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FOOTBALL CONTESTS.

June 23.

SENIORS.

Parnell v. North Shore
City v. Grafton
Ponsonby v. Newton

FIRST JUNIORS.

Same as Seniors

SECOND JUNIORS.

Parnell v. Grafton B.
City v. Newton
Grafton A. v. Ponsonby

OTHER MATCHES.

Rosebery v. Britomart (Surrey Hills)

Terrace v. Beachcombers (Domain)

Football.

THE all-absorbing topic of conversation with footballers during the whole of last week was the probable result of the Grafton-Parnell contest, which was confidently expected to furnish the most even and exciting district contest of the season. In this expectancy by far the greatest number of football enthusiasts who have so far this season attended Potter's found their way thither on Saturday last, and secured places on the grandstand or around the enclosure to witness the coming match. Everything indicated a keen struggle between the representatives of the two districts, and the absence of one of the present champion club's most prominent players (W. Elliot) caused the equality of the competing teams to appear still greater.

Thanks to the Referee's Association, little or no delay was experienced on Saturday in starting the various contests, for the appointed officers of the above institution were prepared to have gone on with the fixtures long even before several players from some of the teams had arrived on the ground. Now that the difficulty of the referee question has been apparently overcome no excuse remains for not starting the fixtures at the appointed time, and no team should imagine that its action will be viewed with disfavour either by footballers or the public in compelling the opposing team to kick off at three o'clock, even though the latter should not have its full team on the field. If players are given to understand that their team will incur a penalty by having to start play without the services of those who come late the latter will make it their duty to be at Epsom by three o'clock; but if it becomes a recognised system for one team to wait until the other has its full team the same want of punctuality which marked the opening matches of the season will continue. On Saturday several matches were delayed owing to the late arrival of different players.

Shortly after the official time for starting the oval was set in motion in the Parnell-Grafton match, which was played in front of the stand. The play during the first few minutes of the game was exceedingly fast, and certainly suggested that the expectations of all present were about to be realised. From a throw in the Parnell backs obtained possession of the ball, and by good passing got within a few yards of the Grafton line. The Grafton forwards almost immediately turned the tables by a combined rush which carried the oval well into Parnell territory, and ended in the latter team being compelled to force.

For the next twenty minutes the play was of a most uninteresting character, being chiefly confined to scrums and line-out work. Not even the semblance of a passing run, a rush, nor decent exchange of kicks between the backs occurred to relieve the monotony of the play. The patience of the spectators was being severely taxed, and their attention was gradually drawn to the fixture on No. 2

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ground, when the Parnell forwards lived up a bit and carried the ball well into the Grafton 25. From a scrum formed here, the Parnell vanguard heeled out to Edmund, who ran a few yards and then transferred to Ronayne, who simply ran across the Grafton line without opposition, and secured the first try fairly between the goal posts. Edmunds had no difficulty in converting—Parnell 5, Grafton 0. For a time the Graftonites made great attempts to neutralise the Parnell score, but without success. The maroons again invaded the Grafton territory, Kissling almost scoring. A mistake on the part of a Grafton back enabled Moore to get off a neat pass to Ronayne, who had no difficulty in crossing the line the second time. Edmunds failed to convert. The first spell ended—Parnell 8, Grafton 0. The opening of the second spell was marked by Parnell being again forced, but from this until within a few minutes of time, when Grafton almost scored several times, the former had all the best of the game. But for the defensive play of Hay and Taylor the Parnell team would have considerably increased their score. All interest was completely knocked out of the contest when Parnell registered their third score, and many of the onlookers left to witness the City—Newton match. An error on the part of Hume enabled the Parnell forwards to rush the ball over the line, and Ronayne coming with a fast run fell on the leather, securing his third try near the corner flag. Lawford took the kick, but failed to increase the score—Parnell 11, Grafton 0. From this until the finish of the game the Graftonites either worked with more energy or the maroons relaxed their efforts, for the former had a good deal the best of the remaining play and were several times within an ace of scoring. The whistle, however, sounded no side without any alteration in the scores.

There can be no doubt that the result of the game and uninteresting nature of the play proved highly disappointing to nearly all present. As an exhibition of football it failed to come up to the form displayed in second junior matches, whilst the numerous scrums and continual sound of the whistle for breaches of the rules caused many of the spectators to lose all interest in the contest. Each member of the defeated team was evidently possessed with the idea that his individual efforts alone were to win the match, for in no instance did either the backs or forwards as a body attack the Parnell line.

One feature of the game which is worthy of note (for I know of no other instance in Auckland Rugby football) was the privilege extended by each team towards the other in allowing fresh men to take the places of those whom accident compelled to retire. This is a system in vogue in New South Wales, and will, I have no doubt, in future become an unwritten law in local matches. Shortly after the commencement of the game Jervis had to retire owing to an injury to his shoulder, and his place was filled by Elliot. A new Grafton player named Seager on having his shoulder examined during the spell discovered that he had been playing for a considerable time with a dislocated collar-bone. His position was taken by Hume during the second spell.

Hedges was, as usual, very safe, and frequently relieved his side by splendid kicks. This player has been showing good form in every match this season.

The performance accomplished by Ronayne in securing the three tries scored by his team is a rare occurrence in our principle matches. Two of the tries were more the result of Grafton's indifferent play rather than any brilliancy on the part of the Parnellites. His third try, however, was a good one, and resulted from fast following up. Ronayne's all-round play on Saturday was an improvement on anything he has previously shown.

Kissling tackled well, and had hard luck in not scoring. He must have scored on one occasion but for kicking the ball on.

Elliot tried his hands at three-quarters in the place of Jervis, who had to retire. His play clearly illustrated the fallacy of maintaining that a good back can play well in any part of the field. He by no means appeared at home in his position, and his play throughout was of an uncertain nature. Allowance must, however, be made for the fact that he was suffering from a weak ankle.

Both Moore and Edmonds put in a great amount of defensive work, but indulged in little or no passing.

The Parnell forwards were not in their usual form. There heeling out (with two

exceptions) was performed in a sluggish manner, and nearly all the scrums were reduced to a trial of strength between the two sets of forwards. One scrum which took place towards the end of the first spell must have lasted for fully one and a half minutes, and although each team in turn got possession of the ball and could easily have heeled out, neither thought fit to do so, and the affair ended by about twelve players lying in a confused mass on the ground.

Neither was the line out play of the Parnell forwards anything like what we are accustomed to witness from these players. The throw-in neither produced a rush or passing run, but invariably ended in a scrum.

Of the forwards Wright, Clarke, and Geard were the most conspicuous, being prominent in the few rushes which took place.

The display of the Grafton vanguard was even more miserable. They appeared absolutely unable to take the ball, whilst their following up would not have done justice to schoolboys. The few occasions on which the forwards did get possession of the ball in the scrum was by the merest fluke, and not the result of any cleverness. On Saturday's form the Grafton vanguard must be hopelessly defeated by the City forwards in their next match.

Oliphant played a clever game, and on several occasions had the Parnell backs in difficulties; but he was not supported by his comrades, and one forward cannot beat three good backs.

Taylor at fullback had too much work to do. He kicked with great judgment, and his sure tackling prevented several scores.

Hume was not a success. He made several mistakes in taking the ball, and was responsible for Parnell's last try.

Seager had bad luck in meeting with an accident, and deserves great credit for the plucky manner in which he played on. But for his mishap I think he would have fully justified the reputation with which he came to Auckland.

Carlton Hay was the best of the Grafton backs. Hay played a fine game, his defence being particularly strong.

Brady must learn to take the ball. In this respect he is unreliable, and missed a sure score on Saturday.

The game between Newton and City turned out a really good go, the former winning by 10 points to 6. Each team secured two tries, none of which were converted, but a Newton player also potted a goal from the field.

The two teams were very evenly matched, the superior play of the Newton backs counteracting the great strength of the City forwards. During the latter part of the second spell City had much the best of the game, but were unable to get on even terms with their opponents. From start to finish the game was made very fast, and for the last twenty minutes was watched by a great number of spectators, who were unanimous in stamping it as the best contest at Potter's on Saturday.

The success of the Newton district was purely due to the splendid play of the back division, whose sure tackling and kicking was far superior to that of the City backs. On the other hand the City forwards had all the best of the game, and towards the finish kept up a continuous attack on the Newton's line.

A. Freeman proved safe at full-back, but was not so brilliant as on the previous Saturday. He was, however, called upon to stop several determined rushes of the City forwards, and on each occasion averted a score.

Webber devoted himself principally to potting at goal, and succeeded in getting one over. This is a game much neglected by Auckland backs, and I was pleased to see Webber indulge in a few pots. I would advise him, however, to use his judgment a little more, as once or twice on Saturday it would have been better for his team if he had passed. He is a remarkably fine kicker.

C. Freeman and Warnock got off some rather pretty passing. Each also showed improved form in all round play.

Tommy Roberts again turned out the best of the Newton backs. He got to within a few yards of the line on more than one occasion, and with anything like luck would have scored. The other backs should play more to Roberts, for he has repeatedly shown what he can do when he gets the chance. His defence was also good.

Ike Mills played a very unselfish game, and started most of the Newton passing.

Clarke had bad luck in having the ball brought back after he had crossed the line.

Donald and Airey were about the best

of the Newton forwards. Each put in a lot of work, and the latter secured a try by picking up smartly.

The City full-back, Hill, showed considerable improvement on previous form. There is still room for improvement in his tackling.

Harry Hales made no mistakes, and got his side out of numerous difficulties. With many other backs, Harry is, however, none too good at taking the ball.

Willis intercepted several passes, but was not backed up by his comrades. He is inclined to kick at a rolling ball, and should at once give up this practice.

F. Poland and Corlis were responsible for several pieces of smart play. The former, I believe, played his first game this season on Saturday, and will greatly strengthen the City back division.

Willis and Hallamore each scored for City. The latter's try was well deserved, and resulted from a clever piece of play.

Hallamore played one of the best forward games on the field.

Stone was not in his usual form at place kicking or the result of the game might have been different. He, however, put in a great amount of work in the scrum and shone more than usual in the open.

Otway, Devin and McDonald also kept well on the ball. The latter is a really hard grafter.

Many spectators were surprised to find that the City forwards were more than holding their own against the Newton vanguard. Personally I fail to see why this fact should occasion any surprise, for I think that the City vanguard has demonstrated in every match that they are a cut above their opponents.

As I anticipated in my notes of last week, Suburbs succeeded on Saturday in placing the first win of the season to their credit. The game took place at Potter's, and Mr J. Lecky acted as referee. From start to finish Suburbs had all the best of the game, and succeeded in putting up 17 points to North Shore's nil.

For the winners Peace played with all his old dash, and dropped a pretty goal from the field. I am pleased to see that Peace is regaining his old form.

E. T. Laurie distinguished himself by scoring two tries. He is always in good training, and condition will tell. His tries were gained by good following up.

Brown and Rishworth also crossed the line, and Moncur converted one try into a goal.

Neither team played its full strength, and several of the Shore's best players were absent.

Now that Suburbs has tasted of the pleasure of success they may keep going, and perhaps effect a surprise before the season closes. The team stands out next Saturday.

