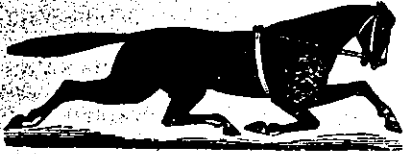




RACING PROGRAMMES



TARANAKI TROTTING ASSOCIATION.

THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
TARANAKI TROTTING ASSOCIATION
WILL BE HELD
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ON THE
NEW PLYMOUTH RACECOURSE,
ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1894.

OFFICERS:—President—Mr B. Street. Vice-Presidents—Messrs. A. Bayly, W. G. Glassford, J. Avery, T. S. Weston, and E. M. Smith, M.H.R. Committee—Messrs. C. Tate, R. G. Parry, J. Healey, P. Duddy, Jas. Hooker and R. A. Skriviner. Stewards—Messrs A. Bayly, W. G. Glassford, John Honeyfield, C. Tate, R. Pigott, H. Julian, M. Mills, H. Lepper, C. Rogers and J. Tuohy. Treasurer—Mr C. Tate. Clerk of Course—Mr J. Healey. Clerk of Scales—Mr A. Colson. Judge—Mr A. Bayly. Handicapper—Mr R. G. Parry.

PROGRAMME.

1. Maiden Handicap Trot of 10 sovs. For horses that have never won an advertised trotting event. Nomination, 10s (close on general entry night); no acceptance. Two miles.
2. Harness Trot Handicap of 18 sovs; second horse to receive 8 sovs from the stakes. Winner of any trotting race after declaration of handicap to be re-handicapped, as per Rule 30^a. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 6s. Two and a half miles.
3. Pony Trot Handicap of 12 sovs; second pony to receive 2 sovs from the stakes. For ponies 14h. 2in. and under. Nomination, 7s. Acceptance, 6s. One and a half miles.
4. Taranaki Trotting Association Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. The winner of any handicap trot after declaration of handicap to be re-handicapped, as per Rule 30^a. Nomination, £1; Acceptance, £1. Three miles.
5. Farmers' Trot Handicap of 12 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stakes. For horses owned and trained by bona fide farmers for three months prior to date of entry. Nomination, 12s (close on general entry night); no acceptance. Two miles. N.B.—The Committee has defined a farmer as follows:—A farmer is a person who resides on, or pays rates on, 30 acres of land.
6. Stewards' Handicap of 16 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 6s. Winner of any trotting event after declaration of handicap to be re-handicapped, as per Rule 30^a. Two miles.
7. Harness Trot of 12 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stakes. Nominations close on general entry night. Handicaps declared on the ground. Entry, 12s. Two miles.

The Taranaki Trotting Association have adopted the Auckland Trotting Rules.
* Rule 30—All winners of any race after handicaps are declared may be re-handicapped, but such handicap shall not exceed five seconds per mile for re-handicapped race.
Nominations (with full particulars as to performance, colours of riders, &c.) close on SATURDAY, September 8th, 1894, at 9 p.m., with the Secretary, at the Taranaki Hotel, New Plymouth. The necessary fees must accompany all nominations and acceptances.
Handicaps declared on or about FRIDAY, September 14th, 1894.
Acceptances and General Entries close on SATURDAY, September 22nd, 1894, at 9 p.m., at the Taranaki Hotel, New Plymouth.
The Committee reserve the right to postpone the races in case of bad weather.

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FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

- August 11—Auckland v. Thames, at Potter's Auckland v. Waikato, at Hamilton
- August 13—South Canterbury v. Wanganui
- August 18—Auckland v. Hawke's Bay, at Potter's South Canterbury v. Wellington
- August 25—Auckland v. New South Wales, at Potter's
- August 29—North Island v. New South Wales, at Auckland
- September 1—Auckland v. Wellington, at Potter's Taranaki v. New South Wales, at New Plymouth
- September 3—New South Wales v. Combined teams from Wanganui and Manawatu
- September 5—New South Wales v. Hawke's Bay
- September 8—Auckland v. Wairoa, at Wairoa New South Wales v. Wellington
- September 11—New South Wales v. South Canterbury, at Timaru
- September 13—New South Wales v. Canterbury, at Christchurch
- September 15—New South Wales v. New Zealand, at Christchurch
- September 19—New South Wales v. West Coast, at Greymouth
- September 22—New South Wales v. Combined team from Nelson and Marlborough, at Nelson
- September 24—New South Wales v. Wairarapa, at Masterton

Football.

INTERPROVINCIAL MATCH.

AUCKLAND V. SOUTH CANTERBURY.

A WIN FOR AUCKLAND.

The first interprovincial match between Auckland and South Canterbury took place at Epsom on Saturday last, in the presence of nearly 3000 spectators. The weather was even more suitable for football than that of the previous Saturday. The turf was in excellent condition and the afternoon turned out calm and dull, there being no wind or sun to interfere with the play of either team. Headed by Hunter's Artillery Band, the two teams left town at two o'clock, and play commenced punctually at three o'clock. Mr J. Webster acted as referee.

The following were the teams:—South Canterbury (green and black): Fullback, T. Simpson 12.4; three-quarters, Alf Boys 10.7, A. J. Shallard 11.3, W. Johnston 11.3; halves, Artie Boys 11.0, S. Helean 11.7; forwards, Gardiner 11.8, G. Fox 12.10, C. Hall 12.4, R. Quinn 12.4, Stewart 14.4, Hart 12.3, F. Shallard 11.4, Kerr 12.6, A. Thompson 11.8.

Auckland (blue and black): Fullback, R. Masfield 12.0; three-quarters, D. McGill 10.6, H. Kissling 10.4, F. Rishworth 9.5; halves, W. E. Elliott 12.2, F. Edmonds 10.4; forwards (wings), R. Oliphant 12.0, and T. Mills 10.8, C. Brady 12.0, H. Donald 12.0, R. Hallamore 12.4, C. Marshall 12.8, R. McKenzie 13.0, O. Murphy 13.0, and W. Rhodes 14.3.

THE PLAY.

The local men winning the toss decided to defend the eastern goal, and Hart kicked off for the visitors, Elliott sending the leather into touch at the 50 mark. From the throw in, a rush of the Auckland forwards carried the play into the visitors' 25, where Edmonds, picking up, sent the ball out to Kissling, who was, however, collared before he passed. From a scrum formed here Rishworth got possession of the ball, but he also refused to pass and allowed himself to be collared within a few yards of the line. For offside play by some of the local reps. the visitors were awarded a free kick, and Rhodes marked. His kick was, however, a poor one, the ball going out at the centre. From the throw in, Artie Boys received the ball, and punting high in the air Elliott failed to mark, and the visiting forwards got on a dangerous rush, which was, however, stopped by Masfield. From the scrum which followed Edmonds passed out to Elliott, but the latter fumbled the pass. Mills, however, came to the rescue and carried the ball along at his feet well into the

visitors territory. With every facility for picking up and passing out, Mills sent the ball into touch, and thus lost a great opportunity. Edmonds secured the ball from the throw in and sent it on to Elliott, who again failed to take it cleanly. The green and black forwards were on the ball in a moment, and by a splendid rush, in which Hart, Quinn, Stewart and Gardiner were all prominent, carried the play into the Auckland 25, where a hard kick by Johnston compelled the local team to force. Murphy kicked out, and Helean returned to McGill, who got his side into trouble by not claiming a mark. A good rush of the local forwards headed by Oliphant, soon, however, changed the scene of action from their own to the visitors' 25, where Rhodes, picking up smartly, passed to McKenzie, who in turn sent the ball to Oliphant. The latter after a fine dash succeeded in drawing first blood for Auckland. The kick, which was by no means at any easy angle, was taken by himself, and amidst great applause the ball sailed fairly between the posts.

Auckland 5
S. Canterbury 0

Gardiner kicked off, and Rishworth returned to Artie Boys, who made a fine screw punt, sending the ball into touch at the centre flag. In the play which followed the throw in, Helean was responsible for a couple of errors which nearly got his side into trouble. The local men here got on some good passing and Murphy immediately afterwards headed a dangerous rush to the visitors' 25, but a lucky kick by the fullback caused play to centre for a time. A long kick by Mills caused the visitors to force. Gardiner kicked out, and Canterbury were awarded a free kick for Rishworth holding the ball. An exchange of good kicks between Stewart and McGill gave Brady a chance, but he hesitated, and in another moment the ball was knocked out of his hands by Johnston, who put in some grand play, and by his own efforts took the ball into the local 25, where Masfield kicked into touch. The ball remained for a long time in dangerous proximity to the Auckland goal line, and for off-side play by one of the local men the visitors were awarded a free kick. A. Shallard tried at goal but failed, and Auckland were forced. Murphy kicked out, but the visitors were not to be denied, and again worked the ball to the Auckland line, where, after numerous endeavours to score, any further efforts were for a time put a stop to by Rishworth, who got in a fine kick and transferred the play to midfield, where, by good following up, Murphy prevented a return. A dangerous rush of the visiting forwards was spoiled by someone kicking too hard and enabling McGill to mark. Johnston returned and Stewart and Kerr were immediately afterwards prominent in a rush of the green and black forwards, which transferred play to the Auckland 25. After desperate attempts to score, the S. Canterbury men again compelled our players to force. On the kick out, Shallard failed to take the ball, and Artie Boys coming to his assistance, made a good kick to the centre mark. Masfield got off a high punt which enabled Murphy, by good following up, to head a rush into the Canterbury 25, where Oliphant almost scored. A splendid rush of the visitors, in which Stewart, Hart, Gardiner, and Shallard all took part, quickly changed the aspect of affairs, and a score was only prevented by the grand defensive play of Masfield. The green and black forwards, however, continued to drive the ball towards the Auckland line, where it was taken back over the line by Mills, who ran some 20 yards along behind his own goal line, but ultimately kicked into touch near the 25 flag. From the throw in Edmonds

marked and kicked to midfield, where the local men got on some excellent passing, which nearly ended in McGill scoring. Elliott immediately afterwards got another good opening, but passed recklessly, and Shallard kicked into touch at the 50 mark when the bell sounded half-time.

Murphy set the ball in motion for the Auckland team, and Johnston failing to return, the blue and whites at once rushed play into the visitors' 35, where Murphy was responsible for some fine play. The green and black forwards replied with a spirited rush which took the play to midfield, where Thompson, picking up and making a long kick, compelled Auckland to force. A long kick by Artie Boys, which followed the kick out, again compelled the local men to force. Murphy kicked out, and for a moment the play centered, but a fine Artie Boys and a useful dribble by Brady again rushed the leather into the local where it was not, however, allowed to remain long owing to the efforts of Hallamore and Brady, who dribbled the leather to midfield. Oliphant, following up well, here got possession of the ball and crossed the S. Canterbury line after a run of over fifty yards. He took the kick himself, but failed to add the extra point.

Auckland 8
S. Canterbury 0

The play which followed the kick out again placed Auckland on the defensive, but after considerable amount of loose play, Auckland was awarded a free kick, and play was transferred to the centre of the field. After a good rush on the part of each vanguard, in which Stewart and Gardiner for the visitors and Oliphant and McKenzie for the local team, were conspicuous, Johnson obtained possession of the ball and made a brilliant run to within a few yards of Auckland's line, where he was grassed by Masfield. Play continued within a yard of the Auckland line, until McGill kicked to the 25 mark, where Kissling running up and securing the ball, made off towards the Canterbury line and then transferred to Murphy, who ran over half the length of the field and touched down between the posts without opposition. Oliphant easily converted.

Auckland 11
S. Canterbury 0

Following up the kick off the visitors began to make things lively for the local men, and the efforts of Johnston, Stewart and Quinn again took the ball close to the Auckland line, where after some loose play, Hart picked up and forged his way over the Auckland line amidst great applause. A. Boys took the kick but failed.

Auckland 11
S. Canterbury 3

For the remainder of the game the visitors had much the best of the actual play, but were never able to register another score owing to want of combination. Time after time their forwards would take the ball into Auckland territory, but some error on the part of their backs would enable our men to get on a rush or passing run. A few minutes before the call of time, the Auckland forwards carried the ball into the South Canterbury 25, where, from a scrum formed in front of the visitors goal, Rhodes passed out to Kissling, who having no one to pass crossed the visitors' line and touched down near the corner flag. Murphy took the kick, and by a splendid effort sent the ball fairly between the posts. A minute later the whistle sounded "no side," the scores being:—

Auckland 16
South Canterbury 3

The defeat of the South Canterbury men by the Nelson team caused our local reps. to go on to the field very pronounced favourites on Saturday, but I

venture to assert that were another match to be played to-morrow the supporters of the local team would not be so sanguine of the result as they were on Saturday.

There can be no denying the fact that the victory of the Auckland team was to a great extent due to the luck which favoured our players throughout the contest, and this appears to be pretty well recognised by all who witnessed the match. The only try obtained by the local reps. in which there was any degree of merit was the first try obtained by Oliphant. This was the result of fine play on the part of Rhodes, who after dribbling the ball a considerable distance picked up and passed to McKenzie, who sent it on to Oliphant. The latter made a quick dash for the line, and under similar circumstances would have scored against any team. Oliphant's second try was obtained partly through the opposing backs being out of their places, and partly owing to the great pace of the scorer. I feel thoroughly satisfied that no other man in the team, be he back or forward, could have scored from the chance which Oliphant got. Rhodes might have possessed the pace, but I think he would have hesitated, and had Oliphant done so I think he would never have scored.

The tries obtained by O. Murphy and Kissling were as simple as "falling off a log," and were solely due to the fact that the South Canterbury backs were not in their places. The former got possession of the ball at the 50 mark and was chased by the remaining twenty-nine players until he crossed the line. Kissling scored by receiving a pass direct from the backs of the visiting backs making him stop him.

In reference to Murphy's try I think there can be little or no doubt that Kissling was off side when he took the ball and passed it to Murphy. McGill kicked the ball from his own corner flag, and Kissling running up and securing it, passed to Murphy, who scored. Had Kissling been on side when he took the ball, it would have been necessary for him to be behind his own goal line when McGill kicked. The latter was standing almost on the line when he kicked, and made no attempt to put his men on side. That Kissling was not behind his own line I feel certain, and it was bad luck for the visitors that Mr Webster was in a bad position to see, for had they been awarded a free kick, it is any odds on that they would have kicked a goal.

So far as forward play was concerned the visitors had much the best of the game and narrowly escaped scoring on numerous occasions. Their forwards are a fine fast set and particularly good in the loose open play. Their frequent rushes caused the Auckland backs no end of trouble, and the result of their efforts certainly deserved a better fate. In the scrum they invariably pushed the local vanguard. The latter knew more of the art of securing the ball, but the visitors prevented them from heeling out in a clean manner.

That at least three of the Auckland "pack" forwards could not have been doing their honest work in the scrum was manifest from the ease with which the visiting vanguard pushed our men. According to the weights, which appear above, our men are the heavier, and to judge by the appearance of the men on the line out, one would think that our forwards averaged nearly a stone more than their opponents. Yet in scrum work Auckland was again beaten, and beaten badly. It is a thousand pities that the selection committee cannot discover who these dishonest players are. Personally I have a strong suspicion that I could name a few of them, but I dislike even making a suggestion, for I know that unless one is actually in the scrum it is impossible to say with any degree of certainty what players are or are not working. Thus much is however certain that the man who works in the scrum and shines in the open must be an exceptionally good forward, whilst he who loafs in the pack and does not shine in the open must be an exceptionally bad forward. If we have, therefore, no bad and no exceptionally good forwards in the team, common sense suggests that the "floaters" are to be found in those men who so frequently give exhibitions of brilliant forward play. One honest scrummager is worth half a dozen "shiners," for without the former the backs will be constantly on the defensive.

The defensive back play of the visitors was very weak. It would be impossible for the three-quarters to have got into more useless positions. The two wing three-quarters were always about fifty yards from each other, and each of them nearly on a line with the wing forwards,

whilst the centre three-quarter was never in a position where he could be of any use. The centre half was the only man between the scrum and the fullback. Had the backs kept in their proper places I think South Canterbury would have won.

Of the visitors backs I liked best the play of W. Johnston, whom I considered head and shoulders above his comrades, and in fact the best three-quarter on the field. He possesses a rare turn of pace, which he uses to advantage. Luckily for Auckland, Johnston got few openings, for on the few occasions on which he did get the ball he made things merry, and got dangerously close to the Auckland line. He has a taking style of play, and I feel satisfied he is a good 'un.

Simpson at full did some good work, but is not a reliable man.

Alf Boys and A. Shallard were not much use to their side. I have no doubt that each is capable of playing a good game, but on Saturday they were constantly out of their positions and thereby got their team into many difficulties.

Of the two half backs, Artie Boys and Helean, the former was the more serviceable. He got in many fine screw punts, and did some good tackling. Helean does not pass as well as he should.

The S. Canterbury vanguard was the team's strong point. Each of the forwards played well, and but for their efforts, the score on the local team would have been much greater.

