

made the best run of the day, and all the opposing backs, who succeeded in getting over the line, lost a try through being collared by Rishworth in attempting to get behind the posts. For lifting the feet in a scrum, the B's 25, the latter incurred a penalty kick. Stone made a splendid attempt at goal, the majority of spectators considering that the ball went over the cross bar. Uninteresting play followed the kick out, and half time was sounded a few minutes later without alteration in the scores.

Stone kicked off in the second spell for the A team, and a poor return by one of the B backs enabled the former to almost take the ball over the line, but Masefield to the rescue with a fine kick. The forwards returned and the ball went out in the B's 25. From the throw in, the B vanguard started a fine rush which carried the leather to the A's 25, where Stone was sent into touch. The throw in ended with the B backs to get on some nice passing, and after repeated efforts, McGill succeeded in registering B's third try. A goal resulted—A 3, B 11. Another pleasing run on the part of the B backs nearly ended in a score, but Stone, Murray, and Rhodes replied with a fine piece of dribbling, and transferred the play to the B 25, where Breen, picking up smartly and dodging the B backs, crossed the line between the posts. The kick at goal was again a failure—A 6, B 11. For the next few minutes there was nothing but scrums and line work, the greater strength of the B forwards gradually working the play down the line until play was in dangerous proximity to the A goal line. From some loose play which took place here, Speight dashed over the line and registered B's fourth try. Edmonds failed to convert—B 14 A 6. The kick out resulted in A's being again called on to defend, Donald, Braund, and Breen putting in some fine work. The B team was, however, now playing a fine game, the attempts of the A backs to relieve their side being frustrated by the fine kicking of Masefield, who kept gaining a few yards on each return. During the last few minutes of the game the A forwards determined effort to clear their backs succeeded in carrying the ball to the centre flag, but Masefield again presented an obstacle, and sent the ball into touch in the opposing 25. From the throw in, the ball was passed out to Rishworth, who again crossed the line and ran round behind the posts. Edmonds had no difficulty in converting—B 19, A 6. From this until the end of the game the play was exceedingly fast, but no scores took place, and the contest ended as before mentioned.

Although I was prepared to witness a great struggle for supremacy between the two teams and even a win for the B team by a few points, I was nevertheless greatly surprised at the severe and pronounced defeat inflicted upon our probable "rep" team. In my notes of last week I drew attention to what I considered the fallacy of playing three half-backs, and it was the advantage which the B division possessed in playing only two halves and having an extra forward which made their chance of giving the A team a keen struggle appear to my mind rather probable. Saturday's game, however, cannot be regarded as an even contest, for leaving the points of 19 to 6 out of the question, the game was one-sided from start to finish, and in favour of the B team in every department of the game.

The probable team was certainly minus the services of several good men, and this fact should not be forgotten when reviewing the contest, but even had the absentees taken part in the game I do not for a moment consider that the result would have been in favour of the A division. Elliot would have strengthened the backs, but would Oliphant have strengthened the forwards? I for one consider that he would not. Nor am I inconsistent in expressing this opinion and at the same time maintaining that Oliphant is a player well worth a place in any team. Had Oliphant been present on Saturday the A vanguard would have been robbed of a forward. Fred Murray, who is a first-class scrumager, took Oliphant's place, and had the latter been present he would of course have played on the wing and left six forwards to work in the scrum. As it was, they had seven workers in the scrum and then had no possible chance against the opposing nine forwards.

I could not help remarking on Saturday that the B vanguard obtained a very great advantage by unfair play. On almost every occasion on which the ball was placed in the scrum by a B player it was deliberately given to his own for-

wards. This enabled them to let it out quickly to their backs, and while, as I say, it was an advantage to them, it would not have been an equal advantage to the A forwards had one of their players "pointed" in the same way. And for this reason. The very moment the B forwards found that their opponents had possession of the ball they could easily have pushed the A forwards off their feet before the latter had time to heel out.

Two practice matches have now taken place, and the team has been subjected to several alterations. But with what beneficial result it is difficult to find. In each practice it has been demonstrated in an undeniable manner that six or even seven forwards cannot play nine, yet the committee refuses to be guided by facts, and it will be seen from the team chosen for Saturday next that the scrum again consists of six men, not all of whom by the way are accustomed to scrum work. So far as deriving any advantage from the practices is concerned, it must be considered that two Saturdays have been absolutely wasted.

Kissling at fullback for the A team was not altogether a success. He was not responsible for allowing the other team to score, but his play was of a rather indifferent kind, and his kicking was by no means brilliant. On Saturday's form Kissling could never get a place in the reps as a fullback.

Roberts got few chances to distinguish himself. On two occasions, however, he made good runs, and should have scored. Roberts got right behind the line after evading five or six men, but allowed himself to be collared before grounding the ball. He did not appear to take much interest in the game on Saturday.

At centre threequarter Breen played a sterling game, and put in a lot of defensive work. His tackling and punting was really good, but his passes were too high, and one was intercepted by an opposing player. Breen made a good run and scored.

McPhail is a better man than many thought, but is not class enough for a "rep" team. He possesses a good turn of speed which he used to advantage when he scored, and will no doubt improve as the season progresses.

Bullock, who played in Elliott's place, got off some nice pieces of play, but holds on to the ball too long. He missed several chances on Saturday.

McDonald was not as good as on the previous Saturday. His play was almost confined to defence, which makes a great difference.

Braund made the most of every opportunity, which he had to make for himself. His forwards failed to give him the ball, but he got off several "passes" from stopping forward rushes, and also by picking up smartly from loose open play.

Ike Mills was not so brilliant as on the previous Saturday, and caused Edmonds little or no trouble. His following up was, however, a source of annoyance to the opposing backs.

Anderson has a habit of standing back a few yards and making a run and jump at the ball when thrown in from the line. This is all very well when it comes off, which by the way is about only once in a season. It would be far better for Anderson to stand quietly on his mark, and if he did secure the ball to at once pass it to his backs. He appeared to graft in the scrum and did some good work in the open.

Rhodes was the pick of the A forwards, and played a clinking good game. His following up was a treat to witness, and he led many of the rushes. The player throwing in the ball should not forget Rhodes on the line.

Fred Murray was not in the best of condition, and was inclined to tire towards the close of the game.

C. Speight and C. Stone were handicapped through being centre forwards. They were unable to secure the ball in the scrum for the reason previously mentioned. Each, however, did his fair share of work, and put in some good line work.

Valentine was none too good at handling the ball, and would have scored once had he picked up cleanly.

Heffernan was not conspicuous for anything brilliant.

Masefield played a great game at fullback. With one exception when he missed Roberts his game was the best fullback game of the season. His fine kicking proved a great help to his side, and brought forth rounds of applause.

McGill again played a first-class game, and deserves his place in the team for Saturday next. He is a fine scoring man, which feature should be absolutely essential in every rep. three-quarter. He is,

moreover, strong in defence, and possesses splendid pace.

Flynn played centre three-quarter in Warnock's place, and shaped remarkably well. With more experience he will become as good as the best of them, and should gain his cap next year.

Rishworth again proved what a good man he is. He crossed the line twice in capital style, but has a bad habit of passing forward. But for the latter fault he plays a sound game.

Edmonds and Ronayne also put in a lot of work. The former got off a lot of passing, but does not appear to make the most of his chances. He has not yet learned to pass at the right moment, but plays a good game at tackling, kicking, and stopping rushes. Ronayne's game was marked with great dash, but he should not run into the thick of the forwards.

Of the B forwards I liked best the play of Hallamore and Gittos. Hallamore was constantly on the ball and made no mistakes. Gittos performed his work as centre forward in a creditable manner. He was also clever on the line and started numerous rushes.

Of the remaining forwards Brady, Moore and Speight appeared to do most towards the success of the team.

At a meeting of the Selection Committee on Monday last the following team was chosen to play against Franklin on Saturday:—Fullback, R. Masefield, three-quarters, T. Roberts, H. G. Kissling, D. McGill; halves, W. Elliott, F. Edmonds, G. Ronayne; forwards, E. Anderson, H. Donald, R. Hallamore, P. Heffernan, P. Mills, R. Oliphant, W. Rhodes, and C. Speight.

The team to represent Franklyn is as follows:—Fullback, C. M'Cough; three-quarters, P. Condon, J. Crauston, J. Rolston; halves, S. Shaw, H. Hogan; forwards, J. Luke, W. Luke, Hyde, Hogan, Cornthwaite, T. Graham, Brownlee, J. M'Kean, G. M'Kean; emergency backs, D. Roulston, P. Findlay; emergency forwards, T. M'Chrystal, P. Munro.

It will be noticed that considerable alterations have been made in the Auckland team since last Saturday. Masefield takes the place of Kissling at fullback, and the latter is put in Breen's position at centre three-quarter. McGill is placed in Peace's position at wing three-quarter. Of the half backs Edmonds and Ronayne, who were originally chosen and then put out of the team for Braund and McDonald are again given places as centre and wing half respectively. In the forward division Stone and Valentine are put out to find room for Hallamore and Donald.

The following districts are represented in the selection:—Parnell 6, Newton 4, Ponsonby 1, Grafton 2, Suburbs 1, and City 1.

Considering that the players not in the team at present will not be afforded any further opportunity of proving their claims to places in the team, since the remaining Saturdays prior to the match against Taranaki are taken up with contests against Franklyn and Tauranga, it may be fairly assumed that the above team will be that which will battle against Taranaki. Against Franklyn and Tauranga Auckland should certainly win, and win easily, and if she cannot—then I pity her chances in the remaining fixtures for the season. This being so, it is more than probable that the only alteration which will take place for our first Interprovincial match will be the inclusion of Jervis, whose arm will no doubt by that time be all right.

In the event of Taranaki being represented by as powerful a combination as that which visited in Auckland in 1892 I certainly think that our boys will require to be at their very best to avert defeat. The team which plays on Saturday next is far from being a strong combination, and the fact of its meeting a team with no more experience than that of the Franklin boys, is a matter over which the Auckland Rugby Union should rejoice. Were our opponents on Saturday either Wellington, South Canterbury, New South Wales or Taranaki, my selection would be the visiting team. By the date of the first Interprovincial match the team will, however, have had several games together, which will doubtless enable it to acquire a little of the combination which it at present so much lacks.

Since the final selection it has been a question of considerable difficulty with many footballers to discover for what possible reason certain men have been thrown out of the team and others put in. The A team being beaten so badly, of course necessitated some alteration in our reps, but it is manifestly evident that the committee has effected the alterations

without even regard to ordinary common sense. In support of my assertion I offer the following facts: In the first practice match the two centre forwards for the A team were Hallamore and Stone. Apparently under the belief that Hallamore was unfit for the position the committee on the following Saturday placed Hallamore in the B team, and he wisely played in the back row of forwards. Stone is then partnered as centre forward by C. Speight, and the pair are opposed by H. Speight and Gittos, who perform their duties in a capital style and secure the ball on every occasion. The committee, evidently under the opinion that Stone was to blame for the A forwards being beaten, wisely exclude him from the team, which is perfectly correct, for a centre forward who under fair circumstances cannot get possession of the ball has no right in the team. Now any three school boys who have just arrived at the age of reason (let alone a body of old experienced players entrusted with the selection of a provincial team) would at once recognise that it was logical to fill Stone's position by either H. Speight or Gittos, whose proved superiority caused Stone's exclusion from the team. The committee, however, fail to see this, and make their action still more ridiculous and inconsistent by selecting Hallamore, with whose play on the previous Saturday they were dissatisfied. I do not wish it to be understood that I oppose Hallamore's inclusion in the team. Personally, I consider him a really good man, who is well worth a place, and I have all along advocated his claims to a cap; but strange as it may seem, it is the inconsistency rather than the sound judgment of the committee which secures for the province so good a man. Hallamore's case has converted into a strong conviction an impression which I always entertained, viz., that if a forward wishes to win his cap the best way calculated to defeat his object is to play centre-forward in a practice match, a position in which he cannot shine and is little seen.

The match between Ponsonby II. and North Shore II. proved a very interesting "go," resulting in a victory for the former by 6 points to 3. The match was played on No. 2 ground at Potter's in the presence of a large number of spectators, many of whom journeyed over from the Shore. The game itself was a fast, interesting and exciting contest, and following immediately after the splendid game on the previous Saturday between Ponsonby II. and Grafton II., caused many to believe that our juniors play equally as good football as the senior teams. The Shore boys played with great dash, and got on many passing and dribbling forward rushes which nearly ended in scores. The passing of the Ponsonby backs was, however, too consistent, and enabled their side to register two tries. For the winners Heaps and Graham each crossed the line, while Walker kicked a fine goal for Shore from a penalty kick. I was very much taken with the fine play of Heaps, who made many good runs. This young fellow has the makings of a great player, and he was the recipient of frequent applause for his kicking and running. This last win makes the first junior championship almost a certainty for Ponsonby.

In the remaining junior contests Grafton v. Newton and Suburbs v. City, the former in each case won by default.

In the second junior division the only match played was that between Newton and Grafton B. The former put a strong team in the field, which came as a surprise to the Newtonites. Newton, however, won after a close game by 3 points to nil. Mills scored a try for the winners. Parnell beat Ponsonby by default.

The match between Grafton A and City also fell through.

I notice by Sydney files to hand that the New South Wales team has started practice in view of their coming visit to New Zealand. Their style of play is two wing forwards and two half backs.

I have been shown (writes "Half-back" in the Sydney Referee) two private letters from Dunedin residents, who complain that the N.S.W.R.F. Union are, by their not accepting the invitation of the Otago (N.Z.) Union to play their provincial team, endeavouring to coerce that Union into joining the New Zealand Union. I might point out, in referring to this subject, that the N.S.W. Union being the guests of the N.Z. Union, and travelling on its initiative, can only play at such places as they should arrange them to visit, and that should the Otago Union desire to test the strength of the visiting team, they would have to approach the N.Z. Union to that effect.

