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July 21—Auckland v. Tauranga  
July 28—Auckland v. Taranaki  
August 4—Auckland v. South Canterbury  
August 11—Auckland v. Thames  
August 18—Auckland v. Hawke's Bay  
August 25—Auckland v. New South Wales  
August 29—North Island v. New South Wales at Auckland

September 1—Auckland v. Wellington

### CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS.

FIRST JUNIORS.

July 21.

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

SECOND JUNIORS.

Grafton v. Ponsonby  
Newton v. Grafton  
City v. Parnell

## Football.

THE attendance at Potter's on Saturday was by far the largest which has so far this season been seen at Epsom. Although the day continued beautifully fine, the principal match was not an important fixture, nor one calculated to produce an exciting game, and for this reason the attendance of fully 2000 spectators augurs well for the financial success of the Auckland Rugby Union during the coming season. A glance at the above programme shows that starting on Saturday next and finishing on September 1st, Auckland is set down to take part in no less than eight important matches, and should the Auckland public continue to extend to the Auckland Rugby Union such liberal patronage as on Saturday last, the football season for 1894 should close with that body one of the wealthiest Unions in the Colonies.

The principal contest on Saturday was, of course, that between Auckland and Franklin, in which Mr Webster officiated as referee, and Messrs Parker and Keefe as line umpires. Donald kicked off for Auckland, and Roulston returned badly, sending the ball into touch in his own 25. Mills secured the ball from the throw-in and immediately started a passing run in which McGill and Kissling took part, the latter being well tackled by Condon. The visiting forwards threw all their weight into the scrum which was formed within a few yards of their line, and not only prevented the local team from heeling out but got on a strong rush which carried the oval to the centre flag, where Kissling picked up smartly and kicked into touch. From the throw in Oliphant started a rush of the local forwards which transferred play to the Franklin 25, and Elliott getting possession of the ball made a smart dodgy run and drew first blood for Auckland by crossing the Franklin line. Oliphant took the kick but the ball struck the cross bar. Auckland, 3, Franklin, 0. In the line play and scrum work which followed the kick out the visitors more than held their own, and were invading the Auckland territory when Edmonds secured a mark, and kicked well down the field into touch. From the throw-in the Franklin forwards again got on a determined rush, in which Luke Wright and Brownlee figured prominently. From some loose play which took place about midfield Edmonds picked up and passed to Elliott, who, in turn, sent the leather on to McGill, who transferred to Roberts, the latter making a good run and getting to within a few yards of the line. From a scrum formed here it looked as if the Auckland team must score, but the forwards were unable to heel out and the Franklin vanguard again getting on rush carried the oval to the other end of the field, where Roberts' pace enabled him to secure the ball, and by a fine run which he finished up with a well-judged kick, he transferred the scene of play to the Franklin 25. Individual

play on the part of Cranson brought play back to the centre flag, where the ball went into touch. From the throw in the visitors again demonstrated the strength of their vanguard by taking the ball well into the Auckland 25, where their career was only checked by clever play on the part of Elliott, who sent the ball into touch at the centre. Rhodes here secured a mark, and kicked into touch in the visitors' 25. From the throw in Edmonds passed out to Elliott, who transferred to McGill, who on being tackled returned to Elliott, and the latter again dashed over the line and secured Auckland's second try. Oliphant's attempt at goal was unsuccessful, the ball again striking the post. Auckland 6, Franklin 0.

Cornthwaite kicked out and Kissling returned into touch. From the throw in, the Franklin forwards gradually worked the ball along the line until within a few yards of the Auckland goal line, and it was only over anxiety on the part of the Franklin backs which prevented them from scoring. Masfield got his side out of difficulty by a splendid kick, the ball going into touch midway between the 25 and centre flag. The visiting forwards again returned to the attack, and after a brilliant rush, in which they narrowly escaped scoring, the local team was compelled to force. Donald kicked out and Condon sent the ball into touch. From the throw in the Auckland forwards carried the ball into the opposing 25, where Edmonds, passing out to Roberts, the latter succeeded in crossing the line after a smart run. Oliphant was this time successful with the kick, and landed a fine goal—Auckland 11, Franklin 0. Following up their kick out the visitors prevented the ball from being returned, and play remained in the Auckland 25 for some considerable time. The Franklin forwards made great endeavours to score, and from one of the forward rushes, which carried the ball almost to the Auckland goal line, Cornthwaite picked up smartly and dashed across the line amidst great applause from the spectators. He took the kick himself, but the attempt was a poor one—Auckland 11, Franklin 3.

Donald kicked out, the ball going into touch. From the throw in, a rush of the Auckland forwards transferred the play to the visitors 25, where Ronayne, picking up smartly, ran to within a few yards of the line, and then passing to Elliot, the latter had no difficulty in scoring Auckland's fourth and his own third try. Oliphant failed to convert. Auckland 14, Franklin 3. A poor kick out gave Edmonds possession of the ball, and after making a dodgy run he finished up with an unsuccessful pot at goal. For being in front of the ball a scrum was formed in the visitors' 25, and the ball coming out to Ronayne, this player made the best run of the day, scoring right behind the posts. Oliphant kicked a goal, and the spell ended shortly afterwards, the scores being Auckland 19, Franklin 3.

Cornthwaite kicked off in the second spell, and Kissling returned well into touch. The throw in resulted in some good passing between Elliott, Ronayne and Kissling, the latter scoring behind the posts. Oliphant again converted. Auckland 24, Franklin 3. The play which followed the kick off was of a give and take character, the ball being carried from one end of the field to the other in a remarkably short space of time. Some pretty dribbling between Oliphant and Rhodes carried play into the visitors' territory, where Ronayne getting the ball from some loose play again succeeded in crossing the line, near the corner flag. Oliphant made a good though unsuccessful attempt at goal. Auckland 27, Franklin 3. For fully five minutes after the kick out the play remained in Auckland territory, and it was only the fine defen-

ive play of Masefield which prevented the Franklin team from scoring. A good kick by Roberts relieved his side, and good following up on the part of Anderson and Rhodes enabled the pair to carry the ball to within a few yards of the Franklin line, where Condon kicked into touch. From the throw in the visitors' forwards again worked the oval into the Auckland 25, Hogan, Luke and Wright doing some fine work. From a scrum formed close to the Auckland line the half-back made a badly judged pass, which Elliott intercepted and ran to the centre flag. The Franklin forwards, however, again worked the ball into Auckland territory, but a long kick by McGill transferred play to midfield, where some passing between Oliphant, Rhodes and Roberts ended in the latter almost scoring. Franklin had all the best of a scrum which was formed here, and the ball was driven into touch at the 25 flag. Ronayne got possession of the ball from the throw in, and passing out to Elliott the latter made a good run and transferred to Kissling, who again touched down behind the posts. Oliphant kicked a goal. Auckland 32, Franklin 3. Soon after the kick off Donald was conspicuous for some fine dribbling, which ended in Oliphant scoring another try for Auckland. The kick at goal failed to increase the score, and "no side" was called soon afterwards with the following scores—Auckland 35, Franklin 3.

The pronounced defeat inflicted upon the visiting team was solely due to the indifferent form shown by their backs. At kicking, tackling, passing, stopping rushes, and in fact all departments of back play, they were simply wretched, and enough to break the hearts of the gamest forward division that ever went on a field. The only members of the visitors' backs to show anything like decent form were Condon and Cranston, and but for their efforts it is impossible to say what the score of the Auckland team might not have reached.

The Franklin forwards on the other hand are a fine set and as a vanguard infinitely superior to the Auckland forwards. They are certainly not so well up in the finer points of the game as our local forwards, and have no "tricky play" of any kind, but for honest and earnest "graft," both in the scrum and the open, commend me to the Franklin boys. It was considered by many good judges of the game that had the Franklin forwards been playing in front of our best set of junior backs the Auckland team would have required to play even a better game than they did, to win.

On nearly every occasion on which the ball got among the Auckland backs a score was invariably secured owing to the weak defence of the Franklin backs, but it is worthy of remark that the former rarely got the ball from their own forwards. Although scrums and line play was the order of the day, and gave every facility to the local team to get on passing runs, our reps. were unable to take advantage of this fact owing to their forwards being overmatched. In fully three out of every four scrums the Franklin forwards got possession of the ball, and on the few occasions on which the local forwards did secure it they were fairly pushed off their feet before they could heel it out. The passing runs which took place between the Auckland backs, and which won the match, were either the result of a smart pick up in some loose play or through the opposing forwards losing possession of the ball through kicking too hard.

Masefield, at full back, was not called upon to do a great amount of work. That which he had to do, he however performed in a masterly style, and frustrated one attack of the Franklin forwards by a piece of brilliant play.

Kissling got several good opportunities to distinguish himself, and did not fail to take advantage of them. On each occasion on which he scored he had a straight run in, but he took the pass cleanly and made no mistakes. His defence was as strong as usual.

McGill did not get many chances. He could, however, have scored once had he stuck to the ball, but he played the correct game, and sent the ball on to Elliott, who had only to fall over the line.

Roberts got off some good runs, his great pace telling in his favour. He should, I think, moderate his habit of punting the ball over the backs' heads. It is a good game when all except the full back have been passed and there is no one backing him up, but he would require great luck to pass all the backs at the punting and following up game.

Elliott played a great game and scored no less than three tries. His three weeks' spell from the game has evidently done

him no harm, for on Saturday he played with all his old dash.

Ronayne was also seen to fine advantage, and put in a lot of work. The run which gained him his first try was a really good one, and fairly brought the gallery.

Edmonds got few chances behind the scrum, but made up for it by his splendid defensive work. He stopped many dangerous rushes, and got off some fine points. But for his defensive work on Saturday, Edmonds as centre-half would have been a man thrown away, for his forwards gave him no chances of getting on any passing.

Of the forwards I liked best the play of Anderson and Hallamore. Each appeared to graft in the scrum, and did a fair share of work in the open. Considering that the latter was playing as centre forward, his following up is a clear proof that he is an honest worker.

Oliphant did not appear altogether at home in the scrum. It is easy to imagine the handicap imposed on a wing player to be told at a moment's notice that he has to go into the scrum. Oliphant proved clever in the loose open play.

Heffernan was not noticeable on Saturday for anything brilliant, although he followed up well. He had bad luck in not scoring on one occasion.

Rhodes was "all there" in the rushes, and took part in several of the passing runs.

Ike Mills was elected captain of the team. He played his usual clever game and caused the Franklin backs much trouble by fast following up.

Speight, who is usually a fine scoring forward, had few chances to distinguish himself through being centre forward. He played hard from start to finish and made no mistakes when he did get a chance.

Hugh Wright (Parnell) filled the place of one of the Franklin forwards who was absent. He was prominent in many dangerous rushes and frequently came to the assistance of his backs.

During a conversation which I had with a prominent supporter of the visiting team, he expressed great dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Franklin backs performed. He tells me that although they are far from being a strong combination, they are, nevertheless, capable of a much better performance than that of Saturday. He attributes their bad form to their not being accustomed to play in the presence of so many spectators.

"Why Fred Peace (writes 'Three-quarter,' in the *Manukau Gazette*) should have been left out of the Auckland team I can't make out. If the selection committee were not so thick-headed and would place Peace in his position, centre three-quarter, I have not the slightest doubt but that he would prove himself to be about the cleverest centre Auckland has yet had to battle for her. An Auckland rep. fifteen is not complete without him."

The first junior match on Saturday next between Ponsonby and Parnell promises to supply an unusually exciting contest. At present Ponsonby has a commanding lead for the championship, and should they succeed in winning on Saturday the much coveted honour shall be practically theirs. The Parnellites, I hear, intend to place a strong team in the field, and a really good game may be relied upon. I fancy the Ponsonby boys will about win.

Jervis has started training in view of the coming inter-provincial matches. He expects that his shoulder will be sufficiently well to permit of his playing against Taranaki.

The New Zealand Football Association tournament in which teams from Otago, Canterbury, Hawke's Bay, Wellington and Auckland contest, has been arranged to take place on August 8, 9, and 11. The contests will probably take place in the Domain.

Contrary to my expectations of last week several alterations have been made in the team which is to represent Auckland against Tauranga on Saturday next. The alterations are confined to the forwards, one being unavoidable, owing to the fact that G. Speight has left for the Waikato, where he is likely to remain for some time. His place as centre forward has been filled by H. Speight, of the North Shore team, who has been showing remarkably good form in the practice matches. Heffernan has been thrown out of the team to make room for C. Stone, whom I have no doubt will in future play the game necessary to maintain a place in the reps.

A Rugby enthusiast sends me the following team which he would like to see play against Taranaki:—Fullback, Masefield; three-quarters, Roberts, Jervis

and McGill; halves, Braund and Elliott; wing forwards, Mills and Oliphant; forwards, Hallamore, Stone, Otway, Heffernan, Rhodes, Anderson, Donald.

Our reps. are to practise every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at the Metropolitan Ground. This is a great improvement upon hall practice, where one has hardly sufficient room to turn around.

The Tauranga team which plays Auckland on Saturday has not at time of writing been chosen. It will, however, include several well-known players who have represented the Auckland province, and I have been told by several who have seen the team practice that our local reps. will not have such an easy game as on Saturday last. The Tauranga boys have been diligently practising for some time, and have acquired considerable combination. The result of their match yesterday with the Thames, which will come to hand too late for insertion in this week's issue, should give a good idea of their chance against Auckland. My own opinion is that if Tauranga can beat the Thames team they will go very near beating our Auckland "reps."

