

Sports and Pastimes.

TURF FIXTURES.

NEW ZEALAND.

January 22 and 24—Wellington R.C. Summer
 January 25—Stratford R.C. Annual
 January 26, 27, February 3—Takapuna J.C. Summer
 February 1 and 2—Taranaki J.C. Annual
 Feb. 10 and 12—Te Aroha J.C. Autumn
 February 14 and 15—Egmont R.C. Summer
 February 14—Kaukapōka Racing Club
 February 17—Waitekapei Hack Racing Club
 February 17, 21, 24—Otahuhu Trotting Club Summer
 February 22 and 23—Poverty Bay Turf Club Annual
 February 22 and 24—Canterbury J.C. Summer
 March 1—Bay of Plenty J.C. Annual
 March 5—Papakura Hack Meeting
 March 4—Rotorua J.C. Annual
 March 8 and 9—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 March 10—South Auckland Racing Club
 March 11, 12—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
 March 17 and 18—Ohinemuri J.C. Annual
 March 21, 23, and 24—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
 March 27, 28—Napier Park Racing Club
 April 4 and 5—Manawatu R.C. Autumn
 April 18—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
 April 18, 17, 21—Auckland Racing Club Autumn
 April 26 and 27—South Canterbury J.C. Autumn
 May 2 and 4—Wellington R.C. Autumn
 May 24 and 26—Takapuna J.C. Winter
 May 24 and 26—Dunedin J.C. Winter
 June 3, 11—Auckland Racing Club Winter
 June 20, 22—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
 June 26, 27—Gisborne Park Racing Club
 June 27, 28—Napier Park Racing Club
 July 18 and 20—Wellington R.C. Winter

DATES OF COMING EVENTS.

NEW ZEALAND.

January 29—Takapuna Cup
 February 7—Taranaki Cup
 March 3—V.R.C. Leger
 March 3—Newmarket Handicap
 March 6—Australian Cup
 March 8—Wanganui Cup
 March 21—Dunedin Cup
 March 17—Hawke's Bay Cup
 March 19—Hawke's Bay Stakes
 March 27—Napier Park Cup
 April 15—A.R.C. Easter Handicap
 April 15—A.R.C. Champagne Stakes
 April 16—C.J.C. Champagne Stakes
 April 16—C.J.C. Great Easter Handicap
 April 17—C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap

NOTES BY MONITOR.

A recent mail from London brings particulars of the statistics for the English racing season, which closed on November 25th. Among the sires Orme easily tops the poll with £46,703, this splendid result being of course due to the good deeds of Flying Fox. The American horse sensation, by Leamington—Susan Beane, follows with £20,168 against his name, a result largely brought about by the successes of Democrat, which scooped £13,000 during the season. St. Simon is third with £17,505, a very creditable result considering that he had no big winner to swell his total, but the son of Galopin had more contributors than any other. Following these come Royal Hampton (£13,500), Donovan (£11,240), St. Serf (£10,862), Hampton, dead (£9,725), Bona Vista (£9,008), Martingon (£9,119), Sheen (£9,000).

With such a champion as Flying Fox it is small wonder to find the late Duke of Westminster at the top of the list of winning owners with the enormous total of £43,965 to his credit, but Lord William Bessford runs him a wonderfully close second with £42,736, this being due to the success of the American horses. A long way after these comes Sir R. W. Griffiths with £14,805, while Mr. Leopold de Rothschild with £11,444 is in fourth place. The only other owner to reach five figures is Mr. A. James, who secured £10,653 during the season.

Among the jockeys S. Denton has ridden the greatest number of winners with 160 out of 731 mounts. O. Madden had the greatest number of rides, viz., 807, on 130 of which he was successful. Mornington Cannon follows, 120 wins; and then comes T. Louies (112) and J. F. Sloan (108), these five being the only ones to top the century.

