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INTRODUCTION

PIGEON racing, which has long been recognised as one of the most fascinating of all hobbies in Europe, has done a great deal towards bringing these wonderful birds into much greater prominence at the present time. Throughout Australia there are a great many new fanciers taking to this form of sport, and club membership everywhere seems to be considerably increasing, so that much more attractive prizes seem to be practically assured in the near future, as a result of the increase in the number of competitors. Unlike all other feathered stock, pigeons are much less trouble and expense than any of our other domestic pets, inasmuch as that they attend to their own hatching and rearing of their young, without any interference whatever, and may be kept with equally good results either in city, town or country. Being natural foragers, in the country they find much of their sustenance roaming about fields and orchards, thereby keeping the cost of their maintenance at the very lowest, while doing a vast amount of good in ridding the lands of young weeds, etc., etc. As pets, pigeons are a constant source of pleasure and amusement to young and old alike, making generally one of the most attractive forms of a popular hobby.

Pigeons of any variety, intelligently handled, can be made a source of profit, as well as pleasure, as there is always a keen demand for squabs; but racing pigeons, as a payable proposition, stand out alone, as young birds from any successful breeder may cost anything from 10/- upwards, while they can be reared for a trifling cost. There are great possibilities in the future to those who use judgment in their methods of breeding and selection, with a view of eliminating all undesirable traits, and thereby securing stamina and perfection of type, so that their birds will be able to do themselves justice in either the long-distance races or the show pen. Very often failures in the past have been put down to some particular bird or strain being classed as useless, and condemned accordingly; but, in many cases, it is due to breeding from parent stock that have become low in condition, probably due to too frequent breeding from them, or it may be that an imperfect or ailing specimen is used at stud on account of a fashionable paper pedigree, but is unable to produce robust and healthy progeny. We believe that, with proper selection and care of the parent stock, it is possible to greatly minimise the losses and failures, and this subject is fully discussed in another chapter.

One of the chief objects in compiling this production of records is to review the progress made in pigeon racing in Victoria since the formation of the Victorian Homing Association, and to give prominence to the many sensational performances put up by many of the winning birds. This is the first pamphlet issued on this subject during the twenty-one years of the existence of the Victorian Homing Association, and is a complete and authoritative account of every race and every winner during that time. Having been assisted by some of the leading breeders, with photographs, articles and other information in compiling these records, we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation and thanks.

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SELECTING STUD BIRDS

THIS article, although intended principally for those making a start with pigeons, contains much information of interest to all, and is written after conference with a number of successful breeders of racers, who have freely given their views on this most important subject.

One of the greatest mistakes usually made by those starting in the fancy is purchasing too many stud birds to begin with, and soon overcrowding the loft with the progeny of them. It is far better to start with not more than four pairs of stock birds, so that their young can be tried out thoroughly during the first season's racing. This will give a fair indication as to whether it is advisable to change the matings or desirable to get any other birds. An item of great importance is to make a start with the best you can get, on performance especially. Cheap birds are generally a poor investment—usually someone else's culls or failures. There are many breeders who have really first-class birds that get amongst the leaders consistently, and it is the best plan to secure your stud birds from one of these, who has made good with his particular strain. Every year we find among the winners birds directly descended from winners of previous years, also from birds closely related to previous winners. Never lose sight of the fact that "like begets like." Many a budding fancier has bought up a quantity of cleverly advertised birds—good, bad and indifferent—and has later become disgusted, often quitting the fancy after being a financial loser through indiscriminate purchases.

After purchasing a few really well-bred birds—young ones for preference—see to it that they are kept clean and comfortable in the loft, and get them used to their surroundings as soon as possible. Mate birds intended for stud purposes from about the end of June onwards, according to how early you require their youngsters; but do not breed from birds after February or when heavy in the body moult, as the strain on the bird's system when growing new feathers is often very great, consequently young bred at that time seldom turn out to be successful racers, and it is only weakening the stud birds. Remember you want virile, healthy birds all the time, so do not wear them out through too constant breeding, as many others have done in the past.

When rearing young ones, use only the best of feed. We prefer mixtures at this time of such grains as peas, beans or tares mixed with wheat and maize. Although many breeders rear on peas alone, still we like to give the birds a mixture as mentioned, as it brings the youngsters on more quickly, and there are never any weeds or cripples to dispose of. Do not use mouldy corn on any account—only clean and hard grains. A little seed occasionally when rearing will keep the stud birds bright and alert, given about once a fortnight; but, when birds are moulting, use any of the small seeds freely, especially linseed, as it greatly assists in growing new feathers. Never attempt to rear sickly birds or any that are weak in the legs, etc. If troubled with these, then there is either something wrong in your management or else one or both of the parent birds has some hidden defect. Crooked breast bones, also roach backs, are prevalent in many lofts; and, while birds with these defects often get amongst the winnings, and the malformations may be caused through carelessness on the breeder's part in allowing the birds to have unsuitable perches while very young, still we caution those making a start not to purchase any with these defects, in case it may be through some hereditary weakness. Both these defects are disqualifications in the show pen, and are at all times undesirable.

Wherever it is possible to do so, separate the sexes from February to June each year, flying them out on alternate days, and don't over-feed them while separated, so as not to be troubled with eggs on the floor. Always keep water, grit, feed, etc., under cover on the hopper system, so that the birds can't foul it; also keep a piece of rock salt where the birds have access to it, but do not let them perch on it. It is best kept in a small hopper. During the breeding season it is usual to get a pair of young about every seven weeks. Many breeders make a practice of only rearing one youngster from each nest, but the writer's contention, gained after many years of experience and observation, is that stud birds in perfect health ought to rear a pair of perfect, even type young from every nest. Most of the champion racers over all distances were one of a pair; and bear this in mind, many winners mentioned further on were bred from second, also from the third, nest of the season, although many breeders may tell you that it is only the first nest that produces the champions. However, keep a careful record of the young you breed, with particulars of your own stud birds on one page, also the date of hatching, the ring numbers and the colour of them on opposite page. You will then learn by experience that any nest or any colour bird is likely to do well. There is no hard and fast rule in this business of surprises; but by all means rear the youngsters in pairs, as besides the advantage of them having the warmth and company of each other, you save much valuable time in getting an even representative team together. Birds that can't rear two youngsters evenly should not be kept to rear any. Young birds reared under these conditions should grow rapidly and develop into well-feathered, perfect specimens, fit for the longest races when the time comes.

If competing in young bird races is contemplated, never on any account send birds that are heavy in the moult. Many real good birds have been lost; others have had their future spoiled by sending them to races when only partly feathered. Many a bird has been taught to camp out through this practice, and are thus often ruined once this habit is acquired. It might not be out of place to mention that many of the winners mentioned in these pages over the long distances were never raced at all as young birds, and it is the writer's

opinion that yearling birds are always better racers if left undisturbed in their young-bird season. Another practice that is becoming altogether too prevalent, and ought to be discouraged in the interest of birds and breeders alike, is sending hen birds to the race stages when heavy in egg. Numbers of good birds are lost every year through this practice, while convoyers have the greatest trouble at the race stages in trying to keep swarms of children and lads from interfering with the baskets containing the eggs. Convoyers have reported this matter for many years, but, so far, nothing seems to have been done to put a stop to it. When racing birds of any age, you want to remember that to get up with the winners you must not send birds that are being used for stud purposes. Keep special birds for the stud alone; but, for best results from race birds, let them sit on pot eggs as long as you can keep them at it. Be careful to see to it that they do sit, as excessive laying is most injurious to the birds; but do not let them rear youngsters unless it is intended to stop them at the short stages. Most of the winners over any distance have been birds of either sex, sitting any time from four to eighteen days when sent. An item well worth remembering is that most of the consistent champions were bred from parents that were never raced, but used exclusively for the stud; also that very few of the champion birds ever bred a remarkable racer; but birds from the champion that were used as stud birds usually produced a fair number of winners, particulars of which are set out in convincing style further on.

We wish to draw your attention to the pages on Diseases for this reason: While it is our contention that a loft carefully managed should never be troubled with diseases, still there are times when birds may catch something through being confined in racing baskets with other unhealthy birds. Therefore, it is as well to know what to do to stamp it out at once if birds show any sign of ailment whatever. While it is impossible to get satisfactory results from inferior stock, the beginner would do well to remember that it is possible to pay too much in some cases, even for good birds. Real good performers will always command good prices; but there is no certainty that all birds from fashionable blood lines are going to produce winners. Much depends on vigour and constitution of the birds, also whether the mating you propose will harmonise in blood lines to give the desired result. It is one of the pleasures of breeding pigeons for racing that you can never foretell the result of any new mating. Some breeders have been fortunate in striking the right crosses almost at once; others have often been a long time before gaining success; while others again have given up the hobby as too exacting, and in many cases the birds have no sooner changed owners than they assert their superiority by winning for their new owner. Never be misled into buying birds that are said to be pure Belgium or pure English, unless you know exactly where they originated. Mere dealers often use the names of old-time Belgian or English fanciers that lived generations ago to sell birds from untested stock, with scarcely any of the much-vaunted blood in them. You will learn by experience that it is next to impossible to keep strains pure for many years in this business.

SHOWING AND JUDGING

One of the problems claiming immediate attention is the question of showing and the methods of selecting the judges for this all-important work. Anyone attending some of the leading shows cannot help being impressed by the marked diversity of type that is so often evident in the case of racing pigeons, and also at the paucity of entries and the indifference usually displayed towards the winners. On many occasions there is much adverse criticism concerning the awards, and unfortunately there has often been very good reason for it, not alone by the unsuccessful competitors, but also by many that wish to show good birds but are unwilling to risk their reputation through indifferent judging. We believe that on every occasion the judges making the awards are honourable and conscientious men, doing their best to try and give satisfaction, although they have an unthankful task to carry out. Yet, in the past, we have often seen some of the best birds passed over, and indifferent specimens awarded the prizes. Breeders of every description of stock, whether animals, poultry or pigeons, have frequently demonstrated, in years gone by, that showing is one of the most popular branches of the breeder's art, and the value attached to a win in first-class company at any of the recognised leading shows can best be gauged by the large entries that used to be received. However, of late years many breeders saw that it is no use showing the class of birds that win races, because they have been so often overlooked by the judges in favour of large, shapeless specimens. That shows, properly managed and judged, would do a great deal towards keeping the interest in the birds in the off season, and under proper supervision could be made a financial success, as well as being amongst the most popular events of the year, is only too evident, and it rests now with the breeders themselves to say how much longer this haphazard method is going to be tolerated to the detriment of this particular branch of the fancy. The writer respectfully suggests that the time is ripe for the officials of the Victorian Homing Association to confer with the breeders of the champion birds of the past and present, with a view of drawing up a standard as near as possible approaching the ideal of the winning birds themselves. This would not debar an experienced judge from using a certain amount of discretion in making awards, but would help others to make fewer mistakes, and also give breeders more confidence, and therefore considerably swell the entries.

A step in the right direction in regard to shows would be to select the judges from the actual breeders of birds that have repeatedly won over long distances in the years gone by, instead of, as is often the case, selecting men for this most important office from those who have never bred or raced a really first-class bird over a distance, and are therefore hardly in a position to know what is required, even though they do wish to please the exhibitors. It is sincerely to be hoped that the governing bodies take this matter into consideration, and realise the serious position of breeders in this matter. Every breeder of any standing wishes to be an exhibitor at times, if any inducement is offered; but, with incompetent judging, the entries are so few in this class of stock, and the prizes so meagre, that the great majority of breeders will not go to the trouble of preparing their birds. In contrast to this, we may mention that a few enthusiasts in the Richmond Homing Club have

made a success of their shows; but, as the entries are usually confined to members of the club, there is not quite the financial remuneration that could be desired, and would undoubtedly be the case in shows open to all-comers. Still, their prize money often rivals the big shows in the racing pigeon classes. The judges in this case are usually selected from past and present members of the Victorian Homing Association, who have been successful breeders themselves, and are on the spot to answer any question in reference to their decisions. It now rests with breeders to urge their delegates to try and draw up a standard, as mentioned before, that will be satisfactory to all, so that the Judge will know what is required of him, and the breeder also will then know the type of bird to send. Every breeder is awake to the amount of advertising they get from a good win under a competent judge, so that, drawn up on satisfactory business lines, there is every reason to expect showing to become a most popular and payable proposition.

DISEASES

The question of diseases is one that ought to be studied by every breeder, so that he will be in a position to prevent sickness of any kind getting a hold on the birds. Many of the diseases of pigeons come from trivial ailments at the beginning, which, if neglected, may become serious, even causing their death. We may say at once that we do not advocate trying to cure any of the serious, virulent complaints, such as roup, etc., which are contagious and are therefore a menace to the whole loft of birds, unless there is complete isolation for the sick birds, and even then it may be only a matter of keeping the bird alive a few days longer. What we propose to deal with under this heading are simple ailments that are easily cured if taken in time, and therefore preventing disease or infection from breaking out. Careful attention and cleanliness are essential to keep birds in good health, while neglect to details often invites trouble. There is always a direct cause of sickness breaking out, so it is of little use trying to cure them unless the cause is removed. Very often birds have access to stagnant water in spouts or drains. Other causes are damp and draughty lofts, mouldy or unclean feeding, rocksalt becoming wet and filthy, or overcrowding. We now mention a few of the common ailments which quickly respond to treatment.

Sour Crop.

This is generally caused by birds picking up foreign indigestible matter or by overfeeding, the contents becoming swelled and blocking the crop and eventually becoming foul. Pour a little water down the bird's throat, and then knead the crop with the fingers, which should shift the obstruction. If crop is foul smelling and feels to be full of liquid matter, this may be carefully squeezed out through the bird's mouth. If improvement is not brought about by above methods, the only alternative is to make an incision in the bird's crop and empty contents, wash out with warm water, and sew up again. Would advise beginners to get someone experienced to do this for them. Give birds seed and soft food for a couple of days, and a little Condys or permanganate crystals in the drinking water, also a cod liver oil capsule. A little carbonate of soda in drinking water, occasionally when bird is convalescent, will complete the cure.

Canker.

This complaint is generally caused by foul or mouldy food, impure water, or feeding birds on filthy loft floors, and can be detected by a yellow, scale-like coating in mouth and throat, accompanied by an unpleasant odour. If taken in time, it may be cured. The deposit may be removed by a piece of wire or small pocket-knife, and burned, and the affected parts should be painted with salt and water or dissolved permanganate crystals. If bird does not rapidly improve, kill and burn carcase. Any sick or infected bird must be taken out of loft at once and kept isolated in a box or cage until convalescent.

Colds.

Colds are usually caused by dampness or draughty lofts. Remove the cause, and treat birds to permanganate crystals in the drinking water, when a cure should soon be effected. Neglected colds often lead to roup, which is infectious and difficult to cure. Where roup is detected, we advise immediate extermination; but, if the breeder values the diseased bird, and has a completely isolated pen to keep it in, there are many commercial remedies advertised. Conky's roup cure is one of the best. The symptoms of roup are, generally, head swollen, eyes watery, while the throat and mouth become choked up with cheesy-looking matter, and the breath is foul and objectionable, as mentioned before, we do not advise a cure.

Light or Wasting Disease.

Going light is another complaint usually the result of insanitary accommodation and neglect. Hen birds that are bred from excessively or weakly reared young birds are liable to this disease, which is sometimes accompanied by excessive sneezing, and the bird gradually wasting away. As birds are of little use after this complaint, even if a cure is effected, we again advise extermination and prevention of the cause.

Moulting.

Although a natural condition, which should occur regularly and completely every year, moulting is a severe strain on a bird's system, and it is principally at this time that one wants to carefully watch for anything that may be detrimental to health. On no account should moulting birds be allowed to breed. During moult feed liberally of hemp, canary and linseed, and do not race young birds that are far advanced in the moult. Give a little sulphate of iron in the drinking water.

Egg-bound.

This complaint happens occasionally among birds which, through lack of exercise and faulty feeding, have been allowed to become fat and out of condition. This usually occurs among purchased old stud hens that are kept in prisoners' lofts. To effect a cure, hold the bird over a vessel containing hot water to soak vent; also inject a little olive oil, and confine bird by itself. If egg becomes broken, the bird will probably die.

While we realise that nearly every breeder keeps his stock under sanitary healthy conditions, and that many never have a sick bird for years at a time, yet any of the above complaints are liable to present themselves, so that it is well to know the remedy; and the careful breeder will take the necessary precaution to prevent a recurrence.

Diarrhoea.

While not exactly a disease, this complaint shows that the digestive organs are out of order, usually through birds having access to impure food or water. However, the breeder should try and locate the cause of it and remove it. In many cases growing squabs are affected by it, and can easily be detected by the sloppy and filthy condition in and about the nest; while the young birds are weedy, slow-growing specimens, ready to contract any complaint. As stated, remove cause, and feed birds liberally on rice until they show improvement, when the rice can be discontinued.

Formation of the Victorian Homing Association

Previous to the formation of the Victorian Homing Association, in the year 1900, a meeting was held, and an invitation sent to all of the homing clubs to send representatives to discuss the formation and to draw up rules and regulations in connection with same. At that time the Victorian Homing Pigeon Society was the largest and strongest club, both financially and in number of members, and the representatives of this society proposed that clubs be represented by one delegate for every ten members. Some of the smaller clubs objected to this, and it was eventually decided that each club should be represented by two delegates, irrespective of number of members, with the result that the representatives of the Victorian Homing Pigeon Society, the Prahran Homing Club, and the Williamstown Homing Club left the room, and decided to take no part whatever in the Victorian Homing Association.

In the year of 1906 another conference was held, all of the above clubs being represented, when it was decided that representation would be one delegate for every five members. This decision was satisfactory to all concerned, and the above-mentioned clubs became affiliated with the Victorian Homing Association. Before the affiliation of the above, both the Victorian Homing Pigeon Society and the Victorian Homing Association used to send different convoyers with their birds, although both flying on the North-East route, but holding the races on different dates. In the Coonamble races of both 1904 and 1905 there was an arrangement made to send only one convoyer, and to liberate both the Victorian Homing Pigeon Society and the Victorian Homing Association birds simultaneously. Therefore, to the winner, on both these occasions, belongs the honour of winning the combine.

The combine winner of 1904 belonged to Mr. J. Macfarlane, a member of the Victorian Homing Association. Mr. H. Curtiss, another Victorian Homing Association member, owned the second bird home. These were the only two birds home at close of race, at the end of third day after liberation. The combine winner of 1905 belonged to Mr. H. J. Meddows, a member of the Victorian Homing Pigeon Society. This bird homed the day of the race. The second bird home, winner of the Victorian Homing Association Federation Race, belonged to Mr. H. Curtiss; and the third bird, second in Federation Race, belonged to Mr. H. Humphries. Only the three birds home on day of liberation.

This chapter is devoted specially to the races over all distances flown by the Victorian Homing Association since the inception of that institution, which started its career during the year of 1900, just twenty-one years ago, and was composed of many of the leading clubs, including, among others, the Great Southern Homing Club, which was an amalgamation of most of the clubs in districts south of Melbourne, the Great Northern Homing Club, another amalgamation of clubs in the Northern districts, also the Port Melbourne Homing Club, the Essendon Districts Homing Club, the Richmond Homing Club, and a few others. The interest manifested in the old days by the pioneers of this progressive movement stands out in marked contrast to the almost tolerant indifference of many of the present-day fanciers.

The object of this compilation is to present an interesting and authoritative guide for purposes of comparing the results obtained from all races during the last twenty years, which will be found to be instructive and full of interest to many of the younger breeders, and to prove conclusively that the birds of the old days, when the first season's Federation races were flown, not only compare favourably with the best performances since, but were in some cases the actual progenitors of some of the champions of later years—a fact that does not seem to have been too well known by many of the fanciers of the present time. Therefore we endeavour to give complete information in the following tables of every race flown, so that those who are interested can always refer to this record for accurate information concerning results.

RECORD OF RACES FLOWN

Federation Races Flown During 1901.

Old Birds Race (200 entries), from Wagga, N.S.W. (230 miles).
Flown September 28, 1901.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. W. F. Knight	1810	6. W. & C. Tregear ..	1765
2. H. Bowers	1805	7. W. Gregory	1764
3. T. Mack	1804.3	8. H. Simon	1717
4. Simcock & Goodwin	1804.1	9. E. & A. Bendall ..	1715
5. W. Holbing	1770		

Old Birds Race (100 entries), from Young, N.S.W. (305 miles).
Flown October 12, 1901.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. D. & W. Anderson ..	617	6. A. Barr	574
2. A. Davidson	613	7. E. & A. Bendall ..	554
3. J. Horne	581	8. J. Macfarlane	500
4. Simcock & Goodwin ..	579	9. R. Macfarlane	495
5. W. Hailes	575		

Old Birds Race (67 entries), from Dubbo, N.S.W. (430 miles).
Flown November 9, 1901.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. H. Bowers	1147	4. E. & A. Bendall ..	962
2. J. Macfarlane	1138	5. W. Knight	911
3. W. Hailes	1110	6. E. Anderson	899

The above completed the 1901 programme.

Federation Races Flown During 1902.

Young Birds Race (154 entries), from Benalla, Vic. (104 miles).
Flown February 8, 1902.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. W. & C. Tregear ..	825½	8. J. Taylor	700
2. W. Knight	825½	9. W. Collett	691
3. E. Wooten	789	10. G. Haines	592
4. J. Egan	789	11. H. Beckefield ..	579
5. G. Whaley	744	12. A. Barr	575
6. R. Macfarlane	732	13. J. Macfarlane ..	563
7. J. Earl	731	14. H. Prosser	557

Old Birds Race (number of entries not available for this year), from Wagga, N.S.W. (230 miles).
Flown September 20, 1902.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. — Ladd	1316	6. — Laphorne	961½
2. J. Cameron	1012	7. — Collett	961½
3. G. Roach	1008	8. — Deane	958
4. J. H. Taylor	983	9. J. Williams	956
5. W. Bendall	962	10. W. Martin	954

Old Birds Race, from Young, N.S.W. (305 miles).
Flown October 11, 1902.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. — Balfe	1074	7. — Fogerty	1045
2. — Laphorne	1070	8. — Williams	1045
3. W. Bendall	1068	9. J. H. Taylor	994
4. W. Gregory	1068	10. — Russell	980
5. J. Cameron	1067	11. H. Bowers	972
6. J. & G. Haines	1067	12. — Hull	972

Old Birds Race, from Mudgee, N.S.W. (444 miles).
Flown November 11, 1902.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Kerr	668	6. H. Bowers	379
2. W. Bendall	635	7. — Laphorne	370
3. J. Macfarlane	571	8. — Williams	333
4. W. Gregory	542	9. E. Wooten	309
5. J. Cameron	504		

This completes the 1902 races.

Federation Races Flown During 1903.

Young Birds Race, flown from Benalla, Vic. (104 miles).
Flown March 7, 1903.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. G. Coles	1100	7. — Williams	1051
2. — Ladd	1094	8. — Balfe	1034
3. W. Knight	1092	9. — Banton	1026
4. — Ashton	1056	10. E. Wooten	982
5. — Laphorne	1055	11. H. Nixon	979
6. W. Bendall	1051	12. W. & C. Tregear ..	977

Old Birds Race (200 entries), from **Wagga, N.S.W.** (230 miles).

Flown September 20, 1903.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. — Lapthorne	1356	12. W. & C. Tregear ..	1306
2. S. Read	1352	13. — Curtiss	1303
3. J. Macfarlane	1334	14. — Haines	1303
4. — Bell	1330	15. — Cameron	1303
5. W. Gregory	1329	16. H. Bowers	1301
6. S. Sandiford	1326	17. W. Bendall	1275
7. J. Williams	1318	18. E. Wooten	1238
8. — Taylor	1317	19. — Dowling	1222
9. — Thompson	1315	20. — Bantow	1220
10. — Prosser	1312	21. — Yosky	1220
11. — O'Donnell	1310		

Old Birds Race (160 entries), from **Young, N.S.W.** (304 miles).

