

SPORTING.

(The New Zealand Special Cable.)
WELLINGTON, October 10.

The A.J.C. Derby, of £5,000 (1½ m.) was won by Mr. G. D. Greenwood's horse *Gloaming* (Wellington-Light).
In the Spring Stakes, of £1,200 (1¼ m.), *Desert Gold* was beaten a head by W. and F. A. Moses's *Poitrel*. The race was run in record time.

Gloaming is 4 years old. The Derby was won last year by the same owner's *Biplane*, and the year before by the N.Z. horse, *Kilboy*.
Poitrel, who defeated *Desert Gold*, is 3 years old, and, therefore, her junior by three years. He is by St. Alwyne-Poinard. The Spring Stakes was won last year by Wallace Inginglass, and the year before by Sasanof.

TURF TOPICS.

Mr. W. E. Bidwill has sold Association to go to Sydney.
Mr. E. S. Luttrell has decided not to persevere with *Kilboy*, who has been thrown out of work for good.
Percy Mason had charge of Mr. G. D. Greenwood's horses while his father was in Australia. He has been classed C2.
Nolan Bros. (Okuru) have purchased the stallion *Obsono* from Mr. J. McBride (Queenstown) for stud purposes in S. Westland.
Maori Mat, who won the V.A.T.C. Debutant Stakes for Mr. E. J. Watt in 1915, is now running on pony courses in Sydney.
Mr. John Dooley, who fifty years ago was one of the biggest owners in S.C. and N.O., when he was host of the Waimate Hotel, is dead, aged 76.
The following North Island jockeys are bailed: H. Gray, L. H. Hewitt, H. Young, C. Price, W. Price, A. Lawrence. The Trentham trainer, H. Telford, is also included.
Mr. J. B. Reid has sold the imported mare *Simper* to a North Island buyer, as well as a filly by *Kilbroney*—*Grey Linnet*, an imported mare by *Thrush*—*Marie le Graye*, and some others.

At a sale of trotting stock belonging to Mr. Max Friedlander, Ashburton, the highest price was 43 gns., paid by Mr. C. Nordquist, for a three-year-old bay filly by *El Carbine*—*Woodymph*.
When she won the Brisbane Cup, *Irish Princess* (King Rufus—*Allannah*), who was bred by Mr. G. M. Currie at Koatani, equalled *Prince Bar-dolph's* Australian record of 3 min. 24½ sec. for 2 miles.
Mr. Donald McDonald, aged 46, well known in racing and polo circles at Wanganui, has died of heart failure. A fine cross-country rider, he was a member of the polo team which visited Australia.

The late Mr. Thomas Redwood was, in his youth, regarded as the horseman of the celebrated Marlborough family. He was a handier weight than his brothers, but he did not race on such an extensive scale.
Quincey King, an aged N.Z. gelding (Quincey—*Sir Woodburn*) put up a track record at the N.S.W. Trotting Club on June 12, when he won the Club Handicap, 1 mile 120 yards, unhoppled, in 3 min. 41½ sec.
The complicated case in which John Mann sued Jesse Tanner for £580 as damages for the wrongful seizure of the racehorses *Mystified* and *Gold-bearing* and other stock, ended in the jury awarding plaintiff £100.
The Sydney "Referee" thinks that if *Waimai* could win the G.N. Steeplechase at Auckland with 12st. up, which he did, N.Z. jumpers can scarcely be up to standard, since he could not win at Randwick last spring with 11st. 7lb. in a moderate field.
Mr. R. J. Maxwell is urging the A.J.C. to alter the rules of the N.Z. Cup in order to give the better horses a chance of winning. He suggests a minimum of 7st. 4lb. for four-year-olds and 7st. 10lb. for five-year-olds. The matter was brought forward four years ago, but voted owing to the war.

The following weights were apportioned to N.Z. horses in Australia:

	Caulfield Cup.	Melbourne Cup.
	st lb.	st lb.
Desert Gold	9 8	9 6
Estland	8 13	9 0
Finmark	7 9	7 7
Kilfinn	7 7	7 3
Killowen	7 1	6 13
Kilmalno	6 7	6 7

THE PRICE OF COAL.

