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SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—

BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26, 1894.

First race to start at 12 o'clock.

Trial Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and Acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.

The Great Northern Foal Stakes of 300 sovs, added to a sweepstake of 10 sovs each; 5 sovs ft. or no liability if declared by 8 o'clock on the night of general entry. The second horse to receive 50 sovs and the third horse 25 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8.10; fillies and geldings, 8.5. The forfeit (5 sovs) to be declared and paid to the A.R.C. Secretary by 12 noon on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake (10 sovs). Closed. Six furlongs.

The Auckland Cup (Handicap) of 500 sovs, added to a sweepstake of 10 sovs each; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, and Acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Sweep to be paid half an hour before the race. Two miles.

Handicap Hurdle Race of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and Acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. Over 8 flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Railway Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and Acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Six furlongs.

Nursery Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and Acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of Great Northern Foal Stakes to carry 10lb extra. Five furlongs.

Pony Cup Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov, and a final payment of 1 sov at the post, to go to the funds. One mile.

Christmas Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and Acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any handicap after the publication of the weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a quarter.

SECOND DAY—

NEW YEAR'S DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1895.

First race to start at 12 o'clock.

New Year's Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and Acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Over 8 flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Glasgow Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and Acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.

Great Northern Derby of 500 sovs, added to a sweepstake of 15 sovs each; 5 sovs forfeit or no liability if declared to the Secretary by 8 o'clock p.m. on the night of General Entry. Second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds. Colts 8.10; fillies and geldings, 8.5. The forfeit (5 sovs) to be declared and paid to the A.R.C. Secretary by 12 noon on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake. Closed. One mile and a half.

Midsummer Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and the third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 2 sovs, and Acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

County Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and Acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Six furlongs.

Auckland Racing Club Handicap of 350 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 2 sovs, Acceptance 2 sovs, and a final payment of 5 sovs at the post each, to go to the funds. One mile and a half.

Pony Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov, and 1 sov at the post each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Maiden Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses that have never won 30 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov, and Acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.

THIRD DAY—

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1895.

First race to start at 12 o'clock

Ascot Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and Acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile.

Sylvia Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance, 1 sov, and Acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Grand Stand Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and Acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any race after publication of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. One mile and a quarter.

Auckland Steeplechase Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, Acceptance 3 sovs, and a Final Payment of 3 sovs at the post each, to go to the funds. About three miles and a half.

Newmarket Handicap of 100 sovs, second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and Acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any race after publication of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Six furlongs.

Musket Stakes of 130 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds. Two-year-olds to carry 7.7; three-year-olds, 9st; fillies allowed 3lb, geldings 5lb. A winner of any race (including handicaps) since 1st August, 1894, to carry 3lb extra; of any race of the value of 100 sovs, 5lb extra; twice of 100 sovs or once of 200 sovs, 7lb extra; thrice of 200 sovs, twice of 300 sovs, 10lb extra; four of 200 sovs, twice of 300 sovs, or once of 500 sovs, 14lb extra. Those got by stallions, or out of mares, that have never produced a winner at time of starting, allowed 5lb. Maiden two-year-old at time of starting to be allowed 5lb in addition to the breeding allowance. Maiden three-year-olds at time of starting allowed 10lb. Entrance 2 sovs, and 2 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. For four-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov, and 1 sov at the post, to go to the funds. Over 8 flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

Recovery Stakes (Handicap) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards (ponies excepted) that have not won or received place-money during the meeting. No Entrance, Acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds, to be made half-an-hour before the race. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC. SUMMER MEETING, 1894-95

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1894, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS, closed—
Auckland Cup 2 sovs
Auckland Racing Handicap 2 sovs
Steeplechase 2 sovs

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1894, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—
Auckland Cup 3 sovs
Steeplechase 3 sovs

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14, 1894, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—
Trial Handicap 1 sov
Handicap Hurdles 1 sov
Railway Handicap 1 sov
Nursery Handicap 1 sov
Pony Handicap 1 sov
Christmas Handicap 1 sov
New Year's Handicap Hurdle Race 1 sov
Glasgow Handicap 1 sov
Midsummer Handicap 2 sovs
County Handicap 1 sov
Pony Handicap 1 sov
Maiden Handicap 1 sov
Ascot Handicap 1 sov
Sylvia Handicap 1 sov
Grand Stand Handicap 1 sov
Newmarket Handicap 1 sov
Musket Stakes 2 sovs
Pony Hurdle Race 1 sov

The Great Northern Derby, the nomination to be struck out, or the nominator will be liable for forfeit, 5 sovs
The Great Northern Foal Stakes, the nomination to be struck out, or the nominator will be liable for forfeit, 5 sovs
N.B.—Owners striking their nominations out on or before this day have nothing to pay.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1894, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—
Trial Handicap 1 sov
Hurdles 3 sovs
Railway Handicap 2 sovs
Nursery Handicap 2 sovs
Pony Handicap 1 sov
Christmas Handicap 2 sovs

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1894, by 12 noon.

The Great Northern Foal Stakes, the forfeit of 5 sovs to be declared and paid, or the nominator will be liable for the whole of the sweepstake, 10 sovs

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1894, at the post.

Great Northern Derby Stakes, sweep 10 sovs
Auckland Cup, sweep 10 sovs
Handicap Pony Race 1 sov

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1894, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—
New Year's Hurdle Race 2 sovs
Glasgow Handicap 2 sovs
Midsummer Handicap 3 sovs
County Handicap 1 sov
Auckland Racing Club Handicap 2 sovs
Pony Handicap 1 sov
Maiden Handicap 1 sov

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1894, by 12 noon.
The Great Northern Derby, the forfeit of 5 sovs to be declared and paid, or the nominator will be liable for whole of sweepstake, 15 sovs

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1895, at the post.
Great Northern Derby, sweep 15 sovs
Auckland Racing Club Handicap 5 sovs
Handicap Pony Race 1 sov

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1895, by 10 p.m.
Ascot Handicap 2 sovs
Sylvia Handicap 2 sovs
Grand Stand Handicap 3 sovs
Newmarket Handicap 2 sovs
Handicap Pony Hurdle Race 1 sov

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1895, at the post.
Steeplechase 3 sovs
Musket Stakes 2 sovs
Handicap Pony Hurdle Race 1 sov
Recovery Handicap 2 sovs

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1895, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—
Great Northern Derby Stakes, 1896-97 1 sov
Great Northern Foal Stakes, 1896-97 1 sov

DATES ON OR ABOUT WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR. SUMMER MEETING, 1894.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1894.

Auckland Cup
Summer Steeplechase

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1894.

Trial Handicap
Handicap Hurdles
Railway Handicap
Nursery Handicap
Christmas Handicap
Handicap Pony Race

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1894, by 9 p.m.

New Year's Handicap Hurdles
Glasgow Handicap
Midsummer Handicap
County Handicap
Racing Club Handicap
Handicap Pony Race
Maiden Handicap

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1895, by 9 p.m.

Ascot Handicap
Sylvia Handicap
Grand Stand Handicap
Newmarket Handicap
Handicap Pony Hurdles

WM. PERCIVAL,
Secretary, A.R.C.

FOXTON RACING CLUB.

HACK MEETING,

To be held on the Foxton Racecourse on

TUESDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1895.

President: F. Robinson. Vice-President: E. S. Teynne. Judge: H. F. Davidson. Stewards and Committee: J. H. Robinson, W. B. Rhodes, W. Robinson, J. R. White, S. Trask, W. T. Little, P. Dudson, Geo. Gray and F. R. Young. Handicapper: J. E. Henry. Clerk of Scales: George Gray. Clerk of Course: F. Easton. Timekeeper: A. E. T. Nixon. Hon. Treasurer: Walter Robinson. Starter: E. Woods.

PROGRAMME.

1. Flying Stakes Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Six furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 11.40 a.m.
2. Trial Hurdle Race of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a distance, over four flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in high. Open to all horses that have never won an advertised hurdle race prior to the date of entry. Minimum weight, 10st. Entrance 1 sov. To start at 12.30 p.m.
3. Handicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one and a half miles. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 1 p.m.
4. Foxton Racing Club Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one and a half miles. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 3 sovs. The winner of any flat handicap of the value of 50 sovs and upwards after declaration of the weights to incur a penalty of 7lbs, not accumulative. To start at 1.50 p.m.
5. Anniversary Stakes of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Open to all horses that have never won an advertised race of any description up to the date of entry. Weight for age. Entrance 1 sov. To start at 2.25 p.m.
6. Electric Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, 5 furlongs. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 1 sov. Winner of Flying Handicap to incur a penalty of 7lbs. To start at 3 p.m.
7. Stewards' Stakes Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a quarter. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 1 sov. Winner of Foxton R.C. Handicap to incur a penalty of 7lbs. To start at 3.40 p.m.
8. Welter Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 8st 7lbs. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. To start at 4.20 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

For all events, except Trial Hurdles and Anniversary Stakes, close with the Secretary on SATURDAY, December 29, 1894, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS.

Will be declared on or about the 7th January, 1895.

ACCEPTANCES CLOSE

on TUESDAY, 15th January, 1895, at 9 p.m.

ENTRIES CLOSE

For Trial Hurdles and Anniversary Stakes on TUESDAY, 15th January, 1895, at 9 p.m.

DEFINITION OF HACKS.

Hacks shall mean horses that have never won an advertised stake exceeding the net sum or value of 40 sovs at time of start, hack and hunter races excepted.

In all nominations, description, age and pedigree of horse must be given, together with the colours of the rider. The Committee reserve the right to alter any of the above dates.

The advertised fee must in every case accompany nominations and acceptances.

All races to be run under Wanganui Jockey Club Rules, and the Rules of Racing.

No betting allowed on the course, except through the medium of the Totalisator.

All stakes paid in full.

J. R. McMILLAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Approved in accordance with the Rules of Racing.

FREEMAN R. JACKSON,
Secretary Wanganui Jockey Club.

September 7th, 1894.

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

To be held at Hawera on

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

13TH AND 14TH FEBRUARY, 1895.

President: R. H. Nolan, Esq. Vice-President: A. W. Budge, Esq. Stewards: W. Adamson, R. Hirschberg, Jas. Davidson, John Heslop, F. Riddiford, Dr. Westera, H. E. Good, W. C. Symes, A. S. Tonks. Starter: M. F. Baird. Handicapper: J. E. Henry. Clerk of Course: J. T. Stone. Clerk of Scales: H. W. Sutton. Judge: Wm. Brewer. Treasurer: W. A. Nairn. Timekeeper: J. A. Goodson.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

To start at 12 o'clock.

Waimate Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse 10 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs.

First Handicap Hurdles of 120 sovs; second horse 20 sovs out of the stakes. Over nine flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 3 sovs. Winner of any hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs or over after declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra. Two miles and a distance.

First Handicap Hack Hurdles of 45 sovs; second horse 5 sovs out of the stakes. Over five flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 10s. Winner of any Hack Hurdle Race of the value of 25 sovs or over after declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra. One mile and a quarter.

Egmont Cup Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse 40 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 2 sovs; final payment, 5 sovs. Winner of any handicap of the value of 100 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra; of 200 sovs, or two races of 100 sovs each, 7lb extra. Two miles.

Sires Hack Produce Stakes, 1895, of 200 sovs (and Cup, value 5 sovs, to go to the nominator of sire of the winner). Final payment, 1 sov, 7th February, 1895. Nominator of sire, 40 sovs and cup, value 5 sovs. Nominator of winner, 40 sovs. First horse, 100 sovs; second horse, 15 sovs; third horse, 5 sovs. For three-year-olds. Derby weights. Colts or fillies nominated for two-year-old stakes or Derby are debarred from competing in this race. One mile and a quarter.

Hawera Welter Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 1 sov. Minimum weight, 8st. One mile.

First Handicap Hack Flat Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 10s. Winner of Sires Hack Produce Stakes to carry 5lb extra. One mile.

SECOND DAY.

Flying Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse 15 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 3 sovs. Six furlongs.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 100 sovs; second horse 20 sovs out of the stakes. Over nine flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 2 sovs. Two miles and a distance.

Second Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs out of the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 10s. One mile and a half.

Atkinson Memorial Stakes of 200 sovs; second horse 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 5 sovs. One mile and a half.

Second Handicap Hack Flat Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 10s. One mile and a half.

Normanby Stakes Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse 10 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; Acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a distance.

Produce Hack Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses having paid final acceptance for Sires Hack Produce Stakes, 1895. Six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES, And amounts to be forwarded.

THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1895, at 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—
Waimate Handicap 1 sov
First Handicap Hurdles 1 sov
First Handicap Hack Hurdles 1 sov
Egmont Cup Handicap 1 sov

For continuation of Racing Programmes see next page.



SECOND DAY.

- 1. Summer Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 80s. Six furlongs. So start at 12 noon.
2. Second Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. One mile and three-quarters, over 7 flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. To start at 12.45 p.m.
3. Second Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 1 sov. One mile and half. To start at 1.30 p.m.
4. Flying Hack Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 1 sov. Six furlongs. To start at 2.15 p.m.
5. President's Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs from the stakes, third 10 sovs. The winner of the Summer Handicap to carry a penalty of 5 lbs. Nomination 2 sovs, Acceptance 5 sovs. One mile and a quarter, less one chain. To start at 3.15 p.m.
6. Christmas Hack Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight 8st. The winner of the Flying Hack Handicap to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 10s. One mile. To start at 4 p.m.
7. Farewell Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Weights for this race to be declared after the President's Handicap is run. Acceptances ten minutes after weights appear. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 1 sov. Once round, nearly a mile. To start at 4.45 p.m.

NOMINATIONS for all races close with the Secretary at Palmerston North on TUESDAY, December 11th at 10 p.m. Weights for First Day's Races will be declared on or about TUESDAY, December 11th. ACCEPTANCES for First Day's Races close with the Secretary at Palmerston North, on TUESDAY, December 11th, at 10 p.m. Weights for the Second Day's Races, with the exception of the Farewell Handicap, will be posted at the Commercial Hotel, Palmerston North, about 9 p.m., DECEMBER 26th. ACCEPTANCES for the Second Day's Races close with the Secretary at 10 p.m. on DECEMBER 26th, at Commercial Hotel, Palmerston North.

A Hack is a horse that has never won a race of over 40 sovs (hack and hunter races excepted). C. C. MILES, Secretary.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB (Registered under Auckland Racing Club)

SUMMER MEETING, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH AND 27TH, 1894.

President: Mr James McGowan, M.H.R. Vice-President: Mr Wm. Burton. Judge: Mr John Wilson. Stewards: Messrs A. Butler, C. J. Winder, E. McDonnell, E. Quinn, William Scott. Handicapper: Mr W. Knight. Starter: Mr C. Short. Clerk of Scales: Mr W. Burton. Clerk of Course: Mr J. Teddy. Secretary: Mr E. J. Greenslade.

PROGRAMME (FIRST RACE TO START AT 1 P.M.)

- FIRST DAY (WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26). 1. Maiden Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won over £20. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 15s. Three-quarters of a mile. 2. First Handicap Hurdles, of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 15s, Acceptance 1 sov. One mile and three-quarters. 3. Thames Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 9 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 15. One mile and a quarter. 4. First Pony Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs out of stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 10s. Three-quarters of a mile. 5. First Handicap Steeplechase of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 1 1/2 sov. About two and a half miles. 6. Stewards Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 15s. Weights will be declared after First Steeplechase; acceptance at Scales. One mile. 7. Pony Hurdle Race of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 15s, Acceptance 10s. One mile and a half.

SECOND DAY (THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27).

- 1. Midsummer Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 15s. Seven furlongs. 2. Thames Handicap Hurdles of 55 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs out of stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 21 15s. Two miles. 3. Welter Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 15s. One mile. 4. Thames Goldfields Handicap of 55 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1 1/2 sov, Acceptance 25s. One mile and a half. 5. Second Pony Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs out of stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 10s. One mile. 6. Thames Handicap Steeplechase of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1 1/2 sov, Acceptance 25sovs. About three miles. 7. Free Handicap of 20 sovs. Post entry, Acceptance 1 sov. Seven furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1894, 8 P.M. NOMINATIONS for— Maiden Handicap.....10s First Handicap Hurdles.....15s Thames Handicap.....150s First Pony Handicap.....100s First Handicap Steeplechase.....150s Stewards' Handicap.....10s Pony Hurdles.....15s Midsummer Handicap.....10s Thames Handicap Hurdles.....150s Welter Handicap.....10s Thames Goldfields Handicap.....1 1/2sov Second Pony Handicap.....10s Thames Handicap Steeplechase.....1 1/2sov FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 1894. WEIGHTS will be declared for— Maiden Handicap First Handicap Hurdles Thames Handicap First Pony Handicap First Handicap Steeplechase Pony Hurdles SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 1894, 8 P.M. ACCEPTANCES for— Maiden Handicap.....15s First Handicap Hurdles.....150v Thames Handicap.....15s First Pony Handicap.....10s First Handicap Steeplechase.....1 1/2sov Pony Hurdles.....10s

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 1894.

WEIGHTS for Stewards' Handicap will be declared after First Handicap Steeplechase. Nomination 10s, Acceptance at scales 15s. WEIGHTS will be declared at 8.30 p.m., and ACCEPTANCES at 9.30 p.m. for— Midsummer Handicap.....15s Thames Handicap Hurdles.....35s Welter Handicap.....15s Thames Goldfields Handicap.....25s Second Pony Handicap.....10s Second Handicap Steeplechase.....2sovs All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Rickitt and Co.'s Buildings, Brown Street, Thames. Entrance money must be enclosed with name, age, pedigree, name of owner, and colour of rider. Any jockey riding except in the colours entered, will be fined one guinea. All disputes, claims, protests, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by a majority of the Stewards, or whoever they may appoint, and such decision on all points shall be final. The Rules of the Thames Jockey Club will be strictly adhered to. H. J. GREENSLADE, Secretary.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING, SATURDAY AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 26TH AND 29TH, 1895.

OFFICERS—President: E. Mitchelson, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-Presidents: Colonel Goring, A. E. Devoras, Esq. Stewards: Messrs E. W. Alison, R. H. Duder, F. Wells, W. Adams, A. Alison, J. Mays, W. Avenell, G. Lankham. Judge: E. Mitchelson, Esq., M.H.R. Treasurer: Mr E. W. Alison. Clerk of Scales: Mr F. Marks. Clerk of Course: Mr Fred Wells. Handicapper: Mr W. Knight. Secretary: Mr R. Wynyard.

PROGRAMME (Passed by A.R.C.)

- FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 1895. Handicap Maiden Plate of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 30 sovs. Nomination 1/2 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. One mile. Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. Two miles. Zealandia Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. Five furlongs. Takapuna Cup (Handicap) of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, third horse 10 sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50 sovs after the declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 5lb extra; of 100 sovs, 7lb extra. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 2 sovs, and 3 sovs at the post. One mile and a half. Calliope Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. Six furlongs. Handicap Maiden Steeplechase of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a Steeplechase of the value of 50 sovs. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. About three miles. First Pony Handicap of 35 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination 1/2 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. Six furlongs and a half. Stewards' Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Takapuna Cup or Zealandia Handicap to carry a penalty of 5lb extra; or both, 7lb extra. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. Six furlongs and a half.

SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 1895 (ANNIVERSARY DAY)

- Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised Hurdle Race of the value of 10 sovs. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1/2 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. One mile and three quarters. Suburban Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. Five furlongs and a half. Second Pony Handicap of 40 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. Five furlongs and a half. Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 3 sovs. One mile and a quarter. Hobson Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. Five furlongs and a half. Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 3 sovs. About three miles and a half. Borough Hack Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10 sovs at the time of entry. Nomination 1/2 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. Six furlongs and a half. Anniversary Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Suburban Handicap or T.J.C. Handicap to carry a penalty of 5lb extra, or both 7lb extra. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. Seven furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21st, BY 9 P.M. NOMINATIONS— Takapuna Cup.....1 sov Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap.....1 sov Handicap Steeplechase.....1 sov FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH, BY 9 P.M. Handicap Maiden Plate.....1 sov Handicap Hurdles.....1 sov Zealandia Handicap.....1 sov Calliope Handicap.....1 sov Handicap Maiden Steeplechase.....1 sov First Pony Handicap.....1 sov Stewards' Handicap.....1 sov Handicap Maiden Hurdles.....1 sov Suburban Handicap.....1 sov Second Pony Handicap.....1 sov Hobson Handicap.....1 sov Borough Hack Handicap.....1 sov Anniversary Handicap.....1 sov FRIDAY, JANUARY 4TH, AT 4 P.M. WEIGHTS— Takapuna Cup Handicap Steeplechase MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH, AT 4 P.M. Handicap Maiden Plate Zealandia Handicap Calliope Handicap Handicap Hurdles Stewards' Handicap Pony Handicap Handicap Maiden Steeplechase MONDAY, JANUARY 28TH, BY 4 P.M. Handicaps for Second Day's Racing

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH, BY 9 P.M.

ACCEPTANCES AND GENERAL ENTRIES— Handicap Maiden Plate.....1 sov Handicap Hurdles.....1 sov Zealandia Handicap.....1 sov Takapuna Cup.....2 sovs Calliope Handicap.....1 sov Handicap Maiden Steeplechase.....1 sov First Pony Handicap.....1 sov Stewards' Handicap.....1 sov Handicap Steeplechase.....3 sovs MONDAY, JANUARY 28TH, BY 9 P.M. (Second Day's Racing) Handicap Maiden Hurdles.....1 sov Suburban Handicap.....1 sov Second Pony Handicap.....1 sov Hobson Handicap.....1 sov Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap.....3 sovs Borough Hack Handicap.....1 sov Anniversary Handicap.....1 sov SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH, AT POST Takapuna Cup.....3 sovs

All Entries to be addressed to the secretary, Devonport, or at Mr W. Bloomfield's office, Durham street east, Auckland. Telegraph office at Devonport closes at 5 p.m. R. WYNWARD, Secretary.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING, TO BE HELD ON THE MAKARAKA RACECOURSE,

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 AND 11.

OFFICERS—President: J. Woodbine Johnson, Esq. Vice-President: J. Clark, Esq. Treasurer: L. T. Symes, Esq. Stewards: C. Dean Pitt, D. Dobbie, J. A. Harding, R. Sheratt, P. Donner, F. Parker, G. J. Winter. Judge: James Campbell, Esq. Starter: Captain Winter. Clerk of Scales: J. W. Nolan. Clerk of Course: A. Pritchard. Handicapper: A. T. Danvers.

PROGRAMME

- FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1895. First Hurdle Race Handicap of 60 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. The winner of any hurdle race or races collectively of the value of 50 sovs after the declaration of the weight to carry 3lb extra; of 100 sovs, 5lb extra. One mile and a half. Over six flights of hurdles. To start at 12 o'clock. County Stakes Handicap of 40 sovs. For all horses bred in the County of Cook. One mile. To start at 12.45 p.m. Turanga Stakes Handicap of 200 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stakes. The winner of any race or races collectively of the value of 50 sovs after the declaration of the weights to carry 3lb extra; of 100 sovs, 6lb extra; of 150 sovs, 7lb extra; of 200 sovs, 10lb extra. One mile and a half. To start at 1.30 p.m. Welter Handicap of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 9st. One mile. To start at 2.15 p.m. Half-Mile Scurry of 10 sovs. Catch weights. Winners at any time, and horses that have started in other than Hack Races this season, barred. Post entrance half-sov. Four furlongs. To start at 2.45 p.m. Shorts Handicap of 30 sovs. The winner to be sold by auction with his engagements directly after the race, the proceeds to go to the fund. Four furlongs. Entrance, 1 sov., close on Saturday, 5th, at 9.30 p.m. To start at 3.15 p.m. Flying Handicap of 80 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. The winner of any race or races collectively of the value of 50 sovs, after the declaration of the weights, to carry 3lb extra; of 100 sovs, 5lb extra; of 150 sovs, 7lb extra; of 200 sovs, 10lb extra. Six furlongs. To start at 3.45 p.m. Handicap Flat Race of 15 sovs. Entrance, half-sov, close Saturday, 5th January, at 9.30 p.m. Six furlongs. To start at 4.30 p.m.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 1895.

- Stewards' Handicap of 70 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Seven furlongs. To start at 12.45 p.m. Second Hurdle Race Handicap of 60 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. One mile and three quarters. Over seven flights of hurdles. To start at 12.45 p.m. High Weight Handicap of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 8st 7lb. Seven furlongs. To start at 1.30 p.m. Sunderland Stakes Handicap of 110 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a distance. To start at 2.15 p.m. Second Handicap Flat Race of 15 sovs. Entrance, half-sov, close 9.30 p.m. night of first day's races. Seven furlongs. To start at 2.45 p.m. Publicans' Purse Handicap of 70 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. The winner of any previous race the same day to carry 5lb extra. Five furlongs. To start at 3.30 p.m. Novel Race Handicap of 35 sovs. The winner to be sold by auction directly after the race, the proceeds to go to the fund. Entrance, 1 1/2 sovs, close 9.30 p.m. night of first day's races. Six furlongs. To start at 4.15 p.m. Forced Handicap of 30 sovs. Post entry, 1 1/2 sovs. Winners compulsory, losers and hacks optional. One mile. To start at 4.30 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

No entry will be received for any Race except upon the condition that all claims, disputes, and objections arising shall be decided by the Stewards, or whom they may appoint, and their decision on all points shall be final. All nominations, entries, and acceptances, etc., to be accompanied by the necessary amount payable, and left in the Poverty Bay Turf Club's Letter Box, addressed to the Secretary, Masonic Hotel, on the specified dates. Five per cent. will be deducted from the gross amount of all stakes.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES AND AMOUNTS TO BE FORWARDED.