The American trainer Higgins had the most winners, viz., 72, these being between them £2,800, but the most successful trainer was J. Porter, who with Flying Fox and his stable companion secured £50,500. W. E. Eisey's stable did well during the

campaign, as it supplied 68 winners, representing a stake value of £10,000.

Mr. Jno. Marshall has not had much good luck of late, and it is some time since the all black colours were first past the post. Recently he has lost a nice looking filly by Soult out of Coalscuttle, which kicked his back and had to be destroyed.

The Napier horse St. Lemon is still in training at Eilerslie. He was highly thought of by a great many who should know for the jumping event at the recent Eilerslie meeting, and as the handicapper has treated him very leniently the Southerner should beat more than beat him at Takapuna.

The Thames Jockey Club propose to hold a meeting on Union Day, March 5th, provided a totalisator permit can be secured.

The champion French colt Perth won £22,000 during the past season. There was a rumour of matching him against Flying Fox, but owing to the death of the latter's owner it has fallen through. This is a pity, as it should have given rise to a magnificent struggle between these famous equines.

Nor-west is acquitting himself very well in his work, and his name figures among the list of acceptors for the Takapuna Steeplechase. With 13.5 the son of Sou'wester has a hard nut to crack, but even with this crushing impost he will probably render a good account of himself.

The late Duke of Westminster, for many years one of the most successful owners of racehorses in England, was never known to make a bet during the whole course of his career.

In looking through the list of horses engaged in the Taranaki Cup I notice that of the thirteen engaged no less than ten were bred in Auckland.

In America the starting machine has met with plenty of opposition, and to satisfy the demand of some of their patrons, the Washington Jockey Club tried the experiment of returning to the old system, that is to say simply with the flag. It proved, however, an utter failure, and the barrier was soon reinstated.

A good old sporting match was made at the Sandown Park, England, recently between Sir J. Hursby's Palmeston, and Mr. A. Gold's Villiers, each carrying 10 stone, the distance being over four miles. The match was for £1,000 a side, and Palmeston who was the non-favourite won by six lengths, and on pulling up was found to have broken down badly. Villiers could only just crawl past the post, so that it would seem that such a long race is not the forte of the English racehorse.

The champion trotting stallion in America last year was Bingen, whose record was 2min. 63secs. He was recently priced by Russian buyers, and his owner asked £10,000 for him. This seems a long price, but only the risk of shipping him across prevented a deal from eventuating.

Mr. Wm. Cooper, the well-known Australian sportsman, recently gave 500 guineas for the Lochiel mare Amiable at the Newmarket Sales in England. She is to be mated with Newhaven, which sire, although refused admittance to the English Stud Book by Messrs Weatherby, yet bids fair to make a name for himself at the stud.

Resolute, who won several good races in Australia for Mr. W. E. Wilson, besides filling fourth position in Newhaven's Melbourne Cup, was sold recently in England for 50 guineas, after failing to win a race. When sold in Australia his price was in the neighbourhood of four guineas.

The ever green Whakawatu cropped up again at Rosehill last Saturday week, when the ex-New Zealander won the New Year's Handicap from a field of ten starters. The old fellow carried top weight, 9.5, and ran the six furlongs in the good time of 1:31 secs, winning by a neck from Portague and Victory.

When "Mr Jersey's" racehorses were submitted for sale last month it was found that Merman and Autumn were

not among the list, and the latter has been reserved to do stud duty. Autumn did not reach the reserve of 1500 guineas placed upon her, while Uniform was also passed in, his reserve being 800 guineas.