The following is the Auckland team:—Fullback, Masefield; three-quarters, Roberts, Kissling and McGill; halves, Elliott, Edmonds, and Ronayne; forwards, Anderson, Donald, Hallamore, Mills, Oliphant, Rhodes, Speight and Stone.

The Ponake Football Club has again annexed the senior championship at Wellington.

#### HAWKE'S BAY FOOTBALL.

(BY WIRE.—FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

July 17th.

On Saturday last the County Club defeated Napier after a hard struggle by 13 points to 12. Napier were the first to score, Caradus kicking a penalty goal, but the County immediately set to work to wipe off the deficiency, and had compiled all their score before their opponents had added to their's. Tipene and Tuhtari scored tries for County, and Caulton dropped a goal and also kicked a penalty goal. When their opponents had obtained a lead of 10 points, Napier woke up, and scored three tries in quick succession by the agency of Bennet, who crossed the County line twice, and Ryan. None of the attempts at goal were successful, and although Napier pressed their opponents hard no further score was made. For County Caulton played a splendid game at centre three-quarter, his kicking being very clean and sure, and he was ably seconded by Tuhtari and Mathieson. Hiroa, Matthew and McDowell were the pick of the forwards. Walker played a fine game at fullback for Napier, his coolness permitting him on several occasions to get his side out of serious difficulties. Hume and Bennett played good games at three-quarters, as did Caradus at half. Wilson, Murray and Ryan were the best of the forwards. The Pirates defeated Caledonians after a very uninteresting game by 6 points to love. Both were weaker than usual, several players being laid up with influenza. The Caledonians who are a very light team, were on several occasions almost scoring, but the weight of their opponents told in the scrums, and they were thereby enabled to avert the danger. The Pirates' score was two tries, one obtained by James O'Connell and one by Caldwell, Cheer, Swan, Biel and Franklin were the best of the Pirates, and H. Kelly, P. Kelly, Macfarlane, and Toohey, of the Caledonians.

Napier II. defeated County II. by eight to six, and the Caledonians II. opposed by ten men put up a score of 33 to nil against the Pirates. The Napier III. easily beat the Rangers by 12 to 3.

The Pirates now lead Napier by one point for the senior championship. Next Saturday a practice match will be held for the representative team.

#### TARANAKI FOOTBALL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

July 13th.

In my last week's notes McMillan's—a last year Auckland rep., by-the-by—name was printed McWilliam, and Sangster's appeared also incorrectly. The errors must have crept in through the names being transmitted by telegraph.

Laing will be unable to play in the rep. team on account of a bad shoulder.

Owing to several players being unable to get away, the trial rep. team match will not be played here to-morrow.

On Thursday Clifton II. beat Tukapa by 6 to 3. Rowe scored a try, and Snell

kicked a penalty goal for the winners, and Petty scored a try for the losers. Tukapa has entered a protest on the ground that Clifton played a senior player, L. Bayly.

The Kaitake played Inglewood the same day, the result being a draw, neither side scoring.

A second junior cup match was played in the Recreation Grounds between Tukapa II. and Star III., the former winning by 9 points to 3. O. Webster scored a try, which P. Thomson converted, and S. Rennell potted a goal for the victors.

The play-off for the senior cup between Waimate and Star will take place in August.

I hear that the New South Wales—Taranaki match will be played in the Recreation Grounds here.

W. Webster, the Taupaki captain, had the misfortune to sprain an ankle while practising the other day.

In last week's notes Clifton II. was printed Tukapa III.

#### Athletics.

Local athletes will be pleased to hear of the success of Joe Tizard, who annexed the Five Miles Cross-country Championship of New South Wales on Saturday last. Tizard represented the Darlinghurst Harriers, and underwent a sound course of training for the great event.

At the London A.C.'s meeting at Stamford Bridge, on May 5, Godfrey Shaw easily won the 440 Hurdle Challenge Cup in 63sec. and E. C. Bredin won the 440 Yards Challenge Cup by 15 yards in 50 3-5sec., and the Half-mile Handicap from scratch in 2min. dead. A stiff wind was blowing.

Shaw also had a big innings on the following Saturday at the Cardiff Harlequins' Sports, when he breasted the tape first in three events. Shaw had 15 yards from Bredin in the 300 Yards Handicap, and won after a good race in 32sec. In the Half-mile Bredin was handicapped to concede Shaw 45 yards, and the latter again won in 2min. 1sec. Bredin acted as runner-up in each event. Shaw's best performance was, however, in the 120 Yards Hurdles, which he won in 18 1-5sec., from 22 yards behind scratch. If the full distance was there, I consider that the time is a bit too fast even for Shaw.

W. G. Hutton, of Queensland, has written to the New South Wales Athletic Association asking that body to recognise as an Australasian record the pole vault of 10ft 9in made by him at Too-womba seven years ago. It has been decided to ask the kindred associations of Victoria and New Zealand whether they have any objection to New South Wales investigating the said record, and if not whether they would agree to recognise any decision arrived at by New South Wales.

The Olympic Club (San Francisco) people are anxious to send their crack, Bert Coffin, against K. McCrae. At the games at the Midwinter Exposition Grounds, on May 5, Coffin ran a half-mile in 2min 0 3-5secs, and a quarter in 51 2-5secs.

#### Music, Drama.

BY THE PROMPTER.

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THANKS to the unselfish heroism of Miss Annis Montague, the season so mournfully interrupted was resumed on Monday evening, when Faust was admirably produced in the presence of a crowded and sympathetic house. Indulgence under the circumstances might well be claimed, but so good an all-round performance of Gounod's sublime creation needed no such appeal. Miss Montague's Marguerite is a superb performance, worthy of being compared with the greatest interpreters of the rôle—not excepting Christine Nilsson. Her singing and acting on Monday night proved a veritable triumph. It is such a rare treat to listen to a method so perfect and so entirely free from meretricious affectations, counted good style by modern voice-tinkers. Needless it is to single out any special morceaux, when every bar of Gounod's exquisite writing was rendered with appropriate passion, power, tenderness and pathos. Mr William Walshe acquitted himself very well indeed in his exacting rôle. With a few more repetitions he will still further improve, as his resources are quite equal to the part. Perhaps I might suggest that while Faust is the decrepit old man in body, his voice should be less powerful and resonant in *timbre*. When rejuvenated



a splendid opportunity of marking the change is thus afforded. Mr Edward Farley's Mephistopheles scarcely needs praise. It will be sufficient to say that he was worthy of himself on Monday night, although not quite in his best voice as an occasional lapse in intonation proved. The Golden Calf and the Serenade were given with his wonted sardonic and fiendish power. Miss Cicely Staunton, handicapped as she was at first by manifest hoarseness, which, however, gradually disappeared, sang and acted Siebel's charming rôle with signal success. I notice a marked advance in method and voice. Both the Flower Song and the lovely romance deservedly evoked loud plaudits. Mr Fred England's Valentine gives that conscientious and capable artist an opportunity, of which he fully availed himself. His singing of the cavatina in the second act won an unmistakable encore, which was, however, declined. The dying scene, both vocally and as a finished piece of acting, merits the highest praise it is possible to bestow. In the minor parts of Marta and Wagner Miss Maud Lita and Mr George Haswell proved capable interpreters. A word must be said in praise of the ensembles, those lovely quartettes being charmingly rendered by the principals. Mr Harcourt Lee rejoices in an exceptionally efficient band, whose work throughout was a real treat to listen to. The volume of tone is artistically managed, so that in no instance were the singers compelled to choose between forcing the voice or being drowned by the band. The chorus sang correctly and well, a surprising volume of tone being produced by the nine gentlemen who sang the immortal Soldiers' Chorus, which had to be repeated. The staging was a credit to the management, the garden scene eliciting a round of enthusiastic applause. In these days of popular prices it is indeed a privilege to witness and listen to so fine a performance of legitimate opera. The change to something more satisfying to the artistic appetite is indeed refreshing after the "tousjours perdrix" menu of opera bouffe.

On Tuesday evening Bizet's masterpiece Carmen was produced, and a further success was scored. A very large audience attended, and the interpretation given of the opera was deservedly applauded. As the heroine Miss Annis Montague had a congenial rôle, and her portrayal of the character and rendition of the music allotted to her was all that could be desired and could not fail to satisfy the most exacting critic. Miss Montague was in excellent voice, and delivered her solos with the power of the true artiste. Mr Wm. Walshe was a most capable Don Jose, and in the fine melody "Il fior che Avevi," he was heartily applauded by his auditors. Mr Walshe has made marked progress both in histrionic work and voice production, and his future on the boards should be a decidedly good one. Miss Maud Lita was an effective Michaela, and as Escamillo, the toreador, Mr. Farley was well cast. He was not quite so attractive as the other Escamillo we know, Miss Addie Conyers, the dashing toreador of Carmen up to date, but Mr Farley's fine descriptive singing quite filled the void left in our affections by the departure of shapely Miss Conyers. Miss Cecily Staunton was content to play the small part of Frasquita with generous self-denial, and the other minor characters were well sustained. Chorus and orchestra were admirable, and largely contributed to the success of the production. Last night Miss Montague took a well-deserved benefit, and I am glad to say the house was worthy of the occasion. This evening Faust will be staged, and those who have not seen Miss Montague as Marguerite may be advised to remedy their omission.

An entertainment in aid of the Hoare family will be given at Abbott's Opera House on Friday, July 20th.

THE Christchurch Theatre hitherto known as the Tuam Street Theatre will in future be known as the Christchurch Opera House. Great improvements will shortly be made in the building, which will be occupied in August next by Mr Walter Bentley.

THEATRE-GOERS may look forward to a treat at the Opera House on Monday evening next, when Brandon Thomas' farcical comedy, Charley's Aunt, will be performed for the first time. The comedy is a most laughable one, and in the hands of Messrs Thornton and Arnold's Company its many good points are admirably interpreted.

THE cable brings news that Madame Melba will visit Australia in May next, under the auspices of Mr Abbé, the American impresario.

"LORNETTE" is rather rough on Wellingtonians. He writes.—"The Camilla Urso-Sapio concerts have been an undoubted success from an artistic point of view, but I fear the financial results must be extremely unsatisfactory. Wellington people won't support a really first-class concert company. They want an inane leg show."

THE Sixteenth Popular Concert of Mr A. H. Gee's series will be given in the City Hall this (Thursday) evening. The concert will be the last of the present series and a specially attractive programme has been arranged by the promoter. Mr Gee will by special request sing The Desert, and his other numbers will be The Message and The Old Brigade. The assisting artists will be Miss Coleta Lorigan, Miss Beata Harvey, Miss Caulton, Miss Amie Bates, Miss Thorpe, Miss Freda Marsden, Mr Howard Chambers and Mr Montague.

#### OUR MELBOURNE LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

July 3.

"ALLY SLOPER" is now the attraction at the Alexandra Theatre, with Dan Barry in the title rôle. It is best described as a farcical comedy, but I regret to say that the contract is a trifle too big for Mr Dan Barry's company.

Outside of the Misses Wilde, Moyston, Barry and Martyn Hagan, the company are not of a character calculated to set the sweet pellucid Yarra aflame.

At the Theatre Royal Charles Holloway and company are playing "The World Against Her." Charlie has the bad times against him, and business is only so-so, and audiences slim.

At the Princess the Royal Comic Opera Company and Miss Nellie Stewart hold the fort. The papers here say that this show is playing to "large and enthusiastic audiences." Humph! As a matter of fact the biggest business now being done in Marvellous Melbourne is that of the Cogill's minstrel party, who have shifted in to the Bijou Theatre. Only fancy, REVIEW! Common, black-faced business desecrating the Temple of Thespis in which the famous Brough and Boucicault Company achieved all their notable triumphs. There are no end of performers here—ladies and gentlemen "resting." What is really required is a few men with money, willing to take to the provinces. Do you know of any?

THE FLAT.

#### Dandelion.

"TALKING of good horses, Mr Stokesley," observed a bookmaker named Sam Slateham, addressing one of the occupants of a first-class compartment in a return train from Epsom in the City and Suburban day, in which a general conversation on racing was taking place. "I believe that I once owned as good a handicap horse as ever ran on the turf—quite a cup horse in fact, as good at six furlongs as he was at two miles, and a real clinker at both distances."

"Indeed, Slateham," replied Stokesley, "when was that?"

"Some years back now, sir," said Slateham. "It was a horse I got hold of quite by chance—in fact, I bought him out of a selling race."

"You don't mean old Index, do you, Slateham," put in Major Bakewell, laughing. "That's about the best horse I ever remember you to have had, but from what I recollect he was hardly what you would call up to cup form."

"No, sir, I don't mean Index; but I do mean a horse called Dandelion, by King of the Forest out of Wild Flower, which beat Index at Windsor. I'm quite serious in what I say," continued he, as his listeners smiled incredulously, "I believe that Dandelion was one of the best, if not absolutely the very best handicap horse that I ever saw. But I'll give you my reasons, and leave you to judge whether or not I am justified in thinking so."

"At the Windsor Summer Meeting I had entered old Index in a Mile Selling Welter Handicap. He had only run once before during that season, and then was unplaced. But he was just at this Windsor time very fresh and well, and I believe quite at his best, which was very good in his class. Crupper had galloped him satisfactorily with a horse in our stable belonging to Mr Lambourne, which had won a good race the week before at

Bath, and I was very fond of his chance. As luck would have it, there were two or three other stables who were going for the same race. There was a Middleham horse that had come south for Ascot, which the stable thought a good thing. The Chilton people had one in, that on form looked very much like winning, and there were two horses from Newmarket both fancied a bit.