MONDAY DECEMBER 10, 1894, at 9.30 p.m. NOMINATIONS— Flying Handicap.....1 sov First Hurdles.....1 sov Turanga Stakes.....2 sovs Publicans' Purse.....1 sov County Stakes.....1 sov Sunderland Stakes.....2 sovs Second Hurdles.....1 sov Stewards' Handicap.....1 sov Welter Handicap.....1 sov High Weight Handicap.....1 sov SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895, at 9.30 p.m. ACCEPTANCES— Flying Handicap.....3 sovs First Hurdle Handicap.....2 sovs Turanga Stakes.....4 sovs County Stakes.....1 sov Welter Handicap.....1 sov FINAL PAYMENT AT POST— Turanga Stakes.....2 sovs Weights for the First Day's Races will be declared by 12 noon on THURSDAY, 3rd January, 1895. Weights for the Second Day's Races declared at 8 p.m. night First Day's Racing. ACCEPTANCES SECOND DAY'S RACES.— Sunderland Stakes, 3 sovs; Hurdles and Publicans' Purse, 2 sovs each; Stewards' Handicap, 2 1/2 sovs; High Weight Handicap, 1 sov; to be made by 9.30 p.m., night First Day's Racing. J. H. AISLABIE, Secretary.

Hawera Welter Handicap.....1 sov First Handicap Hack Flat.....1 sov Flying Handicap.....1 sov Second Handicap Hurdles.....1 sov Second Handicap Hack Hurdles.....1 sov Atkinson Memorial Stakes.....1 sov Second Handicap Hack Flat.....1 sov Normanby Stakes Handicap.....1 sov Produce Hack Handicap.....1 sov

THURSDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1895, at 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES— Waimate Handicap.....1 sov First Handicap Hurdles.....3 sovs First Handicap Hack Hurdles.....10s Egmont Cup Handicap.....2 sovs Hawera Welter Handicap.....1 sov First Handicap Hack Flat.....10s Sires Hack Produce Stakes (final payment).....1 sov Final payment Egmont Cup, 12th February, up to 9 p.m.5 sovs

WEDNESDAY, 13th February, 1895, at 9.30 p.m. Flying Handicap.....3 sovs Second Handicap Hurdles.....2sovs Second Handicap Hack Hurdles.....10s Atkinson Memorial Stakes.....5 sovs Second Handicap Hack Flat.....10s

THURSDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1895. Normanby Stakes Handicap.....1 sov (Immediately after running of Second Handicap Hack Flat) Produce Stakes Handicap.....10s (Immediately after running of Normanby Stakes)

On or About FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1895. WEIGHTS— Waimate Handicap First Handicap Hurdles First Handicap Hack Hurdles Egmont Cup Handicap Hawera Welter Handicap First Handicap Hack Flat

WEDNESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1895, at 8 p.m. Flying Handicap Second Handicap Hurdles Second Handicap Hack Hurdles Atkinson Memorial Stakes Second Handicap Hack Flat Normanby Stakes Handicap (immediately after running of Atkinson Memorial Stakes) Hack Produce Stakes (immediately after running of Second Hack Flat)

Hack means a horse that has never won a race, or is not nominated at date of entry for any race (Hack and Hunter races excepted).

SIRES HACK PRODUCE STAKES.

Sires Hack Produce Stakes, 1896 (Second Acceptance, 10s. Due 25th February, 1895, when name of horse to be given).

Sires Hack Produce Stakes, 1897. (First Acceptance, 10s. Due 25th February, 1895.)

Sires Hack Produce Stakes to be run at Hawera, February, 1898, of 200 sovs and Cup, value 5 sovs, to go to the Nominator of Sire of Winner. Nominator of Sire, 40 sovs and Cup, value 5 sovs; Nominator of Winner, 40 sovs. First horse, 100 sovs; second horse, 15 sovs; third horse 5 sovs. For three-year-olds (now foals). Derby weights. One mile and a quarter. Qualifications for this race:—Colts or fillies, who have never won a race, are not nominated, or have been nominated for any race (Hack and Hunter Races excepted).

NOMINATIONS.—Stallions 2 sovs (close 29th October, 1893); colts and fillies, 1 sov (close 25th February, 1895). Colts and fillies, first Acceptance 10s (close February, 1896); second Acceptance 10s (close February, 1897) when name of horse to be given. Final Payment, 1 sov (close February, 1898).

Nominations and Acceptances will be received at the time and on the dates mentioned, at the office of the club, Hawera; and by H. H. Hayr, Auckland; and A. T. Danvers, Napier.

Telegraph office closes at Hawera at 5 p.m. ALEX. G. BRETT, Secretary.

N.B.—The Stakes in the above programme are subject to revision by the Committee prior to closing, as to the dates of entry, acceptance, etc., amount of added money and conditions. The Committee also reserve to themselves the right to alter the dates on which the handicaps appear, should they deem fit to do so. Submitted and approved by the Taranaki Jockey Club, 15th September, 1894. R. G. BAUCHOPE, Hon. Sec.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING.

To be held on the Palmerston North Racecourse ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DEC. 26 & 27.

President: John Cotter, Esq. Vice-Presidents: G. M. Snelson, Esq., and D. Pringle, Esq. Stewards and Committee: Messrs. John Knight, J. H. Hankins, F. W. Sewell, H. Gillies, R. S. Abraham, W. Randall, H. W. Haybittle, D. Buick, S. Greer, W. T. Wood, and E. Wood. Judge: Mr. Thomas Knight. Starter: Mr. E. Wood. Handicapper: Mr. J. E. Henry. Timekeeper: Mr. H. W. Haybittle. Clerk of the Scales: Mr. W. Randall. Clerk of the Course: Mr. E. D. Browne. Treasurer: Mr. D. Pringle. Secretary: Mr. C. C. Miles.

PROGRAMME—FIRST DAY.

- 1. Telegraph Stakes, a handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the Stakes. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 30s. Seven furlongs. To start at 12 noon. 2. First Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 1 sov. Two miles, over 8 flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. To start at 12.45 p.m. 3. First Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. For horses that have never won a race of over 40 sovs, hack and hunter races excepted. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 1 sov. One mile and three-quarters. To start at 1.30 p.m. 4. Palmerston Cup, a handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs and the third horse to receive 15 sovs from the stakes. The winner of any flat race of 100 sovs after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7 lbs. Nomination 2 sovs, Acceptance 8 sovs. One mile and a half. To start at 2.30 p.m. 5. First Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. For horses that have never won a race of over 40 sovs; hack and hunter races excepted. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 1 sov/ One mile and a quarter, less one chain. To start at 3.15 p.m. Grandstand Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. The winner of any flat race of 40 sovs after the declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 7lb; of 100 sovs, 10 lb. Nomination 1 sov, Acceptance 30s. One mile. To start at 4 p.m. 7. Ladies' Bracelet, a handicap of 35 sovs. A bracelet of the value of 25 sovs for the first, and a bracelet of the value of 10 sovs for the second horse. A gold-mounted whip of the value of 25 5s will be given to the rider of the first horse by the President of the Club. For hacks and hunters. Master's certificate must be produced for hunters to the Clerk of the Scales. Gentlemen riders must produce their certificates from the Metropolitan Club in the district in which they reside. Minimum weight, 11 0. Horses to be nominated by ladies. Nomination 1/2 sov, acceptance 1 sov. One mile and a half. To start at 4.45 p.m.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

JANUARY 17TH AND 18TH, 1895.

NOMINATIONS for the following Handicaps close on TUESDAY, 18th December, at 9 p.m.

C. D. BENNETT, Handicapper.

- Flying Handicap of 60 sovs, 6 furlongs.....1 sov
First Hurdle Race of 70 sovs, 2 miles.....1 sov
President's Handicap of 130 sovs, 1 1/2 miles 2 sovs
Park Stakes of 50 sovs, 1 mile and a distance 1 sov
County Stakes of 45 sovs, 7 furlongs.....1 sov
Stewards' Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 mile.....1 sov
Second Hurdle Race of 60 sovs, 1 1/2 miles...1 sov
Grandstand Handicap of 80 sovs, 1 mile and a distance.....1 sov

WEIGHTS for First day's races, SATURDAY, January 12th. ACCEPTANCES January 14th, at 9 p.m. For full programme see posters.

M. G. NASMITH, Secretary.

STRATFORD RACING CLUB. HACK RACE MEETING.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1895.

OFFICERS—President: F. McGuire, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-Presidents: N. King, Esq., A. A. Fantham, Esq., R. B. Hutchinson, Esq., T. McLennan, Esq. Stewards: Messrs Allsworth, A. Bayly, Howson, Hirschberg, Lardet, McCracken, C. Sole, Lusk, C. Brewer, W. Brooking, Tocker, Symes, R. Campbell, Mehaffy, Melville, Mackay, Collins, Courts. Judge: Mr H. Bayly, Clerk of Course: Mr P. Brooking. Clerk of Scales: Mr Sole, Handicapper: Mr R. Pardy. Treasurer: Mr Hirschberg. Timekeeper: Mr Payne.

PROGRAMME (Passed by T.J.C.):

- Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 15s, Acceptance 20s. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half. To start at 12 noon.
Ngairi Stakes of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Entrance 20s. Minimum weight 9st. Five furlongs. To start at 12.45 p.m.
Stratford Cup, a handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and the third 5 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 50s, Acceptance 60s. One mile and a quarter. To start at 1.30 p.m.
Toko Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 10s, Acceptance 15s. Seven furlongs. To start at 2.30 p.m.
Cardiff Stakes of 20 sovs. For all horses that have not won an advertised race. Entries to close at 2.45 on day of race. Nomination 15s. Catch weights. Four furlongs. To start at 3.15 p.m.
Midhurst Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination 20s, Acceptance 25s. Six furlongs. To start at 4 p.m.
Selling Race of 15 sovs. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for £15. Nomination 10s. Minimum weight 8st. Five furlongs. To start at 4.30 p.m.
Publicans' Purse, a handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, winners (compulsory) 10s, others free. Acceptance 10s. Entries close at 4.25 p.m. on the day of the race. One mile. To start at 4.15 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Definition of a Hack—A horse that has never won an advertised race exceeding £40 at time of start (Hack, Hunter, and Pony Races excepted), and is not nominated at time of entry for a Derby, Guineas, St. Leger, or Sapling Stakes, hack races excepted.
All stakes will be paid less 5 per cent.
All races will be run under the Rules of Racing adopted by the Metropolitan Racing Clubs of New Zealand.
Horses that have won an advertised race of the value of £25 or over after the declaration of the weights (including this meeting) to carry a penalty of 5lb; if of the value of £40 or over, a penalty of 7lb; penalties not cumulative.
The Committee reserve to themselves the right to alter the dates of entry, acceptance, appearing of weights, and order and time of events should they see fit to do so.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, December 21st, at 9 p.m., Nominations Hurdle Race, Stratford Cup, Toko Handicap, and Midhurst Handicap, weights for which will appear on THURSDAY, January 17th, 1895. FRIDAY, January 11th, at 9 p.m., Acceptances for Hurdle Race, Stratford Cup, Toko Handicap, and Midhurst Handicap; Nominations for Ngairi Stakes and Selling Race.
Nominations and acceptances, accompanied with necessary fees, must be addressed to the Secretary, Stratford, with name, age, colour, pedigree, and performances of the horse, and name of the owner, and colours of the rider.
Telegraph office closes at 8 p.m.
HUGH J. C. COULTS, Hon. Secretary.



THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH.