The following are the positions of the different clubs:—

SENIORS.						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts. for	Agst.
Parnell	5	4	0	1	59	5
Ponsonby	5	3	2	0	35	37
Newton	5	3	1	1	31	20
Grafton	5	3	2	0	43	23
City	5	2	3	0	23	38
North Shore ..	5	1	4	0	19	68
Suburbs	6	1	5	0	26	47
FIRST JUNIORS.						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts. for	Agst.
Ponsonby	5	4	1	0	58	20
North Shore ..	5	4	1	0	73	25
Grafton	5	4	1	0	47	36
Parnell	5	3	2	0	72	36
City	5	1	4	0	6	38
Suburbs	6	1	5	0	37	71
Newton	5	1	4	0	14	78
SECOND JUNIORS.						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts. for	Agst.
Newton	5	5	0	0	59	7
Grafton A	5	4	1	0	30	12
Parnell	6	3	3	0	32	34
Grafton B	5	2	3	0	26	33
Ponsonby	5	2	3	0	22	38
City	6	0	6	0	16	49

In the first junior division the North Shore had a rather easy victory over Suburbs by 13 points to nil. Clarke crossed the line twice, and Quinn also scored for Shore. Francis converted two tries by very fine kicks.

Grafton II. scored a victory over Parnell II. by 11 points to 4 after an exciting game.

The contest between the Newton III. and Grafton A attracted considerable attention owing to each team having an unbeaten record. After a great tussle the representatives of the Newton district came out on top by 11 points to 5. For the winners Wilson and Annan each scored a try, one of which W. Mills converted. The same player also kicked a beautiful goal from a penalty kick. Fielder crossed the line for Grafton, and Evers added the extra points by a good kick. Towards the end of the game the play became very rough, and the players indulged in an unnecessary amount of talk. Mr Drum, as referee, had con-

siderable difficulty in controlling the players, and ordered one Newtonite off the field, whilst he has reported another. The matter will in all probability come up before the Rugby Union during the week.

In the Parnell, City and Ponsonby, Grafton B contests the Parnell and Ponsonby districts win by default.

The City district was only able to place one fifteen in the field on Saturday. This reads bad so early in the season.

A cablegram announces that none of the University team will be included in the New South Wales representative team which visits New Zealand in September. This is bad luck for the Welshmen, as the University team includes several clever three-quarters, who performed well against the New Zealand team last year.

The proposed legal registration of athletic bodies appears to be finding favour with the various clubs. At the last meeting of the New Zealand Rugby Union letters were received from several athletic institutions, promising to support the movement.

The matches played under the Fourth Junior Association resulted in Britomart defeating Terrace by 14 points to 3, and Roseberry defeating Beachcombers by 11 points to nil.

TARANAKI FOOTBALL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

June 15.

A Senior Cup match that created a great deal of interest was played at New Plymouth on Thursday, when Star (N.P.) met the Stratford. The Stratford put a strong team in the field, among the number being A. and C. Bayly, Lusk, Sangster, Davis and Pearson (Taranaki reps.), McMillan (Auckland rep.), and Marshall, another Auckland. In the first spell S. Humphries made a short dodgy run and scored for Star. A. Humphries kicked a neat goal. In the second spell Lusk crossed the line for Stratford, but no goal resulted. The game ended in a win for Star by 5 to 3 points. The game was played hard from start to finish, and was the best seen this season. The following table will show the position of the senior clubs at date:—

	Wins.	Draws.	Lost.	Points.
Star (N.P.)	3	1	0	7
Waimate	2	1	0	5
Stratford	2	1	1	5
Hawera	1	0	2	2
Patea	0	1	2	1
Clifton	0	0	3	0

The junior contest is divided into two districts, the champions in each to meet for the premiership. At present Stratford II. lead in the southern and Star II. in the northern division.

On Thursday Star III. defeated Stratford III. by 23 points to nil.

Stratford and Star are the only clubs playing three fifteens.

Whisky revivers at half-time is fashionable among the players of several clubs in this district.

Knocking out has been a distinct feature of the game this season. In the Stratford-Star senior match several of the latter were laid out for temporary repairs.

The Taranaki seniors will journey to Auckland this season, and will probably meet Wellington, Hawke's Bay and New South Wales in their own province. The Taranaki juniors will return a visit of the Manawatu juniors, and if arrangements can be made will meet the Auckland juniors.

Three brothers, A., S. and E. Humphries, play back for Star seniors. The two first named are 9.0 youths, but play a wonderful game.

R. Lusk, who still battles at the game, played well for Stratford on Thursday. Alf. Bayly got a nasty knock on the right forearm during the game.

Tukapa II. met Inglewood II. on the ground of the latter on Thursday, and were defeated by the country club by 8 points to nil. Taylor and Fuller scored tries for Inglewood, one of which Gobel converted.

The changes Time brings. The winner of the English Derby of 1874, George Frederick, was sold in a Home saleyard for 30s.!

The cable tells us that a Wesleyan parson says a racing premier will not long be tolerated. He's wrong. Rosebery's racing will be votes in his pocket.

Mr J. Tennant, the owner of Remembrance and Dora, met with a very serious accident (writes "Castor") when assisting at the Winter Meeting of the Dunedin Jockey Club. Mr Tennant was trying to slide down the bannisters of the Grand Hotel staircase when he slipped and fell a distance of sixteen feet on to the tessellated floor below. Mr Tennant fell on his face, which sustained a fearful gash, and his other injuries consist of a broken wrist and a broken shoulder. Fortunately he sustained no internal injuries, and he is progressing towards recovery in a satisfactory manner.

Auckland Coursing Club

THE June meeting of the Auckland Coursing Club was brought to a close at the Avondale Plumptre on Saturday last. The attendance was only moderate, and showed that coursing has yet to be made popular in Auckland. On Saturday a hasty glance at the stand would tend to make one believe that the spectators were limited to bookmakers and their clerks. However, the popularity of the sport will doubtless increase, and it remains with the authorities of the local Coursing Club to bring about this desirable consummation. The sport provided on Saturday was undeniably good, and in the final course for the Challenge Stakes the spectators were treated to a very interesting struggle. And the fact that the Melbourne people, who were reckoned to have the stake completely at their mercy, had to play second fiddle to Sweetwater, the Southern dog, made the course all the more interesting. If anything, the chances given to the hares were too great, and as a consequence of the delay in slipping the great majority of the hares escaped. This is no doubt a consideration to the club, but the public who like to see the dogs slipped in time to give them a chance of getting in frequent turns, are entitled to consideration in the matter. Two dogs, Doctor and Ladas, showed up very ingloriously. They wasted three hares, and then when they did condescend to sight the game, they chased for a little time and then commenced to gambol with one another while the hare let out for the escape as hard as his legs could carry him. Both dogs were consequently disqualified. In the Consolation Stakes the owners of Kotero and Lucia agreed to divide. The final course for the Auckland Stakes resulted in Shylock beating Tickle and Major after an undecided course, and a splendid final beat Rubina for the Kingsland Stakes. Kotero figured in a second divide, her owner very wisely dividing the Waikomiti Stakes with the owner of Despised. Mr Henderson judged in the Challenge Stakes and Mr Charteri's judged the other events, both gentlemen giving satisfactory discharge of their duties. The results were as follows:—

GREAT NORTHERN CHALLENGE STAKES. First dog, £50; second dog, £22; third dog, £10; fourth dog, £10; and four dogs, £3 each.

THIRD ROUND.
Mr J. Gallagher's w and r Iveria beat Mr S. Myers (ns) bl w d Bequeath.
Mr J. Forward's w and blk b Sweetwater beat Mr J. W. Russell's f and w d White Star.
Mr J. W. Russell's brl and w d Stormfiend beat Mr S. Myers (ns) f d Here's to Ee.
Mr S. Myers (ns) blk and w d Verdi beat Mr J. Gillespie's blk and w d Rockbail.

FOURTH ROUND.
Sweetwater beat Iveria.
Verdi beat Stormfiend.

FINAL.
Mr J. Forward's w and blk b Sweetwater, by Red Pine—Pine Hut, beat Mr S. Myers (ns) blk and w d Verdi, by Highborn—Curazo, and won the stake.

CONSOLATION STAKES. First dog, £5; second dog, £2.

FIRST ROUND.
Mr J. Forward's f b Wild Rose II beat Mr E. Pilkington's f d Satyr.

Mr J. Jerome's blk and w b Lucia beat Messrs Fenton and McEwin's blk and w d The Poacher.
Messrs R. Blaikie's w and b Kotero beat Mr Quinlan's f d Pat.

SECOND ROUND.
Lucia beat Wild Rose II.
Kotero ran a bye.

FINAL.
The owners of Lucia and Kotero agreed to divide the stake.

AUCKLAND ALL-AGED STAKES. First dog, £5; second dog, £2.

FIRST ROUND.
Mr W. J. Lynch's blk d Greyhound beat Mr F. J. Baker's blk and w b Lady Smuggler.
Mr J. W. Russell's brl d Shylock beat Mr C. Wooll (ns) r d Boomerang.
Mr C. Wooll (ns) r and w b Tickle beat Mr Menzie's blk and w d The Trier.
Mr Griffith's w and r b Myrtle beat Mr J. W. Russell's blk and w d Rock.

SECOND ROUND.
Shylock beat Greyhound.
Tickle beat Myrtle.

FINAL.
Mr J. W. Russell's brl d Shylock, by Padlock—Spruce, beat Mr Wooll (ns) r and w b Tickle, by Obstacle—Snowflight, and won the stakes.

KINGSLAND ALL-AGED STAKES. First dog £5, second £2.

FIRST ROUND.
Mr R. Blaikie's f d Major beat Mr F. North's f and w d Spring.

Mr M. Lynch's blk and w d Papakura beat Mr F. J. Baker's r and w b Dora B.
Mr J. Homan's w and f b Rubina beat Mr F. Kelly's f d Broncho.

Mr W. Runciman's r and w b Modesty beat Messrs Fenton's & McEwin's blk and w d Pirate.

SECOND ROUND.
Major beat Papakura.
Rubina beat Modesty.

FINAL.
Mr R. Blaikie's f d Major, by Blue Cap—Ruby, beat Mr J. Homan's w and f b Rubina, by Blue Cap—Ruby, and won the stakes.

WAIKOMITI ALL-AGED STAKES. First dog £5, second £2.

FIRST ROUND.
Messrs Fenton & McEwin's blk and w d Comet beat Mr P. Quinlan's f d Rebel.
Mr R. Blaikie's blk and w b Kotero beat Mr M. Foley's brl d The Vicar.

Mr W. E. Hackett's blk and w d The Doctor met Mr R. Blaikie's brl and w d Ladas, but after running several undecided courses they were disqualified.

Mr F. J. Baker's r and w d Despised beat Mr J. Gillespie's blk and w d Rockbail.

SECOND ROUND.
Kotero beat Comet.

FINAL.
Mr R. Blaikie's blk and w b Kotero, by Blue Cap, met Mr F. J. Baker's r and w d Despised, by Thornwell Duke—Woolcot, and after running an undecided course, the owners agreed to divide the stakes.

