meeting, held on Boxing Day, the totalisafor people paid out about £100 too much
pa one race. Ten shilling lickets were
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the £1 basis, and then divided by two. In
the race referred to the dividend was paid
as for £1 tickets, and about £100 was overpaid before the mistake was discovered,
fort day's local paper contained a request
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next season.

Paragon and Lapland may he the only representatives from this province in the Wellington Cup.

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The well-known Victorian trainer, Ike Fouisham, arrived in Dunedin a few days ago from Melbourne, accompanied by his write. For some time past Fouisham has been in indifferent health, and he hopes to effect an improvement by a sojourn in the more bracing climate of New Zealand.

Despite recent legislation, totalisator odds are still being betted in the chief racing centres of this island, bol'il in cities and but racecourses. At the Dunedin Jockey Ilub's meeting several small men wete for the properties of the state of the chief of the chief should several small men wete for the chief of the chief

puggessed that the curs success should be served themselves to bring law-breakers to book.

Mr. Buchanan's pair of sprinters, Buctleuch and Frieron, are at Treutham, and will compete at the Wellington R.C. Summer Meeting, back home again, and will probably the serven a short respite for his mosuccessful Northern campaign. Crispinot, the Ancher campaign of St. Crispin, has lately been in a winning vein, that he has not so far fulfilled the high expectations formed of his ability on the hard probably the servent of the servent

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blictory.

A large number of Canterbury sportsmen intend being present at the Wellington Racing Club's meeting, which starts on the d8th inst. An additional attraction will be the meeting of the Racing Conference, at which the question of bookunskers' neenses will be thoroughly gone into, and it is hoped, a scale of fees covering all meetings will be agreed on. Local bookunskers have so far been disappointed with the freatment meted out to them by the clubs, and they nited bringing the utmost pressure to bear in securing what they claim is only fair treatment.

## + + + NEW RACECOURSE FOR TROTS.

BUNEDIN, Thursday.

Tahuas Trotting Club yesterday after-neon paid a deposit binding it to purchase property for a new raceoutse close to Fahuas Park on which they can if neces-sary, make a five-furlong track.

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SALE OF BLOOD STOCK.

MANGATARATA YEARLINGS.

NAPIER, Friday.

The eighth annual sale of the Mangatarat yearlings was held to-day at Tattersall's Yards. Hastings. The youngsters that were offered were all well grown, and quite up to the standard of former years. It is not standard of former years. It is not standard of former years, in nice filly by The Possible—Primula (Italia) standard of former years. The top price of the sale, realising, 100 guineas, Mr. R. Gooseman becoming the owner. The following are the lots that myere sold on acount of Mr. S. H. Gollan:—

Ch. c. by Waluku-Namos, Mr. J. 8, McLeod (Heatings)
Ch. c. by The Posible—Hine Nuitepo, Mr. Egden (Hastings)
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Mr. H. H. Pharrayn (Newstead)
Mr. B. J. by The Possible—Violet, Mr. E. J. Gooseman (Hastings)

## + + + PONY RACING PECULIARITIES.

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(Sporting Editor, Star.)

Sir.—I am pleased to see you drawing attention through your valuable columns to the tactics displayed by some of the riders in the last pour race of the Auckland Trotting Clob's past meeting, and I think it is not yet too late for the stewards to take action in the matter, as I am quite sure the owners would like to know a little more about the matter, as I am quite sevident they were not in the joke. If the stewards inquired the steed about the stewards and interest of the stewards in the last steed and the steed an

## LAWN TENNIS NOTES

(By the Man at the Net.)

The Auckland district tournament is The Auckland district tournament is now practically over, and everybody in-terested will have learned from the daily papers all about the games and the results. However, I intend to make a, few general remarks about the matches and the character of the play.

To take the Men's Championship Singles first. I don't think that I do Upton any injustice when I say that he was not generally expected to with However, he played well throughout the tournament, and surpassed himself on the last day. His driving forehand and backhand was splendid against both Keith and Grossmann, and he showed sound indement in placing and dropping sound judgment in placing and dropping the balls short. To win in first rate company, however, he would certainly have to learn to volley.