INCREASE OF TWO SHILLINGS.

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Following on the recent concession of higher wages to the miners, an increase of two shillings per ton in the price of coal to consumers is announced.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED MURDER.

MRS. MOODY COMMITTED.

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Mrs. Mary Jane Moody (Dunedin) has been committed for trial on a charge of attempting to murder her husband, from whom she had been separated.
Mr. Moody was shot in the arm, an artery being severed.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS.

The teams in the inter-provincial match in which Canterbury defeated Otago by 11 points to 8 were:
Canterbury:—Full-back: P. O'Laughlin (Marists); three-quarters: A. McLeod (Ch.ch), R. E. Boag (Old Boys), G. Zimmerman (Old Boys); five-eighths: J. Hirst (Linwood), J. C. Mullins (Marists); half-back: A. D. Tench (Old Boys); wing-forward: I. Gray (Old Boys); forwards: A. Henry (Morivale), T. Gallivan (Albion), C. R. Murray (Ch.ch), E. Cummings (Linwood), W. Cummings (Linwood), C. Hegarty (Morivale), and E. Empson (Linwood).
Otago:—Full-back: Bond (Zingari); three-quarters: Wills (Zingari-Richmond), Valentine (University), Churchill (Pirates); five-eighths: MacDonald (Capt.) (Pirates), Jeffs (Pirates); half-back: Mathieson (Pirates); forwards: Bain, Mitchell, Irvine, Duncan (Southern), Patrick (Zingari), Fairmaid and Hutchison (University), Glangarry (Pt. Chalmers).

The teams in the match Auckland v. Thames, won by the former by 20 points to 10, were:—
Auckland: Full-back: Kelly (Ponsonby); three-quarters: Wilson and Laxon (College Rifles), Nixon (Grafton); five-eighths: Marsden (Grammar O.B.), Wrighton (Ponsonby); half: Polson (Ponsonby); forwards: Gasparich (Univ.), Hammond (Grafton), Molloy (Univ.), McGore (Grafton), Lock (Ponsonby), Thomas (Univ.), Towers (Univ.), Hansch (Grafton). Emergencies: Burns, Paul, Prantice, Lusk, Payne, Aitken.
Thames:—Full-back: J. Winder; three-quarters: McLeod, Rae, Miller; five-eighths: Clark, Prussing; half: McRae; forwards: Flemming, Smith, Challis, Walsh, Molloy, Wilton, McCollum, Brownlee. Emergencies: Fallon, Fisher.
The Auckland team chosen to play against Wellington was: Prussing, Wilson, Laxon, Nixon, Marsden, Righton, Polson, Gasparich, Hammond, Molloy, Lock, Thomas, Moore, McLean, Hansch, Towers, Payne, Kelly, Stanley, Brinsden, J. Molloy, Pooley, Longville, Gallaher, Delgrosso, Munro, Cogan, Grierson.

Auckland defeated Lower Waikato by 11 points to 7.
Waitaki B.H.S. defeated Christchurch B.H.S., at Oamaru, by 14 points to 3. The Ch.ch. team was: T. I. Lascelles, J. M. Willoughby, E. J. Bowes, R. S. Walker, W. Graham, S. R. Carleton, W. Dalley, L. D. Page, D. W. Reese, J. A. Fraser (captain), D. Gunn, D. Dickson, T. J. B. Donnelly, J. O. Forsyth, J. L. White. Emergencies: A. C. Allen, F. W. Petrie, Douglas, Inkson, McPhail, and Torlesse scored for Waitaki, Chishall converting. Allen kicked a penalty goal for Ch.ch.
The annual match between Christ's College and Otago B.H.S. was abandoned on account of rain.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.

LIFE-SAVING AWARDS.

