and though The Victory has deserted at Caulfield, he remains here. Gattes More, Verse, Robato, Street Arab, Elr Evan, and a few three-year-olds with nothing special to recommend them have dropped out, but there are no surprises. Owners have now the privilege of keeping horses in until a week before the race, when they can get out for another three soverigins." Nonette's owner probably overlooked the fact that forfeits were due. Bydney pencilled, are quoting Nonette at 20 to 1.

The A.J.C. licensing committee have decided upon making a distinction in the licensing of trainers. Only trainers who have suitable stables—either their own or rented — will be permitted to train at Randwick. Anyone making application will have to satisfy the committee on this point. It is thought in this way to improve the status generally of trainers, and check the overcrowding of the tracks with horses. It is found necessary to limit the trainers operating at Randwick, and if possible reduce their numbers feathers unable to satisfy an addition of the precious will be licensed to train on challenge will be licensed to train on challenge will be licensed to train on challenge of the products. In the case to train on challenge horses to Sydney to be remarked permits to work at Randwick, but trainers visiting the metropolis to race horses at any of the suburban meetings will not have this privilenge extended to them. About 250 horses are at present in work at Randwick.

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At last stipendiary stewards are to be tried on the metropoiltan and suburban chait they shall be installed for the metropolitan racing district of New Boutwales. This decision was arrived at by the A.J.C. committee recently, and the matter of details for carrying the new departure into effect will be considered. The scheme will entail expense, but between a number of clubs it will be nothing considerable. The cost will be divided among those concerned, No doubsefter the matter of the new appointment will be taken. Rumour has been busy with the names of a considerable will be disposed to act, but the quiet of the new appointment of the same of the considerable will be disposed to act, but the quiet likely therewill be disappointment when the selection is make sporting public if independent of the sporting public if independent of public, and impartial stewards on be found, and, if so, the sport is sure to benefit as a result.

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At Ellersile on Saturday a lot of good work was got through, Jewellery, alone, Grey Seaton, Lavalette, and Lavaliere, in company, galloped a mile well. Drudge finished in front of Manifesto over six furiongs. Heddington and Rosella each did good working gallops. Sans Puer and Kamo galloped three furionss on the course proper, keeping together. Nonette assisted by Geordle, over four furiongs, and by Ragabrash over the last the angular of the gastisted as mile. Muskerdale runting space and galloped a little over a mile and a quarter in good style. Formulai caversed a mile Muskerdale runting one the last half mile without Saturday and Gladisia spalleren and Irish registered a simple task. Echum, with Geologist to assist the last five furiones, got over a circuit of the grass at a sound pace. Powerful, Bobs and others also worked. After the adjournment for breakfast, Matamatahar-keke, Bluejacket and Landock did a useful gallop in company over six furiongs. I did a useful gallop in company over els furiongs. I did a useful gallop in company over six furiongs. I did a useful gallop in company over six furiongs. I did a useful gallop in company over six furiongs. I did a useful gallop in company over six furiongs. I did a useful gallop in company over six furiongs. In the furiong spin, and were brought home by Nonette's sister. Camfile, Hohork, and a number of others were at work later on.

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"Vigilant," of the London "Sportsman," says: 'It is a curious thing that in Australia they are beglening to tire of St. Simon blood, declaring it to be soft and delicate, just because some of the Haut Brions do not stand knocking about like the old cointial lines of Yattendon, Flanerman, etc. In the last race won by Revenue (son of Trenton), he started very slowly, and was ridden under the whip for a mile, ultimately wholing assists A writer in the ast Simon who could stand with the control of the started very slowly, and was ridden under the wholing assists A writer in the ast Simon who could stand with the control of the started very slowly, and was ridden wholing assists A writer in the started very slowly, and was ridden wholing assists A writer in the started very slowly, and was ridden wholing assists of the Christ would stand it. Indeed, he got plenty of stick last year on several occasions, but it is surely better not to need the whip than merely to be able to stand it. One does not associate St. Simon and Galopin brilliancy with whips and spurs, nor does this class of horse thrive un the terribly searching preparation which the Australian trainers give to the hardy decrements of Müsker, Fishernan, and Yattendon. Nor, it may be, does it suff the Australian trainers would treat their St. Simon-bred hornes with more consideration, instead of gailoping all the life and ther out of them, they would find it better business than abusing it he results of their own bandwork."

