SHIPPING.

NORTHERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY (LIMITED).

TIME TABLE—DECEMBER.
(Weather and other circumstances permitting)

FROM QUEEN STREET WHARF, AUCKLAND

FOR RUSSELL, WHANGAROA, AND MANGONUI.
Steamer — Date of Sailing.
CLANSMAN.. Monday 12th, 7 p.m.

FOR WAIHARARAU AND HOUHORA.
PAEROA.. Monday Dec. 19th, 7 p.m

FOR TAURANGA
WAIOTAHI...Tuesday 6th, 7 p m
CLANSMAN..Friday 9th, 7 p.m.

FOR MAKETU AND MATATA.
WAIOTAHI { Maketu—Every Tuesday; Matata—Waiotahi, Tuesday 13th connecting with s s Katikati at Tauranga

OR KUAOTUNU AND MERCURY BAY
MURITAI....Every Monday and Friday, a 10 p.m.
WAITANGI...Every Wednesday, at 9 p.m
Passengers only.
Returning every Tuesday and Saturday.
Weather permitting. (All freights must be prepaid).
Every reasonable care taken in landing passengers and cargo in surf boats, but no responsibility.

FOR KENNEDY'S BAY.
MURITAI....Every Monday and Friday, at 9 p.m

FOR TAIRUA AND WHANGAMATA
WAITANGI.. Every Wednesday, at 9 p.m
All freights must be pre-paid

FOR GREAT BARRIER, TRYPHENA, PORT FITZROY, & BLIND BAY.
MURITAI...Every Wednesday, midnight
(All Freights must be prepaid).
Leaving Blind Bay for Auckland every Thursday at 1 p.m.

FOR WHANGARURU, HELENA BAY TUTUKAKA, WHANANAKI, AND MATEPOURI BAY.
OHINEMURI..Wednesday, December 28th, 3 p.m
All Freights must be prepaid).

WHANGAREI (TOWN WHARF).
CHELMSFORD..Tuesday at 5 p.m. & Saturday, 1 p.m

FOR MANGAPAI.
WELLINGTON..Every Monday & Wednesday

FOR PARUA BAY AND WHANGAREI HEADS.
WELLINGTON...Every Wednesday & Friday

MARSDEN POINT AND WHANGAREI.
Carrying Cargo and Passengers for Waipu (a coach meets the steamer on arrival to convey passengers to Waipu)
WELLINGTON..Wednes. 7th, 10.30 p.m.
WELLINGTON...Friday 9th, 10.30 p.m.
WELLINGTON...Monday 12th, 10.30 p.m

FROM WHANGAREI
WELLINGTON. Tuesday 6th; train, 1 15 p.m
WELLINGTON..Thursday 8th; train, 4.15 p.m
WELLINGTON..Saturday 10th; train, 3.15 p.m.

FOR TAURANGA & OPOTIKI
WAIOTAHI. Tuesday 6th, 7 p.m.

FOR WANGAPOUA.
NGUNGURU.. Every Thursday, 8 p.m.

FOR WHAKATANE.
NGUNGURU...Every Saturday, 11 a.m.

FROM MANUKAU.
FOR WAITARA.
KANIERI...Thur 8, 11.30 a.m; train, 10.45

FOR OPUNAKE & WANGANUI.
GLENELG...Friday 9, 1 p.m; train, noon

FOR NEW PLYMOUTH.
GAIRLOCH...Wed 7, 3 p.m; train, 2.10
Cargo received by 12 noon train.

N.B.—No cargo will be received at Queen street Wharf after 4.30 p.m., or after noon of Saturdays, or within one hour of advertised time of any steamer's departure.

FOR THAMES.
Connecting with River Steamers for Paeroa Te Aroha, and Upper Thames Settlements.

Leaves Thames.
Tuesday 6...Wakatere, 10.45 morning
Wednesday 7...Wakatere, 11.45 morning
Thursday 8...Wakatere, 1.30 afternoon
Thursday 8...Terranora, midnight
Friday 9...Wakatere, 2.15 afternoon
Saturday 10...Wakatere, 3.15 afternoon
Saturday 10...Terranora, midnight

Leaves Auckland
Tuesday 6..Wakatere, 7.30 night
Wednesday 7...Terranora, 7 night
Thursday 8...Wakatere, 9 morning
Friday 9...Wakatere, 9.45 morning
Friday 9...Terranora, 9 night
Saturday 10...Wakatere, 10.30 morning

FARES:—RETURN TICKETS: Saloon, 10s; Steerage, 7s 6d. SINGLE TICKETS: Saloon 6s 6d; Steerage, 5s.

