



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

NOTICE TO TRAINERS AND JOCKEYS.

RULE 167A.

- The Metropolitan Jockey Clubs shall issue annual licenses to trainers, jockeys, and apprentices. Only holders of such licenses shall be qualified to train or ride under "The Rules of Racing," except that an apprentice may for one month after the date of his first mount in public ride races without holding a license. "Apprentice" shall mean any lad employed in a training stable who has not previously ridden in public.
- The fee payable for a trainer's license shall be two pounds, for a jockey's license one pound, and for an apprentice's license ten shillings.
- On application for a license the applicant shall forward to the Secretary of the Metropolitan Club of the district in which he resides the necessary fee, together with his full name and address. Such application shall be dealt with by the Committee as they may deem fit. The Committee may also suspend or cancel any license, and any person whose license has been withdrawn or suspended on the ground of misconduct or of the infringement of the "Rules of Racing" shall not be allowed in any weighing-room, stand or enclosure during the time his suspension is in force.
- All licenses issued shall be immediately published in the "Official Calendar."
- All licenses shall expire on the 31st July in each year.
- An owner, or trainer, or both, who shall knowingly employ an unlicensed jockey, shall be fined any sum not exceeding twenty pounds each.

WM. PERCIVAL,
Secretary.

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR

OF THE

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

THE SPORTING REVIEW has been appointed the *Official Calendar* for the publication of all programmes in the Provincial District of Auckland, in terms of Rule 17 of the Rules of Racing.

Rule 17 reads:—"The programme of each meeting in which the added money is £100 or upwards must be advertised in full once at least in the *Official Calendar*. The advertisement shall show that the programme has been approved by the Jockey Club, shall state the days on which the meeting is to begin and end, and the names of the stewards, judge, starter, clerk of the scales, and handicapper."

All notifications for the future published in this column are so published under the authority of the Auckland Racing Club, and are binding on country clubs and others, who must therefore duly note the same.

DISQUALIFICATIONS.

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

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

William A. Martin, nominator, is disqualified for wrong description of horse at a race meeting held at Pakarua on 29th November last.

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

The disqualification was removed from the pony Bob.

SPORTING FIXTURES ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

- September 5—Rangitikei Hunt Club
September 15—Auckland R.C. First Spring
September 27—Taranaki Trotting Association
September 29—Auckland Trotting Club Spring
October 11—Wanganui Trotting Club
October 11—Stratford Trotting Club
October 20—Pakuranga Hunt Club
November 9, 10—Auckland R.C. Second Spring
November 27 and 30—Auckland Trotting Club Summer
December 26, January 1, 2—A.R.C. Summer
April 16, 18—Auckland R.C. Autumn
June 9, 11—Auckland R.C. Winter
- AUSTRALIA.
October 13, 20—V. A. Turf Club
November 3, 6, 8, 10—V.E.C. Spring Meeting
- ENGLAND.
September 12—St. Leger Stakes

NOMINATIONS.

- August 31—Auckland R.C. First Spring
September 7—A.R.C. First Spring (general entry night), September Stakes.
September 8—Taranaki Trotting Association
September 15—Stratford Trotting Club
October 6—Pakuranga Hunt Club

HANDICAPS.

- September 2—Auckland R.C. First Spring
September 14—Taranaki Trotting Association
September 28—Stratford Trotting Club
October 10—Pakuranga Hunt Club

ACCEPTANCES.

- September 7—Auckland R.C. First Spring
September 22—Taranaki Trotting Association, acceptances and general entries
October 6—Stratford Trotting Club, acceptances and general entries
October 13—Pakuranga Hunt Club

COURSING.

- August 22—Auckland Coursing Club
August 31—Dunedin Plumpton Coursing Meeting

HUNTING.

- PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.
August 25—Eggar's, Mangere
September 1—Mount Albert
September 8—Monument, Otahuhu
September 15—Races
September 22—Ihumata
September 29—Sylvia Park

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THE PROPRIETOR.

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Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1894.