The erst Auckland Daystar has been nominated for the principal events run at the Taranaki meeting next month. I notice he has been awarded top weight in both his engagements in the first day, and provided McGuiness gets him to the post fit and well he should be able to render a good account of himself. The latest reports to hand state that Castor's son is bowling along in great style in his work.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

The Takapuna Jockey Club will open their summer meeting on Monday next, and the fixture will extend over three days. The Takapuna course is easily affected by rain, so that the good spell of dry weather should make it at its very best, and no doubt fast times will be recorded. Excellent acceptances have been received by Mr Wynyard for the first day, and in at least two instances the fields promise to be almost too large for such a narrow course. It is quite needless to add that the arrangements have been well attended to by the popular secretary, and as the seaside gathering is always well attended there is sure to be a big crowd patronise the course on Anniversary Day. In looking through the list of acceptances for the Takapuna Cup, it must be said that the issue has been left with a good deal of uncertainty hanging over it. Miss Delaval with 8.13 is highly thought of, and the Gloria with 7.8 is considered to have a chance second to none, and it may be that these three will fill the places, with the last mentioned mare in the van. If there should be a surprise in the race it may come from Auld Reekie, who can easily stay the journey out, and has a very light weight.

In the Maiden Handicap Chancellor II, although allotted top weight of 8.10, should be good enough for the opposition, although Castas' de and Corporal may prove dangerous.

In the Handicap Hurdles, run over two miles, the Napier owned Barbarossa is in pride of place with 11.12, at which weight Voltigeur II, and Favona should beat the top weight.

The Zealandia Handicap follows, and the ex-Sydney pony Minerva II, should dispute the issue with St. Elmo.

There are fifteen engaged in the Stewards' Handicap, but as several of the candidates are entered in previous races there should not be more than ten starters, although it may be have a great chance, although it may be that Moment and St. Peter will prove the best of the other contingent.

The Calliope Handicap has attracted nine two-year-olds. Zealous is reported to have a damaged fore-fetlock, and possibly may be an absentee, in which case Alger and Babinie may dispute the final.

In the Hack Handicap the field will be small, and Chancellor II, or Perseverance should prove the best.

The Pony Handicap has seven acceptors, the best of which appears to be Blue Paul and Pipihararua.

The privileges of the meeting were sold by Messrs Churton and Co., realising the total of £976. The gates fetched £400, Mr Cleave gave £210 for the cards, Mr A. E. Striwell £55 for the refreshment booth, Mr Donovan £135 for the inside booth, while Mr O'Connor secured the outside booth for £190.

FOXTON RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

The Foxton Racing Club held their summer meeting on Saturday, the attendance being good and the weather fine. The racing was of a very interesting character, notably in the Foxton Cup, in which a great battle was fought out between Worry and Bone-fide, the former winning by a short half-length. In the Stewards' Handicap Whinity, the winner, paid the nice dividend of £19 8/.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations have been received by the Auckland Racing Club—

SPRING MEETING, 1900.

THE GREAT NORTHERN GUINEAS of 5000s. One mile.