Sweetwater, the winner of the Auckland Coursing Club Challenge Stakes, is owned by Mr T. Macready, who leased her to an Auckland coursing enthusiast, and we are glad to see his first attempt as a follower of the leash coming to such a successful issue. Sweetwater is bred from a combination of the most successful blood now running in both Australia and New Zealand. Her sire, Red Pine, has sired many of New Zealand's most brilliant greyhounds, as even the other day his son Pine Hut pulled off the Forbury Cup. And as Red Pine is now dead owners of his progeny would do well to keep such a successful strain to the fore. Plymouth Rock, her dam, is got by the imported Rent Charge, who has certainly been the most successful sire ever introduced into Australia. And again Rent Charge seems to have imparted the same qualities into his progeny as he himself possessed, for the other day in Melbourne his grandson and granddaughter were hailed the winners of the Victorian Derby and Oaks respectively. Blue Rock, the dam of Plymouth Rock, was by the imported Mornington, who in turn was from two English Waterloo winners, namely, Misterton out of the dual English Waterloo Cup winner Coomassie. Swallow, the dam of Blue Rock, was imported from Scotland, being a gift from the Earl of Stair to Mr T. Macready, and she also came from a family of sires, her sire being the Earl of Haddington's world-wide known stud dog Hubert, who in the year 1884 was the premier sire of that year. Schiedam, his dam, was a daughter of the famous Contango. So no wonder Sweetwater walked over her opponents in such a hollow fashion, she having come from such a fashionable and brilliant family. But still her breeding has not all to do with her success. Her trainer, Mr James Forward, brought the bitch to slips in the pink of condition, and considering the state she was in at the Dunedin Challenge Meeting her condition stamps Jim Forward as an adept at the training of the greyhound.

Mr James Forward has leased from Mr A. Beatty the greyhound Couranto, who is by Caradoc—Mystery.

Dunedin Coursing Club.

THE June coursing meeting of the Dunedin Coursing Club met with a fair amount of success. Good weather was experienced, and the arrangements were most satisfactory. Strong hares were used, and escapes were the order of the day. The various courses resulted as follows:—

ST. LEGER, for 21 puppies at £2 each. Winner, £22; runner-up, £10; third dog, £4; three dogs at £2; total, £42.

FIRST ROUND.
Mr W. W. Gibson's w brd b White Heather, by Padlock—Mocking Bird, beat Mr S. Myers' r d Stormlock, by Padlock—Stormy Night.

Mr W. W. Gibson's b b Bluecock, by Padlock—Mocking Bird, beat Mr W. Carver's f d Mechanic, by Kinsky—Bed o' Stone.

Mr A. T. Price's b w b Ettie May, by Kinsky—Bed o' Stone, beat Mr O. Andrews' brd d Gamecock, by Electric—Wild Flower.

Mr H. Lethaby (ns) f b The Ostrich, by Padlock—Mocking Bird, beat Mr A. R. Morrison's f d Dean Swift, by Padlock—Effie Deans.

Mr T. Stoddart's w brd b Virginia, by Smoko—Pine Twig, beat Mr J. S. Capstick's blk w d King Death, by Mariner—Chorister.

Mr J. Drumm, jun's, f b Hasty Girl, by Boomerang—The Jilt, beat Mr G. Livingstone's blk d Zula, by Padlock—Effie Deans.

Mr J. S. Capstick's b w d Kaputiki, by Mariner—Chorister, beat Mr H. Murdoch's b d Matchlock, by Padlock—Spruce.

Mr A. R. Morrison's f w d Castorina, by Cast-off—Belle, beat Mr M. Hayes' f d Aparima, by Mylo—Erin.

Mr M. Hayes' f b Daughter of Erin, by Mylo—Erin, beat Mr W. Bean's brd w d My Idea, by Kintore—My Fanny.

Mr J. Crawshaw's b w d Nirate King, by Kinsky—Bed o' Stone, beat Mr J. M'Sweeney's r w b Mayflower, by Carbine—Winter Rose.

Mr J. Drumm, jun's, f d Skirmisher, by Boomerang—The Jilt, a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

White Heather beat Ettie May.
Ostrich beat Bluecock.
Hasty Girl beat Virginia.
Castorina beat Kaputiki.
Daughter of Erin beat Skirmisher.
Nirate King, a bye.

FORBURY CUP, for 16 all-aged dogs at £3 each. Winner, £30; runner-up, £12; two dogs, £3.

FIRST ROUND.

Mr E. R. Rountree's f w b Florrie, by Snowden—Finella, beat Mr S. Myers' blk d Marco, by Obstacle—Waterbabs.

Messrs. A. and J. Deaker's f w Carnage, by Rotomahana—Kathleen, beat Mr W. Gardiner's blk w d Wanderer, by Rambler—Lady Macgregor.

Mr J. Dunn's b w b Waratah, by Kinsky—Tarawera, beat Mr S. Myers' f d Denyer, by Aorangi—Brilliant.

Mr W. Carver's b w d Ledgerkeeper, by Kinsky—Bed o' Stone, beat Mr W. Henderson's blk w d Brilliant Boy, by Aorangi—Brilliant.

Mr W. Harley's brd d Pine Hut, by Red Pine—Fly, beat Mr W. Gardiner's f d Merchant, by Livingstone—Leoline.

Mr S. Myers' blk w d Sailor Jack, by Jack Tar—Waterlily, beat Mr J. McKewin's r w b Midge, by Red Pine—Fownhope.

Mr W. Harley's w d Douglas, by Spanker—Jenny, a bye.

Mr J. M'Kewin's f w d My Jack, by Pains-taker—Birchrod, beat Messrs. Leslie and Black's r w c Silwood, by Red Pine—Fownhope.

On the second day of the meeting White Heather met The Ostrich in the third round of the St. Leger and easily scored. Hasty Girl beat Castorina, and Nirate King easily beat Daughter of Erin in pace and cleverness. The fourth round saw Nirate King beat White Heather and Hasty Girl had a bye. The final round resulted in Hasty Girl beating Nirate King. The second round of the Forbury Cup resulted as follows:—

Carnage beat Florrie.
Ledgerkeeper beat Waratah.
Pine Hut beat Sailor Jack.
Douglas beat My Jack.

In the third round Pine Hut beat Carnage, and Ledgerkeeper beat Douglas, and in the final Pine Hut beat Ledgerkeeper.

FIRST-DOG STAKE. Winner, £6; runner-up, £2.

FIRST ROUND.

Marco beat Maori Boy.
Nighean beat Zulu.
Dean Swift beat The Scotchman.
Aparima beat Wee Lass.

SECOND ROUND.

Nighean beat Marco.
Dean Swift beat Aparima.

FINAL ROUND.

Nighean beat Dean Swift.

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(Registered with the Auckland Racing Club.)	
Mr. Marangai	First colours—The Hui: Black jacket, old gold collar, white armlets, black cap, white peak. Second colours—Pink jacket, black cap.
Mr. J. Forth	Blue body, white sleeves and sash, blue cap, white peak.
Mr. J. Sutton	Black body, cherry sleeves and cap.
Mr. A. J. Wilson	White jacket, yellow sash, and white cap, yellow tassel.
Mr. J. Lowther	Blue jacket, white sleeves and cap.
Mr. J. Marshall	All black.
Mr. T. Morrin	Black and amber stripes, black cap.
Mr. W. Robbott	Black jacket, ambersash, white cap.
Mr. B. Burke	Black body, black sleeves and cap.
Mr. A. Buckland	Black and white stripes.
Major F. N. George	Black and white hoops.
Mr. N. Dickey	Blue and white hoops, blue cap.
Mr. L. D. Nathan	Pale blue jacket and cap, black sash.
Mr. W. Robertson	Chocolate body, gold sleeves and cap.
Mr. T. B. Bell	Terra cotta and blue cap.
Mr. D. McKinnon	Maroon body, gold sleeves and cap.
Mr. H. H. Hayr	Salmon and blue hoops.
Mr. S. Walters	Rose and white stripes.
Mr. S. Cotton	Primrose jacket, blue sash and cap.
Mr. C. Weal	First colours—Blue body, gold sleeves and blue cap. Second colours—Blue jacket, white sash and blue and white cap.
Mr. A. Davis	Old gold body, crimson sleeves and cap.
Mr. A. Kidd	White jacket, cardinal seams, and white cap.
Mr. J. Rae	First colours—Navy blue jacket, gold collar, cuffs and cap. Second colours—Navy blue jacket, gold cap.
T. Cartwright	Green body, mauve sleeves, yellow cap.
D. A. McLeod	Blue body, orangesleeves and cap.
J. Cartwright	Green body, mauve sleeves yellow cap.

ASSUMED NAMES.

C. E. Woodburn, J. Cartwright, J. Lowther, C. Sexton, R. Burke, J. Sutton, J. Forth.

The following trainers have been granted licenses by the Auckland Racing Club:—H. Harrison, J. B. Williams, John Rae, D. Morrison, Adam Byers, F. Stening, F. McManamin, W. McManamin, F. Dodd, James Keane, G. Wright, J. Fletcher, H. Smith, Murdoch McKenzie, Archie McMillan, H. Hickton, J. McHugh, G. Absolum, Michael Maher, Alex. Smith, Robert Smith, William Harrison, Walter Wilmoth, Walter Mason, James Brown, Alex. Boyle, Alex. Parsons, P. Malone, W. F. Pearson, Harry Moore, Jas. Brown, Henry French, John Egan, Charles Guff, R. Marshall, W. H. Windsor, A. H. Barron.

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The following have been granted gentlemen riders' licenses:—Messrs Bates, Devery, Thompson and Moody.

PROGRAMMES PASSED.

Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting—July 15

DISQUALIFICATIONS.

All horses, trainers, jockeys, and owners that took part in the Northern Wairoa Racing Club Meeting, held on the 26th and 27th December, 1892, and the Whangarei Racing Club Meeting, held on 6th and 7th January, 1893, are disqualified.

The disqualification has been removed by the A.R.C. from ponies, owners, trainers and jockeys that have competed at meetings at Potter's Paddock prior to 1st August, 1893.

The disqualification of John Pennell, jockey, by the Thames Jockey Club, for six months, from 26th Dec., has been endorsed by the A.R.C.

William A. Martin, nominator, is disqualified for wrong description of horse at a race meeting held at Pakarua on 25th November last.

The following disqualifications have been removed:—Thomas McConnell and horse Kinross, Charles Whitley, and horses Malabach, Ingoringa, and Arawa.

The disqualification was removed from the pony Bob.

The following applications for the removal of disqualifications were deferred:—The horse Orura and the jockey John Pennell.

The Committee of the Auckland Racing Club meet on the first Monday in each month to pass programmes and transact general business.

Mr F. W. Edwards was appointed starter to the A.R.C. by the Committee on December 6th.

WM. PERCIVAL, SECRETARY.

LIST OF RACING CLUBS UNDER A.R.C.'S JURISDICTION.

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Avonlea Racing Club	R. Millett	1
Avonlea Jockey Club	H. H. Hayr	2
Bay of Plenty Jockey Club	J. D. Dailey	2
Drury Racing Club	D. Maher	2
Gisborne Racing Club	M. G. Nasmith	3
Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club	M. G. Nasmith	2
Huntly Racing Club	A. N. McLeod	1
Kapanga Jockey Club	H. Downs	1
Matamata Racing Club	J. Palisret	1
Ngaruawahia Racing Club	T. W. Simpson	2
Opoitiki Racing Club	W. Parkinson	1
Onehunga and Otahuhu Racing Club	C. F. Mark	no vote
Otorohanga Racing Club	G. H. Archer	2
Otinemuri Jockey Club	E. Edwards	1
Oxford Racing Club	H. McClelland	1
Ormond Racing Club	J. H. Aislabie	1
Papakura Racing Club	W. L. Lockhart	3
Poverty Bay Turf Club	J. H. Aislabie	4
Pakaranga Hunt Club	H. H. Hayr	2
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South Auckland R. Club	C. J. Barton	1
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Te Aroha Jockey Club	P. Snewin	2
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Te Kuiti Racing Club	H. M. Hettet	1
Te Puke Racing Club	W. Brady	1
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Waikato Racing Club	Robt. Grunter	2
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Whatawhata Racing Club	E. C. Shepherd	1

SPORTING FIXTURES ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

June 22—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 23—Hawke's Bay Hunt Club
July 6—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting
August 9, 11—C.J.C. Grand National Meeting

AUSTRALIA.