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Trotting stands upon a much higher footing in France than it does in England, and the Mulster of Agriculture was present in his official capacity at the contest over the St. Cloud course; for the race known as the Pivk du President de la Republique, with £2000 added, for three-year-oids. This prize is given with a view to encourage the breeding of trotters. Says an exchange, and it is, of course, the richest trutting prize in the world, though in the Exhibition year its value was doubled for that single occusion. All the officials of the Mulstry of Agriculture were present, including M. Horney, who had been appointed Director of the Go-

vernment Haras in succession to M. Plazen, who has been a frequent pirchaser in England of late years, and the race was a very interesting one, for there were 21 starters, the winner, a brown colt by James Watt—Moshowa, accomplishing the distance (a mile and six furlongs) in in 32s, beating the second by is, and the third by 4s, and the fourth by 6s. The winner had the race in hand all the way, and the victory was a very popular one, to judge by the cheering which greeted it, but this is not surprising, for the stable to which he belongs runs its horses very straight, ss, for the matter of that, most of the owners of trotting horses do in France. We have a colt in New Zealand who showed a better average rate of speed than that quoted at the same age, in Ribbonwood, who covered two miles in 4m 53s.

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Just now the following on the subject of Insuring jockeys, from the Sydney Tecture of Insuring jockeys, from the Sydney Tecture of Insuring jockeys, from the Sydney Tecture of Insuring jockeys are especial interest in New Zealand, we are especial interest in New Zealand, the subject under consideration:—A special arrangement for insuring jockeys against accident or death whilst following their profession has been proposed in Adelaide, and, it is said, is likely to find favour with the racing bodies in that State. There will be no objection to such a scheme, if it can be carried out without too much strain upon the pockets of those concerned, and the idea is well worthy of consideration. Jockeys run considerably pinched for funds until they have undergone repairs, and a provision by which they would be entitled to assistance seems to be a wise one. The payment of a fixed aum in case of fatal injuries is just as much to be recommended, for most jockeys, like other people, have relatives more or less dependent on them. An Accident Insurance Co. in Adelaide has submitted a scheme which would require the payment of a premium of £12½ for each day's racing, to be put depressed to the proposed of the pro

culty or any undue strain in finding the cost of it.

A number of the visitors from Auckland to the New Zesland Grand National meeting have returned, and speak in the highest terms of the reception they received at the hands of Southern sportsmen. They found the weather somewhat colder at Riccarton than is experienced at this season of the year in Auckland, but a warm welcome and good fortune trip an enjoyable one them that attended most of them they are not the received at the private stude of the Galland of the Galland at Yaldhurst, and of Mr. J. B. Reid, of Cannwie, Riccarton, left behind pleasurable recollections, and nearly all are eathurinstic over the splendid contests that they witnessed at the New Zesland Trotting Club's winter meeting, which attracted such large attendances of the public. It is estimated that the attendance on the opening day of the New Zesland Grand National meeting, which was said to be a record one, was not perhaps so large as on the opening day of the Auckland Racing Club's Great Northern Steeplechase meeting, and on the second and third days had fallen off very considerably. One thing that struck them was the presence in the paddock of bookmakers calling the odds and betting in the vicinity of the totalisators, and they think that the secondance. They prefer the Auckland system in setting part a portion of the grounds for licensed men.

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It is probable that the Works Committee of the Auckland Racing Club will set about getting a sand track made at Ellersile with the advent of more at the track of the committee of the Auckland Racing Club will set about getting a sand track made at the track of the committee of the subject, as there are many little points that are worth considering, such as a better grade and the throwing up of at least one of the turns, which is somewhat abrupt. The tan track, which has been of such great service, was unfortunately made a little too narrow when laid down, and in many places insirand of earth being excavate as a bed for the stone foundation, the ground should have been raised. These are little matters that are learned by experience, which in the putting down of further tracks can be turned to good account.