Flown October 10, 1903.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. W. Knight	1793	9. — Williams	1711
2. W. Gregory	1778	10. R. Macfarlane	1707
3. J. Egan	1775	11. — Taylor	1680
4. J. Macfarlane	1773	12. W. & C. Tregear ..	1662
5. H. Curtiss	1772	13. H. Bowers	1656
6. Beet Bros.	1724	14. — Haines	1609
7. J. Kerr	1720	15. — Bell	1581
8. W. Bendall	1713		

Old Birds Race (74 entries), from **Coonamble, N.S.W.** (517 miles).

Flown November 14, 1903.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. H. Bowers	1261	5. R. Macfarlane	1247
2. H. Curtiss	1253	6. J. Macfarlane	1245
3. W. Bendall	1249	7. H. Nixon	937
4. W. Knight	1247		

Federation Races Flown During 1904.**Young Birds Race** (120 entries), from **Wangaratta, Vic.** (125 miles).

Flown March 12, 1904.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. F. Rooney	1112	11. H. Nixon	1059
2. W. & C. Tregear ..	1101	12. — Williams	1055
3. O. Donnell	1095	13. — Lapthorne	1048
4. J. Egan	1095	14. T. Collie	1042
5. Page Bros.	1093	15. — King	1038
6. S. Read	1088	16. F. Miles	1026
7. W. Bendall	1080	17. Beet Bros.	1021
8. J. Haines	1079	18. H. Miles	1014
9. H. Bowers	1074	19. — Broadbent	1014
10. H. Curtiss	1073	20. R. Macfarlane	998

Old Birds Race (number of entries not available for 1904), from **Wagga, N.S.W.** (230 miles).

Flown September 24, 1904.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Beet Bros.	1307	7. J. Williams	1277
2. W. Staggard	1300	8. S. Reid	1261
3. H. Curtiss	1300	9. H. Prosser	1261
4. F. Rooney	1296	10. H. Miles	1256
5. T. Collie	1292	11. J. Macfarlane	1249
6. R. Macfarlane	1277	12. Page Bros.	1220

Old Birds Race, from **Wellington, N.S.W.** (430 miles).

Flown October 22, 1904.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. H. Curtiss (second day)	596
2. W. Smeaton (third day)	298

Messrs. Curtiss and Smeaton divided third prize, as no other birds homed in the time limit.

Old Birds Race, from **Coonamble, N.S.W.** (517 miles).

Flown November 19, 1904.

Approximate entries in Victorian Homing Association and the Victorian Homing Pigeon Society combined, 130 birds.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Macfarlane (second day)	722
2. H. Curtiss (second day)	597

Messrs. Macfarlane and Curtiss divided the other prizes, as no other birds homed in the time limit. In this race the Victorian Homing Association and the Victorian Homing Pigeon Society had their birds up together. The Victorian Homing Pigeon Society had no birds home in time limit, and this season (1904) is remembered as the most disastrous yet experienced in Victorian racing pigeon history, many lofts being cleaned right out, including many of the earlier winners.

Federation Races Flown During 1905.**Young Birds Race**, from **Wangaratta, Vic.** (126 miles).

Flown March 18, 1905.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. T. Collie	950	7. — Lapthorne	909
2. W. Gregory	934	8. W. Staggard	891
3. J. Macfarlane	933	9. F. Rooney	891
4. H. Miles	925	10. J. Yosky	862
5. J. Egan	925	11. H. Curtiss	845
6. — Williams	915	12. E. Wooten	833

Old Birds Race, from **Wagga, N.S.W.** (230 miles).

Flown September 23, 1905.

Number of entries not available for this year.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. R. Macfarlane	1192	6. T. Sheehan	1169
2. T. Collie	1184	7. Mr. Price	1160
3. W. Gregory	1184	8. Mr. Muir	1145
4. J. Haines	1179	9. Mr. Lapthorne	1139
5. F. Rooney	1179	10. S. M. Reid	1139

Old Birds Race, from **Wellington, N.S.W.** (428 miles).

Flown October 21, 1905.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. H. Humphris	1086
2. Mr. Price	1062
3. W. C. Tregear	1019
4. S. M. Reid	999
5. Mr. Riley (second day)	822
6. H. Curtiss (second day)	555

Old Birds Race, from Coonamble, N.S.W. (517 miles).

Flown November 11, 1905. Approximately 70 entries.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. H. Curtiss	1198.7
2. H. Humphris	1097
3. J. Williams (second day)	591
4. W. Gregory (third day)	541
5. T. Collie (third day)	390

No other birds that were competing in the Federation Race homed before close of race.

In this race the Victorian Homing Association birds, also the Victorian Homing Pigeon Society's birds, were again liberated simultaneously. The V.H.P.S. sent 60 birds, so there were again about 130 birds competing, and the honour of winning the combine this year belongs to the V.H.P.S. The winning bird in this case was a yearling Blue-barred Cock, named after the Melbourne Cup winner of that year, Blue Spec, his ring number being 26.V.H.S., 1904. He was bred and raced by Mr. H. J. Meddows, his velocity being 1199 yards per minute. This was the only V.H.P.S. bird home on the day of liberation, and was a remarkably good performance in beating two champion birds, such as the first two home in the V.H. Association race. These were the only birds home first day. The sire of Blue Spec was bred from a pair of birds imported from His Majesty the King's Royal Lofts, at Sandringham, England; while the dam of Blue Spec was imported direct from the Royal Lofts, and it is worthy of mention that the sister and nestmate of Blue Spec also homed from this race before the close. This was a blue hen, her ring number being 25.V.H.S., 1904.

In 1904, the first time the combined birds were up together, the honour of winning belongs to the V.H. Association. This bird, a Blue-barred Hen named Habet, her ring 3311.V.H.A., 1900, and she was the greatest racer in Victoria, her consistent record never being beaten. After the close of 1905 season, the Victorian Homing Pigeon Society amalgamated with the Victorian Homing Association.

Races Flown During 1906.**Young Birds Race, from Wangaratta (124 miles).**

Flown March 10, 1906. Approximately 400 entries.

Result—No birds home in time limit.

Old Birds Race, from Wodonga (157 miles).

Flown September 22, 1906. 636 entries.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.	Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. Mr. Sheehan	1397	7. H. Curtiss	1348
2. W. Staggard	1363	8. F. Rooney	1345
3. H. J. Meddows	1357	9. Tregear Bros.	1340
4. — Pinnock	1356	10. — Dobson	1339
5. — Enticknap	1353	11. — Haines	1335
6. — Read	1349	12. Crowe & Anderson	1329

Old Birds Race, from Young, N.S.W. (304 miles).

Flown October 20, 1906. 607 entries.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.	Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. E. Thompson	1228	7. E. Staples	1220
2. H. J. Meddows	1226	8. W. Brooks	1220
3. Bradley Bros.	1224	9. S. M. Read	1218
4. — Smith	1222	10. J. Macfarlane	1215
5. H. Curtiss	1221.2	11. — Collett	1214
6. H. Miles	1221	12. W. Bendall	1214

Old Birds Race, from Coonamble, N.S.W. (517 miles).

Flown November 24, 1906. 260 entries.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.	Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. H. Curtiss	1164	5. E. Staples	1045
2. J. Dowdall	1062	6. W. McGregor (2nd day)	854
3. — O'Donnell	1059		
4. H. Nixon	1056		

Other second-day arrivals were Messrs. J. Macfarlane, P. Strong and W. Bendall, winners in their respective clubs, but actual velocities are not to hand. The above completed the 1906 races.

Federation Races Flown During 1907.**Young Birds Race, from Wangaratta (126 miles).**

Flown February 23, 1907. 343 entries.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.	Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. H. Humphris	1166	7. G. Cole	1140
2. J. Lawrence	1165	8. T. Sheehan	1140
3. T. Delaney	1163	9. Page Bros.	1136
4. W. Penn	1155	10. — Schmidt	1135
5. H. J. Meddows	1144	11. A. Goodwin	1131
6. W. Brown	1143	12. W. Staggard	1131

Dates not available 1907 races.

Old Birds Race (820 entries), from Wagga, N.S.W. (230 miles).

Flown September, 1907.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.	Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Zosky	1638	7. T. Hansford	1492
2. S. M. Read	1524	8. S. Sandiford	1491
3. Crowe & Anderson	1514	9. H. Curtiss	1491
4. Smith Bros.	1506	10. D. Stinton	1489
5. B. Nolan	1493	11. D. Isbister	1480
6. L. Colvin	1492.8	12. H. J. Meddows	1477

Old Birds Race (350 entries), from Dubbo, N.S.W. (430 miles).

Flown October, 1907.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.	Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. W. McGregor	1466	7. H. Curtiss	1449
2. B. Nolan	1464	8. S. Sandiford	1443
3. W. Brooks	1459.4	9. J. Holling	1437
4. W. Tyndall	1459.3	10. P. Dobson	1435
5. T. Collie	1455	11. T. Graham	1434
6. H. Nixon	1449.9	12. H. J. Meddows	1431

Old Birds Race (400 entries), from Coonamble, N.S.W. (517 miles).

Flown November, 1907.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.	Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. H. Humphris	1257	9. J. Dowdall	890
2. W. Gibson	1255	10. J. Lawrence	867
3. J. Macfarlane	1252	11. R. Dobson	795
4. W. Tregear	1249	12. Miles Bros.	791
5. W. Smeaton	1247	13. W. McGregor	786
6. T. Bowler	1235	14. B. Rattray	763
7. E. Thompson	1186	15. H. J. Meddows	717
8. D. Isbister	1031		

Federation Races Flown During 1908.

Young Birds Race (360 entries), from **Wangaratta, Vic.** (124 miles).
Flown March, 1908.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. E. Staples	1112	9. E. Crook	1094
2. Jones Bros.	1111	10. Page Bros.	1093
3. T. Egan	1107	11. F. Popjoy	1091
4. C. Lewis	1105	12. Crowe & Anderson..	1089
5. H. J. Meddows	1103	13. A. Kinsman	1089
6. B. Badham	1101	14. J. Lawrence	1088
7. H. & A. Goodwin ..	1100	15. S. Sandiford	1086
8. J. Williams	1095		

Old Birds Race (entires not available during 1908 races), from **Wodonga, Vic.** (169 miles).
Flown September 19, 1908.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. A. Caldecutt	1370	7. E. Brownrigg	1358
2. J. Lawrence	1369	8. W. Jackson	1355
3. W. Anderson	1367	9. T. Harding	1352
4. Page Bros.	1366	10. C. H. Smith	1352
5. Jones Bros.	1360	11. H. Alder	1351
6. R. Macfarlane	1359	12. H. Cornwall	1350

Old Birds Race (approximately 1000 entries), from **Young, N.S.W.** (304 miles).
Flown October 17, 1908.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. R. Macfarlane	976	9. W. Jackson	934
2. W. Kerfoot	947	10. Jones Bros.	931
3. Page Bros.	940	11. H. Cornwall	929
4. Brown & Long	939	12. F. Harrison	928
5. W. Gibson	938	13. W. Isbister	927
6. J. Williams	937	14. J. Ryan	925
7. S. Read	935	15. E. Ludlow	920
8. A. Caldecutt	934		

Old Birds Race (approximately 600 entries), from **Coonamble, N.S.W.** (517 miles).
Flown November 14, 1908.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Smith & Sons	1192	9. T. Collie	808
2. C. Thompson	1128	10. W. Bendall (2nd	
3. J. Williams	1119	day)	776
4. J. Ryan	1110 7	11. W. Brooks	762
5. J. Macfarlane	1110 2	12. W. Bugg	744
6. H. Pritchard	1104	13. S. Read	707
7. E. Staples	1102	14. Smith Bros.	705
8. V. Eddy	818	15. H. Humphris	693

Old Birds Champion Race, from **Moree, N.S.W.** (645 miles).

Flown November, 1908. Thirty-eight competitors sent 70 birds.

Competitor.	Day of Arrival.
1. Mr. Chivell (B.C.H.) .. .	4th day
2. W. McGregor (7 a.m.) .. .	7th day
3. W. Bendall (12.30 p.m.) ..	7th day
4. J. Ryan (Sandy H.) (5.30 p.m.) ..	7th day

Only four birds homed in the time limit. Some days later Messrs. Staggard, Delaney and Staples verified an arrival each. This was a very hard race, wind and weather being against the birds from liberation onwards for nearly a week.

Federation Races Flown During 1909.

Young Birds Race, from **Wangaratta, Vic.** (125 miles).
Flown February 20, 1909.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. T. Delaney	1339	9. C. Lewis	1322
2. J. Macfarlane	1338	10. C. Thomas	1320
3. J. Dowdall	1336	11. E. Staples	1320
4. T. Ward	1326	12. T. Harding	1319
5. T. Egan	1326	13. E. Ludlow	1316
6. Jones Bros.	1326	14. F. S. Clarey	1312
7. Smith & Sons	1324	15. W. Baker	1311
8. T. Collie	1322		

Old Birds Race (1100 entries), from **Wagga, N.S.W.** (230 miles).
Flown October 2, 1909.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. S. M. Read	1029	9. H. J. Meddows	1015
2. T. Delaney	1026	10. Smith & Son	1014
3. J. Walton	1026	11. C. Lewis	1009
4. E. Staples	1025	12. Page Bros.	1006
5. W. Brown	1024	13. F. Harrison	1006
6. A. Caldecutt	1023	14. G. Ward	1003
7. H. Pritchard	1020	15. S. Bray	1003
8. L. C. Goy	1017		

Old Birds Race (450 entries), from **Portland, Vic.** (189 miles).
Flown October 9, 1909.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. E. Staples	1122	9. J. Dean	1100
2. Brunning & Sons ..	1115	10. J. Hall	1099
3. Enticknap & Crispin	1113	11. B. Nolan	1098
4. Jones Bros.	1112	12. Keene & Son	1097
5. W. Staggard	1111	13. A. Peterson	1097
6. R. Macfarlane	1107	14. T. Delaney	1096
7. Smith Bros.	1106	15. H. Nixon	1096
8. W. Kerfoot	1101		

Old Birds Race (430 entries), from **Gilgandra, N.S.W.** (476 miles).
Flown November 6, 1909.

No birds home first day. Birds homed on November 7, second day.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. W. Gibson	911	9. F. Harrison	811
2. G. Batcheldor	911	10. E. Brownrigg	809
3. B. Nolan	897	11. H. Cornwell	808
4. J. Macfarlane	856	12. W. Isbister	780
5. W. Brown	846	13. Campbell Bros. .. .	777
6. T. Ward	840	14. W. Bendall	777
7. H. Pritchard	833	15. C. Thomas	776
8. W. Kerfoot	823		

Old Birds Champion Race (138 entries), from **Collarenebri East, N.S.W.** (615 miles).
Flown November 20, 1909.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. W. Kerford (second day) .. .	854
2. T. Ward (second day)	849
3. Smith Bros. (second day) .. .	814

4. T. Collie (second day)	793
5. W. Gibson (second day)	760
6. W. Bendall (third day)	552
7. H. Nixon (third day)	531
8. H. Humphris (third day)	459
9. T. Delaney (third day)	424
10. S. M. Read (fourth day)	303

No other birds home in time limit. A few days later Messrs. J. Macfarlane, J. Ryan and Smith and Son verified arrivals, viz., 3634-V.H.A.-'07, also 1763-V.H.A.-'05, were verified by J. Macfarlane; 140-V.H.A.-'06 and 6128-V.H.A.-'07 were verified by J. Ryan; 240-V.H.A.-'08 verified by Smith and Son. Other birds also homed, but unable to get particulars for this issue.

Federation Races Flown During 1910.

Young Birds Race (574 entries), from **Wangaratta, Vic.** (126 miles).
Flown February 26, 1910.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. T. Egan	1101	7. Mason and Rourke	1071
2. T. Harding	1100	8. W. Jackson	1061
3. A. Goodwin	1098	9. E. Thompson	1052
4. W. Brooks	1098	10. B. Badham	1049
5. W. Kerfoot	1086	11. S. Bray	1041
6. H. Pritchard	1079	12. A. Allen	1039

Old Birds Race (1213 entries), from **Narrandera, N.S.W.** (236 miles).
Flown October 1, 1910.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. B. Nolan	1947	7. T. Harding	1909
2. W. Brooks	1946	8. J. Lawrence	1889
3. Cleary & Praed	1938	9. R. Swalwell	1887
4. E. Lee	1913	10. D. Holt	1886
5. C. Lewis	1911	11. A. Davidson	1885
6. W. Anderson	1910	12. A. Peterson	1882

Old Birds Race (882 entries), from **Coonamble, N.S.W.** (517 miles).
Flown November 6, 1910.

No birds home first day. Winning birds home second day.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. A. Goodwin	1002	7. J. Ryan	877
2. A. Caldecutt	898	8. J. Bloomfield	874
3. G. Ward	893	9. H. Cornwell	842
4. A. Allen	892.6	10. B. Badham	840
5. H. Alder	892.1	11. J. Macfarlane	830
6. E. Lee	879	12. W. Brooks	825

Old Birds Champion Race (248 entries), from **Collarenebri East, N.S.W.** (615 miles).

Flown November 26, 1910.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. E. Staples (second day)	736
2. W. Jackson (second day)	633
3. Smith Bros. (third day)	546
4. I. Cameron (third day)	530
5. T. Ward (third day)	513
6. Enticknap and Crispin (third day)	503

7. J. Bloomfield (third day)	499
8. W. Staggard (third day)	478
9. T. Delaney (fifth day)	209

There were no other birds home when race closed, but later on T. Ward notified the arrival of another bird, and Mr. J. Macfarlane again verified his Black Pied Hen, ring No. 3634-V.H.A.-'07. Mr. J. Ryan also verified a Blue Hen, 30-J.R.-'09. I have no particulars of any more that may have homed after close of this race.

Federation Races Flown During 1911.

Young Birds Race (109 entries), from **Yarrowonga, Vic.** (143 miles).
Flown February 25, 1911, and known as the Federation Produce Race.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. S. E. Brunning	966
2. Brunning and Son	961
3. F. Anderson	960

No further particulars of this race available.

Young Birds Race (425 entries), from **Yarrowonga, Vic.** (143 miles).
Flown February 25, 1911.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. T. Egan	1014	7. T. Lyons	982
2. Hewitt Bros.	992	8. Mason & Rourke	978
3. W. Brown	987.7	9. A. Caldecutt	977
4. Jones Bros.	987.4	10. R. Cleary	976.8
5. G. Batchelder	986	11. J. Sloane	976.4
6. J. Macfarlane	985	12. E. Staples	976.3

Young Birds Race (number of entries not available), from **Yarrowonga, Vic** (143 miles), and known as the Federation Special Race.

Flown March 11, 1911.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Macfarlane	1136	7. A. Goodwin	1105
2. G. Batchelder	1117	8. J. Sloane	1093
3. W. Smeaton	1112	9. S. M. Read	1091
4. T. Delaney	1108	10. Sennott & Gilbert	1086
5. J. Allison	1106.73	11. — Bryce	1082
6. E. Staples	1106.7	12. H. Edwards	1073

Old Birds Race (822 entries), from **Narrandera, N.S.W.** (236 miles).
Flown September 30, 1911.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. B. Nolan	1304	7. Marshall & Ward	1255
2. E. Staples	1303	8. H. Alder	1253
3. Jones Bros.	1302	9. G. Page	1250.8
4. F. S. Clarey	1294	10. J. Macfarlane	1250.7
5. F. Harrison	1288	11. H. Pritchard	1248
6. R. Cleary	1259	12. A. Goodwin	1246

Yearling Birds Race (253 entries), from **Wyalong Central, N.S.W.** (302 miles).

Flown October 7, 1911.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. S. M. Read	1648	7. Brunning & Son	1603.0
2. R. Swallow	1642	8. Johnson Bros.	1601
3. J. Keyhoe	1629	9. G. Page	1600
4. J. Allison	1617	10. W. Bugg	1599
5. W. Brooks	1615	11. J. Macfarlane	1599
6. J. Thompson	1603.1	12. F. S. Clarey	1598

Old Birds Race (423 entries), from Coonamble, N.S.W. (517 miles).
Flown November 11, 1911.

No birds home first day. Winning birds homed second day.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. G. Lauchlan	827	7. H. Goodwin	740
2. G. Batcheldor	777	8. J. Keyhoe	718
3. J. Quinlan	757	9. J. Sloane	687
4. J. Macfarlane	742	10. T. Harrison	686
5. S. M. Read	741.3	11. Jones Bros.	665
6. W. Jackson	741.0	12. G. Page	661

Old Birds Champion Race (94 entries), from Collarenebri East, N.S.W. (615 miles).

Flown November 26, 1911.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. T. Egan	942	7. E. Staples	848
2. J. Ryan	935.5	8. G. Page (2 birds)	833
3. J. Sloane	935.4	9. Johnson Bros.	793
4. J. Macfarlane	935.2	10. W. Jackson	753
5. H. Alder (2 birds)	932	11. J. Bloomfield	744
6. A. Allen	930	12. W. Smeaton	743

No particulars to hand of any other birds that may have homed later.

Federation Races Flown During 1912.

Young Birds Produce Race (87 entries), from Yarrawonga, Vic. (143 miles).

Flown February 24, 1912.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. W. Brooks	961
2. E. Gibson	955
3. S. Brunning	927

Young Birds Race (432 entries), from Yarrawonga, Vic. (143 miles).

Flown February 24, 1912.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Macfarlane	971	7. H. Morris	953
2. C. Archer	964	8. S. Brunning	927
3. W. Brooks	961	9. J. Webber	924.7
4. Jones Bros.	958	10. T. Lyons	924.1
5. O. Sinnott	957	11. T. Egan	915
6. E. Gibson	955	12. H. Read	898

Young Birds Race (number of entries not available), from Yarrawonga, Vic. (143 miles).

Flown March 2, 1912.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Macfarlane	1147	7. J. Duckett	1136
2. B. Nolan	1146	8. T. Delaney	1134.7
3. E. Gibson	1143	9. T. Harrison	1134.6
4. T. Egan	1142	10. A. Lester	1134.3
5. W. Gorman	1141	11. Jones Bros.	1133
6. J. Sloane	1139	12. Hewitt Bros.	1119

Old Birds Race (972 entries), from Yarrawonga, Vic. (143 miles).
Flown September 14, 1912.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. W. Brooks	926.6	6. W. Smeaton	837.9
2. A. Copp	926.2	7. A. Smith	837.5
3. J. Butcher	846	8. C. Archer	837.2
4. J. Sloane	842	9. O'Sullivan Bros.	835
5. A. Nunn	840	10. R. Macfarlane	834

Yearling Birds Race (286 entries), from Wyalong Central, N.S.W. (302 miles).

Flown October 5, 1912.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. W. Jackson	890	6. E. Staples (2nd day)	746
2. W. Staggard	866	7. P. L. Strong (2nd day)	743
3. F. Rooney	853	8. B. Nolan (2nd day)	727
4. H. Alder	839	9. W. Gibson (2nd day)	714
5. C. Lewis	826	10. Hewitt Bros. (2nd day)	681

Many others had birds home on second day, but did not time in because prize money was all won early.

Old Birds Race (789 entries), from Wyalong Central, N.S.W. (302 miles).

