Sure with a multing request to "write something funny." One would have thought the autographs were funny smough themselves at times. How is it that you must always be facetious in an that you must stways be facetious in an autograph album? Some people do write sensible things 4you can always tell where they are, the pages are slways turned over quickly), but only to excite pity in the bosoms of the guest who has the precious volume thrust into his hands. No, if you are anxious to shine in the autographic line you must be the precious volume in the precious to shine in the autographic line you must be funay first and last. The old hand who knows how to preserve his reputation takes the book home, cribs something from "Ally Sloper's Half-holiday," or some other repository of wit, and copies it is with a mild adaptation. Voliat his reputation is prodigious. The greenhorn, however, starts to work right away. Fancy being funny on paper in a roomful of afternoon-teagers! If he he an average young man, he chews a roomrui or atternoon-teaers: 11 ne be an average young mun, he chews half the penholder away, looks worried and warm for five minutes, and dashes off in a cerkly hand some feeble squib. off in a clerkly hand some feeble squib. The child of his brain is handed round, and excites a gushing "Oh, how very "unny," or "Quite too droll, Mr So-andso," and the like, and he inwardly curses the day he bearned to write. Yes, the autograph fiend is the flercest of all collecting fiends, and, speaking personally, I would much prefer being asked for my name by a policeman than by the fair possessor of an autograph album.



NOTICE TO MAKE RETURNS OF IN-COME UNDER "THE LAND AND INCOME ASSESSMENT ACT, 1900."

Land and Income Tax Department, Wellington, 9th May, 1994.

Weldington, 9th May, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of the above Act and the Regulations made thereander, every person and company, within the meaning of the said Act, having derived income during the year ending 3ist blarch, 1904, from any source or by any means which is made the subject of taxation under the said Act, is hereby required to daily make and furnish to me, in the prescribed form, returns of such theome on or before the 1st June, 1904.

And, further, notice is hereby given that such returns shull in all cases be delivered at or forwarded to the office of the Commissioner of Taxes, in the Government Buildings, at Wellington.

missioner of Taxes, in Buildings, at Wellington.

JOHN McGOWAN, Commissioner of Taxes.

NOTE.—Persons who have not received forms of return from this oilice may obtain them at any Postal Money-order Oilice, and any who have in previous years been permitted to make returns as at a date other than the Sist March will, provided returns are furnished promptly after date of belance, be allowed the same concession this year without special request.



CROWN LANDS FOR SETTLEMENT.

MATAMATA, ESTATE.

District Lapd and Survey Office.
Auchiend, 2nd May, 1904.
The opening of the Matemata Estate for Bettlement has been gazetted for THURS.
DAY, 2nd Jone, 1904, at this Office, and at the County Office, Morrinsylle. The build will be held at Auckland on FRIDAY, 10th July, 1914, at the County Office, and at the County Office, Morrinsylle. The build the State of the County Office, and Thurston, 1914, and 191





TURF FIXTURES.

May 21 and 24—Takapuna J.C. Winter May 24 and 25—North Otaro J.C. Winter May 24 and 25—Wanganul J.C. Winter June 3—Manain Hack R.C. Ammal June 8 and 4—Duredin J.C. Winter June 8 and 4—Duredin J.C. Winter June 8 and 4—Otaki Mnorl R.C. Winter June 3, 9, and 11—Acckland R.C. Great Northern Steeplechase Moering June 2, 8, and 23—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter June 28 and 23—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter June 28 and 23—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter

HUNTING.

PAKURANGA HUNT. APPOINTMENTS FOR MONTH ENDING MAY 28th, 1904

18th, Wednesday—Mangerd Pound Mat, Saturday—Star and Garter, Panmure May 25th, Wednesday—Green Lane, Remu-

May 28th. Saturday—St. John's College Each Day at 12 o'clock.

WAIKATO HUNT CLUB FIXTURES. May 18—Te Awamutu May 25—Pickering's Corner All Meets 12 noon.

TURF NOTES.

Hadyn is doing good solid work at Eiters-

Monoforn, the high priced colt, is doing useful work at Elieralie.

Cannougate has made his re-appearance on the track at Ellersile.

Soultfish has been transferred from C. Coleman's to T. Cotton's charge.

Geordie is reported to be showing im-proved form on the Takapuna tracks.

The totalisator turnover at the Egmont meeting fell short of last year's by £1321. Revealer is doing some good schooling work at Eliersile.

The double Up-to-Date and Cannongate was backed last Friday for £1800. Haydn and Delania are to be taken to Wangangi to fulfil their engagements there.

H. Cotter has a nice cut of a hunter, half brother to Huku, by St. Ives, in work at Ellersite.

The pony by Soult-Eit o' Fashion, in Tozer's stable, is to be called Fashion-

Street betting is to be put down in Strat-ford if the local borough council can accom-plish the object.

