

Sports and Pastimes.

TURF FIXTURES.

NEW ZEALAND.

October 11 and 12 — Otaki Maori R.C. Spring
 October 14, 15—Auckland Trotting Club Spring
 October 19, 20—Poverty Bay Turf Club
 October 19 and 20—Wanganui J.C. Spring
 October 19 and 20—Poverty Bay Turf Club Spring
 November 4, 5, 11—Auckland Racing Club Spring
 November 22, 23—Coromandel Racing Club
 November 22 and 24 — Wellington R.C. Spring
 November 23 and 25—Dunedin J.C. Summer
 December 2 and 6—Takapuna J.C. Spring
 November 25, 26—Otahuhu Trotting Club Spring
 December 26, 28, and January 1, 2—Auckland Racing Club Summer
 December 26 and 27—Thames J.C. Annual
 January 1 and 2—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer
 January 10 and 11—Woodville District J.C. Summer
 January 29, 31, February 3 — Takapuna J.C. Summer
 February 17, 21, 24 — Otahuhu Trotting Club Summer
 March 10—South Auckland Racing Club
 April 16, 17, 21—Auckland Racing Club Autumn
 May 24 and 26—Takapuna J.C. Winter
 June 9, 11—Auckland Racing Club Winter

DATES OF COMING EVENTS.

NEW ZEALAND.

October 19—Wanganui Derby
 November 4—Auckland Guineas
 November 7—New Zealand Cup
 November 9—Canterbury Derby
 November 11—Canterbury Cup
 December 26—Auckland Cup
 January 1—Great Northern Derby

AUSTRALIA.

October 14—Caulfield Guineas
 October 21—Caulfield Cup
 November 4—V.R.C. Derby
 November 7—Melbourne Cup

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NOTES BY MONITOR.

Among the illustrations appearing to-day is a capital portrait of that good colt Seahorse, by Nelson—Moon-ga. As a two-year-old Major George's colt won three races, but was scarcely equal to the speedy Miss Delaval. His admirers, however, were of opinion that he would greatly improve as a three-year-old, and this has been borne out by results, his two wins at the Hawke's Bay meeting being most meritorious. So well indeed did the chestnut perform that he was immediately strongly supported for the New Zealand Cup, for which race he now stands at the head of the betting quotations. Major George purchased his dam Moon-ga at the sale of the Lederberg stud. She is by Goldsbrough from Kernel, a mare by Angler from Cocoonut (the dam of Navigator and the mighty Trident) and the result of mating her with the son of King Cole seems to have been a very happy one.

To-day (Wednesday) will be run one of the big handicaps of the English turf, this being the Cazewitch. In this are listed to compete several Australian horses, but according to recent betting the one whose chances are most highly esteemed is "Mr Jersey's" Merman.

Business on the New Zealand Cup has shown considerable alteration during the week. The hero of the Hawke's Bay meeting, Seahorse, heads the list of quotations, his price now being 7 to 1 against, while Sir Lancelot runs him a close second at a point longer. Other quotations are as follows:—10 to 1 Explosion and Douglas; 12 to 1 Jupiter and Miss Delaval; 14 to 1 Battelaxe; 16 to 1 Castashore and Uhan; 20 to 1 Double Event and Bush Rose.

It is reported that the racehorse Castashore is sore. If this is true the son of Castor will have to be eased in his work, which will not improve his chance in the New Zealand Cup. He has done such an immense amount of work during the last two seasons that it is small wonder that it is beginning to tell its tale.

Seahorse, by his win in the Hawke's Bay Guineas, has incurred a penalty of 7lb for the New Zealand Cup, despite which additional impost the son of Nelson now ranks as first favourite for the big race.

The Imperial Stakes was run for last Friday at Kempton Park, England. This is a six furlong race for two-year-olds, and is of the value of 3000 sovereigns. It fell to Mr R. A. Brice's bay colt Portfarrish, by Royal Hampton—Saint Elizabeth, second position being filled by Lord W. Beresford's Derbyat, while Mr H. Chap-

lin's bay filly Merry Gal, a daughter of Galopin and Mary Seaton, was third.

Messrs W. H. Herries, M.H.R., and E. W. Allison have been declared elected on the Metropolitan Committee as representatives of the country clubs.

The following weights have been declared for the Stewards' Handicap of 400sors, six furlongs, run at the C.J.C. Spring meeting:—Boreas 10.3, Daunt 9.10, Ilazar, 9.10, Dundas 8.10, Double Event 8.0, Oingo 8.0, Chasseur 8.8, Jupiter 8.8, Dauntless 8.7, Dju-Dju 8.5, Glenogle 8.4, Goldspur 8.3, Advance 8.2, Okonoi 8.0, Cherrystone 7.13, Red Lancer 7.13, Miss Delaval 7.13, Rochester 7.12, Rosella 7.12, Vanilla 7.11, Ngaparua 7.9, The Spinner 7.9, Suzannah 7.9, Brisa 7.8, Ben Varley 7.8, Benzie 7.8, Labourer 7.8, Ideal 7.8, Malatua 7.7, Paladin 7.6, The Orphan 7.3, Hermosa 6.12, Abercrombie 6.9, Nantes 6.9, Gladys II. 6.9, Phryne 6.9, St. Mark 6.8, Grandshot 6.7, Rougemont 6.7, Corusa 6.7, Lady Helen 6.7.