Ted O'Hare's offer to take charge of

the "rep" team, which will undergo a thorough course of training, has been accepted by the Rugby Union, and I am sure it will not be Ted's fault if the boys fail to give a good account of themselves. Ted trained the team which beat the Englishmen and also that which travelled right through New Zealand. He also had charge of the teams which defeated the Maoris both before and after their return to England. The Union has secured the Metropolitan ground for training purposes.

The following are the positions of the first and second junior championships:—

FIRST JUNIORS.						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts. for Agst.	
Ponsonby	8	7	1	0	84	29
Grafton	8	6	2	0	59	43
North Shore	8	5	3	0	87	40
Parnell	7	5	2	0	98	36
Suburbs	8	2	6	0	37	91
City	8	1	7	0	9	49
Newton	8	1	7	0	37	91

SECOND JUNIORS.						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts. for Agst.	
Newton	8	8	0	0	84	7
Grafton A.	8	7	1	0	36	21
Parnell	9	5	4	0	32	50
Grafton B.	8	2	6	0	26	33
Ponsonby	8	2	6	0	25	44
City	9	0	9	0	16	71

N.B.—Matches played on May 12th between Newton and Grafton A., and Ponsonby and Grafton B., have to be re-played.

NAPIER FOOTBALL.

[BY WIRE]

July 10th.

THE second round of the Senior Cup matches was commenced on Saturday last. The Napier met and defeated the Caledonians by 17 points to love, after a fairly good game. Both teams were weaker than usual, Napier being without the services of Caradus and Cogroft, whilst Macfarlane, Knight, Bear, Munro and Johnston were absent from the Caledonian ranks. The first spell was greatly in favour of the Caledonians, who kept their opponents hard at work the whole time to save their goal. Notwithstanding this, Napier scored three points during the spell, Walker kicking a penalty goal. In the second spell Napier woke up, and assisted by the difference in weight, which was greatly in their favour, they added another 14 points to their score. Bennett obtained two tries, and Hume and Welsman one each, Walker converting one try, Walker, Bennett, Hume and Donnelly were the pick of the Napier backs, and Wilson, Ryan and Murray of the forwards. For the losers Laws, Miller, H. Kelly, and Nolan did good work behind the scrum, and P. Kelly, Toohey and Poynter were the best of the forwards.

The Pirate—County match resulted in a win for the former by 8 points to 6 after a very rough game. The County had very hard luck in losing the match, as Caulton made several splendid attempts at potting goals. In one instance the ball rebounded into play off the bar. Williams and Swan scored tries for Pirates, one of which O'Connell converted. Peeti scored a try for the County, and Caulton kicked a penalty goal. Cullen, Caulton, Herio, McDonald and Peeti played best for the County, while Caldwell, the O'Connell's, Swan, Williams and Cheer showed good form for the Pirates.

The Napier II. defeated Caledonian II. by 7 points to 6 after an uninteresting game. Beaumont scored a try and Wood potted a goal for Napier. Clarke and Cameron obtained tries for the Caledonians, who showed best form.

The third fifteen match, West End v. Rangers resulted in a win for the former by 14 points to 8 after a good game.

TARANAKI FOOTBALL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

July 6.

A MEETING of delegates was held at Stratford on June 30. Present—Messrs G. T. Bayly, president (in the chair), T. C. Fookes, Stratford; S. Humphries, Star; D. Hughes, Waimate; G. Syme, Hawera. Resolved, "That a branch of the Referees' Association be formed in connection with the Taranaki Rugby Union, and that the Rev. C. C. Harper, Messrs G. Syme, R. S. Hirschberg and J. Campbell be appointed members of the association, with Mr F. C. Smith as hon. secretary." The following dates were arranged for the matches to be played by the Taranaki team away from home:—Taranaki v. Wanganui, Wednesday, 18th July; Taranaki v. Manawatu, Friday, 20th July; Taranaki v. Auckland, Saturday, 28th July. The Thames match is to left to the team. Resolved, "That the challenge of the Bush Rugby Union for a match at Hawera be accepted." Re-

solved, "That the dates for the South Canterbury and Wellington matches be left to the management committee to arrange, having regard to the wishes of the visiting teams." The following resolution was passed:—"That when the selection committee has chosen the men to take part in the trial matches the names be handed to the secretary, and each man be asked to keep a strict account of all expenses incurred in attending the trial matches, and further, that when the final selection has been made the individual members of the team be asked to keep a careful record of all hotel and travelling expenses borne by them, and submit same at end of the season to a finance committee to consider these accounts, and that such committee be authorised to make such refunds to the claimants as in their opinion the funds of the Union will admit; that the finance committee consist of the hon. secretary, hon. treasurer, and Mr G. Syme." Resolved, "That trial matches be fixed for Saturday, 7th and 15th July, the first to be played at Hawera, and the second at New Plymouth." The following committees were appointed for the matches which take place at the Northern and Southern centres:—North End Reception Committee: Messrs O. Samuel, J. B. Roy, J. Paul, W. Harden, S. Humphries, W. Baly, R. Tate, Dr. Leatham, Dr. O'Carroll, H. Hammond, E. Jacob, T. A. Hempton, P. R. Carthew, T. L. Ward, F. Watson, A. E. A. Clarke, N. King and C. B. Lever, with power to add to their number. Managing Committee, North End: Messrs J. Paul, W. Harden, S. Humphries, and C. B. Lever (hon. sec.). South End Reception Committee: Messrs G. T. Bayly, G. Syme, C. E. Major, F. Riddiford, H. Gibbons, Dr. Westera, F. V. Lysaght, J. Campbell, A. W. Budge, Harry Good, J. R. Stewart, Gilbert Pearce, Rev. C. C. Harper, W. G. Malone, F. A. Tyrer, R. S. Hirschberg, H. Bayly, S. Adamson, H. Southey. Managing Committee, South End: Messrs W. G. White, T. C. Fookes, G. Syme, and F. C. Smith (hon. sec.). Resolved, "That this Union approves and endorses the action of the New Zealand Union in withholding its permission for the Canterbury-Otago provincial match." The following new rule was passed:—"That clubs desirous of being admitted to the Union must be duly proposed by one and seconded by another of the associated clubs, and be elected by a majority of votes on a vote by ballot at a meeting of delegates; such clubs shall pay an entrance fee of £1 1s."

The Selection Committee met on Saturday at Stratford, and picked the following teams to play a trial match at Hawera on Saturday, 7th July:—A Team. Full-back, Robinson; three-quarters, Marshall, A. Bayly, A. Good; five-eighth, S. Humphries; halves, W. Bayly, A. Humphries, A. George; forwards, Pearce, Buchanan, J. Lambie, Livingston, Ryan, Watson, Wells and Sangster. B Team: Full-back, Rauche; three-quarters, H. Good, Allen, Tom Hempton; five-eighth, Lusk; halves, Pearson, C. Bayly, Laing; forwards, McMillan, Creig, Cullen, Hughes, Davis, Hawkin, W. Lambie and O'Carroll.

It will be seen by the list of fixtures that the Taranaki reps. will play Wanganui and Manawatu before Auckland, and as these matches will undoubtedly give the team practice and combination I am of opinion that they will just about beat the Aucklanders.

The Star and Waimate clubs played off for the senior premiership of the province at Hawera on Friday, the result being a draw, each team scoring a try. A. Humphries and A. Good were the respective scorers. The result will necessitate another match between the teams.

Star II. beat Kaitake by a potted goal to a try at Oukura on Thursday. Birch potted the goal for the winners, and Rutherford scored a try for the losers. The winners have won every match so far this season. A close and exciting game is anticipated when Star II. meet Tukapa I. in the return match.

Star II. beat Tukapa III. by 9 to 3 points on Thursday.

The Junior Union have upheld the Tukapa II. protest against Stratford III., and awarded the game to the former.

In the Star-Hawera senior match, played at Hawera on Friday week last, there were several knock outs. Laing, on the Star side, got disabled, and E. Humphries, another Star back, got his nose badly damaged. On the Hawera side one player got his right elbow sprained, and another got his left elbow broken.

In the Star III. v. Tukapa III. match two of the latter got laid up temporarily for repairs.

Several of the games in this district this year have been characterised by rough play.

The Taranaki rep. team will be picked after the trial match at Hawera and New Plymouth, and I shall take the earliest opportunity of forwarding the names, with comments, in order to give the Aucklanders an idea of the foemen they have to meet at the end of the month.

The Wellington reps. apparently intend this season to return the Taranaki's visit of 1885

The Stratford-Waimate senior match was played at Stratford last Saturday, and resulted in a win for Waimate by a try to nil. The game, which was played in pouring rain, was uninteresting to witness, as the sloppy state of the ground and the greasy condition of the ball rendered good play impossible.

Tom Hempton has come out again, and has a probable chance of being included in the rep. team.

Tukapa I. on Thursday week last defeated Inglewood I. by 20 points to nil. The same day Star III. defeated Inglewood II. by 15 points to 3.

[BY WIRE.]

July 10.

Messrs Syme, Tate, and Hirschberg have picked the following rep. team to represent Taranaki:—Backs—J. Robinson (Star), A. Bayly (Stratford), L. Allen (Star), T. A. Hempton (Clifton), R. B. Lusk (Stratford), J. Laing (Star), W. Bayly (Clifton), H. M. Good (Waimate), A. Good (Waimate). Forwards—J. Buchanan (Hawera), W. Saughter (Eltham), J. Lambie (Waimate), D. J. Hughes (Waimate), Watson (Stratford), Wells (Clifton), McWilliam (Stratford). The team is subject to alteration. A practice match will be played here on Saturday next.

OUR SYDNEY LETTER.

[BY CARDONESS.]

Wednesday, July 4.

MATTERS have come to a climax, and the toteman, double man, and shop bettor have come down with a thud. Only yesterday three tote and double shops were raided, printing machines (which have been part and parcel of the biz) were confiscated.

The beginning of the end has come. The bookie will live we know, but the filching toteman and the short odds double man—their days are numbered.

The billiard heat between Lyons and Grimwood caused a great deal of interest. The former showed splendid form, but the latter never seemed to get a mastery over the roll of the balls.

Country horses are showing splendid form in Sydney, and further consignments are expected shortly. Two or three from Tamworth way.

Eighty-six horses started in four races at Warwick Farm on Saturday. Only one favourite won. Swagman and his owner was called up to explain the horse's running a fortnight ago.

The starting machine was used for all the races, giving a satisfaction seldom witnessed when the man dropped the flag.

Twenty horses faced the starter for the Flying, and although Puncchestown was heavily supported, Acone eventually displaced him in the betting. The race was a slow one, but the finish up the straight was worth witnessing. Puncchestown received the verdict, although Thespian was generally thought to have won—under the judge's box; in any case few had doubts but what he should have been placed before Blue Blood.

The Welter Mile attracted seventeen horses ridden chiefly by amateurs. Mr Wells had an easy ride on Iwoona, the sister to Jeweller, and without bustling her, she won easily from Rostellan and Mirror. Amateur riders again filled all three places, and they have much to thank Mr Rowe for in consistently bringing these races before the public.

The Selling Race as usual was an unsatisfactory event from the sportsman's point of view, the even money favourite Plain Bill winning easily from Insignia Rex and three others.

The chief event drew out twenty horses, Pilot Boy being again considered the dandy. King Orry, well backed at 6's, shot away immediately the gate lifted, and keeping his lead he won easily by two lengths from Elk, with Pilot Boy running as game as a pebble under her welter into third place.

Two to one in a field of 27 is a short price to accept about a country horse, but the connection around Swagman when they backed him down to that figure for the welter, made a hack show of his field

from end to end, and was followed home by a clinker in Ebony, and Puncchestown was third.

After their performance in the Flying, Common and Mat Harris were disqualified for six months, much to the surprise of nearly everyone. Worse luck the private hearings before stewards gave little chance to argue pro or con for jockeys. In any case good judges considered Common looked too tucked up and out of sorts to have a possible chance on Saturday. The horse hails from Queensland, where his owner is at the present time.

Inquiries into the running of horses is like the elections, a lottery. The biggest roper may get left in and the straight runner wiped out. Such, in fact, is life in "F.S.W." up to date.

It would prove instructive to many if it were possible to find out whether a certain owner, although he had a certain amount of faith in his own horse, had made sure the one which eventually won was trying, and a nice coup was managed, and the public on the wrong scent.

Punters generally are not doing well at racing lately, but the connections of certain stables have made large holes in the bookies' banking account.

The raid on the double shops is still simmering, and some men go on with their old customers as if nothing had happened. One or two men have closed the shutters, and one or two who have been at the game a long time, have decided not to risk a wintry month or two at Darlinghurst, now that they have nice little feathered nests of their own.

The Two Mile Bicycle Race at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday attracted twenty-three starters. Stuckleberg won, with Fowles and Freeman second and third.

Football appears to be more popular than ever, and the enthusiasm displayed both by ladies and young fellows is wonderful. Very exciting matches were played before large crowds on Saturday, notably Wallaroo and University, which the former won after a severe tussle by 9 to 5. Randwick beat Paddington by 5 to nil, and Pirates had an easy victory over Patramatta by 42 to 3.

Billiards.

TATTERSALL'S TOURNAMENT.