Annoyed, who has been treated to a short spell, has made her re-appearance on the training tracks at Ellerslie.

Kakino jumped a few of the steeple-chase fences at Ellersite during the week. She is improving in her jumping.

A strong commission was worked each day in Wellington on Rose Petal in the races she won at Marlborough.

The Soult—Musket maid filly in Frank LacManemin's stable has been named

Merry Soult is striding slong in good tyle at Ellersile, and may run will at

Flower of Gold was given a turn over the steepicchase fences on Thursday after-noon, jumping well.

Dolores is looking well and may be worth watching in some of the welters at the A.R.C. winter meeting.

Glenets and his half-sister, Fa Stepniak, have changed hands in the during the past few days.

Unices something unforeseen occurs, Aka Is to be shipped South next week to fulfil his Wanganul engagements.

Inquiries have been made from the Sc for Waiwers and Eclair for the Wangs double, but no business resulted.

Crespin and Papatu were taken to the Shore last Saturday, to be given a turn over the Takupung steeplechase country.

Mr W. Kelso's Fuselphone was offered for sale for 25 guineas just before he wou the Warwick Farm Hurdle Race.

Grand Rapids, Full Cry, and Lady Lillian have all been backed for the New Zealand Cop during the last week.

Mr J. Cameron to his starting at Figmont was said to an fast. A pony called Pupu broke the horrier so often in one race that the start had to be made without him. Pupu is a five year old by Lakeshell from Auterius, and is smart but creatic.

Princess of Thule, Kuranui and Stock-man were brought up from the Thames on Monday evening, and are located at the Shore.

V. Cotton, the successful Auckland light weight, left last week to fulfil riding en-gagements at the Ashburton Racing Club's gagemer meting.

Last Wednesday Hipstone, after jumping one of the schooling burdles, jumped the double and sod wall. He fenced in good style.

Flower of Gold, Lady Raven, and Cav-siry were schooled over the small hurdles at Ellersite during the week. The trio shaped fairly well,

John Rae had a number of his young charges at the opening meet of the Hunt Club on Saturday week, getting them accus-tomed to the crowd.

Solution, who won the Nursery Handleap on the opening day of the Hawke's Bny winter meeting, makes the 65th winner sired by Soult.

Slow Tom was schooled over big fences at Riccarton the other morning, and fenc-ed capitally. A. Hall will ride him in his Auckland engagements.

Lady Bell, who claims engagements at both the Takapuna and A.R.C. winter meet-ings, was brought from the South yester-day morning by the Rarawa.

The hark races introduced by the Dunedin Jockey Chib in place of the disposal events have led to an increased entry at the coming whater meeting.

Lady Bobs, Woodmount, and Jewellery were brought back for the South last week by the Karawa. They look a bit light after their trip.

An effort is to be made to get another race out of Cordon Rouge, and he is now an inmate of K. Heaton's stables, the is still owned by Mr T. W. Armitage.

Fox, who has joined C. Weal's stable, was given a turn over the schooling hurdles at Ellerslie last Thursday morning, and shaped fairly well for a beginner.

Cavalry and Fox were schooled over the small hurdles hast Saturday. Cavalry fell at the second obstacle, but was re-mounted and jumped the rest in good style.

A colt by Wilmington (the American trotting size owned by Mr A. R. Harris), bred by Mr Kelly, of Papatoitoi, was recently sold for 200 guineas to an Opotisi resident.

F. Rhodes is expected to arrive from Gisborne on Sunday morning with Rose-plot and Mangamintaki. Boxes have been engaged for the pair at C. Warren's, El-lersite,

Much sympathy is felt in Christchurch for Mr. J. B. Reid over losing the stakes wan by Gladsone. He is such a good sperisman that it is felt he deserves bet-ter luck.

The Messys Friedlander have changed their intentious regarding the offering of their herses for sale at Christechurch, and the whole of them will be put up in Auck-land, early in-June

Splendid acceptances have been received for the Great Northern Hurdies and Step-ples. Twenty-one have paid up for each race. The entries on the whole for the miner events are also very satisfactory.

. As evidence that the Messry Friedlander are determined to retire from racing, they have released their jockey, J. Buchanan, from the agreement for first call on his Bervices.

The pour Annoyed has been sold to go to Sydney. The sale was effected by his New Zealand Loan and Mercanthe Co., and the price pald it is understood was 400 guineas.

T. Conway has shifted his quarters from Mt. Roskill to more convenient stables on the Penrose Rd. He has several horses ha work, the principal ones being Air Gun, Revealer, and Sir Gilcad.