"In addition to these there were three or four others—none of any great account—besides Dandelion. The latter, described on the card as the property of Mr Arthur Paddington, was a good looking, level-made three-year-old colt—a whole brown, almost black—but as fat as a bull, and evidently in no condition to be fancied by the clever division to which he belonged. I couldn't see any one about—they were all at Newcastle, I believe—whom I could ask about him; but I couldn't help thinking to myself that he was good looking enough to stand a very fair chance of changing stables that day, and I made up my mind to claim him if I got the chance.

"There was a good market on the race, and I was able to back Index to win me a couple of thousand at 5 to 1, besides keeping him to run for my book; so that when I saw him well placed and well nigh all his field beaten at the distance I was in clover. But the next minute all was changed, for Dandelion coming through with his head on his chest, and pulling the boy out of the saddle, smothered the lot in half a dozen strides, and won, hard held, by three lengths in a common canter.

"Index ran second, and at the subsequent auction I bought the winner for 470 guineas. As 420 of this was surplus, he only cost me 260 guineas.

"I sent him back to Crupper's that evening with Index, and he reached home all right.

"I had some talk with Crupper about him next day, the second day of the Windsor meeting, and we decided to put the horse into good work and try him in about three weeks' time to find out what he really was; for from the style in which he had won—though it was only in selling plate company—we agreed that he might be good enough for anything.

"Next day at Sandown I was in the ring some three-quarters of an hour before racing began, when a certain prominent jockey came up to me and said:

"I hear you bought Arthur Paddington's horse at Windsor, Sam. You must let him have it back again, as he wants it badly. It was all a mistake it running in a selling race at all. It was entered in the next race as well, and it was in that that it was intended to run. I suppose you will take a monkey, and send the horse back."

"No, Fred," I replied, "I can't do that. I wouldn't take a couple of thousand for Dandelion from any man in England until I have tried him. Crupper is going to get him thoroughly fit, and then we shall see what he is made of. After that if Paddington still wants him back we can talk about the price."

"He was not best pleased at my determination, but I would not budge an inch, and though he rose to offering me a monkey for a half share, I refused to deal on any terms whatever.

"On the following Saturday I went down to Crupper's as we were going to try Index again, to see if he was in as good form as we had thought him to be before he ran at Windsor; with the result that he won again even easier than he had done the first time, though we set him a much harder task on this occasion.

"Indeed, so well did he run that I put him into the two handicaps, not selling races, one at Newmarket and the other at Kempton, and he won them both with ease, though he was penalised 7lbs in the second race.

"Of course this made us look forward with great interest to Dandelion's coming trial, as we summoned up Index's recent form to be some 10lbs better than he had ever shown before, a calculation that was to some extent borne out by the way in which he had settled all his field, except Dandelion, at Windsor.

"Dandelion had met Index at 5lbs. in their race, so we set him to give Index 14lbs, thus allowing 19lbs for the beating. We put Lamplighter, the Bath winner, in at even weights with Dandelion—with old Stonemason, the horse which Crupper calls the stable clock, giving 5lbs.

"Well, you never saw such an example in your life as the three-year-old made of them. They were to run a mile, but Dandelion had everyone of them dead beat at five furlongs, and he simply romped in alone.

"Lamplighter ran during the next

week in a good handicap, and won his race in a common canter, and we then felt pretty certain that he had got hold of a real smasher in Dandelion.

"At Goodwood, the jockey, I mentioned before came up to me and reopened negotiations for getting Dandelion back, but I said, "It's no use, Fred. Five thousand wouldn't buy him now. We've tried him, and I think he'll win races."

"Win races!" he exclaimed. "It'll be your fault if he don't. He's the best three-year-old I've had my leg over this year. Well, Sam, as you won't part with him—and I don't blame you—you may at any rate let us know when you're going to slip him. Shall you run him soon?"

"I think not, Fred," I said, I am inclined to keep him for the Liverpool Autumn Cup."

"That'll just suit him," said Fred. "In fact that was the very race we had in view for him."

"I entered Dandelion in one or two handicaps just about Doncaster time, and found to my satisfaction that in almost every instance the handicapper treated him leniently, and the horse probably would not have appeared on a racecourse again until he figured at Aintree but for a sudden jump upwards in the handicap scale that he, for some unexplained reason, took a few weeks afterwards, the cause of which I was never able to discover.

"I used to lie awake at nights thinking of him, and of the coups I intended to bring off with him after he had won the Liverpool Cup.

"One point in his favour was that he was an especially hardy horse, never sick or sorry for a single day, and one who threw and got big on hard work.

"All this time he had been going on extremely well, making, in Crupper's opinion—and he is the best judge I know—extraordinary improvement.

"We decided to give him a second trial, and this time to really take his measure, so that we might know whether or not he was the certainty which we believed him to be.

"We gave him something to do this time, and no mistake. We made him give Stonemason 14lb. and Lamplighter 21lb., over a distance of a mile and a half.

"It was the same old story, and we were still just as far off as ever from finding how good Dandelion was. He had them both settled, dead as a stone, at a mile, and again romped in alone.

"That was good enough for me, and I was all for letting him run for and win the Liverpool Cup at whatever weight the handicapper chose to put on him, for I knew that the horse could not possibly be weighted out of the race.

"But Crupper was very strong in urging me to leave nothing to chance, but to let the horse have just one little outing to keep the weight down; some little expedition to a country meeting where he would get off badly, or from some cause or other fail to show his proper form, so that we might be sure of finding Dandelion weighted at 7.0, or at the most 7.7, when the weights for the Liverpool Cup appeared.

"I didn't think it at all necessary, but Crupper knows very well what he is about; and as of course it could do no harm I let him do as he proposed, and the horse having an engagement in a small handicap at Hereford, he was sent there to run.

"I was at Newmarket First October, and was in course of persistently laying to big money all the favourites, which came rolling up one after the other, time after time. Just after a particularly bad race a telegram was put into my hands which I opened to read:—

"Bad news. Dandelion bolted in race and ran against post, breaking his leg. Have had to shoot him.—Crupper."

"I can tell you, Mr Stokesley, that on reading that telegram, I felt very much as if some one had shot me. Yes, sir, people may say what they like about thinking one's geese swans, but it will take a very great deal to convince me that Dandelion was not very nearly another Ormonde."—*Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News.*

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PROGRAMMES PASSED.

Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting—July 15

DISQUALIFICATIONS.

All horses, trainers, jockeys, and owners that took part in the Northern Wines 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.

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SPORTING FIXTURES ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

AUSTRALIA. 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.

NOMINATIONS.

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

ACCEPTANCES.

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.

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Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1894.

THROUGH the courtesy of Mr Freeman R. Jackson, the secretary of the Wanganui Jockey Club, we are enabled to publish in another column the annual report and balance-sheet to be presented to the members of the Club at the annual meeting on July 27th. As will be seen by the figures published elsewhere the club is in a very sound position.

Considering how well managed the Wanganui Jockey Club is, we must compliment them on obtaining that excellent result at a very moderate expenditure. According to the balance-sheet Mr Freeman Jackson, the secretary, is remunerated at the rate of £100 a year, at which figure, by the way, he stands side by side with the handicapper.

TETFORD has gone the way of all horse-flesh, and the cause of his death is set down as inflammation of the bowels. He was well bred enough for anything, and although a fast mover when on the race track, he was a terribly unlucky horse. He was got by Musket from Pungawerawera, by Golden Grape from Atalanta, by the imported Towton from Crescent, by Sir Hercules.

RACING people can once more breathe freely, for Sir Robert Stout's Gaming Bill has been shelved for twelve months. Clubs can now draw up their programmes in peace, and while no doubt retrenchment will be the order of the day, owing to the future being so uncertain, we are glad to see that the Canterbury Jockey Club have not been frightened, but have increased their stakes by £550.

forty-five days' racing; other principal but not Metropolitan Clubs had about 40 days racing, and the remaining small clubs brought the total to about 300 days. To fairly divide 75 days between all those clubs would hardly be practicable.

A VICTORIAN horseowner, Mr Crassweller, writes to the Australasian in favour of the totalisator, and in the course of his letter he puts forward some strong argument on behalf of the machine. The main objection of those who regard the totalisator with eyes of disfavour is that it will entirely do away with the Ring and compel those who feed and train horses to come in on exactly the same level as the racing public.

ANOTHER champion of the machine has sprung up on the other side in the shape of The Australasian, and now that that



powerful journal has taken up the cudgels on behalf of the machine we may regard its Victorian prospects as being very considerably improved. The journal in question asserts that it has always believed that the totalisator had advantages over the bookmakers for those who will bet which render it worthy of being adopted on all racecourses.\* The fact that it gives a backer the exact odds as determined by public opinion at the start of a race is, of course, seized upon by our contemporary as a strong argument in the machine's favour, and stress is laid on the fact that under its working no money can be got out of a non-trier, and that clubs receive a revenue which they can devote to racing stakes. The big value of the machine is held to be that it builds up prizes for owners. Keeping a racehorse is within the reach of many men, provided there are big prizes to be sought after, and the possibility of getting your money on at an outside chance is a further inducement to men to run horses. The main argument against the totalisator is that it would weaken the Ring, and so deal a blow to the Turf. This is the view held by the machine's leading Victorian opponent, a large owner and breeder, and this view of the case is dealt with as under by the *Australasian*: "This gentleman asserts that England's greatness from a racing point of view is due mainly to the money power of her bookmakers. Without a strong ring you cannot, he says, attract the best horses, and he affirms with great earnestness that once the totalisator becomes law the glories of Flemington will depart. The main object of the 'strong ring' in this connection is, of course, to supply the wants of a few owners who may require huge amounts about their horses. To begin with, we doubt very much if the totalisator would decrease the 'strength' of the ring. We think, on the other hand, that it would reduce its numbers but increase its betting power. The ring of ten years ago, when there were not half as many bookmakers, was, we think, much stronger than the ring of to-day. This is a fact easy of demonstration." Another argument used against the machine by Victorians is that it would bring down the price of yearlings and thus discourage breeders. Our contemporary, after remarking that prices could not be worse than they are now, contends that the totalisator would, if anything, improve the price of blood stock. It holds the idea that the machine would bring more owners into the sport, consequently there would be more buyers and keener competition. And respecting the charge that the machine would popularise gambling, attention is drawn to the fact that while the machine never bets in less than half-sovereigns, Melbourne bookmakers can be found by the score anxious to bet in shillings and half-crowns. It is very evident the cause of the machine is steadily advancing in Victoria, and its adoption in that colony is, as we have always argued, only a matter of time.

*Inter-Provincial*

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

**TARANAKI.**

July 13.  
In the Grand National Steeplechase I like the chances of Bombardier, Victrix and Fishmonger, and in the Hurdles Musket, Melinite and Fright.  
The dispute between two Taranaki racing men over accounts will be settled by the District Judge, if a compromise is not effected before next sittings of the District Court here. The winnings of a jumper now located in Auckland is one, and, I believe, the main item over which the dispute has arisen.  
Two other parties residing here have had a dispute over accounts in connection with the jumper Dick, but this affair has, I hear, been settled by the interested parties out of Court.  
Steadfast's win in the Winter Handicap at the V.R.C. Winter Meeting should improve his chance for the Caulfield Cup. The son of Nordenfeldt—Nellie Moore has been erratic and disappointing, but now he has started to win he may pull off some good races for Mr W. R. Wilson.  
There has been a great deal of inquiry here as to the ownership and breeding of Taranaki, entered for the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups.  
Mr A. Bishop, of Bell Block, the owner of The Australian, intends to leave this district and settle in Wanganui. I wish him success in his new sphere.  
The restriction of the use of the totalisator would, I think, bring about the

amalgamation of several country racing clubs on this coast.

The Taranaki Trotting Association, the new name of the local club, will hold its next meeting in September on the Taranaki racecourse. A total of £120 will be given away in stakes. The programme will be published in the Review in due course.

Mr Gollan's Bonnie Scotland is a likely colt to win a big Spring event over the water.

**WANGANUI.**

July 13th.

The Rangitikei Hunt Club held their Point-to-Point Steeplechase yesterday, when a large number of contestants entered the field, the winner turning up in Mr T. Simpson's black gelding Hop Bitters, who showed fair form both in the Hunters' Steeplechase and Final Steeplechase at the late Wanganui Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club is to be held at the Rutland Hotel on Friday, July 27th, when the annual report and balance-sheet will be submitted, and the officers elected for the ensuing year.

Kai Iwi Lady, who was looked upon here as having a big say in the Great Northern National Hurdles, but had to be withdrawn owing to having injured her ligaments through striking a hurdle while schooling, has been turned out by her trainer, Charlie Woodley, at Okoia. The handsome daughter of Natator will be treated to a spell until Christmas, when she will be taken in hand again, and most likely race in the autumn.

Nanakia, who made the dead heat with Bootles in the Wanganui Steeplechase, is nicely treated in the C.J.C. National Steeplechase at the impost of 9.8, and as the horse is doing well, I consider that he will have more than an outside chance of placing that event to his credit. He is bound to carry a bit of our local punters' money. It is also Belcher's intention to take down Nanakia's stable companions, Goodwood and Rags, the first-named to compete in the welter events, while Rags (Ascot—Leonessa), who is a full brother to Cretonne, will take part in the Ladies' Bracelet.

The first club on this coast to issue their programme for the coming season is the Marton Jockey Club, whose gathering is set down for decision on the 9th November. There are eight events on the programme the principal ones being York Farm Handicap, 1½ miles, of 75 sovs, and Flying Handicap of 50 sovs.