Stewart I consider the best of the pack forwards, and on Saturday's form I certainly like his chance of a place in both the South Island and New Zealand teams. He was the heaviest and most dashing man in the team, and took part in all the forward rushes.

Hart played well and scored cleverly. Gardiner's wing game was a good performance. He captained the team, and although he appeared to recognise the fault of the backs, he did not show sufficient determination in compelling them to keep their proper places.

The remaining forwards all appeared to work honestly, and made no mistakes.

Masefield appears to improve upon each preceding game. He has now acquired a better knowledge of full-back play, and uses splendid judgment in his kicking. There is, however, one point to which I would draw his attention, viz., that in the run he makes before kicking, he tucks the ball under his arm. On one occasion he was called upon to kick quickly and the time he lost in getting the ball to his toe caused him to make his only weak kick during the whole game. I still like Mase's chance of a place in the North Island team.

Of the three-quarters, Kissling was the best. His defence was as strong as usual and he lost no time in getting over the line when he scored. I hope that I will be able to write thus of his play on Saturday next.

Rishworth and McGill each shaped as well as I expected, but I consider neither as good a man as Roberts or Breen. It must, however, be remembered that on Saturday the Auckland forwards were beaten, and as a natural result the backs were placed on the defensive. This being so, wing three-quarters are not given a fair chance, for the recommendations of such men to places in the team are, or at least should be, their propensity to score rather than their defensive powers.

Elliott again played an indifferent game. He was unable to take the ball himself, and judging by the manner in which he gave passes he was determined that no one else should take it, for he sent it with almost as much force as a shot out of a gun. In his play during the last four matches no one would recognise the Elliott of last season.

Edmonds played his usual hard and plucky game. He does not, however, know enough to captain the team.

Oliphant was points ahead of Ike Mills, not because he scored two tries and kicked two goals, but because the latter's game will not stand the test of analysis. Mills lost a certain try through not picking up the ball and passing when it bounced beautifully from the ground, and offered him every inducement to do so. On another occasion he showed bad form in rushing and taking the ball away from Rhodes, who had taken it along at his toe for 25 yards, and could have continued to dribble it at least another 15 yards before he came to the fullback. Ike generally plays a good game with his head, but on Saturday he was not in his usual form.

Oliphant's feet work and handling of the ball could not have been improved upon. He possesses a rare turn of pace,

and knows how to use it. He proved a great protection to Edmonds, so much so that I think on several occasions he was guilty of obstruction. I would suggest to Bob the necessity of letting his centre half battle for himself on Saturday next. Every referee might not be so lenient as Mr Webster. But, then, Bob's head is screwed on the right way, and he probably knows when it is safe and unsafe to take a liberty.

Murphy proved an acquisition to the forwards. I did not think he was so fast. His goal was the result of a fine kick, and whoever captains the team on Saturday next should remember the fact. Murphy should be "all there" should Auckland get a mark or free kick between the 50 and 25 flags.

Rhodes played a clever game and was instrumental in giving Oliphant and Kissling their tries.

Very little was seen of Marshall, Hallamore or Brady. Hallamore, I believe, had a bad ankle.

McKenzie and Donald were at times conspicuous for clever pieces of play.

The Auckland team for Saturday next to play against the Thames is as follows: Full-back, R. Masefield; three-quarters, T. Roberts, H. Kissling, W. Fitchett; halves, A. Braund, F. Edmonds; forwards, C. Brady, H. Donald, R. G. Hallamore, R. Oliphant, C. Marshall, R. McKenzie, I. Mills, O. Murphy, W. Rhodes.

It will be noticed that in the back division several alterations have taken place. Rishworth, McGill and Elliott have disappeared from the team to make room for Roberts, Fitchett and Braund.

I am pleased to see that Roberts and Braund are again in the team, and I feel confident that should the forwards do their honest toil on Saturday, these two players will give a good account of themselves. I would prefer, however, to see Braund behind the scrum, for it is his proper position. It was he who first demonstrated to local footballers that in such a position, a clever player could prove of great service to his team, and though he has been imitated by many candidates for the same position, he has so far been equalled by none.

It is rarely that a player is taken suddenly from the ranks of the juniors and placed in the reps. Yet such is Fitchett's case. The player took part in the Parnell II. — Ponsonby II. match a few weeks ago, and showed such good form that the Ponsonby boys asked the Union to class Fitchett as a senior. In order to do this the management committee made enquiries concerning his past performances in Dunedin, and were delighted to find that during the last two seasons Fitchett played a brilliant game for a leading Dunedin club, and would in all probability have represented Otago this season. Such a high recommendation combined with the favourable impression caused by his first game in Auckland, has induced the committee to give him a trial on Saturday. I saw Fitchett's play in the match against Ponsonby II, and saw him score a clever try. He weighs over 13.0, and possesses rare dash, whilst he also kicks well. If Fitchett passes well, I am sure he will justify his inclusion, for at tackling, kicking and stopping rushes he is "none too bad."

It will be noticed that the forward team remains unaltered.

The following team represents the Auckland Rugby Union in the match against Waikato on Saturday next: Full-back, Freeman; three-quarters, McPhail, Warnock, Breen; halves, Elliott and McDonald; forwards, Clarke, Cole, Heffernan, Hobson, Major, Speight, Stone, Valentine and Williamson.

Neither the first nor second Auckland teams has any "soft thing" on for Saturday. I think Waikato will win, whilst the Thamesites will give our reps. a good "go."

Jim Poland has been given a place in the Wellington rep. team.

The members of the South Canterbury team made themselves very popular during their stay in Auckland.

NAPIER FOOTBALL.

[BY WIRE.]

August 7th.

The Probable—Possible test match last Saturday resulted in a win for the Probables by 11 points to 5. The play throughout was very uninteresting, the form shown being very poor. Swan scored a try for the Probables, John O'Connell converting, and Laws kicked a goal from a free kick, and also scored a try, which was unconverted. Hume scored for the Possibles, W. O'Connell converting. Swan, Toohey, Cockroft, Laws and Macfarlane were the best of the

Probables, and for the Possibles, Hume, the twin O'Connells, P. Kelly, and Smiler were the best.

Mr F. Logan has chosen the following team to represent Hawke's Bay in the football match on Wednesday against South Canterbury:—Full-back, J. O'Connell; three-quarters, Bennett, Laws and Macfarlane; halves, Caradus and Donnelly; wings, Swan and Kelly; forwards, Cockroft, Hiroa, Cheer, Malcolm, Ryan, McDowell and Toohey. Emergencies: three-quarter, Hume; half, W. O'Connell; wing, Jagg; forwards, Biel and Barnett. This selection is for Wednesday's match. In the match next Saturday, Gorman will be chosen full-back, and immediately after that game is concluded the full-back for the tour will be chosen.

TARANAKI FOOTBALL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

July 30th.

THE victory of the Taranaki team over Auckland was received here on Saturday night with great satisfaction. Although we were sure that our team would defeat the Aucklanders, the most sanguine of the amber and black supporters never thought that they would administer such a crushing defeat on the Northerners as 14 points to nil.

The chances of Tukapa annexing the Junior Cup are looking more promising every meet.

There is some talk of the Star Seniors taking a trip to Auckland to meet some of the leading clubs, but the matter has only been suggested, and has not yet taken definite shape.

Taranaki and New South Wales meet at New Plymouth on September 1, and Taranaki and Wellington at Hawera on September 4.

Music, Drama.

BY THE PROMPTER.

THORNTON-ARNOLD SEASON.

ON Thursday the Thornton-Arnold Company gave us another change by staging an up-to-date version of Mr Arnold's favourite piece, *Hans the Boatman*. The house was nothing wonderful in the way of numbers, and from the way we are patronising travelling companies just now I fancy coin of the realm is scarce, very scarce, in town. In none of his pieces is Mr Arnold so welcome as in *Hans the Boatman*, a production with which his name is associated all over the world. The tale told is a touching one, and in the hands of the Thornton-Arnold company a splendid interpretation is given of it. In the first act we are introduced to Gladys Farewell, a well-connected, fashionable, young lady who is paying a summer visit to Schroom Lake, U.S.A., on which Hans the boatman plies his ready oar and sings melodious songs to the "kiddies" to whom he is an ever-willing playmate. Gladys falls in love with the handsome, lovable boatman, and when he falters out his heart's declaration, she gladly owns her love for him. Her father is horrified when he finds where her love has been cast and gives her the option of Hans' love or his parental recognition. Filled with romantic love, her answer is to place herself in the arms of her lover and the curtain falls, and we lose sight for six years of Mr Farewell, who disowns his daughter, and of Darrel Vincent, the well-dressed villain of the piece, who foiled in his suit of Gladys, mutters in the orthodox fashion, "She will yet be mine." The next act shows us Hans' humble home with Gladys fretting her heart out and regretfully longing for the comfortable home she left behind when she parted with her father to share Hans' lot. Matrimony has not altered Hans' easy going ways, and he still prefers "playing mit the kiddies," to working and gaining money for his home. The winter comes, and as the generous boatman has given his savings of the summer to save a poor old woman from want, poverty presses close to his door, and his wife begins to regret her marriage. She accidentally sees Hans giving an old sweetheart a brotherly kiss, and when her mind is filled with a belief that he is faithless, her quondam suitor, Darrel Vincent, appears on the scene and urges her to return to her father, who, according to his statement, wishes her to return to him. Believing his lying message she flies with him with her little son, and then while his misguided wife is parting from him Hans loses his sight through an accidental explosion. Learning of his wife's apparent faithlessness Hans goes out a wanderer with no guide but his faithful

dog Lion, and when the next act opens we see Hans' wife on her way back to his home. Her eyes opened to Vincent's villainous designs she has flown from him and wanders back to her desolate home. On finding Hans a wanderer, she sinks senseless to the ground, and then Hans comes on the scene led by Lion and stumbles on his wife's prostrate body. The usual happy end follows. Hans is reunited to his wife, a fortunate windfall comes in the shape of a legacy of £10,000, and the villain meets a watery grave in the lake besides which he has plotted such villainy. It's a pathetic little story splendidly told. During the piece Mr Arnold gives many of his charming songs, and his daughter, a talented little mite, charms the audience with her budding genius. Miss Dot Frederic (a second Pattie Browne by the way) is excellently cast, and Miss Knights is at her best as Hans' wife. Messrs Leonard, Thomas, Brough, and Matthews lend valuable assistance, and the scenery is decidedly good.

On Saturday and Monday evenings Mr Frank Thornton's masterpiece, *The Private Secretary*, was produced and the popularity of the production was proved by the packed houses that were experienced. There is no comedy in which Mr Thornton is so welcome, and as a piece of stage work the production is far and away beyond Charley's Aunt. One can with a little stretch of imagination conceive of the existence of such an all-round oddity as the Rev. Robert Spalding, but the capers of the lady from Brazil are really beyond belief. The one piece bristles with really humorous situations; the other is an inconceivable absurdity. The part of Mr Cattermole, senior, the irascible old gentleman who rejoices in an alarming liver and a desire to see his nephew sow his wild oats, is a very important one in *The Private Secretary*. Mr Thomas filled it very fairly, but one cannot help remembering what a splendid exponent of the part Mr Harwood was. Another actor who could fill the bill admirably would be George Anson. The acting of Miss Knight and Miss Dot Frederick was good, although they had very little to do. The last named actress reminds one of clever Pattie Browne. Messrs Brough and Matthews were well cast, and, with the exception that the former gentleman was not quite letter perfect, not a hitch took place during the presentation of the laughable comedy. An additional production was given on Tuesday night, when Mr Arnold made a welcome re-appearance as Captain Fritz,—one of his best characters.

SIR WM. ROBINSON'S opera *Predatoros*, or the *Brigand's Bride* will be produced at a matinee performance at Melbourne Princess's during Cup week.

MADAME MELBA thus writes to her sister in Melbourne:—"I am really going to arrive in Australia next May. Mr Henry Abbey is going to take me straight from America."

THE Sapio-Urso Company will give a farewell series of concerts in Melbourne in September. Let us hope their experience will be better than was the case here.

MASTER CYRIL TYLER, the boy soprano, who has stormed London, and who has been booked for an Australian tour, is said to possess a remarkably fine voice, with a range extending from B below the staff to E in alt.

ALF. DAMPIER, who for years struggled at Melbourne Alexandra to produce Australian plays by Australian born actors, intends to introduce his own drama, *Waratah*, to London audiences.

ACCORDING to the *Herald* our old friend Mr Frank Cates is in Auckland. In its notice of "Hans the Boatman" our daily contemporary had the following:—"Mr Frank Cates played well as Lieut. Finch." The gentleman who sustained that part was not Cates, but Percy Brough!

AUCKLANDERS are supposed to be very musical. That is the reason for the great (?) support given the Sapio-Urso combination. The other night I had a striking piece of evidence of what "cultured" musical people we have in this city. It was just before the last number—"Ave Maria"—on one of the programmes. A sumptuously attired demoiselle, seated in front of me, remarked enthusiastically to a friend, "Oh, this will be a treat. I think Gounod's *Ave Maria* is simply delicious!" Good old musical Auckland.

THE Thornton-Arnold people play Sydney next and then Brisbane.

MISS KATE BISHOP (Mrs L. J. Lohr) is giving elocution and dramatic lessons in Sydney.

"PLAIN BILL" HOLLOWAY has arranged to open Terry's Theatre, Strand.

Two items from the balance-sheet of the Auckland Amateur Opera Club:—"Cabs and buses. £28 8s 6d; refreshments, £31 4s 3d!"

MISS ETHEL HAYDON, the daughter of a well-known Victorian sporting man, goes home with Madame Belle Cole to have her voice trained. There is a steady trade doing now in the exportation of budding Australian artists.

It has been stated in the daily Press that Mr John Fuller, who has returned from the South, intends starting Popular Concerts at the City Hall on Monday evenings. If there be a Monday Popular Concert tenant I don't think there will be a Wednesday one.

THE paid members of the Auckland Amateur Opera Club's Madame Favart production were, according to the balance-sheet, Mr J. Fuller £27 10s, Mr A. Taylor £25, Mrs Cooper £15 15s, Miss Yates £7 5s, Mrs Sowerby £5 5s. Of course the Club is an amateur one, and is patronised as such!

THE annual report and balance-sheet of the Auckland Amateur Opera Club was laid before the meeting of members on Monday last. The report stated that the work of the year comprised the production of Offenbach's opera "Madame Favart," and "in this the club achieved beyond doubt an artistic success equal to that of any past year. Financially, however, the results did not reach the committee's expectations, although the cost of production was not greater than that of 'Princess Ida.' The total expenditure for the financial period ended June 30, 1893, was £855 16s 7d, and the total receipts £667 15s 10d, which, with £368 18s 3d, brought forward from last balance-sheet, gives a present credit balance of £170 17s 6d. The club's assets, in addition to the above cash balance, comprise the dresses, scenery and property of 'Madame Favart' and 'Princess Ida' complete, part of the 'Sorcerer' and 'Pinafore' dresses and properties, and a valuable collection of music, including band parts of all operas played by the club. The present liabilities are nil."

"Following the Baron."

"WELL how will your system work now? What will win next year's Derby?" It was Roland Myers who asked the above question; it was addressed to Jack Pointsford, and, as he was standing next to me, I overheard it. The Middle Park Plate of 1870 had just been run, and the winner's number—Albert Victor—was being hoisted.

"What was third?" asked Pointsford. "Hannah? Well then Baron Rothschild will win his first Derby."

"Bah! perhaps you can tell us what with?" sneered Myers.

"Zephyr colt," replied Jack calmly. That was the first time I ever heard the horse mentioned. Myers was evidently as much astonished as myself, but in half a minute he thought he saw his way to making a bit out of Jack's superstition. "I'll lay you three thousand to a hundred you're wrong!" he exclaimed eagerly.

"Right. Book it!" was Jack's reply, as he took my arm and turned away.

"I hate that fellow," he said, as soon as we were out of earshot. "I hope that no accident will happen to the colt between this and next Derby Day. It will be a real pleasure to despoil the Israelite."

"But don't you think that you are carried away by your superstitious belief that the stable that runs third for the Middle Park Plate wins the Derby?" I ventured to suggest.

"Likely enough. But own that it is a curious coincidence that it has happened so frequently since this great two-year-old race was started, and Hermit won the Derby after Knight of the Garter in the same stable was third in the race here. Besides, I have a good account of this Zephyr colt. You back it."

Pointsford, myself, and a friend named Murray owned a little racing stud of some twelve or fifteen horses between us. They were trained in a small Yorkshire stable, where, except our own, there were

not half a dozen other horses. Amongst these we had that year two Beadsman colts, one of which, if he could have been trained, would have been near the top of the tree. As it was, when but two parts fit, he had beaten some smart youngsters. Beauty, the other, was due to run in a Nursery the day after the Middle Park Plate, but we had tried him a slow, sluggish brute, and, though given nearly bottom weight, we did not fancy him at all. "Stick one spur in, and never take the other out, and make every post a winning-post," Pointsford said to the lad who was about to ride the colt, as we three owners looked in at his being saddled. "We'll just put a pony on between us," Jack added, "and then stick to the rails to see the race."

