

SHOOTING.

No. 3 Natives.

The No. 3 Native Rifles, Auckland, fired the third match on Saturday last for the Hallenstein trophy, seven shots in two series at 200 yards. The winner was Sergeant A. E. Kretchmar, whose handicap was 2. He put up a total of 64, and Sergeant Daniel (handicap 5), who came second, had a similar total. Colour-Sergeant King, who was shooting from scratch, was third, with a score of 63. The points for the trophy to date are: Sergeant Kretchmar, 60 points; Colour-Sergeant King, 5; Private Huntly, 4; Private Colquhoun, 4; Private Hill, 3; Sergeant Daniel, 3; Private Griffiths, 2; Private Chamberlain, 2; Private Hare, 1.

Artillery Challenge Shield.

For the first time in the history of Auckland, the Garrison Artillery Challenge Shield for the best gun-shooting has been won by an Auckland Garrison Artillery company. The No. 1 Company of Garrison Artillery (Auckland Navals) has at last succeeded in bringing this highly coveted honour to the city. Auckland has been justly proud of its record in athletics of every description during the past year, adding every trophy offered for competition, with the sole exception of the most vital one—the big gun shooting shield, in which unfortunately this district has always been at the various other districts in the Dominion. This time, thanks to the hard work and splendid enthusiasm of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the No. 1 Garrison Artillery, this most important trophy has been won for Auckland.

1st Series.—Captain Kayvett, 12 rounds from a 6-inch gun. Result, 10 hits in highly satisfactory time, working out to the high score of merit of 1.94. The best done previously was by the Dundedin Navals, 1.19 for 12 rounds. 2nd Series.—Lieut. Greenough, 12 rounds, 12 hits in magnificent time, with the phenomenal result of 1.34. 3rd Series.—Lieut. Pullen, 15 rounds, 10 hits, in magnificent time, giving a result of 1.69.

The splendid nature of this shooting may be judged by the civilians who compare the previous best shooting that has been done in Auckland (which was at that time considered about the best result that could be obtained in the matter) in the district; the result was .906, obtained by Captain Hazard when commanding No. 3 Co. Garrison Artillery. The worst of the results above is a huge way ahead of this. Undoubtedly the city has never had so proud of this company. To think that in the short space of 24 years, by the united effort, loyal work, and well-directed energy of the members of the Garrison Artillery company, the No. 1 Co. have advanced from the poorest garrison artillery company in the Dominion to the top of the tree, increasing their numbers from 35 to 137. It is a record that has probably never previously been equaled, and deserves of itself some special recognition.

No. 1 Natives, Auckland.

The No. 1 N.Z. Natives fired the second stage of a trophy presented by Corp. Johnston, to be won twice in succession on three times at intervals. It was won outright by Pvt. Purchas with the good score of 65 out of the possible 70, who was closely followed by Sgt. Smith with 63. The conditions were two 7 shots at 200 and 1 optional sighter. The following are the scores: Pvt. Purchas (handicap 5), 33, 32 70 Sgt. Griffiths (8), 29, 34 67 Corp. C. Smith (3), 31, 30 65 Corp. Lyons (7), 30, 31 66 Pvt. Cavers (15), 16, 19 50 Pvt. Burnett (12), 22, 20 52

Auckland Mounted Rifles.

The members of A Squadron A.M.R. fired a competition for a valuable trophy presented by Capt. Potter, on Saturday. The match was a handicap, with a 68 point limit, and consisted of two shoots at 200yds, 7 shots each, and two optional sighters. A good contest took place. Sgt. Major Edgingham winning on the tie from Bugler Morgan. Appended are the scores: Sgt. Major Edgingham (handicap 11), 64, 62, 61, second shoot 27 68 Bugler Morgan (14), 31, 27 63 Sgt. Morgan (scratch), 33, 31 64 Lieut. Holden (0), 27, 30 63 Lieut. Atkinson (scratch), 32, 30 62 Corp. Ferguson (2), 28, 17 62 Tpr. Thorburn (29), 25, 17 61 Tpr. Button (20), 18, 23 61 Sgt. Neville (21), 27, 31 60 Corp. Spencer (14), 18, 27 59 Tpr. Lovett (15), 15, 14 45 Tpr. Drake (10), 10, 13 39

AQUATICS.

North Shore Yacht Club.