W. Butler's National Hurdle candidates, viz., Stranger, Strayshot and Splitink, are being sent along in their schooling. Yesterday Stranger evidently was not in the humour, as he did not care about facing the jumps, and after being sent at them he fell, giving George Laing a buster. Strayshot jumps clean, but I should say is a long way from winning a National Hurdle Race. The full brother to Swivel, Splitink, is a most determined jumper, but generally raps them very hard, although it does not seem to make any difference to him. Of the three he is a long way the best, and I fancy that he will be the only representative for that event from Wanganui. Amalgam, who is also under Butler's care, will, I believe, also make the journey. He is engaged in the Steeplechase and Hunter events, and he should show up prominently in the latter races.

The weights for the C.J.C. Grand National Meeting have caused a bit of interest to be taken in the events, and I should say good fields will go to the post. I like best at present in the Steeplechase—Norton, Morag, Despised, Bombardier and Nanakia; Hurdles—Liberator, Kapua, Melinite and Empire.

Mr W. H. Keith arrived from Hawera to-day, and intends to make his headquarters here for three or four months, as he is getting a team of horses together which he intends to put into work before taking them over to the other side.

**NAPIER.**

[BY WIRE.]

July 17.

Kempenfeldt has changed hands, Mr G. Willan, of Redcliffe, having bought him from Mr Gollan for stud purposes. The price paid was, I hear, 65 guineas, and at this price he should be considered dirt cheap. Kempenfeldt, who is by Nordenfeldt from Bianca, will be at the service of owners at a moderate figure.

On the publication of the weights for the Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase, Morag was backed by his connections to win the double. I am not very favourably disposed to his chance

in the Hurdle Race, but, bar accidents, he will make them all travel in the Steeplechase.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club hold their annual meeting shortly, when, I hear, a very satisfactory balance-sheet will be laid before the members.

Mr F. Collins has now got Brigand under his charge.

*Coming Events.*

[BY BORDERER.]

**THE MELBOURNE CUP.**  
(CONTINUED.)

COMMENTING upon this handicap in a previous issue I left off at the 8.0 mark, and to sum up I find the first horse to come under consideration is Saracen, 7.13. If he can stay the weight is a very likely one. Nightingale, also, has been weighted at 7.13. She is a good mare as witness her Tattersall's Cup win in 3min 30sec, and, amongst other scores, it will be found she took third place in Lady Trenton's Sydney Cup. She can stay, but they say a mare is a bad quantity for a Melbourne Cup. Pulvil's accident to his shoulder will put him out of consideration. Burton stands at the same weight, and Sydney reports speak well of him, although he has not much to point to in the way of performances, for he has only run four times. His principal effort so far was his win in the Trial Stakes at the Summer Meeting of the Australian Jockey Club when he carried 8.0, and led Stanmore, 8.8, and The Trier, 8.0, past the post. He is a Trenton horse, being by Trenton out of Ringdove. September will probably see him racing, and it will then be time enough to size up this, comparatively speaking, unknown one's chance. Alpine is the first weighted at 7.12. This candidate has not done much, but his weight is a nice handy burden. Bessie McCarthy and Ronda are at the same weight, and this pair take my fancy very much indeed. The latter had 8.6 last year when he was a four-year-old, and now when he is supposed to have improved, the handicapper sizes him up as worse, and lets him in on 8lbs better terms. When a three-year-old he took second place in a Melbourne Cup, and respecting his condition I am informed by Melbourne advices that he is decidedly improved horse. I should say his chance in the Cup is a decidedly bright one. Donation has 11b less, and he must have a chance, and of Tridentate, Memah, and Verax, the other three on the 7.11 mark, I must confess I know very little. In Queensland Tridentate failed when his chance was very highly estimated; Memah I hear is a useful mare that can stay; and Verax is a brother to Jeweller, who has not yet performed. Tim Swiveller and Havoc are bracketed together at 7.10, and I am afraid Tim Swiveller cannot stay two miles at Melbourne Cup pace. Havoc is well enough as regards weight, but in the past bad hocks have interfered with his preparations. Still his nomination shows his people are hopeful of bringing him to the post in proper order, and on his breeding I shall give him a chance. There are five on the 7.9 mark, viz., The Captain, Brotherton, Salient, Tellus and The Possible. The first named I hear is a non-stayer, but the others should be able to get the distance, and they are nicely treated in the matter of weight. Straightfire I pass by, and that brings me to Bruin, 7.8. On breeding this candidate should certainly be favoured for a Melbourne Cup. He is by Neckergat from Ursula, who was by Gang Forward from Hebe by Lucifer by Zenobia. Bruin's dam, Ursula, is a full sister to Ada, who is the dam of Lady Lovelace, Portsea's dam, consequently the runner-up to Hova in last year's Newmarket is a blood relation to the champion Portsea. Bruin's pedigree shows great staying blood, and on that I shall name him as a likely one. Dreamland is also on the 7.8 mark, and he is also a likely one. Being a three-year-old, Dreamland should have had luck in the big Flemington handicap, but I shall not be surprised to see him change the verdict that has generally followed the three-year-olds' Cup efforts. Moorite and Selim do not strike my fancy, but I have a great leaning towards Capstan. He is a fine big stamp of a horse, with grert quarters, and on breeding he should commend himself to one's fancy, seeing he is by a Cup winner, Sheet Anchor, and that stock is doing well just now. His dam is Commerce, a full sister to Skirmisher's dam, Ouida. Commerce should give staying power, seeing

she is by Tubal Cain from Angony, who was by the Hermit horse Free-trader. Capstan's Newmarket Handicap fourth with 7.12 shows he has pace, and his pedigree should give him heaps of stamina. He is also a likely one. Bonnie Scotland is on the improve, and may have a chance with 7.5, and lower down nothing strikes me so well as Cobbitty and Warfare. I see by recent Australian exchanges that although it is believed that Portsea will be at his best this spring, his weight will make a win an impossibility. I'll take all that in and still give him a show. Next to him in the top weights I like Light Artillery, Loyalty, Sternchaser, Elswick, and The Sailor Prince. Then I take Saracen, Ronda, Bruin, Capstan, Havoc, and Dreamland. That makes twelve, and my subsequent selections will come out of that dozen.

**AUSTRALIAN WRITERS' OPINIONS.**

The following are additional selections of Australian turf writers respecting the Melbourne and the Caulfield Cups. "Terlinga" of the *Australasian* fancies Light Artillery, Brockleigh, Hova, Mahee, Elswick, The Sailor Prince, Ronda, Burton, The Possible, Capstan, Royal Master, Izaac, and Climax. His preference is Ronda. "Verax" (Mr Nat Gould), of the *Sydney Referee*, considers the best dozen horses in the Melbourne Cup are Port Admiral, Carnage, Loyalty, Light Artillery, Sainfoin, Dreamland, Moorite, Newman, Ronda, Elswick, Lady Trenton, and Patron, and to reduce them to four he selects Sainfoin, Dreamland, Carnage, and Port Admiral. The best Caulfield Cup dozen are Paris, Port Admiral, Oxide, Lady Trenton, Loyalty, Sainfoin, Mahee, Hova, Division, Moscow, Response and Foxtail. To take four as the best he names Paris, Lady Trenton, Oxide and Sainfoin. "Ribbleden," of the *Australasian*, names as the best of the Caulfield Cup horses, Mostyn, Capstan, Tellus, The Captain, Royal Master, Shotbelt, or Alec Tayler's best. "Nunquam Dormio," of Melbourne *Punch*, who divides his time between picking winners and cracking jokes at his own exceeding girth of body, comes to the conclusion that the best dozen in the Melbourne Cup are Tarcoola, Loyalty, Sternchaser, The Sailor Prince, Skirmisher, Burton, Ronda, Donation, Tridentate, Havoc, Tellus and Cobbitty, and if he were compelled to nominate three out of that dozen he would plump for Tarcoola, Loyalty and Skirmisher. Respecting the Caulfield Cup he takes as the best dozen Paris, Fortunatus, Launceston, Skirmisher, Ronda, Donation, Havoc, Tellus, The Captain, The Dauphine, Mostyn and Moscow, and the most likely three are, he considers, The Dauphine, Mostyn and Moscow.

**NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.**

MR HENRY brought out his handicaps for the two big jumping events of the New Zealand Grand National Meeting last week, and on all sides the opinion is expressed that the adjustments are very equitable. With that expression of opinion I may say I entirely concur. Taking the Steeplechase first, we, of course, find Norton at the head of the list with 12.8, which weight is 4lb less than he carried into second place last year. He must be very dangerous, and it is very probable that his name at the weight mentioned will frighten many owners, and prevent them figuring as acceptors. His chance must be as good as any. Liberator we know as a sterling good jumper, and although he has never demonstrated his ability to get over country, it was a foregone conclusion that he would be well weighted. He deserved a lot of weight, but I fancy the 12.3 awarded will stop him from going to the post. Waterbury, 11.3, on Norton's weighting cannot have much chance, but Despised at 11.3 ought to be good. In the form in which he went to the post last Summer he would be as good as anything. In the form we saw him in at the last Winter Meeting he would not, on the other hand, stand a ghost of a chance. However, I saw him a few days ago, and Stenning is certainly getting the beef off him and he may be reckoned a certain starter. He will be piloted by Collins, but I must say I am not enamoured of his chance. Bomborder, at 6lb. less than Despised, is what is known in the classics as a "hummer," and he will, bar accidents, certainly see the fall of the flag. He will jump the Christchurch country like a bird, and along the flat country he will out out a

pace that will certainly take the most of them off their legs. He is one of the best investments in the race. Clarence I do not fancy, but Tiritea, 10.10, has an un-doubted chance. Mutiny is too uncertain a starter to prophesy about. The Hurdle Race will be Melinite's mission. Morag looks well at 10.7, but then there's that wound in his leg to remember, but as I hear it is improving I will certainly name him. Victrix, Bootles and Robin I pass by, and Crazy Kate, if accepted for, would have a chance, but I do not think she is going down. [She has since been scratched.—Ed. S.R.] Belle, at 9.11, if in form, will be a hot member, and if she undertakes the journey I shall have her on my side. The others I don't fancy, and respecting Fishmonger it is very unlikely that he will go South. The best six should be Norton, Bombardier, Despised, Morag, Tiritea and Belle, and for three I fancy Norton, Bombardier, and MORAG.

In the Hurdle Race Liberator has top weight, as was generally expected, and with his figure at 12.6, and the next candidate, Kulnine, at 12.3, I shall expect the latter to prove the better. Couranto and Kapua are very fairly placed, although I do not think Kapua will be able to give Melinite (the Hawke's Bay race notwithstanding) a stone and a beating at the coming meeting. Melinite is as well placed as anything in the race. St. Kilda will not undertake the journey Adam Byers informs me, and Clarence will be beaten by Melinite. Despised has a chance at 10.10, and so has Musket at a pound less. This hurdler's chance is a very good one. Of the others, Magazine and Barnardo are the best, and on Southern reports they should stand a chance. Liberator, Kulnine, Melinite, Musket, Despised and Magazine should be the best half-dozen, and for three I fancy KULNINE, MELINITE and MUSKET.

## The Totalisator in Victoria.

We append the principal speeches, for and against, the machine delivered in the Victorian Parliament. Mr Murray, the sponsor of the bill, relieved himself as follows:—He argued that people would gamble on horseracing, and admitting this, was it not better to direct the gambling into a proper channel, and to keep it under legal control? Gambling on the racecourse and speculation in mining shares were only two forms of the same vice. Personally he believed that it would be an unfortunate day for this country when the spirit of speculation and gambling and the love of amusement was dead, for we should then degenerate into a mere lot of old women, and could never become great. In the first place, it was necessary to consider the owners of racehorses, who were deserving of some consideration from the state. Some were rich men to whom money was no object; others were men of moderate means, and, unfortunately, in this colony the latter class predominated. There were few rich owners, and some of these did not race from pure love of sport, and these had, perhaps, done more to demoralise racing than any other class. Among them were to be found the bitterest opponents of the totalisator. It was daily recorded in the press that if this measure were to become law they would be unable to back their horses to any large extent. Under present circumstances an owner backed his horse with a large bookmaker, and if the horse won he scooped the pool, presuming that the public had not backed it. Then the public would back the horse the next time it ran, the horse would lose, the bookmakers be recouped, and the public again deprived of their money. This arrangement really meant collusion between the owner and the bookmakers for the purpose of swindling the public. Again, there were a large number of racehorse owners who were neither rich nor unscrupulous, and these deserved the greatest consideration at the hands of the House, for considering the small stakes for which moderate horses had to compete, it was almost impossible for them to make it pay. Next came the trainer, and then the jockey, who was often debauched, sometimes by the owner and sometimes by those who laid the odds. But the totalisator would not be found beckoning to the jockey and tempting him to do a dishonest act. Then came the ring. As a class the ring met its obligations as well as any class in the community did, at all events of late—(laughter)—but who were divided into the scrupulous and the unscrupulous, the latter class preponderating. If the totalisator were established the ring

would die a natural death. Last factor and most important was the horse itself. Racing was sometimes said to improve the breed of horses. But if the totalisator were established it would put an end to one ailment, which defied the skill of the best veterinary surgeons, and was known to the initiated as "metallic fever."