THE topic of the hour in racing circles is the addition to Sir Robert Stout's Gaming Bill of the sub-section authorising the Colonial Secretary to delegate to the president of a "representative racing club established for the colony"—which title abbreviated spells, New Zealand Jockey Club—the power of issuing and regulating totalisator permits. The arguments for and against a New Zealand Jockey Club are too well known to need repetition. Auckland and Otago are staunchly opposed to such an innovation, and this latest spreading out of Sir Robert Stout's anti-gambling tree has accentuated the opposition of our Southern friends. As the telegraph informed us yesterday, the Dunedin Jockey Club have registered a formal protest, and have decided to approach the Auckland Racing Club with a view of persuading the local racing body to send a delegate down to the Parliamentary city for the purpose of conferring with a Dunedin delegate as to the best means of combatting this latest move on the part of the Statutes Revision Committee. Whether the A.R.C. will accede to the request of the Otago people, we are not at present in a position to say; but it may be taken for granted that Aucklanders will be found just as much opposed to the proposal of the committee in charge of the Gambling Bill as the Dunedinites are. While there is a Racing Conference held annually, it is argued—and with a great show of reason certainly—that the establishment of a jockey club with fixed officers and a paid secretary would be nothing but an expensive excrement which would give to the Metropolitan Clubs (whose revenue would be diminished by such establishment) no greater benefit than accrues from the meetings of conference delegates. As things go just now the Metropolitan Clubs find it quite enough to keep going with falling receipts staring them in the face, and to expect them to calmly submit to a still further decrease is to credit them with the possession of a saintly forbearance, which is not, as a rule, one of the virtues of a racing club. If the proposed governing body were to simply act as a court of appeal there would be no opposition from any of the provincial centres, but the Government intention is apparently to force the various metropolitan institutions to agree to the establishment of a club whose power would be unlimited and whose habitation would be Wellington. That is just where the shoe pinches. The very mention of such a thing raises an angry blister of provincial jealousy, and one can hardly wonder at such a feeling. Apart from this question of jealousy, however, there appears to be good and sufficient reasons for the Statutes Revision Committee refraining from advocating the sub-section referred to, in the facts that no marked benefit would follow the establishment of a head Jockey Club, that the already labouring Metropolitan bodies would be placed in a worse financial position than is at present the case, and further, that the distribution of totalisator permits could be wisely and equitably distributed by our present Racing Parliament, viz., the Racing Conference. One way of looking at the proposal to take from the Colonial Secretary the issuing of permits is this—that whoever be appointed in his stead will hardly commit the blunder of issuing permits to tag-rag-and-bobtail clubs, whose racing receives no recognition

from the governing Metropolitan institutions.

THE committee of the Auckland Racing Club met on Friday last and drew up the programme for the coming season. The card for the first Spring Meeting was drafted at an earlier meeting, and, as stated in our last issue, showed a reduction instake money of £30. Retrenchment has also been the rule in the succeeding programmes. Taking the two Springs, the Summer, Autumn and Winter gatherings, the cutting-down amounts to the respectable figure of £670. This is to be regretted, but when a certain gentleman well (but not favourably) known in scripture holds the reins there is no advantage to be gained by the team kicking. The A.R.C. have recognised that fact, and, with a well-opened eye to the future, have wisely determined to retrench all round. The big race of the year, the Cup, has been shorn of £100 worth of glory, but the event will be quite as attractive, both to visitors and locals, at the lower figure. The A.R.C. Plate, which has heretofore been a marked feature of the third day of the Summer gathering, has been eliminated from the card, and its place has been filled by the inclusion of an Ascot Handicap. The reductions from the first Spring meeting to the Winter meeting are as follows:—First Spring meeting: Handicap Hurdles reduced £5, Spring Handicap reduced £10 (the cutting down in this event will only effect the second horse), September Stakes £5, and Pony Race £10. Second Spring meeting: Handicap Hurdles, Prince of Wales Handicap, Second Hurdles, Nursery Handicap, Maiden Plate and Second Pony Race £10 each, and First Pony Handicap £20. Summer meeting (first day): Auckland Cup reduced £100 (which leaves it at £500), Pony Cup £20, Handicap Hurdles £30, Trial Handicap £10; second day: A.R.C. Handicap £50, Pony Handicap £20; third day: The A.R.C. Plate has been eliminated and the Ascot Handicap inserted, £50 being taken off the value of the race. the Steeplechase has been reduced £50; the Musket Stakes £20; and the Pony Hurdles £30. Autumn meeting (first day): Tradesmen's Plate has been reduced £10, the Easter Handicap £50, the Onslow Stakes and Pony Handicap £10 each; second day: The Stewards' Handicap, Flying and Pony Handicaps have been reduced £10 each, and the Steeplechase has been clipped by £50. In the Winter meeting the two events for ponies have been reduced by £10 each.

SEVEN splendidly-bred Yankee trotting stallions arrived by the last mail steamer, and were taken down to the quarantine station on Thursday last, where they will remain for fourteen days. They will be offered for sale in about a month's time. The half-dozen arrived in very good condition, and when they are fairly set working on New Zealand mares most satisfactory results should follow. To take them in turn. A. W. Anther, my own brother to High Tide, 2.17½, is a chestnut horse foaled in 1890. He was got by Albert W., 2.20 (sire of Little Albert 2.10, Flowing Tide 2.4½, High Tide 2.17½, etc.). Albert W., 2.20, was by Electioneer, who also sired Sunol, 2.8½, Palo Alto 2.8½, Arion 2.10½, etc., and 137 trotters in the 2.30 list. The horse under review has three crosses of Hambletonian, through Electioneer, Volunteer, and two Abdallah. Antrim, the second on the list, is a bay or brown, foaled in 1889, got by Albert W.—Jeanette, by Kentucky Prince (sire of Guy, 2.08½, a 2.19 and 2.18½ pair, and 24 other horses in the 2.30 list). His pedigree contains two crosses of Hambletonian. The third is Grand Moor, junr., a brown, standing 16.1 high, and got by Grand Moor (sire of Abdul 2.28, Myrtle T. 2.27½, etc.). His dam is Corisande, 2.24½, a very beautiful mare. Grand Moor was by The Moor (who has a record of 2.37), sire of Sultan, 2.24, who in his turn was sire of Stamboul, 2.07½, and twenty-five animals in the 2.30 list. Shoemaker, the fourth member of the half-dozen, is a chestnut, foaled in 1890, and got by Redwood, 2.27, the sire of George Grey, 2.27. The dam of Shoemaker is Pearl (by Silvertail—Kentucky Hunter). Allan Dale (the fifth horse) is a bay bred in 1890 and got by James Madison, 2.17½, out of Bell Allan, by Vick's Etham Allen, junr., the sire of Prince Allen, 2.27. James Madison was got by Anteeon, 2.16½, a son of Electioneer. Pleasonton, the sixth member of the party, is a 2.29½ son of Elector, 2.31, the sire of Flora M. 2.16, Lizzie F. 2.16½, Electioneer 2.20, and other good ones. This horse has for dam, Belle Robins, by