THE annual billiard tournament in connection with Tattersall's Club was continued during this week, and on Tuesday night the final game was played. During the progress of the tournament, the billiard room was well attended, and in the various games some very fair play was given by the competitors. The opening game brought Messrs Cruickshank and Tobias together, and the former beat his opponent by nice play. The remaining games in the first round resulted as follows:—Mr Blaikie beat Mr Moore; Mr Davidson beat Mr Philpot; Mr Cooke beat Mr Hayes, and in this game the victor showed brilliant play; Mr Brierley beat Mr McHattie; Mr Brimblecombe beat Mr Coombe; Mr Whiting beat Mr Fleming; Mr Ellison beat Mr Lawrence. In the second round Brimblecombe beat Whiting by 21 points; Brierley beat Ellison by 102 points; Tobias beat Blaikie by 42 points; and Cooke beat Davidson by 17 points. In the third round Tobias met Brierley and won a close game by 5 points, and Cooke beat Brimblecombe in fine style by 56 points. This left Messrs Cooke and Tobias to play off for the sweepstake, and a good game, which took one hour and thirty minutes to play, saw Cooke win by 82 points.

I, THOMAS BOWDEN, of Wakefield Street, Cab Driver, am not the Thomas Bowden charged at the Police Court with Robbery, nor am I in any way connected with him.

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Mr. A. Davis ... Old gold body, crimson sleeves and cap. Mr. A. Kidd ... White jacket, cardinal seams, and white cap.

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

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Apprentices' licences have been granted to Ben Jones, W. Brown, E. Headley, James Mitchell, W. Oliver, John Stewart, E. Donovan, Bert Cartleton, F. Farrell, Joe Scatts, Thomas Hall, Wm. Parker, J. Munro, H. Ratford, Joseph Wren, C. Walker, George Roberts.

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.

William A. Martin, nominator, is disqualified for wrong description of horse at a race meeting held at Pakarua on 28th November last.

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

The disqualification was removed from the pony Bob.

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Club, Secretary, No. of Votes. Lists various racing clubs and their respective secretaries and vote counts.

SPORTING FIXTURES ETC.

COMING EVENTS. August 9, 11—C.J.C. Grand National Meeting AUSTRALIA. July 14—V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase August 11—V.A.T.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

ACCEPTANCES. June 28—Gisborne Park Steeplechase 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 11, 14—Auckland Coursing Club August 16, 18—Auckland Coursing Club

HUNTING. PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB. July 14—Mr A. Buckland's, Tamaki July 21—Schoolhouse, Mangere July 28—Mount Roskill School, Three Kings August 4—Trimble's Papatoitiro Creamery August 11—Greenlane August 14—Monument, Otahuhu Wednesdays at 12 noon at Kenels WAIKARAPA HUNT CLUB. Thursday, July 12, Featherston. Thursday, July 13, Morrison's Bush.

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THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1894.

THE racing statistics for the season 1893-94 have been published by "Pentagraph," and the result of that statistician's labours will be received with interest by all interested in racing. The list of winning horses includes all those animals that placed £19 and over to their credit, and needless to say the list is a decidedly voluminous one. Taking £20 as the minimum it will be found that over 650 horses secured prizes, and Bluefire, by the help of her Challenge Stakes and Champagne victories, holds the pride of place with the respectable figures of £2087 3s opposite her name. The New Zealand Cup winner, Rosefeldt, comes next with £1704 19s, and sterling old Liberator occupies third position with £1530 10s. His wins were of course accomplished both on the flat and across country. Au Revoin and Skirmisher are very close together with £1363 2s 6d and £1321 19s respectively, and it will be noticed that Vanguard's son, who was thirteenth on the list when a three-year-old, has taken fifth place, with about twice the sum credited to him during the season 1892-93. Last year's table shows that seven horses won over £1000; this year nine animals have scored wins exceeding that sum. Despised heads the winning jumpers with £813 5s, his nearest attendants being Waterbury, Couranto and Bombardier, who are all close together at amounts ranging between £520 and £530 odd. Respecting the winning sires, during the season of 1892-93, St. Leger topped the list, with Nordenfeldt and St. George in second and third positions. During the season just closed St. George takes pride of place with £4035 7s. He was represented by nineteen winners, so that St. Leger's second position with £698 12s less, and only seventeen winners, places him in decidedly favourable odour. Nordenfeldt had more winners than either St. George or St. Leger, and takes third place with £3238 5s 6d, and lower down the list Maxim, the sire of Bluefire, stands out prominently with £2310 8s credited to him, and only three winners. The Champagne and Challenge Stakes of course place him in his enviable position. There are 22 sires represented by wins amounting to over £1000, and the dead and gone sires, Feve, Mute, and Cadogan have left a respectable number of winners. Respecting the list of winning owners, Mr Stead who was at the head last year now takes second place to Mr W. Douglas,

who is at the top with £3192 15s. There are fifteen sportsmen credited with £1000 and over, Mr D. O'Brien being the last to reach four figures with £1012 odd. To those who follow the system of backing favourites, the table showing the favourites and winners of all the principal New Zealand races should prove interesting reading. Sixty-seven races are instanced, and out of that number the favourites only got home on 22 occasions. In the matter of totalisator revenue the Canterbury Jockey Club is at the head of affairs with £61584, and the Auckland Racing Club comes next with £59,266. Third place is taken by the Dunedin Jockey Club with £51,943. The other figures are:—Wellington Racing Club £33,772, Hawke's Bay Jockey Club £28,312, Wanganui Jockey Club £22,102, Greymouth J.C. £10,723, Taranaki J.C. £8,537, Marlborough £4,673, and Nelson Jockey Club £3,285. Comparing the figures for the past eight seasons, all the clubs received an increase of revenue during 1893-94 as compared with the receipts for 1886-87, with the exception of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club and the Nelson Jockey Club. Wellington shows the most marked increase, for the figures for 1886-87, £19,817, are changed in 1893-94 to £33,772. The biggest amount of revenue derived in one season was in 1889-90, when the Dunedin Jockey Club's figures were no less than £97,559. In the matter of totalisator dividends, there were 51 amounting to £20 and upwards declared during last season, and the biggest was £162, which was paid on Waimarama in the Christmas Handicap at the annual meeting of the Porangahau Racing Club. There were only three dividends of over £100 declared, viz., Waimarama's, £123 18s paid on Dorothy in the Hack Hurdles at Manawatu in the Autumn, and £103 19s paid on Little Tom at Ellerslie. But when we remember that he ran a big second on the day prior to the declaration of the dividend cited, the thought that we failed to back him opens an old wound and we willingly drop the subject.

THE Wellington United Hunt Club committee have considered the Timothy case with the result that they have decided that Timothy's rider weighed out correctly; that he weighed in short after the Open Steeplechase on May 5th; that no weights were accidentally lost during the race; and that, consequently, Timothy's trainer, Kenneth McKenzie, and his jockey, John Gravestock, are guilty of a fraudulent practice under Rule III. of the Rules of Racing. The rule cited reads: "If a jockey do not weigh in, or be guilty of any fraudulent practice with respect to weight or weighing, or dismount before reaching the place of weighing, or touch (except accidentally) any person or thing other than his own equipments, before weighing in, his horse shall be disqualified unless he can satisfy the stewards that he was justified by extraordinary circumstances. The Hunt Club stewards have further decided that Kenneth McKenzie, the trainer, be disqualified for six months, that jockey Gravestock be disqualified for three months, and that the horse Timothy be disqualified for a similar period. It will be remembered that the Hunt Club stewards were requested by the Wellington Racing Club committee to hold a further inquiry into Timothy's running. The horse's rider could not scale his weight on returning to the scales, and the metropolitan committee did not consider that sufficient investigation had been made into the circumstance on the day of the race. No enquiry would have been made at all had not Timothy's owner asked that an explanation should be received by the stewards from the rider. Timothy finished third in the Steeplechase, Dick being first and Dromedary second. During the race Timothy was better at jumping and pace than his opponents, but when it came to a finish he could not get home. Now it was not necessary for Timothy's rider to weigh in as there was no third money, but the rider placed himself on the scale and the fact that he was 4lbs. short reached the ears of the stewards, and hence the initial enquiry which resulted in the Metropolitan Committee demanding a further investigation. A charge of inconsistency is brought against the committee because while they disqualify the horse they exonerate his owner "Mr W. Henry." Their reason for doing so doubtless lies in the fact that Mr "Henry" was the person who in the first place asked the Hunt Club authorities to call upon Timothy's rider to furnish an explanation of his inability to draw proper weight.

Wellington Park in Winter.

BUDDING EQUINE ARISTOCRATS.

[BY BORDERER.]

CONTINUING my winter visits to Auckland's breeding establishment, last Saturday saw me at the premier stud farm of the colony, Mr Morrin's model Wellington Park establishments. The 500 acres which comprise the Park are wonderfully suitable for breeding purposes, and the management of the farm is, needless to say, beyond the region of unfavourable comment. The soil is nice and dry, and the hilly nature of the paddocks serves both to naturally drain the place and what is equally to the purpose, to make the youngsters surefooted and build up their quarters to stand the wear and tear of the training track. As one walks the far-reaching acres of the Park the youngsters are seen galloping full tilt down steep hills and picking their way as skilfully and as accurately as mountain goats. Wellington Park is a wonderfully interesting place, and one that can be visited and re-visited with never failing interest. Respecting the stock Mr Morrin has in hand, I may here state that they are all wonderfully forward and although seen at a very unfavourable time of the year they cannot fail to impress one as one of the finest crops the Wellington studmaster has yet raised from his beautifully-bred mares. There's not an unsatisfactory youngster in the crowd and half a dozen or so stand out as regular top sawyers that will certainly realise big figures at next year's sale. Mr Morrin only requires the attendance of Australian buyers to have a big sale, and those self same buyers may be assured that Mr Morrin will have some yearlings, to see whom a long journey may profitably be undertaken. In the matter of serving the Park sires have come out this year with flying colours. Sixty mares were put to them, and of the fifty home matrons which Mr Morrin had served, there has not been a single miss! Good work that, and something that should make breeders well satisfied with Castor and company. The four stallions have been given equal chances, 15 mares having been put to each member of the quartette, Castor, St. Leger, Hotchkiss, and Cuirassier. But I had better commence with the growing young stock. Last year Mr Morrin had 31 yearlings to catalogue. This year the number will be twenty-eight—at least that is the number growing at the Park. The first paddock Mr Morrin takes me over is reserved for fillies, and the youngster that first comes under notice is a Castor—Vivandiere, and consequently a full sister to Three Star. She is a well made brown filly, ticked with grey hairs, and gives great promise of growing into a big mare. The result of this mating last year was a bay filly, which fell to Mr Gooseman for 120gns. This nick should be a good one. Vivandiere's second son and daughter, The Dancer and Vivat, are not bad ones, and Three Star, although I am not a very keen advocate of his, shows that the nick with Castor results in the production of more than serviceable stock. The youngster under review should be able to gallop (if fate is kind to her) seeing that her dam is a Musket mare, and the mating being with a descendant of Stockwell's on the male side, should be something good, seeing that it shows Stockwell on Touchstone. Standing close by Castor's daughter is a Castor—Balista, bay in colour and very well put together. Balista, on breeding, should please anyone, being by Musket from Ouida, by Yattendon from Gulnare, by Little John from Gulnare, by Young Johanna from Deception, by Theorem from the imported Cutty Sark, which brings the blood back to Soothsayer. When on the track she was a very fast mare, having won the A.R.C. Trial Stakes, one mile, beating Cinderella and four others in 1min 44sec, and the A.R.C. Stewards' Handicap in 1min 43sec. She is full sister to Artillery and Hilda, and half-sister to Strathmore, Hazel and Brown Alice. The union of which the filly under notice is the result should be something good seeing that it gives us a mating of Hermit and Stockwell blood with Yattendon. Trotting close to Balista's daughter is a tremendous filly whose breeding proves to be Castor out of Necklace. This youngster is bay in colour, and if promise goes for anything she should grow into a big yearling. This mating did not prove far out when it resulted in Collarette, and the mare threw something fair when, with St. Leger's help, she got Miss Letty and produced Swordbelt when put