Mr W. J. Douglas's br c by Torpedo—Aegyptia
 Mr W. J. Douglas's br c by Quill—Vista
 Mr W. J. Douglas's br f by Quill—Maude
 Mr W. J. Douglas's br f by Torpedo—Ivatic
 Mr W. Walters' b f by Soult—Lady Emma
 Mr W. Walters' b f by Soult—Helen McGregor
 Mr W. Walters' b c by Soult—Cressina
 Mr W. Walters' b f by Soult—Rose and White
 Mr W. Walters' b f by Soult—Hipporina
 Mr W. Walters' b c by Soult—Fragirl
 Mr W. Walters' b c by Soult—Loo
 Major F. N. George's ca c Sireback, by Nelson—Hestia
 Major F. N. George's ch f by Nelson—Alcanta
 Major N. George's ch f by Nelson—The Maid
 Major F. N. George's b f by Nelson—Star of Aotearoa
 Mr G. Gorman's b f by Regal—Vasator
 Mr N. McKenzie's Marsana Ney, by Ben Godfrey—Somona
 Mr T. Morrins' dr g Sentinel, by Soult—The Shibal
 Mr T. B. Bell's br f by Hotchkiss—Reproach
 Mr T. B. Bell's br g by Hotchkiss—Mandula
 Mr F. Watson's ch c by Hotchkiss—St. Laura
 Mr T. Morrins' br c by Hotchkiss—Eve
 Mr T. Morrins' ch c by St. Leger—Valentina
 Mr T. Morrins' br c by Hotchkiss—Lady Evelyn
 Mr T. Morrins' br c by Hotchkiss—Queen Cole
 Mr T. Morrins' br f by Hotchkiss—Gannet
 Mr T. Morrins' br c by Castor—Vasatore
 Mr T. Morrins' b f by Castor—Hargill
 Mr T. Morrins' ch c by St. Leger—Lady Curton
 Mr T. Morrins' ch f by Hotchkiss—St. Eweil
 Mr T. Morrins' b c by St. Leger—Janet
 Mr T. Morrins' ch f by Hotchkiss—Agnes
 Mr T. Morrins' ch c by St. Leger—Forma
 Mr T. Morrins' b f by Castor—Lyrellina
 Mr T. Morrins' br c by Hotchkiss—Fratity
 Mr T. Morrins' br f by St. Leger—Hazel
 Mr T. Morrins' br c by Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington
 Mr T. Morrins' br c by Hotchkiss—Sapphire
 Mr T. Morrins' br f by Hotchkiss—Crescent
 Mr T. Morrins' br c by Hotchkiss—Gilda
 Mr T. Morrins' br c by Hotchkiss—Brown Albatross
 Mr T. Morrins' br c by St. Leger—Clay
 Mr T. Morrins' ch f by St. Leger—Forma
 Mr T. Morrins' b f by Hotchkiss—Lady Augusta
 Mr T. Morrins' ch c by St. Leger—Lady Lucy
 Mr T. Morrins' br f by Outrigger—Ganna
 Mr T. Morrins' br f by St. Leger—Nack-ler
 Mr T. Morrins' br f by St. Leger—Hilda
 Mr T. Morrins' b f by Castor—Lady Walsley
 Mr T. McKinnon's b g by Lochness—Pikau
 Mr D. McKinnon's br c by Lochness—Apate
 Mr W. J. Hoffman's b c by Hiredog—Maid of Erin
 Mr H. Weal's b f Inspiration, by Freedom—Happy Thought
 Hon. H. Gosman's ch c by Musketry—Katipo
 Mr J. G. Rupp's br c The General, by St. Hippo—First Love
 Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's ch f by St. Leger—Campana
 Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's b g by Seaton Delaval—Liquidator
 Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's b f by Seaton Delaval—Lieutenant
 Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's ch f by St. Hippo—Waiemata
 Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's ch c by Seaton Delaval—Charente
 Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's br c by St. Hippo—Innisfall
 Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's ch c by St. Leger—Elderslie
 Mrs J. Lennard's b k by St. Hippo—Jada
 Mrs J. Lennard's br g by St. Hippo—Vixen Rose
 Mrs J. Lennard's br g by St. Hippo—Dorothy
 Mr J. C. Booth's ch f by St. Leger—Polish Sic
 Mr J. C. Booth's ch c Goldenmere, by Claranald—Golden Vale
 Mr J. C. Booth's b f by Seaton Delaval—Toby Beech
 Mr J. Taylor's ch c by Lord Dunlop—Welcome
 Mr P. Stiening's br g by Tassan—Lady Mole
 Mr W. Paul's br c by St. Leger—Woodbine

AT TOWN MEETING, 1901.

THE GREAT NORTHERN GUINEAS of 5000s. Six furlongs.

Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch c Pelisse, by Flintlock Film
 Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Sora, by St. Andrew—Sora
 Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Andree, by St. Andrew—Norsemaid
 Hon. J. D. Ormond's l Lynchard, by Flintlock—Lullaby
 Hon. J. D. Ormond's br f Snazee, by Flintlock—Lullaby
 Mr N. McKenzie's br f by Ben Godfrey—Bonita
 Mr W. Walters' br c by Soult—Cressina
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