Neither Keith nor Grossmann played up to form. Both of them seemed troubled by lack of condition and rheu-matism in about equal proportions. Of the other men G. Bell (Wanganui) gave a very pretty exhibition of driving, but he is too rash and erratic to win championships. Grigson, a new Auckland player, has a neat style, and keeps a good length. He beat Bamford without player, has a neat style, and keeps a good length. He beat Bamford without much trouble. Finch (Whangarei) showed considerable improvement since his successful raid last year, but will have to temper his vigour with discretion. Bonnington (Christchurch) has got off the ground strokes, closely resembling Parker's, and made a good beginning in the singles. However, after his clubmate, Weir, had been beaten by Mowbray, having most unluckily hurt his ankle, they both scratched for all events. Weir is a neat and effective player off the ground, but not accurate enough in the air. Mowbray (Parnell) was one of the few players on the courts in really good condition. He beat A. S. Brown 3 sets to one, and put up a good fight against Grossmann, but he needs experience. The only other player in the Champion Singles who needs notice is H. G. Smith (Whangarei), who used to play for West End. Smith is one of the best men all round the courts in the district. He serves accurately, drives and volleys well, and is very quick on his feet; and his game against Grossmann was one of the best performances put up by the young players during the week. mances put up by the young players dur-

The Ladies' Championship Singles did not work out precisely as was expected. Miss Udy had nobody on her side of the draw likely to trouble her but Mrs. Cooper and the Devopport lady was not able to stand the strain of a severe single single after a heavy double, and had lo retire. In the final Miss Udy met Miss

A. Gray (Papatoitoi), and sustained a severe defeat. Miss Gray was in good form, having just returned from Taranaki (where, with Miss Powdrell, she had secured the Ladice' Doubles, beating Miss Nunnelly and Miss Baker). Miss Gray always volleys well, and as Miss Udy was distinctly off her drive the Eden and Epsom player had very little chance. However, I think I may fairly say that 6—1, 6—2 does not represent the real margin between them. Miss Udy did not strike form while at New Plymouth, as her severe defeat by Miss Powdrell plainher severe defeat by Miss Powdrell plainly shows.

The Men's Champion Doubles were finished later. The only exciting match on the lower side of the draw was the contest Turner and Hickson v. Dr. Keith and A. H. Brown, to which the daily papers have done full justice. In spite of Turner's eleverness and activity the holders of the championship were too much for the opposition. Keith's remarkable accuracy at the back of the court, and Brown's heavy smashing at the net, make a very effective combination. In the other half, Paterson and Upton had a good fight with W. A. Brown and Grossmann in the semi-final. This was played just after the Singles' Championship, when both Upton and Grossmann were feeling the effects of their previous exertions. It was rather a tame fight; at the enterties of the previous ear-tions. It was rather a tame fight; at least, nobody seemed to play very hard till the last set. In lobbing the Eden and Epsom pair had the best of it, and W. A. Brown was very good off the ground. In the last set Paterson came up quicker and brown was very good on the ground. In the last set Paterson came up quicker and volleyed harder than before, and this just turned the tide in his favour. But on their form last Saturday it was not generally expected that Paterson and Upton would have very much chance to-day. Generally speaking, the Men's Doubles have been disappointing, both as to service, volleying, and tactics—always excepting the clever strategy of Turner and Dr. Keith in the games in which they took part. In the finals Keith and A. S. Brown had no trouble with Paterson and Upton, winning 6—1, 6—4, 6—2. This was mostly because Upton was quite off his drive and could get nothing over the net. Paterson played well, but could not be expected to do much against the other pair under the circumstances.

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other pair under the circumstances. In the ladies' champtonship doubles, the chief interest centred round the match between Mrs. Cooper and Miss Harvey on one side of the net, and Miss Udy and Miss P. Gorrie on the other. The Devonport pair won, 6—4, 9—7, and I think they deserved it. Mrs. Cooper is better at volleying than Miss P. Gorrie, who returns her strokes too gently; and though Miss Harvey is, of course, inferior to Miss Udy in a single, she covers a to Miss Udy in a single, she covers a great deal of ground at the back of the court, and returns almost everything she can reach. After this match it looked as if the Devonport pair could settle any opposition they were likely to meet here.

The combined champion doubles brought out several possible claimants for honours. Dr. Keith and Miss Utting found their way into the finals without much trouble; for while the doctor played with his usual skill and judgment, Miss Illiang showed coults, we recovered. played with his usual skill and judgment, Miss Utting showed quite unexpected powers in the way of placing and returning back, hand strokes. W. A. Brown and Miss Udy could hardly be expected to play well together after so little practice, and I think that Billing and Miss Udy. would have made a strong pair. However, with W. A. Brown's help Miss Udy beat Paterson and Mrs. Cooper, and they were not likely to find much trouble Udy beat Paterson and Mrs. Cooper, and they were not likely to find much trouble with any other pair but Billing and Miss Martin, who got through to the semifinal chiefly through Billings' experience of the game and his net play. The man that volleys most generally wins in a mixed double; and most of our men are too slow about the front of the court to do much: execution. They should take a lesson from Wallace, or Fisher, or Parker. By the way, tennis players here should read carefully the admirable article on the New Zealand Championhere should read carefully the admirable article on the New Zealand (hampionahips that Parker contributes to this week's "Graphic." He urges players who want to learn to volley to go in as much as possible for the combined game, as there they must smash if they are to do any kind of good.