COROMANDEL TO THAMES.

The Falcon will leave Coromandel for Thames every Saturday, returning Monday.

H. C. GILLESPIE, AGENT.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH PAEROA AND TE AROHA.

FOR PAEROA, KOPU, TURUA & TE AROHA (Landing Thames passengers at Kopu).
Taniwhai...Tuesday 6th, 6 evening
Waimarie..Wednesday 7th, 6.30 evening
Taniwha..Thursday 8th, 7.30 night
Waimarie..Friday 9th, 8 night
Taniwha..Sunday 11th, 10.30 night
Waimarie...Monday 12th, 11 night

FROM PAEROA, &c.
(Calling at Kopu, 2½ hours later)
Waimarie...Tuesday 6th, 12.30 afternoon
Taniwha...Wednesday 7th, 1.30 afternoon
Waimarie...Thursday 8th, 2.30 afternoon
Taniwha...Friday 9th, 3.30 afternoon
Waimarie...Saturday, 10th, 4.30 afternoon
Taniwha...Monday 12th, 6.30 evening

FROM THAMES ONLY.

P.S. PATIKI.
From Thames to Paeroa.
Shortland Wharf only—
Wednesday, 7th, 10.30 morning
Friday 9th, 12 noon
From Paeroa (Leaving Junction for Thames
Tuesday 6th, 7 30 morning
Thursday, 8th, 9 morning
Saturday 10th, 6 morning

S.S. MATUKU.
Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on arrival of the steamer from Auckland.
From Paeroa to Te Aroha.
Every Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday, 7 a.m

ALL FREIGHTS TO BE PREPAID.
H. C. GILLESPIE, Agent.

TIME TABLE.

DECEMBER.		SUN, Rises.	SUN, Sets.	TIDE, Morn.	TIDE, Even.
Tuesday	6	4 34	7 8	—	0 14
Wed'day	7	4 34	7 9	0 42	1 11
Thursday	8	4 34	7 10	1 43	2 20

Moon's Last Quarter—5th, 9.16 p.m.

'XMAS 1898.

GIFT SALE! GIFT SALE!

NOW ON AT

S. HETHERINGTON'S,

POLLEN STREET,

Every Purchaser of Goods to the Value of

TEN SHILLINGS AND UPWARDS

WILL RECEIVE A

Valuable Present of a Useful or Ornamental Nature.

The success of the Gift Sale in former years induces S. Hetherington to believe that it will find equal favour at this season, and he has therefore collected a large and unique selection of choice and uncommon Articles bought direct from the Manufacturers, which represent in monetary value a discount equivalent to from 15 to 25 per cent on the amount of purchases.

New shipments of Summer Season's Goods are being added every week and the whole stock is marked throughout at Cutting Cash Prices.

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GIFT SALE

NOW ON AT

S. HETHERINGTON'S,

Direct Importer, Pollen street.

English, Continental American, and Colonia Ladies', Gents', and Children's BOOTS and SHOES in Tan, Glace Kid, Ooze-calf, Canvas etc., all sorts and sizes at

M. WHITEHEAD'S,

Family Boot and Shoe Warehouse, Pollen street

NELSON MOATE & Co's.

Sauist upon having our Pure Teas. Don't be put upon. They are the Best and Cheapest. Absolutely pure. Copied but never equalled.

WONDERFUL

Guaranteed Finer and Better Value than any at 4d per lb. more money. Compare our 3/- Tea with any at 3/4, and our 2/4 with any at 3/- per lb.

TEAS

MAIL NOTICE.