The North Shore Yacht Club, Auckland, held a cruising race to Awaroa, Waikitea, last Saturday. There were very good entries, and the four classes into which the race was divided, resulted as under:—First-class: Heartcase, 1; Wajjpre, 2; Tidstle, 3. Second-class: Ronaki, 1; Sybil, 2; Rance, 3. Third-class: Mowai, 1; Hilda, 2; Welcome Jack, 3. Fourth-class: Tangaroa, 1; Kaho, 2; May Belle, 3.

Wellington Regatta.

Great interest was taken in the annual regatta of the Wellington Rowing Association, held in Wellington Harbour on Saturday. The weather conditions were perfect, a very light southerly wind cooling the temperature without in any way interfering with the oarsmen. The results are as under:—

Malden Fours, one mile: Star B.C. (Wellington), 1; Canterbury R.C.C., 2; Union R.C. (Christchurch), 3. Also started: Petone R.C.C., Wellington R.C.C., Wanganui R.C.C., and Blenheim R.C.C.

Junior Clunker Fours, one mile and a-half: Union R.C. (Christchurch), 1; Picton R.C., 2; Star B.C. (No. 1 crew), 3. Also started: Star B.C. (No. 2 crew), Lyttelton R.C., Nelson R.C., and Waiapu R.C.

Senior Double Sculls, one mile and a-half: Union R.C. (Christchurch), J. Fry (stroke), E. O'Brien (bow), 1; Wellington R.C., H. A. McKinley (stroke), W. J. Gaudin (bow), 2. Also started: Canterbury R.C. and Star B.C.

Senior Fours, two miles: Union R.C. (Christchurch), 1; Union B.C. (Wanganui), 2; Canterbury R.C., 3; Blenheim R.C., 4. Senior Sculls: C. H. Marshall (Wanganui), 1; N. A. Christensen (Wanganui), 2; A. T. Bendall (Star, Wellington), 3.

Junior Fours: Picton R.C., 1; Lyttelton R.C., 2; Star B.C., 3. Maiden Double Sculls, one mile: Wellington R.C., 1; Star B.C., 2; Petone R.C., 3.

Youths' Fours, one mile: Star B.C., 1; Canterbury R.C., 2; Wellington R.C., 3; Union R.C. (Christchurch), 4. Maiden Pairs: Star B.C., 1; Union (Christchurch), 2; Wellington R.C., 3. Second Pairs: Canterbury R.C., 1; Union R.C. (Christchurch), 2; Wellington R.C., 3.

Hamilton Regatta.

The Hamilton Regatta took place on Saturday. The weather was beautiful, and the attendance good.

Novice Fours—Hamilton Rowing Club 1, Ngauruwhia 2, Hamilton No. 2 Club 3. Swimming Race, 50yds, for boys under 14 years.—E. J. Bobard 1, Thompson 2, Manning 3.

Malden Fours, 10 stone and under.—Waiotama Club 1, Hamilton 2, Ngauruwhia 3. West End rowed second, but was disqualified, one man being 2lb over 10 stone.

Senior Fours, open weights.—The Waitemata Club had a row over, being the only entry. Swimming Race, 75yds.—C. Murray 1, H. Dummer 2.

Junior Fours, 10 stone and under.—West End Club 1. Swimming Race, 100yds.—W. Verney 1, L. Weston and S. W. Keen dead heat for second place.

Ladies' Challenge Cup for Country Clubs.—Ngauruwhia 1, Whangarei 2, Hamilton 3. Youths' Fours.—Waitemata 1, North Shore 2, and Ngauruwhia 3.

Swimming Race, 25yds.—12 years to 17 years.—T. Ellis 1, Hulme 2, Stewart 3. Swimming Championship of the Waikato and Goldfields, 100yds.—Verney 1, Luxford 2, Scott 3.

Junior Fours, open weights.—Ngauruwhia 1, West End 2, North Shore 3. Greasy Boon.—G. Jack 1, J. Paul 2. Ladies' Plate.—Seniors' Fours, open weights.—North Shore 1, West End 2.

Swimming Race, 150yds.—S. W. Keen 1, L. Weston 2.

SCULLING.

The Championship of the World.

According to a cablegram received from Sydney on Monday, Edward Durnan, a well-known Canadian sculler, is anxious to meet R. Arndt, the world's champion sculler, and has offered to pay £200 towards the champion's expenses. Durnan it will be remembered, attempted unsuccessfully some time ago to wrest the world's championship from Geo. Towns, when it was held by that well-known sculler.