July 7—V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race
July 14—V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase
August 11—V.A.F.C. Steeplechase Meeting
October 13, 20—V.A. Turf Club
November 3, 6, 8, 10—V.R.C. Spring Meeting

ENGLAND.

September 12—St. Leger Stakes

NOMINATIONS.

July 20—Royal Stakes, to be run at Auckland R. C. Summer Meeting, 1895-6

HANDICAPS.

June 23—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club
June 23—Waikare Hunt Club
June 25—Caillfeld Cup
July 25—Melbourne Cup
July 25—New Zealand Cup
July 11—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase

ACCEPTANCES.

June 28—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club
July 2—Waikare Hunt Club
July 20—N.Z. Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase
August 3—New Zealand Cup

FINAL PAYMENTS.

Aug. 6—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdle Race

COURSING.

July 4, 5, 6—Dunedin Plumpton Meeting
July 11, 14—Auckland Coursing Club
August 15, 18—Auckland Coursing Club
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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A.H.—No. Grenadier is nominated by Mr Merthyr for the Melbourne Cup.

W.W., Thames.—Scaltheen fell at the old water jump.

L.M.—You win your wager, and if brought before Tattersalls they would certainly give judgment in your favour.

Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1894.

THE attention of racing men will be turned towards Wellington next month, not through any race meeting, but because the annual Conference of racing delegates will be held there. The exact date has not yet been decided, but the month has been fixed on, and as July has been selected and as one month's notice of motion is necessary under the rules, delegates have not much time in which to prepare their propositions. We have from time to time pointed out in these columns the loopholes which exist in the present rules and the need for reform, and as the time is opportune we will retrace the suggestions made by the REVIEW. First and foremost in the suggestions to be brought forward at the Conference is that put forward by Dr. Newman, M.H.R., who has intimated to Captain Russell, the president of the Conference, that he will move for the establishment of a New Zealand Jockey Club. Opposition has been keen and determined in the past to such an innovation, and at last year's Conference the Auckland delegates were firm in their opposition to it. We may say that the Americans have seen the benefit of it, and now possess a governing jockey club. But we are advised that the movement to be instituted by Dr. Newman is foredoomed, so we will at present refrain from saying more than that the subject is a very important one and well worth serious consideration on the part of the delegates.

LAST year the Dunedin delegates were firm in their opposition and their decision to oppose it appears to have been arrived at for the following reasons. They held that power was asked to create an expensive organisation to maintain, which would be a serious task on clubs, and from which commensurate results could not be expected. Further, that the N.Z.J.C. could do very little more than what the Metropolitan Clubs are at present doing, and that the Jockey Clubs' Court of Appeal would be mischievous in taking away authority from local tribunals who have the best means of knowing the ins and outs of a local dispute. The Southern members argue that Auckland understands Auckland matters, and that the same holds good as regards the other provinces. These are the arguments against the proposition, and we leave the delegates to weigh their value. There is one suggestion we might make which would in a measure take the place of a N.Z.J.C., and that is, a court of appeal might be formed consisting of one member from every Metropolitan Club, three to form a quorum. An Auckland owner who considered a decision of the A.R.C. to be unjust could then appeal to say a representative from the A.R.C., H.B.J.C., and W.R.C., and they could settle the point in appeal.

ANOTHER subject that might with advantage be considered is the establishment of a jockeys' fund. At present no one knows what becomes of the money paid by jockeys and trainers for licenses, and it is only fair to assume that such money goes to the funds of clubs. The only existing rule which may be said to apply to this subject is Rule 184, which runs as follows:—"All penalties for forfeitures, fines, and sums of money set, imposed, and forfeited by these rules shall be paid to the treasurer of the club, and except where otherwise directed go to form part of the funds of the club." We would like to suggest that a rule be formulated providing that all fines and moneys paid for licenses by trainers and

jockeys be put to a trainers' and jockeys' fund. It was just this want of knowledge as to what becomes of the money paid for licenses that led to the Egmont Racing Club authorities declining to allow some seven jockeys to enter their course during the holding of a race meeting without payment of the admission money. Their reason for so doing was that as neither their club nor the jockeys themselves benefit a sixpence by the payment of the license money there is no reason why those licenses should be held good as a pass on to a racecourse. If those fees, the Egmont stewards say, were put to a jockeys' fund they would cheerfully admit holders to their courses, but until unanimous action be taken in that direction they hold it is unfair to expect them to consent to a deadhead system, the sole benefit in connection with which goes to a metropolitan club. Their contention is a sound one, and until a jockeys' fund be established no one can blame them for the action they have taken. A jockeys' fund should certainly form the subject of a motion at the coming Conference.

THEN there is the question of liability of investors on the totalisator on horses which win races and are then disqualified on technical grounds. Cases have occurred, and are constantly cropping up, in which a certain horse wins and is then disqualified, in which case of course the stakes go to the second horse. Investors on the disqualified horse then clamour for a return of their money, but stewards cannot listen to them, as the rules of the totalisator, which are incorporated with the Rules of Racing, distinctly state that dividends follow stakes. It is certainly hard on backers of the disqualified horse not to refund their money. One of the most fundamental of the laws of betting says "in all bets there must be a possibility to win when the bet is made; you cannot lose when you cannot win." This is just the position of backers when they put their money on a horse that is not eligible for the race. Clubs invite the public to bet by using the totalisator, and when one sees a horse numbered on the machine he takes it as a fair assumption that he must have a chance of winning. In this respect the rules of the totalisator stand in sad need of amendment.

ANOTHER matter is the "barring" of horses on the totalisator. When St. Hippo was barred for the Great Northern Derby we took occasion to question the justice of the club in doing so. The colt's owner of course acquiesced, but even then there is no rule of racing which gives power to stewards to bar a horse in this arbitrary manner. Then there was the barring of Liberator by the Reefton Club. As we once before pointed out, it is a question where this sort of thing is going to end. An owner may know the horse who can run second and pay a fair dividend. All he has to do is to get his horse barred, win the stake, and back the second horse. Or stewards might take it into their heads to bar a horse for private reasons of their own. It was surely never contemplated for a moment under the Rules of Racing that this barring of a horse should be allowed.

THEN we come to the protest against Silent Friend, the winner of the Woodville Handicap. The protest against Mr Buick's horse was based on the fact that the owner did not possess a trainer's license. Mr Buick contended that registration as a trainer was unnecessary in his case, and we consider he was right in his contention. To say that a man who elects to train his own horse must obtain a trainer's license is absurd, and here again the Rules of Racing are at fault, for they contain no regulation which can be said to settle the question one way or the other. Clubs are left to exercise their own discretion as to what is the correct course to pursue—a most unsatisfactory state of things, for it opens the way for endless annoyances and waste of time in deciding protests. Then there is the Ionic case, which cropped up at the Taranaki Boxing Day meeting. Ionic was being given a fast preliminary gallop when he slipped on some tan opposite the saddling paddock gate, and in falling struck his shoulder against a post. An examination showed that the horse's shoulder was dislocated, and he was consequently unable to start. There was £174 invested on him in the totalisator when the accident happened, and the investors thought they should have had their money refunded as their horse never saw the fall of the flag. But the authorities of the club thought otherwise and decided, after consideration of the

case, that the money should be retained. Under the rules of racing the stewards undoubtedly had the power to act as they did, but while their decision may have been warranted by the regulations under which racing is carried on we certainly think that on the equity of the case the money should have been returned. The public back a horse on the understanding that the animal is to have a start, and although under the rules a horse is held to be a starter from the time his rider leaves the clerk of the scales, he cannot be considered one from an investor's standpoint until the starter drops the flag.

THEN there is the lesson taught by the breakdown of the telegraphic system in connection with the nominations for the Great Autumn and Great Easter Handicaps, run at the Autumn meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club. It will be remembered that through no fault of their owners seven racehorses were excluded from the Great Easter Handicap, and a quartette were debarred from taking part in the Great Autumn Handicap. The Rules of Racing contained no provision to meet the case, the only regulations bearing upon the subject being as follows:—"The list of entries shall be closed at the advertised time, and no entry shall be permitted in any case or on any terms to be made after that time, and if no time be fixed for closing, the list shall not be closed till midnight of the advertised day." Such regulations are all very well for ordinary cases, but, as has been shown more than once, extraordinary cases occur, and we think there should be some provision to meet these. To reject entries which arrive too late through no fault of the nominators, but solely through the fault of the Telegraph Department, is neither fair to owners nor the racing clubs. A clause should be inserted in the rule relating to nominations which would enable racing clubs to exercise their discretion in cases where nominations are delayed in transmission through no fault of the nominator. Certainly one way out of this difficulty would be for the Metropolitan Clubs to appoint agents in every big centre for the lodging of nominations. No vagaries of the telegraph would then affect owners.

THE Napier people are girding up their loins for the Conference, and have instructed their representatives to propose the following amendments to the Rules of Racing:—Rule 2 to be altered to read "Race includes plate or sweepstake, but does not include or refer to a steeplechase, hurdle race, or hunter's race on the flat." Rule 39, the following words be added, "and no steeplechase shall be run from the 15th November to the 30th April." Rule 167A, that the following clauses be added, "When an applicant for a license is refused, notice of such refusal shall be forwarded to all the other Metropolitan Clubs." "Provided, however, that notwithstanding the terms of Rule 167A, clause (1), the committee of the Metropolitan Jockey Club can, in their discretion, grant permission to any person other than a licensed trainer to train a horse he may be interested in or have on partnership terms. A permit must be obtained for each and every horse so trained, and such permit must be renewed annually." Now this alteration of Rule 39, "and no steeplechase shall be run from the 15th November to the 30th April," sounds very unpleasant to an Auckland ear. If such an alteration were carried what would become of our summer cross-country races. The promoters of this alteration do not go in for summer steeplechasing. We do, and our delegates will know how to vote in the interest of the province.

Now that the racing season is over a review of the two-year-olds that figured in the racing shows that some fairly good youngsters are abroad, and that next year we should see some interesting three-year-old racing. Amongst the Aucklanders Three Star would appear to be the "boss" of the lot, but I must say I have some doubts on the matter, and when Castor's roan son comes out with three summers over his head I will be quite prepared to see Grenadier, for instance, take his number down. And the Papakura filly Doris is also entitled to a place of merit. In the Northern Champagne Stakes Three Star won that six furlong event in 1min 18sec, and he was in an "allout" condition when the post was passed. Doris could not be compared with him in that contest, for she had a six furlong bolt taken out of her before

the start. But next day she won the Ellerslie Handicap, and won that six furlong event in 1min 18½sec, and triumphed in a canter. According to that run she could not be far behind Three Star, who won his Champagne run in only half a second better time, but in an "allout" state. Amongst the Southerners the Challenge Stakes winner Bluefire stands out very prominently, and there is no doubt this racer is a "cut" above the average. Then there is a decidedly good one in Casket and Blarney, who won the Wanganui Two-year-old Stakes, and covered the six furlongs in 1min 17sec cannot be a bad one. And there are many others in the North and South who have shown glimpses of racing ability which should result in some good times being put up next season. The fact that the North was not pitted against the South should make the problems attaching to the Hawke's Bay Guineas, Auckland, Canterbury, and Dunedin Derbys very interesting ones. If one were asked to pick a budding Loyalty we think the voices of the South would unanimously answer Bluefire.