President: J. D. Connolly, Esq. (American Consul). Vice-President: A. R. Harris, Esq., J.P. Judge: A. R. Harris, Esq., J.P. Treasurer: S. C. Caulton, Esq. Stewards: Messrs J. D. Connolly, C. E. Abbott, W. J. Ralph, T. McEwin, J. Lumpkin, W. Adams, F. Lawry, A. B. Harris, D. B. Tomks, J. Hunter, A. Coates, C. Bailey, and A. Murchie. Starter: Mr S. C. Caulton. Clerk of Scales: Mr F. W. Marks. Pony Messengers: Messrs J. Hunter, W. Adams, and S. C. Caulton. Handicapper: Mr W. Knight. Judges of Trotting: Messrs A. R. Harris, S. C. Caulton, C. Bailey, and J. Hunter.

FIRST DAY, DECEMBER 27, 1894.

The prize presented by Mr S. Hordern for competition among the 3-year-olds sold at his sale will be competed for under the following conditions:—

Hordern 4-Year-Old Stakes of 50 sovs. In harness. For then 3-year-olds sold at Mr Hordern's sale at Potters' Paddock, in December, 1893. Entrance Free. Distance one mile.



Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 1 sov. Distance one and a-half miles, over six flights of hurdles.

Maiden Trot Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 30 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 15s. Distance one mile.

Pony Cup Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of any handicap after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lbs extra. Nomination 1 1/2 sov, acceptance 2 sovs. Distance one mile.

Auckland Trotting Cup Handicap of 230 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs each from the stake. The winner of any handicap after the handicaps are declared to receive a penalty of 15 seconds, two or more, 25 seconds behind its original start. All horses will be handicapped to trot 3 miles in 9 minutes, or better. Nomination 3 sovs, acceptance 4 sovs, and a final payment of 3 sovs at the post. Distance three miles.

Steeplechase Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 1 sov. Distance about two and a-half miles.

Harness Trot Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any handicap after the declaration of the handicaps to receive a penalty of 10 seconds, 2 or more 20 seconds behind the original start. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 1 sov. Distance 2 miles.

Christmas Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of any race after the handicaps are declared to receive a penalty of 7lb, two or more, 12lbs extra. Nomination 15s, acceptance 15s. Distance five and a-half furlongs.

Electric Trot Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any handicap after the handicaps are declared to receive a penalty of 5 seconds, two or more 10 seconds behind its original start. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 15s. Distance one mile.

SECOND DAY, DECEMBER 29, 1894.

The prize presented by Mr S. Hordern for competition among the 2-year-olds sold at his sale will be competed for under the following conditions:—

Hordern 3-Year-Old Stakes of 50 sovs. In harness. For then 2-year-olds sold at Mr Hordern's sale at Potters' Paddock, in December, 1893. Entrance Free. Distance one mile.

Maiden Pony Race of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under, that have not won an advertised race exceeding 10 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination 10s, acceptance 15s. Distance five furlongs.

Second Maiden Trot Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 30 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 1 sov. Distance one and a-half miles.

New Year Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 1 sov. Distance six and a-half furlongs.

President's Handicap Trot of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third 10 sovs each from the stake. The winner of any handicap after the handicaps are declared to receive a penalty of 10 seconds behind its original start. Nomination 3 sovs, acceptance 3 sovs. Distance two miles.

Second Steeplechase Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 1 sov. Distance about two and a-half miles.

Glasgow Trot Handicap of 60 sovs (in harness); second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any handicap after the declaration of the handicaps to receive a penalty of 10 seconds, 2 or more 20 seconds behind its original start. Nomination 1 1/2 sovs, acceptance 1 1/2 sovs. Distance two and a-quarter miles.

Grand Stand Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of any race after the declaration of the weights to receive a penalty of 7lbs extra, two or more 12lbs extra. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 1 sov. Distance five and a-half furlongs.

Telegraph Trot Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any handicap after the handicaps are declared to receive a penalty of 5 seconds, two or more, 10 seconds behind its original start. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 1 sov. Distance one mile.

NOMINATIONS

For all events close on FRIDAY, 30th November, 1894, at 10 p.m.

HANDICAPS

For the Auckland Trotting Cup to appear on the 7th December, 1894, balance of the handicaps for the first day to appear on the 11th December, 1894. Handicaps for the second day to appear on the morning of the 29th December.

ACCEPTANCES

For all events on the first day close with the secretary on FRIDAY, 21st December, at 10 p.m. Acceptances for all events on the second day close with the secretary on FRIDAY, 28th December, at 10 p.m.

C. F. MARK, Secretary.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING,

TO BE HELD AT

POTTERS' PADDOCK, EPSOM,

ON

SATURDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1894.

Handicapper, Mr W. Knight. Starter, Mr E. D. Halstead

PROGRAMME

(Passed by the A.T.C.)

Maiden Trot Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 20 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one and a half miles.

Maiden Pony Race Handicap of 20 sovs; second pony to receive 3 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under that have never won an advertised race exceeding 10 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 10s. Distance, five and a half furlongs.

Otago Trotting Cup Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Winner of the Maiden Trot to receive a penalty of 7 seconds behind its original start. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 30s. Distance, two and a half miles.

Handicap Flying Stakes of 25 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of any race after the declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 7lbs extra. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six furlongs and a half.



Harness Handicap Trot of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any trotting race after the declaration of the handicaps to receive a penalty of 7secs; two or more, 15secs behind its original start. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, two miles and a quarter.

Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Over five flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a quarter.

Selling Trot Handicap of 25 sovs; winner to be sold immediately after the race, the whole of the proceeds to go to the funds. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one and a half miles.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ETC.

Nominations for all events close with the Secretary at Otahuhu, or British Hotel, Auckland, on Friday, 30th November, at 10 p.m.

Handicaps appear on Tuesday, December 4th. Acceptances for all events close with the Secretary at Otahuhu, or British Hotel, Auckland, on Friday, December, at 10 p.m.

RULES.

Nomination or acceptance to be accompanied by the necessary amount in cash. All payments to go to the funds of the Club. Stakes paid less 5 per cent. for expenses of course. All communications to be addressed to the Secretary, Otahuhu.

W. L. LOCKHART, Secretary.

Owners, Note!

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

To-morrow (Friday), December 14th, by 9 p.m., nominations close with the Secretary, Mr W. Percival, for—

FIRST DAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 1894.

- Trial Handicap of 60 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.
Handicap Hurdles of 120 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.
Railway Handicap of 100 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov
Nursery Handicap of 70 sovs, 5 furlongs, 1 sov
Pony Cup Handicap of 80 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov
Christmas Handicap of 100 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 1 sov

SECOND DAY, JANUARY 1ST, 1895.

- New Year's Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov
Glasgow Handicap of 100 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov
Midsummer Handicap of 150 sovs, 5 furlongs, 2 sovs
County Handicap of 50 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov
Pony Handicap of 80 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov
Maiden Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov

THIRD DAY, JANUARY 2ND, 1895.

- Ascot Handicap of 100 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
Sylvia Handicap of 80 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov
Grand Stand Handicap of 150 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 1 sov
Newmarket Handicap of 100 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov
Musket Stakes of 130 sovs, 6 furlongs, 2 sovs
Pony Hurdle Race of 70 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 1 sov

The Great Northern Derby, the nomination to be struck out or the nominator will be liable for forfeit, 5 sovs.

The Great Northern Foal Stakes, the nomination to be struck out or the nominator will be liable for forfeit, 5 sovs.

N.B.—Owners striking their nominations out on or before this day have nothing to pay.

DRURY RACING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

To-morrow (Friday), December 14th, acceptances will close with the hon. sec., Mr D. Maher, Drury, or with Mr H. H. Hayr, Vulcan Lane, Auckland, for the following:—

- Drury Cup Handicap of 40 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 1 sov.
Handicap Hurdle Race of 20 sovs, 2 miles, 10s.
Drury Racing Club Handicap of 25 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 15s.
Handicap Pony Race of 20 sovs., about 7 furlongs, 10s.
Stewards' Handicap of 20 sovs., 1/4 mile, 10s.

And nominations for:—

- Maiden Plate of 20 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
Novel Race of 20 sovs., 1 mile, 10s.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

On Saturday next, December 15th, acceptances in connection with the Thames Jockey Club's Summer Meeting will close with the Secretary, Mr H. J. Greenslade, at 8 p.m., as under:—

- Maiden Handicap of 25 sovs, 1/4 mile, 15s.
First Handicap Hurdles of 35 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 1 sov.
Thames Handicap of 35 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 15s.
First Pony Handicap of 20 sovs, 1/4 mile, 10s.
First Handicap Steeplechase of 50 sovs, about 2 1/2 miles, 1 1/2 sov.
Pony Hurdles of 25 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 10s.

Acceptances for the second day's racing close at 9.30 on the night of the first day, the 26th inst.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

On Friday, December 21st, by 9 p.m., nominations close with the Secretary, Devonport, or at Mr W. Blomfield's office, Durham Street East, for the following:—

- Takapuna Cup of 200 sovs, 1 1/4 miles, 1 sov.
Takapuna J. C. Handicap of 100 sovs, 1 1/4 miles, 1 sov.
Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs, about 3 1/2 miles, 1 sov.

General entries are due by 9 p.m. on Friday, January 11th.

STRATFORD RACING CLUB HACK MEETING.

On Friday, December 21st, at 9 p.m., nominations will close as under with the hon. secretary, Mr H. J. C. Coult, Stratford:—

- Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 15s.
Stratford Cup of 125 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 50s.
Toko Handicap of 25 sovs, 7 furlongs, 10s.
Midhurst Handicap of 50 sovs, 6 furlongs, 20s.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING

On Tuesday next, December 18th, at 10 p.m., acceptances close with the Secretary, Mr C. O. Miles, for the following events in connection with the first day's (26th) races:—

- Telegraph Stakes of 80 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 1/2 sov.
First Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.
First Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs, 1 1/2 mile, 1 sov.
Palmerston Cup of 300 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 8 sovs.
First Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 1 sov.
Grandstand Handicap of 75 sovs, 1 mile, 30s.
Ladies' Bracelet Handicap of 35 sovs, 1 1/2 mile, 1 sov.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

On Tuesday next, December 18th, nominations for the following events in connection with the Gisborne R.C. Summer Meeting close with Mr M. G. Nasmith:—

- Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
First Hurdle Race, 2 miles, 1 sov.
President's Handicap, 1 1/2 mile, 2 sovs.
Park Stakes, 1 mile and a distance, 1 sov.
County Stakes, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.
Stewards' Handicap, 1 mile, 1 sov.
Second Hurdle Race, 1 1/2 mile, 1 sov.
Grandstand Handicap, 1 mile and a distance, 1 sov.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

On Friday, December 21st, at 10 p.m., acceptances will close with the secretary, Mr C. F. Mark, for the following events in connection with the first day, December 27th, of the Summer meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club:—

- Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 1 sov.
Maiden Trot Handicap of 35 sovs, 1 mile, 15s.
Pony Cup Handicap of 75 sovs, 1 mile, 2 sovs.
A.T.C. Handicap of 230 sovs, 3 miles, 4 sovs.
Steeplechase Handicap of 40 sovs, about 2 1/2 miles, 1 sov.
Harness Trot Handicap of 40 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.
Christmas Handicap of 30 sovs, 5 1/2 furlongs, 15s.
Electric Trot Handicap of 35 sovs, 1 mile, 15s.

On Friday, December 28th, at 10 p.m., acceptances close as under in connection with the second day's events:—

- Maiden Pony Race of 25 sovs, 5 furlongs, 15s.
Second Maiden Trot Handicap of 35 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 1 sov.
New Year Handicap of 40 sovs, 6 1/2 furlongs, 1 sov.
President's Handicap Trot of 125 sovs, 2 miles, 3 sovs.
Second Steeplechase Handicap of 40 sovs, about 2 1/2 miles, 1 sov.
Glasgow Trot Handicap of 60 sovs, 2 1/4 miles, 1 1/2 sovs.
Grandstand Handicap of 30 sovs, 5 1/2 furlongs, 1 sov.
Telegraph Trot Handicap of 40 sovs, 1 mile 1 sov.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday, January 5th, at 9.30 p.m., acceptances in connection with the Poverty Bay Turf Club's Annual Meeting will close as under:—

- Flying Handicap of 80 sovs, 6 furlongs, 3 sovs.
First Hurdles of 60 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 2 sovs.
Turanga Stakes of 200 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 4 sovs.
County Stakes of 40 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
Welter Handicap of 40 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.

SPORTING REVIEW COUPON.