Never did a lad carry out his orders more strictly. We had scarcely taken up our position to watch the race, when the horses came in sight. Beauty was then leading three or four lengths, and the boy continuing to drive him along, he eventually won in a canter by about half a distance. We suddenly awoke to the fact that we had been entertaining an angel unawares. A week later we had a home trial, having purchased a smart horse so that there should be no mistake. Again did the despised one win easily, giving his half-brother a stone, and beating him and our trial horse six lengths. The Zephyr colt was forgotten. We had a Derby horse of our own now. All that winter things went well. We first picked up all the hundreds to one that were to be had about Beauty for the great Epsom event, and then took the sixty-sixes. Amongst others who laid against the horse was Roland Myers. One day Jack and I happened to meet him dining at a restaurant. "I must have a bit more out of my friend over there," muttered Pointsford.

"Better not," I whispered back. "He has already laid long odds, and may put it about that we have a rod in pickle."

"Nonsense!" exclaimed Jack. "Anyway, I can't resist the temptation." As we had finished dinner, I strolled out, and presently my partner rejoined me.

"The fellow's laid me another sixty ponies," he chuckled. "Asked me how we had tried the colt. Like his impudence!" A fortnight after this—just before Newmarket Craven Meeting—I ran up to our training quarters, chiefly to see that our Derby outsider was all right. To my surprise I found two new horses stabled next to Beauty. "Belong to a Mr Bogus-Frost," our trainer explained. "Colonel Blink introduced him by letter, but I ain't seen the gent yet. He wrote telling me to get 'em forward, and he would run over when he could spare time." Well, there was nothing to be said against this; but Bogus! Ye gods! what a name! A few days later, the Zephyr colt won the Newmarket Biennial, and at once took rank with the favourites for the Derby. And now our ill-luck began. Pointsford had one besetting weakness, which broke out on occasion. This was gambling. On the turf he never lost his head, but place cards before him and he became thoroughly reckless. One morning, just at this time, he came into the rooms Murray and I shared, and calmly informed us he was utterly broke. "So what will you fellows give me for my share in the horses?" Of course we could not listen to this, so as the only alternative we could think of, we determined to enter our crack in a small handicap, so that Jack might get back his losses over a certainty. Doncaster (Saring) was the meeting we fixed upon, and, having selected a mile handicap, we wrote and entered Beauty, then and there.

"It's awfully good of you fellows," Jack said, when it was arranged. "It's not only the money, but I lost it to that little cad, Myers. Could not resist the temptation of having a shy at him, you see."

We did not go down to Doncaster till the morning of the race, and on looking at the card I noticed to my surprise that Mr Bogus' Spinster was entered for the same race as our horse. Of course we plunged over our Derby outsider, but I noticed that the pencilers fielded very strongly. Bar accidents, of course, it was a certainty for ours; but there was the accident, that is, it was called so, for Mr Bogus' Spinster ran into Beauty at the bend, knocking him over and herself too, which was more than her jockey intended I fancy.

Anyway, our horse ricked his back, and never ran again. So there ended our chance of winning a Derby and a fortune! On making inquiries I found that Bogus was a properly registered name, but it was not till later that I found the real owner was Myers.

It was a heavy blow, for Murray and I had to find Jack's money as well as our own. There was but one chance left for him, the Zephyr colt, which, besides the £3,000 he stood to win from the little Jew, he had backed heavily during the winter.

"Tell you what it is," I remarked to Murray as we drove to Victoria. "If the horse don't win we must come back at once and break the news to our friend. I believe Jack means suicide if he loses." It was not till we got into the train that we heard that the Zephyr colt has been christened Favonius. It was a splendid race, that is for those who had backed Favonius. We had both been hard hit at Doncaster, but for Jack we knew it meant simply salvation. On going to send him his wire I found such a crush that, having the telegram already written out, I passed it over to a friend who was nearer the window. Happening again to meet him a quarter of an hour or so later, I asked him if he had sent it.

"Had to do the same as you, old fellow," he answered. "Could not get near the window, so passed it on to a man I knew who was just sending on a wire. You remember him—Myers his name!"

All of a sudden, the joy, the excitement of the great win died out of me. I felt something was wrong. It was no good arguing with myself that nothing could be wrong; each moment I became more nervous, till at length I could stand it no longer, and without even looking for my chum, left the stand, sprang into the first trap I could find and galloped to the station. By good luck I caught a train just on the point of starting, and we ran up to town without a stoppage. Another hansom, another sharp drive, and I was at Jack's diggings. As I mounted the stairs I met a telegraph boy coming down. The outer door of the chambers was not closed, but I heard the key turn in the lock of the sitting room as I approached it.

"It's all right, Jack," I shouted; "Favonius has won!"

No answer. I threw myself against the door. As it burst open I heard the crack of a revolver. I remember thinking I was too late, and then actually falling against Jack, as I stumbled into the room, and being thankful that he was yet on his legs.

"You have won, man, don't be a fool!" I shouted, throwing my arms around him; but he struggled like a fiend to shoot himself. Presently he suddenly became limp and fell on the sofa, for, although my bursting in on him made his hand shake, the bullet had grooved his side, and he had lost a good deal of blood. I bandaged him up and gave him brandy and water, and at length he began to comprehend that Favonius and the Zephyr colt were one and the same animal.

"But what about your wire?" he whispered.

I found the telegram on the floor, and read, "Awfully sorry! Favonius first. There was no signature."

"Myers?" whispered Jack, after a pause. I nodded.

"Do you think I am quits with him now?" he asked, after a little while.

"You will be after the settling on Monday."

"Then tell him to remember about the third in the Middle Park Plate;" and turning over Jack fell asleep.—*Sporting and Dramatic News.*

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Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1894.

The President of the Auckland Racing Club had a very satisfactory report and balance-sheet to place before the annual meeting of the members, which was held at the club's rooms on Monday last. He was in a position to honestly congratulate members, for the report showed that every meeting held during the past year had resulted in a profit with one exception, the Autumn Gathering, on which the loss was, however, only a small one. This was no doubt due to that meeting clashing with important Napier and Christchurch Meetings. In submitting the proceedings of the past year, the President pointed out that in all five meetings had been held the added money in connection with which had amounted to £8910. The previous year the figure was £8900. The profits amounted to £475, besides a sum of £500 that had been expended in improvements. There was also the Government tax of £889, which had for the first time been paid out of the revenue instead of by the public. He alluded to the establishment of the new race, the Royal Stakes, and then went on to remark that notwithstanding all the recent talk re the totalisator, the way was clear for one year, and on the expiration of that period he hoped the people would be more enlightened respecting that subject. He ventured the belief that by that time Victoria would have the machine legalised, and daring as the prophecy may appear, we are inclined to support it. We have always maintained that it is only a matter of time for its adoption to come to pass in the Victorian city. Speaking further on the subject the President remarked that although in the old days there was no machine, the club had progressed favourably, and no doubt he was right in saying that even if it went out to-morrow the affairs of the club would still progress in the right direction. A member of the club made some reference to the reduction in totalisator permits that would take place in twelve months' time, but the chairman appeared to believe that there would be no reduction so far as the A.R.C. was concerned. An interjection that the A.R.C. would have their wings clipped proportionately with other clubs in the province did not apparently find support with the Chairman, for he remarked in a somewhat unbelieving manner, "We will see if the club will suffer with the others." The falling off in subscriptions was referred to by him, and he naturally expressed a wish that members would do their utmost to extend the membership of the club. The members present—a small number, by the way—had very little to ask concerning the balance-sheet, with the exception of a very pertinent inquiry by Mr Edwards respecting the item "unpaid subscriptions £177 10s." He was, however, fully answered by the chairman assuring him that he had gone through the list and had found that all the outstanding subscriptions were secure and could not be classed as bad debts. The only other business transacted at the meeting was the appointment of committeemen, and a ballot saw Messrs Morrin, Dickey, Russell, Philson, Gorrie and Thompson elected. The unsuccessful candidate was Mr Kidd, a gentleman who would have done good service for the club had the honour of election been paid to him. In addition to the balance-sheet and profit and loss account, members were furnished with a statement of accounts for the five meetings held during the year. The totals were as follows:—Spring Meeting: Receipts £623 17s 11d,

expenditure £533, profit £90 17s 11d. Second Spring Meeting: Receipts £1708 16s 4d, expenditure £1516 3s 3d, profit £192 13s 1d. Summer Meeting: Receipts £5588 19s 1d, expenditure £4354 5s, profit £1234 14s 1d. Autumn Meeting: Receipts £1877 5s 3d, expenditure £1880 0s 9d, loss £2 15s 6d. Winter Meeting: Receipts £1603 6s 4d, expenditure £1430 1s 2d, profit £173 5s 2d.

The dispute between the Victorian Club and Bowes' Tattersall's Club took on a new phase last week when eight prominent members of the Victorian Club were brought before their committee to show cause why they should not be suspended or have their names erased from the members roll of the club. The delinquents were charged with conduct detrimental to the interests of the Victorian Club, and the ground of the charge was simply the continuance by the offenders of membership of Bowes' Club! They were told to choose between the two clubs and when they declined to sever their connection with Bowes', "a threat of further proceedings" was hurled at them, but what the upshot has been has not yet come over the water. Why membership of Bowes' club should be thought such a crime by the Victorian Club authorities is a puzzle, and their action must be considered arbitrary and despotic by every fair minded sportsman. The rule under which the offenders are to be expelled by the Victorian Club runs as follows:—"The committee shall annually revise the roll of members, and may suspend any member or remove therefrom the name of any person the continuance of whose membership would, in their opinion, be detrimental to the interests of the club; but no person shall be suspended, or cease to be a member, unless a notice shall have been previously sent to his address inviting him to attend before the committee, and acquainting him of the complaint against him. Under this rule five shall form a quorum of committee." Of course the power to expel under such a rule entirely rests with the interpretation placed on the words "the continuance of whose membership would in their (the committee) opinion be detrimental to the interests of the club." The committee apparently hold that recognition by Bowes is sufficient to place members beyond the pale, and lay them open to a charge of detrimental conduct; but over here the reason for such an interpretation is anything but clear. In the past the Victorian Club people have not stamped membership of Bowes as synonymous with objectionable conduct, and they can therefore hardly turn round now and set forward such an interpretation. The trouble between the clubs simply amounts to an objection by the Victorian Club to the calling over of the card by Bowes; but surely that is no ground for charging Bowes' members with conduct detrimental to the interests of the Victorian Club.

The last number of the Australasian to hand contains a very reasonable and excellently written article on scientific breeding, and at a time like the present, its value to breeders cannot be over-estimated. The leading contention of our contemporary's article is that in choosing a union, breeders are too apt to be carried away by faddists' love of scientific breeding, a choosing of blood, and a desire to avoid inbreeding, while little or no attention is paid to the most important matter, viz, the peculiar conformation of the sire and dam to be mated. As the journal quoted remarks, blood is not everything, and crosses of Touchstone and Stockwell, the lines of Whalebone, etc., are not everything. A horse may be wonderfully bred on these scientific lines, may fairly riot in the possession of the best running blood, and yet, through the mating of a well-bred sire and an equally well-bred but unsuitable mare, in the way of conformation, the product may be a very moderate, if not a rank duffer. There is no royal road to successful scientific breeding, and with the best blood in the world at his command, if a breeder does not exercise his eyes and judgment in the matter of the build of the animals to be mated, inglorious failure will be the result of the union. Then there is the deep rooted aversion to inbreeding that is so prevalent amongst breeders. But then we have the awkward fact that Galopin, who sired St. Simon and Donovan, was extraordinarily inbred, Voltaire appearing as his great-grand-sire on both sides of his pedigree. And as the Australasian points out, "Wisdom, another successful sire in England, is more inbred still, as he is by a son of Rataplan, from a mare by

Stockwell, who was a full brother to Rataplan. Amongst the stallions in these colonies Musket was inbred to Touchstone, while his greatest son, Carbine, is more inbred still, and possesses a queer cross through his sire's dam and his dam's sire. Chester was essentially an outbred horse, but three of his best sons, Carlyon, Dreadnought, and Cranbrook, own Stockwell twice as their great-grand-sire. Nordenfeldt is inbred to Melbourne and Touchstone!" Taking all blood as equal, then, the Australasian thinks a great deal more should be thought of the conformation of the sire and dam. To quote:—"We have seen a beautifully-bred horse, a grandson of Stockwell, and who was no mean performer, placed in a first-class stud of imported mares, and though only dead 15 years you can hardly find a trace of his blood in our Stud Book. The reason was, breeding from a long, weak-backed horse, who got nearly all his stock with bad backs and coffin heads—even the best blood in the world could not put right the faulty conformation." That is sound argument, and something that will pay breeders to take to heart. There is no doubt that breeders' best interests would be, of course, to study running blood, but to do so without running blind to a faddish extreme, and to above all, pay the greatest attention to the peculiar conformation of the stallion and mare to be mated. We cannot do better than quote the concluding paragraph of our contemporary:—"If racehorses could be produced simply by putting the right blood together we should not see so many bad ones which are own brothers to good horses. Even in Victoria anyone who takes the trouble to watch what mares produce, can see the difference in the progeny, although got by the same sire. We admit that theoretical breeding is a very interesting study, but most of those who favour it get wrapped up too much in their favourite strains of blood, and they forget altogether that formation and rearing are equal if not greater component parts in the building of a first-class racehorse."

In one of our leading articles of last week reference was made to the report of the racing delegates' meeting stating that the Dunedin representatives were the only members of the gathering to oppose the proposal re the establishment of a New Zealand Jockey Club. Knowing Auckland is as much opposed to the formation of a N.Z.J.C. as Dunedin, we remarked that Mr Lawry could not have been well advised of local wishes, and it now appears that Mr Lawry's failure to oppose the proposition was not in the least his fault. The following memo. from our Wellington representative will explain matters:—"With reference to your sub-leader in last week's REVIEW in connection with Mr Lawry (the delegate of the Auckland Racing Club to the recent Conference) not following out the wishes of his Club by voting against the proposal to the formation of a N.Z. Jockey Club, Mr Lawry states he has been placed in a false position. At the outset he was appointed one of three delegates to represent the Auckland Club at the Conference, but afterwards he received a wire asking him to be the sole representative. He consented, and telegraphed for information as to how the Club desired him to act. No reply was sent to his communication, and, to use his own words, 'he was a dummy' at the Conference. When the resolution came on re the formation of the N.Z. Jockey Club he abstained from voting, as he had no official instructions. Therefore he did not commit the 'dreadful deed' with which he was given credit." We never implied Mr Lawry was to blame. We simply remarked he was not well-advised of local wishes, and the truth of that is apparent from the above memo.

The opinion of Mr Hogg, M.H.R., regarding the Stout Gaming Bill:—"An appropriate name for this Bill, in my opinion, would be 'A Bill for the Toleration and Perpetuation of Gambling.'"

One of the totalisator's fiercest opponents in the Victorian Assembly is a member of the V.R.C., Mr F. Madden. That gentleman, speaking against the machine, stated, "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." "Terlinga," the sporting editor of the Australasian, replies as under:—"I have before me a return of Mr White's winnings during the time he was on the turf, and I find he won £121,385 in stakes alone! Will anyone believe that Mr White's expenses topped this amount? If they will, they must be given credit for an extraordinary amount of credulity. Allowing that he had 20 horses in work for the whole of the twelve years he was on the turf, and they cost £4 a week each (a liberal allowance), the total would only be £49,920."

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[BY BORDERER.]

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP.

