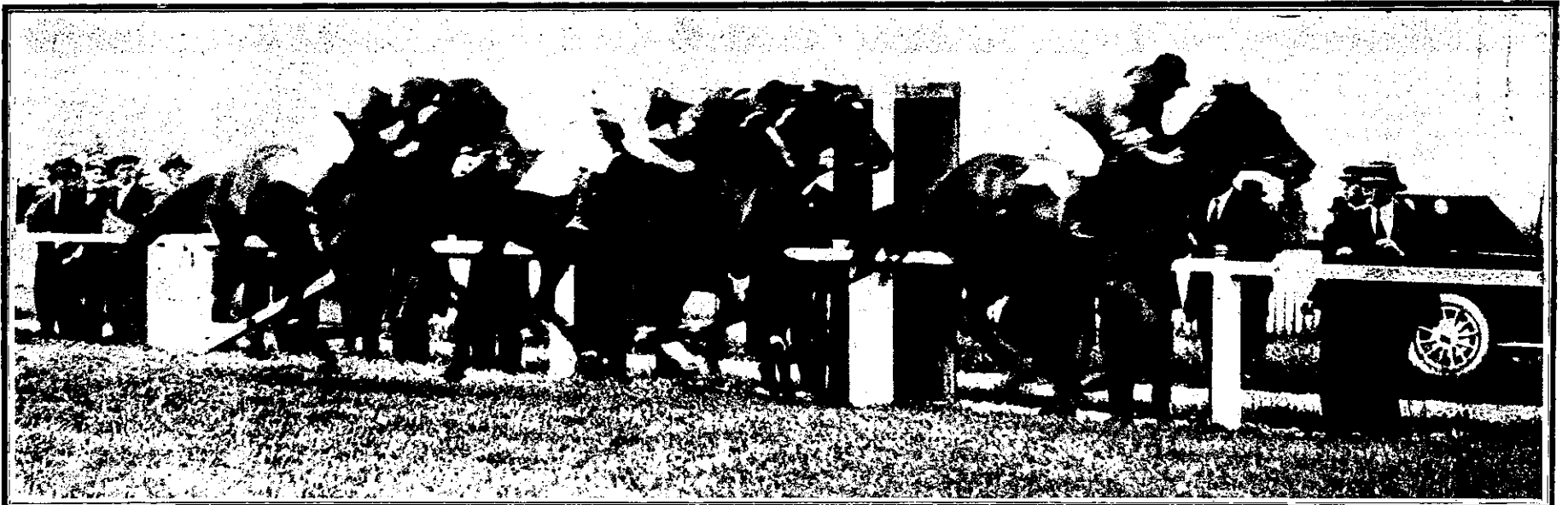
The owner of one of the winners at the Otahuhu Trotting Club's meeting had over £100 on his horse the first day when it lost, and a fiver on it when it won on the second day. If it had been the opposite way about a big scoop would probably have resulted.

The Minister of Internal Affairs, who has more than once warned bookmakers and tote odds layers, is in dead earnest, and three convictions were recorded last month. £400 in fines in Auckland have been paid. The Southern case goes before a jury on an appeal.