The following coupons for the Auckland Cup, A.R.C. Handicap, and Auckland Steeplechase treble have been received since our last issue:—

- 504 R.W.—Prime Warden—Annabelle—Roscius
505 R.W.—Prime Warden—Annabelle—Bombardier
506 R.W.—Prime Warden—Lottie—Roscius
507 R.W.—Prime Warden—St. Kilda—Roscius
508 C.W.S.—Lottie—Prime Warden—Belle
509 C.W.S.—Lottie—Impulse—Belle
510 R.E.H.—Royal Rose—Lottie—Despised
511 P.F.—First Nelson—Lottie—Malabar
512 P.F.—Pegasus—Lottie—Malabar
513 J.B.—Royal Rose—Annabelle—Villiers
514 G.A.K.—Prime Warden—Impulse—Malabar
515 F.J.D.—Ben Godfrey—First Nelson—Roscius
516 G.A.K.—Au Revoir—Lottie—Potentate
517 G.A.K.—Ida—Impulse—Oaklands
518 P.A.—Royal Rose—First Nelson—Bombardier
519 C.V.—Ben Godfrey—First Nelson—Potentate
520 C.V.—Ben Godfrey—Au Revoir—Potentate
521 C.V.—Prime Warden—Lottie—Roscius
522 J.C.B.—Prime Warden—Ben Godfrey—Roscius
523 A.J.F.—Lottie—St. Laura—Bombardier
524 A.J.F.—Skirmisher—Lottie—Bombardier
525 A.R.—Saracen—Lottie—Belle
526 A.R.—Lottie—Impulse—Belle
527 C.C.—Pompom—Pegasus—Potentate
528 C.C.—Rosefeldt—Saracen—Bootles
529 J.H.—St. Kilda—Ben Godfrey—Roscius
530 J.H.—Ben Godfrey—Impulse—Bombardier
531 F.C.—Ben Godfrey—Prime Warden—Bombardier
532 S.L.H.—Prime Warden—Impulse—Liberator
533 H.B.—Lottie—Lottie—Belle
534 H.B.—Prime Warden—Forme—Bombardier
535 E.A.J.—Rosefeldt—Ben Godfrey—Bombardier
536 E.A.J.—Rosefeldt—Ben Godfrey—Bombardier
537 E.A.J.—Rosefeldt—Ben Godfrey—Roscius
538 P.T.—Mahaki—Royal Rose—Roscius
539 P.T.—Lottie—Royal Rose—Roscius
540 P.T.—Royal Rose—Mahaki—Bootles
541 L.F.—Impulse—St. Laura—Despised
542 L.F.—Impulse—Lottie—Despised
543 J.T.W.—Prime Warden—St. Kilda—Villiers
544 P.J.B.—Au Revoir—St. Kilda—Roscius
545 P.J.B.—Saracen—Grenadier—Roscius
546 C.P.M.—Lottie—Royal Rose—Roscius
547 C.P.M.—Royal Rose—Forme—Roscius
548 C.O.—Lottie—Prime Warden—Bombardier
549 C.O.—Royal Rose—First Nelson—Bombardier
550 J.C.—Royal Rose—Lottie—Despised
551 C.O.L.—Musket—Grenadier—Roscius
552 C.O.L.—Prime Warden—Au Revoir—Roscius
553 J.F.—Prime Warden—Saracen—Bombardier
554 J.F.—Royal Rose—Prime Warden—Norton
555 J.F.—Prime Warden—Lottie—Norton
556 J.F.—Impulse—Mahaki—Norton
557 T.F.—Impulse—Mahaki—Bombardier
558 J.C.B.—Prime Warden—Forme—Bombardier
559 C.V.—Lottie—St. Kilda—Bombardier
560 C. de C.—Lottie—Royal Rose—Molly Hawk
561 A.B.—Impulse—Ida—Bombardier
562 A.B.—Royal Rose—Lottie—Molly Hawk
563 J.P.—Prime Warden—Lottie—Bombardier
564 F.M.B.—Lottie—Royal Rose—Magpie (informal)
565 F.M.B.—Lottie—Royal Rose—Bombardier
566 T.D.W.—Pegasus—Mahaki—Norton
567 C.B.E.—Lottie—Impulse—Roscius
568 D.J.—Prime Warden—Saracen—Norton
(Several coupons unavoidably held over.)

SPORTING FIXTURES Etc.

COMING EVENTS.

NEW ZEALAND FIXTURES.

December 15—Otahuhu Trotting Club
 December 17—Christchurch R.C. Inaugural
 December 21—Mania Hack
 December 21—Otorohanga Jockey Club
 December 22—Whitua Races
 December 22—Ngaruawahia R.C.
 December 22—Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer
 December 26—Canterbury Trotting Club
 December 26—Masterton & Opaki J.C. Summer
 December 26—Wairanga-a-hika J.C.
 December 26—Lower Valley J.C. Annual
 December 26—Palmerston (Ottago) J.C.
 December 26—Taranaki J.C. (Hack)
 December 26—Alexandra Annual
 December 26, 27—Reefton J.C. Midsummer
 December 26, 27—Thames J.C.
 December 26, 27—Manawatu R.C. Summer
 December 26, January 1, 2—Auckland R.C. Summer
 December 27—Waikato Hack Races
 December 27—Waipawa R.C. Summer
 December 27 and 28—Auckland Trotting Club Summer
 December 28—Ashurst—Pohangina Hack R.C.
 December 28—Drury R.C. Annual
 December 28—Onga Onga R.C. Annual
 December 29—South Auckland R.C. Summer
 January 1—Napier Park New Year
 January 1—Wynham R.C. Annual
 January 1—Ormond J.C. Annual
 January 1—Opunake R.C. Annual
 January 1—Woodville District J.C. Summer
 January 1—Lichfield Annual
 January 1—Whatawhata Annual
 January 1—Tinwald R.C. Annual
 January 1—Otaki Maori R.C. Summer
 January 1, 2—Rangitikei R.C. Summer
 January 1, 2—Wairarapa R.C. Summer
 January 3, 4—Wairoa County R.C. Annual
 January 3, 4—Kumara J.C. Midsummer
 January 4—Pahiatua J.C. Annual
 January 7, 8—Westland R.C. New Year
 January 10, 11—Poverty Bay Turf Club
 January 10—Warrington J.C. Annual
 January 11—Mauku Races
 January 12—Wairarapa R.C. Summer
 January 17—Stratford R.C. Hack
 January 17, 18—Gisborne R.C. Summer
 January 22, 24—Wellington R.C. Summer
 January 22—Foxton R.C. Hack
 January 26, 29—Takapuna J.C. Summer
 January 29—Waipa R.C.
 January 30—Turakina Hack
 February 2—Canterbury J.C. Summer
 February 13 & 14—Egmont R.C. Summer
 February 20 & 21—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 February 20, 21, and 23—Dunedin J.C. Autumn
 March 7, 8—Wanganui J.C. Autumn
 March 17—Papakura R.C.
 March 19, 20—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
 March 23—Dunedin J.C. Anniversary
 March 26, 27—Napier Park R.C. Autumn
 April 15, 16—Canterbury J.C. Autumn
 April 15, 16—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
 April 15, 16—Auckland R.C. Autumn
 April 26—Ashburton Trotting Club

AUSTRALIAN FIXTURES.

December 26, 29—Australian Jockey Club Summer
 January 1—Victoria Racing Club New Year
 January 1—South Australia J.C. Summer
 January 1, 5—Sydney Tattersall's Annual

NOMINATIONS.

December 14—Auckland R.C. Summer (general entry)
 December 18—Gisborne Racing Club Summer
 December 21, January 11—Stratford R.C. Hack
 December 21 and January 11—Takapuna J.C. Summer
 December 29—Foxton Racing Club Hack
 January 10, 1895—Egmont R.C. Summer
 April 19—Takapuna J.C. Winter

HANDICAPS.

December 26—Manawatu R.C. Summer
 December 17, 21, January 1—Auckland R.C. Summer
 January 3—Stratford R.C. Hack
 January 3, 10—Poverty Bay Turf Club Annual
 January 11—Foxton Racing Club Hack
 January 4, 14, 28—Takapuna J.C. Summer
 January 12—Gisborne R.C. Summer
 February 1, 13—Egmont Racing Club Summer
 April 29 and May 20—Takapuna J.C. Winter

ACCEPTANCES.

December 26—Manawatu R.C. Summer
 December 14—Drury R.C. Annual
 December 15 and 26—Thames J.C. Summer
 December 21, 24, 26, 28—Auckland R.C. Summer
 December 21, 27—Auckland Trotting Club Summer
 January 5, 10—Poverty Bay Turf Club Annual
 January 7—Foxton Racing Club
 January 11—Stratford R.C. Hack
 January 14—Gisborne R.C. Summer
 January 18, 26, 28—Takapuna J.C. Summer
 February 1, 13—Egmont R.C. Summer
 May 11, 21—Takapuna J.C. Winter

ANNUAL BLOOD STOCK SALES.

December 26—Potter's Paddock (combined sale)
 December 31—Potter's Paddock (trotting stock)
 December 31—Sylvia Park (Messrs Nathan and Mrs Walters)
 January 3—Wellington Park (Mr T. Morrin)

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W.R.—A "thoroughpin" is a sack-like enlargement above the hock and running under the tendon from one side to the other.
 R.E.—Duchess is by Musket from Lady St. Clair. She is the dam of Bit-o'-Fashion.
 "SPORT," Hamilton East.—On each occasion that a trot has been held on Sydney Square the event has been submitted to the Auckland Trotting Club and approved by that body, so that no disqualification ever existed. The event on this year's programme has been similarly approved. The A.T.C. has power to pass a trot in connection with any sports gathering. There is nothing to bar Sydney Square trotters from appearing at Whatawhata races.

Sporting Review

WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1894.

The last mail from America brings the results of the trotting season for 1894, and a glance at the records achieved shows that the session just concluded has been a record-breaker indeed. Last year the yearling record was lodged at 2min. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., but three-quarters of a second was lopped off that timing last September, when the brown colt Adbell trotted at San Jose, Cal., against time in 2min. 23sec. Adbell is by Advertiser out of Beautiful Bells—a mare that has twice

before produced the yearling champion. The 1891 performance by Arion of 2min. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. still stands as the high-water two-year-old mark. This run was made to the high-wheel sulky, and is considered by States sportsmen the greatest performance ever made by a trotter of any age. Although the two-year-old record against time was not altered this year, the race record (2min. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.) was tied, Impetuous (by Dictator out of a daughter of Harold) winning a race last October in heats of 2min. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. and 2min. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. The breeding of Impetuous shows that he combines the blood of the ex-queen, Maud S. (2min. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.) and the present stallion King, Directum (2min. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.). The present holder of the three-year-old record (Fantasy) has not reduced it this year, but she has added the four-year-old filly championship to her attainments by covering a mile in 2min. 6sec. The five-year-old record has been brought to 2min. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. (slower than the four-year-old mark), and the champion record of 2min. 4sec. made by Nancy Hanks in 1892, after withstanding all attempts during 1893, fell last September when the Patronage—Atalanta six-year-old mare, Alix, cut out her mile in 2min. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. Besides this, Alix tied Directum for the fastest race record of 2min. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., and beat him for the fastest three-heats championship by getting home in a free-for-all trotting class in 2min. 6sec., 2min. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., and 2min. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. The gelding record, held by Jay Eye See (2min. 10sec.) for nine years from 1884, was lowered to 2min. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. in 1893; but this season it has gone down two seconds, and now stands at 2min. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. The team race record was also shifted, and now stands at 2min. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. So much for the trotters. In the pacing department the breakage of records was even more pronounced than was the case in the trotting class, the most sensational being the big break in Arion's two-year-old record, Directly (by Direct, 2min. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.) pacing in 2min. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. The three-year-old record also went by the board, but remains behind the time cut out by the two-year-olds. The four-year-old record was reduced to 2min. 4sec. by the trotting bred colt, Online, by Shadeland Onward, dam Angeline, by Chester Chief. The all-aged championship was clipped in the most emphatic manner by Robert J., who in September paced against time in 2min. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., cutting the record by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., and bringing the ideal 2min. gait within measurable distance. In the same month he took the race record by winning three heats in 2min. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., 2min. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., and 2min. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. The stallion record, which stood at Saladin's 2min. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., and then Direct's 2min. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec., was substantially lowered in September by the five-year-old colt John R. Gentry, who won a race in 2min. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. The pacing record with running mate put up in 1884 when the figures 2min 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec were reached has fallen after ten years' unsuccessful opposition, the gelding Flying Jib pacing in this way of going in 1min. 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. This is the first pacer or trotter to pass the 2min. mark—the goal of American trotting ambition. The above figures speak something like record-breaking, and should be taken to heart by the Potter's Paddock sportsmen. Trotting is in its infancy in New Zealand; in fact, the infant has hardly learned to hold the bottle of learning to its lips. But with annual importations of class bred young stock and stallions of the stamp shown by Mr Lopez and promised by Mr Hordern, the N.S.W. breeder, we may look with confidence to the time when fast trotting by high bred stock will claim a large share of racing attention. Good trotting is enjoyable; bad trotting is simply execrable. Certainly we must crawl before we walk; but the crawling process is very painful.