For Auckland this day at 10.5 a.m.
For Paeroa, Te Aroha, Waikino, Karangahape, Waitekauri, Waihi, etc, daily at 7.15 a.m.
For Komata daily at 7.15 a.m.
For Maratoto on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7.15 a.m
For Tauranga on Tuesday and Friday at 7.15 a.m.
For Aongatete, Athcurce, and Katikati Tuesday, & Friday at 7.15 a.m.
For Tapu & Waiomo Tuesday Thursday, and Saturday at 9.15 a.m.
For Waipatukahu on Tuesday and Saturday at 9.15 a.m
For Taranaki, Nelson, Picton, Wellington and Southern Ports on Wednesday at 11.5 a.m
For Turua, Netherton, and Cryer's Landing on Wednesday at 9.50 a.m.
For Australian Colonies (per Westralia) on Saturday next at 5 p.m.
For Ceylon, India, China, Japan, etc on Saturday next at 5 p.m.

J. E. CONEY, Chief Postmaster.

BIRTH.

THOMAS.—On December 5th, at the residence, Grey street, Mrs A. Thomas of a daughter.

DEATH.

TWENTYMAN.—On December 5th, at the parents' residence, Pollen street, Thames, Robert Leslie, dearly beloved son of Robert and Kate Twentyman, aged 8 months.—[Private interment.]

THE Thames Advertiser.

Favour to none; fear of none; justice to all.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1898.

IN a recent issue of the American Machinist Mr F. EXPLOSIVES. Richards discusses the question of explosives in compressed—air plants due to the existence of oil in the compressor or pipe—line and its vapourisation by heated air, the air and the vapour forming an explosive mixture. Probably the following remarks, which are published in the Mines Record, may be of some interest. Mr Richards says that in single stage compressors working up to seven atmospheres the temperature reached by the air may be high enough to cause ignition, and that if in such cases lubricating oil is fed to the cylinder intermittently in considerable quantities at a time the conditions may exist for forming an explosive mixture of vapour and air. The method of preventing this set of conditions is to admit the lubricating oil drop by drop. One explosion mentioned by Mr Richards took place in a long line of pipe in which oil had accumulated at a low portion. Air at 1700lb was suddenly turned into this pipe, and the air enclosed in it was suddenly compressed and heated, vapourising the oil and causing an explosion. The possibility of danger due to turning compressed air into a pipe with a little oil in it is not as well known as it should be.

The Hon. A. J. Cadman (Minister of Railways) will leave Wellington on the 16th instant in order to be present at the ceremony of opening the Thames-Te Aroha railway on the 19th instant. The Minister for Public Works (the Hon. Hall-Jones) will not be able to attend, owing to prior engagements.

Our Auckland correspondent wires:—Mr John Mowbray has been elected unopposed for the vacant seat on the Parnell Borough Council.

A cash cycling club has been formed in Cambridge, and is to be called the Cambridge Cycling and Athletic Club, and is to be affiliated with the New Zealand League of Wheelmen. The subscription fee is fixed at 5s per annum.

By an advertisement in another column it will be seen that all goods purchased from Gavin Wallace's store must be paid cash for on delivery, and that no credit will be given in the future. Mr Wallace also thanks those customers who have been prompt in their payments in the past, and regrets having been compelled to take such a firm step as mentioned above.

A child, aged three years, son of Mr John Cowan, of Brighton, Victoria, died recently from the effects of alcohol. During the temporary absence of his parents, the child got hold of a bottle containing whisky, and drank it. The parents found the child insensible, and subsequently called in medical aid, but the child died.

Our Hamilton correspondent writes under yesterday's date:—"I understand that Mr Williams, who has been stationmaster at Frankton Junction for some months, is to be shifted to the Thames when the line is opened to that town. Mr Williams has been a most popular officer, and I am sure he will quickly acquire a large circle of friends in his new quarters.

It is a singular fact (writes the Taieri Advocate) that the prospect of war increases the marriage rate in New Zealand. For some reason—known only to a few who have been there—service in the militia is unpopular. Some years ago when we had "internal troubles" and the militia had to be called out it was followed by an increased enrolment of volunteers—and by a lot of marriages, because in the first instance volunteers were exempt from the compulsory service, and married men were the last to be "called out" in the militia.

We understand that the whereabouts of the young fellow T. H. Dodd, cabin boy on the ship Ganymede, now lying at Kopu, who the captain reported to the police as missing, have been ascertained.