The Royal Humane Society of N.Z. is precluded by the rules from carrying out its desire to award the gold medal to the late Arthur H. Ambury for attempting to rescue his companion, W. E. Gourlay, from death in the Mt. Egmont fatality.
The following awards have been made:—Silver Medal: Rudolphus Richardson, Gisborne. Bronze Medal: Norman Batchelor, of Christ's College, New Brighton; Thomas Heaney and Eric D. Robinson, Gisborne. Framed Certificates: Glenwyn B. Ensor, aged 12, Cheltenham Beach. Certificates: Emily Towers, Thames; Alfred T. Cleverly, Wellington; Constable E. F. Jones, Palmerston N.; Ernest C. Cross (since killed in action), Sumner; Thomas Ingham, Lillian Whitely, and Eric Ellery, Gisborne, and John Cameron, Oamaru. Letters of commendation: Violet Metcalf, aged 14, Oamaru; William F. Murphy, Ten-Mile Creek.

GERMAN ESCAPEES.

SOMES ISLAND INCIDENTS.

Four German prisoners on *Somes Island* put to sea after nightfall—it was mid-winter—on a raft, hoping to make their escape. The raft drifted towards *Petone*, and was wrecked beside the *Hutt* railway. Three of the fugitives were discovered an hour or two later and taken into Wellington, and the fourth died of exposure on the roadside.
Deceased was Karl A. H. Kosel, a labourer, twenty-nine years of age, who had been suffering from asthma. The others were: William McKnab (formerly a painter, of Ch.ch.), Karl W. Mertin, seaman, formerly of *Te Awamutu*, and Alfred Krant, seaman, of *Dunedin*.
The raft was made of three boxes and five oil drums. It was propelled by two paddles and two spades, but began to sink 1,000 yards from *Somes Island*. Deceased, immediately on landing, said: "I am going to the first house I get to and no further." One of the survivors swam from *Somes Island* to *Petone* with a companion in 1915, and was met on the beach by an unromantic constable.
A week or two later four other Germans were missing from the internment camp, but two days later they were found shivering and half-starved in a carefully-screened dug-out within the enclosure.

After 53 years of useful service the Wanganui Volunteer Fire Brigade has gone out of existence, and a fire board is being established.
The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. W. G. McDonald, states that importations of petrol into N.Z. during the war have exceeded pre-war figures by millions of gallons annually. The alleged shortage has been brought about by panic buying and hoarding.

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RUGBY IN ENGLAND.

N.Z. men who formed part of the Aldershot Command XV, which defeated R.M.C. Sandhurst by 23 points (1 goal and 6 tries) to 6 (1 penalty goal and 1 try) were: Sgt. Holmes, Gunners Walley, Boswell, Cameron, Wittner, Hay, Dalton, McCarlie (N.Z.F.A.), Cpl. Stohr, and Pte. Sykes (N.Z.M.C.). A fine bout of passing was witnessed between Stohr, Sykes, and Holmes, enabling the latter to get in. Command led at half-time by 11 to 6. Afterwards the winners dominated the play, Sykes quickly scoring two tries, Walley getting the ball from Sykes, completed a fine run by crossing the Sandhurst line. Just before the finish Holmes put on another try for the Command.

At Hornchurch, N.Z. Convalescent Camp beat N.Z. Headquarters by 2 tries to 1. The teams were: N.Z.C.C.: Cpl. Spillane; Pte. Hudson, Pte. Miles, Cpl. Sail; Sgt. Uly, Gnr. Drinkwater; Pte. Amodes; Sgt. Aitkin, Sgt. Sheehan, Sgt. Outram, Sgt. Cook, Cpl. Green, Cpl. Tate, Pte. Cleal, Pte. Worsfold. N.Z.H.Q.: Spr. Forester; Cpl. Fowler, Sgt. Millen, Pte. Lamsdy; Pte. Henry, Cpl. O'Brien; S.-S. Courtney; Cpl. Anderson, Spr. Dennehy, Spr. Keenan, Cpl. Patterson, Pte. Dryden, Lt. Byrne, Cpl. Philipson, S.-S. Wilson. Referee: Lt. E. Booth.