THE *Witness* writer "Mazeppa," after reprinting the REVIEW's remarks re Mr Samuel's motion respecting paying out on second horses as well as firsts, answers our query, "Would it be fair to pay out on a second horse who was beaten hopelessly by half-a-dozen lengths or so?" as follows:—"Decidedly not, I should answer. Nor do I see how it would be possible to recognise in any form the principle of giving part of the dividend to a defeated horse. Would it be proper to make it a rule that a horse beaten by just enough to swear by, say by less than a length, should receive consideration in this manner. That would never do. Races are seen at nearly every meeting where a winner gets home by only a neck or thereabouts, but with any amount to spare. The second horse is as badly beaten as if he were distanced. Instances of this sort are so common that if it were seriously proposed to compensate for 'dashed hard luck' by giving the second horse a slice of the dividend, some other plan of reckoning up the relative merits of the leaders would have to be adopted. It would never do to leave it a question of so many inches. There would need to be a special officer to decide what is 'hard luck' and what isn't. And how often he would be sold by appearances. Can any man pretend to say for certain about every race all through a meeting that this winner was all out and that that one had a bit to spare? It seems to me that it would not be fair to introduce this sort of consideration at all. It is, of course, annoying—beastly annoying, if you like—to lose a dividend by a short head; but that is one of the risks you run in backing a horse. Would it not be still more annoying to find that, after putting your pieces down, say, to level money about your fancy, it got home by only a head, and you discovered that you just got your money back? That is what would happen when a winner went out at what, under present arrangements would be a 30s dividend. Moreover, if the dividend is to be split up so as to afford consolation for hard luck, why stop at consoling the second horse? We do sometimes see a third so close up as to be beaten by only a head; and, once the principle of solatium is admitted, we might have it argued that the second horse, even though beaten by but a nose, has not really had such hard luck as another horse in the race which has perhaps not finished at all. In a hurdle race, for instance, a horse actually a neck in front at the last fence, and winning easily, may be pushed off. It seems to me that the arguments in the preceding paragraph in favour of the Taranaki proposal are really of very little weight as against the writer's own contentions on the other side, and the more I think of the proposition the less I like it." Precisely, we merely put forward one or two arguments relating to the proposition without stating we were in favour or against the proposal. Further consideration of the matter brings us exactly to our contemporary's conclusion, viz., that the arguments against the proposal are stronger than those for it.

THE Auckland Racing Club are to be complimented upon their action in instituting the new race for two and three-year-olds which will in future occupy a space on the programme as the Royal Stakes. The distance of the race will be six furlongs, its value will be 500 sovs, and it will be to Auckland what the Challenge Stakes is to Christchurch, but with this difference—that whereas the Christchurch people take all, the Aucklanders

will give all, as a prominent provision of the race is as follows:—"Should there be any surplus arising from the subscriptions it will be given to the race." The club guarantees that 500 sovs will be given, and if the subscriptions do not amount to that figure they will provide the shortage. If on the other side the subscriptions make the race of the value of £600 or £700 the race will be given the full amount. The further provisions of the race are:—Of 500sovs, the owner of the second horse to receive 20 per cent., and the owner of the third horse 10 per cent. out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds; weight for age. Winners after August 1, 1895, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250sovs 3lb, of 500sovs 5lb, of 750sovs 7lb, of 1000sovs 10lb. Maiden three-year-olds at time of starting, allowed 10lb; two-year-olds 7lb. Six furlongs. By subscription of 10 sovs, each, payable to the Secretary of the A.R.C. on general entry day, Summer Meeting, 1895, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows:—"Yearlings (foals of 1892) may be struck out upon payment of 2 sovs by the second Friday in January, 1895; or upon payment of 4 sovs by the first Friday in September, 1895; or upon payment of 6 sovs by first Friday in December, 1895. Foals of 1893 may be struck out upon payment of 2 sovs by the second Friday in January, 1895; or upon payment of 4 sovs by the first Friday in September, 1895; or upon payment of 6 sovs by the first Friday in December, 1895." And then follows this absurd, we were tempted to say idiotic, clause:—"Should there not be 25 horses left in on first Friday in September, 1895, the committee reserve the right to reduce the stakes." The committee must think the prospects of the race are encouraging when they find it wise to insert such a provision. If they thought it possible that there might not be 25 horses left in on the date of the second payment they should not have instituted the race. Had the clause in question been dated to take effect on the first Friday in December, 1895, we could have understood the matter. But there should not be any reason to consider the clause if, as the secretary of the club states, there are 100 Auckland nominations as good as received. A very important inducement will be held out by the race to visiting owners. Being for two-year and three-year-olds, owners of the former racers will have, in addition to the Royal 500 sovs, the Foal Staks 300 sovs to look to, and for three year-olds there will be the further inducement of the Derby 500 sovs.

AFTER considerable foreshadowing the American Jockey Club is an accomplished fact. The bringing into being of the club is doubtless the result of the recent stoppage of racing in New Jersey by the Legislature. It was seen that what had been done in New Jersey would be done in other states unless racing authorities put their shoulder to the wheel and formed a governing club to control affairs, purify the turf, and remedy the existing evils which had raised the overwhelming opposition to racing shown by the New Jersey people. One of the promoters of the Jockey Club in the course of a speech to the delegates remarked that without doubt the turf was suffering from the overtaxing of bookmakers by the various clubs for revenue purposes. Such exorbitant fees were charged the ring men that they found it impossible to live by fair dealing and consequently were compelled to get their money by crooked means, resulting, of course, in a plentiful crop of turf scandals. This, it was stated, was to be abolished by the Jockey Clubs preventing the metallicians being placed under the burden of paying impossible betting fees. A suggestion has been made to the newly formed club to follow the English precedent and decline to recognise betting, but at the same time to charge admission to the betting ring as is the case at home. This would give clubs a handsome revenue, and would press not only on the bookmaker but on the backer as well. A further suggestion is made that the club should adopt the totalisator. The premier racing journal in the States is the *Spirit of the Times*, and a writer who advocates the adoption of the instrument that never lies (in the hands of honest agents) argues that the adoption of the French *mutuel* system would be a great step towards the purification of the turf. The incentive to wrong doing, he argues, would be reduced to a minimum. "Under our present system trainers, owners, and bookmakers who are not over scrupulous have every opportunity to reap dishonest gains. A trainer or owner can ask a bookmaker to lay up

against his horse, and so win at least a moderate amount on a certainty. This would be impossible under the French system. The difficulty in the way of the general introduction of the French machines in this country has been the opposition of the bookmakers. The machines have never had a fair trial on a large scale except at Brighton Beach, and there it has been proven beyond all question that they have the capacity to handle a large volume of business. It is simply a matter of getting enough of them. The *mutuel* machines have now been perfected until they afford a well nigh perfect system of betting. They establish legitimate market quotations and protect the public in every way, while the usual five per cent. commission would undoubtedly provide the associations with revenues that would average throughout the season quite as much as is now derived from the assessment of bookmakers." The journal quoted has also been attracted by the blind totalisator proposition sketched in the columns of the *Australasian* some little time back, and recommends it as a means whereby the advantages of the French system might be obtained without placing owners under the disadvantage which the ordinary totalisator provides for their behoof.

ONE of the new rules of racing adopted in Victoria is somewhat confusing. The rule is number 52, and runs "No entry will be accepted in respect of any horse over one year old for any race unless such horse be described by a name." And following out that rule the V.R.C. officials have insisted upon owners describing horses, although only yearlings, by name. The framers of the rule could surely not have intended this, for there is no such thing as a horse fifteen months old. He is either a yearling, two, three, four, five, six years, or aged. Race horses' birthdays are August 1st, no matter when they were foaled, and a horse may have been twenty-three months in this world and still be a yearling. The framers of the rule intended their regulation to apply to two-year-olds, but by some means or other the officials of the Victoria Racing Club appear to have taken an entirely different construction. Yearling races are not allowed, so why should racing authorities compel owners to name their horses before they are eligible to run?

ANTICIPATIONS.

HAWKE'S BAY WINTER MEETING.

[By BORDERER.]

Handicap Hurdles of 200 sovs, two miles:—

MELINITE	1
KAPUA	2
KULNINE	3

Hawke's Bay Steeplechase Handicap of 300 sovs, three and a half miles:—

OAKLANDS	1
MORAG	2
TIRITEA	3

June Handicap of 50 sovs, once round. —Spinfeldt 1, King John 2, Link 3.

[By OUR WANGANUI CORRESPONDENT.]

Hurdles—Melinite 1, Kapua 2, Oaklands 3.

Steeplechase—Timothy 1, Raven 2, Kapua 3. Elk for a boil over.

[By OUR TARANAKI CORRESPONDENT.]

Hurdles. Melinite or Unity.

Steeplechase.—Victrix or Bootles.

[By OUR WELLINGTON CORRESPONDENT.]

Hurdles.—Melinite 1, Kulnine 2, Kapua 3.

Steeplechase.—Tiritea 1, Morag 2, Norton 3.

Owners, Note!

GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE CLUB.

On Thursday, June 28th, by 9 p.m., acceptances for the following events will close with the secretary, Mr M. G. Nasmith, at the Argyll Hotel, Gisborne:

Handicap Hurdle Race, 2 miles, 35s.
Ladies' Bracelet, 1 mile and a distance, ½ sov
Winter Oaks, 6 furlongs, 1sov.
Gisborne Park Steeplechase, 3½ miles, 2½ sov
Hunters' Steeplechase, 2½ miles, ½ sov
Final Handicap, 1 mile and a distance, 1 sov

The report that Ormonde is impotent owes its origin to the fact that only one of the nine mares taken to America with him and covered by him in England last spring, has proved to be in foal, the travelling and changes it involved having evidently had a prejudicial effect on the foaling prospects of the mares.

Turf Topics.

By REVIEWER.

Variety is in the market for £150.

Hawke's Bay Winter Meeting to -morrow (Friday).

Rebel and Smuggler, Duntroon's sons, are for sale.

Wanganui sportsmen highly fancy Monte Carlo's New Zealand Cup chance.

Mr A. Boyle has been permanently appointed starter for the C.J.C.

Dunedin people are backing Beadonwell for the New Zealand Cup.

Kent was sold at Wellington last week for 195 guineas. Swordbelt only brought 35 guineas.

Comparing Carbine and Marvel the *Bulletin* thinks the latter was "Old Jack's" master over one mile.

Mr W. W. Finlayson, the well-known Southern penciiler, has moved his head-quarters from Dunedin to Christchurch.

The Grenadier entered for the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups is Mr Merthyr's horse—not Mr McHugh.

"Castor" states the story of George Frederick, the Derby winner, being sold for 30 guineas, is all moonshine.

Dilemma has been purchased by Mr Malcolm Allan. Rubezhal's son will be kept in steady exercise during the winter.

The opening number of a new weekly paper, the *Dunedin Budget*, came to hand this week. Our new contemporary gives sporting a prominent place in its columns.

English mails bring word of the death of Peter Price, one of the oldest of Newmarket trainers. Price was 77 years of age.

Patron, Light Artillery, Carnage, and Loyalty left off racing with very little between them. How will they meet each other in the Melbourne Cup?

