

Kennel and Field.

(By "Tui.")

The dog, in life the firmest friend,
The first to welcome, foremost to defend.
—Byron.

WHISPERS OF THE FANCY.

It is in recognition of the increasing interest in kennel matters that this column is included in the "Graphic." Items of interest, such as whelpings, importation of pedigree stock, dates of shows, schedules, photographs, and performances in the field, will receive notice if addressed to "Tui," Kennel and Field Column, "N.Z. Graphic."

It is the intention of the Auckland Kennel Club to hold the August-September show in the room at the junction of Grey and Queen-streets lately used by Mr Hermann, clothing manufacturer. I had a look at the proposed show place and think that it will take 200 dogs at a pinch. Auckland is in want of a decent place for holding shows in, and the building of a suitable hall would be hailed with pleasure by societies of any kind.

Mr Freeman Lloyd's fee for judging the Auckland show, or rather for coming to New Zealand, is stiff, and unless the Wellington Club agree to paying half the amount required by Mr Lloyd, his services will have to be passed this year.

I should like to suggest to the local club that there are several capable gentlemen in Australia who would probably come to New Zealand at a figure much less than Mr Lloyd's quotation—Messrs Smythe and Court-Rice. Both these gentlemen have proved their ability to judge efficiently, and best of all their fees are not prohibitive.

Mr Court-Rice has just returned from England, and will therefore have an idea of the latest in the canine world.

I append the following as being from the pen of Dr. Carey, the great English authority on Irish terriers:—

The improvement in size, coat and ears has, I think, been very marked, and if I may suggest any point which I think breeders would do well to pay attention to it is eye—to try and get them smaller, deeper set, and of darker colour. The difficulty in effecting this improvement is proved by the fact that breeders of experience find eyes of the correct dark shade are almost invariably to be found only in dogs possessing the very objectionable dark face shading; and dogs that are of the correct colour throughout very frequently possess light-coloured eyes, than which to my mind there is nothing more abominable.

Another point I think deserves attention—with some of our judges, more especially those who are not themselves breeders of Irish terriers, there is just now rather a "crave" for whiskers, by which I mean a considerable amount of longish hair on the fore face, giving it a greater appearance of strength than it in reality possesses.

Now I am convinced that all these heavily-whiskered dogs are just those that if shown honestly, i.e., untrimmied, would as a rule be quite passed over, because they carry naturally quite too much coat, so that the exhibitor who does not go in for trimming and making up his dogs for show is thus placed at a great disadvantage. A really good sound-coated dog shown naturally has only a moderate quantity of this face whisker, and for this reason I hope judges will for the future cease to give so much weight to this point.

Mr Chilcott's champion pointer bitch Princess is looking well and should take a lot of beating at the next show. Her owner has purchased a pointer puppy of great promise.

The Auckland Kennel Club have decided not to accept exhibition dogs this year, and the idea is good, as more room will be given to those put in for show. A dog that is not good enough for competition is, to my mind, not fit for exhibition.

I think the Auckland Kennel Club should go in for field trials for sporting dogs in the same manner as adopted by the Collie Club. One often hears of a person remarking

that so and so's dog is good for the bench, but is not worker; in fact the general public have an idea that pedigree dogs used for show cannot work. This could easily be disproved by trials as suggested.

LACROSSE.

The bad weather on Saturday afternoon was anything but favourable to lacrosse, and the turf was heavy and slippery. The attendance was good despite the uninviting state of the weather. The pride of position was given to the game between North Shore and Grafton. As was expected, the Parnell-Suburbs match resulted in a very even and interesting struggle, the latter team managing to get home by 4 goals to 1. Ponsonby kept up their unbroken record by defeating Grey Lynn by 11 goals to 1. It cannot be said, however, that they had things their own way, for had the Grey Lynn team kept their positions on the field better the result would have been much closer. Afternoon tea was kindly provided by ladies residing at North Shore.

GRAFTON (3 goals) V. NORTH SHORE (1 goal).

Stewart and Miller, the two respective centres, faced off, and for a few minutes fast open play took place about midfield. Grafton opened with a hot attacking Hardingham, Hill, and Atkinson handling the ball smartly, and the latter named after a short tussle drew first blood by a clinking shot. The Shore's defence worked very half heartedly for a time, and Hardingham was allowed to get a very easy goal, which should have been stopped by goal-keeper Bagleton. Shortly afterwards Grafton's attack successfully got away, and Atkinson drove the rubber into the net. Matters looked very black for the Shoreites with three goals against them in less than twenty minutes. An excellent free by Ward relieved them, and their attackers were looking dangerous when the whistle sounded for the first quarter. Grafton, with a strong run in front of them, but this did not get them the desired opening over their opponents. The splendid passing of their attackers and the fault-play of their defenders seemed to paralyse the main suburbs team, and when half time had arrived 4 more goals were posted up against them (Atkinson 2, Hill 1, Stewart 1). This brought Grafton's total to 7 goals against North Shore's nil.

North Shore played a far superior game in the second spell than they did in the previous half. Shifting Wynyard to home seemed to have the desired effect, and no scoring was done in the third quarter. Fast open play was the order, the defence of both being splendid. Near the end of the game Blackler, Wynyard, and Bagleton did a brilliant piece of passing which ended in Bagleton (jun.) shooting a neat goal, and the only goal by the Shore. A long throw by Atkinson found North Shore's defence napping, and Graham beat the goal-keeper by a great fluke. The best scoring was done by Grafton victors by 8 goals to North Shore's one. Mr W. Robinson as referee gave every satisfaction.