to Sword Dance. Whether Necklace had good foot when she was in the trainer's hand may be judged by her four-year-old ability to cut out six furlongs in 1min 14½sec, and a glance at the performances placed to her credit. On breeding, looks, performances, and everything else, Necklace is a beautiful mare. By Musket out of Locket, by Thunderbolt out of Keepsake, by Daniel O'Rourke and back to Hampton though the granddam, is aristocratic enough in all conscience, and as for Necklace's performances a glance at her record shows that she beat Fusilier and Krupp in the A.R.C. Nursery; won the Mare's Produce Stakes, beating Krupp, Carbineer, &c., in 1min 17½sec; ran second as a three-year-old in the Derby at the Auckland Summer Meeting; won the Tradesman's Plate Handicap and the Publican's Purse at Ellerslie in the autumn; cut out the six furlong Newmarket Handicap in the summer when a four-year-old in 1min 14½sec, and besides winning the Dunedin Jockey Club Handicap and the Forbury Handicap, was only beaten by a short head for the Dunedin Cup. Last year the brown colt which Castor and Necklace produced brought the respectable figure of 1050g. The next filly inspected proves to be a late Castor—Frailty foal who, backward as she is, commends herself most favourably to me. She has got Castor's back to a nicety, and will decidedly be a finely timbered young one when her first year has passed. In colour she is bay, like last year's result of the same mating, and whether her dam can put forth good ones, provided the sire be good, finds answer in the life of Trenton, Niagara, Cuirassier, Zalinski, Havoc, and Co. And talking of Niagara reminds me that Ike Foulsham, the Melbourne trainer, is said to have a very warm place in his heart for him and he always maintained he was the best horse of his year, and that is no small recommendation from a man like Foulsham, seeing that Niagara came in the same year as Abercorn. The Australian Peer, Carlyon, Cranbrook, etc. According to Foulsham, who trained Niagara, the horse was never anything like at his best. Under the circumstances he considers Niagara's two dead heats with Abercorn were really marvelous performances. Foulsham is positive he never had a gamer horse in his charge. Of this quartette of fillies the Vivandiere and the Necklace are the biggest, but I must say I like the late Frailty filly. A little further away stands a young lady with a good resemblance to St. Leger, and she proves to be the result of a mating between Bangle and Doncaster's great son. This filly fills the eye most favourably, and on breeding she certainly should be a good one. Bangle has shown she possesses the Musket qualities and mated with a sire like St. Leger she should certainly throw something a good deal more than fairish. In the past she has been put to The Dauphin and Castor (to whom she threw Casket, whom I may remark in passing is worth a New Zealand Cup investment if Southern sportsmen are to be believed), and it is very certain that being put to St. Leger will not detract from her chances of throwing a racehorse. While on the track, Bangle showed that she had good running abilities, and her relatives are not mean in that direction. She is a full sister to Necklace, Thunderbolt, Chain-shot, and Necklet, and also claims half relationship with Medallion. A smallish filly stands close by, and proves to be by Castor out of the imported Madcap, and consequently a half-sister to Morion. This is the first time Madcap has been put to Castor, her former matings having been with Musket, Captivator, and The Dauphin. She gave Ophelia and Gypsy when put to Carbine's sire, and when she gave Morion to Captivator she did not disgrace herself. Madcap's sire was Trumpeter, who also sired the flying Lady Elizabeth; Casse Tete, a Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase winner; and Queen's Messenger, a Prince of Wales Stakes winner. By Castor's aid, Madcap should produce something satisfactory, and although her youngster is on the small side at present, time will doubtless work wonders. Hotchkiss shows a chestnut filly out of Yattaghan, Yattacy's daughter. Yattaghan showed fair racing ability when on the turf, and having been mated with Hotchkiss, she should be able to transmit some pace. All There's sister Valentina shows a shapely bay filly by Castor, and Hotchkiss on Tasmania has produced a brown filly who bears unmistakable signs of the Musket breeding. Last year this union gave a colt, and the filly which will be put up this year will be found a decidedly handsome piece of horseflesh. Tasmania comes from a great racing family and with the

help of a Musket horse she should be given a great chance. Her sire Manuka, who was by The Peer—Waimea, possesses a very fair record, considering his short racing career. He only started in three races, the Canterbury Cup and Derby and Christchurch Plate, and won them all. Tasmania's dam, Zillah, was also the dam of Tasman, and was got by the imported Peter Wilkins. The appropriately named Lyrelinus (by Leolinus—Lyre) shows a handsome filly by Cuirassier so that this matron has been successively mated with Nordenfeldt, Hotchkiss, and Cuirassier. Leolinus mares do not throw non-racers, and mated with a horse like Cuirassier the progeny should be very valuable. Although Lyrelinus never raced, her full brother All There has established a racing name on Australian courses, but seeing that her pedigree shows Stockwell, Yattendon, and Thormanby blood there would be small room for doubt even if we had not All There's record to point to. As was the case last year the union of Hotchkiss and Bianca has resulted in a filly, and a fine big filly it is. This youngster is well forward for her age and should develop into a big filly. After looking this one, over one cannot fail to be impressed with her possibilities and there is a tendency to put a distinguishing mark opposite her name when taking a list of the occupants of the paddock. Nordenfeldt and Hotchkiss are the only horses to whom Bianca has been put, and it will be remembered that her mating with the former brought forth Kempenfeldt. The filly in question makes Bianca's fifth foal, and I am very sure it will be no means her worst. The Leolinus—L'Orient horse, Radames, sires a nice filly out of the Anteros mare Weasel, and Quadrant's sister, Radiant, shows a nice filly by Hotchkiss. A Medallion—Sapphire youngster shows a nicely shaped body, and on breeding she should surely be a niceish one. The last youngster in the paddock over which we are walking is a chestnut filly by Hotchkiss out of the grey mare Maid of Athol, who should grow into a great filly. Musket on this mare gave Snider, Krupp, Soudan, Cannon, Kotuku and Scots Grey, and by Nordenfeldt's aid she produced Norsemaid, and the grey filly Tartan. I predict this chestnut daughter she has got by Hotchkiss will prove an important addition to the roll. Further afield we come to the colts' paddock, and here I see some clippers. The first we look at is a bay relative of Tulloch's and Ben Godfrey's, being by Castor from Welcome Katie. This matron was never raced, but her pedigree shows great lines of running blood. The youngster, who is splendidly shaped, is full of Touchstone blood, and if breeding goes for anything he should undoubtedly be a racehorse. Standing close by him is a chestnut colt who should grow into a big horse. He is by St. Leger out of Crackshot's sister Puwerewere, whose first foal it is. Puwerewere's dam, Pungawerawera, was a fast and stoutly bred mare, and amongst other wins placed the Dunedin Cup to her credit when on the turf. Put to a sire like St. Leger her daughter has been given a great chance, and up to the present the result of the mating is up to the most sanguine expectations. Katipo has produced a fine brown colt to Cuirassier, and he promises to become a big one. Katipo being by Tregeagle II., from Pungawerawera, is half-sister to Tetford, Krupp, Brigadier, Tranter, St. James, Crackshot and Puwerewere, and her colt looks like growing into a powerful shapely yearling. Last year Katipo gave an 80 guinea colt to Brigadier, and Cuirassier's youngster should be well ahead of last year's result. Lilac by Leolinus—Leila, has a chestnut youngster by St. Leger bearing a unmistakable likeness to his sire, who should be a good one, and a big brown colt is the product of a Hotchkiss—Sunrise mating. Last year Tasman was mated with Rubina, and gave a handsome brown colt which Mr Kidd wisely gave 225 guineas for, and a similar mating this year has given a chestnut colt who is every whit as handsome as Mr Kidd's youngster. This full brother to Florrie is unusually promising, and is sure to command attention at the coming sale. Rubina was an exceptionally fast mare, and all her progeny have shown undoubted galloping ability. As for herself, take her two-year-old performance when she won the Midsummer Stakes at Ellerslie, beating the great Nelson and the flying Mitrailleuse, and the Nursery Handicap at the same meeting, in which she carried 8.10, gave 11b to Nelson and 10lb to Mitrailleuse, and cut out the six furlongs in a little over 1min 16sec. Later in life, after a very successful career, she carried 8.0 to victory in the C.J.C. Great Autumn

Handicap, beating Captain Webb, Sou-wester, Lady Emma, Nelson, Administrator and Wapiti. A gamer mare was not running on the New Zealand turf in her day. Florrie's recent performances show what sort of stock Rubina gets when put to the son of St. Albans—Zillah, and her present youngster should be every bit as good as his relations. Castor gave Moilena a bay filly last year, which Mr McLeod obtained, and the result of the same union shows this year a well developed strong brown colt that should grow into a big one. The dam was never raced, but the breeding, by a son of Yattendon from a daughter of the great Panic, should please purchasers. A Cuirassier—Aida union has given a nice looking brown half-brother to Impulse, and a grand looking brown, who takes my fancy greatly, is introduced as a Cuirassier—Ouida colt, and consequently a half-brother to Artillery. Balista, Hilda, Hazel, Strathmore and Brown Alice. This youngster looks a clipper. Ouida went early to the stud, but we know what sort of racers she has produced, and if the young one we are looking at only equals his half-brother Strathmore, who was undeniably the best colt of his year in Australia, the buyer who obtains him should never have cause to repent his purchase. This youngster is very smart in the paddock, and is one of the best colts at the Park. Standing next to him is the pride of the farm, a beautifully evenly made bay colt by Castor out of Cissy. Good breeding that, and a nick that should prove a very happy one. Cissy (by Musket—Frailty) showed a clean pair of heels when as a two-year-old she won the Welcome Stakes at Ellerslie in the summer; ran second to Corunna in the Great Northern Foal Stakes and Champagne Stakes and won the Ellerslie Handicap. When another year had passed over her head she reversed the Northern Foal Stakes and Champagne decision by beating Corunna for the A.R.C. Guineas. At the same meeting she won the Spring Handicap, and when four years old beat a large and well bred field in the race for the A.R.C. Prince of Wales Handicap. Her other runs were equally creditable and showed she has the Musket abilities well developed in her body. The colt she has produced to Castor does her every credit, and when Mr Morrin sets the youngsters galloping over the paddock, this colt shows fine pace and beautiful action. I don't know whether to regard it as an omen, but when I inspect the youngsters later in the day, when they are housed in their boxes, I find Cissy's son in the box which has sheltered all the Wellington Park top sawyers. On the door of this box can be seen some pencil marks, which if looked at turn out to be a sum which totals up to 7,600 guineas. That represents the sum of money which has been paid for the youngsters that have passed the first year of their lives within its walls. When Cissy's son leaves the Park, that sum should see an important addition. A colt that also attracts me very much is a grandly shaped brother to George Wright's pet Forme. Last year he thought it good enough to give 200 guineas for a chestnut filly by Hotchkiss—Formo, and when next year's sale comes round he may be advised to pay attention to the colt which Formo has this time presented to Hotchkiss. Wright already has Forme and Forma, and if he takes this colt and bestows a similar name on him he won't have the worst of the trio by a long way. Merganser's dam, Albatross, shows a beautiful colt whose sire is Cuirassier, and he can certainly hold his own with the best of the Park young ones. Merganser was by Nordenfeldt Albatross, and a colt by Cuirassier out of the same mare needs no further praise. The last of the colts is a Castor—Hilda, and he is more than a fairly good one. I may say I like him immensely. To sum up the colts I think the youngsters by Cuirassier—Ouida, Castor—Cissy, Hotchkiss—Formo, Cuirassier—Albatross, Castor—Hilda, St. Leger—Lilac, and Castor—Moilena, are the pick of the male division. And of the fillies I prefer the Castor—Necklace, Medallion—Sapphire, Hotchkiss—Tasmania, Hotchkiss—Bianca, and Castor—Frailty youngster.

Having finished with the young stock Mr Morrin invites me to see the Park brood mares, and we visit a finely grassed paddock where half a dozen mares are feeding and showing unmistakable signs of approaching maternity. The first is without doubt a lady, being no less a personage than the great Carbine's full sister Lady, Walmsley. This daughter of the famous pair, Musket and Mersey, is heavy in foal to Castor, so the outcome of the union should be some-

thing decidedly good. Bangle is carrying a St. Leger foal, which should be surely worth something. The grey mare Vivandiere has again been put to Castor, so Three Star (whom I may remark in passing is thought good enough by his connections to remain on the other side with a view to the Melbourne Cup) must have pleased Mr Morrin. A fine looking mare is Vivandiere, with great massive quarters, and bearing good traces of her Musket blood. The Nordenfeldt—Ouida mare, Hazel, is in foal to St. Leger. Balista carries a foal to the same stallion and Brown Bess, Derringer's sister, is in foal to Castor. Lyrelinus bears the mark of St. Leger's handiwork, and Cuirassier will sire Radiant's coming foal. Hotchkiss has given foals to Weasel, Lady Sterling and Formo, and Castor has again successfully served Cissy. After the result of their last union Mr Morrin was right to again mate this couple, and if the next foal is as good as the present growing one, the Wellington Park studmaster should be well satisfied. Cissy is a grand mare, with all her future before her, and Mr Morrin rightly attaches great importance to her. Full sister to the great Trenton is something of a recommendation, and Castor cannot complain of the opportunity given him when this handsome matron is mated with him. Necklace, who also bears a foal to the son of Zealot—Lady Yardley, is a fine specimen of a brood mare, and the Leolinus mare Lioness also carries a foal to him. Hilda and Pungawerawera are the two remaining mares that have been put to him, and Brown Alice, Sapphire, and Frailty are heavy in foal to St. Leger. The last matron I looked at is Rubina, who bears a foal to Cuirassier.

Before I leave the Park my host shows me the Sultans of his harem, and I am glad of the opportunity to see Castor, of whom I had heard a lot. Mr Morrin is evidently proud of this horse, and after looking at him I cannot wonder at his pride. The reports I had heard of Zealot's son had not prepared me for the handsome horse placed before me. He is as pretty as a picture, with a handsome kindly looking head and fine sloping shoulders. His back is lengthy, and as level as it could well be. For quality and taking appearance he is hard to beat, and the saying respecting "Handsome is that handsome does," look at his performances. When England saw his two-year-old efforts he started eight times, and was returned the winner on half a dozen occasions. Then when another year had passed over his head he started thirteen times and won on ten occasions, four of the victories being accomplished in succession. When four years of age he won the Liverpool Cup of zoosogs, carrying 7.8; ran second in the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle; finished third in the City and Suburban at Epsom; and at Doncaster ran fourth in the Spring Handicap. At five years he passed into Mr W. R. Wilson's hands, and Mr Morrin being in Melbourne at the time of his arrival there in company with Eiridsport, had the judgment to secure him. Castor's pedigree should be good enough for anyone seeing that it contains twelve English Derby winners, six St. Legers, four Oaks, and four Two Thousand heroes. A recommendation this that should satisfy the most fastidious. After Castor had shown me his paces, St. Leger was brought out, and he has filled out considerably of late. Although not so handsome as Castor, who reminds one of those fanciful old English pictures of well nigh impossibly beautiful thoroughbreds, Doncaster's son shows heaps of quality and looks what he is, one of the most successful sires we have got in these parts. He takes rank this year as the second successful sire of the colony, being topped very little by St. George. During the season 1893-94 he sired seventeen winners, whose earnings totalled up to the respectable sum of £3336. He was a cheap horse at the 400gns which marked the fall of the hammer at the clearing sale of the New Zealand Stud Company, at whose headquarters, by the way, he was never given a chance, being overshadowed by the great Musket, and after his death by Nordenfeldt and Sword Dance. But since those days he has fought his way to the front, and showed what great abilities he has in the direction of getting racehorses. His breeding is too well known to require comment. Hotchkiss was the next stallion brought into the ring, and after comparing his condition with that of twelve months back, one readily believes that the quick way in which he grew necessitated an early attachment to stud duties. He has a tremendous top, and has grown into a great horse all round. Fine legs with great bone sup-

port him, and although a big one, he is by no means coarse, and is as active on his feet as a circus horse. Which remark reminds me that the stud groom at the Park has his stallions trained in a manner that is wont to remind one of the tan circle of the circus. The sires obey every movement of his hand, and are evidently on the best of terms with him. Cuirassier is another active one that cavorts around in circus like style, and his handsome body fills the eye most favourably. A great massive horse this, showing great muscle over his loins and quarters, grand bone, and a splendid set of legs. The racing nature of his lineage is undoubted, seeing that he is by Musket from Frailty, and therefore full brother to Trenton and Cissy, and a half-brother to Ike Foulsham's pet, Niagara, and Mary and Zaliniski. Cuirassier has been given a great chance at the Park, the mares put to him being all picked ones. My visit closes with a glance at Tasman, who is booked to take up stud work in the Waikato. He will be good enough for the work, but whether the work will be good enough for him is another matter, and with that thought in my mind I take my leave of Mr Morrin's perfect stud farm.

