

than in any other part of the Dominion. He had seen racing in England and there was no doubt that racing was of a very high standard in this country. There were dozens of people in this country who were owners who could not be so in England on account of high cost. The fact that poorer people could be owners in New Zealand was proof that we were progressive.

The secretary (Mr W. A. Saunders) was highly commended by Mr W. Taylor for the manner in which he carried out his duties as secretary. "Mr Saunders was one of the best secretaries in New Zealand" and the Wairoa Club were fortunate in getting his services. This note was readily agreed to by the members, who recognised the valuable work done by Mr Saunders.

During the evening the secretary announced that Mr Taylor was donating a trophy to the club, and Mr Gaines intimated that the Club was erecting ten loose boxes for the benefit of owners.

Mr E. Russell proposed the toast of the president, Mr Todd, who was following in the steps of Mr Nat. Bates and had contributed largely to the success of the Club. Mr North responded to the toast of the Clifden Club and Mr O'Brien on behalf of the Otatau Club. Later in the evening Mr O'Brien was called upon to respond to the toast of those who are not in sympathy with racing, but the strain was rather much, for Mick almost collapsed, and found difficulty in expressing the "kill joy" sentiments of those whose health he was proposing.

Mr Stone intimated his early entry to the Club's fixtures and that he was in the game for the love of it. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very successful evening to a close.

The toast list contained the following toasts: "The King," proposed by the Chairman; "Parliament of New Zealand" (the chairman) and responded to by Mr W. E. Taylor; "Kindred Clubs" (Mr J. P. Forde), responded to by Messrs M. O'Brien (Otatau Racing Club), W. E. Taylor (Southland Racing Club), and W. F. North (Clifden Racing Club); "The Owners" (Mr W. A. Saunders), responded to by Messrs W. Stone, Eric Russell, F. Boyle, and W. F. North; "The Owners and Breeders' Association" (Mr M. O'Brien), responded to by Mr Wm. Grieve; Wairoa Jockey Club (Mr W. E. Taylor), responded to by Messrs T. Todd, M. Gaines, and W. A. Saunders; "Our Soldier Members" (Mr Chas. Keen), responded to by Messrs W. Welsh and M. Duggan; "The Ladies" (Mr J. Welsh), responded to by Mr M. Gaines, L. O'Dowd and A. Pannack; "The Press" (Mr M. Gaines); "The Visitors" (Mr J. O. Clapp); and "The Chairman" (Mr Eric Russell).

During the evening an excellent musical programme was contributed by Messrs J. Magee, W. Welsh, S. Crawford, F. Boyle, A. McKenzie, A. Pannack, Jno. Welsh, J. Bocoek, J. Kelly, W. Grieve, Paulker, Thomson, Robinson, and Clapp.

NIGHTCAPS.

Our recently-arrived medical man did not stay longer than a few days. He notified the Medical Association that unless a doctor's residence was available he was not prepared to stay. However, another has paid the district a visit this week, Dr. Ferguson, and he has, after looking around, expressed the opinion to the chairman of the Town Board that if a residence was in sight he was quite satisfied that a doctor would be available. To give his candid opinion, after taking everything into consideration, no doctor would entertain the idea of settling here until a residence was in sight.

The offer to the public of £1200 worth of debentures by the Town Board has been accepted to the extent that all the debentures have been applied for, which goes to show that the local people have faith in their township. If debentures were offered by the Board for a doctor's residence there is little doubt but that they would be taken up as readily by the ratepayers.

There passed away at the residence of his son, Mr Andrew Dixon, Tinkertown, on Sunday, one who was well known in the township. In the person of Mr William Dixon, senior. The deceased was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, and was 76 years of age; he has been in New Zealand 37 years. He leaves a widow and five sons to mourn their loss. There are twenty-one grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, descendants of deceased. The late Mr Dixon and Mrs Dixon celebrated their golden wedding about four years ago.

Mr A. Hamilton, M.P., has notified the residents of Tuntapere that the Government has set aside a section in the township for a nurses' home.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES.

I.F.C. (3) v. ATHLETIC (0).

