

some 60ft below at a distance of about 50ft from each other. This double fall is a very pretty sight, each of the branches having at least three distinct falls, and the rocky sides are clothed with deep green vegetation, while there is a sufficient volume of water to supply all the power required in the Hawke's Bay district. Close by is the old military Runanga camp. The next point of interest is the Oranga-ti-hau Sand Bay and the Bay of Plenty. The Karori Plains are then entered upon, with their interesting punice creeks. These plains are known as the home of the wild horse, and mobs of these creatures can be seen galloping away as the coach approaches. After crossing the Manatoki, another good trout stream, a stop is made at the hotel for luncheon and a change of horses.

From here the country is mostly punice, and rather uninteresting, until Otape is reached, 12 miles from Taupo. There are to be seen the remains of the old military headquarters when the armed constabulary were making the road from Taupo to Napier, which required at that time constant protection from the Maoris. Here, also, are the graves of 12 troopers who met their deaths at the hands of the natives. At that time (1869) Te Kooti was very troublesome, and this camp was made the headquarters of the Bay of Plenty cavalry. The fir trees and hawthorns planted at that time have now grown into immense trees, and the real Scottish heather is to be seen in bloom on the hillsides.

Nearing Taupo the first view of the lake of that name is got with the magnificent snowy mountain peaks in the background. These include Tongariro (6450ft), Ruapehu (8873ft), and Ngauruhoe (8873ft). Tauhara (3083ft) stands in the foreground, and up this a track of easy grade has been cut in order to allow of tourists obtaining the view to be had at its summit, from which can be seen the three mountains just named on this coast, and also Mounts Egmont and Edgecumbe on the other.

From Otape the road descends for a distance of ten miles to the Terraces, which are really the commencement of the thermal district. Here there is a comfortable hotel situated on the cliffs above the Onekeneke Valley, which is full of hot springs, terraces, and geyers. During this descent views can be obtained of many steam holes issuing from the mountain sides, while the very active Karapiti Blow-hole, which Dr. Blector asserts is the safety valve of the North Island, shows out above them all with the immense body of steam which day and night issues from it.

The view down into the Onekeneke Valley is a very pretty one, well kept gardens alternating with miniature hot lakes, mud geyers, boiling pools, silica terraces, etc. There is a natural soda spring and sulphur and alum baths. 4000 bathhouses have been erected, and the place is very well managed. The hotel itself stands in the midst of a grove of English trees, and from its balcony lovely views of Lake Taupo and the mountains at the back are to be got.

The Terraces are almost on the bank of the lake, and a two-mile drive brings one into the village of Taupo, which was once the headquarters of the military in this portion of the North Island.

**THE GUINEA POEM!**

A CUEQUE FOR £1 is has been sent to the writer of this verse - Miss E.F.K. Fairweather, Mount Eden, Auckland. I washed my clothes with SAPON, And left them out all night. The angels came and stole them, Because they were so white. WIN A GUINEA! Prize Poem published every Saturday. Best four-THOUGHT line advt. Verse about "SAPON" wins each week. SAPON wrapper must be enclosed. Address: "SAPON" (Gaius) Washing Powder, P.O. Box 655, Wellington.

84, Wimpole-st., London W., November, 1906.

DR. VAN NUYK has for the last year and a half been devoting himself to the diseases of the Eye, at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields. For a year he has acted as my clinical assistant. He has made himself thoroughly familiar with the methods of correcting errors of refraction with glasses. He is skilled in the use of the ophthalmoscope, and a qualified in the various changes met with in the fundus of the eye, as well as with the diagnosis and treatment of its external parts. I always found him a reliable and most trustworthy assistant.

E. THEACHER COLLINS, F.R.C.S., Surgeon. Address - Pitt-st. Buildings, Newton, Auckland. Hours - 10 to 2 and 4 and 7 to 8. Telephone No. 202.

**AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING, 1906-7.**

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28. First race to start at 12 noon.

TRIAL HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 30sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Colts, 8.10; geldings, 8.7; fillies, 8.5. By subscription of 2sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows: - If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1906, 2sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 2sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stakes. Six furlongs.

AUCKLAND CUP (Handicap) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. The winner of any flat race or flat races after the declaration of weights of the collective value of 12sovs, 20sovs, 70s extra. Entrance 1sovs, acceptance 2sovs, and a final payment of 5sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Two miles.

GRAPTON HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 30sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race or flat races after declaration of weights of the collective value of 7sovs to carry 3lb; of 15sovs, 70s; of 30sovs, 10lb penalty. Six furlongs.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of Great Northern Foal Stakes to carry 10lb penalty. Five furlongs.

ROBINSON HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 10sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 25sovs at time of starting. Winner of any race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of the weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1906.

First race to start at 12 noon.

BOWEN HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 20sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 15sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

PONSONBY HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

CRITERION HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

SUMMER CUP (Handicap) of 500sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sovs and acceptance 2sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 5lb. One mile and a-quarter.