Flown October 12, 1912.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. S. M. Read	1390	6. Brunning and Son	1370.1
2. J. M. Smith	1380.3	7. W. Staggard	1365
3. Ryan and Page	1380.2	8. A. Davidson	1364.7
4. H. Alder	1375	9. N. Duscher	1364.4
5. W. Brooks	1370.7	10. H. Humphris	1363

Old Birds Race (302 entries), from Coonamble, N.S.W. (517 miles).
Flown November 9, 1912.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Johnson Bros.	1610	6. F. S. Clarey	1591
2. Jones Bros.	1609	7. E. Staples	1590
3. Mason and Rourke	1604	8. T. Egan	1586
4. G. Batcheldor	1601	9. H. Alder	1583.1
5. J. McCarten	1599	10. Smith Bros.	1583.0

Old Birds Champion Race (116 entries), from Collarenebri East, N.S.W. (615 miles).

Flown November 23, 1912.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. W. Staggard (fifth day)	261
2. T. Egan (fifth day)	254
3. J. Quinlan (fifth day)	230

No particulars of any arrivals that may have homed after close of race.

Federation Races Flown During 1913.

Young Birds Produce Race (182 entries), from Korongvale, Vic. (126 miles).

Flown February 22, 1913.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. W. Bendall	1005.8
2. W. Brooks	1005.4
3. D. Heselton	978

Young Birds Race (786 entries), from **Korongvale, Vic.** (126 miles).
Flown February 22, 1913.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Green	1052	6. J. Ward	1044
2. Leedham Bros.	1051	7. D. Isbister	1040
3. C. Henty	1048	8. H. Humphris	1039
4. T. Delaney	1045.5	9. F. Marsh	1034
5. B. Nolan	1045.4	10. J. Madigan	1006

Korongvale Special Race (126 miles).
Flown March 1, 1913. 320 entries.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. A. Lester	940	6. L. Perry	933
2. W. Cherry	939	7. J. McCartin	928.5
3. A. Wilson	937	8. S. Dobbryn	928.0
4. W. Bendall	935	9. T. Broadbent	926
5. W. Brooks	934	10. E. Staples	924

Old Birds Race (1503 entries), from **Warracknabeal, Vic.** (180 miles).
Flown September 20, 1913.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. T. J. Alston	1579.8	7. T. Lyons and Son	1559.8
2. W. Gibson	1579.5	8. S. Dobbryn	1552.9
3. W. Brooks	1576.6	9. F. Rooney	1552.3
4. M. Campbell	1576.3	10. M. Morris	1550.4
5. F. S. Clarey	1566	11. E. Staples	1550.0
6. W. Staggard	1559.9	12. W. Griffiths	1549

Murrayville Special Yearling Race (290 miles).
Flown October 11, 1913.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Ward	1039	7. T. Payne	1013.1
2. W. Johnson	1034	8. Penn and Smith	1013.0
3. W. Hall	1026	9. E. Bonetti	1005
4. B. Nolan	1024	10. J. Quinlan	998
5. A. Allen	1014	11. R. Lewis	994
6. J. Macfarlane	1013.9	12. Mr. Galley	989

Race from Morgan, S.A. (390 miles).
Flown October 19, 1913. 799 entries.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. T. Harding	1383	7. Mr. O'Shea	1366
2. F. Harrison	1381	8. H. Alder	1365
3. S. M. Read	1378	9. J. Green	1364
4. T. Pearce	1377	10. R. Lewis	1354
5. J. Dowdall	1372	11. E. Staples	1352
6. Mr. Galley	1367	12. J. Bloomfield	1349

Race from Yarcowie, S.A. (480 miles).
Flown November 1, 1913. 490 entries.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Lyons and Son	1196	7. L. Allison	1159
2. T. J. Alston	1162	8. H. Humphris	1154
3. S. M. Read	1161	9. D. Isbister	1153
4. Mason and Hamilton	1160.2	10. T. Egan	1143
5. J. E. Hall	1160.1	11. F. S. Clarey	1144
6. J. Quinlan	1159.3	12. W. Brooks	1142

Race from Hammond, S.A. (535 miles).
Flown November 15, 1913. 449 entries.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Quinlan	1269	7. E. Staples	1243.8
2. R. Dunn	1254	8. Hall and Son	1243.5
3. Mr. Kennedy	1253	9. Mr. Phillips	1242
4. J. Keyhoe	1249	10. Mr. Boyce	1240
5. J. Butcher	1247	11. Mr. Carkeek	1239.79
6. J. Madigan	1244	12. J. Bloomfield	1239.72

Federation Races Flown During 1914.**Young Birds Race** (370 entries), from **Warracknabeal, Vic.** (180 miles).
Flown February 28, 1914.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Mason and Rourke	962	7. C. Thompson	937.1
2. E. Staples	951	8. H. Nixon	937
3. J. Ward	941.6	9. Mr. Phillips	936
4. F. Harrison	941.4	10. F. Anderson	932
5. J. E. Hall	941.1	11. J. Green	931
6. R. C. Cooke	940	12. Mr. Hampson	929

Warracknabeal Special Race (180 miles).
Flown March 7, 1914.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. E. Staples	751	5. J. Bloomfield	705
2. N. Duschner	747	6. E. Bonetti	704
3. Hall and Son	744	7. W. Morris	688
4. Mr. Webber	713	8. Mr. Collins	620

Old Birds Race (1265 entries), from **Warracknabeal** (180 miles).
Flown September 27, 1914.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. W. Johnson	1155	7. J. M. Smith	1130.8
2. R. Campbell	1153	8. R. G. Cooke	1130.0
3. W. Brooks	1151	9. H. Thomas	1127.7
4. B. Nolan	1141	10. C. Guenther	1127.0
5. H. Read	1134	11. V. Carkeek	1126
6. W. Gibson	1131	12. Smith Bros.	1124

Special Yearling Race (305 entries), from **Murrayville** (290 miles).
Flown October 3, 1914.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Duckett	1153	7. W. Staggard	1069.8
2. W. Jackson	1150	8. B. Nolan	1069.5
3. S. Dobbryn	1149	9. Smith Bros.	1067
4. W. Johnson	1144	10. E. Gibson	1065
5. T. Delaney	1129	11. J. Ward	1057
6. J. Keyhoe	1070	12. T. Egan	1048

Morgan, S.A., Race (390 miles).
Flown November 7, 1914. 483 entries.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Hall and Son	1223	7. J. Macfarlane	1203
2. D. Isbister	1219	8. G. Gardiner	1202.8
3. E. Staples	1216	9. R. Lewis	1202.4
4. F. Harrison	1214	10. J. Ward	1198.7
5. W. Brooks	1208	11. J. Quinlan	1198.0
6. G. Campbell	1205	12. W. Staggard	1196

Yarcowie, S.A., Race (480 miles).

Flown November 22, 1914. 452 entries.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Ward	1285	7. D. Isbister	1202
2. W. Staggard	1274	8. R. Lewis	1191
3. J. Keyhoe	1264	9. B. Nolan	1176
4. W. Anderson	1255	10. E. Staples	1175
5. W. Cherry	1206	11. W. Bendall	1153
6. J. Lawrence	1203	12. Newell Bros.	1151

Federation Races Flown During 1915.

Young Birds Race (372 entries), from St. Arnaud, Vic. (130 miles).
Flown March 20, 1915.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. L. Saxony	854	7. E. Coombes	841
2. R. Hampson	852.8	8. J. Fraser	838
3. C. Harrison	852	9. W. Robinson	837
4. S. Pearce	846	10. J. McCartin	835
5. J. Blamey	843.9	11. Jones Bros.	834
6. R. C. Cooke	843.7	12. C. Guenther	830

St. Arnaud Special Race (130 miles).

Flown March 27, 1915. (1753 entries.)

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Jones Bros	1047	7. T. Barnes	1032
2. A. Simmonds	1044	8. J. Macfarlane	1028
3. Hewitt Bros.	1043	9. F. Harrison	1017
4. T. Delaney	1039	10. J. Bigg	1014
5. E. Coombes	1036.5	11. R. C. Cooke	1010
6. Leedham Bros.	1036.4	12. J. Bloomfield	1009

Old Birds Race, from Coolamon (245 miles).

Flown October 2, 1915. 1132 entries.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Haines	1283	6. F. Anderson	1060.7
2. W. Dowdall	1071	7. A. Copp	1060
3. T. Payne	1062.7	8. G. Gardiner	1055
4. W. Johnson	1062.4	9. J. Bloomfield	1053
5. J. Duckett	1061	10. B. Nolan	1052

Second Race from Coolamon (245 miles).

Flown October 9, 1915. 294 entries.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Hall and Son	1578	6. H. Thomas	1532
2. T. Kirk	1564	7. C. F. Thompson	1513
3. R. Skinner	1555	8. Stone Bros.	1489
4. Swalwell Bros.	1553	9. W. Mitchell	1488
5. J. Hall	1538	10. T. Anderson	1485

Yearlings Race (number of entries not available), from Wyalong Central (302 miles).

Flown October 16, 1915.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. T. Delaney	927	6. Hewitt Bros.	899
2. B. Nolan	921	7. Hall and Son	893
3. S. R. Young	916	8. S. Dobbyn	891
4. J. Norton	913.73	9. J. Garrat	889
5. G. Loughton	913.7	10. M. Haythorpe	887

Old Birds Race (778 entries), from Wyalong Central (302 miles).
Flown October 24, 1915.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. S. Dobbyn	1042	6. W. Staggard	1036
2. Lyons and Son	1041	7. J. Duckett	1034
3. E. Staples	1040	8. S. R. Young	1027
4. H. Humphris	1038.5	9. G. Gardiner	1025
5. T. Egan	1038.3	10. J. Parkinson	1022

Old Birds Race (295 entries), from Nevertire, N.S.W. (446 miles).
Flown November 6, 1915.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. T. Delaney (second day)	756
2. Leedham Bros. (second day)	575.4
3. J. Duckett (second day)	575.3
4. E. Staples (second day)	559
5. H. Thomas (second day)	558
6. W. Cherry (second day)	555
7. A. Allen (second day)	538
8. T. Egan (second day)	500

No other birds timed in before close of race—rather a disastrous smash.

Coonamble Race (517 miles). 292 entries.
Flown November 20, 1915.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. Sinclair and Nunn (first day)	1191
2. T. Harding (first day)	1190
3. D. Isbister (second day)	650
4. J. Parkinson (second day)	630
5. J. Green (second day)	617
6. J. Lawrence (second day)	601
7. J. Duckett (second day)	597
8. G. Gardiner (second day)	573
9. G. Guenther (second day)	569
10. H. Thomas (third day)	561
11. E. Broadbent (third day)	550
12. N. Duschier (third day)	542

The above were the only birds timed in before close of race, which was an unaccountable disaster, although the weather must have been good all the way to allow the two leading birds to make the 1190 velocity.

Federation Races Flown During 1916.

Young Birds Race (285 entries), from Yarrawonga (143 miles).
Flown February 26, 1916.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Ward	932.5	7. J. E. Hall	920
2. W. Bendall	932.3	8. J. Bloomfield	909
3. T. Egan	932.1	9. R. Hampson	908
4. J. Biggs	930	10. A. Lester	903
5. T. Harding	921.8	11. Jones Bros.	901.4
6. T. Stephens	921.3	12. T. Payne	901.2

Old Birds Race (605 entries), from **Stawell** (135 miles).
Flown September 16, 1916.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. R. C. Cooke	1090	7. T. Stephens	1077.3
2. C. Loughton	1088	8. J. Macfarlane	1077.2
3. A. Drew	1086	9. J. Dowdall	1077
4. T. Barnes	1081	10. G. Gardiner	1076
5. S. R. Young	1079	11. O'Sullivan Bros.	1074.6
6. G. Gunn	1077.7	12. G. Campbell	1074.4

Old Birds Coonalpyn Race (324 miles). 501 entries.
Flown October 14, 1916.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. C. Guenther	1365	7. R. Hampson	1316
2. D. Isbister	1360	8. G. Enever	1313
3. T. Egan	1348	9. T. Delaney	1311
4. H. Balfe	1341	10. W. Johnson	1309
5. M. Curtiss	1339	11. Lyons and Son	1304
6. J. Ryan	1336	12. T. Harding	1303

Yearling Race (327 entries), from **Coonalpyn** (324 miles).
Flown October 21, 1916.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. W. Brooks	1004	7. Lyons and Son	956
2. J. Lawrence	1000	8. J. O'Shea	905
3. W. Robinson	999	9. W. Bendall	899
4. S. R. Young	981	10. E. Staples	862
5. C. Guenther	962	11. J. Dowdall	849
6. T. Delaney	957	12. Hall and Son	844

Murray Bridge Race (374 miles). 265 entries.
Flown October 28, 1916.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Ward	1227	7. J. McCarten	1183
2. W. Kerfoot	1226	8. T. Bryce	1175
3. C. Guenther	1222	9. J. Duckett	1174
4. M. Curtiss	1221	10. R. Hampson	1173
5. Bugg and Son	1220	11. Reiko and Moran	1172
6. H. Balfe	1187	12. G. Gardiner	1169

Hamly Bridge Race (433 miles). 112 entries.
Flown November 14, 1916.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. M. Curtiss	1335
2. Newell Bros.	1297
3. R. Hampson	1277
4. T. Kirk	1160
5. A. Nicholls	1078
6. Leedham Bros. (second day)	848
7. D. Isbister (second day)	728
8. J. H. Green (second day)	710
9. G. Adams (second day)	670
10. R. Bryce (second day)	664
11. W. Johnson (second day)	661
12. J. McCarten (second day)	654

Old Birds Race, from **Port Pirie, S.A.** (515 miles).
Flown November, 1916.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Dowdall	1524	7. W. Trehey	—
2. R. Hampson	1494	8. W. Johnson	—
3. H. Balfe	1474	9. D. Isbister	—
4. J. Lawrence	1464	10. J. Butcher	—
5. T. Egan	1419	11. T. Harding	—
6. J. McCarten	1376	12. E. Coombs	—

In connection with the above Port Pirie Race, there is no mention of number of entries, date of race, or velocities of from 7th to 12th inclusive, although signed by E. W. Thompson, President, and F. S. Clarey, Secretary of the V.H. Association, 1916.

Races Flown During 1917.

Young Birds Race (582 entries), from **Stawell** (135 miles).
Flown March 3, 1917.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. S. Dobbryn	981	7. R. Cooke	964.6
2. C. Young	980	8. W. Haythorpe	963.9
3. A. Lester	974	9. W. Brooks	963.8
4. J. Ward	972	10. Lyons and Son	962.5
5. Mitchell Bros.	966	11. W. Russell	962
6. W. Loughton	964.8	12. B. Dymond	949

Special Race (514 entries), from **Stawell** (135 miles).
Flown March 10, 1917.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. A. Lester	982	7. G. Nettleton	978.7
2. J. O'Farrell	981.8	8. S. R. Young	978.4
3. C. Loughton	981.2	9. W. Bendall	978.3
4. Lyons and Son	980.8	10. J. Linane	977
5. W. Griffiths	980.17	11. J. Macfarlane	975
6. C. Youngman	980.15	12. E. Staples	971

Yarrawonga Race (143 miles). 183 entries.
Flown April 14, 1917.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. E. Staples	1074.2	7. W. Brooks	1059.4
2. E. Long	1074	8. A. Allen	1059
3. Leedham Bros.	1071	9. A. Lester	1058
4. H. S. Jones	1068	10. Lyons and Son	1056
5. O'Sullivan Bros.	1065	11. W. Hibberd	1055
6. E. Broadbent	1061	12. S. Dobbryn	1046

The above completed the Young Bird Races for Season 1917.

Old Birds Race (1149 entries), from **Rainbow** (214 miles).
Flown October 6, 1917.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. W. A. Robinson	1276.2	6. R. Cooke	1265
2. W. Trehey	1276	7. H. S. Jones	1262
3. E. Coombes	1272	8. S. Dobbryn	1261
4. C. Young	1266.5	9. F. Harrison	1259
5. O. Gleghorn	1266.2	10. G. Gardiner	1254

Old Birds Race (883 entries), from **Murrayville** (279 miles).
Flown October 14, 1917.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. W. Jackson	1927	6. E. A. Long	1566
2. J. Kerr	1907	7. W. Cornish	1558
3. B. Nolan	1883	8. T. A. Alston	1555
4. R. Lewis	1837	9. W. Brooks	1553.9
5. W. Flockhart	1607	10. G. Northmore	1553.3

Special Yearling Race (number of entries not available), from **Murrayville** (279 miles).
Flown October 21, 1917.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Stone Bros.	1916	6. J. Norton	1899
2. Ward Bros.	1905.4	7. E. Gibson	1875
3. W. Bendall	1905.1	8. E. Staples	1863
4. J. Dowdall	1903	9. T. Stephens	1851
5. W. Griffiths	1902	10. O. Gleghorn	1849

Old Birds Race (844 entries), from **Morgan, S.A.** (396 miles).
Flown October 27, 1917.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. E. Staples	1962	6. F. Rooney	1935.3
2. W. Morris	1949	7. C. Guenther	1934
3. W. Jackson	1940	8. R. Macfarlane	1931
4. T. Harding	1936	9. C. Hines	1925
5. W. Cherry	1935.6	10. R. Cooke	1924

Yarcowie Race (474 miles). 617 entries.
Flown November 10, 1917.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. S. R. Young	1499.6	6. T. Delaney	1494
2. W. Jackson	1499	7. C. Whelan	1489
3. T. Egan	1497	8. A. Hancock	1488.4
4. Lyons and Son	1495.7	9. W. Staggard	1488
5. W. Cherry	1495.6	10. C. Archer	1487

Hammond Race (535 miles). 551 entries.
Flown November 17, 1917.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. A. Nicholls	1349
2. J. Linane	1177
3. H. Keene (second day)	814
4. W. Brooks (second day)	801
5. W. Bugg (second day)	792
6. A. Simmonds (second day)	764
7. Lyons and Son (second day)	759
8. W. Bendall (second day)	706
9. R. Cooke (second day)	705
10. A. Drew (second day)	695

Federation Races Flown During 1918.**Young Birds Special Race** (number of entries not available), from **St. Arnaud** (130 miles).
Flown March 2, 1918.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. F. Archer	1250	6. W. Trehey	1207
2. C. Thompson	1233	7. W. Loughton	1206
3. T. Egan	1232	8. J. O'Farrell	1202
4. J. Blease	1228	9. H. Balfe	1199
5. C. Whelan	1217	10. E. Staples	1195

Ordinary Young Birds Federation Race (483 entries), from **St. Arnaud** (130 miles).
Flown March 9, 1918.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.	Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. T. Stephens	1569	6. W. Morris	1526
2. W. Cherry	1554	7. F. Webber	1525
3. W. Neaby	1552	8. T. Egan	1524
4. F. C. Wells	1546	9. H. S. Jones	1523
5. Ward Bros.	1535	10. R. Lewis	1522

Old Birds Race (503 entries), from **Wagga, N.S.W.** (228 miles).
Flown September 28, 1918.**Section A.**

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. G. Campbell (Grizzle H.)	1309
2. D. Collins (B.C.H.)	1306
3. T. Kirk (B.C.C.)	1301
4. Reekie and Moran (B.C.C.)	1300
5. P. enkins (Blue H.)	1298
6. J. O'Shea (R.C.C.)	1294
7. R. Skinner	1292.23
8. W. H. Nealy	1292.20
9. Balfe Bros.	1288.7
10. Boorman and Sons	1288.6
11. T. Hart	1285
12. C. Whelan	1284

Old Birds Race (864 entries), from **Wagga, N.S.W.** (228 miles).**Section B.**

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. G. Mathews (Grizzle H.)	1393
2. J. Green (Blue H.)	1385
3. B. Dymond (R.C.H.)	1380.9
4. W. Johnson (B.P.H.)	1380.7
5. J. McCartin (B.C.C.)	1377
6. A. Nicholls (Blue C.)	1373
7. W. Cherry	1371.9
8. S. M. Read	1371.0
9. C. Young	1369.4
10. S. Pearce	1369.3
11. M. Bennett	1368
12. B. Vines	1367

Race from Young (304 miles). 371 entries.

Flown October 5, 1918.

Section A.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. P. Jenkins (Blue C.)	1073
2. W. McPherson (R.C.C.)	1068
3. Balfe Bros. (B.C.P.C.)	1054
4. Ward Bros. (Blue H.)	1047
5. W. Flockhart (B.C.H.)	1038
6. Reekie and Moran (B.C.C.)	1034
7. Boorman and Sons	1030
8. G. Campbell	1029
9. T. Kirk	1024
10. J. Bloomfield	1022
11. J. E. Hall	1018
12. J. Linane	1014

Race from Young (304 miles). 656 entries.
Flown October 5, 1918.

Section B.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. A. Allen (R.C.C.)	1067.8
2. J. O'Farrell (Black C.C.)	1067.3
3. W. Morris (B.C.C.)	1066
4. F. Webber (B.C.H.)	1065
5. G. Mathews (B.C.C.)	1060
6. S. Dobbryn (B.C.C.)	1054
7. S. R. Young	1052
8. A. Nicholls	1049.8
9. Lyons and Son	1049.1
10. Collinson and Son	1048
11. F. Anderson	1039
12. C. Archer	1036

Yearling Race from Young (304 miles). 520 entries.
Flown October 12, 1918.

Combined Sections.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. S. Dobbryn (Blue H.)	1510
2. W. Brooks (R.C.H.)	1505
3. W. Staggard (B.C.C.)	1500
4. C. Young (Blue C.)	1498
5. W. A. Robinson (B.C.H.)	1495.8
6. S. R. Young (B.C.C.)	1495
7. E. Britter	1487.9
8. J. Dowdall	1487.6
9. W. Cherry	1482
10. F. Anderson	1479
11. S. Pearce	1471
12. J. Lawrence	1468

Old Birds Race (315 entries), from Peak Hill, N.S.W. (425 miles).
Flown October 26, 1918.

Section A.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. T. Hart (B.C.H.)	1068
2. C. Whelan (Black C.C.)	1053.6
3. W. McPherson (R.C.C.)	1053
4. Ward Bros. (Blue H.)	1047
5. T. Kirk (Grizzle C.)	1028
6. C. Loughton (B.P.C.) (second day)	752
7. W. Flockhart (second day)	740
8. J. Blease (second day)	722
9. Balfe Bros. (second day)	704
10. J. Skidmore (second day)	677
11. D. English (second day)	675
12. Reekie and Moran (second day)	643

Old Birds Race (429 entries), from Peak Hill, N.S.W. (425 miles).
Flown October 26, 1918.

Section B.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Dowdall (B.C.H.)	1044
2. S. R. Young (R.C.C.)	1042
3. F. Anderson (B.C.C.)	1032

4. Mitchell and Stephens (B.C.H.) (2nd day)	878
5. J. Williams (R.C.C.) (2nd day)	816
6. J. Green (D.C.C.) (2nd day)	775
7. F. Keon (2nd day)	724
8. F. Webber (2nd day)	710
9. C. Guenther (2nd day)	681
10. W. Griffiths (2nd day)	646
11. M. Conrad (2nd day)	634
12. F. Rooney (2nd day)	627

Old Birds Race (163 entries), from Coonamble, N.S.W. (517 miles).

Flown November 9, 1918.

Section A.

- Balfe Bros.—Colour and sex, B.C.H.; Ring Nos. 663S, VHA.17; vel., 1330.74 yds. per min.; stake winnings, £3/5/2; Calcutta pool, £5/11/3.
- J. E. Hall—Colour and sex, B.C.H.; Ring Nos. 1474S., VHA.17; vel., 1330.71 yds. per min.; stake winnings, £2/0/9.
- C. Whelan—Colour and sex, B.C.C.; Ring Nos., 859S., VHA.17; vel., 1317 yds. per min.; stake winnings, £1/4/5.
- J. Blease—Colour and sex, Red H.; Ring Nos., 9695S., VHA.17; vel., 1315 yds. per min.; stake winnings, 16/4.
- C. Loughton—Colour and sex, B.P.H.; Ring Nos. 1613S., VHA.17; vel., 1305 yds. per min.; stake winnings, 9/10.
- J. Linane—Colour and sex, R.C.C.; Ring Nos. 1626S., VHA.17; vel., 1274 yds. per min.; stake winnings, 6/6.
- R. Cooke—Velocity, 1256 yds. per min.
- W. Russell—Velocity, 1167 yds. per min.
- Ward Bros.—Velocity, 1112 yds. per min.