Inter-Provincial

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

TARANAKI.

July 6.

Mutiny's chance in the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase should prove a good one.

I hear that two well-known Taranaki racing men, who have been connected in turf matters for some time, have had a dispute over accounts, and a ventilation of their grievances will probably take place before the S.M.

If the proposals of Sir R. Stout are made law a severe blow will be given to country racing clubs throughout the colony.

Austral, the ex-Taranaki hack, appears to be now paying his way for his new owner, Mr Peters, of Wellington, as I see he has placed two wins to his credit during the last few days.

Swordbearer is fancied in some quarters for either the Caulfield or Melbourne Cup.

The Eltham Racing Club's fixture should attract good entries, as there are many hacks in training along the coast.

It is quite probable that the Grand National Hurdle Race will be carried off by a Wanganui racer this year.

WANGANUI.

July 7.

W. H. Keith, I hear, is now located at Hawera getting a team of horses together with the intention of taking them to Australia. Amongst those that he has been trying to purchase is the St. Leger colt Waiuku.

Mr Lethbridge's thoroughbred mares Fame (by The Painter) and Foam (by Ravensworth) are, I hear, in foal to Mr D. Scott's horse Flintlock.

The grey filly by Ascot—Waitotara, now an inmate of the Newmarket stables, where she is being trained by Harry Pell, has had the name of Ascot Vale bestowed upon her. Waitotara, her dam, is full sister to Musket's dam Leita.

Mr J. Paul's thoroughbred horse Boulanger, by Grand Prix—Fleurette, by Robinson Crusoe—Rose of Denmark, is now under the care of George Chamberlain, who is getting him ready for stud duty during the coming season. Boulanger is to be limited to thirty mares at a fee of 10 guineas each.

Goodwood, who ran so well at the Hawke's Bay meeting, would not have put in an appearance there had the meeting not have been postponed, as his trainer had decided not to take him when the gathering was first set down. The horse was put up for sale last Saturday at Hawke's Bay and passed in at 111 guineas.

Mr J. E. Nugent's roan gelding Amalgam is now undergoing his preparation for his engagements at the O.J.C. National Meeting under the hands of W. Butler, who is getting the horse into splendid form, and it is almost certain that he will journey South. Amalgam is engaged in the O.J.C. Grand National Steeplechase, and as he is an honest jumper and also good stayer it would not surprise me to see him run well forward in that event.

Rosefeldt and Merganser are the two favourite picks here for the New Zealand Cup.

The Wanganui Trotting Club have received permission to make their track on Victoria Park, which is about a mile from the post-office. The club, I believe, intend to go on with the track as soon as possible.

The chestnut mare Lisetta, by Natator, who ran at the late Wanganui Steeplechase Meeting, is to be sold by auction on Saturday. The mare is possessed of a good turn of speed and is also a good jumper. She would pay her way in hunters' steeplechases.

NAPIER.

July 7th.

At a committee meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club on Friday last, a letter was received from the Danevirke Jockey Club replying to Benton's statement re Kauri Gum protest. It was resolved that the Danevirke Jockey Club's decision be accepted as final. An objection by Mr T. T. Watt, owner of the third horse in the Maiden Steeplechase at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Winter Meeting, against the stakes being paid over to Austral, on account of both the name of both horse and owner being in the unpaid forfeit list in the "Official Calendar" on the 18th of June, was referred to Mr H. A. Cornford, the club's solicitor, for his opinion.

Whilst in Gisborne Mr C. O'Donoghue disposed of Samoa to Mr A. H. Barron, owner of Hukatere, at a satisfactory figure.

The downfall of Roscius in the Gisborne Park Steeplechase was a severe blow to local punters. After his win at the Hunt Club meeting his chance for the Gisborne race was considered second to none here. Very few of the local punters benefited by his win in the hurdles.

The dual victory of Hukatere, who is well known in this district, came somewhat as a surprise, as he has been for some while in retirement. There are many here who would have backed him in both races if they had known that he was in form, as whilst in this district he was very highly thought of.

The H.B. Trotting Club's Winter Meeting resulted in a profit of £50, which will doubtless be a welcome addition to the club's funds.

Mr S. H. Gollan's Lascar carried his burden of 13.4 successfully to the fore in the Hunters' Steeplechase at Gisborne. His win apparently was entirely due to the excellent way he was handled by his owner. As I said in my notes last week, he is very slow but a sure jumper, and thus exemplifies the fable of the hare and the tortoise.

Local backers were somewhat recouped by Roscius' defeat at Gisborne by the victory of Austral in the Wairarapa Steeplechase. More than one remembered his Maiden Steeplechase win at Hastings and backed him accordingly.

Kopere has been sold to Mr B. Dennehy, the owner of Somnambulist, but I have been unable to ascertain at what price.

Somnambulist has been fired and will be treated to a long spell.

Pinrose is reckoned in some quarters to have a great show in the N.Z. Cup, but I can't stand him. If the Cup is to come to Hawke's Bay it will, I think, be by the aid of Needlegun (Nordenfeldt—Patch), who ran second to The Shrew, in the same stable, in the two-year-old race second day of the Jockey Club's March meeting, or Marino (Nelson—Waitiri), who, if breeding and conformation go for anything, should turn out something out of the common.

Mr Gollan will be represented at the Christchurch Grand National Meeting by Leontini, Pumau and Lascar.

[BY WIRE.]

July 10th.

Local backers had a very bad time over the Victorian Grand National on Saturday, a lot of money being invested on Couranto, who, however, failed to gain a place.

Mr Douglas's horses will be offered for sale in Australia. Unless, however, a very satisfactory price can be obtained for Mutiny he will be brought back to New Zealand.

Mr Langley Shaw had a very fortunate escape when The Bishop fell with him at the sod wall in the Hunters' Steeplechase at Gisborne.

Morag's leg has, I hear, greatly improved, and should all go well in the meantime he will probably be a competitor in the Grand National Steeplechase at Christchurch. He is in great heart, and if his leg keeps right and he is not overburdened by the handicapper he will be a very dangerous horse to beat. His win at Christchurch would very popular

here, as his owners always give the public a good run for their money.

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

The declaration of the weights for the New Zealand Cup draws attention to the fact that another racing season is about to commence. The local mare Merganser holds pride of place with 9.8. Fit and well on the day I am certain she would make things merry, but remembering that it is a bad time of the year for mares, and as she has been under a cloud for some time past, I must pass her by. Prime Warden, 8.8, I don't like, but Au Revoir, 8.6, and Liberator, 8.4, seem well in. Hippomenes 8.4, Clanranald 8.3, and Rosefeldt 8.3 are, I think, held safe by Skirmisher, 8.3, who may repeat his sire's performance as a four-year-old. Saracen, 8.2, has been on the shelf for some time, but would, even if strung up to concert pitch, I think have a very small show of scoring. Rangipuhi 8.0, Pegasus 7.13, and Beadonwell 7.11 read better than Vogengang 7.13, Lady Zetland 7.12, and Impulse 7.9. Lottie, 7.8, has yet to prove herself a stayer and, provided she answers this question correctly, will have to be reckoned with. Ich Dien, 7.8, has a chance, but I can't stand any of the others till I come to Outpost, 7.3, who, if he trains on alright, will require watching. Lakeshell, 7.3, and Magazine, 7.3, I do not care for, but Artilleur, 7.2, I must have on my side. Mahaki, 7.2, has yet to show that he is good enough for a race of this kind. Of the next dozen I like Westmere, 7.0, best, and then we come to Leontini, who if anything like as good as he was supposed to be should make things very merry with only 6.12 on his back. Goosander, 6.12, has a great private reputation, which, so far, she has failed to sustain. Of the remaining horses Grenadier 6.12, Needlegun 6.11, and Marino 6.11, read best to my idea. To select a baker's dozen at this stage I shall take Au Revoir, Liberator, Skirmisher, Beadonwell, Lottie, Ich Dien, Outpost, Artilleur, Westmere, Leontini, Grenadier, Needlegun and Marino, holding a great preference for Skirmisher and Au Revoir.

WELLINGTON.

July 7.

The Wairarapa Hunt Club Steeplechase Meeting came off near Featherston on Thursday, when there was a fair attendance, and the result of the gathering will be that the Club will about come out square. Mr R. Roake gave every satisfaction with the flag, and the officials generally, and Mr McKenzie, the secretary, in particular, worked hard to make the gathering pass off smoothly. The first race was the Trial Steeplechase, which was won by Kaika, Frisco being second, and Wangamoana third. The other starters were Mako Mako, Konini, Titus, Otokura, Debut, Kaitapi Nalato, Judas and Ballyhooley. Wangamoana carried 24lb over, Nalato 8, Ballyhooley 13, Judas 4, and Otokura 6. Kaika won easily. He is by The Admiral. Most of the field never got round. Dividend, £6 1s.

Dainty (by Ahua) was made a great pot for the Wairarapa Steeplechase, but he was put out of it at the first obstacle. The race was won by Austral (by The Australian), who came at the finish and easily disposed of Cyrus II. and Canute. Lord John was the only other starter that finished, Gladstone pulling. Dromedary and Iroquois were scratched. Dividend, £4 17s. H. Peters rode the winner, who recently won a race in Hawke's Bay.

Springtime and Matariki were scratched for the Hack Handicap, for which there were only three starters, Fresh Deal, Merryman and Mermaid. Fresh Deal (Puriri—Misdeal) led from start to finish and won in a canter. Dividend, £1 15s.

At a later stage Fresh Deal also got home in the Hack Hurdles, in which he had 9.3 and Makomako, who ran second, 11.9. Waikato, the only other starter, fell at the first jump. Nuts and Kaika did not start. Fresh Deal won comfortably. Dividend, £2 3s.

Kaika also placed another bracket to his credit by winning the Ladies' Bracelet Steeple, of two miles, in which he was not troubled at the finish. Playboy and Frisco were his nearest attendants. Dromedary was scratched. The other starters were Cyrus II., Mero, Titus, Otokura, Debut, Try Again and Kaitapi, but most of them came to grief. Dividend, £3 17s.

Lord John had no difficulty in accounting for the Hunt Club Steeple, easily beating Iroquois at the finish. Nuts, Judas, and Try Again were the other starters, but came to grief. Dividend, £2 19s.

There were four starters for the Hunters' Flat Handicap, which fell to Makomako, 12.13, Nuts and Wangamoana being in the places. Masterstroke also ran. Dividend, £1 19s.

At a meeting of the United Hunt Club the other night the following resolutions were adopted:—

1. That the stewards are of opinion that the rider of Timothy in the Open Steeplechase Handicap on May 5, 1894, weighed out for the race correctly.

2. That the stewards are satisfied that the rider of Timothy, in the race referred to in the previous resolution, weighed in short weight after the said race.

3. That the evidence shows that no weights were accidentally lost during the race.

4. That in view of the facts set forth in resolutions 1 and 2, the stewards are of opinion that Kenneth McKenzie, the trainer, and John Gravestock, the rider, are guilty of a fraudulent practice under Rule 111 of the Rules of Racing.

5. It is further resolved that Kenneth McKenzie, trainer, be disqualified for six months, John Gravestock, jockey, be disqualified for three months, and that the horse Timothy be disqualified for three months, the disqualifications to date from July 4th, 1894.

6. That the stewards entirely exonerate Mr W. Henry, the owner of the horse.

On the following morning, at half-past nine o'clock, the stewards of the Metropolitan Club met, Mr H. D. Bell, M.H.R., in the chair. The disqualifications were endorsed, but a resolution was passed to the effect that they were totally inadequate, and the meeting was adjourned for further consideration.

A telegram was at once despatched to Wairarapa Hunt Club's gathering, giving the result of the meeting, and as a consequence Dromedary could not start in any of the races.

Now, let me review the action of the United Hunt Club. They disqualify the trainer, K. McKenzie, for six months, Gravestock, the jockey, for three months, and the horse Timothy for three months, but not the owner "Mr W. Henry." This is an assumed name, although it is not every one that knows it, the person interested being the son of a well-known Hawke's Bay squatter. They entirely exonerated him, but still they disqualified the horse. Where does the consistency come in? Of course the evidence was taken in private, and is not to be published, so that I am unaware of the full facts adduced. However, the Metropolitan stewards are reconsidering the matter, and from the tone of their last meeting they will no doubt see that the sentences are made a trifle more severe. It was shown, I believe, that the weights could not possibly drop out of the lead bag, on account of its construction, and it was suggested that perhaps the clerk of the scales made a mistake, but the Hunt Club stewards stuck to their clerk, believing quite the opposite. Clause 3 reads that there was no evidence to show that the weights were accidentally lost during the race. Of course emphasis is laid on the word "accidentally." As a matter of fact leads were found on the course subsequently, but it has been pretty well shown that they were not those carried by Timothy in his saddle lead bag. This opens up rather a new question. Who did those leads belong to? Perhaps there was some other peculiar business worked that day or at the racing club's meeting, of which we shall never hear anything.