At a meeting of the Kauaeranga District School Committee last night, Mr John Fisher, of Pukekohe West School, was selected from five applicants, and is to be recommended to the Board of Education as successor to Miss Haseldon.

Our Auckland correspondent wires:—A common juror at the Supreme Court civil sessions this morning was severely reprimanded by Mr Justice Conolly for appearing before the Court while suffering from the effects of strong liquor. His Worship said the juror's conduct was disgraceful, and ordered him to go.

The train that is to cross Siberia is evidently to be a very luxurious affair, more sumptuous, indeed, than the cars which cross the American continent. It is to be furnished in the most up-to-date manner, having a bathroom, a set of gymnastic apparatus, a dark room in which the amateur photographer can change his plates and develop his pictures during the progress of the journey, a library in several languages, a piano, and a stationary bicycle. The train is to be lighted by electricity, and is to be furnished with electric bells and portable electric reading lamps, while stationery is supplied free of charge, and the barber's services are to be rendered *gratis*.

The barque Fairport has arrived at Port Adelaide in a disabled state. She left New York for Yokohama on July 8. On October 10, when in lat. 44·57 S. and long. 57·50 E., she was running before a heavy gale, when a huge sea broke over her, and a sailor named H. Lawenson was washed overboard and not seen again. The next morning another man was washed away from the wheel, but was secured before he went over the rail. The weather continued so bad that oil was poured on the water. Then the vessel was thrown on her beam ends, and remained there like a waterlogged craft. The lower yardarms were in the water, and part of the cargo was jettisoned. Still the vessel failed to right herself, and the lee yardarms were under water. The captain then decided to throw over more cargo, and 9000 cases of kerosene were got rid of. These, no doubt, are what the steamer Port Denison reported last week as having met. Before the Fairport finally righted the foretopmast had to be cut away above the cap, and the maintopmast had also to go. In the meantime the vessel had drifted nearly to Cape Leuwin, when the master decided to run for Port Adelaide, where the damage will be repaired before the trip to Yokohama is continued.

The Waitati correspondent of the Otago Daily Times writes:—An extraordinary haul was made at Goat Island, near Purakanui, on Wednesday evening last. A party of five residents of the district went out to fish. On trying to draw their net in they found they could only get it as far as they had the assistance of the tide. On wading in they discovered that their catch consisted of sharks. They had to bring about half of the sharks ashore before they were able to haul in the net. On making a count the number was found to be 257, measuring from about 2ft to 4ft 6in long. On casting their net a second time they secured another 20, making a total catch of 277 sharks. It need not be added that every one was killed.

Shipping Casualty.

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LONDON, December 4.

The Clan line steamer Clan Drummond, from Liverpool to Delagoa Bay, has been wrecked in the Bay of Biscay. 37 persons were drowned, and 27 survivors were landed at Lisbon.

Protection of Property on Sea.

Press Association—Electric Telegraph—Copyright

NEW YORK, December 4.

The New York Chamber of Commerce has petitioned President McKinley to convene an international conference to discuss the question of exemption of private property from capture on sea. Mr McKinley is favorable to the conference

Commercial.

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LONDON, December 4.

Frozen mutton: Cross-bred wethers and maiden ewes: Canterbury 3½d, Dunedin and Southland 3 15-16d, North Island 3⅛d. Lamb not quoted. River Plate mutton unchanged.

Italy and the Porte.

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MOROCCO, December 4.

The Sultan has yielded to Italy's demands for compensation for the ill-treatment and imprisonment of Italians.

Imperial Penny Postage.

Press Association—Electric Telegraph—Copyright

LONDON, December 4.

The press strongly support Mr Henniker-Heaton's appeal to the Australasian Premiers to concede Imperial penny postage. The scheme, through the difficulties in the way of the various colonies adopting the proposal, is little ventilated.

The Gordon College Fund.

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LONDON, December 3.

The Gordon College Fund has reached £50,000. An American committee has been formed to co-operate with the British committee.

December 4.

The Gordon College Fund has already reached £60,000.

Antarctic Exploration.

Press Association—Electric Telegraph—Copyright

MELBOURNE, December 3.