No other birds home on the first day in Section A.

Old Birds Race (216 entries), from Coonamble, N.S.W. (517 miles).

Flown November 9, 1918.

Section B.

- M. R. Bennett—Colour and sex, R.C.H.; Ring Nos. 4055S., VHA.16; vel., 1339 yds. per min.; stake winnings, £4/6/5; Calcutta pool, £11/1/9.
- Egan and Son—Colour and sex, B.C.C.; Ring Nos. 227S., VHA.17; vel., 1332 yds. per min.; stake winnings, £2/14/-; loft pool, £10.
- A. Allen—Colour and sex, B.C.C.; Ring Nos. 6807S., VHA.16; vel., 1326.47 yds. per min.; stake winnings, £1/12/5.
- S. R. Young—Colour and sex, Blue H.; Ring Nos. 1663S., VHA.17; vel., 1326.43 yds. per min.; stake winnings, £1/1/7.
- W. Trehey—Colour and sex, B.C.C.; Ring Nos. 431S., VHA.17; vel., 1247 yds. per min.; stake winnings, 12/11.
- G. Northmore—Colour and sex, B.C.H.; Ring Nos. 262S., VHA.17; vel., 1246 yds. per min.; stake winnings, 8/8.
- Davis Bros.—Velocity, 1231 yds. per min.
- B. Vines—Velocity, 1191 yds. per min.
- J. Lawrence—Velocity, 1187 yds. per min.
- W. Griffiths—Velocity, 1138 yds. per min.

The above were the only birds timed in on first day of race in Section B.

Federation Races Flown During 1919

On the North-East Line.

Young Birds Race (105 entries), from Springhurst, Vic. (139 miles).
Flown March 22, 1919.

Section A.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. D. Reddie (R.C.C.)	1064
2. A. Huggett (Blue H.)	1033
3. C. Whelan (Blue C.)	1032.7
4. R. Smith (Black C.)	1032.6
5. P. Jenkins (B.C.H.)	1028
6. E. Loughton (B.C.C.)	1026

Young Birds Race (276 entries), from Springhurst, Vic. (139 miles).

Section B.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Dowdall (B.C.C.)	1042
2. H. Keene (B.P.C.)	1039.6
3. E. Staples (B.C.C.)	1039
4. J. Macfarlane (B.C.P.H.)	1038
5. F. Keon (R.C.C.)	1036
6. Smith Bros. (R.C.C.)	1034

Springhurst Special Race (139 miles). 148 entries.
Flown March 29, 1919.

Section A.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. C. Whelan (B.C.C.)	1254
2. F. Archer (Blue H.)	1245
3. D. Skidmore (B.C.C.)	1239
4. J. Skidmore (B.C.C.)	1237
5. H. Collins (B.C.C.)	1228
6. R. Skinner (R.C.C.)	1227

Springhurst Special Race (139 miles). 251 entries.

Section B.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. A. J. Ward (B.C.H.)	1429
2. Lyons and Son (B.C.P.H.)	1415
3. W. Cherry (B.C.C.)	1414
4. H. S. Jones (B.C.C.)	1401
5. T. Stephens (Blue H.)	1395
6. J. Lawrence (Blue H.)	1390

Old Birds Race (705 entries), from Bomen, N.S.W. (233 miles).
Flown September 20, 1919.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. B. Nolan (B.C.C.)	933
2. W. Morris (B.C.C.)	932
3. S. R. Young (B.C.C.)	931
4. H. S. Jones (B.C.C.)	931
5. Collinson and Son (B.C.H.)	901
6. J. Macfarlane (B.C.H.)	889

Young, N.S.W., Race (304 miles). 424 entries.

Flown September 27, 1919.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. M. R. Bennett (D.C.P.H.)	1457
2. G. Enever (Blue H.)	1451
3. J. Macfarlane (B.C.C.)	1451
4. C. Archer (B.C.C.)	1450
5. W. Morris (B.C.H.)	1448
6. W. Smeaton (B.C.H.)	1447

Young, N.S.W., Special Race (304 miles). 228 entries.
Flown October 4, 1919.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. Lyons and Son (B.C.P.H.)	1291
2. B. Dymond (Blue C.)	1284
3. S. R. Young (B.C.C.)	1268
4. W. Morris (B.C.C.)	1267
5. A. Allen (Blue H.)	1263
6. W. Griffiths	1225

Dubbo, N.S.W., Race (430 miles). 291 entries.

Flown October 18, 1919.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. A. Allen (2 birds, Black H.)	1004
2. S. R. Young (Grizzle C.)	1004
3. W. Brooks (B.C.H.) (2nd day)	896
4. E. Farnell (B.C.C.) (2nd day)	885
5. F. Webber (Blue H.) (2nd day)	865
6. G. Kerr (B.C.H.) (2nd day)	742

Old Birds Race (140 entries), from Coonamble, N.S.W. (517 miles).
Flown November 1, 1919.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. E. Staples (B.C.C.) (2nd day)	769
2. T. Delaney (B.C.H.) (2nd day)	713
3. J. Macfarlane (B.C.C.) (2nd day)	628
4. F. Anderson (B.C.H.) (2nd day)	584
5. Mitchell Bros. (B.C.C.) (2nd day)	577
6. B. Vines (B.C.H.) (2nd day)	576

On the North-West Line.

Old Birds Race (425 entries), from Coonaplyn, S.A. (320 miles).
Flown September 27, 1919.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. McPherson and Wells (B.C.H.)	1870
2. Balfe Bros. (B.C.H.)	1867
3. P. Jenkins (B.C.C.)	1863
4. W. Bendall (B.C.C.)	1860
5. C. Watson (R.C.H.)	1855
6. Atkins and Son (R.C.C.)	1853

Coonaplyn Special Race (320 miles). 213 entries.

Flown October 4, 1919.

Competitor	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Linane (B.C.C.)	1629
2. D. Skidmore (B.P.H.)	1291
3. P. Jenkins (B.C.H.)	1285
4. J. Bloomfield (Blue H.)	1281
5. D. Flockard (Blue C.)	1278
6. W. Staggard	1277

Murray Bridge, S.A., Race (370 miles). 273 entries.

Flown October 11, 1919.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. H. Wood (B.C.C.) .. .	1715
2. A. Huggett (B.C.C.) .. .	1687
3. Balfe Bros. (B.C.H.) .. .	1686
4. Atkins and Son (B.C.H.) .. .	1684
5. J. Norton (R.C.H.) .. .	1671
6. Elso and Son .. .	1632

Hamley Bridge, S.A., Race (430 miles). 187 entries.

Flown October 19, 1919.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Skidmore (B.C.H.) .. .	1311
2. Balfe Bros. (B.C.H.) .. .	1303
3. T. Kirk (Pied H.) .. .	1266
4. D. Flockard (R.C.C.) .. .	1248
5. H. Wood (B.C.H.) .. .	1247
6. C. Whelan (Blue C.) .. .	1247

Port Pirie, S.A., Race (509 miles). 176 entries.

Flown November 2, 1919.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. A. Huggett (B.C.C.) (2nd day) .. .	749
2. J. Linane (B.C.C.) (2nd day) .. .	706

This race was another disaster in racing pigeon history, as only two birds homed in time limit, and full credit must be given to the birds that came through where so many others failed.

Federation Races Flown During 1920.**On the North-West Line.****Young Birds Race (302 entries), from Stawell, Vic. (135 miles).**

Flown March 20, 1920.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Nettleton (B.C.H.) .. .	1440
2. F. Marsh (B.C.H.) .. .	1345
3. L. Whitley (B.C.H.) .. .	1284
4. McPherson and Wells (B.C.H.) .. .	1283
5. C. Whelan (B.C.H.) .. .	1222
6. W. Evans (B.C.H.) .. .	1208
7. H. Read .. .	1205
8. P. Jenkins .. .	1204
9. A. Burke .. .	1161
10. Atkins and Son .. .	1153
11. J. Norton .. .	1129
12. Boorman and Malbin .. .	1112

Stawell Special Race (135 miles). 150 entries.

Flown March 27, 1920.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. G. Littlejohn (B.C.H.) .. .	871
2. A. Huggett (B.C.C.) .. .	870
3. Atkins and Son (B.C.H.) .. .	867
4. W. Johnson (Blue C.) .. .	852

5. R. Skinner (B.C.C.) .. .	850
6. T. Bendall (B.C.H.) .. .	836
7. Savory Bros. .. .	833
8. P. Jenkins .. .	832
9. Boorman and Malbin .. .	826
10. J. Walker .. .	824.5
11. C. F. Thompson .. .	824.3
12. C. Richardson .. .	817

Old Birds Race (585 entries), from Serviceton (245 miles).

Flown September 11, 1920.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. A. Huggett (B.C.C.) .. .	1261
2. W. Nealy (B.C.C.) .. .	1257
3. S. Dobbryn (B.C.H.) .. .	1245
4. Mr. Hurley (B.C.H.) .. .	1243
5. G. Littlejohn (B.C.H.) .. .	1242
6. G. Adams (Blue H.) .. .	1240
7. H. Wood .. .	1237
8. H. Davey .. .	1236
9. Mr. Bricknell .. .	1232
10. W. Jones .. .	1231
11. J. Hall .. .	1229
12. E. Davis .. .	1214

Coonalpyn Race (320 miles). 291 entries.

Flown September 18, 1920.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. C. Rogers (R.C.H.) .. .	1242
2. D. Cameron (B.C.C.) .. .	1238
3. McPherson and Wells (Blue C.) .. .	1232
4. Elso and Sons (B.C.H.) .. .	1226
5. G. English .. .	1225
6. Boorman and Malbin (D.C.C.) .. .	1224
7. Mr. Hurley .. .	1215
8. Reikie and Moran .. .	1137
9. C. Whelan .. .	1131
10. Stone and Son .. .	1124
11. D. Hesselton .. .	1109
12. Atkins and Son .. .	1106

Coonalpyn Special Race (320 miles). 106 entries.

Flown September 25, 1920.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Balfe Bros. (B.C.C.) .. .	1212
2. Savory Bros. (Black C.H.) .. .	1205
3. C. Richardson (B.C.C.) .. .	1204
4. T. Bendall (B.C.C.) .. .	1196
5. Boorman and Malbin (B.C.H.) .. .	1193
6. Elso and Sons (Blue C.) .. .	1190
7. Mr. Bricknell .. .	1182
8. T. Delaney .. .	1178
9. G. Littlejohn .. .	1171
10. A. Burke .. .	1137
11. Mr. Ackland .. .	1123
12. R. Skinner .. .	1118

Murray Bridge, S.A., Race (370 miles). 135 entries.
Flown October 2, 1920.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Balfe Bros (B.C.P.H.)	1108
2. Elso and Sons (B.C.C.)	1088
3. Savory Bros. (Blue H.)	1058
4. T. Booth (B.C.H.)	1045
5. C. Rogers (Black C.H.)	1043
6. Mr. Bricknell (B.C.H.)	979
7. H. Wood	944
8. G. Littlejohn	933
9. C. Whelan (2nd day), 5.40 a.m.	

Race from Port Pirie, S.A. (509 miles). 89 entries.
Flown October 16, 1920.

Result—No birds home when race closed. Prize-money, stakes, specials, etc., forfeited to the represented Clubs and Association.

On the North-East Line.

Young Birds Race (238 entries), from **Springhurst, Vic.** (139 miles).
Flown March 20, 1920.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. H. S. Jones (B.C.C.)	1259
2. G. Gardener (B.C.H.)	1237
3. Farnell and Butcher (B.C.C.)	1221
4. T. Collinson (B.C.C.)	1211
5. W. Brooks (R.C.C.)	1210
6. E. Evans (R.C.C.)	1176
7. S. R. Young	1170
8. E. Ford	1167
9. W. Morris	1126
10. J. Lawrence	1125
11. P. Mitchell	1104
12. T. Delaney	1098

Springhurst Special Race (139 miles). 125 entries.
Flown March 27, 1920.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. T. Barnes (B.C.H.)	1035
2. J. Macfarlane (B.C.C.)	1033
3. H. Alder (R.C.C.)	1029
4. W. Cherry (B.C.H.)	1020
5. E. Long (B.C.W.F.C.)	1017
6. C. Collett (B.C.H.)	1001
7. E. Tamme	999
8. T. Egan	997
9. T. Harding	995
10. E. Gibson	990
11. H. S. Jones	985
12. H. Vines	983

Old Birds Race (545 entries), from **Culcairn** (190 miles).
Flown September 18, 1920.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Dowdall (B.C.C.)	964
2. J. Ostle (B.C.C.)	962
3. B. Nolan (Blue C.)	960
4. W. Brooks (R.C.C.)	959
5. S. Hooker (Blue C.)	953
6. E. Long (Blue C.)	944
7. H. Vines	935
8. P. Mitchell	933
9. B. Hooke	927
10. E. West	917
11. W. Flockhart	911
12. C. Young	875

Old Birds Race (334 entries), from **Bomen** (233 miles).
Flown September 25, 1920.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. J. Webster (Blue C.)	980
2. H. Alder (B.C.H.)	978
3. J. Macfarlane (Blue C.)	965
4. W. Flockhart (B.C.H.)	957
5. H. Vines (Blue C.)	950
6. J. Bryce (B.C.H.)	946
7. T. Stephens	919
8. H. Keene	916
9. B. Nolan	913
10. A. Jordon	911
11. H. S. Jones	907
12. W. Brooks	905

Old Birds Race (303 entries), from **Young** (304 miles).
Flown October 2, 1920.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. W. Cherry (B.C.H.)	1304
2. T. Stephens (Blue H.)	1300
3. B. Nolan (B.C.C.)	1299
4. E. Staples (B.C.H.)	1297
5. S. M. Read (B.C.H.)	1286
6. G. Northmore (B.C.C.)	1271
7. H. Evans	1264
8. T. Mitchell	1245
9. J. Bryce	1244
10. W. Bugg	1239
11. W. Brooks	1204
12. E. Coombes	1191

Special Race for Yearlings Only (138 entries), from **Young, N.S.W.** (304 miles).

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. B. Nolan (Black C.C.)	1226
2. Hewitt Bros. (B.C.H.)	1223
3. J. Lawrence (Blue H.)	1222.5
4. H. Vines (B.C.H.)	1222.2
5. H. Keene (B.C.C.)	1221.9
6. W. Cherry (B.C.C.)	1221.2

7. W. Collett	1221.0
8. W. Brooks	1220
9. H. Alder	1217.7
10. T. Anderson	1217.5
11. S. Hooker	1217.0
12. J. Williams	1211

Old Birds Race (91 entries), from **Coonamble, N.S.W.** (517 miles).

Flown October 23, 1920.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. T. Delaney (B.C.P.H.) (2nd day)	601
2. B. Nolan (B.C.C.) (2nd day)	600
3. J. Duckett (B.C.H.) (3rd day)	498
4. J. Blease (B.C.H.) (3rd day)	470
5. W. Morris (B.C.H.) (3rd day)	450
6. W. Cherry (B.C.C.) (3rd day)	414
7. J. Blease (3rd day) (no position given)	

Only seven birds home at close of race on third day. On fourth day W. Cherry verified his other bird. He sent two, and got both home. Later on S. R. Young, also B. Nolan, had birds home, among other competitors, particulars of which are not yet to hand.

In giving credit wherever due, the following extract, from the "Australasian," under date 6/11/1920, will be found interesting:—"The champion long-distance race, from Coonamble (N.S.W.) to Melbourne, was flown on Saturday last, 23rd inst. As is usual in long courses, extra time is allowed the birds to 'home,' owing to many difficulties that may occur during the birds' flight. The late race was one of the hardest on record, for, apart from mere distance, the birds met with continuous heavy rain within 200 miles of the starting point until the principal winners 'homed' on the second day. The airline distance between Melbourne and Coonamble is 517 miles. Ninety-one birds flew in the race. The stakes distributed were £60. The birds were liberated by Mr. Jack Ryan, convoyer to the Victorian Homing Association, who reported that the race was started at 5.20 a.m. on October 23, under favourable conditions. The birds entered the rain zone after travelling 200 miles, as mentioned. The clubs taking part in the Victorian Homing Association Race were the Richmond, Victoria, Great Southern, Prahran and Clifton Hill, and the winning bird reached home at 6.45 p.m. on Sunday, 24th inst., and the second bird a couple of minutes after. These two birds flew the distance in two days, through terrible weather. Following are the results:—First, Mr. T. Delaney, Richmond Club; second, Mr. Bernard Nolan, Victoria Club." (As the result appears in detail above, it is unnecessary to continue the report any further.)

Races Flown During 1921.**Young Birds Race** (430 entries), from **Springhurst** (139 miles).

Flown April 9, 1921.

Birds liberated at 10.30 a.m., with a stiff South-West wind against them right through to Melbourne.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Collinson and Son	875
2. Lyons and Son	872
3. H. Vines (B.C.H.)	871.5
4. J. Foster (D.C.C.)	866.7
5. J. Ostle (B.C.C.)	866.3

6. J. Lawrence (Blue H.)	865.8
7. C. D. Young	859
8. V. Mathews	848
9. H. S. Jones	847
10. Mr. Berry	846
11. L. Johnson	844
12. White and Jones	842

Young Birds Special Race (216 entries), from **Springhurst** (139 miles).

Flown April 16, 1921.

Birds liberated at 10.30 a.m., with a light North-East wind in the birds' favour all through to Melbourne.

Competitor.	Yds. per Min.
1. Collinson and Son	1505.8
2. Lyons and Son	1505.2
3. J. Blease	1495
4. S. Dobbey	1489
5. H. Vines (D.C.H.)	1486.6
6. E. Long	1486.1
7. E. Staples	1470
8. L. Johnson	1466
9. A. J. Ward	1462
10. J. Lawrence	1456
11. H. Alder	1448
12. W. Cherry	1447.9

Remarkable consistency was shown by Messrs. Collinson, Lyons Vines, Lawrence and Johnson by being placed in the first twelve on both occasions, the three first-mentioned figuring in the prize-money in both races.

For five successive seasons the Victorian Homing Association held a Champion Long Distance Race of over 600 miles, viz.:—1908, from Moree, 645 miles; and, in 1909 to 1912 inclusive, from Collarenebri East, 610 miles. This race was abandoned after 1912, as over 90 per cent. of the birds sent used to get lost.

The following members have been placed twice in the prizes at this distance:—

W. Bendall	3rd 1908	—	6th 1909
*J. Ryan	4th 1908	—	2nd 1911
Mr. Ward	2nd 1909	—	5th 1910
T. Egan	1st 1911	—	2nd 1912

* Mr. Ryan also bred Mr. Allen's 6th Fed., 1911, thereby gaining 2nd and 6th positions with the only two birds bred by him that were competing that year.

The total prizes won in the races from Springhurst were as follows:—

On 9/4/21, 430 birds in Fed. race, at 1/-, £21/10/-, cut up into 6 prizes.

1. Collinson and Son, £8/12/-, also £17/2/- in Cal. pool ..	£25 14 0
2. Lyons and Son, £5/7/6	5 7 6
3. H. Vines, £3/4/6, also A.R.P. Special 10/6	3 15 0
4. Mr. Foster £2/3/-, also A.R.P. Special 10/6	2 13 6
5. J. Ostle £1/5/9, also A.R.P. Special 10/6	1 16 3
6. J. Lawrence 17/3, also A.R.P. Special 10/6	1 7 9
7. C. D. Young	
8. V. Mathews, A.R.P. Special 10/6	
9. H. S. Jones, A.R.P. Special 10/6	

On 16/4/21, 1406 rings registered at 1/-, £70/6/-; 40 per cent. to Y.B. Race, £28/2/-. 202 birds entered in 1/- Op. Pool, £10/2/-.

1. Collinson and Son £11/4/9, Op. pool £5, Cal. pool £12/3/3 £28 8 0
2. Lyons and Son £7/0/6, Op. pool £3/1/3 10 1 9
3. J. Blease £4/4/3, Op. pool £2/0/9 6 5 0
4. S. Dobbyn £2/16/3.
5. H. Vines £1/13/9.
6. E. Long £1/2/6.

St. Arnaud Fed. Race, flown 9/4/21. 366 birds at 1/-, £18/6/.

1. Balfe Bros., vel. 1091, £6/16/6, also A.R.P. £5/5/- Shield and 10/6 £12 12 0
2. T. Hart, vel. 1086.7, £4/11/6, also A.R.P. 10/6 5 2 0
3. G. Littlejohn, vel. 1086.4, £3/4/9, also A.R.P. 10/6 3 15 3
4. Savory Bros., vel. 1083, £1/16/6 1 16 6
5. Wells and McPherson, vel. 1080, £1/2/- 1 2 0
6. W. Evans, vel. 1078, 14/9, also A.R.P. 10/6 1 5 3
7. W. Lyons, vel. 1068.9.
8. D. Cameron, vel. 1068.1.
9. H. Harley, vel. 1062.
10. W. Ackland, vel. 1055, A.R.P. Special 10/6 0 10 6
11. Mr. Whaley, vel. 1042, A.R.P. Special 10/6 0 10 6
12. Mr. Marsh, vel. 1029.

St. Arnaud Federation Special Young Birds Race, flown 16/4/21. 202 entries. 862 rings registered at 1/-, £43/2/-, 40 per cent. of same, £17/5/6, to this race. 202 birds in Op. Pool, at 1/-, £10/2/-.

1. Elso and Son, vel. 1575, £6/18/-, also 1st Op. Pool £5/1/- £11 19 0
2. C. Thompson, vel. 1545, £4/6/3, also 2nd Op. Pool £3/0/9 7 7 0
3. W. Whittle, vel. 1527, £2/11/9, also 3rd Op. Pool £2/0/3 4 12 0
4. W. Bricknell, vel. 1525, £1/14/6.
5. McPherson and Son, vel. 1522.5, £1/1/-.
6. J. Thompson, vel. 1522.3, 14/-.
7. C. Whelan, vel. 1517.
8. L. Whitley, vel. 1507.
9. Stone and Son, vel. 1504.
10. Wells and McPherson, vel. 1501.
11. C. Richardson, vel. 1486.
12. Mr. Booth, vel. 1481.

The Annual Meeting of the Victorian Homing Association was held at their room, Exhibition-street, Melbourne, on 20/12/20, when the balance-sheet for season 1920 was submitted, which showed a credit balance of £70/14/1.

The Hon. Sec., Mr. W. J. Brooks, in presenting his Second Annual Report and Balance-Sheet, stated:—I have to report a very prosperous season. Our membership has increased to 301 members, also we now have 11 Suburban and 11 Country Clubs affiliated. Financially our assets have increased £4/9/11, but owing to having a good stock of material on hand, and also to the fact that some of the clubs are slow in meeting their liabilities, we are not able to show it in actual cash. We again flew a series of races on two routes, which, by employing two convoyers, made expenses very heavy, and which on both lines, for some

unaccountable reason, returns were poor. Unfavourable conditions no doubt accounted for lack of success in the 500 mile races. In the Port Pirie Race a good team of birds was sent, but none homed in the time limit. In the Coonamble Race we met the worst weather possible, and Messrs. Delaney and Nolan must be congratulated on having exceptionally game birds to home on the second day.