Mr Macfarlane worked the totalisator at the Wairarapa Hunt Club's Meeting.

Austral is a greatly improving horse.

Roscius, winner of the Hurdles at Gisborne, is related to Morag.

The number of steeplechase horses on the sick or temporarily retired list this season is amazing.

A dice-throwing punter who backed the first and second horses in a race at the Hunt Club Meeting, remarked as the pair came over the last hurdle that he had "two shows for a six."

Kaika, winner of a double at the meeting, did not, if I remember rightly, win a race last year.

Master Stroke, who ran unplaced, is out of an old draught mare, but he claims Master Agnes as his sire.

Judas is fairly well named, having been got by Traitor.

The winning sires at the meeting were—Admiral three, Puriri two, Hippocampus and The Australian one each.

Unless a satisfactory price be offered in Australia for Mutiny he will be brought back to New Zealand.

The last number of the *Bulletin* to hand states that Victorians are backing Waterbury for the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase. (He has since been scratched.—Ed. S.R.)

The Pakuranga Hunt Club have arranged the following meets:—July 14th, Mr A. Buckland's, Tamaki; July 21st, Mangere Schoolhouse; July 28th, Mount Roskill School, Three Kings; August 4th, Trimble's, Papatoitoi Creamery; August 11th, Greenlane; August 14th, Monument, Otahuhu.

Coming Events.

[By BORDERER.]

V.R.O. GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

Our Melbourne friends will be continuing their Grand National meeting at Flemington on Saturday next, and there will be no doubt a certain amount of New Zealand speculation on the Steeplechase. Local interest would have been keener if we had had Norton to battle for us, and with him out of it we will have to depend upon Mutiny, who has been weighted at 10.9. According to recent reports he is said to be not in the best of condition, and the general opinion on the other side is that he will come to grief, as was the case in New South Wales. The opinion appears to be general that he is not forward enough and that another month would put him in much better trim. The weighting for Saturday's Steeplechase is high enough, seeing that no less than nine horses have been given burdens over 12 stone. Although Mikado II. is called upon to carry the crusher of 13.1, I do not think he can with safety be ignored. He is a great horse at weight-carrying, and as I hear T. Corrigan will have the mount on him it may be taken for granted that he will have the best of piloting and will be carefully saved in his big task. With Foxtail out, Busaco comes next with 12.11, and from what I can gather he will be a very dangerous candidate. He is one of the best steeplechasers on the other side, and is said to be doing his preparation famously. Confidence I know little of, but I believe little danger need be apprehended from this quarter; and Trojan, although under suspicion of lameness, will have to be watched. In the cross-country race at, I think, Mentone (Victoria) I notice he ran last, but if one judged his chance through that performance he would fall into a grievous error. His connections are the wrong people to show their hand, and I shall be surprised if he does not show a good race next Saturday. The Actress is said to have a more than fair chance of scoring, and Corangamite comes over as a strongly supported middle weight. Dondi is a goodish horse, and with 11.2 may be expected to show up well, and of the light weights Medicine, Mutiny, and Daimio appear to be the pick. Respecting Daimio, who is second last on the weight list with 9.3, it may be said that he once won a three-mile steeplechase with 11.2 in the saddle and on a previous occasion finished third in crack hunting company in a four mile and a half race. Good horses have come from the hunting field, and as I know Daimio to be a staunch, staying horse, and a clever jumper to boot, I shall alter my tip of last week, inasmuch as I shall substitute Daimio's name for Dondi's. I think the three best horses in the race are BUSACO, MIKADO II., DAIMIO.

MELBOURNE AND CAULFIELD CUPS.

AUSTRALIAN WRITERS' OPINIONS. I APPEND the selections of the various Victorian sporting writers respecting the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups. "Cranbrook," of the Melbourne Sportsman, writes about the Melbourne Cup:—"From a hasty glance through the weights I think the following have a chance of providing the winner:—Portsea, Paris, Patron, Loyalty, Sternchaser. Oxide, Sunshine, Rosefeldt, Lord Randolph, Alpine, Ronda, Havoc, Tellus, Dreamland, Nobleman, Birinji, Malachite, Honour Bright, Glenhantly, Conflict. To still further reduce them, I'll go for a bold prediction—Sternchaser 1, Ronda 2, Nobleman or Portsea 3." Concerning the Caulfield Cup the same writer after analysing the weights remarks:—"To boil the lot down now and go for a straight out selection I would name Lord Randolph 1, Birinji 2, Launceston or Amadeus 3." The well-known writer "Sterling," of the same journal, writes, "Out of the forty which seem to my mind to have a little the best of the weights I fancy the winner will come from Malvolio, Tarcoola, Culloden, Gaillardia, Loyalty, Tellus, Cobbitty, Tim Swiveller, Capstan, The Possible, Shotbolt, Aquarius, Donation, and if obliged to pick three would select Culloden, Capstan, and Tarcoola. Writing of the Caulfield Cup, which he considers is a much more open event than the Melbourne one, he remarks:—"Brockleigh is well treated here, as is Tarcoola and Loyalty. Cressy, at 8.7, has a chance, and Sainfoin is not crushed

with 8.6 Elswick reads nicely, and so does Donizetti. Salient is harshly used, but Donation has a big look in, and Launceston will get the journey, and Tim Swiveller must be hard to beat. Solon sounds dangerous, and Capstan reads nicely. Theodore, Shotbelt, Galant, Brilliant, Athata and Chesterman look best of the others, and if forced to pick three I should select Brockleigh, Capstan and Tim Swiveller." The third tipster of the Sportsman, "Warrior," writes of the Caulfield Cup; "Judging from past performances, breeding, and so forth, I cannot see anything in the race worth backing better than Paris, Ascot Vale, Lady Trenton, Lord Randolph, Little Bernie, Launceston, Ronda, Gaillardia, Bel Giorno, La Gloria, Steadfast and Moscow. To sum up the dozen I must go for Ascot Vale 1, Lord Randolph 2, Patron 3." His opinion of the Melbourne Cup is that the best dozen will be found to be Carnage, Loyalty, Lady Trenton, Little Bernie, Launceston, Swordbearer, Ronda, Havoc, Straightfire, Dreamland, Moorite and Capstan, and to sum up the lot he places them—Carnage 1, Loyalty 2, Dreamland 3, with Little Bernie and Launceston the best outsiders.

Australian Racing.

THE V.R.C. Grand National Meeting opened at Flemington on July 7th, and the fine field of 18 saddled up for the leading attraction, the Grand National Hurdle Race of 750sovs, about three miles. Apsley went out favourite at 3 to 1. Ixion was next in demand at 10 to 1, and 12 to 1 was on offer about Neli. The result was:—

Sporting Review Coupon.

THE PROPRIETOR has decided to publish weekly a list of Coupons received for the treble—Caulfield, New Zealand, and Melbourne Cups. The following are the list for the present week. Each Coupon as received has the date and time marked on it and is filed:—

- 143. W.J.B.—Oxide—Au Revoir—Loyalty
144. W.J.B.—Lady Trenton—Impulse—Loyalty
145. W.J.B.—Sternchaser—Au Revoir—Loyalty
146. R.P.K.—Loyalty—Lottie—Carnage
147. R.P.K.—Loyalty—Lottie—Dreamland
148. S.L.—Jonathan—Pinrose—Sunshine
149. F.M.M.—Hova—Skirmisher—Dreamland
150. J.M.—Hova—Au Revoir—Dreamland
151. R.H.—Oxide—Merganser—Carnage
152. J.R.—Gaillardia—Pinrose—Ronda
153. G.T.G.—Delaware—Impulse—Swordbearer
154. T.E.—Bruin—Lottie—Dreamland
155. W.H.—Sainfoin—Scot Free—Delaware
156. J.F.—Hova—Skirmisher—Carnage
157. J.F.—Hova—Prime Warden—Carnage
158. A.L.—Lady Trenton—Pegasus—Lady Trenton (informal)
159. A.L.—Tim Swiveller—Pegasus—Loyalty
160. D.W.—Havoc—Skirmisher—Carnage
161. D.W.—Havoc—Skirmisher—Dreamland
162. W.T.—Hova—Lottie—Loyalty
163. W.T.—J6—Hippomenes—St. Albans II.
164. J.A.—Loyalty—Three Star—Launceston (informal)
165. J.A.—Hova—Pinrose—Dreamland (informal)
166. W.N.L.—Labour in Vain—Westmere—Little Bernie
167. A.A.—Moscow—Beadonwell—Tim Swiveller
168. A.A.—Moscow—Beadonwell—Port Admiral
169. W.L.A.—Hova—Magazine—Carnage
170. P.C.F.—Paris—Sarcos—Light Artillery (informal)
171. P.C.F.—Marvel—Lake Shell—Bonnie Scotland
172. S.G.—Pilot Boy—Outpost—Patron
173. A.G.—Elswick—Skirmisher—Carnage
174. J.W.—Delaware—Artiller—Ronda
175. J.W.—Brockleigh—Skirmisher—Loyalty
176. H.B.—Jonathan—Skirmisher—Jeweller
177. F.O.—Brockleigh—Prime Warden—Aquarius
178. F.O.—Brockleigh—Prime Warden—Light Artillery
179. R.G.P.—Swordbearer—Lake Shell—Light Artillery
180. R.G.P.—Tridentate—Lake Shell—Light Artillery
181. E.F.P.—Oxide—Lottie—Dreamland
182. E.F.P.—Lady Trenton—Mahaki—Carnage
183. R.E.H.—Lady Trenton—Pinrose—Carnage
184. E.W.—Argent—Au Revoir—Havoc
185. W.H.—Quality—Three Star—Selim
186. J.W.R.—Hova—Prime Warden—Loyalty
187. J.C.—Jeweller—Au Revoir—Carnage
188. A.R.—Bruin—Skirmisher—Carnage
189. A.R.—Marvel—Skirmisher—Sailor Prince
190. G.W.—Lady Trenton—Lady Zetland—Light Artillery (informal)
191. G.W.—Little Bernie—Prime Warden—Paris (informal)
192. G.W.—Loyalty—Rangipuhi—Carnage
193. G.W.—Moss Rose—Liberator—Patron
194. H.A.H.—Swordbearer—Outpost—St. Albans II.
195. J.M.—The Possible—Skirmisher—Dreamland
196. D.J.—Bessie Macarthy—Pegasus—Bonnie Scotland
197. R.H.—Memah—Rangipuhi—Verax
198. H.M.L.—Loyalty—Britain—Elwick
199. R.P.K.—Lady Trenton—Royal Rose—Loyalty
200. H.T.—Launceston—Skirmisher—Carnage
201. D.J.—Mostyn—Pegasus—Bonnie Scotland
202. D.J.—Tim Swiveller—Pegasus—Carnage
203. D.J.—Tim Swiveller—Searchlight—Carnage
204. D.J.—Mostyn—Ich Dien—Bonnie Scotland
205. W.S.D.—Oxide—Lady Zetland—Loyalty
206. W.S.D.—Cremorne—Hippomenes—Lady Trenton
207. W.S.D.—Loyalty—Pinrose—Dreamland
208. W.S.D.—Loyalty—Sarcos—Oxide
209. J.H.—Brockleigh—Au Revoir—Loyalty
210. R.W.—Oxide—Royal Rose—Loyalty
211. W.W.—Moscow—Ich Dien—Rosefeldt
212. W.W.—Moth—Au Revoir—Loyalty
213. F.M.—Brockleigh—Au Revoir—The Possible
214. T.G.—Ascot Vale—Needlegun—Elswick
215. G.B.B.—Lady Trenton—Beadonwell—Sainfoin
216. J.C.M.—Steadfast—Liberator—Sternchaser
217. A.J.F.—Loyalty—Skirmisher—Light Artillery
218. Loyalty—Skirmisher—Dreamland (informal)

The Wellington Park studmaster has twenty-eight splendidly grown youngsters wintering at his breeding establishment. Mr Seddon would like to see some action taken to stop so many thousands of pounds leaving New Zealand every year for sweep tickets. It will take a smarter man than Mr Seddon to cope with that form of gambling. The Wellington Park sires have covered themselves with honour this year. Mr Morrin put fifty of his brood mares to them and not one single miss has occurred, all the mares being heavy in foal. That's a record worth being proud about.

Auckland Coursing Club

THE June Meeting of the Coursing Club was opened at the Avondale Plumpton yesterday under favourable auspices. The results are as follows:—

LADIES BRACELET. Sweep of £2; 10s. to expenses. First dog £17, runner up £7, third dog £3, two dogs £1 10s. cash.

- FIRST ROUND. Maori beat Hermitage, Herlish beat Spring, Nelson beat Okarite, Rubina beat Rock, Cushla beat Ding Dong, Roseberry beat Golden Cloud, Rover beat Despised, Snowdonia II. beat Rebel, Miss Wyatt beat Hurricane, Pat beat Pacemaker.

- SECOND ROUND. Herlish beat Maori, Rubina beat Nelson, Cushla beat Roseberry, Snowdonia II. beat Rover, Miss Wyatt beat Pat.

AVONDALE CUP. Sweep of £2 10s.; 10s. to expenses. First dog £13, runner up £6, third dog £3. With Silver Cup presented by the Committee.