SALISBURY WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Lowest weight, 8.0. One mile.

VISITORS' PLATE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For two and three year olds that have never won a flat race of the value of 50sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 20sovs at time of starting. Entrance 2sovs each, to go to the funds. Two-year-olds to carry 7.5; three-year-olds, 8.4; fillies, allowed 3lb; geldings, 8b. Five furlongs.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

WAITEMATA HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 20sovs at time of starting. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

THIRD DAY.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1907.

First race to start at 12 noon.

FERGUSON HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 50sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 150sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

NEW YEAR'S HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

THIRTY-THIRD GREAT NORTHERN DERBY of 750sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8.10; geldings, 8.7; fillies, 8.5. By subscription of 7sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows: - If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1906, 2sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 7sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. One mile and a-half.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 225sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

COUNTY HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 750sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sovs, and a final payment of 5sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a-half.

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 10sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 10sovs at time of starting. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

GLASGOW HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

FOURTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1907.

First race to start at 12 noon.

GOODWOOD HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile.

SYLVIA HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 425sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 3sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a-quarter.

TWELFTH ROYAL STAKES of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any race or races collectively of the value of 250sovs, 30s; of 500sovs, 50s; of 750 sovs, 70s; of 1000sovs, 100s extra. Maiden four-year-olds at time of starting allowed 14lb; three-year-olds, 10lb; two-year-olds, 7lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows: - Upon payment of 2sovs by 9 p.m. on the evening of December 31, 1906, all horses remaining in after the first Friday in December, 1906, must pay their total subscription of 5sovs at the post, should there be any surplus arising from the subscription. It will be given to the race. Six furlongs.

AUCKLAND HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

AUCKLAND PLATE of 300sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Weight for age. Entrance 1sovs, and 2sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. One mile and a-half.

GREY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 10sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 25sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sovs, and acceptance 1sovs each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, by 9 p.m.

Acceptances: Auckland Cup, 50sovs; Railway Handicap, 30sovs; Grafton Hurdle Race, 1sovs.

Nominations: Trial Handicap, 1sovs; Nursery Handicap, 1sovs; Robinson Handicap, 1sovs; Christmas Handicap, 1sovs; Bowen Handicap, 1sovs; Ponsonby Hurdles, 1sovs; Criterion Handicap, 1sovs; Salisbury Welter Handicap, 1sovs; Visitors' Plate, 2sovs; Alexandra Handicap, 1sovs; Waitemata Handicap, 1sovs; Glasgow Handicap, 1sovs; New Year's Handicap Hurdles, 1sovs; Midsommer Handicap, 1sovs; County Handicap, 1sovs; Ferguson Handicap, 1sovs; Railways Handicap, 1sovs; Goodwood Handicap, 1sovs; Sylvia Handicap, 1sovs; Grandstand Handicap, 1sovs; Auckland Hurdle Race, 1sovs; Newmarket Handicap, 1sovs; Auckland Plate, 1sovs; Grey Handicap, 1sovs.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, by 9 p.m.

Acceptances: Trial Handicap, 1sovs; Nursery Handicap, 1sovs; Robinson Handicap, 1sovs; Christmas Handicap, 1sovs.

J. F. HARTLAND, Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that Written Tenders will be received and will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, up till 12 o'clock noon on THURSDAY, the 6th day of December, 1906, for the Purchase of the undermentioned Milling Timber standing on

BLOCK V. PATENTEE COUNTY.

PLATE COUNTY.

DISTRICT (SEAWAY ESTATE).

4254 Green and Dry Rima Trees, containing approximately 6254,534 sup. ft. (standing measurement)

202 Green and Dry Kahikatea Trees, containing approximately 727,302 sup. ft. (standing measurement)

80 Green and Dry Totara Trees, containing approximately 123,105 sup. ft. (standing measurement)

313 Green and Dry Totara Trees, containing approximately 275,833 sup. ft. (standing measurement)

Poster plans, giving full particulars and forms of tender, may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

JAMES MACKENZIE, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Written Tenders are invited, and will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, up to 12 o'clock noon on THURSDAY, the 6th day of December, 1906, for the Purchase of the Kauri and other Milling Timber standing on

HOKIANGA COUNTY.

Lot 1, sub lot 1, Section 73, Block VII., Whangape Survey District.

Lot 1, sub lot 2, Section 2, Block X., Whangape Survey District.

Lot 1, sub lot 3, Section 3, Block X., Whangape Survey District.

Lot 1, sub lot 4, Section 2, Block VIII., Whangape Survey District.

BAY OF ISLANDS COUNTY.

Lot 2, Part Block III. Invercargill Survey District (Subsidiary State Forest)

Poster Plans, giving full particulars and forms of tender may be obtained on application to the above office.

JAS. MACKENZIE, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

AUCKLAND AGRICULTURAL SHOW

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NEXT.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME BOTH DAYS.

EDWIN HALL, Secretary.

167, Queen-st.