AN acceptance list of fifty names for the New Zealand Cup is a highly satisfactory result seeing that the nomination list only showed seventy horses. Last year there were 45 acceptors out of 71 nominations, and with another five left in this year the handicapper may fairly be congratulated on his work. At present the prospect is favourable to a good field for the race, and in view of the quality of the fifty acceptors the horse that is hailed the winner of the Cup of 1894 will have to be no sluggard. Evidently the Meganser people did not fancy the drop of a stone between the mare and Prime Warden, for her name is missing from the list. And so, by the way, is Goosander. I must say I felt rather confident that one of this pair would remain in. As I remarked in reviewing the handicap, Prime Warden is in my opinion more than fairly treated at 8.8, and although he has not shown up too well of late, I shall stick to what I said on July 5th, and name him as a dangerous horse. His performances show what he can do over distances, and if the fall of the Cup flag sees him in good form he will be a very hard horse to beat. At only 2lb less than Prime Warden, Au Revoir is not too comfortable, and I would not be inclined to place much reliance on the chance. I know many people fancy the chance, but I have my own opinion. Liberator has accepted his 8.4, and a sterling performer like him cannot be neglected. At the same weight Hippomenes looks decidedly well in, and unless something goes amiss, this candidate will have to be reckoned with. Rosefeldt has gone up a bit from her last year's weight, but many people are sanguine she can repeat her 1893 victory. Then she had 7.4, now her weight is 8.3, and although I am enamoured of the chance I won't say the mare is out of it. She is an honest, but generally an unfortunate racer, although last year the wheel of fortune took a good turn in her direction. In spite of rumours which are certainly unfavourable to him, Clanranald's name comes up as an acceptor, and with 3lb less than the weight allotted him last year he may give us a score, but I am inclined to think staying is not his forte. Some of the heavier weighted animals must beat him. The appearance of Skirmisher's name in the list does not look as though Caulfield will be his mission, and although that does not necessarily give the lie to the rumoured Australian visit, I am inclined to believe in view of recent developments, that Christchurch will see him run. [Since writing the above he has been scratched for the Caulfield.] And if in anything like his correct form he must run a big horse with 8.3. Of Saracen and Rangipuhi I prefer the latter, for I do not feel at all confident of the movements or intentions of the first named animal. When the Victorian pencil, Robt. Phillips, was in New Zealand he gave it as his opinion that Rangipuhi could more than hold his own on Australian courses, and I believe him. This horse's chance is by no means the worst in the Cup. Pegasus at 7.13 is favourably regarded by many, and, if well, is worth looking after. I hear he has not been going very well lately, but Harrison may be trusted to get the colt in thoroughly good order by the time of the race. Lady Zetland and Beadonwell are not such a good pair as the two next on the list, viz., Impulse and Lottie. I keep hearing whispers of Impulse being a good thing, but personally I know little of him, for his training is conducted in private. Regarding Lottie, her chance simply hangs upon her ability to stretch out the gallops we know she can do over a mile and a half to two miles. The weight is not an ounce too much for her, and from the quiet way her people are backing I her must conclude she has more than a fair chance of getting the required distance. The next acceptor is Royal Rose, and there's a bit of a puzzle surrounding this horse. He has gone over to Australia; but does his journey mean racing over there or only steady training on first-class tracks? The stable that shelters him is said to be depending on Three Star, and we know they have backed the roan colt. But then, someone has also been nibbling at Royal Rose, and he might prove the correct pea after all, but the puzzle is hard to solve. At any rate they both remain in the race, and they will be kept on my side as long as

they remain in the race. Not knowing the selected one I'll take them both. Lower in the list I like Monte Carlo and Dilemma, and Pinrose and Outpost are a pair of good ones. Fit and well the chance of the last named horse will be a great one. Casket is another one I fancy, and of the remaining lot I like none better than Grenadier. At this stage I do not feel justified in narrowing the issue further than taking six as the best. And that half-a-dozen I believe to be Hippomenes, Skirmisher, Rangipuhi, Impulse, Wright's best, and Casket.

CAULFIELD NATIONAL MEETING.

THE big Caulfield jumping meeting comes off on Saturday next, and as there will doubtless be a moderate amount of local betting on the meeting I shall give my views respecting the two principal events, the hurdles and steeplechase. In the former race Tim Swiveller heads a list of forty-one horses with 12.8 against his name. Last year he could not win with 6lb less than he will be called upon to carry next Saturday, but I do not think he will see the post. I fancy retirement will be his order until the Caulfield Cup. Apsley, the winner of the V.R.C. Hurdle Race, is only 1lb less than Tim Swiveller, which means that he has close on three stone more than he won with at Flemington. He will doubtless carry a lot of money despite his weighting, but I think that while he can take rank as one of the best half dozen he will not reach the winning post until one or two have preceded him. Ixion, Bill, and Goldreef are amongst the likely contingent, and Navarino is decidedly dangerous. A good six can be named as follows:—Apsley, Ixion, Bill, Goldreef, and Ebor, and to take three I like

IXION, APSEY, NAVARINO.

In the cross-country race Mikado II. and Busaco are together at 13.0, and as the Caulfield country is easier than Flemington, the weight will not seriously stop either of them. But the V.R.C. winner, Daimio, will trouble them badly. Corangamite went out favourite at Flemington, but did not score, but over Caulfield country a different result may be expected. Without further beating about the bush I may at once say I consider the horse that beats Daimio will win, and for the best three commend me to

DAIMIO, MIKADO II., CORANGAMITE.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

OUR Southern friends hold their big jumping meeting to-day, so I shall make a few further remarks respecting the prospects of the racing seeing that the scratching pen and mishaps have blotted out the chances of one or two of the candidates I named in last week's REVIEW. Taking the big race, the steeplechase, first, we find that final payments and bad track displays have resulted in only eight horses having been paid up for. Writing *re* this race last week I named Morag, Norton and Bombardier against the field for places, but that tip must now go by the board, for thanks to Morag's slovenly jumping, he came a cropper on Monday, and was escorted back to his box with one of his cannon bones badly stripped. After finally considering and keeping an open ear to reliable reports, I am going to replace Morag by including in the first three the name of Despised, and I shall not be surprised if the two to fight out the finish will be found to be

NORTON and DESPISED.

There will be only half a dozen hurdlers found at the post when the flag falls for the Grand National Hurdle Race, but there is a heap of quality bound up in that same half dozen, and a rattling race should be witnessed by those lucky enough to be present at the meeting. Liberator and Kulnine at 12.6 and 12.3 are a warm pair to pass by, but I feel inclined to do that foolhardy trick in view of the two lighter weighted candidates which I will name without further padding. Their names are

MELINITE and EMPIRE.

In naming the latter I am aware that I have suddenly woke up to excellence I was shutting my eyes to. But it is not a crime to acknowledge shortsightedness even at the eleventh hour. However, that is the pair I am now going to rely upon. Respecting the minor events I have nothing much to alter from last week's tipping. Then I took

PUMAU, PICCADILLY and GILLIE

for the First Hunters' Hurdles, and I still think the same, and believe that

Pumau is the best one to support. For the Winter Handicap my vote is still AWARUA ROSE, WARRINGTON and KING JOHN,

with a preference for the first named animal; and in the Enfield Steeplechase my three are

TIRITEA, ROSCIUS and ROBIN,

with a strong leaning towards the last named. For the Maiden Hurdles I consider

BARNARDO and JACOB FAITHFUL

the best two of the four acceptors, and for the Ladies' Bracelet I like

LEONTINE.

Inter-Provincial

[FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

WELLINGTON.

July 30.

I HAVE often heard it said that the use of the totalisator in New Zealand drove the best of our horses out of the country, and the "croakers" have given the case of Mr Gollan taking his horses to Australia as an instance. It no doubt will be news to them to know that Mr Gollan is a firm believer in the totalisator, and holds the opinion that if it were introduced in Victoria and New South Wales, owners would get better prices about their horses, besides purifying the turf in those colonies to a large extent.

James Wright, who has been training Mr T. Waddington's trotters for some time past, is now residing in Christchurch, and has taken his pair of trotters—Tuesday and Buttercup—to that place.

Mr Gollan considers that although some of the English sportsmen have the pick of a stable containing 20 or 30 hunters, Norton will prove as good as the best of them in the hunting field. And I think so too.

Sporting matters are very quiet in town just now. Betting is stagnant, and the quotations for the N.Z. Cup are unchanged since last week. Backers are endeavouring to pick the National double to a limited extent, but have not been coupling Norton with anything in the Hurdles since the report got abroad that there was a likelihood of the horse not having the services of his old pilot, W. Clark. The general opinion is that both events are very open, and it would appear so by the "all round" betting that has taken place with the local books on the double.

Dan O'Brien's pair—Response and Loyalty—should, by what I hear, be "good goods" for the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups respectively. Dan is reported to be very sweet on Loyalty's chance.

A rumour is current that Marino (Nelson—Waitiri), who was given out as a good thing for the N.Z. Cup has gone lame, and Needlegun and Merganser are in "queer street."

The Gaming Bill passed its third reading in the House of Reps. on Thursday night, and will be brought on in the Legislative Council on the 10th August. It is almost certain to become law this session.

C. Eugene, who followed the occupation of a racecourse bookmaker at meetings along the West Coast a few years ago, and who has lately been "curing" people by dietary treatment, etc., has startled the peaceful citizens of the Empire City by a prophecy that New Zealand is to be blown up by an eruption before the end of the year, and Australia is to be devastated by a tidal wave. Eugene and his disciples (about forty) leave here on the 19th of this month for Cape Colony.

I notice Jacob Faithful, which gave old Liberator a great "go" in the Maiden Hurdles at the last National Meeting, is putting in good work under Paddy McGrath's care, and I expect him to go up one this year in the Maiden Hurdles.

Morag and Dainty arrived in town this afternoon from Hastings, and went on to Christchurch this afternoon by the Wairarapa. I understand Tiritea will not fulfil his engagements at Riccarton. The Morag party are very confident of victory in the Steeplechase, as the horse is very well and is such a sure fencer. Dainty is also expected to account for the Beaufort Steeple.

Percy Martin, private trainer to Mr S. H. Gollan in Australia, passed through Wellington a few days ago on a visit to Hawkes Bay.

Melinite is a strong Southern tip for the National Hurdles.

Swordbelt is going nicely in his new home in the Wairarapa, and the Messrs Cave Bros. expect to get a few runs out

of him next season. I fancy they will find him a "dicky" customer to deal with when they give him a few winding-up gallops. Sea Serpent, in the same stable, has been on the sick list for some time, but is to be taken up again next month.

Scotsman, owned by Mr David Scott, of Lower Rangitikei, broke his neck recently in jumping a fence of his own accord. He was not a success on the turf, only placing one win to his credit—the Stewards' Handicap at the Fielding Meeting last year.

It is quite probable that several layers of odds in this city will quit New Zealand if Sir Robert Stout's bill becomes law and try their fortunes on the Australian turf, while others intend to remain and go in for straight out betting on the different events throughout the colony.

Mr E. F. Yuille, the well-known bookmaker of this town, need not fear any dire results from the operations of the Gaming Bill, as he has purchased 915 acres of fine land up the Manawatu line, and if compelled to retire from "laying them," can then settle down quietly on his farm. I don't think, however, that Mr Yuille has any intentions of giving up business at present.

Mr F. Martin, the popular owner of Retina and several other horses, met with a painful accident last week. He was attending to some work connected with his extensive pork butchery business when his right hand got caught in the knives of a sausage machine, lacerating the flesh from the bones in a frightful manner. Luckily no fingers were cut off, but it will be months before the sufferer will be right again.

A good crowd of Wellington sports intend patronising the National Meeting, and they no doubt will witness some good racing. In the Steeple I like the chances of Despised and Norton, in the order named, while Liberator is my fancy for the Hurdle Race, with Melinite and Magazine next best.

[The above message arrived too late for insertion in last week's REVIEW.—Ed. S.R.]

[BY WIRE.]

August 7.

An English sport arrived by the Doric on Sunday, who had been having a good time on the voyage out. This lucky voyager commenced seeing Colonial life immediately on landing, and with two pals did the town in rare style. Yesterday two of them intended going to Christchurch in the Tarawera to attend the National Meeting. The vessel's officers, however, would not give them berths on account of their exhilarated condition, and a constable seeing they were being "shadowed" by several spicers arrested them, and on searching them found one possessed £1,444 14s. in £100 Bank of England notes and £44 in gold and silver. They were fined 5s each this morning, and the Magistrate advised the one possessing the money to bank it at once unless he wished to be robbed. He followed this advice and sailed for Christchurch this afternoon by the Takapuna, none the worse for his adventure. The spicer fraternity were in strong force to see him off, and several also shipped by the same boat. The young fellow was very penitent to-day, and recognised the narrow escape he had of losing his money.

Enquiries were made yesterday respecting Grenadier's price in the New Zealand Cup, but no business was transacted.

Rosefeldt is considered the most likely Hawke's Bay horse to win the Cup.

It is likely a deficit will be experienced in connection with the Palmerston Trotting Meeting, and it is improbable there will be any more trotting meetings in the Wairarapa.

DUNEDIN.

[BY WIRE.]

August 7th.

The weather is still very bad here, and the roads and the Ocean Beach are again used for training purposes. It has been the wettest season for many years.

Mariner, Jacob Faithful and Nenthorn were sent by the s. s. Flora yesterday, in company with five trotting horses engaged in Christchurch events.

Robin went by train last week, and James Cotton has gone up to ride him in his work. He is a good jumper, but, I think, too slow for the company in the big race.

Stewart Waddell is taking Empire by rail to-morrow (Wednesday morning).

Maribrnong travelled up by to-day's express, so our lot entered will be on the spot.

I fancy Norton or Despised for the Steeplechase, and Liberator or Empire for the Hurdles.

There are a big lot of sports going up from here.

There is plenty of Three Star money in Dunedin going begging at 100 to 8. Monte Carlo has been backed for four hundred at 100 to 4. There was an offer last Friday to take £500 to £32 about Skirmisher, but none of our metalicians would take it on, their books being full against this son of Vanguard.

The following is a list of Dunedin quotations procurable:—100 to 8. Skirmisher, Three Star, Au Revoir, 100 to 7 Prime Warden, Hippomenes, 100 to 6 Impulse, Pinrose, Westmere, 100 to 5 Lottie, Lady Zetland, Pompom, Saracen, Vogegang, 100 to 4 Rangipuhi, Monte Carlo, Pegasus, Royal Rose, 100 to 4 to 1 the remainder.

There has been a tendency to back Impulse, and I fancy a commission was tried here, but very little business resulted.

Messrs Nathan and Patterson, the Wellington pencilers, were here last week, but did very little business.

Our last coursing meeting was a pretty successful one. The three dogs I intimated as coming up to your meeting, viz., Pine Hut, Douglas and Sydenham—all belonging to one man—put up a record by running one, two, three in the Trial Stake. Zulu beat Christmas Rose, and won.

The following dogs and trainers left by to-day's boat for Auckland:—W. Harley with Pine Hut, Douglas, and Sydenham; J. Kirkby with Kaputiki, Union Jack. He will also pick up at Lyttelton the veteran bitch Bess Morley and Boadecia.

W. Noel will also have Hastie Girl, Christmas Rose, and White Star, so you will have a good contingent of our best greyhounds.

Walter Bentley opened here on Wednesday night, playing The Silence of Dean Maitland. He is now doing good business with The Silver King, and proceeds North next week.

The Newbury—Spada Company have had a very successful season. The final performance will be given to-night, and the company will then proceed North.

Madame Belle Cole passed through here yesterday, bound for Wellington.

The Kennedy—Deering Dramatic Co. are playing three nights per week here in the City Hall, and are doing good business, having become very popular.

NAPIER.

[BY WIRE.]

August 7.

BEFORE Mr Douglas left Melbourne he placed Waterbury and Couranto in the hands of Messrs W. C. Yuille and Co. for private sale.

Prior to the acceptances for the N.Z. Cup the local pencilers laid several wagers about the different horses engaged, the principal wagers being 200 to 10 Pinrose, 500 to 15 Monte Carlo, 500 to 25 Prime Warden, 500 to 12½ Salvo, 200 to 12 Skirmisher, and 500 to 25 Three Star.

The acceptances are on the whole considered satisfactory here. The defection of Needlegun came as a blow to several punters. I hear this colt's withdrawal is due to a split hoof. Merganser I did not expect to pay up, but I did not think Goosander would also be withdrawn.

Local backers received quite a shock when it was seen that Pinrose was missing from the list, but the news that his name was not telegraphed through as an acceptor has put his backers in good humour again.

The news of the accident to Morag caused quite a sensation here, as nearly everyone hoped for the success of the Lord of the Isles gelding. Had Morag gone to the post and been returned a winner many a local sport would have benefited by the win. The race may yet be brought to this district through the agency of Norton. Morag being a non-starter I will now add Despised to the list of my selections, and opine that the winner will come from Norton, Bombardier and Despised, and I like them best in that order.

Good accounts reach me of the work Melinite is doing, and convinces me that she will have a great deal to say in the decision of the big hurdle race. Whatever beats her should win.

Austral shaped well in the Maiden Steeple with a big weight up, and later on in the Wairarapa Steeplechase, and I would not put the Enfield Steeplechase past him.

The Town and Suburban Racing Club held their annual meeting on Saturday last. The balance-sheet showed total receipts of £1,692 9s 4d, including a balance of £282 13s 9d to credit at the

commencement of the season, while the expenditure was £270 16s 11d less, leaving a loss on the year's operations. It was decided to remit the fines of £5 imposed on all jockeys at the May meeting. The names of the jockeys interested are as follows:—W. Retter, D. Donovan, C. Jones, J. Murphy, S. Johns, W. E. Wilson, J. McLaughlin, T. Jones and T. Watt. It was, however, decided that with respect to all jockeys fined in future the rules be carried out and the fines strictly enforced. G. Fuszard had a fine of £5 remitted that had been imposed for disobedience at the November meeting. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr W. Heslop; Vice-President, Mr W. M. Broughton; Hon. Treasurer, Mr G. Rymer; Stewards, Messrs. M. Ryan, T. Jeffers, W. Stock, R. J. Neagle, G. Rymer, W. Harpham, C. O'Donoghue, and T. Lawton; Judge, Mr W. Heslop; Starter, Mr T. Jeffers, jr.; Clerk of the Scales, Mr J. Turley; Clerk of Course, Mr W. Howard; Handicapper, Mr L. Binnie; Time-keeper, Mr M. Ryan; Secretary, Mr L. Binnie. The same programme was adopted as was in force last year, but the distance of the Taradale Handicap, to be decided at the November meeting, was reduced to a mile and a quarter.