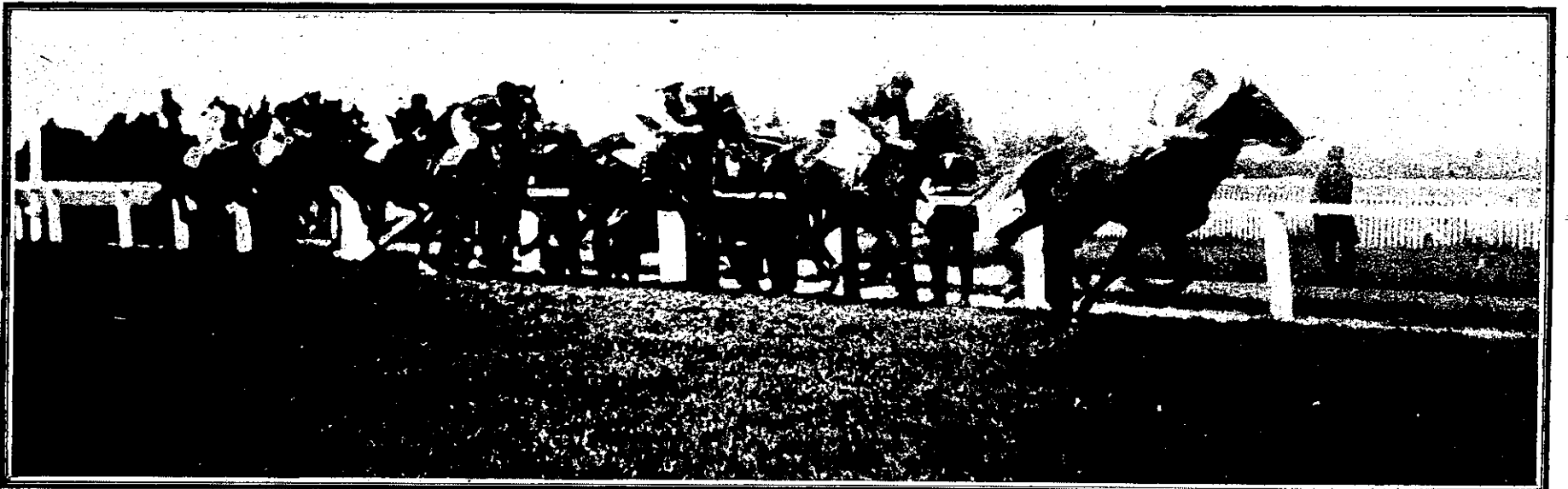
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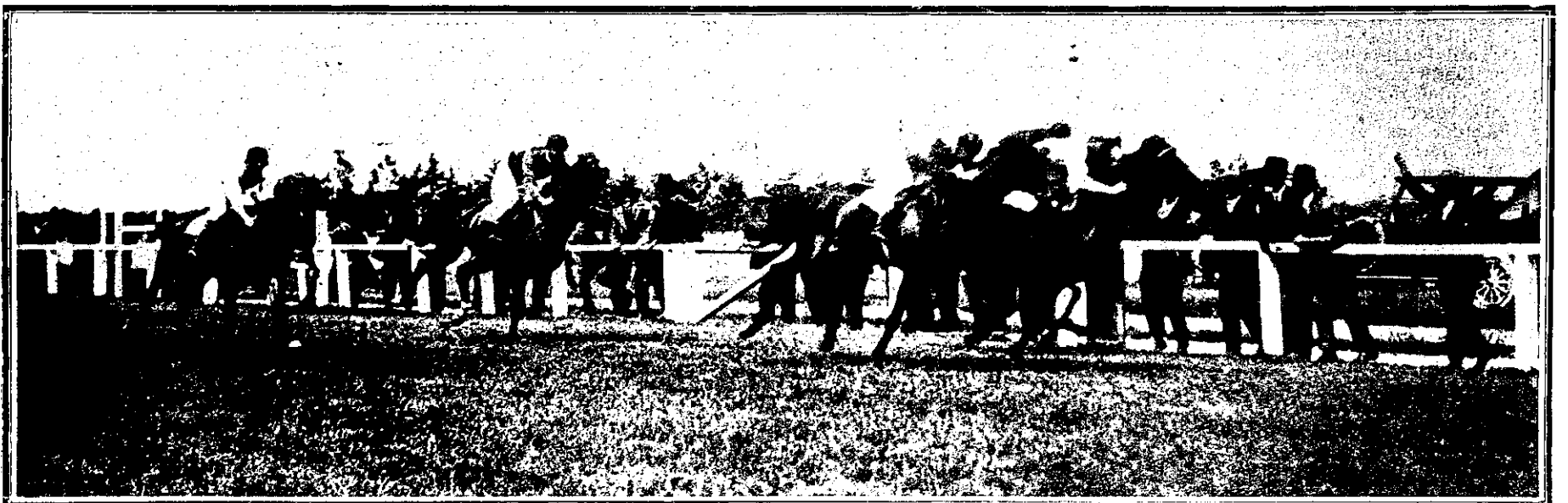
CLIENT (M. McCARTEN) LEADING DEPREDATION, RED RIBBON, MARQUETEUR AND TENTERFIELD PAST THE STAND THE FIRST TIME IN THE ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP (1½ MILES).