HOCKEY.

The Auckland championship was won by University, which, in the play-off, defeated Mount Eden by 2 goals to 0.
In a 7-aside tournament, Edendale defeated North Shore; Training College defeated Areta in the first round. In the second, Training College defeated Edendale, and St. Luke's defeated Mount Eden. In the final, Training College defeated St. Luke's by 2 points to 1.
Canterbury beat Otago by 6 goals to 1. For Canterbury Smith (3), Bell (2), and Holland scored, and for Otago Hogg scored in the last minute.

ONEHUNGA MAYORALTY.

MR. BOYD RESIGNS.

Mr. J. J. Boyd resigned the mayoralty of Onehunga following the abandonment of his appeal in the Zoo case.
After a heated scene in the Council, Mr. J. Stoupe, the Deputy-Mayor, was elected Mayor. Two Councillors (Dillcar and W. J. Brewin) resigned "owing to the manner in which the Council's business is conducted and the wishes of the electors being ignored."

SOLDIER ROWING.

REGATTA AT PUTNEY.

Pte. D. C. Hadfield (N.Z.C.D.) defeated A.-M. W. D. Kinnear (R.A.F.), the Olympic champion of 1912, on the Thames, under the auspices of the Thames R.C. Hadfield has been very successful this season, but here he had the advantage of ten years in age over Kinnear, who, moreover, has been suffering from lumbago.
The Junior Fours was won by the N.Z.E.F.R.C., J. Laing (bow), F. Bush, A. J. Moore, H. Springer (str.), A. Trussell (cox), which defeated A.S.C. in heat 2, and Sons of the Thames in the final—a fine race well won.
N.Z.M.T. (Walton-on-Thames) won the Junior Eights (Cpl. Herrick (bow) Kendrick, Marshall, Lomas, Curtis, England, Adams, C. Perry (str.), Davidson (cox), beating R.A.F. in heat 1, and N.Z. Headquarters in the final. N.Z.H.Q.: E. C. Day (bow), W. Patterson, A. Vosper, F. Bush, A. J. Moore, T. Wright, J. Laing, H. Springer (str.), A. Trussell (cox), rower over, R.A.F. (Chelsea) absent in Heat 2.
Senior Fours, Heat 1: N.Z.E.F.R.C., A crew: D. C. Hadfield (bow), W. G. Coombes, C. R. Moore, C. A. Healey (str.), G. Wilson (cox), 1; Putney Munitioners 2. N.Z.E.F.R.C.: B crew: R. Forrester, T. Goudie, W. Keenan, R. Fitzer, A. Trussell, 0; Sons of the Thames, 0; won by a canvas.
At a regatta for blind soldiers at Putney, Johnstone (N.Z.) came second to Guthrie (Canada) in the final of Single Sculls (maiden heavy-weights). The senior heavy-weights final resulted: Hardy (N.Z.), 1; Thompson (R.F.), 2; McPhee (N.Z.), 3; London Australians, 4. Paired race (maiden light-weights) final: Hughes (Australia) and MacGowan (N.Z.), 1, beating by 2½ lengths Morgan and Robinson (British Army). Special four-oared: Anzac (Hardy and McPhee (N.Z.), Simes and Frankhouser (Australia), won by 2 lengths from a British four.

Q.M.S. J. N. Crawford, N.Z.E.F., was formerly a well-known Surrey cricketer, and his arrival at Plymouth recently is said to have been a surprise to his own family.
To mark the completion of fifteen years of office as president of the Auckland R.C., the Hon. E. Mitchellson was presented with a life-size painting of himself in oils, by Mr. R. Proctor. He first took office as a steward in 1881.
One of the most promising of Auckland's young swimmers, Tui Kronfeld, died recently at the age of fourteen. He was champion of the Normal school, and of the lower school at Auckland Grammar School, and was one of the finest exponents of the crawl in Auckland.

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