St. Clements had his photo taken by Mr Edwards this week. When first placed in position St. Clements threw the boy, and bolting up the road got dangerously close to a wire fence.

"Mazeppa" thinks that bringing out the Hawke's Bay weights before the Auckland meeting was over has made the hurdle race a gift. He, of course, refers to Melinite.

An Indian buyer is endeavouring to purchase Port Admiral, the Adelaide Cup winner. Many Indians would like to get hold of a horse capable of lowering Highborn's number.

An exchange writes that Dr Newman, M.H.R., has intimated to the President of the Racing Conference that he will move for the establishment of a New Zealand Jockey Club. Such a motion should be strongly supported.

According to the *N.Z. Mail* a commission on Fright for the Grand National Hurdles was withdrawn after the first day's racing was postponed. Cannot say if this be true myself.

The Hawke's Bay people would like the Racing Conference to prohibit steeplechasing between November 15th to April 30th. What would become of our Summer and Autumn cross-country runs if this innovation came to pass? But it is not likely to.

Meets of the Pakuranga Hunt Club have been arranged as follows:—June 23, Mr Every McLean's, Bleak House; June 30, St. Ann's Bridge, for Sylvia Park; and July 7, Scotch Church, Tamaki, for Mr Harris' farm.

The death is reported of Mr Naphthali, a well-known figure in the Hawke's Bay sporting world. Mr Naphthali was found smothered by gas in his bedroom. The door and window were closed and the gas jet turned full on.

After considering the entries for the Melbourne Cup, "Terlinga" notices a singular dearth of cracks. Very few of those entered, he thinks, can claim to be first-class. Horses of the calibre of Carbine, Abercorn, Commotion, Malua, Strathmore, &c., are not to be found in Australia just now.

Although not a turf topic I would like to remark that according to English files Roberts has at last scored a 1000 spot barred break, and landed the £100 offered by Messrs Burroughs and Watts for the first to achieve the feat. Roberts made a break of 1392.

Writing in the *REVIEW*, of May 17th, I remarked: "Of the horses which George Wright has taken over to the Australian side I shall not at all be surprised to see Acone figure prominently." Acone is the only one that has figured prominently up to date, winning the Park Stakes on Saturday last.

A popular Australian consultation is "Stars" on the Grand National Hurdle Race, to be run at Flemington, on July 7th. The tickets are only 2s 6d each, and the prizes are: First horse, £1000; second, £300; third, £200; starters, divide £100; non-starters, divide £200; and 120 cash prizes totalling £700.

Mr H. Mehaffey, the proprietor of the Stratford racecourse, has, I believe, leased the course to a syndicate. The course, which is about a mile from town on the Pembroke Road, is a chain short of a mile round, and possesses a splendid straight seventeen chains in length. The stand is rather primitive, but taken in all the course is undoubtedly a fine one.

According to the *Bulletin* the most acceptable explanation of the falling off in Carnage's form is the story that his trainer was too kind to the horse after the Melbourne Cup meeting. The same mistake was made with Malvolio, we are told, who became fat inside when allowed to take life easily. Carnage had a lot of indulgence shown him, they say.

There was no demand for racers at Hunter and Nolan's on Friday last. Mr J. J. Russell's lot were put up, but not one was sold. Belle was brought up to 70 guineas, but her reserve was 100 guineas; Kathleen elicited 40 guineas, reserve 75 guineas; Mother Shipton 35 guineas, reserve 50 guineas; and Union Jack could not get to a selling figure. Chester was also offered and passed in at 11 guineas, Kingite at 10 guineas, and St. Michael at 20 guineas.

The close of the season has left the Taranaki Trotting Club with the big surplus of £1 14s 2s.

Pounamu will be turned out for a spell at his owner's station.

Goodwood, by Ascot—Maid of Eccleston, is being schooled over the small sticks.

Prestige, by St. Leger—Fame, has recovered from his injured foot, and is now in work again.

The three-year-old gelding by Sou'wester out of Puella's dam has been sold for £40.

Couranto, Mutiny and Waterbury were much admired at Randwick, writes a Sydney paper.

Silent Friend and Pikihiua are on the sick list through influenza.

Sydney *Referee* thinks Couranto is pretty well certain to win a race or two before he comes back.

A Melbourne horse trader, Isaac Gidney, died recently worth £44,530.

The double Hova and Dreamland for the Melbourne Cups has been backed for all the money in the market at 1000 to 2.

All the Sydney sporting writers give the New Zealanders a chance in the V.R.C. National Hurdles and Steeplechase.

The hurdler Tontine, who was injured by falling in a hurdle race at Waipawa, has died from the effects of the fall.

It is said that certain members of the Auckland Club are in favour of the Club working the totalisators, instead of giving the work to an agent.

Sporting interest will centre in Wellington next week, owing to the holding of the Racing Conference. It is about time the exact date of the meeting was settled.

Mr S. G. Cook's reason for not nominating The Admiral for the Melbourne Cup was that he "knew what the horse had to expect from the handicapper."

Matters in which reform is badly needed are dealt with in the leading columns of the *REVIEW*. Delegates to the Racing Conference might pay attention to the suggestions put forward.

The New Zealand-bred Day Dream was beaten in the Great Surry Handicap of 500 sovs, 5 furlongs, run at Epsom. She finished second to Lady Kandahar.

Kempfenfeldt, by Nordenfeldt—Bianca, Renata, by Albany—Telltale, and Forerunner, by King of Clubs—En Evant, will be offered for sale at Hastings on Saturday next.

Three Star got well away in the Two-year-old Handicap and finished fourth. He went out at 7 to 1. Writing of the colt, "Verax" says:—"I think we have several two-year-olds this side that can take the measure of Three Star."

Melbourne betting on the Melbourne Cup shows that Carnage and Aquarius are most in request at 25 to 1. The best backed ones for the Caulfield Cup are Elswick, Hova, Isaac, Loyalty, Sternchaser at 50 to 1.

It is thought Three Star's mission is the New Zealand Cup. His trip to the other side is thought to have been undertaken simply to keep him in active work. Over there he can be worked pretty well every week. Another colt that will be worked steadily with a view to the Cup is Grenadier, and at three year old I would sooner support him than Castor's roan son.

The general opinion seems to be that the motion for the establishment of a New Zealand Jockey Club, to be brought before the Racing Conference by Dr. Newman, M.H.R., is foredoomed. The Otago and Auckland representatives will, it is thought, be stoutly opposed to the innovation. Still a court of appeal is urgently required, and one could easily be established.

Writes the *Sportsman*:—"In the A.J.C. Steeplechase, run on Saturday last, the recently arrived New Zealanders, Mutiny and Waterbury, took part. After showing a lot of pace they both came to grief." Speaking of Couranto in the Hurdles the same journal says the son of Patriarch showed up prominently for the greater portion of the journey.

"Cranbrook," of the Melbourne *Sportsman*, tips Polonium to win the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race. The next best he takes to be Shootover and Ebor. He does not give the New Zealanders a chance. For the Grand National Steeplechase he takes Trojan, Medicine, and Busaco. Speaking of Norton's chance he says, "he is a great horse and will be hard to beat, for he is up to weight and can jump like a deer."

"Verax" thinks the best half-dozen at the same weight in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race are Tim Swiveller, Kulline, Couranto, Cadet, Pro-consul, and Kangaroo II. Speaking of the New Zealanders he says:—"Kulline at the same weight (12.7), is the crack New Zealander, and has a great reputation. He also has a great weight. Couranto I give a chance to." Speaking of the Steeplechase he says:—"Waterbury and Mutiny have been fairly treated, and with 10.9 Mutiny, on his form last Saturday, must be particularly dangerous. If Waterbury is better at the weights, then he should gain a place." To take half-a-dozen to win he selects Busaco, Trojan, Frantic, Waterbury, Mutiny, and Medicine.

Commenting on the New Zealanders' fight in the A.J.C. Steeplechase, "Verax" of the *Referee* writes as follows:—"Mutiny made the pace a cracker, and soon had a lead of forty or fifty lengths, with his stable mate, Waterbury, at the head of the remainder. Mutiny kept going, and had a lead of about forty lengths when he came down at Oxenham's, about a mile from home. Had he cleared this fence, which is a tricky one, he would about have won. Waterbury also came down at the back of the course, and gave his rider, Hope, a nasty shaking. Both Waterbury and Mutiny fenced splendidly, and the latter galloped in great style. I am very partial to Waterbury. It is the first time I have seen him, but if he is not a real good one over the fences I am much mistaken. Randwick is a peculiar steeplechase course for a horse that has never been over it, and it is always advisable to school fresh horses well here before going for a win on them. If the New Zealanders race over a country as fast as Mutiny went their horses must be uncommonly good stayers."

Weights for the New Zealand Cup are due on July the first.

My double for the Hawke's Bay Hurdles and Steeplechase is Melinite and Oaklands.

The next meeting of the Marton Jockey Club will be on November 9th.

Poor Poole's Southern training establishment is closed and awaits a new tenant.

Rebellion, by Treason—Mischievous, will be at the service of Wairapa breeders this season.

The racehorses Belle, Mother Shipton, Kathleen, and Jacobite returned home this week.

The Pakuranga Hunt Club will hold their weekly "meet" at Mr Every McLean's Bleak House on Saturday next at 12 noon.

The Taranaki Club will be represented by Mr R. Bauchope at the Racing Conference next month.

Mr W. H. Sayers, son of Mr Sayers, of Wild Rose fame, is in the Wellington Hospital suffering from typhoid fever.

Kent, who was bought at auction by Mr Cave for 195gs, has since been purchased by W. Davis, the former trainer of the horse.

The Wellington correspondent of the *REVIEW* wires his opinion that if Tiritia be well he will certainly win the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase.

Fright has been scratched for his Australian engagements. I should think so, after the figure he cut at Ellerslie.

Tipsters are unanimous in the opinion that bar accidents Melinite will win the Hawke's Bay Hurdles.

A gale down Taranaki way wrecked the Taranaki Jockey Club's new totalisator house and destroyed a lot of the course fencing.

I am glad to say that Cook, who got such a nasty tumble when riding Dick in the Egmont Steeplechase, has completely recovered.

If reports be true St. Kilda will be a decidedly hard nut to crack in the Christchurch Grand National. I believe he jumps like a deer.

Boulanger has retired and is now at the service of breeders. The owner of the son of Grand Prix—Fleurette will probably allow the horse to serve 30 mares at a fee of 10gns.

The Taranaki correspondent of the *REVIEW* is at a loss to understand why local punters have taken such a fancy to Monte Carlo for the New Zealand Cup.

Coleman, who had his collar-bone broken while riding Scalthen in the Winter Tally-ho Steeple, has recovered sufficiently to leave the Hospital.

Tetford, by Musket—Pungawherewhere, is in the market. Only three of his stock have raced, and all have won. Particulars may be obtained at Hunter and Nolan's or Mr Dickey, Paeroa.

The Grand Prix de Paris has again been won by Baron de Schickler. His Krakatoa—Alaska colt Dalma Baghtee beat Matchbox, who ran in the name of Baron Hirsch, his new owner.

Dunedin people are highly incensed over the action of the local licensing committee in refusing a conditional license to the Dunedin Jockey Club at the late Birthday Meeting. They think the granting of conditional licenses should be left in the hands of the Colonial Secretary.

The Auckland Racing Club's new race, the Royal Stakes, is based on similar lines to those of the Challenge Stakes. The event is a w.f.a. one for two and three year olds, and the distance is six furlongs. Its value is 500sovs, and the race will be run for the first time at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting of 1895-96.