Parascon, who ran a mile in Chicago in 1.42. He is a very big animal, and has already run trials in 2.33. The last on the list is J. Rue, a bay son of Campaign—Clara D., the own sister to Honesty, the sire of the crack Melbourne trotter Mystery. La Rue's pedigree contains three crosses of Hambletonian.

AN unpleasant incident in connection with the Christchurch Grand National Meeting was the riding of Lord John in the Enfield Steeplechase. Dennett had the mount on the animal in question, and from the accounts given of the race by eye witnesses, the jockey appears to have acted in a manner that disgraced his calling. After the first horse had passed the post, Dennett flogged his mount in such a manner that called down the wrath of the stewards. But the aforesaid wrath was estimated at a fine of £2. No one will say that the C.J.C. stewards erred on the side of harshness in fining Dennett the sum mentioned. Down South the feeling is that they erred on the side of leniency, a view of the case which we readily support. Without putting a fine point on the matter, the offence was a brutal one, and the *Canterbury Times* is not far out in urging that the punishment for such an affair should be a lasting one, viz., disqualification. Our contemporary, in commenting on the affair, remarks:—"For a full-grown man in a steeplechase to deliberately sit down and 'cut his mount to ribbons,' when the first horse has passed the winning post, is absolutely brutal, and the only punishment which is adequate for such an offence is that of disqualification. Possibly the stewards of the Canterbury Jockey Club had the very best reasons for inflicting such a comparatively slender punishment. Very probably they had, but to us it does seem strange that a man that flogs a poor wretched animal in a useless and brutal manner, should receive practically similar punishment to that meted out to an owner for scratching a horse after the advertised time, or to that inflicted upon a rider who is a few minutes late in getting to the starting post." Any lover of horsemanship will readily echo the sentiments expressed by our contemporary, and it is to be hoped that the expressions of opinion that have followed Dennett's action will instil into his mind a more humane regard for racers than was evidenced by his treatment of Lord John.

A STRIKING but not very pleasant addition to the history of turf affairs in the North Island was made in New Plymouth last week, when the claim for £500 damages brought by Mr J. B. Williamson, trainer, of this city, against Mr Patrick Riall, farmer, of New Plymouth, on the ground of alleged libel, was decided before His Honor Judge Kettle. The case was gone into in a most exhaustive manner, and after a hearing extending over three days Judge Kettle found that the defendant had no justification for the libel and gave judgment for the plaintiff for £250 and costs. Judging by the reports of the case published in the local press the affair was a most malodorous one, and it is a matter for regret that the sport of horse-racing should have had the slightest connection with such an unhealthy matter. In opening the plaintiff's case Mr Williamson's solicitor said that Riall had made an affidavit at Wanganui in March of 1893, alleging that his client had entered into a conspiracy for the purpose of "ringing in" a horse and thereby obtaining money by false pretences. The affidavit alluded to, after referring to the purchase of the horse Emmet, by Riall in Sydney in 1886, for a syndicate of three, viz., P. Riall, J. B. Williamson, and M. Cunningham, went on as follows:—"I (Riall) remember Mr Samuel Powell wagering £5 with me in or about the month of October, 1886, at Patea, on the breeding of the horse. The money was staked with Mr William Wilson, farmer, Whenuakura. Mr Powell wagered that the horse was an Australian bred one. I wagered he was not. Mr Powell took a note of the brands on the horse on the day the wager was made. Time was given—I think one month—wherein to find evidence of the horse's breeding. In the meantime, after the wager was made and before it was decided, I and Mr Cunningham altered the brands. The brands which were on the horse when I landed him at Auckland were DR, conjoined on the near shoulder, and, I think, 301 (with O underneath) on the near side under the saddle. The alterations we made caused the brands to appear as QR conjoined and 307 (with Q underneath). We altered the brands with an instrument which was lent to Mr Cunningham by a medical gentleman at present practising in New Plymouth. I