The most successful competitors were Messrs. Nolan and Cherry, each placed on four occasions, and Messrs. Elso and Sons three. Thirty-one competitors qualified for diplomas. The question being asked, and being of interest to all, the prize-money won on each line for the season was:—N.E. Line: Fed. Races and Pools, £170/0/4; other pools organised, £104/2/9. N.W. Line: Fed. Races and Pools, £112/7/6; other pools, £52/6/-. In conclusion I wish to thank the members of the executive who kindly assisted me to carry out the work of a record heavy season.

The following rings were sold during the season 1920:—A.R.P. (20), 5575; V.H.A. (19), 1224; V.H.A. (20), 7564. Total, 14,363.

Credit balance at end of 1918 season was £50/1/8; credit balance end of 1919 season was £65/15/-; credit balance at end of 1920 season was £70/4/1.

	1918	1919	1920
Fed. prizes and pools	£144 19 0	£162 4 6	£133 18 11
Prizes in special race	47 8 0	94 17 0	113 9 0
Cost of metal rings	19 2 0	33 6 5	109 9 11
Convoying expenses	88 3 8	142 5 8	170 13 0

The number of birds competing in Federation races during the season, as follows:—N.E. route, 1774 birds; N.W. route, 1658 birds. Total birds, 3432.

In commenting on the Secretary's report in reference to the poor returns in the 500 mile race of 1920, the following extract, from his report at Annual Meeting, 1919, may be of interest:—"15/12/19. Turning to the racing, the returns on both routes were not as satisfactory as might have been expected, owing perhaps to the absence of many tried birds, and, unfortunately, owing to bad weather, both the 500 mile races turned out smashes, very few birds homing in the time limit. The following competitors must be congratulated on their fine performances during the season:—On the N.W. line Messrs. Balfe Bros., A. Huggett, and P. Jenkins were each placed on three occasions, and on the N.E. route Mr. J. Macfarlane was placed on four occasions, and Messrs. S. R. Young and W. Morris each won three prizes. Twenty-eight competitors qualified for diplomas. It may interest members to know that a total of 19,937 birds were sent to the various stages."

A name that crops up often among the race results in this issue is that of T. Lyons and Son, who have had a remarkable run of success in races up to 400 miles. The success of this loft is principally due to a consignment of birds which they imported in 1910 from Mr. William Chadwick, of Blackburn, England, and, unlike many other importations, these birds quickly got to work producing winners at the shorter stages, especially in the young bird races. There were three pairs of birds in this batch—two pairs of Hansenne blood and one pair of N. Barker's—and for races at the middle distances the descendants of these are very hard to beat. Messrs. Lyons and Son have had a fair amount of success in the show pen during recent years under different judges, so that it will be conceded that their birds have some pretensions to good looks also.

For comparative purposes we mention below the winners of two popular 500 miles races, viz., the Victorian Federation Coonamble Race and the English Great Northern Marennes Race.

Coonamble Winner.

	Vel.
1903 H. Bowers	1261
1904 J. Macfarlane, 3 years old	722
1905 H. Curtis	1198
1906 H. Curtis	1164
1907 H. Humphris, 3 years old	1257
1908 Smith and Son, yearling	1192
1909 Not flown.	
1910 A. Goodwin, yearling	1002
1911 G. Lauchlan, yearling	827
1912 Johnson Bros.	1610
Not flown again until 1915.	
1915 Sinclair and Nunn	1191
1916 and 1917—Not flown.	
1918 M. Bennett (sec. B)	1339
1918 Balfe Bros. (sec. A)	1330
1919 E. Staples	769
1920 T. Delaney, B.C.P. Hen, yearling	601

Marennes Winner.

	Vel.
Thirteen in all.	1177
1903 Stow Bros.	1208
1904 Mr. Buckley	881
1905 Tomlinson Bros.	733
1906 Mr. Buckley	801
1907 Mr. Sharrock	1115
1908 Mr. Wardleworth	1139
1909 Maddocks and Collins	995
1910 Mr. Rigby	1065
1911 Alcock and Son	692
1912 J. Cornes	
1913-1914—S. P. Griffiths' Champion 459 won these two successive races.	
Not flown until 1920.	
1920 S. P. Griffiths, B.C. Cock, 2 years old	1476

It will be seen that these two races have been flown on 13 occasions each, and that Victoria holds both the highest and lowest velocity records in comparison in these popular events.

Mr. Delaney's Coonamble winner was entered in two clubs, and all pools also, winning in all a total of £47/16/-.

The biggest cash winner in the Grand Northern Marennes Race, 1920, was Mr. W. Ollerenshaw, who won the Manchester £5 pool (value £160). This bird gained 15th position in the race. She is a Grizzle Hen (751), and a previous winner from shorter stages. Sire, a Grizzle (2791) from a C. E. L. Bryant Cock ex 207; 207 from a C. E. L. Bryant Cock ex daughter of "Little Sweep" (2791). Won 1st Stockport H.S. from Swindon, 1919.

In connection with the above race, the following extract, from the "English Racing Pigeon," under date 17/7/20, will be found interesting, especially as relatives of some of the winning birds are now located in Victoria:—"The first Great Northern Marennes 500-Mile Race since 1914 was a complete success. Two hundred and

sixty-five competitors sent 611 birds, which were liberated by Mr. H. Grange on 8/7/20 at 6 o'clock, in a South-West wind (after a hold over of two days through rain), and of these 180 birds were timed in up to Saturday, viz., 31 birds on the first day, 133 on second day, and 16 on the third day. Southerly winds prevailed over the whole course, and one convoy who was returning over the Channel on Thursday, reaching Southampton at 11 a.m., said the Channel was thick, and rain fell. Heavy rain and thunderstorms were scattered about over the whole 500-mile course, and this accounted for the erratic nature of the returns. Some birds must have been lucky and missed, or skirted, the heaviest showers, for a new speed record of 1476 yards per minute has been set up by the winner, Mr. S. P. Griffiths, of Broken Cross, Norwich, who has now won the Great Northern Race for the third time in succession, an amazing performance, viz., 1913, 1914 and 1920. Champion 459 won the double event on her own in 1913 and again in 1914. The "old lady" has now another Great Northern winner alongside her. Mr. T. Johnson, Staffs, ran the winner close with a velocity of 1462; R. Dunn, of Wigan, third, velocity 1427. A number of yearlings unexpectedly popped up early, and many heavily pooled and fancied bird were late. The race was erratic, but it is all in the game of pigeon racing, and we extend hearty congratulations to the winners."

Mr. J. Blease, of V.H.P.S., sent five birds, descended from importations from S. P. Griffiths, to the 1920 Coonamble Race. Two homed in race time (third day), and two other since, so that Mr. Griffiths is to be congratulated on the quality of his strain for long races.

While on the question of the Marennes Race, it may interest readers to know that, in season 1912, the year that the lowest velocity for the race was recorded, there were 550 competitors, represented by 1638 birds, which were liberated by Messrs. Jones and Grange on 18/7/12 at 5 a.m.; wind, W.S.W. In this race less than 50 birds homed in race time, and the biggest winner was fourth in the race. Result:—J. Cornes 1st, velocity 692; J. W. Toft 2nd, velocity 688; J. A. Thorburn 3rd, velocity 669; H. Dean 4th, velocity 669 yards per minute, winning £46/10/-.

In connection with this race, which was something of a disaster, £36 of the prize-money was not won, also £168/3/- in the various pools was not won. Mr. S. P. Griffiths' Champion 459 competed in this race, in which I have been told she homed after race time.

Another connection in these popular 500-mile races is that Mr. Delaney's 1920 Coonamble winner contains a cross of the Thorburn blood, while J. W. Toft's strain is represented in Victoria also.

It will be seen that the difference between the record and the slowest velocity for the Coonamble Race is 1009 yards per minute. In the Marennes Race, the difference is only 784 yards per minute. Therefore, in Victoria, while we do get a helping wind on some occasions, we have also had some real bad weather to contend with, and the velocity and average returns of our birds of late years compare favourably with their English relatives in proportion to the number of birds competing.

We have also been informed that Mr. Bernard Nolan, who was 2nd Fed. in the 1920 Coonamble Race has now three birds home out of seven sent. These birds descend principally from consignments he imported from Mr. Sheldon, of Jarrow. Mr. Nolan was premier prize-winner over all distances in the Old Bird Races in the season

just past, and must be complimented on the remarkably handsome birds he owns and races. He has contributed a short and practical account of his management, which will be found interesting.

REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE.

In the season 1912, when the highest velocity record for the Coonamble Race was made, the lowest velocity record for Marennes G.N. was also made. In season 1920, when the lowest velocity for the Coonamble Race was recorded, the Marennes G.N. made their highest velocity.

PIGEON RACING IN TASMANIA

This article, reproduced from "The Zeehan and Dundas Herald," under date 23/5/21:—

"Zeehan U.P.C. Derby.—Poor day for flying. Thickest fog this year. The all-absorbing topic among pigeon fanciers last week was the Derby, which was set down to be flown from Guildford Junction on Saturday, 21st inst. That this form of sport has 'caught on' is evidenced by the large number of lofts in Zeehan, and, as the gentlemen composing the committee are true sports, and backed by enthusiastic members, it goes without saying that homing is making rapid strides in the Silver City. The weather up to Friday had been almost perfect, and Saturday promised climatically all the pigeon men desired—a fine day, with good visibility. But it was not to be. They got the fine day, but a dense fog in the forenoon proved a severe handicap to the birds liberated up to noon. The fly, as already stated, was from Guildford Junction, the air line being given as 38 miles. There were originally about 120 nominations, but the final acceptance reduced the number to 26 starters. The birds were despatched by Friday's train to the liberating point, in charge of Mr. Arthur Fairfield (President of the Club), and his selection as liberator guaranteed a fair deal to all. Mr. Percy Truscott held the watch at this end, and the popular Secretary (Mr. Alf. Williams) penned the birds as they arrived.

"There was quite a stir about the town shortly after 9 a.m., which caused many a townie to ask what was on; and, when informed it was Derby Day, replied it was a pity such days did not happen along more frequently. But, to get back to the event. The first bird was set down for liberation at 9 o'clock, and this was Lee and Moore's May Queen. Emerald, the fourth bird up, came to hand first, the runner-in passing the mark at 12-10-37, flying time 2-25-37. Wedding Bells (third up) was shown at 12-12-1, air time 2-38-21. Brilliant Girl (eighth up) was run in at 12-53-24, air time 2-2-13. This lady held sway until the twentieth bird, the ultimate winner, Hunn and Menzies' Young Mac was rushed in at 2-49-52, air time 1-0-55. The birds up about this time (between 1 and 2.30 p.m.) had a fairly clear sky to assist them on their journey, as the following will show:—Stranger, up at 1.30, shown at 2-50-8, air time 1-14-40; Try On, up at 1.15, shown at 2-52-29, air time 1-37-29; Defender, up at 2.30, shown at 3-34-56, air time 1-1-33. Only nine out of the 26 birds liberated were run in. One or two

to every State and New Zealand, and the remarkable success attained by the "Wormalds" throughout Australia is too well known to need repetition here, so that we just include a few of their best Victorian Federation positions:—

1902—1st Federation, Mudgee, 443 miles.

1904—1st Federation, Wagga, 24/9/'04; 2nd Federation, Welling-ton, 428 miles, 22/10/'04.

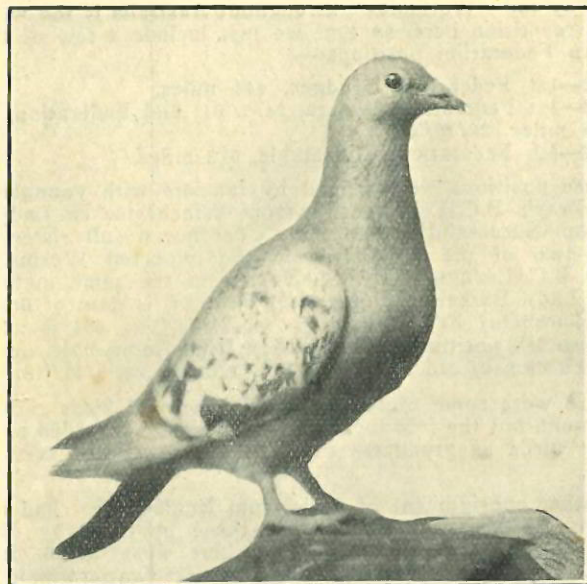
1907—5th Federation, Coonamble, 515 miles.

These positions were gained by fanciers with youngsters from Mr. S. Bray's B.C.H. Her sire, from Winchester ex Lady Barker. Dam from Successful ex Ventnor. Ventnor a full sister to Winchester—two of the best birds in the imported Wormald batch. Another B.C.H. (654—V.H.P.S.—'99), from the same mating, Winchester, Lady Barker ex Successful, Ventnor, is dam of 6th Federation, Collarenebri East, 610 miles, on 26/11/'11. 654 is grand dam of 1st also 7th positions in Federation from Coonamble, on 6/11/'10; also grand dam of 3rd Federation, Coonamble, on 9/11/'18.

There were some of the imported Wormald birds rather a disappointment, but the four mentioned above were regarded as amongst the best birds as producers over all distances that ever came to Victoria.

Another consignment of birds from England had a marked effect on the Victorian fancy were those imported by Mr. P. L. Strong, of Malvern, Victoria, somewhere about 1906, from Mr. C. E. L. Bryant, one of England's foremost fanciers, said to have had one of the best collections of the famous old Grooters blood, that could be had from Belgium. These birds were known to Victorian fanciers as Darby, Joan, Edward and Louise. The two latter birds were known as Grizzles, a colour that was very rare in Victoria in those days, so that, when the progeny of these birds were catalogued for sale, fanciers simply rushed them, and in a couple of seasons they were crossed with the best birds in many leading lofts. However, it was a long time before they had much success. Many fanciers, after trying them one season or so, discarded them as failures; others persevered with them, and were ultimately rewarded by some fine performances. They seemed to be a strain that were very slow to adapt themselves to Australian climatic conditions. In the season 1911, in the race from Nevertire, a distance of 433 miles, there were only two birds home on day of liberation, and the first of these was a Dark Grizzle of the C. E. L. Bryant blood, flown by J. Sloane. In the Coonamble Race, a fortnight later, this same Grizzle gained 9th Federation. Another Dark Grizzle of C. E. L. Bryant blood won 5th prize Federation for Mr. S. M. Read in this same race, flown 11/11/11. In the long distance Champion Race from Collarenebri East, flown on 26/11/11, another Dark Grizzle, flown by J. Sloane, won 3rd prize Federation.

Such performances as these in the three longest races, in which numbers of birds were lost, quickly brought the Grizzles back into favour, except in a few cases of mere prejudice, and from that time on Grizzles of the Bryant blood have had a fair measure of success, especially in the long races, so that this importation has turned out to be a welcome acquisition to the Australian homing fraternity. A marked feature in connection with the Grizzles is the excellent quality of the feather. They have no superior in that respect, and have already improved many of the lofts into which they have been introduced.



Champion of Victoria, 1st Mudgee, N.S.W. (443 miles).

The first bird to earn the title of champion of Victoria is the Blue Ch. Hen shown in this picture. Bred and raced by Mr. H. J. Meddows, Heidelberg-road, Alphington, Victoria (late of Collingwood). This bird won 1st prize, also £5/5/- special from Mudgee, 443 miles, being the first and only bird up to that time to fly the distance on day of liberation; season 1901, and flying with the Victorian Homing Pigeon Society.

A few weeks later six birds owned by members of the V.H. Association homed from Dubbo (431 miles) on day of liberation, including Mr. J. Macfarlane's Habet, the bird that won 2nd prize, and afterwards became the most consistent champion ever raced in Victoria, as well as a remarkably successful stud bird.

Sire of this Mudgee winner (in picture), Blue Ch. imported from M. De Baillie, of Belgium. Dam, Carpentier ex Delmazure—all Belgian blood, and related through the Carpentier blood to the sire of Champion Habet.

In season 1902 Mr. E. Marshall, of Clifton Hill, won the V.H.P. Society Race from Mudgee, when two birds homed on day of liberation. Mr. Marshall's winner was closely related to Mr. Meddow's winner of the previous year, from stock purchased from Mr. H. J. Meddows, so that descendants of the imported Belgian birds were the first in Victoria to fly the 400-mile races on the day of liberation.

While on the question of imported birds, an analysis of the results obtained in races from the birds imported by Mr. Meddows, both from Belgium and from England, may be interesting and instructive. Having lost most of the correspondence relating to his earlier importations, Mr. Meddows was unable to say the exact years

he imported his different batches, except that it was in the nineties. The first lot were from M. De Baillie, and their descendants have materially helped to make early pigeon history in Victoria. The next lot he imported from Mr. E. H. Crowe, England. The strains of these birds were Wegge, Ward of Brussels, Wieleman, etc., and were bred from birds flown Angouleme, a distance of 560 miles, the Ward hen having flown this distance twice. Among these imported birds was a Bl. Ch. Cock known as the A. Cock. This bird was bred by M. Dutchateau, Brussels, and had flown 411 miles. Sire, Vanderhagen; Dam, Dellmotte. This Bl. Ch. A. Cock was sire and grand-sire of birds flown Wellington, Mudgee and Coonamble, and when mated to the Wieleman ex Ward hen, bred the Bl. Ch. Stud Hen known as Number 32, whose descendants have been remarkably successful over all distances. Mr. Meddows was so pleased with this batch of birds from E. H. Crowe that he sent over for two more pairs, but had his money returned, there being such a demand for this fancier's birds that he had no more to spare. As he mentioned, he was going to Belgium for a holiday, Mr. Meddows asked him to select a couple of pairs, if he could get them, of the kind likely to produce birds able to fly 500 miles on day of race. The result of this correspondence was that Mr. Crowe sent out two pairs of birds from the loft of M. Wieleman, containing Wegge, Dellmotte and many of the leading strains. These birds were known as C, a Red Ch. Cock; D, a Red Hen; E, a Red Ch. Cock; and F, a Bl. Ch. Hen. The direct youngsters from these birds did nothing sensational for Mr. Meddows, except to fly from the long races, such as Coonamble, just out of race time. This was disappointing, but the next generation, when these birds were crossed with other strains, were remarkably fast, so that they were grand-parents of winners from 60 to 300 miles. Later on a fancier from New Zealand (Mr. Ponsford), on a visit to Victoria, made Mr. Meddows an offer for his imported birds. As this was satisfactory, he closed with it, as he had several youngsters from them. The descendants of these Wielemans were among the first birds to fly from Christchurch to Auckland, New Zealand, on day of liberation, a distance of over 400 miles.

The next lot of imported birds sent out to Mr. Meddows were bred in His Majesty the King's lofts, at Sandringham, England, and were obtained through Mr. J. W. Jones, manager of His Majesty's lofts, in 1899, before his visit to Australia as H.R.H. the Duke of York. These birds were known as No. 1 B. Ch. Cock, of Dellmotte blood; No. 2 Blue Hen, bred from a pair of pure Duchateaus; No. 3 Mealy Cock, bred by J. W. Jones (his dam won 9th prize in Belgian Grand National in 1896 for M. Jurion); No. 4 Blk. Ch. Hen, closely related to H.R.H. 1st Lerwick; No. 5 Bl. Ch. Hen, Dellmotte; No. 6 Blue Cock, bred in Royal Lofts. The descendants of these birds quickly made their presence felt by winning races at all distances, also by crossing successfully with the descendants of the imported E. H. Crowe and M. Wieleman birds. Many birds have been imported by other fanciers since those days, but, on performances, these three pairs from the Royal Lofts have more than held their own. Certainly, they have no superior as producers.

A few of the races won by youngsters from the Royal Lofts birds:—

No. 1 and No. 4 are parents of 1st Wagga, 226 miles, in 1904. Approximately 230 entries.

No. 6 and No. 2 are parents of 1st Young, 303 miles, in 1904. Approximately 230 entries.

No. 2 is dam of 3rd Euroa, 81 miles; 2nd Benalla, 103 miles when mated to imported A.

No. 3 and No. 38, a daughter of E ex F imported Wielemans are parents of Sandy Cock 24—V.H.S.—'04, winner of 1st Young 303 miles, 1905.

A son of imported No. 1 and No. 4, mated to imported No. 5, are parents of Blue Spec, a Blue Cock, 26—V.H.S.—'04, winner of 1st, also £5/5/- special, from Coonamble, 515 miles. Only bird in V.H.P. Society home on day of race, and only two other birds in all Combine home on the day.

Therefore it will be seen that, in two seasons' racing, every bird from the Royal Lofts had produced a first prize winner, a reputation which their descendants upheld wherever they went. It was not alone the winnings that made these birds desirable, but the consistency with which numbers of them homed from the long races, when many other fanciers were getting no return whatever. To quote one instance:—In the 1905 Coonamble Race a brother and a sister to sire of Blue Spec both homed, also a Blue Hen. 25—V.H.S.—'04, sister and nestmate to Blue Spec. As a stud bird, Blue Spec left an indelible mark on the fancy. Only used one season, he bred four youngsters. One of these won 2nd V.H.P.S., and 3rd Federation, from Wodonga, 157 miles, 1906. The others were sold, and one of these became one of the best stud hens in Australia. We give a few of the Federation positions of the progeny of Blue Spec:—

- A granddaughter, Sandy Hen 133—V.H.A.—1906, won 1st R.H.P.C., 3rd V.H.P.S., and 4th prize Federation, Moree, 645 miles; season 1908.
- A grandson, Blue Cock 3662—V.H.A.—1910, won 1st V.H.P.S., and 2nd prize Federation, Collarenebri, 610 miles; season 1911.
- A great-grandson, Sandy Cock, won 1st R.H.P.C., and 1st Federation, Coonamble, 1908.
- A great-grandson, Blue Cock, won 1st V.H.P.S., 2nd R.H.P.C., and 4th prize Federation, Coonamble, 1908.
- A great-grandson, Bl. Ch. Cock, won 1st R.H.P.C. and 2nd Federation, Hammond, 540 miles, 1913.
- A great-granddaughter, Blue Hen, won 2nd H.H.P.C., and 6th prize Federation, Yarcowie, 430 miles, 1914.
- A granddaughter, Blue Hen, won 1st P.H.C., and 12th Federation, Hammond, 1914.
- A granddaughter, Blue Hen, won 1st P.H.C., and 12th Federation, Coonamble, 1915.

These positions, as well as a large number at shorter distances, were won by the descendants of the Blue Cheq. Pied Hen, daughter of Blue Spec; her ring number, 350—V.H.S.—'02. This Pied Hen was bred in 1905, after Blue Spec. Won the Coonamble Race. The dam of Pied Hen 350 was a Red C. Hen, ring 20—V.H.S.—'04; won 2nd V.H.P.S., Wodonga, 1905. Her sire, R.C. Cock from E ex F imported Wielemans; her dam, B.C. Hen 654—V.H.P.S.—1899, bred by the late Mr. F. G. Edmondson from direct youngsters of birds he imported from Mr. J. Wormald, of Yorkshire, England.

654 was another remarkable stud hen. When mated to a Carpentier Cock, she bred 1st Yass, 300 miles. When mated to another Wormald Cock she bred 2nd Wellington, 428 miles, 1904. She also bred 3rd R.H.P.C. and 6th Federation, Collarenebri, 610 miles; season 1911.

Blue Spec was lost at Coonamble in 1906, and Mr. Meddows was unable to find a photograph of him for this issue.