Mr F. Madden was opposed to the totalisator, as he considered it prejudicial to the horse and detrimental to the interests of the colony. Racing had done much to improve the breed of horses, and it would be absurd to do anything which would prejudice our trade in exporting horses. High-class racing could not be carried on without the bookmaker. This bill, if passed, would kill the ring. Not one horse in ten paid its way, and not one in a hundred approached first class, and how were the failures to be paid for unless an owner could back his good horses to win him good Stakes. The late Hon. James White, who had the cream of horses and won the best stakes, showed by a return extending over seven years that putting prize money against expenses he had lost £15,000 more: and it might be supposed that if Mr White had not been successful in the ring he would not have stayed on the turf at all. But with the totalisator an owner would have no chance of backing his horses at all. If we took from the ring that excellent old milch cow the public, the ring would not be able to bet with owners. Mr Madden thought the whole horse-breeding industry depended upon the solvency of the bookmakers, but did not allow himself to be milked for the good of the cause because he had realised the folly of betting long ago. In France it was true they had the totalisator, but they had the ring as well. The totalisator had not killed the ring there, but that was because of the difference in population. Good horses were bought in New Zealand and South Australia to run in Victoria, while cast-off horses were purchased here to run in those colonies where the totalisator was in vogue on the ground that anything was good enough to race under the totalisator. The totalisator would extend betting; and as to the charity question, he hoped he never would see the day when the Government would encourage gambling as a means of revenue.

## Turf Topics.

By REVIEWER.

Jeweller is said to have greatly improved since his spell.

The jumper Sonambulist has been fired, and will be treated to a long spell.

It is proposed to turn Sydney Bowes' Tattersall's into a limited liability company.

Southern tipsters are very partial to the New Zealand Cup chances of Au Revoir and Pompom.

Napier tipsters say that if the New Zealand Cup is to go to Hawke's Bay it will be by the aid of Needlelegun or Marino.

It is rumoured around Sydney that the N.S.W. bookmakers intend testing the A.J.C.'s right to charge them for betting at Randwick.

Hippomenes is taking a rest, but it must not be thought from this that there is anything wrong with him.

Mr Henry may be congratulated upon making very just handicaps for the New Zealand Grand National Meeting.

St. Hippo's connections have decided not to send him to Australia but to keep him at Sylvia Park, where he will be at the service of breeders.

After putting in the season at the stud, St. Hippo will be taken in hand again for racing. When the colours are up on him, he will be seen on Australian, not on New Zealand, courses.

According to the *Canterbury Times* there are many New Zealand trotters who could lower the record recently established in Canterbury by Specification, who recently lowered the world's four-mile record.

The Two Year Old Plate of 600sovs, five furlongs, was won at the Kempton Park Meeting on the 7th inst., by the Galopin—Agave filly, Galetha.

Mr W. R. Wilson's gelding Steadfast had an easy win in the Winter Handicap at the V.R.C. Grand National Meeting. He led all the way and won by half-a-dozen lengths from Straightfire, with Strahan third. Steadfast took 2min 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec to cover the mile and a quarter. On this he should have a look in at the Caulfield Cup.

Mr T. T. Watt, the owner of the horse that ran third in the Maiden Steeplechase at the Hawke's Bay Winter meeting, has protested against the stakes being paid to Austral on the ground that the horse's and the owner's names appear in the unpaid forfeit list in the Official Calendar. The committee of the H.B.J.C. have referred the matter to their solicitor, Mr H. A. Cornford, for his opinion.

Mr Walters, of Papakura, has placed the Dainty Ariel stallion Hippocampus and the Somnus—Fishwom horse, Glaucus, in the market for sale. Hippocampus sired Hippodamia, who won over £1300 as a three-year-old, and amongst others he sired Shillelagh, Theorem, The Baron, Unity, Lord John, and Tiritea, all cross country winners. Glaucus, who has been a good winner in the past, will be sold cheap for stud purposes.

Adam Byers has charge of Her Ladyship.

Percy Martin is booked for a visit to New Zealand.

G. Robson has been granted a jockey's license by the V.R.C.

The racing Marquis of Hartington is talking of selling off his horses and giving up racing.

Mr Dan O'Brien has named his Tasman—Rose and Black colt, Globetrotter.

Royal Rose is said to have thickened out a good deal since the Ellerslie Autumn meeting.

Brigand has been taken in hand by Mr F. Collins.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club come out of the past racing season with a very satisfactory result.

New Zealanders in the Metropolitan Stakes are Florrie, Launceston, and Loyalty.

Criminal, who met his death at Gisborne Park, was by Foul Play out of Renga. He was ten years of age.

The Trier is out of the Melbourne Cup, and Linburn, Malachite and Hova have gone out of the Caulfield Cup.

The Canterbury Jockey Club have arranged their programme for next season. There will be an increase in stakes of £50.

The second lowest horse on the weight list won both the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles and the Steeplechase.

As I expected, St. Kilda and Crazy Kate have been scratched for their Christchurch National engagements.

At the drawing of "Stars" last Brisbane consultation Mr A. L. Smith, dentist, of Hobson Street, was present, and acted as a scrutineer.

What price the Auckland Winter jumping double for the Christchurch National Meeting, Bombardier and Melinite? They both stand a big chance, and must be included in the best three for the two races.

A further advertisement for Trenton. The Trenton—Gondola horse Trentola is credited with winning a six furlong race at Bay District, America, in the fine time of 1.14 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and that was on a heavy track.

The pure-bred Clydesdale Stallion Laird O' Largo is in the market. He is by Glengary out of Lochlevin, who was by Lothian Lad. Mr Caulton, of the Central Hotel, will supply particulars.

Morag's connections have backed him for the Christchurch Grand National double. This being so, his injured leg must be showing great improvement. His chance in the hurdles, however, cannot be a very bright one.

Kempensfeldt, who was recently passed in at a blood stock sale at Hastings for 65gns, has, I hear, changed hands at that figure. His new owner, Mr G. Willan, of Redcliffe, will use him for stud purposes.

St. George was sold last year for £150. Yet he heads the list of winning sires for the past season with only nine or ten horses to represent him! "Give a dog a bad name and" &c. That was the case with St. George.

The telegram received in Victoria respecting the decision re Sir Robert Stout's Gaming Bill has led Victorians to the belief that the reduction of totalisator permits to 75 days in the year has really been passed, and that it dates from the present. This is of course wrong.

Speaking in the Victorian Parliament Mr Murray, the mover of the Bill for legalising the totalisator, remarked, "If the totalisator were established it would put an end to one ailment, which defied the skill of the best veterinary surgeons, and was known to the initiated as 'metallic fever.'"

Writing re the New Zealand Parliamentary attack on the totalisator, "Terlinga," of the *Australasian*, has the following:—"While men like Mr Stead, who can speak of racing from a practical point of view and are not frightened to buy horses good enough to win in first-class company, are to be found championing its cause, the totalisator will continue to assist the cause of racing in New Zealand."

When the Totalisator Bill was before the Victorian Parliament Mr Frank Madden, who is a member of the V.R.C., was vigorous in his opposition to the measure. Parliament took his attack as an indication that the V.R.C. are opposed to the machine. This may have been incorrect, and was so, I think, for when they were last consulted re the totalisator the members of the V.R.C. were in favour of it.

The imported thoroughbred horse Kalo is advertised elsewhere for sale. Kalo, who was bred by Mr J. Lee, of N.S.W., was got by the king of sires, Yattendon, out of Gipsy Girl, by Kingstone out of Black Bess, by Little John. We all know what Yattendon is and what he has got, so Kalo requires no further recommendation. Particulars respecting him can be obtained from Mr S. C. Caulton. Kalo is in the pink of condition, having been stable fed ever since he has been in Gisborne.

One of the legislative opponents to the introduction of the totalisator into Victoria stated in parliament that "good horses were bought in New Zealand and South Australia to run in Victoria, while cast-off horses were purchased here (Victoria) to run in those colonies where the totalisator was in vogue on the ground that anything was good enough to race under the totalisator!" Which statement speaks volumes for the stupendous ignorance of the gentleman quoted.

"Woomera," of the *Australasian*, writes:—"The annual examination of bookmakers was in progress—not for the degree of B.A. you will understand, for there is nothing of the B.A. about the Ring—but merely the answering of a few questions put by the V.R.C. as to the health of their bank balances. 'What's your bank balance?' asked the chairman of one candidate. 'Ain't got none,' he said; 'not me. I don't trust no bank with my stuff.' 'Have you anyone who will be guarantee?' 'Not as I knows of,' was the reply; 'I know I wouldn't go guarantee not for no man.' 'What assurance can you give us, then,' asked a member, 'as to your ability to pay if you lose?' 'I'll show you some o' my ability, gents,' he said, as with his knife he ripped up the seams of his clothes and dragged out some £50 notes. The committee were satisfied, and as the candidate left with his degree he said, 'You should see 'em [pickpockets, I presume] a trying to go through me at race meetin's, an' me just holdin' on to me ticker an' smilin'. Why, the other day one of 'em 'eld up me arms, while his mate went through me pockets.'"

Ronda is "Terlinga's" fancy for the Melbourne Cup.

The Musket horse Retrenchment is advertised for sale in another column. Retrenchment was out of Hatred.

Jack Chaaffe will train Forme and Forma in the absence of George Wright. He has a scorer in the latter.

Au Revoir, Lottie, and Impulse have been supported this week for the New Zealand Cup at 100 to 7, 100 to 5, and 100 to 2.

Impulse will, I believe, be trained for his engagements by Cutts. He was backed this week to win the New Zealand Cup at 100 to 2.

Nilreb, the Southern trotter, has changed hands, Mr A. G. Holmes having sold him to J. McKewan, of Dunedin.

Kai Iwi Lady will be spelled until Christmas time, when she will be taken in hand for the Autumn.

To punters wanting to back a Caulfield and Melbourne Cup double my advice is Steadfast and Havoc, or Steadfast and Ronda.

Macmanemin is putting rare polish on the Tasman—Rubina and Tasman—Hazel youngsters he has in his stable. The former is a colt and the latter a filly.

From what I have seen on the Ellerslie track, the Hotchkiss—Formo rising two-year-old Forma is a terribly fast filly. She will race early, and should be on level terms with the best two-year-old of the coming season.

Orestes, by Nordenfeldt—Clytemnestra (a Blair Athol mare) is running loose in one of Williamson's paddocks. If he were put in training this horse would get the Blair Athol blaze on his face into the home turn before a good many of them.

The stallion, Flinders, by Tasman—Waterwitch, and, consequently, a half-brother to Natarator, has changed hands for £100. His new owner is Mr Keiller, of Rangitikei.

Tim Swiveller's withdrawal from the V.R.C. Grand National meeting was not due to the horse showing anything faulty. His owner is keeping him for something else—Caulfield Cup, I suppose.

The Marton Jockey Club have framed their programme for the Spring Meeting. The races will be on November 9th, and the two principal events will be the York Farm Handicap of 75 sovs, and the Flying Handicap of 50 sovs. Nominations are due on October 20th.

Skirmisher's owner, Mr J. B. Reid, returned to the South last week. During his stay here he visited Wellington Park, and was greatly impressed with the young stock Mr Morrin will have to offer at his next sale.

It is very unlikely that Fishmonger will journey to Christchurch. The little horse has a rooted aversion to sod banks, and the fact that he would have eight jumps of that kind to negotiate at Christchurch will unfavorably influence his chance of going South.

J. B. Williamson has a grand-looking colt by Howitzer—Pastime. The colt, who has been christened Aughadowery, should turn out a beauty. By the way, if "J.B." goes in for such nomenclature as Aughadowery he will be able to rank with the man who recently christened his horse The Bloke that Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo.

The following are Mr E. F. Yuile's quotations for the New Zealand Cup:—100 to 9 Au Revoir, 100 to 8 Skirmisher, 100 to 7 Hippomenes, 100 to 6 Prime Warden, 100 to 5 Merganser, Saracen, Vogegang, Beadonwell, Ich Dien, Pinrose, Goosander and Pompom; 100 to 4 Liberator, Lottie, Rosefeldt, Clanranald, Rangipuhi, Lady Zetland, Magazine, Artillerie, Grenadier, Casket, Golden Fleece and Needlelegun; 100 to 3 Impulse, Royal Rose, Rangiata, Three Star, Outpost, Westmere, Purepo, Marino, Loveshot, Salvo, Colbeck and Mahaki; 100 to 2 to 1 the others. Melbourne and New Zealand Cup double: From 1000 to 1 to 7.

Victorian Judge Molesworth is against the totalisator, and his principal argument against it is the setting up of a nice, respectable machine which tempts women and children. Which draws from the *Bulletin* the following:—"As for children on the course the totalisator can easily set Judge Molesworth's fears at rest by refusing to serve them under the Act, just as respectable pub-keepers refuse to supply them with drinks at the bar. Seeing then that a bookmaker can never bring himself to decline anybody's contribution to his bloated bag, Judge Molesworth has unwittingly struck another reason for recommending the more moral tote. In the name of lovely women and her innocent child the *Bulletin* calls for the dis-establishment of Ikey Mo!"

Writing of the death of Lone Hand "Terlinga" has the following in the *Australasian*:—"Whether the roguish old grey was the best 'chaser ever seen in Australia is a moot point. There is no doubt his superior had not been seen prior to his going to New Zealand, and I fancy Mr Loughlin and Corrigan would both give the grey the preference over any of the cracks which passed through their hands. 'He very seldom lost a race when we backed him,' I have heard the former say; 'but,' he added, 'it was never safe to back him in heavy going. He didn't like it.' Corrigan was the only man who could ride Lone Hand. He was a very determined baulker at times, and at one time ran down his fences badly. But when he was well, and the ground to his liking, 13.6 was not enough to stop him over Flemington. He was a tremendous horse when you got astride of him, and had a great turn of speed."