TARANAKI.

July 28.

THE District Court opens here on August 15, when the action, J. B. Williamson v. Patrick Riell, claim £500 for alleged libel, will be heard. This action arises out of certain matters that occurred in connection with the Emmett enquiry held by the Wanganui Jockey Club. Messrs. Weston and Lusk will appear for plaintiff, and Mr D. Hogg, of Wanganui, for the defendant. It is likely that another sporting case will occupy the attention of the Court at the same sittings.

The Normandy Trotting Club made a profit out of their initial meeting. The general meeting of members of the club was held at Normanby on July 25th. There was a fair attendance, and Mr Quin was in the chair. The secretary read a report and balance-sheet showing a bank balance of £14 odd, assets £30, liabilities about £5. The total receipts amounted to £255 2s 4d, and the expenditure to £240 5s 8d. Improvements to the course were left in the hands of Mr A. Alexander, with whom satisfactory arrangements were made as to holding future meetings on his land. It was proposed to hold the next meeting some time about the end of January.

Mr C. Tate has added to his string the two-year-old colt Dauphin, ex Madcap, dam of the departed Auckland Derby winner Morion. The colt is something like Morion in appearance. I understand that Mr Tate has taken a lease of the colt.

The chance of Belle in the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase will be somewhat discounted by the distance, which I understand, is between three and a half and four miles. The jumps are also reported to be stiff. Percy Johnston will ride the chestnut daughter of The Australian in the big event, and in the Beaufort Steeplechase the second day. My impressions for the two principal events are:—Steeplechase: Bootles, Belle, Bombardier. Hurdles: Melinite and Empire.

Since Mr Douglas re-purchased Mutiny, the chestnut son of The Mute—Lady Maxwell has failed to catch the judge's eye first.

As Boxing Day approaches some interest is being manifested in the first Taranaki Hack Derby. I saw a Derby candidate, Financier (Governor—Maid of Honor) the other day, but he looked very backward considering that the event is not so very far off now. There is a good deal of enquiry about Mr J. B. Williamson's Derby colt Aughadowey.

Bootles is worth backing in the Grand National Steeplechase, as his jumping abilities will carry him over the country, and, moreover, he is not so slow as some people imagine. He has got the name of being as slow as a top, etc., but it is all bosh.

A writ has been served on Mr J. J. Russell, at the instance of Mr F. Calgher, who claims certain moneys in connection with the winnings of the jumper Union Jack. The case will be heard at the next sitting of the District Court here.

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WANGANUI.

August 3rd.

OUR local candidate Amalgam, who is engaged in the National Steeplechase, is in splendid condition, and local backers

who have seen both him and Nanakia doing their preparation, consider it almost a certainty, bar accidents, that the roan will beat the Wanganui Steeplechase dead-heater, and a good few pounds are being invested to that effect.

Bradshaw, who is now included in W. H. Keith's team is by Castoff out of Lady, and was owned by Mr Goodson, of Hawera, in whose colours the horse done some very creditable performances in hack hurdle events. Bradshaw, taken to the post in thorough condition, should be capable of placing a few good wins to his credit at the illegitimate game which no doubt he will be put at when taken to Australia.

The chesnut gelding Eothen by Ascot—Sunshine, half-brother to Waterbury, who showed some really good performances in hack company last season, has now been taken in hand again after a four months' spell. The horse is quite sound, and no doubt will be seen to better advantage during the coming season. As his present owner is thinking of retiring from the turf he is quite prepared to part with the son of Ascot at a reasonable figure.

The thoroughbred horse Izaak Walton (by Dainty Ariel out of Fanny Fisher), who has been at the service of breeders for so long on this coast, has been sold to go to Otakeho (Hawera district). About the best horse he sired was the speedy Billingsgate, who as a two, three, and four-year-old, made Izaak's name very popular. Fishmonger is another who has upheld his sire's reputation, as I believe he has won more hurdle races and steeplechases than any other horse in the colony. Amongst others of Izaak Walton's stock may be mentioned Silvio, Angler, The Bard, Takapu, Waltonia, Waireka, and Pink Rose.

It is quite likely that Vanguard will be at the service of breeders in the Wanganui district this season.

The Palmerston North Trotting Club's Meeting was held on the 1st inst., when a most enjoyable day's trotting was gone through, being witnessed by some 700 people. The ground was in a frightfully bad state, the going being terribly heavy, but nevertheless some good finishes resulted, and I am told that Olly's win in the Winter Handicap was all due to the superb way in which Alf Keith handled her, just snatching the victory from J.H. on the post. The following are the results of events:—Maiden—Kentucky Wilks 1, The Duke 2, Counsellor 3; dividend, £10 2s. Pony Trot—Frisk 1, Zulu 2, Sultan 3; dividend, £2 15s. Metropolitan Handicap, three miles (in saddle)—Othello 1, Kentucky Wilks 2, Invictus 3; dividend, £3 6s; time, 10min 17sec. Maiden (harness)—Pakowhai 1, Counsellor 2; dividend, £1 13s; Pony Trot (saddle)—Zulu 1, Topsy 2; dividend, £9 14s. Winter Handicap (in harness)—Olly 1, J.H. 2, Invictus 3; dividend, £2 15s. Electric Stakes—Waimaimai 1, Sally 2; dividend, £4 15s.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

HAWKES' BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

[BY WIRE.]

August 7.

THE annual meeting of the Hawkes' Bay J.C. was held yesterday. The balance-sheet showed a surplus on the year's racing of £413 10s 9d. The receipts totalled £6903 9s 9d, which showed a decrease of £26 14s 4d, and the expenditure was £6569 19s, which also showed a decrease. Against the surplus, however is to be considered the sum of £245 received for trainers, jockeys, and apprentices' licenses. The net profit to the club for the season, therefore, is £168 10s 9d. The amount of totalisator tax paid during the season was £424 13s 7d. The Spring Meeting accounted for £152 3s 6d and the Autumn Meeting for £148 6s 5d. The report briefly referred to the resolution come to at the Conference to reduce the number of totalisator licenses by one-third, and stated that the reduction in this district would be seven. Referring to the provision in Sir Robert Stout's Gaming Bill, precluding the decision of racing suits by the law courts, the report adduced this as a further reason for the establishment of a N.Z. Jockey Club, a reason which was further urged by Capt. Russell. In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, Capt. Russell in his speech also expressed it as his opinion that the bill would have the effect of stamping out the shops and walking totalisators, which would have a very salutary result. The following were elected as office bearers for the ensuing season:—President, Captain Russell, M.H.R.; treasurer, Mr Jas. Lyon; com-

mittee, Messrs W. Douglas, G. P. Donnelly, H. Gaisford, G. Hunter, F. Logan, W. Shrimpton, J. H. Lowry, H. Mason, and the Hon. J. D. Ormond. At the close of the annual meeting the committee met and drew up the programme for the ensuing season. It was decided that the total prize money should be increased on last year's total by £130, bringing it to £4015 to be allotted as follows:—Spring Meeting £1345, Summer £525, Autumn £1535, Winter £610. Notice of motion was given for the next conference of N.Z. Jockey Club's "that the minimum weight in any handicap flat race be raised to 7.0."

FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB.

THE annual meeting of the Feilding Jockey Club was held at the Feilding Hotel on Thursday evening, July 26.

There was a good attendance of members, and Mr F. V. Lethbridge occupied the chair.

The retiring committee's report was read as follows:—"In presenting the annual statement of receipts and expenditure for the past season your committee regret that they have not quite such a satisfactory report as was laid before you at last annual meeting. The statement shows a deficiency on the year's transactions of some £26, mainly caused by extra expenditure on improvements, a falling off of receipts from the totalisator at the autumn meeting, and through having the pay the Government tax for the first time on totalisator receipts out of the ordinary 10 per cent. commission, and in a smaller measure through a falling off in receipt from members' subscriptions. The amount paid to Government for tax amounted to £165 9s 4d, which, under the old system, would have formed part of the club's revenue. The falling off in the totalisator receipts at the Easter meeting was £1374, representing a loss to the club of over £100. The falling off was caused mainly through the fact of Easter falling unusually early in the year, and consequently coming close on the heels of Wanganui, Hawke's Bay, and other principal meetings, and in a minor degree to the second day of the meeting being wet. Notwithstanding these drawbacks the position of the club is highly satisfactory, for after having paid for all improvements, and materially increasing the stakes, there still remains a sum of £200 which is on fixed deposit at the Bank of New Zealand. The assets of the club in the shape of fees, etc., are quite sufficient to meet the small overdraft of £19. Another item of expenditure in this year's statement which will not occur again is for paddock bell and jockey scales, £14, and extra rent paid to Mr Turner of £6 for closing the course for several months last spring after it had been top dressed. Your committee have made an effort to raise the money required to purchase the course outright, and have not been able to do so, the margin not being considered sufficient. In view of the restrictions in the use of the totalisator which is likely to be brought about by Sir R. Stout's Bill, it will be for you to decide as to whether or not the stakes shall be reduced, but your committee do not consider it will be necessary to do so for the coming year at any rate. (Signed) W. A. L. BAILEY, chairman of committee."

Statement of receipts and expenditure for the year ending July 31, 1894:—Receipts: Balance on July 31, 1893, £7 10s 8d; gates, lawn, and grandstand, publican's booth, cards, etc., £665; totalisator receipts, £1001 10s 6d; members' subscriptions, £50 1s; entries, nominations, acceptance fees, £526 15s; protest fee forfeited, £2; training fees, £4 13s; cheque dishonored, £5; bank interest on fixed deposit, £9; balance, £19 1s 1d; total, £2290 11s 3d.

Expenditure: To amount of stakes paid, £1580; Government tax totalisator, £165 9s 4d; rent of course, £49 15s 9d; advertising and printing, £101 14s 7d; labour on course and training track, £107 4s 5d; band, two meetings, £20; salaries, £131; commission on sale privileges, £19 5s 10d; luncheons, stewards and visitors, £50 10s; jockeys scales and bell, £14 10s; extra rent, £6; repairs, £4 12s 7d; legal expenses, £6 0s 8d; fire insurance, £5 5s; clerk of course (clothing), £4; petty cash, £7 19s 7d; hire of flags, £1 10s; ladies' room attendant, £1; carting and bank interest, £1 15s 2d; telegraph department, £3 17s 4d; Millard (compensation), £1 18s; valuation fee, £2 2s; dishonored cheque, £5; total, £2290 11s 3d.

The report and balance sheet was adopted, on the motion of Mr Sandilands, seconded by Mr W. Bailey.

The election of officers resulted as

follows:—President, Mr F. Y. Lethbridge; vice-president, Mr William L. Bailey; judge, Mr W. H. Hartgill; treasurer, Mr E. J. Allan; clerk of the scales, Mr O. Cooper; handicapper, Mr J. E. Henry; timekeeper, Mr J. Scott; starter, Mr E. Woods; clerk of course, Mr Edwards; committee, Messrs W. A. L. Bailey, H. Bastings, Saunders, Sandilands, Jackman, Sherwill, Taylor, Haybittle, Gosling, Light, Cooper; stewards, Messrs Sherwill, Sandilands, Gosling, W. A. L. Bailey, Saunders, Jackman and Bastings.

The handicapper and starter are to be paid the same remuneration as previously, viz., £15 and £5 per day, respectively.

Resolved, "That Messrs C. L. Inwood and H. B. Taylor be granted certificates as gentleman riders."

The Betting Market.

MR CRUICKSHANK reports the following quotations:—

- 100 to 10 Three Star
100 — 8 Au Revoir, Skirmisher
100 — 7 Hippomenes
100 — 6 Prime Warden, Pinrose
100 — 5 Saracen, Rangipuhi, Pegasus, Vogengang, Impulse, Artilleur, Rosefeldt, Monte Carlo
100 — 4 Liberator, Clanranald, Lady Zetland, Beadonwell, Lottie, Royal Rose, Pom Pom, Grenadier
100 — 3 Dreamland, Rangiatea, Outpost, Magazine, Mahaki, Casket, Westmere, Purepo, Marino, Love Shot, Salvo
50 to 1 to 100 to 1 others

Turf Topics.

By Reviewer.

Rebellion goes to the stud this coming season. Pulvil was found to be beyond recovery, and was shot in New South Wales last week.

In future the steeplechase fences at Moonee Valley will be of a uniform height of 4ft.

Wellington backers are nibbling at Royal Rose's chance at 100 to 4.

St. Patrick is becoming a vastly improved horse, and will have to be watched during the coming season.

If the report about Portsea having developed a bowed tendon be true the little champion's career will be a short one.

The Victoria Racing Club made a profit of about £1000 on the V.R.C. Grand National Meeting.

A Sydney advice states that Whakawatea runs consistently forward and should be a good one to follow.

I have to acknowledge receipt of a useful "Centaur," compiled and published by Mr R. P. Hurren, of Melbourne.

Au Revoir is in capital health just now, and performing the tasks allotted him in the most promising fashion.

The Marlborough Club is to amalgamate with the Upper Wairau Club. The former institution has not been a success.

The Wairarapa Racing Club's annual report to be laid before members on the 23rd inst. shows the Club to be in a healthy position.

Couranto and Waterbury have been placed in the hands of Messrs Yuille and Co., the Melbourne auctioneers, for private sale.

The starting machine has been permanently adopted at the Moonee Valley and Maribyrong (Victoria) racecourses.

The New Zealand Cup candidate Westmere is reported to be doing splendidly in his work, and is worth punters attention from all I can gather.

Handicapper Henry may rank as a prophet. Early last week he prophesied there would be 50 N.Z. Cup acceptors.

St. Kilda and Crazy Kate got out of their paddock a few days ago and went for an unattended stroll out Panmure way. Neither of the wanderers hurt themselves.

The Associated Pony Clubs of N.S.W. have determined to remeasure ponies, raising the standard of galloways to 15 hands. The new rule comes into force on September 1st.

The cable brings news of the death of the Duke of Westminster's colt Bullingdon. The breeding was by Melton from Shotover. Both his sire and dam were Derby winners.

A motion prohibiting stewards to invest any money on the totalisator at races held under the auspices of the club was moved at the annual meeting of the Egmont Racing Club, but after a short discussion the motion was lost.

The Egmont Racing Club appear to be extremely well satisfied with the starting of Mr M. F. Baird. They have re-appointed him and increased his honorarium by £10. I believe Mr Baird's starting is exceptionally good.

The following N.Z. Cup wagers were laid by Mr J. F. Cruickshank this week:—100 to 4 Impulse, 200 to 7 Artilleur, 200 to 6 Grenadier, 100 to 8 Skirmisher, 200 to 7 Vogengang, 100 to 4 Monte Carlo, 100 to 4 Rangiatea.

It is said that the owners of Daimio, who won the V.R.C. Steeplechase, had no interest in the race save the stake and a friendly wager of a dinner for six that they would beat the favourite, Corangamite.

W. Delaney, the jockey who rode Jeweller in the Melbourne Cup last year, says there would have been no Taroola's name first could he have got him through his horses. He says he only hopes he may get the mount this year, and even with 9.6, if the great horse be fit and well, he will win.

A Canterbury Times par. tells us Despised has shown a trace of lameness.

"Castor" writes that Reflector has developed into a confirmed rogue.

Mr S. H. Gollan is only afraid of Despised in the Christchurch National Steeplechase.

Mr Donald McKinnon has returned to Auckland from his Australian visit.

Percy Johnston will ride Belle in the Christchurch National Steeplechase, and Hickey will have the mount on Bootles in the same race.

The first of the Wellington Park matrons to foal this season was Sunrise, who foaled a colt this week to Cuirassier.

The Hawkes' Bay people expect a reduction of seven totalisator permits when Sir R. Stout's measure comes into force.

At the next Racing Conference the H.B.J.C. delegates will move that the minimum weights in any handicap race be raised to 7.0.

The committee of the Fielding Jockey Club do not think it will be found necessary to reduce their stakes for the coming year.

Empire came up as a pronounced good thing yesterday for the Christchurch Grand National Hurdle Race. He will be ridden by Jim Cotton.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club come out of the financial year with a surplus of £413. The receipts were £6983—not quite up to last year's figures—and the expenditure was £6569.

The voting for membership of the A.R.C. Committee was as follows:—Messrs Morrin and Dicokey 20, Messrs Philson, Gorrie and Russell 19, Mr Thompson 13, and Mr Kidd 11.