THE PROPRIETORS.

DEATH OF MR. WALTON.

Keen regret was expressed by local sportsmen on hearing of the mishap that befell Mr Walton, the popular assistant of the A.R.C. Secretary; and regret was changed to honest sorrow when it became known that the genial old gentleman's injuries had proved fatal. Mr Walton's son who had been riding a young horse, asked his father to try the animal. Mr Walton did so, and the horse shying, threw the old gentleman heavily causing a severe fracture of the skull which proved fatal. Deceased, who was about 70 years of age, was a good deal more active and energetic than many men half his age. He was an old member of the London detective force, and though in receipt of a comfortable pension his energy would not permit him to abandon work. For the last four years he has been an invaluable servant to the A.R.C., looking after the gates and outside details of the Ellerslie re-unions with a zealous ability that made him a treasure to the Club and a terror to those people who endeavour to evade and set at naught the rules and regulations of the A.R.C. I had a similar experience some time back to that which fell to Mr Walton's lot, although luckily for me my youth enabled me to recover from the accident that closed the life career of my old friend, and it is a curious thing that Mr Walton, only a few days ago was pointing out to me the risks that attend the riding of strange or young horses. Sad to relate, he fell a victim to the very practice spoken of by him. The late gentleman, who I understand reached the 40th anniversary of his marriage last week, leaves a wife and family. He was a favourite with racing men, and the A.R.C. will seek far before they replace such an energetic officer. BORDERER.

Whitford Park Yearlings.

[BY BORDERER.]

The batch of yearlings to be placed on the market by the proprietors of the Whitford Park Estate may not be a very extensive one; but if quantity be missing there is any amount of quality present. Six colts and one filly is the main to be put up at Sylvia Park on the 31st inst., and when the parcels are placed before investors they will be voted a credit to their producers. I paid a final visit of inspection to the Park last Saturday, and am confident that buyers of young stock will find it a matter of profit to attend the third annual sale to be held on the last day of the month by the Messrs Nathan. The sires represented by the yearlings are by St. Leger and Cuirassier—a great pair indeed—and mated with the the mares held by the Whitford Park proprietors it is no matter for wonder that attractive and promising blood stock is the result. The first youngster that will be offered on sale day is the outcome of a Cuirassier—Liquidation mating, a brown colt, who was missing from Sylvia Park on the occasion of my visit. A touch of rheumatism fell to this youngster's portion a short time back, so the doctor invalidated him to Whitford Park, where he is fast shaking off his ailment. On sale day he will be in the ring with his companions. This yearling has had an unlucky time of it since foaling. His career was nearly cut short through stoppage before the first day of his life had been fairly spent, and when I visited the Park in September last I found him sharing a paddock with the only yearling filly on the estate, the reason of his separation from the other colts being a lameness in the stifle from which he was suffering, caused it is thought by the youngster being cast in his box. And now rheumatism is tormenting him, so his title—Reconstruction—is a decidedly apt one. Lot No. 2 will be a chestnut filly by St. Leger out of Bellona that was roaming a paddock in company with the Tasman—Sybil two-year-old (Lavinia) who has been invalidated at Sylvia Park since the breakdown that threw her out of the last Welcome Stakes. The Bellona yearling is sturdily built, although rather on the small side. Her build is beautifully even, and her conduct in the paddock shows that she possesses pluck and a decidedly nice turn of foot. Being out of a four-year-old mare, she is as big as can be expected, and though big ones are, of course, preferable



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.
METROPOLITAN MEETING,
 DECEMBER 26TH, JANUARY 1ST AND 2ND.
 Persons at a distance wishing to invest can do so by addressing their communications to the "Secretary A.R.C. Auckland, to arrive not later than 11 a.m. on race days. Boxing Day and New Year's Day being public holidays, money should be sent the day before.
 No investments will be made unless accompanied by the cash, either in Bank Drafts, P.O. Orders, Postal Notes, or Money Order Telegrams. Cheques will not be received.
 Investors must state briefly the Race and Horse they wish their money invested on. No notice will be taken of Contingent Instructions.
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 Accounts will be rendered within seven days of the Meeting.
 WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.
SUMMER MEETING, 1896-97.

THE GREAT NORTHERN DERBY, 1896-97.
 FOR NOW YEARLINGS,
 Of 500 sovs, second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stakes. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb each.
 By subscription of 10 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—
 If struck out by the first Friday in January, 1896, 2 sovs forfeit.
 If struck out by the first Friday in September, 1896, 3 sovs forfeit.
 If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1896, 5 sovs forfeit.
 If left in after this date, liable for the whole 10 sovs.
 All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake.
 Entries close on FRIDAY, 11th January, 1895.
 No money is required at the time of nomination.
 One and a-half miles.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES, 1896-97.
 FOR NOW FOALS,
 Of 500 sovs, second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stakes. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb each.
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 If struck out by the first Friday in September, 1896, 3 sovs forfeit.
 If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1896, 5 sovs forfeit.
 If left in after this date liable for the whole 10 sovs.
 All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake.
 Entries close on FRIDAY, 11th January, 1895.
 No money is required at the time of nomination.
 Six furlongs.
 Entries to be made to the Secretary of the A.R.C. at his office, Durham Street; or to the Secretary of the C.J.C. Canterbury; D.J.C. Dunedin; H.B.J.C. Napier; W.R.C. Wellington; M.E.C. Blenheim; V.R.C. Melbourne; A.J.C. Sydney; by eight o'clock p.m. on FRIDAY, the 11th of January, 1895.

THE ROYAL STAKES, 1896-97.
 Of 500 sovs, the owner of the second horse to receive 10 per cent., and the owner of the third horse 5 per cent. out of the stakes. For two and three-year-olds.
 Weight-for-age. Winners after August 1st, 1895, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250 sovs, 3lb; of 500 sovs, 5lb; of 750 sovs, 7lb; of 1000 sovs, 10lb. Maiden three-year-olds at time of starting allowed 10lb; two-year-olds, 7lb.
 By subscription of 10 sovs each, payable to the Secretary of the A.R.C. on general entry day, Summer Meeting, 1896, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows:—
 Yearlings (foals of 1893) may be struck out upon payment of 2 sovs by the second Friday in January, 1896; or upon payment of 4 sovs by the first Friday in September, 1896; or upon payment of 6 sovs by first Friday in December, 1896.
 Foals of 1894 may be struck out upon payment of 2 sovs by the second Friday in January, 1896; or upon payment of 4 sovs by the first Friday in September, 1896; or upon payment of 6 sovs by the first Friday in December, 1896.
 All horses remaining in after the first Friday in December, 1896, must pay their total entrance of 10 sovs, by 12 noon the day before the race.
 Should there be any surplus arising from the subscriptions it will be given to the race.
 Entries close for yearlings on January 11th, 1895.
 Entries close for foals on Friday, April 19th, 1895, by 9 p.m.
 No money is required at the time of nomination.
 Six furlongs.
 WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.



THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB
SUMMER MEETING.
HANDICAPS.
 For the minor races of the first day have been POSTPONED till TUESDAY NEXT, the 18th inst.
 C. F. MARK, Secretary.



NORMANBY TROTTING CLUB.
SECOND MEETING
 TO BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1895.
 1. Maiden Handicap Trot, in saddle, 15 sovs.
 2. Handicap Pony Trot, in saddle, 12 sovs.
 3. Summer Handicap, in harness, 17 sovs.
 4. Normanby Handicap, in saddle, 40 sovs.
 5. Post Stakes, in saddle, 12 sovs.
 6. Waiki Handicap, in harness, 20 sovs.
 7. Consolation Handicap, in saddle, 12 sovs.
 Nominations, with full performances, for Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 close with Secretary, Normanby, at 9 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 2nd January, 1895.
 Acceptances, with colours, close on SATURDAY, 19th January, 1895, at 9 p.m.
 G. V. BATE, Secretary, Hawera.

The Show of the Town now in full swing at Moore's, Pitt Street.

the little 'uns are not to be despised. Paris and Portsea defend the small racehorse in eloquent fashion. This first foal of Bellona's has a big touch of her sire's look about the body, but the head-piece speaks the dam all over. Her shoulders are nicely sloped, she has good bone and a well-developed forearm, and her loin and quarters give promise of future strength. Bellona being by Nelson from Muskerina, this filly has Doncaster, Musket, and Yattendon in her pedigree. Lot 3 is a brown colt by Cuirassier out of La Dauphine, who is the baby of the yearling lot, his foaling date being November 10th. This colt has a very taking outline as a prospective weight-carrier. He is thick set with a finely-shaped middlepiece and has quarters peaking strength all over. His dam is by The Dauphin, by Traducer, and the mixture of Musket and Traducer in the union that produced this colt is a nick of blood beyond unfavourable comment. St. Leger on Lady Whitford is the mating that gave Lot 4, a compact sturdy-looking chestnut colt that will no doubt develop into a strong low sort of a racer, for his quarters denote great future power. His dam runs back to Sylvia's dam, Juliet, on both sides of her pedigree, and can boast three direct strains of Fisherman. Lot 5 is a brown colt by Cuirassier out of Sybil, whose second foal it is. Lavinia was her maiden effort in the producing line, and we know the filly named to be a galloper, so with the aid of a horse like Cuirassier, Sybil should give something decent. The youngster to be offered is a well-grown, racy-looking fellow with a neat head, well-turned middle piece, and good solid-looking quarters. Out of a half sister to the dam of last year's Victoria Racing Club's Newmarket hero, and by a sire like Cuirassier this colt's breeding should not fail him, and his appearance is well worthy of his blood. We now come to the big gun of the Park, Lot 6, a bay colt by St. Leger from Antiniere, and as nice a yearling as mortal man or, rather, prospective buyer could wish to look at. This is the first colt the mare has thrown, and take him as you will he is a clipper in every sense of the word. If he is not a future celebrity appearances are worth nothing, and whoever buys this parcel of horse flesh may pardonably hug the belief that he possesses a youngster that will grow into the *beau ideal* of a racehorse. He is a decidedly handsome bay with black points, and not a speck of white can be seen on his body. His head is plain but very business-like, the long neck is fitted on finely sloped shoulders, and his bone right through looks good. This colt has a great middle-piece with a nice smooth back and strong loins, and stands over plenty of ground. His shoulders run well back, he is broad and very well developed across the loin, his feet and legs could hardly be improved on, and with splendid bone and good firm joints he looks a gentleman every inch. If a big, rangy, well-developed and well-muscled colt can tempt gold this youngster should fill the bill splendidly. In appearance he greatly resembles St. Hippo—not a bad model—and is far and away the pick of the Sylvia Park basket. A colt by Cuirassier from Roie forms the seventh lot on the catalogue, and I fancy Roie will never be disgraced by this first foal of hers. He is exceptionally well grown, stands over a big space of ground, and will doubtless be bigger than his father if Fate be kind to him. Early racing will not be his forte, but when he does unlimber himself his action will be to the point. His headpiece is not of the pretty order, but it is stamped with plenty character. Good flat bone is apparent in him, and his quarters denote great strength. His sire and dam could gallop to a pretty tune, and when he comes to the track he will be a worthy descendant. At present he is somewhat marked in the stifle, the result of a fall he had a few days back on the scoria-covered yard, but luckily his tumble did not result in anything serious. Scoria in a stable yard where yearling occasionally caper round is hardly an advisable ground covering. This completes the list of stock to be offered and the breeders have reason to anticipate a favourable sale. The youngsters are in the pink of health, and reflect the greatest credit upon H. Wilson, the Park studgroom, who can handle all his animals as though they were pet rabbits, a sure sign that he treats them well. I have a look at some of the brood mares before I leave the Park and find

Anna with a filly foal by St. Hippo, Bellona a colt by the same sire, Miss Letty a filly by Dreadnought, Roie a filly by Cuirassier, Rosie a filly by Brigadier, and Sybil a filly by Cuirassier. The mares and foals look in the best of health and as in the case of the yearlings, Wilson appears to be on the best of terms with the youngsters. The Messrs Nathan have done their part in breeding sound racing stock; it now remains for speculators in the thoroughbred to recognise the enterprise of the Whitford Park breeders.

Racing Reviewed.

[By BORDERER.]