PARNELL (3 goals) V. SUBURBS (4 goals).

This game attracted a good share of attention. Owen, Suburbs' crack point, bister faced and out, and the game was first on the aggressive. Goldsbro (Parnell) was called upon to stop a hot rush from Morrin. This he did successfully. Good defence by Ward and a long throw by Penn, enabled Parnell's attack to get an opening, but they were badly punished. Suburbs now got a chance and the ever-ready use of the stick and Walker shot the first goal. There was nothing to choose between the play of both till half time, when Suburbs still had a lead of one goal.

Second Spell: The game resolved itself into a ding dong go to the finish. Ward notched first goal for Parnell, and Rendall retaliated for Suburbs. The rubber was now up and down the field, with quick intervals. Dennison threw Parnell's second goal, and a little later Ward secured the third and last. Suburbs brought the score by all by the assistance of Somerville. Five minutes later their last goal was got by Morrin by clever play, just before cease play was called. Parnell's attack made little impression on Morrin, and Lennox was very unfortunate in not scoring, the ball just rebounding off the post. The game thus ended in favour of Suburbs by 4 goals to 3.

Mr W. B. Eyre had charge of the whistle to the satisfaction of all concerned.

PONSONBY (11 goals) V. GREY LYNN (1 goal).

In the first quarter of the game play was distinctly even, and one goal each was the score. Short (Ponsonby) and Grafton (Grey Lynn) being the scorers. The second quarter saw Ponsonby in the lead, and superior combination told the tale. Landon and Short each successfully drove the rubber under the posts. Ponsonby 3 goals, Grey Lynn 1.

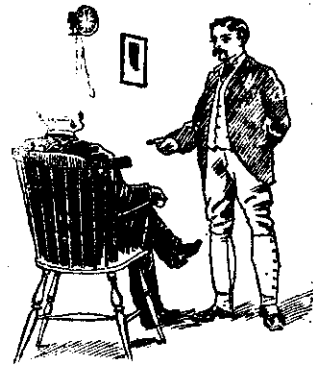
Second Spell: Grey Lynn could not manage to score, but were very close to it on occasions. B. B. B. was their chief stumbling block. Ponsonby's total was brought up to 11 goals (Peacock 3, Anderson 2, Landon 1, Short 1, Latta 1). The game at times was unceremoniously rough. Mr Montgomerie was referee, and gave his decisions promptly and correctly.

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A CONTRACTOR'S DIFFICULTY.

Mr. David Smith, the well-known contractor of London-street, Donner-ville (N.Z.), has, in an interview with the press, given particulars of a grave difficulty which some time ago greatly hampered his operations.

"Apart from trade duties," said Mr Smith, "the exposure and hard work inseparable from a contractor's calling invariably tell upon one. Since I



left the old country 24 years ago I have gone through plenty of manual labour and exposure. Until July last my health was always splendid. I was then attacked with sciatica. My feet became very cold, my joints numb, and terrible shooting pains came in my hips, calves and ankles. I could not rest with the agony, and I was placed in a difficulty inasmuch as I had to give up work. I could just walk about with the aid of a stick. Substitutions did not relieve me, and I was urged to try Dr. Williams' pink pills. I did so; two days after commencing them the pains lessened and I felt better. After finishing the first box I could walk without the aid of a stick, and resumed work. Three boxes restored me to perfect health. I have not had the slightest twinge or ache for nearly a year, so my cure is permanent."

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The Manawatu Club's tournament will begin on September 4th. It is proposed to play a match between Wanganui and Manawatu combined, and Wellington just after the tournament. This match, which will be played in Wellington, should prove interesting. THE FOOLER.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 17.

Saturday last was an off day as regards golfing matters here. The monthly bogey match will be played on Hagley Park on the 21st inst.

I noticed Mr J. C. Wilson on the ground, and from a chat with him I learnt that he was gradually recovering his form, which he seems to have lost while lately in your city. He put up a good round of 83 on Saturday. He spoke most highly of the Greenlane Links, and appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed his visit to your city.

The new links at Shirley were visited last week by about a dozen members, and Mr O'Rourke piloted them round the nine holes which he had laid out for a start. Although the greens had only been cut and rolled once, they were in marvellous condition, and could be played on at once, but the opening game will probably be delayed for a fortnight, to allow of the greens being still further improved. About twenty acres of the balance of the land requires to be ploughed up and sown down in grass, and this work is to be put in hand at once. All the members present were agreed that the right thing had been done in abandoning Russley and taking up the Shirley ground, and were amazed at the ease with which almost perfect greens could be got. I have at various times written in terms of praise of the possibilities of the Russley ground, and I am still of opinion that if the money were forthcoming splendid links could be formed there. But the inaccessibility of the ground was a great drawback, as the road led to nowhere, and there was not much probability of the suburbs extending in that direction for a long time to come. With regard to Shirley, however, the case is different. It is practically a suburban ground. The tram runs past it at short intervals during the day, and the ground requires a minimum of work to put and keep it in order all the year round. This explanation is, I think, necessary, lest your many readers should think that the C.G.C. was chiefly noted for its vacillation. The natural regret felt by those members who were responsible for the laying out of the Russley Links is largely tempered by the reflection that, after all, the links served their purpose by attracting members and thereby spreading a better knowledge and understanding of the game throughout the province. It would not be fitting to close these remarks without testifying to the energy and determination displayed by Mr O'Rourke in carrying through the acquisition of the Shirley ground in spite of very considerable opposition from influential members of the club. He has now the satisfaction of knowing that the opposition are in perfect accord with him and acknowledge the wisdom of the change.

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