A few other positions won by Mr. Meddows, flying with V.H.P. Society, were:—1901: 1st Wagga, 226 miles; 1st Orange, 386 miles; 1st Mudgee, 444 miles (see photo). He did not compete during 1902 and 1903. Most of his other positions are mentioned in connection with his imported birds. A son of imported C ex D (Wielemans) sired 1st Mangalore, 60 miles, 1905; 5th Federation, Wangaratta, 1907; also 5th Federation, Wangaratta, 1908. A son of imported No. 6 ex Wellington Hen, mated to a daughter of imported No. 1 ex No. 32, from imported A and B, produced the dam of J. Macfarlane's 365—V.H.A.—'06; won 2nd R.H.P.C. and 3rd Federation, from Coonamble, 1907. A daughter of 365, mated to a grandson of imported Nos. 6 and 2, and imported C and D, produced 4th R.H.P.C. and 6th Federation, Gilgandera, 474 miles; also 1st R.H.P.C. and 2nd Federation, Collarenebri, 610 miles, 1909. Imported No. 6 sired 2nd V.H.P.S. and 5th Federation, Gilgandera, 1909. Mr. Meddows also bred the B.C. Cock that won 2nd Federation from Coonamble in 1906 for Mr. J. Dowdall.

These are just a few of the positions gained by descendants of the imported birds. Mr. Meddows has not raced pigeons now for over 12 years, but the foundation of many of the most successful lofts originated from the birds he imported. We may mention that Mr. J. Macfarlane purchased his R.C. Carpentier Cock, the sire of Champion Habet, from Mr. Meddows, who is to be commended on his enterprise in importing from England and Belgium the very best of long-distance strains, and making their descendants available to other fanciers at very reasonable prices, so that in later years Mr. Meddows was very often beaten in the races by descendants of his former importations. In almost every case Mr. Meddows' long-distance winners were bred from parents that had never raced, but were kept exclusively for stud purposes. They were also reared in pairs, not singly.

Birds that were Bred from Winners.

Birds that have been Winners Themselves.

Birds that have Produced Winners at Every Distance nearly every year since.

Mr. Jack Ryan offers all squeakers bred during 1921 for sale, from his 12 pairs of stud birds, which will be mated to the best advantage to uphold their reputation as producers. Prices will be as follow:—From 6 Pairs of Birds, my old winning strain, pure, 20/- per squeaker. From 3 Pairs mated to produce 75 per cent. my old strain, 15/- per squeaker. From 3 Pairs, mated to produce 50 per cent. my old strain, 10/- per squeaker.

Most of my original stud birds were purchased direct from Mr. J. Macfarlane and Mr. H. J. Meddows, and were direct youngsters of their long-distance winners. Others were from same parents that had bred the winners. From Mr. Macfarlane I had a Sandy Cock, son of R.C. Cock, Carpentier ex B.P. Hen, Little Nell. This pair produced many winners. The Carpentier Cock was also sire of Habet, also R.C. Hen 1507—V.H.A.—'04, flown Coonamble; sire R.C. Cock known as Mr. S. Bray's Paris Cock; and sire of many winners. Dam, Blue Hen the dam of Habet, also a Blue Cock brother to Habet, and a B.C.P. Hen sister to Isis, 3rd Federation, Mudgee, 1902; also P.R.C. Cock from son of Habet ex dam of 3rd Federation, Mudgee, 1902.

From Mr. Meddows I had a B.C.P. Hen, 350, a daughter of Blue Spec, the 1905 Coonamble Combine winner. A Blue Hen, sister to Sandy Cock, 24—V.H.S.—'04, winner of 1st Young, 1905, from imported 3 ex 38. A R.C. Hen from the Edmondson-Wormald pair. A B.P. Hen (sire, 6 ex Wellington, and dam, 1 ex 32). Later I had a B.C. Hen, 2381—V.H.A.—'06 (sire, imported No. 1; dam, 654). The Wormald Hen, also a B.C. Cock, 757—V.H.A.—'07 (sire from 3 ex 32; dam, 654). I also purchased 654, with 140—81, the Wormald Cock, at end of 1908 season. From Mr. Ferguson, of Sydney, I obtained a B.C. Cock, bred by Mr. Felix Booth, related to his Morgan winner, 650 miles; strain, Junior ex Hansenne; his ring number 957—W.S.—'08; and from this collection my present stud has descended.

I may mention that at times I have also had birds back again from customers, such as a Sandy Cock, 3052—V.H.A.—'12, son of the 1908 Coonamble winner; 1st Federation, winning by 40 minutes; also a sister to this Federation winner, Blue Hen 3053—V.H.A.—'12.

In 1918 I purchased a Dark Grizzle Cock (sire C. E. L. Bryant ex Wormald dam, my own old strain). In 1920 I purchased a B.C. Hen, 1105—S.V.H.A.—'19, also 2802—A.R.P.—'19, from Mr. W. Griffiths, after she homed from the race from Young for yearlings, 1920 (strain, W. E. Lowe ex H. J. Meddows, containing Royal Lofts strain); also a B.C. Cock, ring 4051—V.H.A.—'20, from Mr. T. Barnes (sire, Junior; dam, Delmotte).

Living too far from the railway service to race birds now, and no prospect of club in the district, is my only reason for offering them for sale.

PRIZES WON BY THESE BIRDS.

1903.—With F.H.P.C.: 3rd Benalla; 3rd Wagga; 3rd Kilmore East, Y.B.

1904.—1st and special, Young. Very hard race; 3rd prize was not won until following day. At end of 1904 season F.H.P.C. amalgamated with R.H.P.C.

1905.—3rd Avenel Great Southern Open Race, 130 competitors; 3rd Avenel, R.H.P.C., Y.B. Did not compete any other races.

1906.—Did not compete.

1907.—With R.H.P.C.: 2nd Euroa; 2nd Wodonga; 3rd Wagga; 2nd Dubbo; 4th prize Kilmore East Open Race (56 competitors, 250 birds); also won club trophy for most points scored in season.

1908.—With R.H.P.C.: 3rd Wodonga (wrongly disqualified through club official's error; 2nd and 3rd Young (velocities, 940 and 925 yards per minute. As I was only allowed to claim one prize, 3rd prize went to 4th competitor, his velocity being 889 yards per minute); did not compete from Dubbo; 2nd Coonamble, 515 miles; 1st Moree, 645 miles (the only bird home before close of race); 2nd Kilmore East, Y.B. (111 birds competing).

This was my last season competing with R.H.P.C., on account of the above disqualification.

1908.—With V.H.P.S.: 1st, also £5/5/- special, Dubbo, 431 miles (no birds home day of liberation); 1st, also £7/7/- special, Coonamble (I had two birds home day of liberation); 3rd Moree, 645 miles.

1909.—With V.H.P.S.: 4th prize, Euroa, Y.B.

1910.—With V.H.P.S.: 4th Narrandera; 2nd, also £3/3/- special, Coonamble (no birds home on day of liberation).

1911.—With V.H.P.S.: 4th Yarrawonga; 4th Condoblin; 4th Coonamble; 1st, also £5/5/- special, Collarenebri East, 610 miles (Club record for this race).

In season 1911 I sent the 1910 winner of 2nd Coonamble to the Victorian P. and K. Club Show, winning 1st, special and champion blue ribbon for best pigeon in the show, my only entry.

1912.—With V.H.P.S.: 1st Euroa; 2nd Yarrawonga; 3rd Narrandera; 2nd Wyalong Central; 2nd Avenel Great Southern Open Race (approximately 1200 birds competing).

1908.—With V.H.A. Federation: 14th Young (1000 birds competing); 4th Coonamble (I had two birds home day of liberation, 600 birds competing; 4th Moree, 645 miles, 38 competitors, 70 birds, only four birds home at close of race).

1910.—With V.H.A. Federation: 20th Narrandera (1213 birds competing); 7th Coonamble (882 birds competing).

1911.—With V.H.A. Federation: 16th Narrandera; 2nd Collarenebri East, 610 miles (94 birds competing).

1912.—With V.H.A. Federation: 13th Yarrawonga (972 birds competing); 3rd Wyalong Central (789 birds competing).

Have not raced any birds since close of 1912 season, but my strain are producing winners at every distance nearly every year since.

WINNERS BRED FOR CUSTOMERS.

1906.—With R.H.P.C.: *3rd Wodonga; *3rd Dubbo.

1907.—With R.H.P.C.: *2nd Kilmore East; 2nd Coonamble, also 3rd prize Federation (this position by B.P. Cock 365—V.H.A.—'06).

I bred the above for Mr. J. Macfarlane, 21 Hamburg-street, Richmond.

The three position marked * won by Sandy Ck. 1633—V.H.A.—'05.

1909.—1st Botany H.C., and 4th Sydney H.S., from Mildura, 509 mile. Out of 2000 birds competing, about 80 homed in race time. I bred this winner for Mr. E. Hayes, ex-secretary of Federated Racing Pigeon Association, N.S.W. This winner a R.C. Hen, 5029—V.H.A.—'08.

1911.—3rd V.H.P.S. Condoblin (for the late A. Smith and Son); 3rd R.H.P.C., and 6th Federation Collarenebri East (for Mr. A. Allen; this bird a B.C. Hen, 7805—V.H.A.—'09).

1914.—1st P.H.C., and 12th Federation, Hammond, 540 miles.

1915.—1st P.H.C., and 12th Federation, Coonamble, 517 miles (292 birds competing).

In Y.B. season, 1921, I sold only one pair of nest-mates, from my pure old strain. One of these, a B.C. Hen 8816—V.H.A.—'20, won 3rd Kilmore East, 36 miles, R.H.P.C., for Mr. S. R. Young (158 birds competing), on 26/2/21. This was the only race she competed in. She was accidentally killed a few days later through striking electric wires near loft. Her nest-mate, B.C. Cock 8817—V.H.A.—'20, won 3rd money, Henty Bridge Race, 12½ miles, Zeehan U.P.C., Tasmania, in bad weather; time, 15 min. 23 sec., for Messrs. Holtum and Wilson (the only race he competed). These birds descend direct from 500 and 600 mile winning blood.

As stated above, I am not in a position to race birds now; but I will mention a few Federation positions only of which my birds were either parents or grand-parents. Space will not permit the inclusion of the shorter club races, in which these long-distance birds can more than hold their own.

STUD BIRDS I BRED THAT HELPED TO MAKE OTHER LOFTS FAMOUS.

- 1908.—Sire of 1st Dubbo, R.H.P.C.; both grandsires and dam of 2nd Dubbo, 431 miles; also 1st Club and 1st Federation, Coonamble, 515 miles, winning by over 40 minutes.
- 1909.—Sire of 3rd Club and 4th Federation, Gilgandera, 474 miles; grandsire of 4th Club and 6th prize Federation, Gilgandera; and 1st Club, 2nd Federation, Collarenebri, 610 miles.
- 1910.—Grandsire of 1st Club and 4th Federation, Coonamble.
- 1911.—Dam of 1st Club, 8th Federation, Narrandera; both parents of 2nd Club and 9th Federation, Narrandera; both parents of 2nd Club and 9th Federation, Wyalong Central; both parents of 4th Club, 12th Federation, Coonamble; both parents of 4th Club, 8th Federation, Collarenebri; dam of 221—S.V.H.A.—'10, won 3rd Club, 3rd Federation, Yarrawonga, on 11/3/11.
- 1912.—Both parents of 9th Federation, Wyalong Central.
- 1913.—Both parents of 1st Club, 2nd Federation, Korongvale; dam of 1st Club, 2nd Federation, Hammond, 540 miles.
- 1914.—Both parents of 2nd Club, 2nd Federation, Warracknabeal; dam of 2nd Club, 6th Federation, Yarcowie, 480 miles.
- 1915.—Grandparents of 3rd Club, 6th Federation, St. Arnaud; both parents of dam of 2nd Club and 2nd Federation, Nevertire; dam of 4th Club and 7th Federation, Nevertire, 446 miles (a smash—out of 295 entries, only 8 birds home at close of race); two grandparents of 2nd Club, 6th Federation, Coonamble (another smash—out of 292 entries only 12 birds home at close of race).
- 1916.—Dam of 1st Club, 2nd Federation, Coonaplyn; grandparents of 1st Club, 6th Federation, Hamly Bridge, 433 miles.
- 1917.—Grandparents of 2nd Club, 3rd Federation, Yarrawonga.
- 1918.—Grandparents of 3rd Federation, Young; granddam of 3rd Club, 9th Federation, Coonamble; dam of 1st Club, 3rd Federation, Coonamble.
- 1919.—Granddam of 3rd Club, 6th Federation, Springhurst, also granddam of 1st Club, 1st Federation, Dubbo, 430 miles (291 birds competing, only 3 home day of liberation).
- 1920.—Granddam of 3rd Club, 10th Federation, Springhurst; grandsire of 1st Club, 1st Federation, Bomen, 230 miles; grandsire of 2nd Club, 2nd Federation, Young Special Race; also granddam of 3rd Club, 3rd Federation in this same Young 304 miles Yearling Race, flown 9/10/20.
- 1921.—Granddam of 2nd Club, 6th Federation, Springhurst, on 9/4/21; also granddam of 4th Club, 10th Federation, Springhurst, 16/4/21. (Have secured a brother to this Hen, 6th and 10th Federation, for my stud, from J. Laurence.)

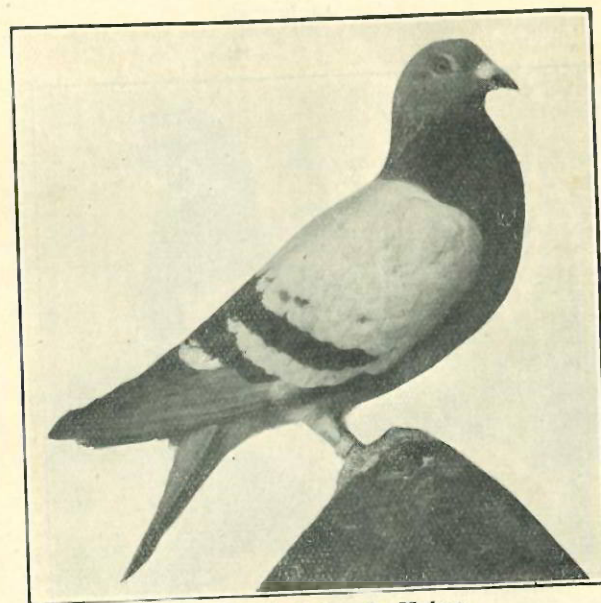
The above results should be conclusive proof of the value of this old strain. It crosses well with almost any other strain. I do not make sweeping statements, such as winning by so many hours, etc., as some advertise; therefore I only mention position won that are backed up by club and date of race.

Many other positions won by customers are intentionally left out, because of lack of detail. — Sydney customers writing of the success of my birds have stated at different times something like the following:—Your No. 12 is the best stock bird we have, is sire of our 3rd Hay, etc. This same fancier later on states:—The Mildura Race was a terrible disaster, our only bird home was bred from your 3654. There is no date of race or name of club given.

I bred and exported last January, among others, 183—V.P.C.Z.—20-21 Grizzle, 75 per cent. my old strain, to the order of Messrs. Holtum and Wilson, Zeehan, Tasmania. 183, afterwards known as Napoleon was 6th, U.P.C.Z. Derby.

To Prospective Purchasers.—All squeakers sold during 1921 carry a guarantee of a refund of 20 per cent. of their cost price on every occasion that they may be placed among the first three places in any Derby, Federation, Combine or Association race, at any time, also a 10 per cent. refund whenever placed in position, 4th to 10th inclusive, in above-mentioned races in any State or Dominion.

Birds will be mated in early July. Orders booked in rotation, 5/- deposit required with order. Make money orders payable Monbulk or Melbourne. Add 6d. on cheques, 1/- on Interstate cheques exchange. Colour was never considered in founding this stud. State if aversion to any colour when ordering. Colour of stud birds:—Dark Grizzles; Blue, Black and Red Cheqs., some Pied; Sandies or Mealies, and Blues. Stamp appreciated for information. Correspondence a pleasure, to Jack Ryan, Sylvan Post Office, Victoria, Australia.



Mr. J. Macfarlane's Habet.

This picture shows the most consistent racer produced in Victoria to the present time. Blue Hen HABET, bred and raced by Mr. J. Macfarlane, 21 Hamburg-street, Richmond, Victoria. Ring number 3311—V.H.A.—1900. Performances:—

- 1901.—2nd R.H.P.C. Orange, 386 miles; 1st R.H.P.C. and 2nd Federation, Dubbo, 431 miles.
- 1902.—All races to Mudgee, 444 miles, unplaced.
- 1903.—1st R.H.P.C., Wellington, 428 miles (this was not a Federation race, although all clubs were up together; only three birds

homed before close of race, and two of these were bred and owned by J. Macfarlane); 2nd R.H.P.C. and 6th Federation, Coonamble, 515 miles.

1904.—1st R.H.P.C., and 1st and special prize Federation, 1st Combine, Coonamble (won by four hours; only two birds home when race closed).

1905.—Not flown.

1906.—Lost at Coonamble. A remarkable bird in bad weather.

Strain of Habet.—Sire, R.C. Cock, pure Carpentier; dam, Blue Hen; sire, Bluegown; dam, W. Bendall's Osterly strain.

A son of Habet, B.C.C., ring 1037—V.H.A.—'03, won 1st R.H.P.C., Young, 303 miles; 1st (2nd series) Wodonga, 157 miles, 1905.

Another son, B.C. Cock, ring 377—V.H.A.—'06, won 3rd R.H.P.C. and 5th Federation, Coonamble, 1908.

A granddaughter of Habet, Blk. Pied Hen, ring 3634—V.H.A.—'07, flown Collarenebri, 610 miles in 1909, and again in 1910. A bad trapper or would have won at the shorter stages.

Another granddaughter is Lady Sanderson (her performances under her picture).

Habet is great-granddam (same as Blue Spec, great-grandsire) of 1st and 4th Federation, Coonamble, 1908. Parents of Habet were never raced, but kept for stud exclusively.



Mr. J. Macfarlane's Lady Sanderson.

Another consistent champion is the Sandy Hen in this picture, Lady Sanderson, ring No. 3654—V.H.A.—'07, bred and raced by J. Macfarlane. Performances:—

1908.—1st R.H.P.C., from Dubbo, 431 miles, winning by over 1 hour, day after liberation.

1909.—3rd R.H.P.C. and 4th Federation, Gilgandra, 474 miles.

1910.—All races to Coonamble, unplaced.

1911.—Nevertire, 436 miles; also 1st R.H.P.C. and 4th Federation, Collarenebri, 610 miles.

1912.—4th R.H.P.C., Nevertire, and lost at Collarenebri.

Strain of Lady Sanderson.—Sire, Sandy Cock, ring 1633—V.H.A.—'05, bred by J. Ryan from a pair purchased from J. Macfarlane, closely related to Habet. Dam, Blue Hen, a daughter of Habet, by a son of W. Bendall's 3rd Federation, Coonamble, 1903. Lady Sanderson, also 3634, were much inbred to Champion Habet. Dam of Lady Sanderson was never raced.

To give some idea of the quality of the birds owned by Mr. J. Macfarlane, we reproduce a few of his performances from his verification books. When positions appear in connection with photographs, we will not duplicate them here. The following is a remarkable record in R.H.P. Club:—

1901.—See photo.

1902.—1st Club, 3rd Federation, Mudgee, 444 miles, with Blue Hen Isis.

1903.—R.C.P.C.: Pied Piper won 1st Club, 3rd Federation, Wagga, 226 miles; 2nd Club, Wellington, 428 miles. Blue Hen, Sweet Nell, won 1st Club, 4th Federation, Young, 304 miles; also Habet (see photo).

1904.—Habet (see photo).

1905.—Sandy Cock 1471—V.H.A.—'04 won 2nd Club, 3rd Federation, Wangaratta, Young Birds. 1471, a brother to Sweet Nell; their sire the R.C.C. Carpentier.

1905.—Sandy Cock, 1466—V.H.A.—'04 won 2nd Club, Euroa, 81 miles (a brother to 1471). B.C.P. Cock 1458—V.H.A.—'04 won 2nd Wodonga, 157 miles (1st series). Sire of 377—V.H.A.—'06 (see photo). B.C. Hen 1460—V.H.A.—'04 won 2nd Avenel, 1905; 3rd Euroa, 1906.

1906.—Sandy Cock 1633—V.H.A.—'05 won 3rd Club, Wodonga, 157 miles; 3rd Club, Dubbo, 431 miles; also 3rd Kilmore East, 36 miles, in 1907. 1633 is sire of Lady Sanderson (see photo). R.C. Cock 1763—V.H.A.—'05 won 1st Club, 9th Federation, Coonamble, 1906; Coonamble, 1907; Coonamble, 1908; also Collarenebri, 1909. A good record in four years. Lost in 1910.

1907.—B.P. Cock 365—V.H.A.—'06 won 2nd Club, 3rd Federation, Coonamble, 1907; Coonamble again, 1908.

1908.—P.R.C. Cock 335—V.H.A.—'06 won 1st Euroa on 5/9/08.

1909.—Sandy Cock Meteor, 280—V.H.A.—'08, won 2nd Club, 2nd Federation, Wangaratta Young Birds; also Sandy Cock 275—V.H.A.—'08 won 2nd Kilmore East on 23/1/09, and again 2nd Kilmore East on 21/8/09.

1910.—B.C. Cock 7808—V.H.A.—1909, won 3rd Club, 11th Federation, Coonamble. (Collarenebri, see photo). Sandy Cock 4048—V.H.A.—'09 won 1st Euroa on 19/2/10. R.C. Cock 1307—V.H.A.—'09 won 3rd Kilmore East on 12/3/10. B.C. Hen 4034—V.H.A.—'09 won 2nd Avenel on 19/3/10. B.C. Cock 4434—V.H.A.—'09 won 3rd Yarrawonga on 17/9/10. R.C. Hen 4051—V.H.A.—'09 won 1st Yarrawonga on 24/9/10.

1911.—R.C. Hen 168—S.V.H.A.—'10 won 1st Euroa, 17/2/11. B.C. Cock The Parisian, 191—A.V.H.A.—'10 won 3rd Club, 6th Federation, Yarrawonga, on 25/2/11, also won 1st Club, 1st Federation, Yarrawonga, on 11/3/11. B.C. Cock 7808—V.H.A.—'09 won 3rd Club and 10th Federation, Narrandera

- on 30/9/11. Sandy Cock 294—V.H.A.—'10 won 3rd Club, 11th Federation, Wyalong. 291—A.V.H.A.—'10 Blue Cock, won 1st Yarrowonga on 21/9/11. R.C. Cock 1508—V.H.A.—'10 won 2nd Condoblin. The Parisian (see above) won 3rd Club, 4th Federation, Coonamble (for further particulars see photo); also B.C.P. Cock 4434—V.H.A.—'09 won 2nd Euroa on 3/9/11.
- 1912.—Black C. Cock The Persian, 801—A.V.H.A.—'11, won 1st Club, 1st Federation, Yarrowonga, on 24/2/12. A week after he again won 1st Club, 1st Federation, Yarrowonga Special, on 2/3/12. 801 is full brother to The Parisian above. B.C. Hen 200—V.H.A.—'10 won 3rd Euroa, 7/9/12.
- 1913.—Sandy Cock 1407—V.H.A.—'12 won 1st Rainbow on 27/9/13. B.C. Cock, 1118—V.H.A.—'12 won 3rd Club, 6th Federation, Murrayville, 11/10/13.
- 1914.—R.C. Cock 574—V.H.A.—'13 won 2nd Lyonsville on 31/1/14. Sandy Cock 561—V.H.A.—'13 won 2nd Moolort on 14/2/14. B.C. Hen 1374—V.H.A.—'12 won 1st Rainbow on 26/9/14. R.C. Cock 819—V.H.A.—'13 won 2nd Club, 7th Federation, Morgan, 7/11/14.
- 1915.—B.C. Hen 12394—V.H.A.—'12 won 2nd Lyonsville, 27/2/15. Blue Cock 479—V.H.A.—'14 won 3rd Avenel on 28/8/15. Owing to loss of a verification book, can find no further record of season 1915, and no records of season 1916.
- 1917.—B.C.P. Cock 6905—V.H.A.—'16 won 1st Avenel, 24/3/17. B.C. Cock 6909—V.H.A.—'16 won 1st Euroa, 31/3/17. R.C. Cock 496—V.H.A.—'15 won 3rd Warracknabeal on 29/9/17.
- 1918.—B.C. Cock 3180—V.H.A.—'17 won 1st Newstead on 16/2/18; also 1st Springhurst on 21/9/18.
- 1919.—B.C. Cock 6378—S.A.A.—'18 won 1st Club, 3rd Federation, Young, on 27/9/19. No particulars of 6th Federation, Bowen, to hand. B.C. Cock 7290—V.H.A.—'14 won 2nd Club, 3rd Federation, Coonamble, 1/11/19.
- 1920.—Blue Cock 933—A.V.H.A.—'19 won 1st Club, 2nd Federation, Springhurst, 27/3/20. Blue Cock 5420—V.H.A.—'19 won 3rd Club, 3rd Federation, Bowen, 25/9/20.