A sensible paragraph from the *New Zealand Mail*:—"The abolition of gambling is a dream which will never be realised. So we hope is the abolition of the totalisator. It is undoubtedly illogical to permit the machine while putting down other kinds of gambling. But the illogical part of the Gaming and Lotteries Act is its strength. Had it aimed at complete abolition of every kind of gambling the Act would have been weak of the order of weakness which grasping at too much catches nothing. By legalising the totalisator the Act struck a blow at the bookmakers, and thus greatly reduced gambling. The abolition of the instrument would reverse that policy, and gambling would increase enormously with increased evil effects. Sir Robert Stout's Bill, on the other hand, is aimed at further reducing gambling by lessening the use of the totalisator. The instrument, it is universally admitted, is now used too freely, to the encouragement of race meetings which are simply occasions for gambling, not for sport. The passing of Sir Robert's measure will reduce gambling by pruning those excrescences from the lawful plant of sport."



ANNUAL MEETINGS.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

THE following is the report of the Committee of the Wanganui Jockey Club, to be presented at the annual general meeting, which will be held in the Rutland Hotel, Wanganui, on Friday, 27th July, 1894, at 8 p.m.:

Your committee have again the pleasure of presenting to the W.J.C. the statement of accounts for the year ending June 30, 1894. Members will notice that the total receipts amount to £4,796 16s 1d, as against £5,005 0s 3d for the year previous; this is occasioned mainly by the totalisator tax being paid out of the commission and not collected from the public as formerly. The expenditure has been kept within reasonable limits. The total results leaving a credit of £192 16s 10d for the year. We have increased our invested funds from £750 to £1,000. £64 13s 9d of the Improvement Account was for boring an artesian well, which effort, however, was unsuccessful. The course and tracks are in capital order and all buildings are in an efficient state of repair. Mr Chavannes having kindly undertaken the duties of starter, made vacant by the lamented death of Mr S. Powell (a loss that has been severely felt by nearly all the clubs in New Zealand), the committee in thanking him for his services congratulate him on the success he achieved. Your committee cannot close their report without drawing the club's attention to the gratuitous services rendered by Dr. Tripe and his Ambulance Corps—their motto being, "Always Ready." The following gentlemen, Dr. Earle, Messrs. A. J. Parsons, A. Higgin and H. N. Harrison, retire from the committee in accordance with the rules of the club and are eligible for re-election. The annual meeting will be held at the Rutland Hotel on Friday, 27th July, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of electing committeemen and an auditor.

R. C. EARLE, Chairman.

The following is the Balance-sheet:—

RECEIPTS.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditure. Receipts include Privileges, Sales of Booths, Totalisator, and Members' Subscription. Expenditure includes Stakes Account, Advertising, and Salaries.

EXPENDITURE.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditure. Receipts include Privileges, Sales of Booths, Totalisator, and Members' Subscription. Expenditure includes Stakes Account, Advertising, and Salaries.

BALANCE-SHEET, JUNE 30, 1894.

Table showing Balance Sheet for June 30, 1894, with columns for Invested Funds, Amonnts due to Club, Balance at Colonial Bank, and Cash in hand.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Table showing Profit and Loss Account for 1894, with columns for Balance to Profit and Loss Account and Balance as per Statement.

FREEMAN R. JACKSON, Secretary.

Wanganui, June 30th, 1894.

Australian Racing.

THE V.R.C. Grand National Meeting was brought to a conclusion at Flemington on the 14th inst. The principal event resulted as follows:—

THE V.R.C. GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 750 SOVS. The owner of the second horse to receive 150 sovs and the owner of the third 75 sovs. About three miles.

Messrs Gibson Brothers' br g Daimio, 6yrs, by Swiveller—Butterfly, 9.3, M. Burke .. 1 Mr T. J. Dean's b g Cerberus, aged, 9.8, Dean .. 2 Mr E. Key's ch g Reckless, 6yrs, 9.6, Underwood .. 3

Also ran: Mikado II. 13.1, Busaco 12.11, Trojan 12.7, The Actress 12.6, Tayworth 11.13, Sir Wilfred 11.11, Corangamite 11.10, Frantic 11.3, Dondi 11.2, Banda 11.1, Foxhall 10.9, Mutiny 10.9, Spanker 10.6, Glenview 10.3, Blyth 10.2, Expectation 10.2, Medicine 10.0, Baritone 9.0.

Corangamite was favourite at 3 to 1 against, and the winner, Daimio, went out at the nice price of 14 to 1. In company with Dondi the winner led for the first round, and Corangamite, the favorite, was early put out of the race by falling in front of the grandstand. Daimio never lost the lead and won easily by ten lengths. The New Zealander, Mutiny, finished fifth. The time was sound, being 7.0 1/2. Last year Trojan won in 7.4 1/2. Redleap's time, 6.45 1/2, still stands as the record.

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:—

- 219. S.McM.—Patroness—Aldershot—Nightingale
220. F.T.—Marvel—Dreamland—Carnage
221. F.T.—Marvel—Skirmisher—Carnage
222. P.A.—Gairdard—Monte Carlo—Light Artillery
223. S.L.—All There—Skirmisher—Three Star
224. H.B.—Steadfast—Impulse—Loyalty
225. W.L.—Sainfoin—Au Revoir—St. Albans II
226. W.L.—Jeweller—Grenadier—Portsea
227. R.H.—Lord Randolph—Monte Carlo—Ronda
228. W.S.D.—Steadfast—Skirmisher—Carnage
229. W.S.D.—Verax—Vogengang—Gallant
230. W.S.D.—Steadfast—Au Revoir—Carnage
231. W.S.D.—Steadfast—Liberator—Carnage
232. W.S.D.—Steadfast—Au Revoir—Dreamland
233. W.S.D.—Steadfast—Liberator—Dreamland
234. D.W.—Ascot Vale—Rangipuhi—Loyalty
235. D.W.—Fortunatus—Skirmisher—Loyalty
236. H.T.—Loyalty—Skirmisher—Carnage
237. G.T.Q.—Capstan—Merganser—Dreamland
238. G.T.Q.—Steadfast—Beadonwell—Ronda
239. F.M.M.—Steadfast—Skirmisher—Loyalty
240. R.H.—Steadfast—Dreamland—Sternchaser
241. W.H.—Steadfast—Pom Pom—Sailor Prince
242. J.F.—Paris—Skirmisher—Sternchaser
243. J.F.—Lord Randolph—Skirmisher—Carnage
244. W.W.—Tim Swiveller—Liberator—Loyalty
245. E.F.—Donizetti—Pegasus—Bonnie Scotland
246. W.L.A.—Launceston—Beadonwell—St. Albans II
247. M.C.—Elswick—Needlegun—Idolator
248. G.S.—Little Be nie—Merganser—Loyalty
249. C.A.—Dreamland—Goosander—Idolator (informal)
250. C.A.—Dreamland—Au Revoir—Hova
251. W.H.—Loyalty—Skirmisher—Delaware (informal)
252. W.H.—Idolator—Skirmisher—Delaware
253. H.W.H.—Steadfast—Rangipuhi—Loyalty
254. J.H.—Havoc—Au Revoir—Loyalty
255. M.G.G.—JF—Hippomenes—Loyalty (informal)
256. J.G.G.—Tim Swiveller—Mahaki—Cremorne
257. J.G.G.—Steadfast—Pegasus—Loyalty
258. R.A.S.—Steadfast—Au Revoir—Carnage
259. R.G.P.—Tullamore—Lake Shell—Bonnie Scotland
260. R.G.P.—Tullamore—Lake Shell—Bonnie Scotland
261. W.J.H.—Sternchaser—Outpost—Bonnie Scotland
262. J.L.—Steadfast—Grenadier—Havoc
263. J.L.—Steadfast—Casket—Havoc
264. L.U.—Tim Swiveller—Loffe—Sternchaser
265. C.B.—Steadfast—Impulse—Ronda
266. L.J.—Lord Randolph—Casket—Havoc
267. W.T.—Ronda—Casket—Cobbity
268. E.P.—Donizetti—Royal Rose—Dreamland (informal)

- 269. E.P.—Donizetti—Pinrose—Dreamland
270. C.B.—Donizetti—Au Revoir—Dreamland
271. T.A.B.—Pilot Boy—Prize Warden—Jeweller
272. J.P.—Cremorne—Grenadier—Bonnie Scotland
273. C.C.—Tim Swiveller—Lottie—Port Admiral
274. C.C.—Little Bernie—Skirmisher—Ronda
275. R.H.—Patron—Lottie—Light Artillery
276. J.C.M.—Loyalty—Lottie—Three Star
277. S.G.—Donation—Rosefeldt—Tim Swiveller
278. J.C.—Mostyn—Au Revoir—Carnage
279. R.N.M.—Cressy—Rosefeldt—Tarcoola
280. H.S.M.—Little Bernie—Skirmisher—Jeweller
281. D.W.—Steadfast—Skirmisher—Carnage
282. A.G.—Steadfast—Rosefeldt—Carnage
283. A.G.—Mostyn—Skirmisher—Carnage
284. G.T.C.—Mostyn—Skirmisher—Nobleman
285. G.T.C.—Paris—Skirmisher—Moortie
286. C.M.—Ascot Vale—Au Revoir—Three Star
287. J.M.—The Possible—Skirmisher—Carnage
288. W.L.A.—Cremorne—Prime Warden—Portsea
289. W.L.A.—Pilot Boy—Au Revoir—Jeweller
290. W.L.A.—Marvel—Liberator—Paris
291. W.L.A.—Jeweller—Clanranald—Port Admiral
292. W.L.A.—Oxide—Skirmisher—Pilot Boy
293. W.L.A.—War Dance—Saracen—Patron
294. W.L.A.—Moscow—Rangipuhi—Carnage
295. W.L.A.—Havoc—Vogengang—Brockleigh
296. W.L.A.—Captain Webb—Beadonwell—Cremorne
297. W.L.A.—Response—Lady Zetland—Malvolio
298. W.L.A.—Verax—Lottie—Loyalty
299. W.L.A.—straightfire—Ich Dien—Culloden
300. R.W.—Fortunatus—Skirmisher—Carnage
301. R.W.—Launceston—Pegasus—Sternchaser
302. J.D.—Loyalty—Au Revoir—Bonnie Scotland
303. R.C.H.—Elswick—Au Revoir—Dreamland (informal)
304. R.C.H.—Elswick—Pegasus—Loyalty (informal)
305. J.N.A.—Launceston—Skirmisher—Aquarius (informal)
306. G.H.—Tarcoola—Golden Fleeces—Donizetti
307. G.H.—The Captain—Casket—Cobbity
308. R.H.—Sternchaser—Au Revoir—Cremorne
309. H.M.—Tim Swiveller—Searchlight—Hova (informal)
310. H.M.—Pilot Boy—Three Star—Portsea
311. H.M.—Tim Swiveller—Skirmisher—Carnage
312. A.M.—Response—Au Revoir—Loyalty (informal)
313. A.M.—Steadfast—Au Revoir—Loyalty
314. W.F.M.—The Possible—Hippomenes—Hova
315. E.M.—Marvel—Skirmisher—Carnage
316. R.C.H.—Jonathan—Au Revoir—The Sailor Prince
317. W.T.—Launceston—Lakeshell—Loyalty
318. E.P.R.—Sternchaser—Skirmisher—Light Artillery
319. M.E.M.—Jeweller—Au Revoir—Loyalty (informal)
320. M.E.M.—Elswick—Casket—Carnage (informal)
321. K.A.M.—Elswick—Aldershot—Ronda
322. M.E.M.—Delaware—Goosander—Brockleigh
323. F.R.—Elswick—Skirmisher—Port Admiral
324. F.R.—Steadfast—Skirmisher—Portsea
325. E.A.J.—Jonathan—Skirmisher—Carnage
326. E.A.J.—Elswick—Pinrose—Carnage
327. E.A.J.—Elswick—Au Revoir—Carnage
328. E.A.J.—Loyalty—Au Revoir—Malvolio
329. R.A.S.—Brockleigh—Merganser—Portsea
330. R.A.S.—Lord Randolph—Skirmisher—Light Artillery
331. A.T.—Bessie Macarthy—Saracen—Bonnie Scotland
332. R.H.S.—Loyalty—Skirmisher—Light Artillery
333. R.H.S.—Loyalty—Rangipuhi—Light Artillery

Around the Stables.

J. B. WILLIAMSON'S ESTABLISHMENT.

[By BORDERER.]