Nominations in connection with the North Canterbury Hunt Club Steeplechase Meeting to be held at the Amberly Racecourse Reserve on August 23rd are published elsewhere.

A wire received from Christchurch yesterday states that the weather has cleared up, giving promise of fine weather overhead for the National Meeting. The course, however, is sloppy.

Capt. Russell quotes the legislative desire to present racing suits being recoverable at law as a strong argument in favour of the establishment of a New Zealand Jockey Club.

The improvement of numbered saddlecloths has been introduced into America. "Gentleman Bond" was the man who gave this blessing to Australia.

The stallion Fabulous, who was advertised last week as being for sale, has been withdrawn from the market. I understand he has been leased to an owner up Dargaville way.

I understand an old Auckland boy in the person of Mr T. Jackson will be a member of the Newbury-Spada Company, which is booked for a short Auckland season.

Late Australian files brings news of the death of Mr W. C. Yuille, a veteran Victorian sporting writer. As "Peeping Tom" he was well known to readers of the Australasian.

Sydney Bulletin comes out with a statement that a leading Victorian bookmaker asserts that the Hebrew books got rid of £700 in placing delicate little parliamentary bribes. Is this true, or only one of the Bulletin's characteristic pars?

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's programme for the new season will show an increase in stakes of £130, which will bring the total to £4015. The money will be allotted thus:—Spring Meeting £1245, Summer £525, Autumn £1537, Winter £610.

A wire from Christchurch states that Mr S. H. Gollan fell while riding his hack through Christchurch, and as he got a severe shaking, in all probability he will not be able to ride Norton in the Grand National Steeplechase.

Dunedin people are apparently not enamoured of Three Star's New Zealand Cup chance, for our Otago representative wires that there is plenty of money going begging at 100 to 8. The Dunedinites have shown a fair disposition to back Monte Carlo at 100 to 4.

An Auckland visitor visiting Christchurch sends the following tips for to-day:—Steeplechase—Bombardier, Norton, Nanakia. Enfield Steeple—Roscius, Austral, Cajolery. Winter Handicap—Musket, Mariner, Warrington. Maiden Hurdles—Jacob Faithful or Barnardo.

The imported Irish hunting sire Paddy's Land will stand this season at Cambridge, Waikato. Arrangements have been made to carry a few mares by truck from Auckland. The fee will be £6 per mare, and particulars can be obtained from the Sylvia Park groom or from W. J. Hunter, Ohaupo, Waikato.

A well-known Christchurch sportsman made an offer of one hundred and fifty pounds on Tuesday for St. Patrick (wires our Christchurch representative), but the offer was refused. Visitors are arriving from all parts of the colony, and everything augurs well for a very successful meeting. Respecting the statement re St. Patrick's, I may say Frank Macmanem, the owner and trainer of the horse, has heard of no £150 offer.

Mr Morrin has been presented with a bay colt by his brood matron Sunrise, whose effort is the result of a mating with Cuirassier. Sunrise is by Ramarama out of Awatea, by imported Ravensworth, imported Skybird, by Teddington out of Skylark, by Peep-o'-Day-Boy. The progeny of such a mare, and sired by Cuirassier, would not make a bad stallion if Fate spares him.

I take this from Sydney Truth:—"The well-kept Tit was once more sprung on the public and handicapper on Wednesday at Moorefield, and backed by an astute party down to a very short price. When Tit's talent take short odds its odds on they make no mistake, and this case was no exception. Waltzer is in the same stable as Tit. I wonder when his day will come? The Tote is a good schoolmaster."

The St. George horse Eros is advertised to stand this season at the Epsom Hotel, and on breeding he should receive favourable consideration from breeders. Eros is almost own brother to Loyalty, for while the latter is by St. George—Fair Nell, Eros is by the same sire out of Idalia, the dam of Loyalty's dam. There is not much to cavil at in St. George, and Idalia's sons, Sir Modred and Cheviot, have shown by their deeds in America what sort of blood their dam has given them.

Albert W., the American trotting stallion, is considered so good by his owner that £6000 was recently refused for him. One of his sons, Little Albert, put up last season a record of 2.19 for a mile in America.

I see Sir Patrick Buckley is introducing a Gambling and Lotteries Act amendment Bill into Parliament to prevent such matters as the recent O'Brien—Stead case going into court. It provides that no prize in any horse race, fight, game, sport or exercise shall be recoverable at law.

"Terlinga" has the following reference to Mutiny in the Australasian:—"Mutiny is rather light for a chaser, but he is a very wiry bloodlike little horse, and after seeing him run I feel more than ever sorry that we were not given a chance of seeing Norton, who must be a diamond of the first water."

At the annual meeting of the Egmont Racing Club Mr Major moved, "That this meeting is of opinion that the time has arrived for this club to add a Spring Meeting to its fixtures, and the incoming committee are hereby requested to, if possible, make arrangements for doing so." The majority were, however, against the motion, which was lost.

The following notion of motion has been given for the annual meeting of the Wairarapa Club:—"That a hack is a horse that has never won an advertised race at any time (hack and hunter races excepted), and is not and has not been nominated in any race other than hack or hunter races at the same meeting."

The annual report of the Rangitikei Racing Club, which is unavoidably held over until next week's Review, shows the club did fair work last season, resulting in a profit of £130 13s 9d. During the year £1255 was given away in stakes, while the club's revenue from all sources amounted to £1765 5s. The pool on the Cup amounted to £1265, in £1 tickets, which sounds like a New Zealand record for one machine.

At the annual meeting of the Egmont Racing Club Mr Sutton moved, "That it be a recommendation to the incoming committee to purchase the course or a course." He said it was necessary if the resolution was carried, that the committee should be prepared to go guarantee for the money. By purchasing the course the club would have a good asset, and also would have the advantage of taking all gate money. Mr Riddiford seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Hon. J. Macgregor, who is going to take charge of Sir Robert Stout's Gaming Bill in the Legislative Council, intends to move an additional clause providing a £2 fine, or a month's imprisonment, for the publication of any newspaper, pamphlet, book or circular of tips, betting odds, or any information or advertisement as to betting or wagering of any kind whatever. This old world of ours will become so strictly proper and virtuous presently that no one will be able to live in it.

The Caulfield Grand Nationals are now the objects of the near future (writes the REVIEW'S Sydney correspondent), and the heroes of the Victorian events; Apsley and Daimio, are the chosen for the betting market. Apsley has the top weight to carry in the Hurdles, and it will anchor her. Bill looks to have the best of the weights at present, and with Goldreef should fight out the finish. Corangamite meets Daimio on better terms in the Steeplechase, and has only to stand up to win, and our representative frantic from latest information will go very close.

The following office bearers have been elected in connection with the Egmont Racing Club:—President, Mr R. H. Nolan (re-elected); vice-president, Mr A. W. Budge (re-elected); committee, Messrs W. Adamson, R. Hicks, R. E. McRae, F. Riddiford, H. Spratt, H. W. Sutton, A. S. Tonks, M. C. O'Connell, Jas. Davidson, R. Hirschberg, A. W. Blennerhassett; stewards, Messrs H. Good, J. Davidson, Wm. Adamson, John Heslop, W. C. Symes, R. Hirschberg, F. Riddiford, A. S. Tonks and Dr. Westera. Mr A. Goodson was elected timekeeper, Mr Nairn hon. treasurer, Dr. Westera hon. surgeon, and Messrs White and Parrington auditors.

The Victorian Chief Justice in sentencing a Melbourne bookmaker of 19 for welshings:—"The admirable sport of horseracing, of which everybody ought to be proud, was brought into disrepute by such conduct. Every week and oftener one could not but observe numbers of young men, like the prisoner, in and around racecourses under such circumstances as left no doubt that dishonesty was going on. It was sometimes said that it was as bad for rich men to bet as it was for poor men, but the man who was rich, if he liked to indulge in betting, had means to pay without bringing himself into dishonest repute, while the poor man who engaged in it could not help bringing ruin on himself and his family. The offence was, however, the prisoner's first, and that entitled him to consideration; and but for that a very severe sentence would have been passed, as the crime was a very dangerous one. The sentence was nine months' imprisonment."

A statement appeared in the Review's Wellington Letter of July 6th, to the effect that Mr J. B. Reid "considered his colt well treated in the Caulfield Cup, but very much better treated in the N.Z. Cup, in which he expected quite 8.9." Mr Reid writes to say that this injustice to Mr Henry is quite unwarranted, and on behalf of the proprietor of the Review I have to express regret that our Wellington representative's statement was so incorrect. As the acceptances for the New Zealand and Caulfield Cups show, Mr Reid is going to start the colt in the New Zealand race, but that does not mean that he considers Skirmisher has been leniently treated in the N.Z. Cup. The rumours re Mr Reid's preference to running for the New Zealand instead of the Caulfield Cup has no greater foundation than a friendly remark on the owner's part that he considered the colt had a chance in the mile and a half race with 8.1, but if Mr Henry gave him any show in the Christchurch handicap he would prefer not to send the colt to Australia. Possibly this remark was so distorted in its handling by the Southern Press that an incorrect impression was given to Northern writers. I have Mr Reid's assurance that he has not, up to date, supported Skirmisher to the extent of a shilling, so he cannot consider the colt so leniently handicapped. My own impression in the matter is that Mr Henry has very fairly, but not leniently, summed up Skirmisher's capabilities.

Weights, etc.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes First Hunters' Hurdle Race, Maiden Hurdles, and N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes Ladies' Bracelet and Enfield Steeplechase.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes Winter Handicap (Flat) and N.Z. Grand National Hurdle Race.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes C.J.C. Spring Meeting Acceptances.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes New Zealand Cup.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes North Canterbury Hunt Club Meeting.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes Maiden Steeplechase.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes Handicap Hurdles.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes Brackenfield Plate.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes Ladies' Bracelet.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes Tally-ho Handicap.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes Welter Steeplechase.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes V.R.C. Winter Meeting Weights.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes Caulfield Grand National Hurdle Race.

Table with columns: Race Name, Distance, Winner, Weight, etc. Includes Caulfield Grand National Steeplechase.

ANTICIPATIONS.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

[BY BORDERER.]

Grand National Steeplechase of 500 sovs, about 3 1/2 miles.—Norton or Despised.

Grand National Hurdle Race of 300 sovs, 2 miles.—Melinite or Empire.

Hunters' Hurdles of 50 sovs, once round and a distance.—Pumau, Gillie or Piccadilly.

Winter Handicap of 115 sovs, one mile and a quarter.—Awarua Rose, Warrington or King John.

Enfield Steeplechase of 75 sovs, two miles and a half.—Tiritoa, Roscius or Robin.

Maiden Hurdles of 80 sovs, one mile and three-quarters.—Barnardo or Jacob Faithful.

Bracelet.—Leontine.

[BY OUR DUNEDIN CORRESPONDENT.]

G.N. Steeplechase.—Norton or Despised.

G.N. Hurdle Race.—Liberator or Empire.

[BY OUR NAPIER CORRESPONDENT.]

G.N. Steeplechase.—Norton, Bombardier, Despised.

G.N. Hurdle Race.—Melinite or Magazine.

CAULFIELD GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

[BY BORDERER.]

Grand National Hurdles.—Ixion, Apsley, Navarino.

Grand National Steeplechase—Daimio, Mikado II., Corangamite.

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:—

- 590. E.B.—All There—Monte Carlo—Ronda
591. W.H.—La Gloria—Three Star—Bonnie Scotland
592. A.M.—Tim Swiveller—Pegasus—Dreamland
593. R.H.—Moss—Rose—Rangipuhi—Sailor Prince
594. S.L.—Lady Trenton—Au Revoir—Sternchaser
595. W.J.Y.—Bruin—Hybrid—Ronda
596. J.R.—Sternchaser—Hippomeas—Carnage
597. J.R.—Tim Swiveller—Pegasus—Paris
598. R.D.McK.—Loyalty—Royal Rose—Bonnie Scotland
599. R.D.McK.—Steadfast—Lottie—Loyalty
600. W.S.D.—Mostyn—Monte Carlo—Dreamland
601. W.S.D.—Mostyn—Three Star—Carnage
602. W.S.D.—Bruin—Au Revoir—Dreamland
603. W.S.D.—Bruin—Au Revoir—Carnage
604. W.S.D.—Sternchaser—Lottie—Portsea
605. W.S.D.—Quality—Lottie—Brookleigh
606. W.S.D.—Swordbearer—Saracen—Lady Trenton
607. W.S.D.—Paris—Liberator—Dreamland
608. J.B.—Lord Randolph—Au Revoir—Dreamland
609. J.B.—Lord Randolph—Au Revoir—Carnage
610. J.P.K.—Mostyn—Skirmisher—Light Artillery
611. J.P.K.—Mostyn—Au Revoir—Light Artillery
612. J.P.K.—Mostyn—Royal Rose—Light Artillery
613. J.P.K.—Isaac—Au Revoir—Ronda
614. J.P.K.—Isaac—Skirmisher—Ronda
615. J.P.K.—Mostyn—Au Revoir—Ronda
616. J.F.—Tim Swiveller—Rangipuhi—Ronda
617. J.F.—Mostyn—Grenadier—Sainfoin
618. J.F.—Pilo; Boy—Pegasus—Nightingale
619. D.W.—Havoc—Grenadier—Carnage
620. T.F.—Mostyn—Three Star—Dreamland
621. M.J.G.—Tim Swiveller—Pegasus—Dreamland
622. W.H.—Loyalty—Pom Pom—Donation
623. T.G.—Steadfast—Grenadier—Dreamland
624. P.E.—Oxide—Skirmisher—Light Artillery
625. J.C.M.—Mostyn—Piarose—Bonnie Scotland
626. S.D.M.—Fortunatus—Saracen—Carnage (informal)
627. S.D.M.—Mostyn—Skirmisher—Loyalty
628. H.D.L.—The Possible—Rangipuhi—Loyalty
629. C.O.D.—Loyalty—Au Revoir—Carnage
630. A.B.S.—Jeweller—Rangipuhi—Loyalty
631. R.J.—Steadfast—Prime Warden—Loyalty (informal)
632. R.J.—Little Bernie—Prime Warden—Carnage (informal)
633. J.A.—Paris—Monte Carlo—Carnage
634. F.C.S.—Paris—Au Revoir—Dreamland
635. F.C.S.—Sainfoin—Au Revoir—Dreamland
636. C.G.—Paris—Pom Pom—Light Artillery
637. C.G.—Oxide—Rangipuhi—Carnage
638. G.F.C.—Steadfast—Rangipuhi—Carnage
639. J.T.W.—Steadfast—Three Star—Carnage
640. F.A.M.—Oxide—Piarose—Loyalty
641. J.M.—Mostyn—Rangipuhi—Carnage
642. W.C.—Response—Skirmisher—Carnage
643. J.T.F.—Steadfast—Monte Carlo—Carnage
644. R.N.M.—Capetan—Hippomeas—Loyalty
645. J.N.A.—Steadfast—Three Star—Carnage
646. J.N.A.—Launceston—Au Revoir—Elswick (informal)
647. J.N.A.—Steadfast—Hybrid—Elwick (informal)
648. J.N.A.—Steadfast—Hybrid—Loyalty (informal)
649. J.N.A.—Launceston—Hybrid—Loyalty (informal)
650. J.B.T.—Greygowan—Rangipuhi—Mahee
651. J.B.T.—Ascot Vale—Rosefeldt—Delaware
652. J.B.T.—Warpaint—Scot Free—Aquarius
653. A.K.—Mostyn—Three Star—Lady Trenton
654. S.G.—Mahee—Three Star—Sailor Prince
655. S.G.—Azim—Pegasus—Light Artillery
656. J.C.—Mostyn—Rangipuhi—Dreamland
657. J.C.—Capetan—Ronda—Pegasus (informal)
658. C.V.—Mostyn—Rangipuhi—Dreamland
659. A.E.—Milkmaid—Clanranald—Sailor Prince
660. A.E.—Isaac—Skirmisher—Galliard
661. A.G.F.—Steadfast—Skirmisher—Ronda
662. A.G.F.—Steadfast—Skirmisher—Light Artillery
663. R.H.W.—Tridentate—Pegasus—Loyalty
664. R.H.W.—Mostyn—Marino—Nobleman
665. M.H.—Mostyn—Au Revoir—Loyalty
666. E.P.—Oxide—Lottie—Carnage (informal)
667. O.T.—Moth—Lottie—Dreamland (informal)
668. A.G.—Oxide—Rosefeldt—Patron
669. R.W.—Donation—Grenadier—Loyalty
670. R.W.—Steadfast—Grenadier—Loyalty
671. W.S.D.—Elswick—Monte Carlo—Hova
672. W.S.D.—Mostyn—Rangipuhi—Carnage
673. W.S.D.—Mostyn—Rangipuhi—Dreamland
674. R.H.—Bruin—Royal Rose—Jeweller
675. S.G.—Capetan—Three Star—Carnage
676. P.A.—Mostyn—Rangipuhi—Carnage
677. J.V.B.—Tim Swiveller—Piarose—Dreamland
678. J.V.B.—Tim Swiveller—Three Star—Sainfoin
679. J.V.B.—Tim Swiveller—Three Star—Sainfoin
680. H.—Formal
681. H.E.—Paris—Saracen—Carnage (informal)
682. C.S.—Jeweller—Lottie—Loyalty
683. T.G.—Mostyn—Marino—Light Artillery
684. W.A.L.—Havoc—Salvo—Carnage
685. E.L.A.M.—All There—Goosander—Destiny
686. M.E.M.—Lord Randolph—Prime Warden—Dontzetti
687. G.T.C.—Capetan—Pegasus—Carnage
688. G.T.C.—Capetan—Pegasus—Hova
689. D.J.—Richway—Rangiatea—Mostyn
690. T.W.P.—Skirmisher—Hippomeas—Carnage

Inter-Colonial.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

SYDNEY.