The sx-New Zealand pony Belle Cole accounted for the Rosebry Park Handleap, for 15 hands horses, at the recent Hosebry Park meeting, Belle Cole carried 7.6, and started 4.7 to 4 against.

Bother has been given a turn over the schooling hundles lately. That she is looked upon as a good jumper by her connections is cridenced by the fact that she is sent over the feares without a companion.

Nugget who son a number of races on the West Coast a few years age, wea-brought up from Teranaki last week. It is more than likely that he will be heated during the season.

Some of the trainers at Blockite are servedy letting their young charges speet along a furioug, and a few of them about great promise, although it is rather early to try and pick which are likely to thus out raceborases.

The tracks at Ellersile, after the leng spell of fine weather, are in first class condition. The outside of the course propers has been open the last few mornings, and trainers are not slow in taking advantage of it, to give their charges fast work.

Hippowed, who has a good outside change in the National Hurdlen, is going in good tyle at Ellersile, and last Wettursday, the title best of Val Rosa over a mile and half on the flat, on the outside of the course proper, the distance being run in

Spatpeen and Val Rosa were schooled over the hurdles on Thursday afternaon. Spatpeen inproved a lat, on his display of last Saturday, and his prospects for the National look a lot brighter than they did a week ago. Yai Bosa fell at the last hurdle, and his roider, A. Julian, had his collarbone badly broken.

That the Hawke's Ray Jockey Clib made a wise move when they decided on altering the dates of their autumn meeting from the Irih March to May Ith and 12th is evidenced by the fact that the totalisator investments show an increase of £4165 over the corresponding meeting last year.

Judging from the muster of likely looking horses, as well as the proved ones, who turned out at the opening meet of the Pakuranga Hunt Club, the hunters' races to be decided at the A.R.C. winter meeting ought to fill well, and keen competition ought to result.

Fippo, the New Zealand steeplechaser, was awarded top weight, 10.7, in the steeplechase at the Sydney Turf Club races, which were run last Saturday. They are ofther estimating Tippo at least a stone above his N.Z. form, or else the steeplechasers in Sydney are a very poor lat.

A number of horses by the successful sire of jumpers, Ascetic, were sold in England prior to the commencement of the Lincoln meeting. An eightyen-roll mare named Aunt May rentised 1800gs, the seven-year-olds Jubilee John and Jubilee Jack renified 700gs and 500gs respectively, and Acathetle Anno (eight years) went for 500gs.

On the same day that Molfaa won the Grand National, Mr Edwards Oasis, carrying 10.7, and described as another Assabla bred one, landen the Liverpo-Hurdle Race of 500sovs. Oasis is by Craitbrook. Karokoni, with J2.9, who ma in this event, is chimed to be one of the best hurdle horses in England. Oasis rag the two miles in 3.50, fast time for the course.

It is worthy of mention that Queen Ree, by Young Cheviot, is the dam of four recent Southern whiners in Slow Tom, Maxical, Bealey, who won at Ashburton, is an uged pony and chiling in turn as her san a trotter known as Brown Ribben, who holds a recent of 5.20 or thereabouts. Brown Ribben was got by one of the best-kred American trotting horses ever landed to these parts in Irvington, his dam being Pride of Lincoln, a mare possessing strains of thoroughired and Clydesdale blood.

The ancient hunter Nock or Nothing, by Gladiator, who, if my nemory serves merigit; made his dolut at the Rengittle Hunt Club meeting sixteen years as, and who has been a conspicuous figure in the busting fields about Auckland for a number of seasons, is to be pensioned off for the rest of his days by his owner, Mr C. Turchas, It is pleasing to see owners showing such consideration for their old slaves.

ing such consideration for their old slaves. The yearling brother to Flying Fox, to the Earou stud, has been unmed Pipistrello. He is described as being on a far larger scale than his brother was at the same age, and he moves with a long, easy saving. The yearling slater to Sequite will race as Crown Jeth. She was a late feat, but I's growing fast, and bears a striking resemblance to Sequire. Just before the mattleff England Vampire feated another brother to Flying Fox.

Concenting broad wares and content.

ther to Flying Fox.

Concerning broad mares, an eminent so-thority on horse-breeding once wrote: "As to the best conformation for a broad mare, it is impossible to also down any but the most general vules. Mere size is of small account. A little mare, it wids and roomy, will often produce bigger and finer foots than with a much taller matron. Width and roominess are essential characteristics of a successful broad mare, fox, it is rare indeed to find one that runs up light behind the saddle and is increw to follow producing foals to my account.

A good yarn is told against one of the largest agricultural employers in a certain district in the North Island, says an exchange. The sum were escaped ditching, and asked to get off for the races. The employer, who is a camp Sect, said they could go if they took the ditch as far as a

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