It will be readily conceded that this is a remarkable list of winners, especially as Mr. Macfarlane only has the one loft, about 8ft. x 10ft. x 7feet high, and never at any time had more than about 30 or 40 birds, this including stud birds, racers and young birds. Surplus stock birds were never tolerated; every bird had to make good or get out. The only methods used by Mr. Macfarlane to obtain these results were, first, the very best long distance blood, and then the survival of the fittest, and it will be seen that the successful long-distance strain could more than hold its own in the shortest races also, from 36 to 610 miles, on either route, and in good or bad weather these birds always had to be reckoned with. The original strains from which this loft was founded were Carpenter, Baldwin, Barker, Grooter, Coopman, a B.P. Hen from H. J. Meddows, Nos. 10 ex 17, also a Blue Hen from Bluegown ex Osterly. In 1906 three birds were included from Mr. J. Ryan's loft, containing the blood of Mr. Meddows' imported Royal birds ex Wielemans, Dutchateau, etc., crossed with birds purchased from Mr. Macfarlane previously. In 1908 one bird was included, a pure descendant of Mr. C. E. L. Bryant's Grizzle Grooters, and in 1910 another bird, a pure Barker, was purchased, and the success of the loft in 1911 to 1913 inclusive with birds containing these crosses showed it was good judgment in obtaining them, as they blended well with the

original Barkers and Grooters descendants. The Parisian and The Persian were from this breeding, and, as their positions show, they were two of the best young birds ever raced. What Mr. Macfarlane has achieved can be emulated by any other fancier, if they only have the right blood lines for a foundation, feed liberally, and keep them scrupulously clean.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A question often asked is what it costs to keep pigeons. After years of observation, we have found that racing pigeons, having free access to and from their lofts, eat $1\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. of peas or grains per day, or 28 lbs. per bird per year; so that it is just a matter of how many birds it is intended to keep. A fair average of the number of birds kept by most Victorian fanciers would be somewhere from 20 to 60 birds. A rough estimation would be four bags of peas per 26 birds per year.

Races Flown by the South Australian Homing Pigeon Association

Report of the Races Flown by the South Australian Homing Pigeon Association during the last five years, from 1916 to 1920 inclusive, by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. E. Greaves.

Owing to some previous secretaries failing to keep race records, I regret I am unable to give a complete review of the races flown by the South Australian Homing Pigeon Association since they started in 1899 with four clubs, Broken Hill and Ararat being the longest races flown successfully. Then, in season 1904, eleven clubs were affiliated with the Association, including Port Pirie, Callington, Blyth, Yongala and Terowie (all country clubs), some of which were over 130 miles north of Adelaide. All nominations and acceptances were pooled, and the bird making the highest velocity, irrespective of the distance flown, was declared the winner. Owing to some misunderstanding, the country clubs gradually fell out, so that in 1916, out of twelve clubs affiliated, nine were in the metropolitan area, within 15 miles of the G.P.O., Adelaide, and were practically flying on even terms. The tendency in recent years has been to cut out the country clubs for obvious reasons, but a movement is now on foot to open our ranks to all pigeon fanciers in South Australia, and to fly our races in sections, each section to compete for their own nomination and acceptance money. At the present time the city flyers find 90 per cent. of the prize-money.

Almost every country club (and there are a large number in South Australia) have at one time or another since I have been hon. secretary, asked for affiliation, and have been turned down. The attitude the Association has taken during past years re country clubs has done more to hinder the expansion of the sport here than anything else. Last season only four country fanciers competed in our Association races. In previous years there have been over thirty competitors.

Our Association imports its own rings, and maintains that any profits acquired from the sale of rings should go to promote the interests of the sport. We charge 2/6 per dozen for ordinary S.A.A. rings, 1/- of which goes to a race fund for enriching other than Derby races. Last season we allotted £5 each to four races—£20 in all.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting was held at the Trades Hall on 7/3/21, when the balance-sheet for season 1920 was submitted, which showed a credit balance of £170/18/4½. The hon. secretary (W. E. Greaves), in presenting the twenty-first annual, and incidentally his fourth, report, stated that the season just past had been the most successful in the history of pigeon racing in South Australia. Record nominations and acceptances had been received, and prize-money paid. Six races had been organised, for which 3188 birds had been accepted. The prize-money for season, when finally paid, will be £267/5/-. The races resulted as follows:—

Tarcoola, Young Birds Championship—1st and special, H. Pratt.
Oodnadatta, Federation—1st and special, Bessen Bros.
Bendigo, South Australian Derby—1st and special, H. Woollatt.
Loongana—No birds home in race time.
Albury, Grand National—1st and special, G. Sykes.
Melbourne—1st and special, Bessen Bros.

During the year the following rings were issued:—4435—S.A.A., 2240—Y.B.C., 2326—S.A.D. Total, 9001.

Seventeen clubs were affiliated, including three junior clubs, with a membership of 210 seniors. The following figures were quoted to show the progress of the Association during the last four years:—

	Birds Accepted.				
	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Y.B.C., Tarcoola	—	575	511	581	614
Oodnadatta	617	973	748	551	853
S.A.D., Bendigo	396	509	559	504	800
Melbourne	138	262	242	298	537
Albury	216	277	431	342	301
Cook	—	—	170	—	—
Zanthus	—	—	—	63	—
Loongana	—	—	—	—	83
Total Birds	1421	2596	2661	2339	3188

Prize Money—1916, £127; 1917, £186/16/7; 1918, £205/6/3; 1919, £223/17/2; 1920, £267/5/-. Total for five years, £1010/5/-.

Expenditure—1916, £212/5/11; 1917, £343/18/1; 1918, £401/6/8½; 1919, £460/5/1; 1920, £543/10/1. Total for five years, £1961/5/10½.

Credit of Association—In 1916, £68/17/8; in 1920, £170/18/4½.

Highest Prize—In 1917, £22/3/9 for 1st Y.B.C.; in 1920, £42/4/ for 1st S.A.D.

RACE RESULTS.

The following are the results of the races flown by the South Australian Homing Pigeon Association since September, 1916. There are no records to hand of races flown previous to that time.

Federal Race, from Oodnadatta (approximately 545 miles) to Adelaide.

Flown 9/9/16. 671 birds accepted (110 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.
1. H. Rowe, B.C.H.	2140 S.A.A., 1915	1446
2. J. T. Wright, B.C.H.	595 Y.B.C., 1913	1441.4
3. H. Bown, B.C.H.	166 A.S.C., 1914	1441.2
4. A. J. Knowles, B.C.C.	524 Y.B.C., 1915	1441
5. H. A. Taylor, B.C.H.	186 A.S.C., 1914	1439
6. J. E. Guy, B.C.H.	419 A.S.C., 1913	1438

South Australian Derby, from Inglewood (318 miles) to Adelaide.

Flown 30/9/16. 369 birds (78 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.
1. S. Dimmick, B.C.C.	456 S.A.D., 1915	1413
2. P. Rhodes, Blue C.	261 S.A.D., 1915	1410.3
3. H. Bickmore, B.C.C.	609 S.A.D., 1915	1410.1
4. G. Horseman, R.C.C.	750 S.A.D., 1915	1410
5. Rawson Bros., B.P.C.	654 S.A.D., 1915	1407
6. Hall & Son, R.C.C.	337 S.A.D., 1915	1399.9

Race from Melbourne (415 miles).

Flown 21/10/16. 138 birds (47 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.
1. S. Kingsley, B.C.H.	689 S.A.D., 1915	1381
2. T. Jones, B.C.H.	290 A.S.C., 1915	1375
3. L. P. Smith, B.C.H.	696 S.A.D., 1915	1370
4. J. L. Sugars, B.C.C.	559 S.A.D., 1915	1322.1
5. H. Ninham, R.C.C.	832 N.A., 1915	1322
6. J. W. Hall, B.P.H.	Unrung	1320

Grand National Race, from Albury (480 miles).

Flown 27/10/16. 216 birds (51 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.
1. H. Woollatt, B.C.H.	216 S.A.A., 1915	1173.9
2. Gillies & Sampson, B.C.C.	958 S.A.A., 1914	1168
3. M. Watson, B.C.H.	192 S.A.D., 1915	1159
4. E. R. Smith, B.C.H.	615 S.A.D., 1915	1153
5. A. J. Powell, Bk.C.C.	302 S.A.D., 1915	1148
6. B. Ridgeway, R.C.C.	5079 S.A.A., 1913	1147

The above terminated the races for season 1916. Unfortunately, can find no record of the prize-money won during that year.

Young Birds Champion Race, from Leigh Creek (300 miles).

Flown 4/8/17. 575 birds (97 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. E. Webb, B.C.H.	885 Y.B.C., 1916	1363	*£22 3 9
2. H. Bown, B.C.H.	666 Y.B.C., 1916	1331	13 17 4
3. A. Rawson, B.C.H.	810 Y.B.C., 1916	1328	8 6 5
4. Hall & Son, B.C.H.	193 Y.B.C., 1916	1326.9	5 10 11
5. A. J. Powell, B.C.H.	707 Y.B.C., 1916	1326.7	2 15 6
6. J. Wright, B.C.H.	648 Y.B.C., 1916	1325	2 15 6

*Also Trophy, £2/2/-.

Race from Oodnadatta (545 miles).

Flown 8/9/17. 973 birds (120 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. T. Jones, B.C.H.	520 Y.B.C., 1916	1107	*£19 8 0
2. B. Graham, Blue H.	142 Y.B.C., 1916	1071.4	12 2 6
3. A. J. Knowles, B.C.H.	3830 S.A.A., 1914	1066	7 5 6
4. T. Rodgers, B.C.H.	193 A.S.C., 1915	1065	4 17 0
5. Bessen Bros., B.C.C.	24 Y.B.C., 1915	1056	2 8 6
6. H. A. Taylor, B.C.C.	456 Y.B.C., 1915	1048	2 2 6

* Also Trophy, £2/2/-.

S.A.D. Race from Inglewood (318 miles).

Flown 29/9/17. 509 birds (89 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. H. Keane, B.C.H.	441 S.A.D., 1916	1104	*£21 4 3
2. T. Jones, Blk. C.C.	583 S.A.D., 1916	969	13 5 2
3. A. Bosquet, B.C.H.	327 S.A.D., 1916	968	7 19 1
4. H. Woollatt, B.C.H.	356 S.A.D., 1916	967	5 6 1
5. T. Turnbull, B.C.H.	67 S.A.D., 1916	961	2 13 1
6. A. J. Powell, B.C.H.	495 S.A.D., 1916	956	2 13 1

* Also Trophy, £2/2/-.

Race from Melbourne (415 miles).

Flown 20/10/17. 269 birds (59 owners).

Birds liberated 6.12 a.m. on 20/10/17.

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. W. Humphries, B.C.H.	911 S.A.D., 1916	2 days	*£4 2 3

* Also Trophy, £2/2/-.

This was the only bird home in qualifying time—three days.
Was timed in at 3—47—37 p.m., Sunday, 1st. A good yearling.

G.N. Race from Albury (480 miles).

Flown 28/10/17. 277 birds (61 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. T. Jones, B.C.C.	808 S.A.D., 1916	794	*£4 10 8
2. C. E. Cook, B.C.H.	2949 S.A.A., 1916	782	2 16 8
3. J. Wright, B.C.H.	464 A.S.C., 1915	731	1 14 0
4. L. G. Sugars, Mealy C.	755 S.A.D., 1915	712	1 2 8
5. Bessen Bros., Blk.C.C.	1292 S.A.A., 1916	702	0 11 5
6. A. Rawson, B.C.P.C.	955 S.A.D., 1916	668	0 11 5

* Also Trophy, £2/2/-.

Liberated at 6 a.m. on 28th. Winner timed in at 9—39—38 a.m.
on 29th.

Y.B.C. Race from Leigh Creek (300 miles).

Flown 3/8/18. 511 birds (98 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. G. Vick, Blue H.	913 Y.B.C., 1917	1393	*£21 18 7
2. Nicholls & Son, Mealy C.	622 Y.B.C., 1917	1389	13 14 2
3. F. E. Hogben, Blk. C.C.	514 Y.B.C., 1917	1388	8 4 6
4. B. Graham, B.C.C.	627 Y.B.C., 1917	1380	5 9 8
5. P. G. Ives, B.C.H.	132 Y.B.C., 1917	1375.6	2 14 10
6. E. McNaughten, Blue H.	60 Y.B.C., 1917	1375	2 14 10

* Also Trophy, £2/17/6.

Long Distance Race from Cook, East-West Line (570 miles).

Flown 19/10/18. 170 birds (43 owners).

Liberated at 7 a.m. on the 19th, and the winner was timed in
at 7.15 a.m. on the 20th. The returns in race time were excellent.

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. Gillies & Sampson, B.C.W.F.C.	277 Y.B.C.,	1915 .. 1317	£*4 4 0
2. Miners Bros., Blue H.	632 S.A.D.,	1917 .. 1316.4	2 12 6
3. Gillies & Sampson, Blk. C.H.	911 Y.B.C.,	1916 .. 1316.2	1 11 4
4. W. E. Greaves, Blk. C.H.	93 Y.B.C.,	1917 .. 1306	1 1 3
5. F. E. Hogbens, Blk. C.C.	264 Y.B.C.,	1917 .. 1285	0 10 6
6. H. Keane, Mealy H.	2256 S.A.A.,	1915 .. 1275	0 10 6

* Also Trophy, £2/2/-.

Race from Oodnadatta (545 miles).

Flown 7/9/18. 748 birds (107 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. C. Thornton, B.C.H.	314 S.A.A., 1915	1330	*£13 12 5
2. E. F. Gabb, B.C.W.F.C.	878 S.A.A., 1916	1188	8 10 3
3. J. Davis, Blue H.	unrung	1170	5 2 2
4. H. Keane, B.C.W.F.H.	451 S.A.D., 1916	1167.8	3 8 1
5. Snellgrove & Wilson, B.C.H. 145 Y.B.C., 1917	1167		1 14 1
6. A. J. McGregor, B.C.C.	179 Y.B.C., 1916	1162	1 14 1

* Also Trophy, £2/2/-.

S.A.D. Race from Inglewood (318 miles).

Flown 28/9/18. 559 birds (91 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. F. E. Hogben, B.C.H.	260 S.A.D., 1917	950	*£24 11 7
2. Gillies & Sampson, R.C.H.	351 S.A.D., 1917	949.5	15 7 3
3. E. Hampton, B.C.H.	109 S.A.D., 1917	949.3	9 4 3
4. J. Deakin, B.C.C.	724 S.A.D., 1917	943	6 2 10
5. W. Robertson, B.C.C.	703 S.A.D., 1917	942.6	3 1 5
6. G. Sykes, B.C.C.	69 S.A.D., 1917	942	3 1 5

* Also Trophy, £3/4/10.

Race from Melbourne (415 miles).

Flown 19/10/18. 242 birds (56 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. H. Keane, B.C.H.	1993 S.A.A., 1916	914	*£4 2 2
2. J. T. Wood, B.C.P.C.	4965 S.A.A., 1917	912	2 11 4
3. Webb & Nicholson, B.C.C.	1369 S.A.A., 1917	897	1 10 10
4. F. W. Ninham, B.C.W.F.C.	5 S.A.D., 1917	845	1 0 6
5. Bessen Bros., R.C.C.	513 S.A.D., 1916	842	0 10 4
6. E. McNaughten, B.C.H.	285 S.A.D., 1917	830	0 10 4

* Also Trophy, £2/2/-.

Race from Albury (480 miles).

Flown 26/10/18. 431 birds (73 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. A. J. McGregor, B.C.H.	3670 S.A.A., 1916	756	*£7 15 10
2. H. Woollatt, B.C.C.	338 S.A.D., 1916	755	4 17 6
3. J. T. Wood, R.C.H.	496 S.A.A., 1916	754	2 18 4
4. G. Taylor, B.C.P.C.	1595 S.A.A., 1917	726	1 19 0
5. A. Rawson, B.C.H.	957 S.A.D., 1916	632	0 19 6
6. D. Coleman, B.C.H.	507 S.A.A., 1916	602	0 19 6

* Also Trophy, £2/2/-.

Y.B.C. Race from Leigh Creek (300 miles).

Flown 3/8/19. 581 birds (115 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. A. J. Knowles, B.C.C.	979 Y.B.C., 1918	1702	*£31 0 0
2. W. Hurton, B.C.C.	1076 Y.B.C., 1918	1683	19 7 6
3. G. Chalmers, B.C.H.	1131 Y.B.C., 1918	1677	11 12 6
4. H. Rowe, B.C.H.	109 Y.B.C., 1918	1674	7 15 0
5. W. J. Gillick, Blue C.	853 Y.B.C., 1918	1669	3 17 6
6. L. F. Turnbull, Blue H.	343 Y.B.C., 1918	1666	3 17 6

* Also Trophy, £5/4/-.

Race from Oodnadatta (545 miles).

Flown 6/9/19. 551 birds (90 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. Gillies & Sampson, B.C.H.	712 S.A.A., 1916	932	*£8 14 0
2. C. Thornton, B.C.C.	714 Y.B.C., 1917	929	5 8 9
3. L. J. Sugars, Blk. C.H.	9 Y.B.C., 1917	883	3 5 3
4. W. H. O'Daniel, B.C.H.	293 S.A.D., 1916	882	2 3 6
5. A. Rawson, B.C.C.	414 S.A.A., 1916	881	1 1 9
6. E. McNaughten, Blk. C.H.	366 Y.B.C., 1916	878	1 1 9

* Also Trophy, £7/7/-.

S.A.D. Race from Inglewood (318 miles).

Flown 27/9/19. 504 birds (101 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. Lines Bros., B.C.H.	947 S.A.D., 1918	932	*£31 11 4
2. A. J. McGregor, B.C.H.	292 S.A.D., 1918	931	19 14 6
3. C. G. Kennett, B.C.H.	242 S.A.D., 1918	930.8	11 16 8
4. T. Jones, Blue C.	1054 S.A.D., 1918	930.7	7 17 10
5. T. Jones, R.C.C.	1053 S.A.D., 1918	930	3 18 11
6. E. McNaughten, B.C.H.	5961 S.A.A., 1918	928	3 18 11

* Also Trophy, £4/3/-.

Race from Zanthus (925 miles).

Liberated 10/10/19. 63 birds (23 owners).

Result—No birds reported home.

Race from Melbourne (415 miles).

Flown 18/10/19. 298 birds (66 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. B. Graham, B.C.H.	788 Y.B.C., 1918	1125	*£5 5 2
2. C. G. Kennett, B.C.C.	736 S.A.A., 1918	1124.5	3 5 9
3. A. George, R.C.C.	1219 S.A.D., 1918	1124	1 19 5
4. C. G. Kennett, R.C.H.	499 Y.B.C., 1917	1121	1 6 4
5. Snellgrove & Wilson, B.C.H.	3221 S.A.A., 1918	1117	0 13 2
6. J. Richards, B.C.H.	1312 Y.B.C., 1918	1114	0 13 2

* Also Trophy, £2/2/-.

Race from Albury (480 miles).

Flown 25/10/19. 342 birds (67 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. G. Sykes, B.C.C.	58 S.A.D., 1918	1118	*£6 16 8
2. H. Nesbitt, B.C.C.	958 S.A.D., 1918	1106	4 5 6
3. Gillies & Sampson, B.C.C.	4894 S.A.A., 1918	1105	2 11 2
4. R. Bracegirdle, B.C.H.	3188 S.A.A., 1916	1095	1 14 4
5. R. Bracegirdle, B.C.C.	150 S.A.D., 1917	1094	0 17 2
6. G. Sykes, B.C.C.	366 Y.B.C., 1918	1091	0 17 2

* Also Trophy, £2/2/-.

The above terminated the 1919 racing season. Up to and including 1919, it was the custom to allot six prizes in Association

racers, also a trophy to winner of first prize. In season 1920 it was decided to allot prizes or certificates to the first ten in all Association races.

Y.B.C. Race from Tarcoola (370 miles).

Flown 7/8/20. 614 birds (100 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. H. Pratt, Blue H.	873 Y.B.C., 1919	1455	*£32 8 0
2. H. Rowe, B.C.H.	919 Y.B.C., 1919	1451	16 4 0
3. F. Randall, Blue C.	378 Y.B.C., 1919	1450	8 2 0
4. A. J. Powell, R.C.C.	413 Y.B.C., 1919	1448	8 2 0
5. Miners Bros., B.C.P.H.	933 Y.B.C., 1919	1445	4 1 0
6. E. F. Gabb, White H.	1224 Y.B.C., 1919	1443.6	4 1 0
7. E. McNaughten, Blue H.	1027 Y.B.C., 1919	1443	2 0 6
8. R. Foster, B.C.C.	1126 Y.B.C., 1919	1441.6	2 0 6
9. F. Randall, B.C.H.	373 Y.B.C., 1919	1441.2	2 0 6
10. Rhodes & Hudson, B.C.H.	6593 S.A.A., 1919	1440	2 0 6

* Also Trophy, £1/1/-.

Race from Oodnadatta (545 miles).

Flown 8/9/20. 853 birds (124 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. Bessen Bros, Blue H.	59 Y.B.C., 1918	936	*£12 4 0
2. Bessen Bros., B.C.H.	412 Y.B.C., 1917	935	7 12 6
3. J. Davis, B.C.C.	253 Y.B.C., 1919	925	4 11 6
4. H. Hobley, B.C.C.	554 Y.B.C., 1918	924	3 1 0
5. G. Sykes, B.C.C.	1181 Y.B.C., 1918	923.6	1 10 6
6. G. Jeanes, B.C.C.	3424 S.A.A., 1919	922.4	1 10 6
7. J. S. Wood, R.C.C.	250 Y.B.C., 1918	922	Certificate
8. W. O'Daniel, B.C.H.	1081 S.A.D., 1918	920	Certificate
9. Gillies & Sampson, Blk. C.H.	911 Y.B.C., 1916	919	Certificate
10. T. White, Blue H.	1252 Y.B.C., 1918	917	Certificate

* Also Trophy, £1/1/-.

S.A.D. Race from Bendigo (345 miles).