The men's handicap singles produced a large number of very close matches, which were a great credit to the handicappers. Dr. Keith resigned early, through overpressure; and, apart from him, the men who seemed to have best chance were Hunt and Shirriffs, Smith and Finch, Romington Costes and Thompson Gillet. Hunt and Shirriffs, Smith and Finch, Bonnington, Coates, and Thomson, Gillett put Shirriffs out after a hard fight in the 4th round. Shirriffs was a little too soft in his volleying for most of his opponents, but drove well and showed great activity. Bonnington (owe 15, 4—6) put out Thomson (rec. 3—6, 15), who was the limit man, and on paper had received too much handicap. Bonnington is severe off the ground, and very accurate, and just got home from Thomson on the third set. Then Bonnington scratched, and H. G. Smith (owe 15) had to play in the semifinal with Coates (owe 15), who had casily beaten Grossmann the day before. Coates is a tricky, clever player, but casily beaten Grossmann the day before. Coates is a tricky, clever player, but Smith, who is quite the most promising of the second rankers, was too steady, and beat him in two straight sets. This left Hunt and Smith in the finals, and it says a great deal for Hunt's play that owing 5-6 15, he could beat Smith at the odds. Hunt has a very taking style, and he restrained his desire to hit admirably, with the result that Smith, with and he restrained his desire to hit admirably, with the result that Smith, with all his versatility and steadiness, could not make up the handicap. Hunt has more hitting power than nine-teutis of the Auckland players, and he should soon move up into the very first-class of players.

1 am sorry that I have no space left for commenting upon the other handicaps, which provided an immense amount of interesting and exciting play. Miss M. Walker (Parnell) won the Ladies Singles Handicap with owe 3—6, 15, and played very steadily throughout. Her victory over Mrs. Pulethorpe in the final, 6—1, 6—1, was a particularly good effort. One of the longest and most trying of all the contests was the match that Mrs. Allen and Miss Woodroffe finally won against Miss Udy and Miss Martin, 4—6, 6—5, 14—12. The last set was a tremendous trial of patience and endurance. In the Men's Handicap Doubles Turner and Hickson (owe 15, 4—6) succeeded in putting out the champions, Dr. Keith and A. Brown (owe 40, 3—6) in a three-set match; but the winners succumbed in turn to Billing and Dr. Bamford, who started owe 15 and I am sorry that I have no space left and Dr. Bamford, who started owe 15 and 5-6, and played a very clever and couand Dr. Bamtord, who started over 13 and 5-6, and played a very clever and consistent game throughout. In the end Bamford and Billing won from owe 15 and 5-6, thus beating Thomson and J. Stewart (scratch) in two sets. This was one of the best performances in the tournament, for the beaten men play, a sound game, ard were quite up to form. Bamford and Billing lobbed and volleyed well and they combine better than almost any other pair here. Bamford is very tricky in a double, and plays far better there than in m single. The Combined Handicap Doubles were won by the Rev. Black and Miss Woodroffe by two sets to one, after a hard struggle with Thomson and Miss T. Walker. Miss Woodroffe deserves great credit for her steady and plucky play, and her partner was not only surprisingly active, but very accurate. Several of these combined double matches were most exciting, one was not only surprisingly active, but very accurate. Several of these combined double matches were most exciting, one of the best bring a fight in the second round between H. R. Cooke and Miss Cooke (owe 15) and Paterson and Miss Bagnall (owe 15, 1—67). The pairs were practically level, and the coolness and pluck displayed by the ladies was most admirable. In a long and tring three set match they both picked up an immense number of difficult balls, some of Miss Cooke's backhanders and lobs being really splendid. Altogether, taking an average, the standard of combined double play here seems to me higher than that reached in any other branch of the game. The semi-final of the Champion Coubineds was played off on Saturday between W. A. Brown and Miss D. Udy, and Billing and Miss Martin. Billing and his partner got a set in and 2 love before the opposition started, but in the end Miss Udy was too good for Miss Martin.

The most easily tired nerves in the The most easily tired nerves in the body are the nerves of smell, writes a correspondent. They can detect the faintest whiff of perfume. As you pass a rose in the garden the quantity of perfume that gets into your nostrils must be many millions of times smaller than the timiest grain of sand. But rub the strongest perfume on your upper lip, and in a few seconds you fail to notice it, the nerve of smell is so quickly fatigned. The heat nerves and cold nerves, which are quite distinct from the nerves of ordinary sensation, also give up working very quickly. A bath that seems quite hot when you step into it very soon ceases quickly. A bath that seems quite bot when you step into it very soon ceases to cause any particular feeling of heat. Nervos of hearing and sight can go through an enormous amount of work. For sixtsen hours as day they work bard, and are still willing to do more. The nerves of the heart are the most untiring of all. From the first dawn of life until the last gasp, they work without stopping for one instant.