The Wairapa Hunt Club have received good nominations for the Steeplechase Meeting. There are fifteen horses in the Trial Steeplechase, twelve in the Wairapa Steeplechase, eight in the Hack Race, sixteen in the Ladies' Race, seven in the Hack Hurdles, thirteen in the Hunt Club Steeplechase, and seven in the Hurdle Flat Handicap.

Thirty-three trotting horses have been nominated for the Canterbury Trotting Club's National Handicap, and out of that number four come from Auckland, three from Otago, one from Wanganui, one from Oamaru, one from Timaru, three from Ashburton, three from Hawkins, and sixteen from Christchurch. The Auckland entries are Clyde, Rosebud, Ike, and Albert Victor.

Considering that the St. Leger—Matakana gelding St. Kilda is going in for the jumping game next season, it was questionable policy for his owner to contest a 50sov race with 13.7 on his back. Considering that he cantered home with 12.6 and only lost another race with 13.7 on his back through one horse getting six or eight lengths the best of the start it will not be a matter for wonder if handicappers treat him roughly in jumping events. He has shown what he can do with weight on the flat, and with the example supplied by Melinite before them it is only reasonable to suppose that handicappers will treat him the reverse of leniently.

Hunting.

THE Waikato hounds were out on Saturday last, and huntsmen met at Tamahere Cross Roads. There was a good meet, and when the pack were set going a turn was made by the Narrow Bridge to Mr Day's Pencarrow estate, but no hare could be shook up. A little further up, however, one rises up in a rough paddock full of fern, and after puss makes several dodgy rings she is downed, and a move is made. Main's garden is tried next, and in one of the meadows up jumps a fine healthy hare. The scent proves faulty, and she escapes for a time until the hounds regain sight, and away the field go for a long spin, in which the fences are frequent and stiff. At length she is killed, and a fourth one being despatched within a few minutes a move is made for home after a fairly satisfactory day.

Inter-Provincial

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

TARANAKI.

June 15th.

PERCY JOHNSTON informs me that Cyrus fenced very badly in the Maiden Hurdles on the first day of the Great Northern Meeting, otherwise he would have won that event.

Mr G. Cunningham has a half-sister to the pony Kathleen, being by Foulshot—Sleevelink.

Not one local punter struck the Great Northern double, the nearest to it holding Melinite and Despised.

Skirmisher has evidently been seized upon as the correct thing by early punters for the New Zealand Cup, judging by his short price in the market.

The hurdle racer Fright did not uphold his reputation at the Great Northern Meeting.

Monte Carlo is being backed for the New Zealand Cup, but on what strength I cannot understand.

The parties behind Kai Iwi Lady had a bit of bad luck at Auckland.

The Taranaki Jockey Club committee meet to-night, when a report on Mr. Samuel's dividend proposals will probably be brought up.

Cingalee brought a good figure when sold in Auckland. She is a game bit of stuff, and when thoroughly well will be worth watching.

(BY WIRE.)

June 20th.

Cook, the jockey who got hurt while riding Dick in the Egmont Steeple, has completely recovered.

Mr R. Bauchope has been appointed to represent the Taranaki Club at the Racing Conference.

The Taranaki Club have granted the Trotting Club permission to use their course for the meeting in September upon payment of £15.

The Eltham Racing Club's programme has been passed for the meeting on November 1st. £250 will be given in stakes.

A furious south-east gale has been raging here for two days, and has destroyed the Taranaki Club's new totalisator house, and also levelled a lot of fencing.

My tips for the principal events at Hawke's Bay are: Hurdles—Melinite or Unity; Steeples—Victrix or Bootles.

WANGANUI.

June 17.

Mr J. Paul's horse Boulanger, whose performances on the turf in New Zealand are so well known, has now retired, and will be at the disposal of breeders during the coming season. The horse is being wintered at the Newmarket stables by George Chamberlain, whose abilities with this class of horses is well known. I believe it is the owner's intention to let the son of Grand Prix—Fleurette only serve thirty mares at the fee of 10gns. each, and I should think that no difficulty will occur in getting a list of really good mares, as there is no doubt that the horse should nick well with the class of brood mares in the district.

Melinite's victory in the Great Northern Hurdles was fully expected here, as it was rumoured about during the last week as being a really good thing, and was therefore well backed by local punters, but had Kai Iwi Lady kept sound and gone to the post I fancy the majority of the money from Wanganui would have been on this handsome daughter of Natator, who, no doubt, would have given backers a big run for their money. It was hard luck for Charlie Woodley after taking the mare all the way to Auckland not being able to start.

Voltegeur, by Tim Whiffler—Volatrina, and the brown filly by Cruiser—Laurel have been scratched for the Wanganui Derby of 1894.

The jumper Elk, who was recently purchased by Mr Shipton, of Wellington, has not been any too well treated at the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase Meeting, the impost allotted him in the big steeplechase being 10.8, while at the Hunt Club Meeting he has been awarded 11.0 in the Open Steeplechase and 13.10 in the Hunters' Steeplechase.

Raven leaves for Hawke's Bay early in the week. The old horse is in splendid buckle and will make a big bid for victory. He will be ridden by his owner, A. Lynch.

Stranger, winner of the Flying Handicap at the last Wanganui Meeting; Stray-shot, one of last season's hacks on this

coast; and Splitlink, who is a full brother to Swivel, have all been nominated for the C.J.C. Grand National Hurdle Race; also for the Maiden Hurdles at the same meeting. These horses are in charge of W. Butler, under whose supervision they are showing every satisfaction in their schooling.

Daisy Clipper, who has been under the care of Vet. Hawke for a bad leg caused by poisoning with a coloured bandage, is improving slowly, and has now been taken over to the Red Lion stables, where her stable companion Johnny Faa is located, under the care of C. Birkett. Mr Hawke considers that the mare will be fully recovered by October next.

The Hawke's Bay Steeplechase Meeting is now the topic with local racing men, and a good few pounds are sure to be invested from here on the machine. There is every prospect of the fields in the two chief events being of fairly large proportions, and should the weather remain fine the racing would be well worth the journey to witness. My selections for the two events are:—Hurdles—Melinite 1, Kapua 2, Oaklands 3. Steeplechase—Timothy 1, Raven 2, Kapua 3, with Elk for a boil over.

The result of the A.J.C. Steeplechase was awaited here with eager interest, and when the news came giving the particulars of the race and stating that Mutiny had fallen when holding such a commanding lead, and that Waterbury had followed suit, great sympathy was expressed by one and all for the hard luck Mr Douglas encountered. Should either of these horses succeed in landing the big stake at Flemington the news will be heartily received all through New Zealand.

Mr William Wilson, owner of Fraternite, leaves for a trip to Australia next week. Mr Wilson takes over with him a lot of stud sheep with the intention of selling them over there.

[BY WIRE.]

June 20.

Raven left for Hawke's Bay this morning in care of Alf. Lynch. He is engaged in the open Steeples at the Hunt Club meeting, which, I predict, he will win.

Re par. in last week's notes about Raven, it should read Open Hunt Club Steeple, as the horse is not engaged in the Hawke's Bay Steeple.

It is quite likely that Goodwood will not make the journey owing to unsettled weather.

WELLINGTON.

[BY WIRE.]

June 20th.

THE Hawke's Bay Steeplechase acceptance list contains seven names, and it appears as if Norton will be a starter after all. The lighter-weighted Morag has been sent me as a good thing, and may have a show because he is a splendid jumper. Personally I like Tiritea, who, if well, will absolutely win. He ran third in this race last year, and by the way Norton ran second. My pick is Tiritea 1, Morag 2, Norton 3. Hurdles—Melinite 1, Kulnine 2, Kapua 3. Leontine ought to go very near the Ladies' Bracelet.

A meeting of the stewards of the Wellington Racing Club was held at the Empire Hotel, Featherston, on Saturday. Present—Messrs W. Bidwill (chairman), Hutton, Reynolds, Izard, A. Donald, W. O. Williams, A. McKenzie, Nix, Wilkinson, J. S. Cundy, and Morrison. The treasurer reported a credit balance of £27 11s, and accounts for £33 were passed for payment. Correspondence was read from the Oddfellows offering the hall for meetings at five shillings per meeting, but it was decided that this had better be left to the incoming stewards. Permission to use the training track was given to Messrs A. Fabin, K. McKenzie and C. B. Pharasyn. Mr W. E. Bidwill offered on behalf of Messrs Bidwill Bros. to supply horses, carts, harrows, etc., for the formation of a new training track if the Club would pay the men's wages at 25s. per week. It was resolved to accept Messrs Bidwill's offer with thanks, and a sub-committee was appointed to meet to choose a site for the track. A resolution was passed that all members having any notices of motion or propositions should have them in with the secretary before the 14th July, so that they can be printed.

A correspondent writes me suggesting that the Wellington Trotting Club should do their course up some time before the next meeting, instead of leaving it until the last week. He says a lining of clay placed all round the course on the outside for say 20 or 22 feet wide by 6 inches thick and well rolled and levelled off, and

the remainder of the track on the inside laid down with a mixture of soil and clay, sown down with grass and clover, and wire run round posts would prevent encroachments on the part of trotters, who could be worked on the part that had been clayed. The best going on the track now is where it is clayed over. If the Club can afford it there is nothing like establishing a good fast track.

Yesterday afternoon Mr Halward's two horses, Kent and Swordbelt, were offered by auction by Messrs Taine and Co., but the bidding was not of a particularly brisk nature. Kent was started at 75gns, and went up to 195gns, at which price he was knocked down to Mr A. Cave. Swordbelt was then placed under the hammer, and from a 10g start he reached 35gns, at which price Mr Cave purchased him. The saddles, etc., went for £5. The Angler, by Izaak Walton, was next offered, but passed in. Kent, who is by St. George—Red Rose, looks well, and should pay his way next season if he keeps right. It was thought that considerably more would have been obtained for him, but considering the time of year and the absence of probable buyers I think 195gns is a good price to receive. As for Swordbelt, the son of Necklace, he is not as well as he might be, otherwise he would of course have commanded a much higher figure. The sale was held merely to settle partnership accounts. W. Davis, formerly trainer of Kent, has since purchased him from Mr Cave.

Dr. Newman, M.H.R., will move at the next racing conference that it is advisable that a New Zealand Jockey Club be established.

I received a note yesterday from a Wellington resident informing me that Mr W. H. Sayers, son of Mr Sayers of Melbourne—of Wild Rose (Newmarket Handicap winner) fame—is on a visit to Wellington, but had the misfortune to contract typhoid fever, so that he is now in the hospital.

Very good nominations have been received for the Wairarapa Hunt Club's Steeple Meeting, and a pleasant reunion is anticipated. Fifteen have been entered for the Trial Steeplechase, including Makomako and Kaika. The Wairarapa Steeplechase shows a neat dozen, including Elk, Timothy, Dromedary and Dainty. The latter is in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, and is a son of Ahua. Eight have been nominated for the Hack Race, and sixteen for the Ladies Race, in which a great deal of interest is usually centred respecting the disposal of the bracelet. Seven are in for the Hack Hurdles, and thirteen in the Hunt Club Steeples, some of them being entered for the big Steeples also. A field of seven for the Hunter's Flat Handicap completes the list.

The stewards of the Marton Jockey Club at a meeting the other night resolved upon the 9th of November next as the date for their next meeting.

Mr Freeth's Rebellion, by Treason—Mischief, will be placed at the disposal of breeders in the Wairarapa district this season.