BEING out at the Eilerslie course last Thursday and meeting with Mr J. B. Williamson, who was there supervising Ivy's work, I took advantage of his invitation to look through his stables. Mr Williamson's establishment bears no distinguishing name, but the Emerald tinge of his nomenclature might easily produce a suitable title. Such names as Killaloe, Ballyhooley, Shillelagh, Aughadowey (nice name to pronounce that, for the bookmakers), and Parnell smack strongly of the Emerald Isle, and a biblical tinge is given by the quartette of horses bearing the names Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel. But however peculiar the names, the horseflesh bearing them are good enough, and "J. B.," as his intimates call him, may forcibly demonstrate this during the coming season. The first occupant of the stable that is shown me is a colt by The Dauphin out of Fair Lilian, and I believe he is as yet unbroken. He strikes one as a niceish, lengthy strong colt, and although his breeding does not incline me towards him—for I am no lover of The Dauphin—I must admit he possesses a fairly businesslike appearance. The next I am shown is a colt by St. Leger—Orina, by Captivator—Rangi, and a fine-looking promising horse he is. Blackfriar looks comfortable enough in his box, and it does not require two glances at his shoulder to tell he has St. Leger blood. He is by Doncaster's great son out of Blackbird. This is a nice cut of a horse, with good, well formed strong legs and a decidedly jumping look about him. And whatever jumping ability he may possess is bound to receive due development in this stable. In the next box I find Marechal Neil, and when stripped he looks a perfect wreck. The roughened, jagged condition of his coat betrays cold, and my host tells me the horse always appears to be half frozen. Why this should be so, goodness knows, for his box is a warm, comfortable one, and a double allowance of covering is allowed the Marechal. There is evidently something wrong with the horse, but he is in clever hands, and may be expected to come out of his trouble all right. Ivy I know well, and she requires no introduction to the sporting world. She is doing all the work allotted her, and all going well may spring a surprise or two on us during the spring. She is a bit of a clinker on the training track, but as a rule fails to run up to expectation on the race track. A sister to Lord Dunluce is another occupant of the stable. She was only taken in hand on the first of the month, and promises to be a very decent mare. Although a bit backward, she shows signs of improving, and taken all round is a well-built one. We know what her sire, St. Leger, is, and although the dam, Lady Antrim, was never raced, she comes of a great running family, being half-sister to Mitrailleuse, Revolver, Coral, Ricochet, Lady Alice, Braemar and Cambria. The next one shown me is a clinker without a doubt. This is a splendidly formed colt, by Howitzer out of Pastime, upon whom has been bestowed the name of Aughadowery. He is a two year-old, and shows great gaskin and second thigh for his age. Here is another that may see the jumping line, and whatever may be his future I'm certain that pace and stamina will not be wanting in him. Whichever way you look at him, he impresses you most favourably, and when the race track sees him I will certainly bear him in mind. The Taranaki Hack Derby will be his commencing point. Derry looks in perfect health, and is wintering in very comfortable fashion, and in a box further on I find a half-brother to Eve, who bears the appropriate name of Adam. He is by Castor out of The Jilt, and he has his sire's back to a nicety. He is, rising three, and is very even in conformation. He is a very handsome colt, and I am inclined to predict that Williamson will get many a good gallop out of him. The next box is tenanted by Abel, a rising three-year-old by Hotchkiss out of Aida, and consequently a half-brother to Impulse. This fellow has a fine back, looks sound and strong in the limbs, and barring the head is a taking looking colt. In the headpiece, he has the brand of his dam's sire, Leolinus, in the shape of a pair of most uncompromising lop ears. But they don't gallop on their ears, so this should not be any bar to one liking his looks.

The inmate of the next box proves to be the chestnut colt by Judge Beldin out of Lady Byron, the Childe Harold mare, which Mr Williamson purchased at the sale of Mr Hordern's trotters some time back. The appropriate name of Judge Byron has been bestowed upon him, and I understand that he is to be put to stud work. He is a splendidly evenly built horse, and on breeding he should have pace, seeing that his sire has a record of 2min 31sec, and that his dam cut out a trial three miles in 7min 32sec. He was reckoned the pick of the basket presented by Mr Hordern, and on his blood lines he is fit to mate with any mare. His dam, Lady Byron, was one of the fastest and best-tempered trotters on the Australian side, and her three mile trial in 7.32sec is a well authenticated one, and shows that she has great stamina as well as pace. His sire, Judge Belden, came from a horse that sired the great Alfred S., the champion roadster of New York. The colt's appearance does justice to his aristocratic breeding, and his owner should experience no difficulty in getting a large number of owners of mares to put their animals to him. Lord Dunluce looks very forward, and is in tip top condition. He is handsome, and at the same time gives you the impression that beneath his pleasing exterior there is a tower of strength. This colt should have a most promising future. Gay Deceiver is an old acquaintance, and he is fine looking animal to look at, but like his name he is a very gay deceiver. We now reach the end stall, and "J.B." remarks, "Now you know the lines commencing:—The pick of the basket, the stall at the top," and consequently I look forward to something good. But he's an inveterate wag and when the door opens my vision of a hummer resolves itself into a big placid draught entire who apparently wonders as he blinks his eyes at us why the honours of a visit should be paid to him. After looking at an Ingomar—Zip, and a pony by a son of The Dauphin called Traducer (Sacrilege!), we look at Killaloe, Parnell, and Salute, who are all turned out and rugged in one of the home paddocks. Ballyhooley, the half-brother to Mangere, comes in for some attention, and I learn from my host that he is a capable jumper. In Despised's old box I see a chestnut yearling gelding by St. Leger out of the Anteros mare Jessie. This youngster appears to be rather backward. In a paddock close by the house I meet Eve and old Shillelagh, and the mare is putting on fat in a way that is eloquent of want of work. Out in one of the outlying paddocks I am shown something like a racehorse. This is Orestes. He is a beautifully bred horse, being by Nordenfeldt out of Clytemnestra, who was by Blair Athol out of a daughter of Irish Birdcatcher and Mickleton Maid, by Maid of Lorne by Whisker. Orestes' dam Clytemnestra was a very unfortunate mare, and was never given a chance of being represented by her stock. In 1872 she foaled a bay filly in England by Findon, who was sent to Spain, and consequently the youngster's subsequent career is unknown. The chestnut colt she foaled to Victorious in 1874 was killed by a kick, and the bay filly Moira, which resulted from her mating with Scottish Chief in 1879 was sent to Belgium. In 1880 she had no return, and in the following year she missed to Scottish Chief. That brings us to 1882 when she had her first New Zealand foaling, a bay filly by Musket, which, however, had its career cut short by the strangles. In 1883, 1884, and 1885 she missed to several horses, and in 1886 she threw a bay filly to the serving of Musket or Ingomar, which afterwards bore the name of Iphigenia. This filly was as fast as the wind, but once again the mare's bad luck stuck to her, for Iphigenia was such a mad headed brute that she could not be trained. She'd pretty well come off the paddock and run six furlongs in about "sixteen," but her temper prevented her being trained. In the year following Iphigenia's foaling, Clytemnestra missed, and in the year after, 1888, she produced Orestes, the colt I started to write about, and I'll guarantee that if he were taken in hand he would be a great horse. In appearance he resembles to a certain extent his dam's sire, Blair Athol, for he has the regular Blair Athol blaze down the face. Although doing nothing but running about in his paddock, in which he remains all night, Orestes, when stripped, looks half in training so finely do his muscles stand out. That he is a fast horse his gallops around the paddock convinced me, and on breeding he should surely have pace. His dam was a fast mare before she met with the accident

which necessitated her going to the stud, and her daughter, Moira, was a fast filly. As for Clytemnestra's sire, Blair Athol, everyone knows of his Derby and St. Leger win of 1864, and that he sired Prince Charlie, winner of the Two Thousand Guineas; Scottish Queen and Cecilia, both winners of the One Thousand Guineas; Silvio, of Derby and St. Leger fame, and many other great horses. When Blair Athol was sold in 1872 the figure of 12,500 guineas was paid for him. Orestes' breeding is good enough for anyone, and as I look at him the thought passes through my mind what a pity it is to see such a fine looking horse doing absolutely nothing. I may say that at one time of his life rheumatism nearly carried Orestes off, the illness being so bad that he had to be lifted off the ground. The way he gallops around his paddock at the present time shows, however, that there is no trace left of his old ailment, and as I said before it is a thousand pities that such a fine looking horse should be kept idle.

FRANK MACMANEMIN'S STABLE.

EARLIER in the day I look through the training establishment of Frank Macmanemin, the trainer and lucky owner of St. Clements. His stable is at present a small but very select one, and if ability and straight dealing will push a man along, Macmanemin's string should grow year by year. He musters two nice two-year-olds in his stable, a Tasman—Rubina colt and a Tasman—Hazel filly, in addition to which there is that champion sprinter St. Clements; that sterling old steeplechaser Fishmonger; St. Patrick, a horse that will worthily represent St. Leger; Belmont, and the pony Lady Marion. I am first introduced to the two-year-olds, and their condition reflect the highest credit on their trainer. The first animal shown me is the brown colt by Tasman from Rubina, which Mr Kidd purchased at the last Wellington Park sale. I think Mr Kidd did a wise thing when he purchased this full brother to Florrie. The youngster, who is so far unnamed, has a rather small headpiece, which has an appearance that warrants him as a kindly tempered colt. Although young, he already has plenty of racing points, is just the correct size for a two-year-old, and if appearances go for anything, he could certainly come early. He is perhaps a bit small in the girth, but I have seen many horses smaller than him, and taking him all round he fills the eye most favourably. All Rubina's progeny have shown marked galloping abilities, and this youngster should be no exception to the rule. Florrie's record is something to point to, and Launceston is no bad one, and respecting Rubina herself take her two-year old performance when she won the Midsummer Stakes at Ellerslie, beating the great Nelson and the flying Mitrailleur, and the Nursery Handicap at the same meeting, in which she carried 8.10, gave 1lb to Nelson and 10lb to Mitrailleur, 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. She was as game a mare as we ever had on the New Zealand track, and the sort of stock she is throwing augurs well for her chance of becoming one of the gems of the stud book. The Tasman—Hazel filly, which my host obtained at last year's Wellington Park sale for 73 guineas, is also here. This youngster is developing a great gaskin and second thigh, and looks more like a horse that has been raced than a beginner. She is as pretty as a picture, and although small is a remarkably business-like looking parcel. She carries herself capably, and shows good budding muscular development. We know what a great performer her sire, Tasman, was, and how out of his 61 starts he won 31 races, ran second on 14 occasions, finished third five times, and was unplaced eleven times. Hazel during her turf career was an exceptionally fast mare. She won the D.J.C. Maiden Plate, one mile and a quarter, in 2min 18min, beating a field of six when she was a three-year-old; won the Consolation Handicap at Christchurch in the summer, and won the Great Autumn Handicap in the fine time of 2min 37sec, and so broke the New Zealand record. In that race she beat Zealand (the Otago Cup and Forbury Handicap winner); Freedom (the Dunedin and Otago Cup victor); Blizzard, Palliser and Moraine, &c. Not bad ones those! The filly my host has in hand shows us nice galloping power latter in the day when she, in company with the

Tasman—Rubina colt, are taken down to Ellerslie and given good steady work. St. Clements is shown me in his box, and he looks in the best of fettle. He's a great horse over his own distance, and I can't help wondering over the remarks I have recently heard about people being willing to back St. Kilda to beat him over five furlongs. If such a match were arranged I know where my support would go. Old Fishmonger occupies an adjacent box, and he appears to be doing famously. He is not being worked with a view to Christchurch, and I think it very unlikely that he will undertake the journey. The fact is Fishmonger is averse to sod banks, and the fact that he would have to negotiate sod banks eight different times at Christchurch will unfavourably affect his chance of going for Southern Grand National honours. It was a sod bank that threw him out of our Great Northern. It will be remembered that he blundered and pretty well went through the sod wall before the double, and when he galloped up to the last-named obstacle he was labouring in the forelegs in a manner that told those acquainted with the horse that his show was over. If that wall had not gruelled him, as was the case, he would probably have got over the hill jump, and then Bombardier would have had to fight hard for a win. Fishmonger stripped for that race in the best of condition, and the opinion is general amongst the Ellerslie people that no horse ever did a better preparation than the Izaack Walton gelding did for our last Great Northern. St. Patrick is in the next box to Fishmonger, and I regard this animal with a friendly eye, for I had the double pleasure of forecasting and bucking his opening wins. He's a good cut of a horse, and if treated fairly in the handicapping line he will put many more wins to his credit. One thing is clear, and that is that it will be grossly unfair to handicap him on his fluke victory over St. Kilda in the Winter Welter. It was the big start and nothing else that gained him that race. The last animal I look at is Lady Marion, and she is wintering well. She looks in blooming health, and although not a bad racer I very much doubt whether she will ever be able to stay.

Weights, etc.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING. WEIGHTS. THE NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLCHASE of 500 SOVS, about 3 miles.—Norton 12.8, Liberator 12.3, Waterbury 11.3, Despised 11.3, Clarence 10.13, Bombardier 10.11, Tiritea 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, Anakia 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, Kulnina 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, Barnard 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, Straysho 9.0, Dromedary 9.0, Splitlink 9.0. \* Scratched.

THE METROPOLITAN STAKES. NOMINATIONS. THE METROPOLITAN STAKES, a handicap sweepstake of 20 SOVS each, h. ft., or 5 SOVS if declared by 4 p.m. on August 20, with 1000 SOVS added. One mile and a half.—Jeweller, Lady Trenton, Marvel, Mahee, Ruenalf, Eureka, Orry, Gerard, Grenadier, Projectile, Delaware, Donation, The Trier, Uabba, Florrie, Caprice, Nobleman, Launceston, Volney, Bendigo, Emerystone, Cremorne, Brockleigh, Loyalty, Perseus, Nightingale, Pharamond, Patroness, Chandbeebie, Chesterman, Clinker, Oxide, Royal Oak, Hiram, Narara, Seaman, Glenullin, Pilot Boy, Memah, Bliss, Chatham, Paris, Bungebah, Little Bernie, Honour Bright, Eoleus, Buccleugh, Gil Blas, Peter, Escapade, Babel, Albecore, Wyvern, Honourable, Atlas, Miletos, First Shot, Solanum, Division, The Captain, Climax, Bessie Macarthy, The Possible, Issac, Tellus.