RACING NOTES.

THE death is announced of Mr Thomas McNamara at Geraldton (Western Australia). The deceased was well known in sporting circles here.

Correze (by Newminster—Ouida) is again in work at Randwick. Should he regain his old-time form he would be a nasty snag to run against in a handicap.

The Wagga Wagga horse Ready Money has been taken home.

Orestes, Barefoot, and a number of the horses who were taken to Singapore recently by the Darius, which experienced terrible weather, are dead.

According to an Adelaide paper there is some talk about a horse owner there having sent his nominated candidate over the course about 1 o'clock on Saturday on the off chance that the committee of Tattersall's Club may have made some mistake in postponing the races. It appears that the committee met, and at first decided to go on with the racing, and afterwards met again, seeing that the weather was very bad, and resolved to postpone the meeting altogether. The owner in question reading the rules for himself, sent his horse round a portion of the course (the course proper never having been opened), and on this ground, it is said, without the sanction of the stewards, or the aid of a starter or judge, he intends to put in a claim for the value of the stakes in the first race of the day.

The New Zealander Wakawatea (Apromont—Becky Sharp) with 8.8 up, started for the Flying Handicap at Canterbury Park Meeting on Saturday, but only managed to get third. Swagman started favourite, and led into the straight, but had to give way to Mr J. B. Clark's colt Duke of York, who got home by half a length from Enid. The last named is a two-year-old (but by the time this is printed will be three), and belongs to Mr Ristenpart. The winner is well bred, being by the famous Chester out of Queen of Nations. Heather Bell, another New Zealander, was never in it, with an impost of only 7.4.

On the same day Lady Ida went out a hot favourite at 5 to 2 for the Hurdles, but went down before the South Coast black gelding Highborn II., who had an advantage of 2 stone in the weights. Lady Ida made her effort in the straight, but Highborn got home by two lengths. The winner belongs to Mr J. O'Donoghue, and is by Idalium out of Belladonna.

A three-year-old filly named Isolena, belonging to Mr S. Hordern, with 6.9 in the saddle, got home in the Park Stakes, of six furlongs, from the favourite, Lightfoot, owned and trained by S. Fielder. Baldwin was third. The other starters were:—Jack Rattling, the well-bred Blarneystone, Muskatoon, Paramount, Spartan, Ennistymon, Sunstroke, Norma, Inspiration, The Count, Captivity, and Loch Awe. The winner, who started at 5 to 1, won by half a length in 1.17. The favourite was eight lengths in front at the half-mile post.

Quadrant, with 7.8 up, was a starter for the Canterbury Handicap, which was won by Mr McKay's E.K., by Newminster—Rachel, Whist and Epinicion being in the places. The other starters were:—The Driller, Escapade, Brown Bess, Lustre, Bliss, Bodkin, Syracuse and Roundabout. The betting was 5 to 1 Epinicion and Bliss, and 6 to 1 the winner.

Plain Bill, by Sweet William—Myra, got home comfortably in the Selling Race from Killarney; and the last race, the Welter Handicap, saw Mr Giltman's Ballater, by Monmouth—Sapphire, score a victory by a neck after a desperate struggle, Kelso, his rider, riding a splendid finish, and belting his mount along. Barnaby Rudge was second, and Cradle third. The winner was not mentioned in the betting, Barnaby Rudge and Kinkora being favourites.

George Wright arrived here by the Tasmania on Saturday, bring with him Stanmoor (Ingomar—Onyx), Royal Rose (King Cole—Roselind), and Whitford, an unbroken three-year-old by Nordenfeldt—Brassolis. The trio were landed without a scratch, and taken to Randwick.

Mr Douglas' team has had bad luck. Couranto and Waterbury are on the shelf, Mutiny being the only one able to race, and the handicappers have now got his measure.

Little Bernie is for sale.

Merry Belle (Goldsborough—Happy Thought) goes to Nordenfeldt.

Mr Hordern has purchased Playmate (Newminster—Pastime).

Autonomy will not be raced again. Realm has been taken up again.

Mr James Thompson has leased Melos for stud purposes.

The starting machine was worked most successfully at Canterbury Park on Saturday, there being not a hitch of any kind.

Kinkora, who was backed for the Welter Handicap at the meeting, with 11.3 up, did not finish the journey, having broken a blood vessel shortly after the start.

Quadrant finished absolutely last in the Canterbury Handicap.

Lightfoot, who was put down in the Park Stakes, was at one time known as Fisherman and afterwards as Try On.

FOOTBALL.

New South Wales having defeated Queensland last Saturday, the return match was played on the Sydney Cricket Ground to-day. There were 16,000 people present, and they witnessed the downfall of Queensland, who scored 12 points against their opponents 20 points. The visitors were again captained by W. Warbrick, the erstwhile New Zealander, and the local men by P. B. Colquhoun. There were changes made in both teams, and the visitors were, in addition, handicapped owing to many of them playing with influenza on them. The match was a most interesting one to watch, being at times most exciting, while some of the players got in some really clever work. Beyond kicking and loose play the first ten minutes presented nothing unusual; but at the end of that time the local men began to press, and for a period the visitors, who were forced down twice, had to play all they knew. Eventually they cleared their line, and got the oval into the visitors' territory for the first time through the instrumentality of Warbrick and Allman; but Nelson stopped their progress. Barrie kicked high, ran his men on side, and White securing it instead of an opponent, he dashed past them all except Ivory, the Queensland full-back, who brought him down, but he passed to Britten when collared, and a try was scored for N.S.W. White's run was an excellent one. The major points were not registered. N.S.W. 3, Queensland 0. Shortly afterwards the local men were awarded a free, and Barrie dropped a goal. 6—0. The visitors after this were engaged in defending their line, the Welshmen being very formidable; but their passing was not as effective as could be wished. The visitors managed to get the leather down the field, but Colquhoun kicked to Warbrick, who made a good run, passing his opponent skipper, but was brought down by Lane, not before he had passed to Wood, however. The Queenslanders were altogether now, and would have scored had the next pass been high enough. The visitors after this were called upon to defend their line, and Ivory had to force on a couple of occasions. He was prostrated when swooped upon by Walker at a later period, and, dropping the ball, Barrie scored between the posts; no goal. 9—0. The visitors rallied after this, and from a scrum Munro got over. The try was not converted. 9—3. Colquhoun made a strong run for the Welshmen, and was collared a dozen yards from the line, where he passed to Nelson, who got over with Ivory hanging on to him. Again no goal. 12—3. The first spell then ended.

In the second spell H. Nelson secured a pass from two hands and dashing across at top scored; but his skipper could not increase the points. 15—3. One of the Welshmen missed taking the ball from a kick, and Patterson swooping down took it from him with his toe, and then kicked at the ball hard as it lay on the turf. This was beyond the 25 flag, but it went fair between the posts. Allman after this kicked high, followed up, got the leather again, rushed away, feinted to pass, dodged McMahan, feinted from White, and placed the oval fair between the posts. You can bet that this brought down a storm of applause. Holmes kicked a goal. 15—12. From a good passing rush Lohan afterwards got over, and Barrie kicked a goal. N.S.W. 20, Queensland 12.

The local forwards were too good for their opponents, and practically won the game for the Welshmen.

While the Welshmen won at home, the team that visited Victoria were defeated on the same day after an excellent game by 3 points to love. There were nearly 3,000 people present—not a very large

attendance for a Rugby match in a big centre. The Victorians exhibited much better combination than the visitors.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

The Thornton-Arnold combination, at present travelling in New Zealand, open here in the Criterion with "Charley's Aunt" in a month's time.

Arthur Farmer, who has not appeared on a Sydney stage for a great many years, is organising a company to present the public with a season of comedy in the Criterion, the opening piece being "Dr. Bill."

A. E. Greenaway proceeds to America by the Mariposa. He has been taking an active part in directing the productions staged during Miss Hilda Spong's season.

Bland Holt is closing his season with "A Woman's Revenge," a melo-drama which has not before been staged in Sydney, and which was originally written for the Adelphi Theatre by the late Henry Pettitt.

"Morocco Bound," which is under rehearsal, will not be staged until the end of September.

Her Majesty's Theatre has been witnessing a successful revival of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the hands of Rignold.

Mr and Mrs Sass are to leave for England to-day. Sass has entered into an agreement with George Edwards for the control of a comedy company for the Cape.

The new piece, "Ma Mie Rosette," will, after all, probably not be staged during the coming season of comic opera.

Brund, who arrived here by the Mariposa, is delighting the public at the Tivoli, Harry Rickard's theatre.

Mrs Annie Besant, piloted by R. S. Smythe, will arrive at Adelaide at the end of August.

Talmage has had large audiences at his lectures. One of his most popular utterances at the Centennial Hall the other night (says the Star) "was to the effect that he who can sing and won't sing ought to be sent to Sing Sing. To which we, who have passed much of our life in writhing under the torture of the amateur tenor, desire to add that he who can't sing and will sing ought to be censured severely and fatally with a meat-chopper, or, more horrible, elected to be an alderman of Onehunga."

A St. Vincent de Paul grand charity concert is in progress of preparation. Messrs Williamson and Musgrove have granted permission for the production of the Easter Hymn from "Cavalleria Rusticana," and several military bands have been secured for the anvil chorus ("Il Trovatore"). The choruses will be supported by four hundred voices.

A readable "par." in the Australian Star alludes to the name given to the piece at Her Majesty's called "Grand Burglars' Night." A company of "pros." were discussing the subject the other night over a drop of Gaelic whiskey. Some of them voted the advertisement a vastly humorous effort, others thought it a neat skit on Mr Spong's "Banker's Night" at the house up the street, and all but one was inclined to treat the affair as nothing more deadly than a trade trick, anyhow. But one pickled-visaged individual in lemon juice accents said he knew the rights of the thing, and so as not to miss any pleasure in giving the business away he told the company how that advertisement came to be inserted. "As a matter of fact," said he, "it was this way. A number of crib crackers were tried last sessions for a number of more than usually serious 'jobs,' and the judge, feeling that an example had to be made, and recognising the inadequacy of hanging or a life sentence to meet the case, condemned each of the accused to sit out a performance of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' at Her Majesty's Theatre. In fulfilment of the sentence they were brought to the theatre quietly by the police, held down forcibly during the performance, and liberated at the close of the show. You may call it heartless behaviour on the part of the judge, but that is exactly what occurred." Having delivered himself of which, this walking cloud sat down content. Upon anything so ill-natured we decline to offer any comment.

The Darlinghurst Skating Rink will be the scene of a grand carnival in August 9th, when Alfred Wyburd, who has been 16 years before the Sydney public, will be tendered a benefit. Preparations on a great scale are being made in connection with the affair, and it will commence at 2 p.m. and conclude at 2 a.m. Influential patronage has been promised, and all the talent of note will assist.

Harry Barrington re-opens the School

of Art in a few days with a burlesque and variety company.

The exhibition of the model of the Tower of London has attracted large crowds of people.

The Royal Comic Opera Company opens in the Lyceum a week hence, when Paul Jones will be staged. Miss Nellie Stewart will take the part of Yvonne.

Next Saturday George Rignold re-appears on the stage of Her Majesty's in the part of Pierre Rigarde in Agnew's four act drama called A Lion's Heart.

A variety troupe are giving entertainment at the Gaiety, which is now managed by G. Gibbons and D. Tracy. The performances are as varied as any one could wish.

Miss Spang is to be given a farewell benefit performance.

The comic Elton has returned from a sojourn at Bathurst where he has been rusticated.

Constance Stayton is the author of the Lady Veoline Waltz now on sale here, and dedicated to Mrs Brough.

MELBOURNE.

RACING NOTES.

KNIGHT OF THE GARTER has been scratched for the V.A.T.C. Grand National Steeple. Pulvil (dead) has been struck out of the Melbourne Cup.

Mr J. Russell, the newly-elected M.D., rode Kestrel in the Woodlands Amateur Steeplechase, of two and a half miles, at the Oaklands Hunt Club meeting, and should have scored an easy win, but he flustered at the finish, and had to play second fiddle to Archie, who was in receipt of 24lbs. Postscript was third.

At the same meeting Capstan (9.0) beat Palo Alto (8.1) comfortably by a neck in the Glenora Handicap, of eight and a half furlongs, Templestowe being third. Half a dozen others started.

The New Zealand bred Titanic went out favourite at 2 to 1 for the Open Hurdles, of one and a half miles, in which he carried 12.5, but had to be satisfied with third place at the finish, Jacob (9.13) winning from Favor, 10.0. Lady Wellington fell.

The Open Steeplechase saw Darnley, with 9.5 and Barbour in the saddle, win by nine lengths from Yulong and King Louis, while Chopstick landed by three lengths the odds of 6 to 4 betted about him.

The Open Hunters' Steeplechase, of two and a quarter miles, saw a good finish between Royal Oak (12.10) and Old Judge (10.12), the former landing the stake by a bare neck. Schoolboy was the other placed horse. The rest of the starters were Musket, Queenslander, Ablem, Brilliant and Mazeppa. Royal Oak was favourite at 3 to 1.

Port Admiral was this week backed to win the Caulfield Cup at 1000 to 40.

The New Zealander, Torpedo, by The Australian, scored his second win in Adelaide at the postponed meeting of Tattersall's, when he led from start to finish in the July Handicap, and paid six guineas. The start was a bad one. Handover and Tinstream were in the places.

The principal flat event was Tattersall's Handicap, in which Port Admiral carried 10.2 and ran second to Lord Grenville, who, however, won as he liked. The Arab occupied the barren position.

The Selling Race resulted in a surprise, The Gardener romping home from Ruth, and paying his backers £9 8s dividend. Strike beat All Fours in the Steeplechase and paid £2 3s, Sky Pilot paid £2 19s in the Selling Steeple, in which he beat I.X.L. and Kissing Cup, and Barter paid an even £3 in the Hurdles, Jack Spratt and Gipsy Queen being in the places. The weather was fine, but there was not a very large attendance.

At the Caulfield races on the 21st, Mutiny, with 11.5 up, ran second in the Steeplechase, two miles, to Leander, 10.8. Darnley was third. The New Zealander started at 2 to 1, but was beaten by a length and a half, twenty lengths separating second and third. Straightfire won the Murrumbena Handicap by three lengths, beating Nada, Wolf and others. Fragment beat a fair field in the Kambrook Handicap, Tullamore running second, while Extra appropriated the Hurdles. Mutiny was not placed, but Titanic got third. The two-year old event was appropriated by Glenhantly.

The misunderstanding between the Victorian Club Committee and Bowes' Tattersall's Club has not yet been settled, and the rivalry between the two institutions is keener than ever.

Mr C. Yuille died on Thursday in his 76th year. He was a very old colonist.

Straightfire is reckoned to have a say in the Caulfield Cup.

Hova ran at the Caulfield races the other day, but not in condition.

Apsley and Ixion are favourites for the Caulfield Hurdles, and Daimio for the Steeple.

THEATRICAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY a grand fete, fairy and fancy dress football match, is taking place in the East Melbourne Ground in aid of the Musical and Dramatic Association. The cricket club has given the ground gratuitously, and in fact everybody and everything is being done for nothing. The ladies of the profession, though they are not taking part in the actual football match, have charge of the booths. For instance, Nellie Stewart respectfully solicits the patronage of her friends and the public generally in Marquee No. 1, next to the pavillion in the Reserve, where she will supply the very best tea and coffee, bread and butter, pastry, and light refreshments at moderate charges. A speciality, "Ma Mie Rosette" Cake, a new and exquisite delicacy made especially for the occasion by Mr Edlinger, of the Vienna Cafe.