Timothy's name does not appear among the entries for the C.J.C. Grand National Meeting.

Silent Friend has been nominated for the Wairarapa Steeplechase to be run at the Hunt Club's Meeting.

At the same meeting Makomako is entered for no less than four events.

Coming Events.

[BY BORDERER.]

HAWKE'S BAY MEETING.

THE acceptances for the two big jumping events in connection with the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Winter Meeting, to be held to-morrow (Friday) show a decided shrinkage as compared with the nominations for those events. In the hurdle race the appearance of Melinite with only 10.3 against her name has frightened eleven of the sixteen nominators out of the race, but I see Kulnine has decided to accept top weight, 12.6. This candidate will have to show something very exceptional if Melinite is to be beaten with 34lbs in her favour. Tiritea has gone out, but remains in the cross country race; and the next to accept is Kapua 11.5. Although Melinite has 16lb the best of it this candidate will certainly make her race. Then comes Melinite, and nothing further can be said respecting her chance save that on paper it looks a moral and the best of good things. However, there's many a slip, and it is quite possible the Norden-

feldt mare will make a mistake, in which case the race will fall to Kapua. Worth and Lonely have not accepted, and Oaklands is the next one paid up for, but I prefer this candidate's chance in the steeplechase. All the others have declined with the exception of T Rose, who has a very indifferent chance of scoring. Last week I took the three best to be Kulnine, Kapua and Melinite, and for a place tip I would place them—

MELINITE	1
KAPUA	2
KULNINE	3

The withdrawals have been just as heavy in the steeplechase as in the hurdles, only seven having accepted out of eighteen nominations. The top weight Norton remains in, but at the weight 12.11 I do not like the chance. With Whalebone out Tiritea comes next, and at 11.3 this horse has a fair chance. Victrix I do not fancy, and of Dainty and Oaklands I prefer the latter. Morag has a chance second to none, and Repo is not out of it by a long way. I took Elk when the nominations came out and as the name does not appear in the acceptances I shall replace it with Oaklands. I shall expect the lower weighted ones to score, and place them—

OAKLANDS	1
MORAG	2
TIRITEA	3

Weights, etc.

WAIRARAPA HUNT CLUB'S STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

TRIAL STEEPLECHASE.—Mako Mako, Kaika, Toprail, Titus, Giraffe, Two-up, Otukura, Debut, Ballyhooly, Konini, Judas, Frisco, Kaitapai, Wangamona, Natato.

WAIRARAPA STEEPLECHASE.—Cyrus II., Iroquois, Austral, Elk, Dainty, Canute, Lord John, Dromedary, Silent Friend, Ingorina, Timothy, Gladstone.

HACK FLAT HANDICAP.—Eros, Mako Mako, Matariki, Fresh Deal, Mermaid, Farmer's Boy, Merryman, Springtime.

LADIES' BRACELET.—Cyrus II., Iroquois, Kaika, Toprail, Miro, Titus, Two-up, Otukura, Dromedary, Debut, Playboy, Try Again, Frisco, Houpla, Kaitapai, Wangamona.

HACK HURDLES.—Nuts, Mako Mako, Kaika, Toprail, Konini, Waikato, Fresh Deal.

HUNT CLUB STEEPLECHASE.—Nuts, Iroquois, Kaika, Elk, Toprail, Lord John, Giraffe, Dromedary, Debut, Ballyhooly, Try Again (late One Eye), Judas, Frisco, Gladstone.

HUNTERS' FLAT HANDICAP.—Nuts, Mako Mako, Toprail, Master Stroke, Houpla, Wangamona, Natato.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 500 sovs, three miles and a half.—Nanaki, Victrix, Christmas, Waterbury, Mutiny, Despised, Karewa, Melinite, War Dance, Tiritea, Bombardier, Robin, Pamoana, Clarence, Dromedary, Crazy Kate, Morag, Liberator, Amalgam, Salute, Fishmonger, Bootles, Bishop, Norton, Belle.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLES of 300 sovs, two miles.—Empire, Goodwood, Gazette, Jacob Faithful, Fright, Starling, Couranto, Kapua, Despised, Melinite, War Dance, Perkin, Clarence, Liberator, Musket, Dromedary, St. Kilda, Morag, Cyrus, Splitlink, Strayshot, Stranger, Kulnine, Bernardo.

BEAUFORT STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs, two miles and a half.—Nanaki, Victrix, Christmas, Despised, Waterbury, Mutiny, Karewa, Tiritea, Bombardier, Robin, Pamoana, Dromedary, Crazy Kate, Morag, Erin-go-Bragh, Amalgam, Salute, Fishmonger, Bootles, Cajolery, Norton, Belle.

HAWKE'S BAY WINTER MEETING.

WEIGHTS.

JUNE HANDICAP of 50 sovs, once round.—Prairie Grass 12.8, Bay King 12.0, Spinfeldt 12.0, Midas 11.10, King John 11.7, Waterlily 11.6, Aphony 11.3, Rayfieldt 11.0, Link 11.0, Jewel 10.9, Musketeer 10.8, Samoa 10.8, Goodwood 10.7, Dingo 10.5, Salisbury 10.3, Brown Bell 10.0.

ACCEPTANCES.

HAWKE'S BAY STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300 sovs, three and a half miles.—Norton 12.11, Tiritea 11.3, Victrix 10.9, Dainty 9.12, Oaklands 9.10, Morag 9.8, Repo 9.7.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs, two miles.—Kulnine 12.6, Kapua 11.5, Melinite 10.3, Oaklands 10.0, T. Rose 9.7.

NOMINATIONS.

WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs, 1½ miles.—Focus, Prairie Grass, Lobelia, Bay King, The Parson, Kohere, Musketeer, Rayfieldt, Ua, Mati, T. Rose, Spinfeldt, Midas, King John, Goodwood, Salisbury, Leontine, Samoa, Link.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 80 sovs, about 2 miles.—Morag, Aleto, Pamoana, Austral, Tau-rekaika, Worth, Kaffir, Tricky Jack.

GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE CLUB.

NOMINATIONS.—BY WIRE.

HURDLES of 60 sovs, 2 miles.—The Bishop, Rimu, Worth, Charcoal, Raven, Morag, Waterlily, Jibboom, The Turk, Criminal, Belmont, Roscius, Fishmonger, Beanley, Tricky Jack, Aleto, Pamoana, Avis, Disturbance, Karewa.

GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs, about 3½ miles.—Midlothian, The Bishop, New Year, Rimu, Worth, Raven, Morag, Waterlily, Jibboom, Criminal, Crazy Kate, Pani, Roscius, Fishmonger, Uncle Rastus, Aleto, Pamoana, Disturbance, Karewa, Cloth of Gold.

LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP of 20 sovs, 1 mile and a distance.—New Year, The Bishop, Hurricane, Whariti, Popgun, Glenora, Baldie, Caitiff, Malton.

HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE CUP HANDICAP of 20 sovs, about 2½ miles.—The Bishop, New Year, Hurricane, Lancer, Bay Jim, Roscius, Lascar, Waikohu, Waihaka, Popgun, Baldie, White Wings, Jorrocks, Cloth of Gold, Lazarus, Company, Malton.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 40 sovs, 6 furlongs.—Crescent, Hopmarket, Emerald, Charcoal, St. Kilda, Pani, Royal, Belmont, Jewel, Samoa, Hukateer, Cillah, Tricky Jack, Musketeer, Avis, Dangar, Sylvanus, Forella, The Sharper, Caitiff.

FINAL HANDICAP of 45 sovs, 1 mile and a distance.—Crescent, Hopmarket, Emerald, The Turk, St. Kilda, Pani, Royal, Belmont, Jewel, Samoa, Beanley, Hukateer, Zillah, Tricky Jack, Musketeer, Avis, Dangar, Sylvanus, Caitiff.

ADVERTISEMENTS

[COPY.]

NAPIER, 4TH JUNE, 1894.

DEAR SIR,—I write to express regret in having stated that two tickets were rung upon "Gorse" in the Ladies Purse at the last meeting of the Waipawa County Racing Club on the Outside Machine during the time the race was being run.

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THIS is one of the yarns told of the late Dr. Von Bulow:—An Australian lady invaded his room and begged his signature to the foot of a photograph. Von Bulow, apparently in a great rage, rang the bell violently, and ordered the servant to "send up the man who writes my autographs."

AMONGST the plays to be included in the repertoire of Brough and Boucicault's second New Zealand tour are *The Second Mrs Tanqueray*, *The Bauble Shop*, *A Woman of No Importance*, *Lady Windermere's Fan*, *The Other Fellow* and *Sowing the Wind*. The tour starts at Dunedin on November 29th.

A SYDNEY *Sunday Times* correspondent suggests that in these days of the elevation of the drama it is singular that it has never occurred to Sullivan or Corbett, the actor-pugilists, to refine and ennoble the Shakespearean drama by converting the wrestling scene in *As You Like It* into a ten-round spar, the best man to win Rosalind and the gate money.

THE Tuam-street Theatre, Christchurch, is to be materially altered. A contemporary writes that the present staircases and dressing-rooms are to be removed so as to give more room and the boxes on each side will be utilised for dressing-rooms, giving four altogether. There will be two fire-escapes from the stage, and in case of fire the audience will be enabled to get through the upstairs dressing-rooms from the dress circle to the fire-escapes.

MR. A. H. GEE has set his popular concerts upon a bedrock of popularity, and now big audiences are the rule at the City Hall on Wednesday evenings. Last night a good attendance was experienced, and those present enjoyed one of the best programmes the promoter has so far presented. The various numbers were carefully chosen and in the choice of assisting artists Mr Gee was decidedly successful. One of Mr Gee's songs, *The King's Minstrel*, proved a treat, and recalled pleasant memories of the season when Walter Barker was wont to lend his masterly harp playing to the song. The artists who assisted Mr Gee were Misses Harvey, Featon, Lusk, McMaster, and Messrs Sullivan, Carter, and McKean.

WRITING of Oscar Wilde's play "*Lady Windermere's Fan*," the Sydney *Bulletin* says:—"Oscar Wilde's famous play is a curious and lop-sided production. His characters are mostly of high rank; among fourteen people—leaving out a maid and two flunkies—there are three lords, five assorted 'ladies,' and one duchess. One young lord and his very young countess are fresh and good and pure of soul; the rest of the crowd are the most exhausted looking, battered, and worn out lot on record. They lie round wearily amid much costly furniture, smoking cigarettes and blasting other people's characters, and uttering that kind of morally-diseased wit which is based on the assumption that everybody is tired and dirty of soul. When the author gets away from this one assumption his wit is not above the average; when he is on his favourite topic he is brilliant. Still there is nothing visibly immortal about his dialogue; it is merely filled with the flavour of satiety and disgust, and old cigar smoke, and pervaded with very, very old young men, who look boredly at the world through one weary eye-glass in a club. And seeing that all his characters, barring the pair above mentioned, have got this disease so badly, the assumption is that these two will also get it when they grow older."

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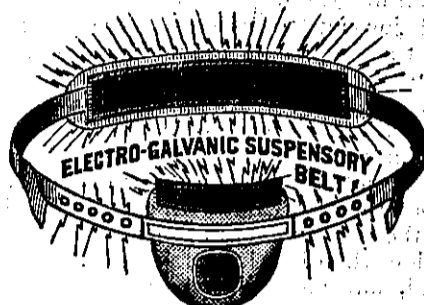
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