- FIRST ROUND. Stormfiend beat Carbineer, Shylock beat Punch, Kotoero beat Iveria, Rockball beat Tasman, The Rambler beat Imp, Major a bye.

- TITIRANGI STAKES. FIRST ROUND. Snowdrop beat Marble Rock, Hardcase beat Nelson, Griffiths beat Colonel, Blue Bell beat Okarite. SECOND ROUND. Snowdrop beat Hardcase, Griffiths beat Blue Bell. FINAL. Snowdrop beat Griffiths.

Turf Topics.

By Reviewer.

Sydney people say Donizetti has one chance in the Melbourne Cup—Buckley's. Sharp, the Southern jockey who rode Adamant to victory in the Dunedin Cup, has been engaged by Mr Reany, of Gisborne.

I notice Mr D. A. McLeod has nominated Osculator (by Hotchkiss—Pungawerewere) for the V.R.C. Derby.

Busaco, Mikado II., or Daimio should repay a backer's attention in next Saturday's V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase.

George Wright will stay in Australia and train Three Star for the Melbourne Cup. This looks like business.

Port Admiral's owner is said to be disgusted with his animal's Melbourne Cup weight, and it is on the card that he may scratch him.

Mostyn has earned 3lb extra in the Melbourne Cup for his South Australian victories. His weight in the big Flemington handicap is now 7.6.

The Hon. D. S. Wallace had the bad luck recently to lose a brood mare named Damsel, by Gloucester by Debris, who was in foal to Carbine.

The wound in Morag's leg, which reopened during the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, is greatly improved, and all going well the horse will start in the Christchurch Grand National Steeplechase.

Corangamite holds the position of favourite for the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase to be run at Flemington next Saturday. His price is 5 to 1.

In one of the Wellington Park paddocks, Lady Walmsley, the full-sister to the great Carbine, is heavy in foal to Castor. The result of that union should be worth something.

Linburn's scratching for the Caulfield Cup was due to lameness. Hova, the Newmarket winner, who is under a cloud, has also been struck out of the race.

To take two long shots for the Melbourne Cup and the New Zealand Cup I would select Havoc for the Victorian event and Casket for our own Cup.

I see by the Bulletin that Hova was written out by nearly every bookmaker in Melbourne straight out for the Caulfield Cup, so the pencilers have doubtless scored heavily by his scratching.

According to the Sydney representative of the Sportsman, I oyalty is the best "Sydney" horse in the Melbourne Cup. He is also the first pick of the same writer for the Caulfield Cup.

The Chief Justice of Western Australia has upset the disqualification of nine months placed on Carbine's (not the great) owner, by a W.A. Club, on the ground that he was not allowed to give evidence when before the committee.

Once again the Totalisator Bill has been rejected by the Victorian Parliament. On the 6th inst. the second reading of the measure was negated by 28 votes to 16. But it's only a matter of time for the Bill to pass.

The Napier people lost heavily by backing Courtanto for the V.R.C. Grand National.

Wakawatea, who I stated last week was in the market, has been withdrawn from sale.

Mr E. D. O'Rorke's gelding by Cocksure has found its way to Christchurch.

The stallion, Tasman, has been leased to Mr. Marshall for service in the Waikato.

Taranaki people fancy Swordbearer for the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups.

Wanganui backers are declaring for Rosefeldt and Merganser for the New Zealand Cup.

Samoa has been sold to Mr A. H. Barron, the owner of Hukatere.

The Hawke's Bay Trotting Club made a profit of £50 over their Winter meeting.

Kopere has been bought by Mr B. Denehey, the owner of Sommambulist.

Mitralleuse's filly by the Melbourne Cup winner, Mentor, has been named Akarini.

The man who purchased Quadrant is Mr H. Garratt.

The last number of the Canterbury Times to hand states that there is absolutely no betting over the N.Z. Cup in Christchurch.

Major Mair's Beanstalk is in the market. Particulars respecting him may be obtained at this office.

Mr D. A. McLeod's Hotchkiss—Pungawerewere colt Osculator will accompany George Wright when he goes to Australia next week.

The sum of £1,846 was put through the totalisator at the Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club's meeting.

W. H. Keith is getting a team together for the purpose of making a descent on Australia. He has been trying to buy Waiuku.

The weights for the New Zealand Grand National Meeting will be found in another column.

It is said that Morag cost his present owners a little under £50. At that figure he was a decided bargain.

Skirmisher is said to be a trifle on the big side, and in tip-top health and full of life. He should be ready for racing in the very early spring.

"Mazeppa," of the Witness, declares that the best four in the New Zealand Cup are Au Revoir, Skirmisher, Pegasus, and Pompom.

George Wright laughs at the rumour that he has been appointed head man at St. Albans. He is, however, booked for a twelve months' stay on the Australian side.

The Canterbury Jockey Club's representative at the Racing Conference will be Sir George Clifford. By the way, when is the date of the Conference going to be fixed?

"Borderer's" review of the New Zealand Grand National weights will not appear until next week's REVIEW owing to want of space. The completion of his Melbourne Cup article has also been crowded out, but will appear next week.

The Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington colt which was bought by Mr A. Hooke, Jeweller's owner, at the last Wellington Park sale has been placed in J. Monaghan's hands. The name of True Blue has been given to the youngster.

"George Wright ought to re-christen Acone 'Pride'—because he 'came before a fall'! If he hadn't 'come' before that fall in the Park Stakes last week he would not have landed the little Scotchman that lovely £1,800." (From Sydney Truth.)

The United Hunt Club stewards have considered the Timothy case, with the result that the trainer of the animal, Kenneth McKenzie, has been disqualified for six months, and the jockey, Gravestock, and the horse have been placed under a similar ban for three months. "Mr Henry," the owner, has been completely exonerated.

V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase at Flemington on Saturday next.

Kulnine and Norton have returned to New Zealand.

The New Zealand jockey, Beale, who went to the other side with Ultimatum, is coming back.

The Dunedin Jockey Club will be represented at the racing conference by the Hon. G. McLean.

Southern papers state that the report of Mr. S. H. Gollan having purchased Norton is premature.

Busaco or Daimio are worth backing for the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase to be run on Saturday next.

Bluefire was top of the winning horses of 1893-94 with £2087 3s, and White Rose was at the bottom with £19.

With the aid of nineteen wins St. George sired stock that won £4035 7s. during 1893-94. St. Leger with seventeen wins was only £690 odd pounds below him.

In future the cost of the New Zealand Turf Register, which will be published in the first week of next month will be 10/6. Hitherto the Register has not returned to its publishers the cost of production.

The Stewards at Warwick Farm requested the pleasure of a few moments conversation with Geo. Wright re The Dancer's running in the Saxonica Handicap, but the Ellerslie trainer's statement was quite satisfactory, and he came through the ordeal with flying colours.

During the racing season of 1893-94 totalisator dividends of £20 and upwards were paid on 51 occasions. The highest dividend declared was £162, which was paid on Waimarama in the Christmas Handicap at the Annual Meeting of the Porangahau Racing Club.

The Canterbury Jockey Club heads the different Metropolitan Clubs in the amount of totalisator revenue for the season 1893-94. The C.J.C. revenue amounted to £61,584. The Auckland Racing Club comes next with £59,266, and third place is taken by the Dunedin Jockey Club with £51,943.

In the racing stastics for 1893-94 compiled by "Pentagraph," a table is given showing the favourites and the winners of all the principal New Zealand races. It may be interesting to those who follow the system of backing the favourite that out of the 67 races given in the table, the favourites only scored on 22 occasions.

George Wright has decided to give New Zealand a spell for twelve months, and he will try his fortune on the Australian turf for that period. Gallagher has been left in charge of Three Star and Co., and when Wright returns to the other side next week he will take other members of his Ellerslie string with him. Stanmoor will be one of the number, and so will the great St. Hippo, who may be expected to represent us right worthily when he gets fairly back to racing form. Three Star may now be reckoned a certain starter for the Melbourne Cup, in which case of course he will not contest the New Zealand Cup.

Music, Drama.

BY THE PROMPTER.

The statement that Mr and Mrs Bancroft intend touring Australia and New Zealand next year is contradicted in London.

The Australian manager, Alf. Dampier, who after long and plucky struggling against an unkind fate in Melbourne Alexandra, has decided to go home, was given a benefit recently at Sydney Royal, which panned out to the tune of £250.

ACCORDING to the Bulletin Miss Annis Montague will open a school of music and singing in Melbourne when she returns to Victoria from New Zealand. Miss Montague taught Frances Savelle, Cecily Staunton, who is appearing with her at the Opera House, and many other good artists. "Although she did not bring Melba right out," writes the Bulletin, "for Cecchi was the diva's tutor proper, she taught her several useful wrinkles which Melba has not forgotten to acknowledge."

MUSICAL and dramatic people throughout New Zealand and all over Australia will hear with regret of the death of the well-known operatic singer, Mr Charles Turner, who succumbed to congestion of the lungs, consequent on pneumonia, early yesterday morning. Mr Turner caught a severe cold on the passage across from Sydney, and although very much indisposed on the opening night of the season, he stuck to his work, and appeared as Don Caesar in Maritana. Next day he was unable to leave his bed, and in spite of the best medical skill and the devoted attention of his wife, he never recovered, and died at half-past one o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs Turner will have the earnest sympathy of everyone in her sad bereavement. The deceased gentleman was with his brother in the famous Carl Rosa Opera Company when that combination was at its best. It was in 1880 that he married Miss Annis Montague, and since then Australasia has enjoyed the result of that artistic union. Mr Turner, who was 50 years of age, has toured New Zealand three times, and when he arrived from the other side last week there was little indication that he would never again tread the boards.

MRS ANNIE BESANT is on her way to Australia.

Owing to the death of Mr Chas. Turner, Abbott's Opera House has been closed until further notice.

MR ARTHUR GARNER, the well-known theatrical manager, has filled his schedule, which, summarised, stands as follow:— Debts due upon mortgage, £34,143 7s 8d; debts due to unsecured creditors, £18,826 4s 6d; total debts, £52,970 2s 2d; assets, £54,687 10s, estimated surplus, £1,606 7s 10d. The causes of the insolvency are the usual ones, viz., pressure of creditors, and depreciation in the value of property. There was a motion heard in the Victorian Insolvency Court to commit Mr Garner for contempt, because he did not file his schedule in the seven days specified by the Act, but the motion was frustrated through the insolvent filing his schedule.

THE second performance of Lecocq's opera bouffe, Giroffe Giroffa, was given by the Montague Turner Opera Company at the Opera House on Thursday evening last, and a large audience attended and fully appreciated the fine interpretation given of the work. Light opera suited the chorus to a nicety, and their work can be highly commended. The title role was played by Miss Ada Colley, and in acting and singing she has fully sustained the reputation which preceded her. Her wine song, See How it Sparkles, was given with admirable effect, and Miss Colley fairly brought down the house with it. Miss Cicely Staunton shared the honours with Miss Colley, and as Pedro sang beautifully and looked charming Mr Walshe, who pleased everyone when he took Mr Turner's part of Don Caesar in Maritana, made a capital Marasquin, and Mr Ed. Farley was a very capable Mourzouk. The humour of Mr Frank Sceats as Bolero, was very welcome, and Miss Ada Moxon played up to him very consistently. On Friday evening the always popular Bohemian Girl was produced, and the interpretation given to the work was first-class. Miss Annis Montague was, of course, Arline, and her acting and singing was in every way worthy of her high reputation. In addition to the solos which fell to her lot, Miss Montague gave an exquisite rendering of Packer's Listening, and she had to respond to the plaudits of her auditors with Home, Sweet Home. Miss Staunton was a very effective Gipsy Queen, and the other characters were very worthily sustained. Faust was underlined for Monday, but owing to Mr Turner's illness, which was to have such a sad termination, Giroffe Giroffa was repeated.

OUR MELBOURNE LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

June 26.

MA MIE ROSETTE, the new comic opera, has been staged at the Princess Theatre with success. In view of the empty state of the pockets of the people here I don't know that even success counts for much nowadays. Miss Nellie Stewart is in the bill, and this is a good thing. Mr Wallace Brownlow, a new English baritone, a fine vocalist and a capital actor is also in the cast. Mr Brownlow is a welcome addition to the Australian stage—but there, you'll see him for yourselves ere long.

The Holloway Company at the Royal have been playing to somewhat hollow business. The good old times have now vanished like the beautiful vision of the proverb, and two weeks for any piece, no matter how good, is, I am afraid, just a week too long. Holloway's company is a good all round one, the pieces are all well staged, but, bless you, the scarcity of sugar in the city is the real opposition an opposition, you'll admit, of the most formidable character.

Fitzgerald's Circus have suddenly come out and put up the shutters of the Alexandra Theatre, which is now closed, but Dan Barry is to take the running again in a day or two.

Miss Marion Willis has just returned from a New Zealand trip. Her tour, as you know, has not been of the brightest. She is I am told to go into the Victorian provinces, but what with the bad times and "badder" weather, she's very ill-advised, and if she's the sensible little lady I take her to be, she'll not even dream of it.

Alfred Dampier looked me up a few days ago to bid me adieu ere leaving for "Merrie England." Dampier goes to the Adelphia Theatre, London, to pro-

duce the Australian drama, "Robbery Under Arms" and the like. I hope he'll do well. He deserves it more than others I could name. Mr and Mrs Alfred Rolfe (Miss Lily Dampier) remain in Australia. At the end of twelve months Dampier will return to the Antipodes with English novelties. Their vice versa idea is not bad, is it?

James F. Cathcart, the veteran, has also been visiting me. He is delighted with his recent trip to your part of the world. He desires to be remembered to all and sundry, and hopes to again renew your acquaintance. He speaks feelingly of the kindly manner in which the New Zealand press have spoken of his performances.