N.B.—In any weather No. 1 Marquee will be dry and cosy. No wet grass, but a comfortable dry floor. There! But it is not only the fair Nellie, for all the theatres and music halls have sent lady representatives. As I write, the weather looks fearfully threatening, and we all know what bad weather means to an out door show. Honestly I am of opinion that the profession have made a mistake in not having a fair under cover, especially at this time of the year. From what little I know of the trustees, the theatrical profession would have had but little difficulty in securing the Exhibition Building, Melbourne. However, what's done can't be mended. The teams for the football match were made up thus:—Female characters:—Messrs C. W. Cogill as Mdlle. Bartho, H. P. Cogill as Little Eva, Martyn Hagan as Mrs Ally Sloper, Irving Sayles as Blackville Belle, A. G. Poulton as Aunt Eliza, Sydney Deane as Red Riding Hood, Eddie Simpson as Mrs Moriarty, Wall Rockley as Coloured Woman, Arthur Lissant as Aunt Crazy, G. Majeroni as Rebecca, W. Hassan as Donkey, Stannis Leslie as Washerwoman, W. Neilson as Penelope, J. S. Watson as Serpentine Dancer, W. Rice as Rosette (Ma Mie), C. Francisco as Ophelia, W. Beaumont as Nancy Lee, Fred. Young as A Donah, R. Rammage as Topsy, H. Musgrove (cap.) as Nan, the Good for Nothing. Male Characters:—George Lauri as The Charity Boy, Wallace Brownlow as Jack Tar, John Gourlay as Obadiah Dingle, Howard Vernon as Country Bumpkin, Leon Caron as a Magician, Dan Barry as Ally Sloper, Will Whitburn as "Old Hoss," Charles Pope as Dandy Coloured Coon, J. W. Sweeney as a Showman, Dave Gardner as Coloured Cowboy, Geo. Jones as a Schoolmaster, D. L. Dalziel as Gussie Fitzgerald, Barney Levy as a Lieutenant, H. Weinberg as The Man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo, F. Ingmire as a Brigand, W. Ford as Dummy Clown, Charles Beetham as Policeman, Harry Young as "Crumpets," F. Gresham as Bill Sykes, Thos. Perman as an Undertaker (captain). Timekeeper, Joseph Tapley; central umpire, W. Rosevear; referee, Tracker Forbes; goal umpires, Gog and Magog.

There was a fair attendance, the threatening state of the weather doubtless keeping many people from going. "After the Ball" was the battle-ory, as males and females dashed off into the mud and slush. On the whole the play can scarcely be considered artistic, notwithstanding the joyful fact that actors are ever declaring that

"The play's the thing."

With this I beg to differ, for from a football point of view

"The thing's the play."

When finally the players wound it up, honours and mud were pretty evenly divided, albeit that the "ladies" kicked most behinds!!!

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

At the Theatre Royal the hoary-headed old George Barnwell and another "old timer," A Dream at Sea, is in the bill. An attempt to collar the clergymen's patronage has failed, for though a managerial announcement invites them to "look in," where on presentation of their cards they could be admitted gratis, only one solitary clergyman have I seen present.

Post-office theatre parties have been organised, but listen to this ye gods—the parties are all on the free pass racket!!!

From a veteran like Coppin I cannot understand this kind of thing, which, look at it whichever way you may, is a trifle rough on the other theatres.

The much-married Second Mrs Tanqueray is now being produced at the Princess Theatre, and serves principally to show how great an actress Mrs Brough is. She fairly electrifies the audience, as the piece is one of the most remarkable ever produced, and as it is to go through New Zealand shortly I refrain from going further into details, and thus spoiling the treat in store.

At the Alexandra the ancient tear-dropper and handkerchief piece "East Lynne" is being trotted forth, while right opposite the Alex. they are building a hippodrome.

Harold Ashton has gone away from Melbourne, but is expected back shortly.

The Cogill Minstrels at the Bijou, and Clark's crowd at the Alhambra, complete the Melbourne shows.

The recent theatrical football match panned out well, in all about one thousand pounds. Nellie Stewart, and the other fair stallholders, no matter though a sovereign were tendered, never gave any change.

There are a lot of pros. out of collar, and it would't be a bad idea if a second football match were given with a view of rendering those "poor players" a little pecuniary aid.

Let me explain that the £1000 mentioned above goes to the Dramatic and Musical Association.

Mr Hutchison, M.H.R., is not so sure that in considering two evils—the totalisator and the bookmaker—the lesser would be obtained by adopting the former. But, says the hon. gentleman, the State should never adopt evil of any grade. But he should remember that needs must when a certain gentleman drives.

Mr Hogg, M.H.R., gave it as his opinion that it was very much to be doubted whether the bookmaker, compared with the totalisator of to-day, was not the best totalisator of the two. He believes that when the bookmaker was in existence and carried on his traffic a much smaller sum was lost from gambling than is lost at the present time, and the hon. gentleman also expressed the opinion that we had more legitimate sport.

It is a bad thing to endeavour to interfere with the rights and privileges of a free Press. The Hon. Mr McGregor's proposal to make it an offence against the law to publish betting market quotations and the results of races is a most absurd one, and could only emanate from a man who was badly in want of something to do. What does the hon. gentleman propose to do about the numerous Home and Australian sporting papers that circulate so widely in the Colony? Is it likely that people will tolerate a law that will allow them to read racing news in foreign papers, but not in their own which they patronise for that and general information. The Press would not stand any interference with the privileges it had in the old days such a hard fight to acquire. It used to be hampered by the imposition of duties, censors, and the refusal of the House of Commons to allow reporters between its portals. There is even now an unrepented Act at Home disallowing publication of Imperial Parliamentary proceedings, but this, with now long forgotten measures, lies in dust covered archives like rusty nails in monumental mockery.

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ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE-SHEET for Year ending 30th June, 1894.

In submitting the Annual Statement of Accounts, your Committee have to congratulate you upon the success of your Club during the past year, as it shows that every meeting resulted in a profit with one exception, the Autumn, on which the loss was only a small one, and this was owing to that meeting (always held here at Easter) clashing on this occasion with other important meetings at Napier and Christchurch.

During the year five meetings have been held, the added money to which has amounted to £8910, as against £8900 the previous year, and the profits, as shown by the accounts attached, amount to £475, besides a sum of £500 expended in painting, fencing, and other improvements, which were urgently required, and the Government Totalisator Tax of £889, which for the first time has been paid out of the revenue from that source, further reduced the nett profit by that amount.

Our races have been well attended by the general public. The Railway Commissioners having at last reduced the railway fare to one shilling, added considerably to the attendance. Proposals are now being made to improve the railway platform so as to divide the first and second class passengers, and thereby prevent the continual complaints of crushing.

Your Committee have inaugurated a new race called the Royal Stakes, to be run at the Summer Meeting, 1895-96, to take the place of the Musket Stakes, which closed on the 20th July with 129 nominations, which must be considered highly satisfactory.

Your buildings and gallops are all in good order, but a new gallop and the enlargement of the Saddling Paddock will have to be undertaken at no distant date.

You will have to elect six Members of Committee, as Messrs. Morrin, Dickey, Russell, Philson, and Thompson retire in terms of Rules, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election, and one in the place of Mr. R. Garrett, deceased. Messrs. Kidd and Gorrie having been nominated offer themselves for election.

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				Savings Bank	..	197	1 0
				Cash	..	114	2 2
				Suspense Account	..	3	8 2
		£27,249	11 1			£27,249	11 1

JAMES DICKEY, Treasurer.
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We have examined the above Balance Sheet and its accompanying Profit and Loss Account and Capital Account, and compared them with the Books and Vouchers and found them correct.

WAYMOUTH & SON, Public Accountants, Auditors.

Auckland, August 4th, 1894.

Dr.		PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1894.		Cr.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
To Interest	..	803	3 2	By Members' Subscriptions	..	662	10 0
Secretary	..	375	0 0	Bookmakers	..	283	8 0
Handicapper	..	125	0 0	Assumed Names	..	945	18 0
Caretaker	..	75	0 0	Grazing	..	77	9 0
Wages	..	302	9 2	Training Fees	..	134	15 0
		877	9 2	Disqualification Fees	..	10	8 0
Rent of Caretaker's Cottage	..	31	4 0	Spring Meeting	..	90	17 11
Rent of Crowther's Paddock	..	75	0 0	Second Spring Meeting	..	192	13 1
Rent of Office	..	52	0 0	Summer Meeting	..	1234	14 1
		158	4 0	Winter Meeting	..	173	5 2
Autumn Meeting	..	2	15 6	Spring Meeting, 1895	..	67	13 0
Law Costs	..	30	15 0	Summer Meeting, 1895-96	..	166	17 6
Conferences and Rules	..	31	4 8	Autumn Meeting, 1895	..	43	1 9
Insurance	..	25	0 0				
Derby Stand	..	62	5 0				
New Grand Stand	..	184	19 5				
Roads and Fencing	..	121	13 2				
Improvements	..	35	11 6				
New Paddock	..	21	18 0				
Property Tax and Rates	..	49	17 4				
Auditor	..	15	15 0				
Telephone	..	13	13 1				
Tan Gallop	..	38	5 0				
Horse Feed, Seed, Plants, etc.	..	17	19 11				
Shoeing Horses, Repairing Windmill, Hurdles, etc.	..	38	19 4				
Printing, Advertising, Stud Books, etc.	..	62	8 5				
Tools, Paints, Nails, Tar, etc.	..	32	12 10				
Petty Charges, Stamps, Exchange, Gas, etc.	..	33	1 8				
Cleaning Office, etc.	..	15	10 0				
		200	12 2				
Balance	..	472	19 4				
		£3146	0 6			£3146	0 6

Dr.		CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		Cr.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
To Amount written off for Depreciation	..	164	11 2	By Balance 30th June, 1893	..	14897	18 5
Balance	..	15206	6 7	Profit for year ending 30th June, 1894	..	472	19 4
		£15,370	17 9			£15,370	17 9

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Dulcibel (won Cesarewitch.)	Cambuscan (sire of Kinchem)	Lady Chester (imp.)	Yattendon.
Priestess Voltigeur won Derby & Leg's	The Arrow Newminster won Leger	Austrey	Stockwell
The Biddy (gd. of Regalia and gd. of Vennell)	The Doctor	Zeila	Harloway
Martha Lynn	Voltaire	Pocahontas	The Baron
Southdown	Slane	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Bessie, won 3 Dunc. Cups	3 Dunc. Cups	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Touchstone won Leger	Touchstone won Leger	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Barber, by Whalbone	Barber, by Whalbone	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Dr. Syntax, by Paynter	Dr. Syntax, by Paynter	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Tomboy's dam, by Ardrossan	Tomboy's dam, by Ardrossan	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Royal Oak, by Cotton	Royal Oak, by Cotton	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Daughter of Orville	Daughter of Orville	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Defence, by Whalbone	Defence, by Whalbone	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Feltona, by X.Y.Z.	Feltona, by X.Y.Z.	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Blacklock, by Whalbone	Blacklock, by Whalbone	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Daughter of Phantom	Daughter of Phantom	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Mutatio, by Garton	Mutatio, by Garton	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Leda, by Filho da Pita	Leda, by Filho da Pita	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Dr. Syntax, by Paynter	Dr. Syntax, by Paynter	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Daughter of Camel	Daughter of Camel	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Bran, by Humphrey	Bran, by Humphrey	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna
Idalia (dam Parlaton), by Peruvia	Idalia (dam Parlaton), by Peruvia	Emilia	Emigrant (imp.) by Pioneer Galahue (imp.) by Young Gohanna

Idalia, dam of Eros, is also the dam of such celebrities as Betrayer, Sir Modred, Cheviot, Liverpool, Fair Nell, Ravensworth, &c.

Betrayer won the Canterbury Champagne Stakes, Canterbury Cup, Wanganui Cup, and Timaru Cup.

Sir Modred commenced by winning the Dunedin and Canterbury Champagne Stakes as a two-year-old; the Canterbury Derby and Dunedin Cup as a three-year-old. As a four-year-old Sir Modred was hardly seen out; but as a five-year-old the first day of the C.J.C. Metropolitan Meeting he cantered home from a large field in the Free Handicap with 9.2 on his back, and next day defeated champions like Welcome Jack, Cheviot, and Vanguard at weight for age in the Canterbury Cup; and the third day with penalties again put down all opponents in the weight for age race. Sir Modred was then taken to Australia, where he set the seal on his victorious career by carrying 8.10 to the front in the Sydney Great Metropolitan Stakes, and by defeating the mighty Malua and others in the Craven Plate.

Cheviot won the Canterbury Derby, Christchurch Cup, and other races before finishing his career as a four-year-old. His half-brother Liverpool won the Welcome Stakes, while the daughters of this celebrated family also obtained their fair share of success—Fair Nell by winning the Great Autumn Handicap, and Ravenswing by appropriating the Dunedin City Stakes Handicap, and like her sister the Great Autumn Handicap as well.

Idalia, the dam of Eros, as a brood mare, is well worthy to take rank with the famous old-time mares Penelope, dam of Whalbone and Whisker, or of the Alexander Mare, dam of Selim Ruebens and Castrel, or of the more recent but equally celebrated Pocahontas, dam of Stockwell, Katalan and King Tom; for, like these celebrated English matrons, Idalia's sons have already become known far and wide by their phenomenal success as stud horses in America, where Sir Modred and Cheviot are now located. The former in three years became second on the list of winning sires, and getting such a wonder as the champion three-year-old of that vast continent, viz., Tournament. A late American paper says:—"The progeny of Sir Modred have been doing well since the opening of the season; Dr. Hasbrouk, Courtship, Integrity, Masterlode, Fairplay, Shellback, and Sir Walter have all won races and added to the fame of their illustrious sire." Whilst the doings of Cheviot's stock this season as two-year-olds bid fair to rival, if not excel this extraordinary performance. In the first two weeks of the season's racing Cheviot's stock won nine out of twelve races; and a late American paper says:—"At the Blood Horse Meeting Cheviot's progeny started in twenty races, winning twelve, and running second three times. This is an excellent record, and one which may never be excelled by any single sire."

Sir George, sire of Eros, is also the sire of that splendid colt Merrie England, winner of the Great Autumn Handicap, a performance which alone speaks volumes to his merit as a racehorse, cutting out the twelve furlongs, with 9.11 in the saddle for a three-year-old in 2min 39sec, in front of Dudu 9.6, Helmsman 6.0, St. James 7.6, Wolverin 7.10, and others, is quite sufficient proof of his quality, to say nothing of his victories over Pygmalion and Co. over sprint courses. Quibble (another son of St. George) has been in training ever since 1882, and been returned a winner of many races every year since. While among other winning produce of St. George mention may be made of The Shah, Red Ensign, Union Flag, Rancee Nuna, Winchester, Exchange, Morpheus, Chatfield, Saracen, Ich Dien, and also Loyalty, the winner of the first £2000 Challenge Stakes in New Zealand, and whose doughty deeds in Australia by defeating the cream of Australia at weight for age proves him to be a king among kings, and should bring Eros as a sire into the foremost ranks, as he is almost own brother to Loyalty, who is by St. George—Fair Nell, whilst Eros is by St. George—Idalia, the dam of so many champions as stated previously.

St. George, like his grand sire Sir Hercules, was never raced, and his brother Chester was the greatest racehorse of his day in Australia. He was winner among many other events, of the Melbourne Cup and V.R.C. Derby. Their sire, Yattendon, was also a great racehorse, but the family, however, are more particularly noted for the phenomenal success at the stud, from Sir Hercules upward, each generation proving himself the premier sire in Australia in his time. To Chester, the late Hon. J. White, the most successful racing man on the Australian turf, mainly owned during the latter and most successful portion of his career, his success by breeding from this horse, and whose sons and daughters in the majority of cases, made up his huge winnings. Principal among these was Abercorn, winner of the A.J.C. Derby, Champion, Canterbury Plate, Caulfield Stakes, Melbourne Stakes, Place Handicap, etc., in several of which races he met and defeated the mighty Carbine at weight for age. Then Chester also begot such animals as Carlyon, Cranbrook, Dreadnought, Acme, Triton, Lady Betty, and numerous others.

St. George's sire, Yattendon, was also sire of Grand Flaneur, a horse that never suffered defeat, and winner of all the great three-year-old events, beside Champion and Melbourne Cup. Amongst numerous other of Yattendon's stock mention need only be made of Lady Emma and Yatterina, whose performances in New Zealand are too well known to mention.

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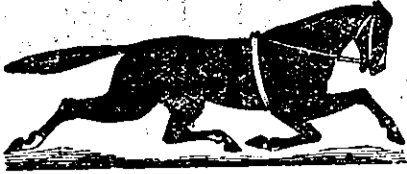
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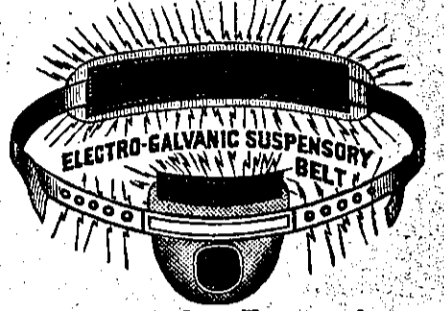


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