Mr W. R. Wilson's brown colt Scorn, by Bill of Portland—Tea Rose, now occupies the position as first favourite for the V.R.C. Derby, for which race Craberry has receded, owing to a defeat in a gallop by Promontory. Mr Wilson's colt has also been strongly supported for the Caulfield Cup, a very heavy commission having been worked in his favour.

Jupiter still keeps in a winning vein, as he accounted for the Mossiel Handicap at the Dunedin Jockey Club's meeting with the respectable impost of 8.11 in the saddle. As Jupiter is engaged in the New Zealand Cup, in which race he is only asked to carry 6.7, he will be a very hard horse to beat.

I hear privately that Mr Stead has a dangerous candidate for the New Zealand Cup in Skobeloff. The son of Stepiak is reported to be answering the questions asked him in a most satisfactory manner, and I expect to see him at a much shorter price on the day of the race than he is quoted at present.

A horse figuring in the list of candidates for the New Zealand Cup for whose chance I have a great fancy is Sir Lancelot. His showing at Hawke's Bay was eminently satisfactory to his supporters, and as he is a grand specimen of a thoroughbred, and well forward in his work, he is bound to make a bold bid for the big race at Riccarton.

Yesterday was run at Newmarket, in England, the Champion Stakes, over a mile and a quarter. In this were engaged the invincible Flying Fox and Mr Rose's champion, Cyllene. Up to the time of going to press there was no account of the race to hand, but by latest reports it promised to be a great struggle between the two cracks at weight-for-age. Personally, I incline to the chances of the three-year-old.

Mr J. Roulston had a stroke of ill-luck during the week, as he lost his brood mare, Miss Leger, by St. Leger—Winnie, and also her colt foal by Hotchkiss. This is very unfortunate for the Pukekohe sportsman, as the youngster is almost bound to have proved a galloper.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond's two-year-old Chestnut colt, Renown, who acted as runner-up to Beddington in the Welcome Stakes on the first day of the Hawke's Bay gathering, and showed the way home to the field in the Nursery Handicap on the concluding day, is said to be a very compact and well developed youngster, and very forward, and is sure to be heard of again later on.

Nor-West is being taken up again, and is now being restricted to light tasks at Ellerslie. The son of Bout-Wester looks a lot fresher after his short retirement.

An accident happened to Mr Marshall's hurdle horse, Cannogate, recently. It appears he was out at one of the meets of the Pakuranga Honouls, when he ran foul of a stiff stone wall, thereby causing a nasty cut on his foreleg. This will necessitate Cannogate's son being rested for a time.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond evidently carries on racing and breeding the thoroughbred on a very extensive scale at his station in the Hawke's Bay district. At present he has no

less than twenty-two horses in training, amongst them being Sir Lancelot and Renown, who both scored at the recent meeting; while Daunt and several other speedy customers also occupy boxes at Karamu. There are fifty-two brood mares and three stallions, while he has twenty-four yearlings and a whole batch of foals.

Word comes from Dunedin to the effect that Black and Red changed hands recently for the moderate sum of £40. At this price the nuggetty son of Maxim and Aquilata must be held a bargain. His breeding is good and I fancy there is another race or two concealed about him if properly placed.

Nestor is a regular attendant at Ellerslie every day. He is being given long steady pacing and looks in very good trim for this time of the season. I notice his name figures in the Auckland Cup list and other events at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting.

At Wanganui recently a mare called Richmond Gem died, and on an examination being made she was found to be completely perforated inside with bots. Her heart was the only part apparently not attacked, as it was found to be perfectly clean.

It appears that the disqualified mare Ethel, alias Cupid, has come to light again. She is now being hacked about the streets of Wellington. During the whole time the "ringing-in" trial was before the Court the mare could not be traced, although strenuous efforts were made to find her. Since then, however, it transpires she was running out in a paddock near Wellington.

Milo, by Regal—Jessie, has always shown a villainous temper when facing the barricade, his exhibition at Avondale being a particularly bad one in this respect. With a view to curing him of this pernicious habit his owner has broken the half brother to Rex into harness.

Mr H. C. White is sending to England, to race, Spark, by Antaeus; a two-year-old gelding and a two-year-old filly. The gelding is a fine fellow out of a mare by Moorthorpe Mirza, the granddam of Georgic; the filly is by Yardley (imp.) out of Industry's sister, Pearlshell, therefore she takes back to England a double cross of Musket.

The betting market in Melbourne on the Caulfield Cup is reported to be very quiet considering the event is not very far off. The following are the quotations: 7 to 1 against Mora; 8 to 1 Scorn; 16 to 1 Kobold; 16 to 1 Dewey; 16 to 1 Egypt; 20 to 1 Lochaber and Dirk Hammerhand.