Clark's Company are at the Melbourne Opera House; Cogill's at the Gaiety Music Hall; the latter wants the Bijou Theatre.

Talking of the Bijou reminds me that the Garner season was not fraught with much grandeur, the furniture man having been suing in court to recover his money.

Madame Belle Cole's Company gave their last performance in the Town Hall, Melbourne, last night.

Diana Bloustein, the ambitious young Jewess who went to New Zealand with Marian Willis, has not set the place on fire since her return. Indeed, with the exception of a mild benefit at the Alhambra she has done nothing. At the benefit in question she essayed Pauline in the Lady of Lyons, but the performance and attendance were equally bad. She has gone back gracefully to that retirement whence she so suddenly emerged.

THE FLAT.

Weights, etc.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

WEIGHTS.

THE NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLCHASE of 500 sovs, about 3 miles.—Norton 12.8, Liberator 10.13, Waterbury 11.3, Despised 11.3, Clarence 12.3, Bombardier 10.11, Tintea 10.10, Mutiny 10.9, Melinite 10.8, Morag 10.7, Victrix 10.6, Bootles 10.5, Robin 10.2, Crazy Kate 10.1, Belle 9.11, War Dance 9.10, Dromedary 9.9, Nanakia 9.8, Fishmonger 9.8, Pamoana 9.7, Amalgam 9.7, Salute 9.7, Bishop 9.7, Kararoa 9.7.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE of 300 sovs, 2 miles.—Liberator 12.6, Kulnine 12.3, Couranto 12.0, Kapua 11.10, St. Kilda 11.2, Clarence 11.0, Melinite 10.10, Despised 10.10, Musket 10.9, Magazine 10.6, Empire 10.5, Fright 10.0, Barnardo 10.0, Morag 9.13, Stranger 9.12, Cyrus 9.11, Goodwood 9.11, War Dance 9.10, Jacob Faithful 9.9, Perkin 9.7, Stray-shot 9.0, Dromedary 9.0, Splitink 9.0.

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HANDICAPS.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLCHASE of 750 sovs; second 150 and the third 75 sovs out of the stake. About three miles.—Knight of the Garter 13.3, Mikado II. 13.1, Norton 12.12, Busaco 12.11, Confidence 12.9, Trojan 12.7, The Actress 12.6, Claret 12.5, Elfie 12.3, Tayforth 11.13, Sir Wilfred 11.11, Corangamite 11.10, Mon Ami 11.9, Polonius 11.8, Waterbury 11.6, Waiter 11.5, Frantic 11.3, Dondi 11.2, Circling 10.12, Foxhall 10.9, Mutiny 10.9, Spanker 10.6, Glenview 10.3, Blyth 10.2, Expectation 10.2, Banda 10.1, Gillie Cruabh 10.1, Sardine 10.0, Medicine 10.0, Darkie 9.12, Western 9.10, The Czar 9.10, Bogong 9.10, Mambriño 9.10, Royal Oak 9.9, Cerberus 9.8, Rapid Bay 9.7, Whalebone 9.7, Reckless (late Rufus) 9.6, Passsword 9.5, Phantom 9.3, Daimio 9.3, Baritone 9.0.

CAULFIELD CUP.

WEIGHTS.

Table listing horse names and weights for the Caulfield Cup, including entries like Cremorne, Pilot Boy, Marvel, Brockleigh, Jeweller, Patron, Paris, Port Admiral, Fortunatus, Culloden, Tarcoola, Glenloch, Oxide, Sternchaser, Loyalty, Ascot Vale, Lady Trentons, Swordbearer, Quality, Moss Rose, Cressy, Warpaint, Sainfoin, Mahee, Sunshine, L'rd Randolph, Solanum, Elswick, Delaware, Graduate, Little Bernie, Azim, Donizetti, Salient, Tridentate, J5, Idolator, Skirmisher, Greygown, Alamo, B. Macarthy, Nightingale, Gingham, Saracen, Labor in Vain, Donation, Launceston, Jonathan, Tim Swiveller, Ruenalf, Brinji, Capstan, Mepah.

MELBOURNE CUP.

WEIGHTS.

Table listing horse names and weights for the Melbourne Cup, including entries like Portsea, Jeweller, Paris, Port Admiral, Pilot Boy, Patron, L. Artillery, Carnage, Brockleigh, Malvolio, Cremorne, Tarcoola, Loyalty, Glenloch, Culloden, Lady Trentons, Hova, Oxide, Ascot Vale, St. Albans, Sternchaser, Quality, Mahee, Sailor Prince, Aquarius, Sunsh's, Newman, Donizetti, Jonathan, Solanum, Little Bernie, Launceston, Rosefeldt, L'rd Randolph, Skirmisher, Delaware, Idolator, Swordbearer, Sain'oin, Greygown, Foxtail, Gingham, Nightingale, Saracen.

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

WEIGHTS.

Table listing horse names and weights for the New Zealand Cup, including entries like Merganser, Prime Warden, Au Revoir, Liberator, Hippomenes, Rosefeldt, Clanranald, Skirmisher, Saracen, Rangipuhi, Pegasus, Vogengang, Lady Zealand, Beadonwell, Impulse, Lottie, Ich Dien, Royal Rose, Monte Carlo, Dreamland, Pinrose, Dilemma, Rangiatea, Scot Free.

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THE annual race meeting of the Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club was held on the grounds of the Poverty Bay Park Company, Te Haparu, on the 5th inst., and was attended with every success.

On the eve of the races the weather was somewhat threatening, but the morning of the 5th broke clear, and during the day the atmospheric conditions were everything that could be desired.

Glenora and Lancer declined the Hack Hurdle Handicap of 10sovs, one mile, for which Caitiff was a hot favourite, but failed to run up to expectations.

A field of five contested the Ladies' Bracelet of 20 sovs, one mile and a distance, for which The Bishop was scratched.

The fine field of thirteen started for the Winter Oats Handicap of 40 sovs, 6 furlongs, none of the acceptors being

affected by the scratching pen. Jewel was a hot favourite, but showed a disappointing fight. After a couple of false starts a good line was obtained and Hukaterere was the first to detach himself from the rest.

The attraction of the meeting was the next item on the programme, viz., the Gisborne Park Steeplechase Handicap of 75 sovs, about 3 1/2 miles. Raven, Disturbance, The Bishop and Jibboom were scratched, and these defections left a field of nine to fight out the finish.

The Hunters' Steeplechase Cup Handicap of 25 sovs, about 2 1/2 miles, saw Lascar and The Bishop almost level favourites.

The last event on the card was the Final Handicap of 45sovs, one mile and a distance, for which Royal was favourite.

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GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

THURSDAY, JULY 5TH, 1894.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 60 sovs, second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Two miles.

- 37 Mr E. Gilpin's ch g Roscius, by Gladiator - Swindle, aged, 10.2, Stowe 1
27 Mr A. McRae's ch g Beaulay, aged, 9.3, Marshall 2
35 Mr S. Williamson's b g The Bishop, aged, 10.5, Hickey 3
51 Mr W. Currie's br g Disturbance, aged, 11.9 0
46 Mr F. Collins' b m Waterlily, 5yrs, 10.8 0
19 Mr A. Irvine's br g Rimu, aged, 10.0 0
34 Mr D. Hepburn's g g The Turk, 5yrs, 9.0 0
13 Mr N. Orbell's br m Jibboom, 6yrs, 9.0 0

262 Won by a length. Time, 4min 15sec. Dividend, £6 7s.

HACK HURDLES HANDICAP of 10 sovs. Distance, 1 mile.

- 15 Mr G. Carrington's blk g Te Whakawhewa, by Emin Bey, aged, 9.7, Power 1
12 Mr F. R. Arthur's b g Warrigal, aged, 10.7, Buckland 2
76 Mr J. A. Harding's b g Caitiff, aged, 11.6, Maher 3
Mr J. W. Price's blk g Baldie, 6yrs, 11.0 0
40 Mr A. B. Newman's blk g Uncle Rastus, aged, 10.5 0
27 Mr A. B. Newman's blk m Glenora, 4yrs, 10.2, fell 0
32 Mr J. Robson's b g Lancer, 9.10 0
Mr N. Orbell's br m Jibboom, 6yrs, 9.10 0
Mr W. McDonald's br g Monach, 4yrs, 9.7 0
Mr W. McDonald's br g Success, 6yrs, 9.0 0
9 Mr J. Buchanan's blk g Ace of Spades, aged, 9.0 0
Mr J. A. Harding's ch g Malton, aged, 9.0 0

211 Won by a nose. Time, 2min 4 3-5th secs. Dividend, £12 13s.

LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP of 20sovs. One mile and a distance (on the flat).

- 68 Miss R. Reynolds' br g New Year, by Leolinus-Sultana, aged, 11.9, Mr S. Williamson 1
59 Miss Ethel Price's blk g Baldie, 6yrs, 12.4, Mr Shaw 2
18 Mrs J. A. Harding's ch g Malton, aged, 11.4, Mr Williams 3
10 Mrs Quenton's gr g Whaiti, aged, 11.4, 0
32 Mrs F. R. Arthur's b g Poppun, 4yrs, 11.0 0

187 Won by a length and a half. Time, 2min 21 sec. Dividend, £2 9s.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP (flat) of 40sovs. Six furlongs.

- 18 Mr A. H. Barron (ns) br h Hukatere, by Ingomar - Bessemer, aged, 10.0, Redmond 1
48 Mr R. Harper's b g Royal, 4yrs, 11.2, Ashdown 2
41 Mr C. O'Donoghue's b g Samoa, 6yrs, 11.10 0
99 Mr D. Wright's ch m Jewel, 5yrs, 11.10 0
25 Mr H. A. Hamilton's br g Avis, aged, 11.5 0
11 Mr Te Kani Pere's ch g Dangar, 4yrs, 10.10 0
7 Mr F. A. Martin's ch g Emerald, 4yrs, 10.4 0
9 Mr J. McFarlane's b m Zillah, 3yrs, 10.3 0
8 Mr A. B. Newman's ch g Crescent, aged, 10.3 0
35 Mr W. J. Hamon's b g Hopmarket, 4yrs, 10.0 0
10 Mr G. H. Allen's br g Forella, 5yrs, 10.0 0
6 Mr J. A. Harding's b g Caitiff, aged, 10.0 0
4 Messrs Clayton & Co's blk g The Sharper, 4yrs, 10.0 0

321 Won by three quarters of a length. No third horse placed. Time, 1min 23 2/3sec. Dividend, £16.

GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 75 sovs, second horse to receive 10 sovs from stakes. About 3 1/2 miles.

- 80 Mr S. Williamson's br g New Year, by Leolinus - Sultana, aged, 10.8, Hickey 1
15 Mr A. Irvine's br g Rimu, aged, 10.5, McLean 2
12 Mr J. H. Martin's b g Cloth of Gold, aged, 9.7, Redmond 3
44 Mr D. Hepburn's ch g Criminal, aged, 10.8, fell 0
68 Mr W. C. Walsh's gr h Pani, aged, 10.7, fell 0
16 Mr F. Collins' b m Waterlily, 5yrs, 10.4, fell 0
126 Mr E. Gilpin's ch g Roscius, aged, 10.4, fell 0
6 Mr A. B. Newman's blk g Uncle Rastus, aged, 9.7 0
13 Mr J. R. Reynolds' b g Midlothian, aged, 9.7 0

380 Won by three lengths. Time, 9min 3 3-5 sec. Dividend, £4 5s.

HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE CUP HANDICAP of 20sovs. About 2 1/2 miles.

- 90 Mr S. H. Gollan's b g Lascar, by Dilke-Glaucus mare, aged, 13.4, owner 1
16 Mr C. White's b g Hurricane, aged, 12.6, owner 2
3 Mr J. A. Harding's ch g Malton, aged, 11.0, Mr Williams 3
96 Mr S. Williamson's b g The Bishop, aged, 12.12 0
19 Mr J. A. Harding's b g Bay Jim, aged, 11.12 (fell) 0

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4 Mr W. Wethered's b g Jorrocks, aged, 11.0 0
2 Mr K. Crombie's blk m Waikoku, 6yrs, 10.7 0

263 Won by a length. Dividend, £2 12s.

FINAL HANDICAP (flat) of 45sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs from stakes. Minimum weight 10.0 One mile and a distance.

- 52 Mr A. H. Barron (ns) br h Hukatere by Ingomar - Bessemer, aged 10.3, Redmond 1
2 Mr F. A. Martin's ch g Emerald, 4yrs, 10.3, Pearson 2
11 Mr H. A. Hamilton's br g Avis, aged, 11.4, Casey 3
7 Mr W. C. Walsh's gr b Pani, aged, 12.0 0
11 Mr C. O'Donoghue's b g Samoa, 6yrs, 11.8 0
66 Mr D. Wright's ch m Jewel, 5yrs, 11.7 0
57 Mr H. Harper's b g Royal, 4yrs, 11.0 0
4 Mr J. McFarlane's b m Zillah, 3yrs, 10.3 0
17 Mr A. McRae's ch g Beaulay, aged, 10.3 0
1 Mr D. Hepburn's g g The Turk, 5yrs, 10.0 0
4 Mr W. J. Hamon's b g Hopmarket, 4yrs, 10.0 0

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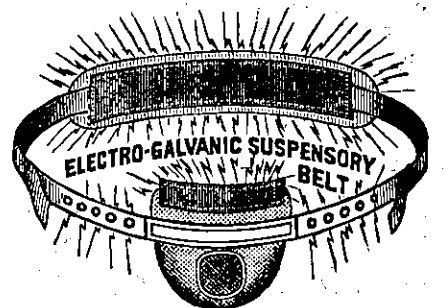


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