The Premier states there is no likelihood of Victoria contributing to the cost of the Geographical Society's proposed Antarctic expedition, as the finances of the colony will not permit of such expenditure.

The Government intend to close the session at the end of the week.

The Philippines.

Press Association—Electric Telegraph—Copyright

LONDON, December 4.

A report from Manila states the hostility of the Philippine rebels to the presence of the Americans is increasing. A Republican Government has been constituted, which recognises Aquinaldo as its President. It is stated there are 40,000 rebels concentrated in the island of Panay, the most eastern island of the Viscayas Group.

A Tribal Dispute.

THREE HUNDRED MASSACRED.

Press Association—Electric Telegraph—Copyright

LONDON, December 4.

Two Nomad tribes on the Moorish frontier having sworn to annihilate one another, the Beneguils surprised and massacred three hundred Bedidfids, treating the prisoners with awful cruelty.

The Dreyfus Case.

Press Association—Electric Telegraph—Copyright.

PARIS, December 4.

The Court of Cassation is powerless to postpone the court martial or enforce the decisions in opposition to the wishes of the Government. The impression is that the Generals are fighting to prevent the publication of revelations concerning the disposal of an immense amount of secret funds.

Wool Sales.

Press Association—Electric Telegraph—Copyright

LONDON, December 4.

The wool sales are animated. Merinos were firm, and crossbreds show a slight improvement.

LATER.

The wool sales close on the 13th. There was a good selection yesterday. Continental buyers purchased the bulk of merinos and crossbreds, which show a slight advance on opening rates.

The number of bales of wool catalogued to date is 51,378, of which 46,930 have been sold. Mangatoro clip sold at 5 7-8d.

Auckland Exhibition.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.)

AUCKLAND, December 5.

Saturday's takings at the Exhibition totalled £174, and the Exhibition promises to be a pecuniary success as well as a decided success so far as the display of collections is concerned. The Premier's remarks on Saturday evening have been fully endorsed by public opinion, which is decidedly in the direction that the Executive have not advertised the Exhibition outside of Auckland, and in the other colonies, such as the display certainly warrants.

A Cabman in Trouble.

(BY TELEGRAPH—OWN CORRESPONDENT)

AUCKLAND, December 5.

Francis Cobham, a licensed cab driver, was charged with striking the wife of the licensee of the Royal Oak Hotel, Onehunga, with his clenched fist, but as His Worship was not satisfied that the assault had been committed, he dismissed the information.

In the course of the evidence defendant admitted having formerly been known as "Conn Sullivan." He explained that that was the name on the cab driver's license which he brought from Sydney. He had been advised to bring a license with him if he wanted to get a license in Auckland without delay.

Detective Grace: Then it was a bogus license for the purpose of getting a license.

Witness: Yes.

His Worship: Is that the way the licensing is worked in Auckland then?

Witness: That's how it was on this occasion.

Attempted Suicide.

COROMANDEL, December 5.

A man named Patrick Dowellen attempted to commit suicide at Opitonui on Friday night by cutting his throat with a knife. Dr. Bull was called over about 10 p.m. and sewed up the gash. Constable Law rode over and returned with Dowellen, who was brought before the Court to-day and remanded for seven days. It is believed that Dowellen had been drinking heavily.

Waihi Cycle Sports.

WAIHI, December 5.

The Waihi Cycle Club sports took place on Saturday last on the Recreation Reserve, fully 500 being present, notwithstanding showery weather.

The results are:—

Final Half mile Bicycle Handicap.—J. Smeaton 1, O'Sullivan 2, Joyce 3. Time, 1min 16 2-5secs.

Final Maiden Bicycle Handicap—Fugill 1, Evitt 2, McGovern 3. Time, 2mins 55 3-5secs.

Final 120 Yards Flat.—R. Ryan 1, Wicks 2, Heaps 3. Time, 13 4-5secs.

Final of Wheel Race—J. Smeaton 1, Smith 2, O'Sullivan 3. Irvine fell, bringing down O'Sullivan.

Final of Ladies' Bracelet.—O'Sullivan 1, Saunders 2, Kershaw 3.

Half-mile Handicap Flat.—E. Ryan 1, R. Ryan 2, Tanner 3.

Boys' Bicycle Race.—Johnston 1, Donnelly 2, Flett 3.