The teams found the ground heavy, Blues especially, for they were weak in the first return of a Green kick, coming into transfers that lacked vim or direction, an assertion that might be made for all their attempts in this, their favourite, attack. Blues were slower to get into line work than were their opposing forwards, except that Whittaker's spot on the line was always well marked. His three-quarter fed him badly, the big, eager forward frequently jumping for throws he couldn't reach. If a good line man isn't fed, he is not correctly employed. There was a morotony in the play during all the game, the first spell being very drear. Rushes and scrambles and rucks, and badly formed lines, an occasional dribble, and an intermittent Blue pass which travelled from middle to line and from line cross middle to the other side, or was checked automatically by selfish backs or by process of exhaustion. Davidson, Blue half, gave his backs stereotyped ball, but did not feed when he was away from the ruck or the scrum, preferring line-kicking in which he gained ground but brought dull defence to his side's attack. Coming on to the inter-provincial matches as we are, we are consoled to note that there are sub-unions and selectors who have seen them play. Leith appeared to clear nearly all the lines for Greens, his huge kicks—mostly grubbers—frequently finding Blue backs out of place. Athletics had one chance to score at the south-west corner, but the back muddled, and defence ended in a force. Invercargill appeared eager to get rid of the ball before the marking back could be cut out of the play, or proud in possession when they were dragged down with it after momentary successful cut-in. Vial did one fine and fearless ground smother, and was besides generally successful in getting in his defence kicks, Greens having few low tacklers. Changes of scene were frequent though kicking and dribbling were numerous in spell one, but anything resembling ill luck in not scoring was absent, the score being nil.

The second spell, opened by Greens, let Leith into position from a rebound, his side advancing and securing the ball which the half sent along the ground wide of his first fraction. The Athletic backs were too far away from one another for a slow ground, and the feed was slow and grudgingly given. Free kicks consumed much time, whistles being frequent, sometimes coinciding with pathetic appeals. Blues were in difficulties, and even a penalty did not relieve them, the kicking was so ineffective. On attack Green backs showed lack of practice in transfers, players going into the thick of a defence in which tackling was fairly sound and very hard. Mapleton came away, and fed McKenzie, but fleet Blues checked with resolute bodies. Numerous scrums slowly formed occurred at this period of the game, Blues being kicked or muddled into defence often. Their lines were not compact, though their swing from scrums would have nonplussed even backs that were backs. The tired Green forwards now had to defend—their backs had not made any hand at passing—and Blues came up gaily to the 25, where a good defence pass by McKenzie allowed Cogrove to clear somewhat, Fraser being the aggressive Blue. McKay sent back well and McKenzie was caught in possession, a series of scrums following on Greens' line. The initial movements of I.F.C. passing promised something for the shilling, but the string went over to the line with exasperating cleverness, getting two men in at times on the slow trot and being in no-man's land when the jaunts ended. Play was eager and penalties frequent but at last Greens cleared, and Leith, Timpany, and Winders, came on more ahead, for Cleland to save well and Fraser to block the return of his kick, the effort ending in a Green off-side—no goal. Several good book marks were taken, Gilroy and Vial pairing, but when the rootist rooted his poor forwards chased the ball in vain. Whittaker showed up in a determined rush and several exchanges saw McKay good in, come up and take, and finish only in kick. Blues passed Little being nippy in cut, but there the tent ended. An Athletic rush came to the middle, but I.F.C. ran back with ball and Greens' tackling was atrocious. Several froes at this stage were not obvious to the uninitiated, and sides spelled. McKenzie and Irving showed up on their respective sides, the latter gaining ground even when he went too far. Blues attacked and Leete kicked his side out of danger for a second; but the play quickly changed to the middle where a high kick from Vial was approached on the hop by McKenzie, Todd coming across the goal face and taking the ball on his chest from the very slow kick, the rebound favouring a



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straight run over and a try by the big forward. A very good attempt was made by Millar, the ball passing just outside the east post. I.F.C. 3. A slight wind then rose, and Athletic found great difficulty in keeping the Blues out of their 25. In addition, the score seemed to have reminded Blues of their coaching, and they began to pack on the lines, while the Green forwards began to show lack of training. Blues passed, Vial judiciously kicking, the dropping ball almost coming to his men's omush. But Gilroy cleverly marked, Vial took and sent his team into neutral, where their dribbling was good, Millar, Webb, and Fougere appearing at intervals. Kicking back and fro went on, each side showing signs of wear and tear, Greens partially attacking for the I.F.C. packing to drive them to defence from every parallel. Davidson fed Cleland who feinted, cleared, and fed Vial, the last-named ending the effort. On went the attack, but a free relieved. Much Blue passing with finality of side-lines followed, one transfer beginning from a well-timed line feed. Vial cross-kicked and Little came through and got the receiver with an excellent dive. The Blue attack was long and weary, so good centring and smother punting coming into view. But no score resulted. I.F.C. carried lines, Whittaker doing much in this direction. The end was nearing, and Blues passed again over to their favourite side-line, Irving being cramped for room and finishing a yard from home. Cleland got past his marker, but was brought up short, a scrum resulting, and then a Green free and a whistle, the score being, Invercargill 3, Athletic 0.

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