In 1876 Robinson Crusoe, who had just won the A.J.C. Derby, was sent to Victoria in the City of Melbourne. This steamer encountered a terrific gale and the horse, which was then known as the Chrysolite colt, and Redwood were the only two out of eleven racehorses saved. Now history repeats itself, as his grandson Chesney while on the passage to England, has been wrecked in the Thermopylae.

Miss Delaval was sent on to Christchurch last week in the care of H. Franks, who will look after her preparation at Riccarton for the Cup meeting.

Messrs Nathan evidently possess a more than useful colt in Beddington. It will be remembered that the half-brother to Miss Rose finished very stoutly in the Avondale Stakes, and now at Hawke's Bay was successful in the Welcome Stakes, defeating a much thought of candidate in Renown.

The Pakuranga Hunt Club brought their season to a close on Saturday with what was termed a Point to Point Steeplechase, although the course was flagged. Mr Walker on Clonnell won by six lengths from Miss Gorrie on Jimmy, the latter horsewoman riding splendidly. Mr Tonks on Nap was just alongside, while Miss Stribley on Awatuna was a bare ten lengths away. The prizes therefore were taken by Miss Gorrie and Mr Walker.

The rumour that Messrs Nathan's colt Explosion had gone amiss was evidently unfounded as he figured among the list of acceptors for the Park Stakes which was run at Napier yesterday. It is evident, therefore, that the score which the backers of

the son of Cuirassier for the New Zealand Cup received was not warranted.

Auckland bred horses appear to have a mortgage on the Hawke's Bay Guineas, as they have been successful in this race on no less than fourteen occasions. Major George has taken the race prior to his win with Seahorse, for it will be remembered that the Wapiti stud provided the winner in Pegasus in 1893.

At the Kempton Park Meeting (England) Mr J. E. Platt's brown colt Ercildonne, by Kendal—Maid Marion, won the Duke of York Stakes of 1700 sovereigns, which event is run over a mile course. Mount Prospect and Winsome Charteris filled the other places.

The mare Mora, who has been supported heavily for the Caulfield Cup, is reported to be an unlikely starter.

The brood mare Antelope, by Apremont—Miss Kate, has been purchased from Mr E. Abbot by Mr Scott, of Napier, and was shipped to her new home in the s.s. Waihora, which left port yesterday. This fine mare shows signs of her visit to St. Leger, and is expected to foal early next month.

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THE HAWKE'S BAY MEETING.

The spring meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, which was run last week, failed to draw big fields for any of the events; but notwithstanding this the financial results must be deemed satisfactory, as the sum of £10,424 was put through the totalisator, which is £200 more than the same meeting last year.

The chief event on the opening day was the Hawke's Bay Guineas, for which a field of seven were stripped, Seahorse and Miss Delaval were the most fancied by the general public, and that they had summed up the position correctly was proved by the fact of the two Aucklanders fighting out a desperate finish, which terminated in a neck win for Major George's colt. Curiously enough the time for the race, 1min 43sec, exactly equalled that recorded by Multiform two years ago, and is the fastest for the course. The Welcome Stakes, run on the same day, was looked upon as a good thing for Renown, a son of Dreadnought and Lyrebird, but many Aucklanders pinned their faith to Beddington on the strength of his good run in the Avondale Stakes. This was the correct solution of the problem, as in a fast run race the son of Seaton Delaval defeated the favourite by a length.

Sir Lancelot with 8.11 in the saddle registered a good performance in the October Handicap, in which he led from start to finish, and ran home the easiest of winners three lengths ahead of Castashore.

There were seven runners in the Spring Handicap on the second day, and as Seahorse had incurred a penalty of 10lbs for his Guineas win, his chance was not so highly esteemed as Tanel, who had an army of backers. The victory of the Nelson colt was under the circumstances a very meritorious one, as he cut out the mile and a half in the fine time of 2min 36 1-5sec.

Major George was not so successful with his second string, Labourer, at the meeting, as in the Flying Handicap he finished second to Advance, and in the Final Handicap occupied a similar position behind Autai.

The stock of Dreadnought were very successful, winning no less than six events, while Nelson was responsible for two wins; no other sires having more than one.

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DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The Dunedin Jockey Club were favoured with fairly good weather for their second day's racing, which was held at Wingatui on Saturday last. A cold wind was blowing during the afternoon and fields ruled very small, in consequence of which only £2,628 was put through the totalisator, being £1,800 less than last year. Mr J. B. McKenzie's bay mare Red Banner, by Rubezahl—Red Ensign, was in fine form at the meeting, as she accounted for no less than three races, on the first day winning the Maiden Plate by half a length and the October Welter by four lengths, while she finished up by annexing the Farewell Handicap by two lengths, so that her owner must have had a good time. In the Hanbury Handicap the same gentleman also provided the winner, his chestnut gelding Paladin, by St. George—Nelly, proving too much for a somewhat weak opposition. In the Second Hurdle Race Mr J. K. Sewell's