Final One Mile Open Handicap.—D. Smeaton 1, Oates 2, Allen 3. Time, 2mins 42 2-5secs.

Other events are to be run next Saturday.

The Thames-Te Aroha Railway.

(BY TELEGRAPH—OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

AUCKLAND, December 5.

A deputation of former Thamesites (many of whom were present at the turning of the first sod of the Thames-Te Aroha Railway some twenty years ago) this afternoon waited upon Mr F. J. Greenslade (Mayor elect of the Thames), who is at present on a visit to Auckland, and made enquiries as to whether it was intended to have a public demonstration on the occasion of the opening of the railway on the 19th inst. by the Hon. A. J. Cadman. It is they asked whether Mr Greenslade would endeavour to have an invitation extended to former Thames residents, who then occupied prominent positions, although absent from the Thames for some years, they still took the keenest interest in the progress and prosperity, and especially the completion of the line.

In reply, Mr Greenslade said he was exceedingly pleased to listen to the kindly sentiments of the deputation, and he had no doubt that the Thames people generally would be glad to see them present on the occasion. As soon as he returned to the Thames he would consult with those who had the arrangements in hand, and was convinced that a cordial invitation would at once be forthcoming, as it was intended to make the opening of the railway a "red letter day" in the history of the Thames.

Severe Earthquakes.

GREAT DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

(Per Press Association.)

GISBORNE, December 5.

The heaviest earthquake experienced in Gisborne for years, occurred at six o'clock last evening, being one of a series of eight, which occurred between 4 p.m. and 2 a.m. to-day. The ground rose everywhere in confused masses, causing the houses to creak and rock violently, the trees to roll about like ships at sea and tanks to splash out their contents, several chimneys to fall and generally doing a good deal of damage.

The heaviest sufferer was Mr J. Whimray, furniture dealer, the parapet of whose two-storey brick building fell crashing through the roof of his fancy arcade, destroying a quantity of crockery and fancy goods.

Mr Whimray estimates the damage at £200.

Mr Ford, draper, suffered damage to his stock to the extent of £200 by water splashed out of the tanks in the roof of the building.

Minor losses were recorded at several other business places.

NAPIER, November 5.

A series of violent earthquakes occurred yesterday afternoon, one of them being the most severe felt for many years.

ACTIVITY AT TAUPO.

AUCKLAND, December 5.

A prolonged earthquake shock was felt at Taupo on Sunday evening, but it was not sufficiently strong to cause any damage or excitement. All the volcanic vents were steaming in the afternoon. There was an exceptionally heavy thunderstorm and rain on Saturday afternoon, and another one at midday to-day.

The Premier.

(BY TELEGRAPH—OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

AUCKLAND, December 5.

The Premier (Right Hon. R. J. Seddon), leaves for the Thames to-morrow evening, and will be accompanied by the Hon. W. McCullough, M.L.C., and Mr F. J. Greenslade (Mayor elect of the Thames), who informs me that Mr Seddon will visit Paeroa on Thursday afternoon.

An Absconding Councillor.

(Per Press Association.)

WELLINGTON, December 5.

A bond of security for the costs of bringing back Myers was signed this morning.

SPORTING

AUCKLAND SUMMER MEETING

AUCKLAND, December 5.

Five boxes for Mr G. G. Stead's team of horses who take part in the A.R.C. Summer Meeting have been engaged at the Harp of Erin.

The steeplechaser Mangere was shipped to Sydney last night in the s.s. Mararoa.

Mr G. S. Budge's pony Brown Mantle is to be shipped from Sydney to Auckland on Wednesday next in the s s. Elingamite.

The racehorse Djin Djin is booked to leave Christchurch in the s.s. Hauroto to take part in the A.R.C. Summer Meeting.

Tirant d'Eau continues to be a strong fancy for the Auckland Cup. Knight of Athol was supported for a couple of hundred at an outside price to day. Nestor was in demand at 7 to 1.

MASTERTON CUP.

The following acceptances have been received for the Masterton Cup:—Hillstone 9st 3lb, Ruamahunga 8st 12lb, King's Bowman 8st 5lb, Strathbraan 8st 2lb, Nero 7st.