NEW ZEALAND CUP. WEIGHTS. Merganser 8.5, Captive 7.4, Bugler 6.11, Prime Warden 8. Three Star 7.4, Needlegun 6.11, Au Revoir 8. Outpost 7.4, Marino 6.11, Liberator 8.4, Lakeshell 7.4, Love Shot 6.11, Hippomenes 8. Magazine 7.4, Colbeck 6.11, Rosefeldt 8.3, Arilleur 7.4, Lieutenant 6.11, Clarendon 8.3, Mahaki 7.4, Salvo 6.11, Skirmisher 8.3, Casket 7.4, Britain 6.11, Saraca 8.2, Searchlight 7.4, Dumlop 6.10, Rangipuhi 8.0, Westmere 7.4, Rancour 6.9, Pegasus 7.13, Banner 7.4, Nixie 6.8, Vogengang 7.13, Pompon 7.4, Bu. Brummel 6.9, Lady Zetland 7.13, Europe 7.4, Bu. Brummel 6.9, Beadonwell 7.11, Aldershot 7.4, Ducksfield 6.9, Impulse 7.9, Reflector 7.4, brg by Torpedo 6.9, Lotie 7.8, Golden Fleecel 12.—Kopeki 6.8, Ioh Dien 7.8, Spindrift 6.12, Planet 6.8, Royal Rose 7.7, Sphenator 6.12, Rainbow 6.8, Monte Carlo 7.7, Hybrid 6.12, Soleno 6.7, Dreamland 7.7, Leontine 6.12, King Wai 6.7, Pinrose 7.6, Goosander 6.12, Teredina 6.7, Dilemma 7.7, Grenadier 6.12, Vesta 6.7, Rangiatea 7.7, Princess May 6.12, Iliad 6.7, Scot Free 7.7, Barmby 6.11

CAULFIELD CUP. Table with columns: st lb, WEIGHTS, st lb, st lb. Lists names of horses and their weights for various races.

MELBOURNE CUP. Table with columns: st lb, WEIGHTS, st lb, st lb. Lists names of horses and their weights for various races.

The Dunedin delegate to the Racing Conference—the Hon. G. McLean—will only have one subject to introduce. His motion will be in the direction of amplifying the machinery of the rules in regard to disputes on points of racing by invoking the aid of the English rules should any case arise which is not provided for by the colonial code. Commenting upon Mr McLean's motion, "Mazeppa" writes:—"There used to be such a provision in the D.J.C.'s own rules, compiled by Mr Sydney James so far back as 1875, and the notion now is to transport the then existing provision bodily into the new book. I should imagine that no opposition will be made to such a proposal. Our racing legislators will hardly consider it a reflection on their dignity to take guidance from Newmarket when no other direction can be discovered, and though their friends in the big talking shop at Wellington might probably scout the idea of giving a thought to a provision dating from 20 years ago, the delegates may possibly see their way to give the old principle some consideration."

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The July Meeting of the Auckland Coursing Club was concluded at the Avondale Plumpton, on Saturday last. As far as atmospheric conditions went the meeting was well favoured, the cool day and absence of sun being all in favour of strong work by the hares; but the attendance of the general public was miserably poor. It was unfortunate that the meeting was held on a mail day, and if the committee had not commenced operations until one o'clock, and given something in the way of train accommodation, many people would have been tempted to journey out to Avondale. The arrangements for the meeting were satisfactory, but in the matter of judging the spectators apparently thought there was reason for complaint, judging by the remarks heard in the paddock after the termination of two courses.

Proceedings commenced with the third round of the Ladies' Bracelet, and in the opening course Rubina easily beat Herlish. A strong hare was slipped for the meeting of Cushla and Snowdonia II., and the onlookers were treated to a long and evenly contested course. Cushla did the leading, and was generally prominent in the working, although Snowdonia was never far out of it. A quick piece of work was given by Cushla at the finish, and the verdict went in her favour. A bye by Miss Wyatt concluded the round, and the interval which elapsed before the running of the second round of the Avondale Cup was filled by a private match between Doris and Punch, which resulted in an easy win for the former. Shylock and Stormfiend were the first to enter the slips for the second round of the Cup, and Mr Russell's Stormfiend was made favourite. The course was a long and interesting one, both dogs doing very even work. The judge gave his decision in favour of Shylock, who was certainly very prominent just before the finish of the course. In the meeting between Kotero and Rockbail, Kotero was of course favourite and a good run resulted. Rockbail led, but Kotero quickly got in, and after a good deal of even working, Mr Blaikie's bitch established a good lead and won. The Rambler then met Major and the former was favourite. The Rambler led up, but a quick turn gave Major a chance to get in, which he quickly availed himself of. The working and turning of Rambler was too good for his opponent and he eventually won rather easily. Doris met Rover in the first round of the Mount Albert Stakes, and never gave him a show. She led, did all the work, and killed. The next course saw Major meet Snowdrop, and the latter was most fancied. The favourite led, but at the first turn Major got in and put in very fair work. Snowdrop kept the points even by consistent working, and when the hare made good his escape the judge had to lift his hat in token of an undecided course. Rock then met and easily defeated Rebel, and The Imp went out a favourite to meet Punch. Mr Foley's bitch amply justified the confidence reposed in her, for she led all the way and won as she liked. The undecided course, Major v. Snowdrop, was then run off. Major led, and a turn let Snowdrop in, but the working of Major was too good, and he gained the verdict fairly easily. Shylock and Kotero then met for the third round of the Cup, and Shylock was a bit better in the betting. Shylock led, but Kotero quickly got in and won on the working. Rambler had the bye, and when he met Kotero in the final the latter was made favourite. The decision of this course went to The Rambler, and it was easily seen many of the spectators disagreed with it. Major beat Doris in the second round of the Mount Albert Stakes, and The Imp easily putting Rock down, the final was left to Major and The Imp, and the latter had not much difficulty in winning the stakes. Mr Foley's pair, Miss Wyatt and Cushla, were left in the final of the Ladies' Bracelet, so a divide had to be declared. The opening course for the Manukau Stakes saw Snowdonia II. and Hilda meet, and the former did all the leading and won. In the course, Pat v. Maori, Pat led, and Maori turning too sharp gave Pat an easy win. Griffiths then met Okarita, and after leading, killed and won easily. Pat met Snowdonia II. in the second round, and after a course in which Snowdonia II. more than held her own, a win for Pat was signalled. Surprise was general, and the pencilers not being sure whether to pay on Pat the secretary walked down to the judge and brought back the decision "Pat won all the way." Griffiths had a bye, and when

meeting Pat won fairly comfortably. The results were as follows:—

**LADIES' BRACELET.** Sweep of £2; first dog £17, runner up £7, third dog £3, two dogs 30s each.

**THIRD ROUND.**

Miss S. Homan's (ns) w and f b Rubina, by Blue Cap—Ruby, beat Mrs J. W. Russell's (ns) w b Herlish, by White Rose—Louie  
Mrs M. Foley's (ns) bdl and wh d Cushla, by Pine Picture—Promise, beat Mrs H. Rose's (ns) blk and wh b Snowdonia II., Snowdon—Framella  
Mrs M. Foley's (ns) blk and wh b Miss Wyatt, by Brewer—Honey Bee, ran a bye  
Miss Wyatt beat Rubina, consequently Mrs Foley declared the stake ended and divided with Cushla and Miss Wyatt.

**AVONDALE CUP.** Sweep of £2 10s; first dog £13, runner up £6, third dog £3; silver cup presented by committee.

**SECOND ROUND.**

Mr C. C. Gordon's bdl d Shylock, by Padlock—Spruce, beat Mr J. W. Russell's bdl and w d Stormfiend, by Brewer—Stormy Night  
Mr R. Blaikie's blk and w d Kotero, by Blue Cap—Belinda, beat Mr J. Gillespie's blk and w d Rockbail, by Rocket—Miss Hannah  
Mr J. Appleby's fawn d The Rambler, by Jack the Rake—Bide-a-wee, beat Mr R. Blaikie's fawn d Major, by Blue Cap—Ruby

**THIRD ROUND.**

Kotero beat Shylock  
Rambler ran a bye

**FINAL.**

In the run off Rambler beat Kotero and won the Cup.

**MOUNT ALBERT STAKES.** Sweep of £1 5s; first dog £6, runner up £2.

**FIRST ROUND.**

Mr Ligar's f b Doris, by Pine Picture—Promise, beat Mr Appleby's b and w d Rover, by Smugler—Welcome Lady  
Mr R. Blaikie's f d Major, by Blue Cap—Ruby, beat Mr Homan's b and w d Snowdrop, by Rocket—Spruce  
Mr J. W. Russell's blk and w d Rock, by Rocket—Miss Hannah, beat Mr P. Quinlan's f d Rebel, by Nelson—Sunshine  
Mr M. Foley's w and br d The Imp, by Lucifer—Welcome Lady, beat Mr C. Dickenson's f and w d Punch, by Jack—Nell

**SECOND ROUND.**

Major beat Doris  
The Imp beat Rock

**FINAL.**

In the final The Imp beat Major and won the stake.

**MANUKAU STAKES.** Sweep of £1 5s; first dog £4, second £2.

**FIRST ROUND.**

Mr Rose's blk and w b Snowdonia II. beat Mr Hackett's f b Hilda  
Mr P. Quinlan's f d Pat beat Mr F. North's blk d Maori  
Mr M. Foley's f d Griffiths beat Messrs Howe and Parker's f d Okarita

**SECOND ROUND.**

Pat beat Snowdonia II.  
Griffiths ran a bye

**FINAL.**

In the run off Griffiths beat Pat and won the stake.

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**OUR SYDNEY LETTER.**

[By Cardoness.]

July 10.

STEAFAST, who won the Winter Handicap, one and a half miles, with 7.0, in 2min 11½sec, will have his weight raised to 7.6 in the Caulfield Cup.

The celebrated clipper yacht Valkyrie was run into by another yacht and sunk at a regatta off the shores of Scotland.

Backers of C.B. at Flemington and Sydney are to be consoled with, as the wrongful entry was pointed out in print a week before the races and in time to rectify.

Insignia, the aged brother to Paris, won another selling race on Saturday at Moorefield. He started at 3 to 1 against in a field of 4, and was bought in for £50.

No N.S.W. horses proved successful in getting a place in the V.R.C. races on Saturday. Bettina was running very prominently when she fell, broke her shoulder, and had to be destroyed.

Wally Kerry, the champion cyclist, won the five-mile Intercolonial Bicycle Race in Queensland on Saturday. L. A. Simpson, another N.S. Welshman, annexed the three-mile handicap from scratch.

The Intercolonial Five-mile Bicycle Championship comes off next Saturday at Brisbane, and a great race is expected between Kerr and Simpson. There is an idea that Simpson will win on this occasion.

The usual large crowd attended Moorefield races on Saturday, and punters and double backers came down with a sickening thud over the first race, when a mediocre mare named Bonnette beat, besides others, such racers as Ebony, Blue Blood, M.L.A., and Tiwoona.

Some peculiar tales were going about after the race. How a bookmaker was at the bottom of this win, and that the daughter of Cheviot—Milliner had shown one or two private spins which did not leak out.

Whakawatea, who has had terrible luck in N.S.W., showed a clean pair of heels to a large field in the Welter. The favourite, Checkmate, would have won but for the start.

Another red-hot favourite went down in the Kogarah Stakes, and Tom Browning's Marchal Ney just beat Excellence. The boy riding the latter nearly fell off twice between the distance and the winning post in his anxiety to win.

King Orry is the champion of the hour. He scored another meritorious win in the Moorefield Handicap, Carnation was second, and Ebony, who looked terribly lazy, third. The mile and a quarter was covered in 2min 11½sec.

Backers recovered themselves very much over the last race, as Ready Money was backed for very heavy sums. After looking to have no chance coming up the hill, the favourite came again and won comfortably from Barnaby Rudge and Zingara.

Three horses which ran well on Saturday, and will not be long before they annex races are Zingara, Checkmate, and Carnation. Ebony looked too sluggish to win, but it will take a dandy to beat him when he is wanted.

The quoted favourites for the Caulfield Cup are Capstan, Lord Randolph, Mostyn, and Question at 25's, Loyalty and Milkmaid at 33's. For the Melbourne Cup Carnage, Light Artillery, and Aquarius 25's, Dreamland 35's.

Whether it was the strong wind, the soft ground, or the fault of the man who pulled the string, the starting machine at Moorefield was an utter failure. Three times the horses left the post as if they were passing through a gap. The last on two occasions were red hot favourites, so perhaps you can imagine the growl that went up.

Handicapper Scarr has been appointed to a further office, that of keeping his eye on suspicious matters which may be passed over by suburban stewards. Of course we want all the purifying innovations we can get, but why the handicapper should be chosen can hardly be clear. He is more likely to be prejudiced than anyone else, besides are there not plenty of men of integrity without this everlasting cliquism. The Castlereagh-street Club will come down from their pedestal some day.

The Northern footballers came to Sydney on Saturday, and suffered a severe defeat at the hands and legs of the Metropolitans. Our forwards ran rings round the other men, eventually winning by 29 to 6.

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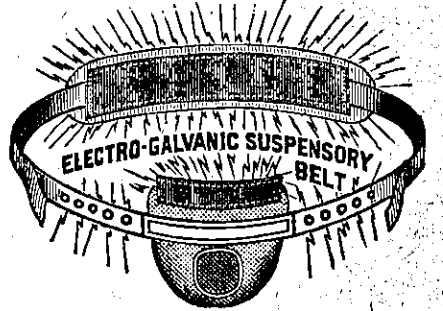


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