BOXING.

Lang Beats Squires.

As was generally anticipated by the cognoscenti, the match in Sydney last week between Bill Lang and Bill Squires for the heavy-weight championship of Australia, resulted in a win for Lang. Squires fought gamely till the seventeenth round, when he was knocked out.

ATHLETICS.

Longboat beats Shrubbs.

Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian long-distance runner, beat A. E. Shrubbs, who at one time held most of the amateur long-distance English records, in a race over the Marathon distance at Madison Square. Shrubbs collapsed in the twenty-fifth mile.

"This gas bill is only for 5d." "Well, sir?" "Couldn't you add 10? I've been writing my wife that I'm spending my evenings at home."



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RACING FIXTURES.

Feb. 6, 10, 13 — Otahuhu Trotting Club Feb. 10 and 11 — Egmont R.C. Summer Feb. 11, 12 — Poverty Bay Turf Club (A.N.T.) Feb. 17 and 18 — Woodville District J.C. Autumn Feb. 24, 25, and 27 — Dunedin J.C. Autumn Feb. 26 and 27 — South Auckland R.C.'s Annual March 4 and 5 — Wanganui J.C. Autumn March 17 and 18 — Napier Park R.C. Autumn

TURF NOTES.

The Explosion horse Pohuru is said to be suffering from muscular rheumatism. The Eton gelding Rarata has been purchased by Mr. Geo. Mills, and has gone into S. Hodge's charge. The St. Paul gelding San Paulo is displaying symptoms of scrofula, and is to be given a spell for a few months.

The art in America is in a very bad way, and there does not seem much hope for improvement. Horses are still being sold at "panic prices." W. Townsend has given up training, and the Explosion filly Zinnia, which has been under his charge at Ellerslie, has been transferred to T. O'Connor's stable.

The South coast Snowfoot was shipped to Sydney by the s.s. Victoria on Monday. Mr. H. Murston, who purchased the colt, returned by the same steamer.

Mr. E. H. Hanken has been appointed starter for the Waikato Jockey Club's annual meeting.

The Pilgrim's Progress mare Goldwin changed hands recently, being purchased by Mrs. Lindsay, of Coromandel.

The three brood mares purchased by Mr. J. Burton during his recent visit to Auckland are all to be mated with Warroo.

Mr. A. Barclay, owner of Fenales, has received a cable advising him that his horse has been awarded 9.8 in the Newmarket Handicap.

Bribery, Alabaha, Mann, Saltare, Marsovia, and Idealist, which have been enjoying a spell, have been placed in work again at Morrillage by D. J. Price.

Elegance's win in the Hobson Handicap last Saturday was doubly pleasing to her owner, Mr. E. W. Allison, in the fact that the filly is one of his own breeding.

A competitor at the International Horse Show at Buenos Ayres, measuring 27 feet 11 inches, and this has been described as world's record for a horse. Such is far from being the case, for two famous jumpers in Lottery and Emblem have covered more ground in a "stride"; but all such jumps are capped by that of Chandler at Warwick (England), on March 22, 1847.

This horse jumped 37 feet, which still remains the "world's record."

When Mahutonga returned to P. McGrath's stables after a spell, it was considered almost certain that he would stand another preparation, but as the chestnut's lameness reappeared almost immediately on his being started upon his first work, he was again been thrown out. No further attempt will be made to train him, and he will probably be returned to his owner in New Zealand.

The ex-Auckland horse English won the hurdle race on the opening day of the A.J.C. Anniversary Meeting, with 0.0 in the saddle. English started second favourite and won easily in the good time of 3.483.

On the second day, a stable companion of English's, in Pretty Maid (another New Zealander), won the Hurdle Race, but had only a solitary opponent in Manseping (which fell to beat).

At Epsom on January 20 the New Zealand Moton was given his first outing in Melbourne. With top-weight on his back and at any price in the market, he finished fourth. As usual, he was very slow to leave the mark, and Australian writers are counting him out of the Newmarket owing to this failing. He also ran in handicaps, and it is feared that his front joints are more too sound.

So much has been written about the unfairness to other owners in keeping their horses standing waiting for unly characters to face the barrier, that it was quite refreshing to see Mr. O'Connor take the stand he did with a "ride" in the Newmarket at Takapuna. The daughter of Moskery persistently refused to face the barrier, till at last even the patience of the half-brother, the mare, was exhausted, and the field was despatched without her.

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