THE FINISH OF THE ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP (1½ MILES) ON THE OPENING DAY—RED RIBBON (B. Deeley) wins from CLIENT (M. McCarten), next rails, with DEPREDATION (J. Olsen) third, and MARQUETEUR (H. Gray) fourth.



THE FIELD PASSING THE POST THE FIRST TIME IN THE MANCHESTER HANDICAP (1¼ MILES) ON THE CONCLUDING DAY.—TENTERFIELD (K. Tucker) showing the way to DUSKY EVE, DEPREDATION and CLIENT.



A SPLENDID FINISH IN THE MANCHESTER HANDICAP (1¼ MILES)—DEPREDATION (H. Goldfinch) wins by a neck from MARQUETEUR (H. Gray), on outside, with DUSKY EVE (G. McLean), next rails, third, and CLIENT fourth.





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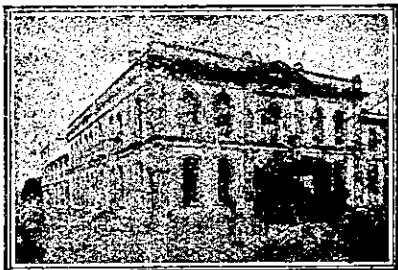
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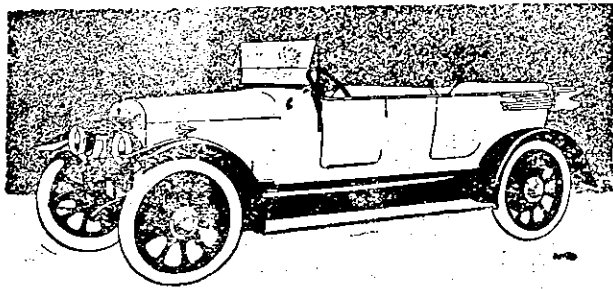
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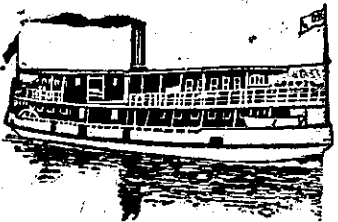
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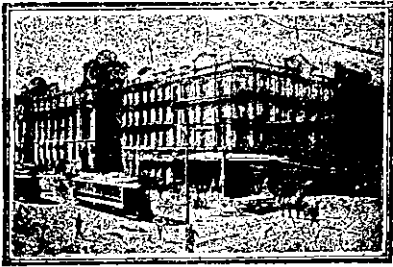
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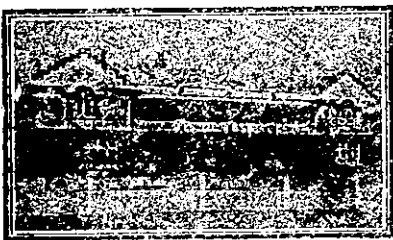
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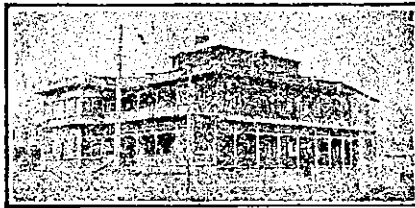
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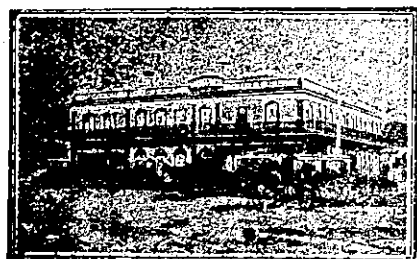
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