The favourable atmospheric surroundings granted the Avondale Jockey Club authorities on the 1st inst. were also vouchsafed to the Onehunga and Otahuhu Racing Club last Saturday, and a most successful meeting resulted. The course was in excellent order, and the arrangements of the management were complete in every detail. The Auckland Racing Club, in granting the permit for last Saturday's gathering, notified the Onehunga authorities that no date would be available for next season; therefore the meeting under review may be reckoned the wind-up of the O. and O. Club. The racing was most interesting, and if it did not result in any very notable addition to the racing history of Auckland, backers were given a few interesting glimpses which should prove of value in connection with the forthcoming Ellerslie campaign. In the matter of speculation the club had nothing to complain of, Mr Blomfield's staff handling the sum of £2,068 during the day. This reads £530 better than was the case at last year's meeting. The public had a fair innings, for out of the eight races contested, the favourites scored on four occasions. The secretarial duties were excellently carried out by Mr C. F. Mark, and the racing was brought off well to time, the last event being only a quarter of an hour over the advertised hour. The judging was in the hands of Mr A. B. Harris, J.P., and except in the case of the hurdle race the judge's awards admitted of no doubt. In the race referred to Magpie and Deceiver got to the judging line almost together, and when the announcement of a head in favour of Magpie was given the onlookers expressed themselves in a manner that showed they were firmly of opinion that Deceiver had won, that Mr Harris knew nothing of his business, that he had backed Mr O'Rorke's horse, and in short was an unjust judge. Now, anyone knowing Mr Harris must be aware that he never bets, that he is an upright, honourable man, and whichever horse won he undoubtedly caught sight of Magpie's head before Deceiver's head-piece came within his line of vision. And holding the belief that Magpie won (even if only by a matter of inches) Mr Harris is to be commended for his fearlessness in making an award which he must have known, from a casual glance at the angry crowd clustered around his stand, would subject him to abuse. The racegoers who jeered and insulted the judge are to be pitied for their contemptible conduct in launching the insinuations and open charges which were hurled at Mr Harris when he left his box. As to whether the judge's award was right or wrong I would not presume to say. The finish was a remarkably close thing, and although I was within six feet of the judging line I know sufficient about racing to be aware that under the circumstances of the finish, only those in the box and anyone standing directly opposite the line could be in positions from which the exact result could be observed. The judge and the timekeeper who was standing on the step of the box declared for Magpie by a head, and the holder of the fourth judging position, viz., directly opposite the line, holds a similar opinion. The party referred to is a well-known trainer and steeplechase rider, who I believe had not a shilling's worth of interest in the race, and consequently would not be swayed by interested motives in supporting the judge's decision. The winner had 43 backers; the loser had 124. Hence the disparaging remarks re Mr Harris's decision. In the matter of starting, Mr W. L. Lockhart was generally screened from observation by clumps of gorse, but in the pony race, selling race, and flying handicap large allowances of daylight could be observed between the racers as they moved off the mark.

With Decoy and Jos. Sedley out of the Maiden Plate Handicap of 20 sovs, one mile, the field was a quartette strong, and the bay mare Ladybird performed a very comfortable 1.48 solo with Cleopatra singing seconds—under heavy punishment. Edna was third and ran disappointingly, but she is a good mare for all that. The winner simply cantered over her opponents and is a very likely mare to match this season. Cleopatra got the first glimpse of the falling flag, but when the winner got fairly to the end of the back stretch Major George's representative was last. Young McPherson then got to work on the mare, and brought her up to within a length and a half of Ladybird, but the latter was comfortably leading right up the straight, while Cleopatra's ribs were being performed on right merrily by McPherson. As stated above, Deceiver was a very warm order for the Hurdle Race of 30 sovs, one mile and a half, 124 investors out of a total of 198 declaring for Mrs Clark's gelding, who had the advantage of Sam Fergus' handling. This was reckoned one of the certainties of the day, and it looked very like coming off when the field took the dip leading to the home turn, for Magpie, who was the only possible upsetter of the favourite, was lying well to the rear. However, when the question was put in earnest to Mr O'Rorke's gelding

he overhauled the field hand over fist, and obtained the glance of the judge a head before Deceiver, the clock stopping at 3min 1sec when the line was crossed. This race makes Deceiver out a very fair horse, for the way he hustled along under 10.8 was distinctly creditable. Magpie showed himself to be a nice jumper, rather prone to loaf on the road and a horse that requires hard riding. But as was subsequently proved in the steeplechase, he is game, has staying ability when a-ked vigorously, and can shoot out a very fair quantity of "toe." As the favourite was upset in the hurdle race it was only fair that the popular pick should get home in the next event, the Pony Handicap of 20 sovs, five furlongs, and Brown Mantle, who was backed down to the vicinity of an even money chance, upheld the punters selection in worthy fashion. Cupid was next best in the betting market and Kit, a chestnut mare with a miniature Nelson resemblance, was pretty well on terms with Cupid when speculation closed. Sweet Lavender was the only other contender that had anything like support accorded her. A trial by Brown Mantle in the region of "four and a half" made this five furlong event look a moral for her, but although she got home the race proved anything but the certainty imagined. Cupid was within less than half a length of her, and although the judge's attention was confined to the first two horses, Sweet Lavender was within a very nice distance of the stake-getter. The winner got home in 1min 5½sec. with 6lb more on her back than was the case at Avondale. This successful carriage of 8.8 rather explodes the contention of Brown Mantle's owner that any weight over 8.6 extinguishes her chance. The win was a popular one, the public being glad to see Mr Budge rewarded for his long string of bad luck, and what is probably more to the point, because the "pieces" of the public were on the daughter of Nordenfeldt and Antelope. Cupid ran a big mare under 9.4 and might have got home with a little more vigorous riding; Lady Thornton, with 9.4 up and only thirteen supporters on the machine, was never in it; Little Tom, looking big and muscular, ran a fairish horse and will run better before many moons; Sweet Lavender, ridden well by Davis, had one or two pieces of bad luck during the run; Rodney showed absence of heart; and whatever merit Kit may possess, it had no chance of being brought into prominence through the mare being left at the post. But her backing looked like business, and for half a mile I should take her to be a tidy bit of horseflesh. With better luck at the post she may earn a bracket later in the season. Duchess, who is an aged mare by Musket—Lady St. Clair, and the dam of Bit o' Fashion, showed nothing in the race under review, but looks a fairish performer. It is said she has only recently been taken up. Later in the season she may gain a stake despite her years.

Five horses contested the Spring Handicap of 40sovs, one and a quarter miles, viz., Annabelle 7.13, Lady Marion 7.8, Ida 7.6, Eve 6.12, and The Sharper 6.12. The top weight was favourite, but a lot of backers who seldom make mistakes were confident that the chestnut daughter of Malua and Wanda could get to the end of a mile and a quarter in big time, and so Lady Marion was only a few points behind Annabelle when the totalisators locked up. Eve and Ida were sent out at six to one, and The Sharper was backed indifferently and ran worse. The field was loosed on even terms, and when they got to the back of the course Ida's lead was looked upon as only a temporary advantage; but Quinton kept the mare at it the whole way, and Mrs Lennard's representative, proving game and in the correct state of health, got to the finishing line a fairly comfortable winner in 2min 13½sec. Morrigan tried hard to catch the wearer of the maroon and gold hoops but he was a big length the wrong side of the tape, while Lady Marion, carrying the moneys of the keenest turf speculators on the ground, and guided by that brilliant horseman J. Gallagher, was several lengths out of it. The daughter of Malua may have had hard luck during the run, but Ida's pace was undoubted. In reviewing the Avondale racing I did not appreciate Ida's run, and wrote "Ida went back on my tip, but she will have to repeat the dose next week before I relinquish her," and the race of Saturday last amply justified my disinclination to write her out. The dividend of £7 6s was decidedly good, seeing there was only a quintette of racers, and the time, 2min 13½sec, sent one's thoughts back to the mare's defeat at the Avondale Meeting. In the Avondale Cup she was second favourite, carried 7.9, and was badly beaten in a 2min 14sec run-mile and a quarter. At Otahuhu she was an outsider, carried 7.6, and won all the way, over the same distance as the Avondale Cup, in half a second better than that which landed Annabelle a victor on the previous Saturday. Ida's party point out that she knows the Otahuhu course, and that Quinton rode a better judged race than at Avondale—which pair of observations may account for her apparent reversal of form. A mile and a quarter rather easily in 2min 13½sec is worth considering in connection with Ida's chance in the coming Auckland Cup, in which contest she is weighted 6lb below her Otahuhu measurement, viz., 7.0. Now, Ida's run in last year's Cup proved her to be a stayer; last Saturday's running proved she is back to her form, to which, by the way, she has been a stranger since Pegasus won the Cup; a mile and a quarter in 2min 13½sec reads a mile and a half in 2min 40½sec, a mile and three quarters in 3min 8sec, and two miles in 3min 36sec; the Otahuhu track is hardly a place for record galloping; so what price Ida as a decent investment for the Cup at the quoted odds, viz., 20 to 1? At the same time backers must remember this. At the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting of season 1892-93 Ida was as well as she has ever been in her life. She met Impulse twice, over a mile and a half and a mile and a quarter. Result: Impulse gave her 23lbs in the mile and a half Easter Handicap, and left her a long four lengths the wrong side of the post, and the following day, in the mile and a quarter

Autumn Handicap, he gave the mare 25lbs and beat her by a neck. Backers can sum up for themselves her chance against him at Christmas time, with 20lbs in her favour over two miles. Cool consideration must make me write her out. Eve showed on Saturday that she is a good deal out of form; Annabelle's run with 7.13 proved her a better mare than she has been thought in the past; and Lady Marion put forward claims to be considered a very fair handicap horse over ten furlongs. This Otahuhu handicap preached a lesson or two that should not be forgotten.

A straggling start for the six furlong selling race gave Count La Mont a bad send off, but he was the only contestant possessing racehorse qualities. He overhauled his four opponents in easy fashion, Brigade being second and Decoy third. No time taken; dividend, £1 1s (10s tickets). The winner was bought in by the owner for £40. Malabar and Kildare declined the steeplechase, and so the field consisted of two well-backed ones, Molly Hawk and Magpie, and Kiora and Arena, a pair of rank outsiders. The Avondale meeting gave Molly Hawk no chance of proving the possession of the steeplechasing power to which her Hunt Club runs pointed as the first fence brought her down. At 9.10, with Fergus up, it was thought she had an undoubted chance of shining, and 55 backers sent her out a little ahead (in betting) of Magpie. With the exception of Kiora's fall at the back of the course all the contestants jumped admirably, Molly Hawk's fencing putting her supporters in great heart, for their only fear was that she would throw out at a fence. "Her pace is all right if she stands up" was their argument, but the result showed such reasoning to be fallacious, and Molly Hawk can now stand down as a good hunter, but no steeplechaser. Arena's jumping power and turn of foot was a bit of an astonisher, and as events turned out he would have carried her big dividend home successfully if Magpie had been out of the way, for though Molly Hawk acted as runner-up to Magpie, Arena was given second money, an allegation by the latter's owner and rider that Fergus took the mare inside a post being sustained. The time for the "about three miles"—more like about 2½ miles—was returned at 7min 18sec, and Magpie's backers obtained £2 5s. Consideration of this race points unmistakably to the advisability of leaving Molly Hawk alone in connection with our Summer Steeplechase. She falls over Otahuhu with 9.10, so what chance can she have over the half-mile longer—I should think a mile would be nearer the mark—Ellerslie route with only 11b less? To which query Echo answers "Buckley's." Magpie, on his running, must have a chance at Xmas, and if he possesses a fair prospect how about Fishmonger who buried Magpie at Avondale? Of course the last-named will only concede 4lbs to Fishmonger at Ellerslie, whereas at Avondale the latter had 9lb the advantage of Mr O'Rorke's horse. And I fancy big country will suit Magpie, while Fishmonger revels in such going as Avondale and has a decided antipathy to the Ellerslie route. In the seven furlong Pony Race Cupid was made favourite on her run earlier in the day, but although the mare got the start she failed badly, Nellie, who was not too well served at the slipping, getting home very easily in 1min 37sec, Little Tom being second, and Virgin, who was badly handicapped at the start, running a third that should be remembered. The substantial dividend of £9 11s was paid on the winner, and her owner, who at Avondale supported her to the extent of a "tenner," merely had £1 on the mare. That's the luck of racing all over. The six furlongs shown by Annabelle in the mile and a quarter race was sized up as a winning indication as regards the Flying Handicap. She accordingly went out at 2 to 1, and though Brown Mantle had a big lead at the start, Annabelle had no difficulty in beating Mr Budge's mare inside of four furlongs and running home an easy winner in 1min 20sec. Half way up the straight Ladybird shot up at a great rate, and Morrigan taking matters easily, Davis got within a length of his opponent, but Annabelle's rider shook her up in the nick of time and prevented what at one stage looked very much like a boil-over. The Sharper finished in third place. Thus ended a most enjoyable meeting, which should result in a fairish financial success. Had it not been for the counter attractions of the Ponsonby Regatta and the Rotorua railway opening excursion, the measure of success experienced would have been considerably greater. Thanks to Magpie's double victory, his sire, Betrayal, was given two scoring marks, and the other successful stallions were Carbineer, Nordenfeldt, King Cole, New Chum, Anteros, and Lionel.