Flown 2/10/20. 800 birds (111 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. H. Woollatt, B.C.P.C.	1668 S.A.D., 1919	1241	*£42 4 0
2. H. Woollatt, B.C.C.	551 S.A.D., 1919	1241	21 2 0
3. J. S. Wood, B.C.H.	172 S.A.D., 1919	1236	10 11 0
4. M. Watson, Pied H.	1465 S.A.D., 1919	1235.6	10 11 0
5. E. F. Gabb, B.C.H.	935 S.A.D., 1919	1235.2	5 5 6
6. T. Platt, B.C.C.	761 S.A.D., 1919	1232	5 5 6
7. A. Smith, B.C.C.	1193 S.A.D., 1919	1231	2 12 9
8. Ratcliffe & Allen, R.C.C.	276 S.A.D., 1919	1231	2 12 9
9. T. Jones, Mealy C.	978 S.A.D., 1919	1223	† 2 12 9
10. W. Robertson, B.C.H.	321 S.A.D., 1919	1221	2 12 9

* Also Trophy, £1/1/-.

† Also wins 1/- Pool.

Mr. T. Jones, 9th postion, also wins the 1/- pool, worth £14, with Mealy Cock 978 in this race.

A long-distance race was attempted from **Loongana** (735 miles). The birds were liberated on 16/10/20. 83 birds (23 owners).

Result—No birds reached home within the qualifying time of six days. Mr. Pryde, of Semaphore, had a Blue Hen come home on the tenth day after liberation. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Grace each had a bird home on the fourteenth day after liberation. As the race was declared closed at end of the sixth day, these birds were out of the prize money.

Race from Melbourne (415 miles).

Flown 23/10/20. 537 birds (92 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.
1. C. Thornton, B.C.C. . . .	434 S.A.D., 1918 . .	4.45 p.m. on 23rd
2. C. Thornton, B.C.H. . . .	810 S.A.D., 1919 . .	4.45 p.m. on 23rd
3. Bessen Bros., B.C.H. . . .	406 A.S.C., 1915 . .	1 p.m. on 24th
4. J. T. Wood, B.C.C. . . .	3535 S.A.A., 1918 . .	6.15 p.m. on 25th

Prize-money not mentioned in hon. secretary's report.

Only the four birds were home in race time—three days. The birds were liberated by Mr. Kerr, of Caulfield, Vic., at 5.15 a.m. on 23rd, on what turned out to be a remarkably wet day.

Grand National Race from Albury (480 miles).

Flown 6/11/20. 301 birds (57 owners).

Winner, Colour and Sex.	Ring No.	Velocity.	Prize-money.
1. G. Sykes, Grizzle H. . . .	1278 S.A.D., 1918 . .	830 . .	*£6 14 0
2. S. Coleman, B.C.H. . . .	4763 S.A.A., 1919 . .	797 . .	4 3 9
3. D. Elliott, B.C.C. . . .	323 S.A.D., 1915 . .	794 . .	2 10 3
4. Bessen Bros., B.C.C. . . .	526 S.A.D., 1917 . .	793 . .	1 13 6
5. Bessen Bros., B.C.C. . . .	3927 S.A.A., 1917 . .	763 . .	0 16 9
6. E. Hampton, B.C.H. . . .	1198 S.A.D., 1918 . .	756 . .	0 16 9
7. H. Woollatt, B.C.H. . . .	550 S.A.D., 1918 . .	712 . .	Certificate
8. A. J. McGregor, B.C.H. . . .	524 S.A.D., 1919 . .	702 . .	Certificate
9. Bessen Bros., Blue H. . . .	4930 S.A.A., 1917 . .	687 . .	Certificate
10. G. Sykes, R.C.C. . . .	3740 S.A.A., 1919 . .	558 . .	Certificate

* Also Trophy, £2/2/-.

SPECIAL PRIZE-WINNERS FOR SEASON 1920.

Mr. J. T. Wood won trophy donated by Mr. A. J. McGregor for most successful competitor in all Association races.

Messrs. Bessen Bros. won trophy donated by Dr. J. Riddell for most successful competitor in the long races, viz., Oodnadatta, Melbourne and Albury. [The remarkable performances of Messrs. Bessen Bros. in the long distance races for the season just past are worthy of more than passing comment.—Ed.]

The amounts stated in prize-money are exclusive of pools, which were worth up to £15 to the pool winner.

The S.A.H.P.A. tender their acknowledgment and thanks to the undermentioned, who have kindly donated trophies:—Dr. J. Riddell, Kapunda, £2/2/-; Messrs. D. H. McDougall, Gouger South, £2/2/-; G. Sykes, Abattoirs, £2; A. J. McGregor, Port Adelaide, £1/1/-; C. Bessen, Freeling, £1/1/-; C. Kennett, Government-road, Croydon, £1/1/-; G. Murray, Broken Hill, £1/1/-.

The Harry Woodcock Challenge Cup (value £15), Melbourne Race.—This handsome cup is to be won twice in succession, or three times in all, by the same competitor before becoming the absolute property of any competitor.

The S.A.H.P.A. also donated £5 to the winner of the Loongana Race (which was not won), and also added £5 to the prize-money for the Oodnadatta, Melbourne and Albury Races.

The prizes for the Young Birds Champion, also the South Australian Derby, were allotted as follow:—1st, 40 per cent.; 2nd, 20 per cent.; 3rd, 10 per cent.; 4th, 10 per cent.; 5th, 5 per cent.; 6th, 5 per cent.; 7th, 2½ per cent.; 8th, 2½ per cent.; 9th, 2½ per cent.; 10th, 2½ per cent.

For Loongana, Oodnadatta, Melbourne and Albury Races.—1st, 40 per cent.; 2nd, 25 per cent.; 3rd, 15 per cent.; 4th, 10 per cent.; 5th, 5 per cent.; 6th, 5 per cent. of nomination and acceptance fees after all expenses were paid.

Ten Certificates were issued in all races.

1921.—Y.B.C., 2240 Rings at 1/-	£112 0 0
Less Cost of Rings, etc., at 1/6 dozen	14 0 0
	£98 0 0
1921.—S.A.D., 2326 Rings at 1/-	£116 6 0
Less Cost of Rings, etc., at 1/6	14 10 9
	£101 15 3

NOTES BY MR. BERNARD NOLAN,
Most Successful Competitor, Season 1920.

The most successful competitor in last season's old bird races has contributed the following account of his managements:—

In response to your request for an account of my birds and their management, I have put together the following short account:—

Since 1907, when I commenced flying with the Victorian Homing Association, I have won the following prizes in Federation races, viz., four firsts, four seconds, four thirds, two fourths, and two fifths, besides being often placed in the first twelve.

My methods of management are somewhat different now from what they were when I commenced flying, when I was rather too severe on the birds. As years went by, my own experience in training for rowing and football guided me greatly. This may seem strange, but I had very sad lessons in both the above sports of being stale. I found that, when you were over-trained, be it ever so little, you lost your dash and weakened, and I then arrived at the conclusion that you were much better undertrained than overtrained. I am quite convinced that this principle applies to our birds also. We see it every year, and yet the majority of fanciers do not profit by the lesson. How often do we see a fancier come with a great rattle in the first few races, and then fade away altogether! On the other hand, we find that the fancier whose birds first show form at about 200 miles generally fly well in the long races.

Last season was undoubtedly one of my best. I was placed 3rd, 9th, 3rd, 1st, and 2nd in the five Federation races for old birds, and lost time trapping in three of these. They had about eight training losses before the racing commenced, and were put out about 8 a.m. every morning, and had an open loft until about 1 p.m. When let out both mornings and evenings, they used to fly for about twenty minutes each time. This method was continued until the 300-mile stage was passed. After that they had to do forty minutes in the evening fly. They were fed by hand twice a day, morning and evening, on grey peas, and had as much as they wanted at each meal. After the 200-mile stage, I gave them in addition a couple of handfuls of rice at midday. They also had a lettuce twice a week throughout the flying season, and a bath twice a week also. There is always a plentiful supply of shell grit in the loft, and I have no faith in the

medicated variety. I have no time at all for sick birds. There is only one way to cure them, in my opinion, and that is the old-fashioned way of pulling their necks. My birds have plenty of fresh air, the loft being open on two sides. I am certain they grow better feather when the loft is open like this than in a closed-in loft. During the flying season my birds have their water changed three times a day. I have no fancies. I put all my birds, except my stock birds, on the line each year, and they go to the end or get lost in the attempt—mostly lost in the attempt. Although I do not think this is the best scheme, still I fancy it pays for a man who has only time to look after a small lot of birds. I have no regrets for lost birds as I find I soon forget lost champions, and others spring up to take their places.

The chief strains in my loft at present are Sheldon and Jurion, and I make no attempt to keep the strains pure, as many fanciers do. I had my go at this "pure" business, and turned it down as a failure. A bird never stays in my loft the third season if it has not produced a winner for me in the meantime, no matter what the ancestors or the bird itself, for that matter, have done. I would strongly advise any fancier who talks "pure strains" to read the article by C. E. L. Bryant, in "Squills Diary," 1921. This is the best article I have ever read on pure strains, and many of our old fanciers, who seem to get into their second childhood when on this subject, would do well to read that article and digest it. The beginner should always beware of the fancier who desires to sell them pure "this and that."

I imported fifteen pigeons altogether from W. Sheldon, of Jarrow, England, in three different lots, and there was not a duffer amongst them. Three I lost while using them. All the others have bred me winners. They comprise a son of Sheldon's 96, the twice 800 miles hen, a son and a daughter of his famous 46, and a son of his 87; the Mealy Mirande hen, a daughter of 1768 ex 480; a son of 1048 ex R.P.—15—C.F.—66; a daughter of No. 91 Carlin's list ex sister to 5638; a daughter of 210 ex Mealy Hen from Carlin's 266 ex 242, etc.

There are no prisoners in my loft, and immediately the flying is over, my stock birds are put up with the flyers, and they are all treated alike. They are fed on grey peas until the moult is over, and then they get plenty of good barley, until the first week in July, when the nests are put in. My birds are never put in training until about the middle of July.

The Jurions were presented to me by Mr. H. Taylor, of Adelaide, and are bred from birds imported direct from E. Jurion, Belgium. I came in for a good deal of "chaff" about these importations, as many fanciers thought I had parted with "the goose that laid the golden egg" when I parted with my old strains; but I can take all their "chaff," considering I also take a very fair share of the prize-money.

GENERAL NOTES.

One of the fanciers who has done a good deal towards improving the Victorian racing pigeons is Mr. W. Bendall, who has been racing his birds continuously for about forty years. It will be seen in the race results that Mr. Bendall's name is often mentioned, although many of the birds were going through the experimental stage in his

hands, other fanciers eventually getting the benefit of the matings from his importations at a nominal figure. Amongst the most successful latter-day importations were the Soffles, imported from Mr. Higson, and these birds seem to cross well with most of the recognised Victorian strains, and have given a good account of themselves, especially in the young bird races.

Mr. Bendall's latest importations are from Mr. Alf Darbyshire, and are known as Vandeveldes. These are rather handsome birds, smothered in feather, and, like most of the imported birds, are rather bigger than the general run of Victorian birds. Mr. Bendall states that, as far as they have been tried, he has never had better than these Vandeveldes, and that they show great promise. Mr. Bendall was the first fancier in Victoria to be placed twice in the Federation races from the 600-mile stage.

MEANS FOR HELPING THE FANCY ALONG.

By H. Alder.

The following article, contributed by Mr. H. Alder, president of Richmond H.P.C., will be found interesting. Mr. Alder having been very successful over all distances with a small loft of birds.

To those who follow the sport of pigeon homing, and have its welfare at heart, the question naturally arises: What are the best means to help the fancy along? The first step in this direction would be to get new members, and the next, and most important of all, to keep them as active flying members. In emphasising the latter point, I might mention that the most successful flyers of to-day are members of many years' standing. What, then, is the reason of the non-success of those who have joined in recent years? I think that the main reason for so many failures, and consequent retirement from the sport, is the want of knowledge of how to handle their birds. If I am right in this contention, what is the best way to remedy it? The visit of an experienced member to a novice's loft should be of incalculable benefit to the young member, as an idea could be got of his stock and his methods of breeding, feeding, training, etc. It could then be pointed out to him where it is thought he is proceeding on wrong lines, and at the same time show him how improvements could be effected. One could write or talk on many phases to a beginner; but the chief one to be impressed upon him is to be methodical, regular in feeding and exercising his birds at stated times of the day.

What success has been achieved by my small loft is due to practical methods, and to the visits of old and experienced members to my loft in the early years of my homing experience. Some of these members gave me many valuable hints, which contributed in no small measure to being able to more than pay my way in the fancy. The original strains in my loft descended from Messrs. Macfarlane and Meddows, and were obtained from Messrs. Smith, Smeaton and others. As regards the strain of homing pigeons for a beginner, he should be carefully to select only a proved long-distance strain, and build up his loft from that. Different strains

need different treatment, therefore a flyer should try to keep as near as possible to the one strain. He can then give his birds the same treatment, and will find it gives the best results.

As regards methods of training, many systems are in vogue, and perhaps my experience will be of interest to beginners, and help them to solve a few of the problems confronting them. First of all, let me state that I believe feeding and exercise should be bracketed together. One must find out how much his birds can eat at one meal, measuring the feed. That being proved, the next question is: Should that quantity be given to them at every morning and evening feeding? My method is to give them three-quarters of this measure, the reason for this being that the birds require less exercise around the roof, and come in quickly for the next meal. Even on this allowance, some of the birds go "heavy." When racing, I add a little rice to the feed of peas. The suitability of rice or canary seed as a secondary food while racing is a debatable question. My preference for rice is because of its sustaining qualities, and also that it helps the birds to assimilate the different waters given to them while being convoyed on the long journeys. The birds should be let out in the morning as early as convenient, and without being fed. The object in view is to get the birds out for a good fly, and to see that they come into the loft again without any delay whatever. This can easily be done when they are in a loft by themselves, as they can always be let out hungry.

My method of exercising is to keep them in the air for half an hour, both morning and evening, until the 100-mile racing stage is reached, and for the longer distances an additional fly of twenty minutes at midday is added. The reason for the midday flight is that, when the longer stages are reached, all young birds being out of the loft, the birds are sitting again, and the hens in particular seem to fly more freely at midday than in the other two flights.

The next subject for consideration is the method of training the birds, with a view to the developing of their homing faculty, and this naturally leads to the inquiry: What is the homing faculty? It has been contended that the birds home by instinct pure and simple. On the other hand, that instinct has nothing at all to do with their powers of homing; but sight alone enables them to reach their lofts. The general theory is that the birds return by observation. If instinct guides the birds, why is it necessary to train them by short stages at first, the distances being greatly increased as their observation and intelligence are developed. It has been computed that for sixty, and perhaps one hundred, miles a pigeon, high in the air, can discern some familiar object, for which it makes. Then, there is little wonder that, at that distance, the well-trained bird comes home.

When the birds are in regular training, their bodies feel more compact, their feathers are harder and closer to the body, and they seem brisker, sharper and more vigorous and healthy than when idle, and the superfluous fat is quickly replaced by muscle. When taken in the hand, if in proper condition, the bird will have a sort of propensity to slip through the hands, the head up and eyes looking for a chance to be off and use the wings, which are always ready and willing. The type of bird I prefer for racing must have good strong shoulders, a compact wing, with secondary feathers well draped over the back, and an even tail. The keel even, but not too shallow, and carrying a fair amount of flesh; the legs well set, and not too long, head well developed, and eyes prominent and bright.

SOME NOTED 600-MILE CHAMPIONS.



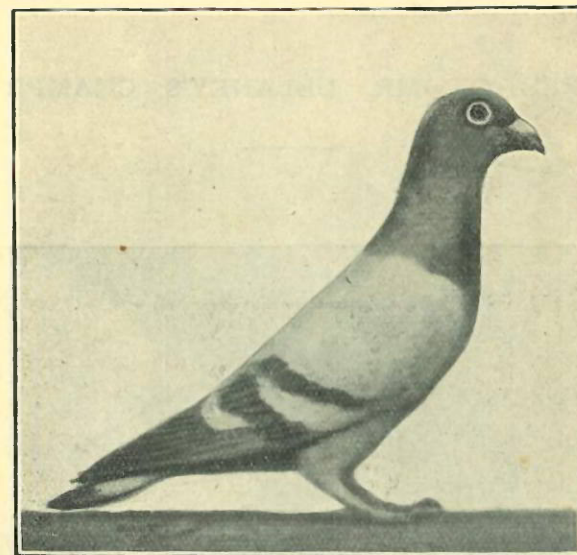
E. G. Staples' Roma (5076—V.H.A.—'08).

This picture shows a most consistent bird, Blue Hen Roma, ring 5076—V.H.A.—'08, bred and flown by Mr. E. J. Staples, Armadale, Victoria. Roma flew Portland, 1909. In 1910, 7th Yarrowonga; 14th Coonamble; also 1st V.H.P.S., 1st M.H.C., and 1st Federation, Collarenebri East, 612 miles. Flying time, 24 hours 20 minutes. Sire, Blue Cock Elbmormooe, won 1st P.H.C. and 5th Federation. Coonamble, season 1906. Strain, Lowe, American, B48 ex Ince and Toft. Dam, B48, bred by Mr. Marshall from his No. 2 pair, imported from H. W. Ince.



J. Ryan's Lady Moree, 1908.

Another 600-mile champion is the Sandy Hen in this photograph, Lady Moree, ring 133—V.H.A.—'06, bred and raced by Mr. J. Ryan. Flown all stages to Wangaratta in young birds races. 1907—All races to and including Dubbo, 431 miles, home on the day. 1908—All races, including Coonamble, 517 miles, also 1st Richmond Club, 3rd V.H.P.S., and 4th Federation, from Moree, 645 miles. Sire, R.C. Cock 1625, from pair from J. Macfarlane. 1625 is full brother to 1633, the sire of Lady Sanderson. Dam, B.C.P. Hen 350, bred by H. J. Meddows. Sire, Blue Spec; dam, R.C. Hen 74. Lady Moree is sister to the dam of Sandy Cock, 1st R.H.P.C. and 1st Federation, from Coonamble, 1908 143, a brother of Lady Moree, sired 3396, 1st V.H.P.S., 2nd R.H.P.C. and 4th Federation, 1908, from Coonamble. This bird (3396) won pools, nomination, wagers, etc., and was the biggest winner in the race.



J. Ryan's Express (3662—V.H.A.—1910).

This is the photograph of yet another 600-mile champion (he is a half-brother to Lady Moree), Blue Cock Express, ring 3662—V.H.A.—1910, bred and raced by Mr. J. Ryan. 3662 was not raced as a young bird. 1911—3662 flown as follows: 4th Yarrowonga, 4th Condoblin, 4th Coonamble, also 1st V.H.P.S., 1st nomination pools, and 2nd Federation, from Collarenebri, 612 miles, as a yearling. Was never raced again. Sire, B.C. Cock 1517—V.H.A.—1909, from 757 ex 931. Sire of 757 from Mr. Meddows' imported 3 ex 32. Dam of 757 was 654, the pure Wormald Hen. Sire of 931, Mr. Meddows' No. 3, from Royal Lofts. Dam of 931, No. 38, from pair of imported Wielemans. The dam of Express is B.C.P. Hen 350, bred by Mr. J. Meddows. Sire, Blue Spec. Dam, 74. Sire of 74 from pair of imported Wielemans, full brother to dam of 931. Dam of 74 is 654, the pure Wormald Hen. It will be seen that 3662 is inbred in three different lines to some of the best stock that ever came to Australia, and, while on the subject, it may not be out of place to mention that R.C. Hen Frill, 5029—V.H.A.—'08, that won 4th prize from Mildura to Sydney in 1909, when only 70 or the 2000 birds competing homed in race time, was closely related to Lady Moree and Express, and was the only representative of Mr. Ryan's loft in the race, being flown by Mr. E. Hayes, Daphne Street, Botany.

THREE OF MR. DELANEY'S CHAMPIONS.



Mr. Delaney's Lavendo.

This photo is Lavendo, R.C. Cock S382—V.H.A.—'14, winner of 1st V.H.P.S., 1st R.H.P.C., and 1st Federation, and all pools, winning £56, from Wyalong, 1915, 300 miles. Sire, R.C.P. Cock, ring 303—R.P.L.—1910, bred by W. E. Lowe, Great Bar, England, from sire Loonganna and Jurion. Dam, Consistence, one of W. E. Lowe's best. Dam of Lavendo, B.C. Hen 360—V.H.A.—'07. Parents imported from J. A. Thorburn, Oxtou, England, containing Delmotte, Posenauer, Gits, and J. W. Toft blood.



Mr. Delaney's Patrobas.

This is the picture of Patrobas, B.C. Cock 75—V.H.A.—'14S, winner of 1st V.H.P.S., 1st R.H.P.C., and 1st Federation, and all pools, winning £40, from Nevertire, 430 miles, in 1915. Sire, Blk.C. Cock Alphonso Junior, bred by Mr. T. H. Burton, England. Sire, Alphonso, winner of 1st San Sebastian, 705 miles. Dam descends to Stow Bros., related to 1st Great Northern, Marennes. Dam of Patrobas, 3221—V.H.A.—'10. Parents imported from Mr. T. Burton, England, including the blood of 1st Nantes, Lancashire combine, 4108 birds competing.



H. E. Shervey's Austral May,
The Long-distance Sydney Champion,
1st Charleville, 1920.

Blue C. Hen, F.R.P.—19—4141, Austral May, 1st Charleville, 591 miles, 1920. Only four birds home in race time in whole of clubs, 200 birds being sent. Austral May flew in S.P.S.1 February races, and was in training, in all, ten months, flying over 2000 miles in the one season as a yearling. Sire, Blue C. Cock, S.S.F.C.—14—162, Austral Boy, flown all stages to Bourke, 400 miles. Austral Boy is a full brother to Austral Chief. Dam, Black C. Hen, L.F.C.—11—1641, pedigree unknown.

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PROGRAMME, OLD BIRDS, 1921.

North-East Line.

Convoyer, J. Ryan.

MURTOA—Flown August 27. Birds basked Friday.
MURTOA—Flown September 3. Birds basked Friday.
MURTOA—Flown September 10. Birds basked Friday.
PRINGHURST—Flown September 17. Birds basked Thursday.
PRINGHURST—Flown September 24. Birds basked Thursday.
MURTOA (1/- Fed.)—Flown October 1. Birds basked Thursday.
MURTOA (1/- Fed.)—Flown October 8. Birds basked Thursday.
MURTOA (1/- Fed.)—Flown October 22. Birds basked Wednesday.
MURTOA (Special Rings)—Flown Oct. 29. Birds basked Wednesday.

RECORDS.

COONAMBLE (1/- Fed.)—Flown Nov. 12. Birds b
On the Young Special Race, 1/- optional po
On the Coonamble Race, 2/6 per bird optiona
and 5/- optional loft pools.
All optional pools cut up 50 per cent., 30 per cent., at

North-West Line.

Convpyer, C. F. Thom

TRENTHAM—Flown August 27. Birds basketed Friday.
DUNOLLY—Flown September 3. Birds basketed Thursday.
DUNOLLY—Flown September 10. Birds basketed Thursday.
ST. ARNAUD—Flown September 17. Birds basketed Thursday.

North-West Race Points.

	Mile
NEWSTEAD—August 27	75
DUNOLLY, September 3	90
ST. ARNAUD—September 10	125
ST. ARNAUD—September 17	125
WARRACKNABEAL—September 24	170
WARRACKNABEAL—October 1 (6d. Federation)	170
MURRAYVILLE—October 8 (1/- Federation)	276
MURRAYVILLE—October 15 (Special)	276
MORGAN, South Australian—October 22 (1/- Federation)	350
YARCOWIE—October 29 (1/- Federation)	460
HAMMOND—November 12 (1/- Federation)	536

Pools.

3d., 6d. and 1/- Nominations on Federation Races.

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Goldfinder is Sire of Byplane, 1st F.
(474 miles), 1917—600 birds; 1st F.
1st Avenel, V.H.P.S.; 1st Avenel
(309 miles); 3rd Federation.
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