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It seems to be a general, or I should say an almost general, opinion that the Auckland Rucing Club intend to appoint another starter in place of Mr George Cutts, who has held office for some years, I believe longer than any official ever did

before. So much has been assumed, consequent upon the decision come to at a meeting of the new committee held the week after their election, when other officials were elected by them, to leave the appointment of a starter in abeyance. Last year applications were invited for the pusition, and a number of aspirants and their claims considered, but it was resolved to reinstate Mr. Cuits as the manipulator of the barrier, a compliment to their old servant thus being paid. Since so much really depends upon the way in which fields of horses are despatched, the question that clubs have to decide is how to secure the services of the best men to do the work. Smart, competent men, with the essential qualities of firmness and fairness, men who will commend and exact obedience from they or their horses are in fault, and they or their horses are in fault, and they or their horses are in fault, and be relied upon not to fastion any long when they or their horses are in fault, and be relied upon not to favour any services of the Auckland Racing Club intend to take, but it is a fact that enquires are being made as to the qualifications of some men who have seen service, and a change of starters may take piace. Mr Cuits has the respect and sympathy of a large section of the racing public of Auckland, and no club could appreciate his straight, soing qualities more than the auckland Racing Club do, but there are times when sentiment cannot be silowed to predominate, and if the committee of the Auckland Racing Club think that they can secure the services of a man who will give more general satisfaction sentiment must be set aside. Can such a man be got? This is the question that the committee will shortly come to a decision upon, and in the event of making a change they can be depended upon to treat their old servant well.

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The number of horses that had seen some service on New Zeala, dracecourses before being taken to Sou. A Africa as troop horses or remounts was not large, but nevertheless a few went by nearly every transport, and we heard of one Auckland-bred one, to the Nelson mare Cleopatra, winning at an imprompts meeting about eighteen months ago, and at some of the sports exme to hand an other well about eighteen months ago, and at some of the sports exme to hand an other well at the ports exme to hand an other well at the ports exme to hand an other well at the ports exme to hand an other well at the ports exme to hand an other well at the ports exme to hand an other well at the ports exme to hand an other well at the ports expected in the best of the ports of the Ninth Contingent were stationed there, the bay pony Venus, by Carbineer, who had been a well known competitor at meetings held at Alexandra Park, principally in pony jumping contests. Venus at best was regarded as only useful on the fiat, and was sold at troop horse price. A report has come to hand nevertheless that this pony has found her way on to a South African racecourse, and trained by Claracco O'Nell, who left Mr. J. B. Williamson's employ, and went out as an officer's orderly, went two races on the fiat for galloways at Durban, where a race meeting was announced to take place ercently, in which line events were on the programme, one of which were a race meeting was announced to take place recently, in which line events were on the programme, one of which we are not an an archores producing colony.

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The Queensland correspondent of the Sydney Town and Country Journal" has the following reading which should cause New Zealanders to feet that they have much to be thankful for:—"We, in this unfortunate drought-stricken northern Sinte of the Commonwealth, are still in the position of not knowing what the times of the near future may have in store for us. Never in the previous history of Queensland has there been such a prolonged season of relentless drought, and never before have the coastal districts suffered to such a degree as they are suffering now for the want of rain. At this time of the year, just as the winter months are lifting, one does not expect to see fields of smiling green and rich herbage by the wayside, but such a picture of aridness as the present is not within the memory of the oldest inhabitant either this or the other side of the Main Range, which stands as the boundary-line of the coastal region. Such a

condition of things must asturally have an enervating effect upon the public mind and it is little wonder that, under the jnduence of retrenchment that the influence of retrenchment and the imposition of a drastic income tax, with an all too dismal outlook for a recovery, apprehension should have reached its epidemic stage. Day by day the votaries of passimism are strengthening their forces, and now even the stronghold of the turf is being assailed. The note of warning sounded by the treasurer of the Queensiand Turf Cub, Mr L. E. Walker, at the recent annual meeting of the club's members, when he said that there was surely a bad time coming, seems to have surely a bad time coming, seems to have staken root in the minds of many who before were disposed to look only upon the bright side of things, and shout hurran because of the apparent immulity of racing interests, as depicted by the happy results of the past successful season. And there is no doubt at all but that he transplant of the yoke but though the new though the head of the company of the poles of the stage. It mely the head to be the stage, it is not at all milkely that it will be a better sprinter than a stayer. It would, indeed, be too much to expect that racing alone should fourish during the next twelve months. The difficulties to be contended against must increase both for the trace clubs and those upon whom they have to rely. Things were never so bad, however, but that they might have been worse, and we can but hope that nature may scale upon us in the spring."

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