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[BY BORDERER.]

AUCKLAND CUP AND STEEPLECHASE.

So far the betting on the Cup and Steeplechase has not been of a paralysing order. Fair business has resulted in the matter of double wagering, but straight-out speculation has been mainly conspicuous by its absence. With an acceptance list of only nine, and the probability sticking out the proverbial foot that the field on Cup day will not exceed seven, it is not to be wondered at that backers are not coming up to be operated on in their usual lamblike cheerfulness, for the prices to be obtained are not calculated to inspire the speculative side of a man's nature. The top weight, Prime Warden, rests on an even keel of 3 to 1, and at the price local punters are not anxious to dispute his equilibrium. Dunedinites stand him at the price named, but though I can't say I am enamoured of the market estimate, I should be very sorry to write down the champion's chance. On recent running he must have a big say, and knowing what iron-legged animals his family send out, I am inclined to think his recent galloping will simply have the effect of sending him cherry-ripe to the post. His name is pretty well pencilled down Dunedin way, in fact the books are full of him; but, up here, there is a "little more" money available respecting him. Saracen can be set down as possessing two chances—his own and that belonging to the medieval philosopher, Buckley—while the next name, Impulse, is one to be pondered over. With his N.Z. Cup run and the fact that he is doing exceedingly well, it is hard to see what will stop him in this race. It is said that Lottie will certainly reverse the Christchurch decision, but I am going to argue that he will be just as much her master on Auckland Cup day as he was in the Cup at Riccarton. And Xmas for a mare does not read a healthy time for the sex. St. Kilda will run a big horse, and to see him left in such a field does not look as though I was so far out of it when weeks ago I wrote that Cup company would not be too much for him. I know he shares a tough mark, standing as he does on an equality with a pair such as Lottie and Royal Rose, but, if well on the day, he will give a dash that will not disgrace him. Lottie will, in my opinion, be exactly where she was on N.Z. Cup day—just beaten—despite the fact that she is as well as ever she was in her life. It's a big thing that to say about a mare like Lottie, but there it is, and I am going to stick to it. Of Royal Rose there are all sorts of rumours afloat. "He came back from Kohimarama like a giant refreshed," says one; and another, "He broke down on Ellerslie track on Tuesday morning." But I am going to give all that in, and name him one of the two hardest to beat on Cup day. He has had time to recover from his Riccarton staleness, and with the sea side trip to freshen him, and good steady work such as Wright is putting into him, I fancy he will be thereabouts on Cup day. Mahaki is a good horse, and has not had the big galloping that has fallen to the lot of Prime Warden, Saracen, Impulse, Lottie, and Royal Rose. His supporters are confident he will run well on the day, and I am of a similar opinion. If the light-weights are to supply the missing number here is the required quantity, but it looks a middle-weight race. Pegasus has a chance, but I've lost faith in him of late. Ben Godfrey I reckon up in rather indifferent colours, despite the promise of staying power to which he recently treated us. Ida will, I fancy, find the Thames re-union more to her fancy; and Forme has an outside chance, but the prospect is an exceedingly doubtful one. The weight of money, recent running, and confidence of his party make Prime Warden a big thing to pass by; but I will do it, and look to ROYAL ROSE, IMPULSE, AND PRIME WARDEN to settle the Cup. Mahaki will get into a place.

In the matter of the Steeplechase, I suppose we may reckon Norton a sure starter; but 13.0 three times up the Ellerslie hill and on a summer course like me not. Mr Gollan will, I suppose, have the mount, and all things considered, he will be beaten. Roscius arrived on Tuesday, looking like an equine house. This 18-hander is a prodigious animal. Feet like wash basins and frame in proportion. He will go out a big backed one, but there is a metallic twang about him, which, coupled with his booking to Australia, inclines me to stand off him. Despised, if the Despised of old, would be the hardest horse to beat in the whole field. But can he be brought to concert pitch in the time? Bombardier has a chance to be backed; not talked about. Bootles is outside the show; but Magpie, on recent improvement, is in it up to his eyebrows. Fishmonger, if he stands up, has a gait that will stagger most of them: Malabar can rest awhile; Molly Hawk has no right to delude any man's sovereigns from their rightful path; Deceiver and Villiers have chances. Against the lot just now take

BOMBARDIER AND MAGPIE.

OTAHUHU TROTting CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

Local race-goers will be catered for at Potter's Paddock on Saturday next by the Otahuhu Trotting Club, who hold their Summer Meeting on the date mentioned. There will be four trotting events decided, and the ponies will provide two flat races and one hurdling event. There is a promise of good fields, judging by the acceptance list (published elsewhere), and, should fine weather be granted, the club may rely upon a successful meeting. As regards the events for ponies, I think that in the mile and a quarter hurdle race the top weights, Butterfly (11.8) and Pica (11.4) hold the field very safe, and for a single vote I should fancy Pica. For the six and a half furlongs Flying Stakes the grey pony Robin may prove the performer his friends have always maintained he is, but I like Lady May or Direct, and for one commend me to the first named. The Maiden Pony Handicap has a big field engaged, and, remembering what deceptive

little cusses Potter's Paddock maiden miniatures are, one is inclined to say to himself, "Be wise in time, oh fearless mind," and leave the tipping effort alone; but an attempt is expected, so mine is—Zephyr or Direct.

My colleague "Nancy Hanks" provides the following tips for the trotting events:—
Maiden Trot, one mile and a-half.—PICKER, COBINA and OTARA.

Otahuu Trotting Cup, two miles and a-half.—YUM YUM or SCHOOLGIRL. Clyde should walk in but I understand he has just been taken up so I cannot recommend his chance even with the good handicap awarded by Mr. Knight.

Harness Trot, two miles and a-quarter.—THREE CREEBS and nothing else.

THE WELLINGTON CUP.

My Wellington *confreere* comments as follows on the leading handicap of the W.R.C. Summer meeting.—Mr Evett's adjustment for the Wellington Cup is now engaging the minds of those who love to talk "horse" in this city. It has been very favourably received, and rightly too, for it appears to be a good production. Of course a few errors are manifest, in fact very few handicaps are without them, for handicappers are but mortals. Mr Evett had not to seek far for the horse to commence his handicap with, for Prime Warden's deeds this season places him head and shoulders above any of the other performers. With 9.10 he cannot be despised, but I fancy if Murray Hobbs' stable wins our Cup it will be by the aid of Lady Zeland. Au Revoir, 8.10, now meets his conqueror in the Otago Cup on 5lb better terms, a fair allowance at the scale of weights. Saracen, with 8.8, has too much weight on this season's performances, but Liberator has nothing to complain of at 8.6. He is a doubtful starter, however, owing to not training on satisfactorily. Skirmisher has escaped lightly with 8.5, and the Dunedin representative, if brought to the post fit and well, should make the best of them travel. I have an idea that a mile and a half is his favourite distance, and it would appear so by the desperate race he made in the Metropolitan Stakes at the recent C.J.C. meeting, when heads separated Prime Warden, 8.11, Skirmisher, 8.4, and Royal Rose, 7.7. He now meets both of the horses he separated in the event mentioned on better terms—Prime Warden at a difference of 12lbs and Royal Rose 10lbs. That form alone entitled him to more than 8.5. One point may be said in Royal Rose's favour—that the horse was not himself at Christchurch—perhaps that has influenced the handicapper's opinion. Lottie cannot complain at 8.4, as she has many good performances to her credit, but Dreamland should have been placed on the same mark with Mahaki, instead of being asked to concede the Maori horse 7lb. The pair met at our recent meeting over a mile and a furlong with 7lb in the black horse's favour, and he gave the Cadogan mare fully a 7lb beating. Lady Zeland is well in at 8.3, and if brought back to last autumn's form, when she donkey-licked good fields in the Easter and Autumn Handicaps at the C.J.C. Easter meeting, carrying 7.10 in the latter event and running the mile and a half in 2min 38sec, she must hold a good chance. Golden Plover has won everything he has been asked to accomplish this season, including the two principal races at the Napier Park meeting, and the St. Andrew's Handicap at the Feilding meeting, in which he carried 8.10. He is very well treated at 8.3. I pass by Clanranald and Pinrose, and come to Rangipuhi at 7.12. Mr Evett has taken liberties with this horse, and should he come back to the form he displayed two seasons back, I fancy I will be borne out in my opinion. He has triumphed in several mile and a half runs, his best performance at that distance being in the Feilding Easter Handicap as a five-year-old, when he carried 8.2 and ran the distance in 2min 38.2-5sec. At last year's Dunedin Spring meeting he put down Prime Warden and Skirmisher over a mile and a quarter, run in 2min 12sec, receiving 21lbs and 7lbs respectively. He must be reckoned with, and so must the other Maori representative, Mahaki, 7.11. He is a coming horse, but I would not be surprised if Mr Evett is called upon to re-handicap the son of Ingomar after the Auckland meeting. Passing on I arrive at Westmere's name at 7.9, at which weight Mr Paul's horse has a fair chance, but North Atlantic reads better at a pound less, taking into consideration his two-year-old form and his victory in the Spring Handicap at the Hawkes Bay meeting this season. Goosander is badly treated at 7.8. Merganser's sister has not won a single race so far, and why should she be allotted 7.8? Musket, 7.7, has a nice racing weight, and on his running at Feilding holds Kent very safe. Senator, 7.6, will beat more than will beat him, and Blarney, on the same mark, should prove a thorn in the side of many of the contestants. He won the Wanganui Derby in a comfortable manner, and ran a good race in the C.J.C. Blue Ribband, being eased up at the finish. Cretonne, Monte Carlo, and Leontini might have been let off with a few pounds less. The maiden, St. Valentine, has caught it hot, being given 7.5, at which weight Purepo has nothing to complain of. The same remarks may be applied to Banner, 7.3. The West Coaster has not been seen in public since he stretched Lottie's neck in the Thompson Handicap at our Autumn meeting last year, but will probably be over for our meeting. The shorter races, however, should suit him better than the Cup. In giving King Harry and Sea Serpent 7.0, I am afraid the handicapper has blundered badly. Of the light weights Marino and Planet appear the best, and the latter convinced me by a gallop I saw him accomplish at the Hutt that he is not a bad "covey," and Mr Geo. Hunter, who has had a happy knack in the past of winning away our Cup, has got a good filly to battle for him—I would not care to say another Cynisca. The re-handicapping of winners at the Christmas meeting will probably throw a different light on the handicap, but at present I fancy the winner is concealed in the following half-dozen:—SKIRMISHER, ROYAL ROSE, GOLDEN PLOVER, RANGIPUHI, MAHAKI, PLANET, and if I were asked to name it in one I would reply.

SKIRMISHER.

Inter-Colonial.

[OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

MELBOURNE RACING NOTES.

The assignment of the Hon. Mr Wallace's estate necessitates the disposal of his stud, and it is perhaps superfluous to say that the highest figured animal in the collection is Carbine, the well described champion of champions. The auction has been fixed for Australian Cup time (March next), and the publicity thus early made gives a chance to American and English buyers. It is an open secret that they have for some time past been hankering after this great son of Musket, but have not been able to get him. In fact they adore anything tinged with Musket blood, and they have good cause to. It is unnecessary to allude to Carbine's great performances on the turf, capped by his Melbourne Cup win in record time, every schoolboy being familiar with them. People are wondering what his price will be, and in this connection it is difficult to form an estimate. Times are not what they were in the Colonies, and racing stock does not fetch as much as it did a few years ago. It is about ten to one, in my opinion, that he will leave Australia, and if he does—well, it will be a pity, that's all. That he won't fetch his real value is palpable, according to the present condition of things. How opinions differ as to his worth may be inferred from the fact that one sport I talked to yesterday said that he wouldn't fetch six thousand, another put it down at ten thousand. My opinion is that he is worth £25,000, and that he will fetch about £15,000. Mr Wallace's suspension of payment has been caused by speculation in land, etc., like many another who put in their dollars at boom time and got left when the gilt-edged glamour subsided. He won two Melbourne Cups with Mentor and Carbine—the stake then was (nominally) £10,000, and he is reported to have had good wins; but of course a man's extremely bad losses are rarely chronicled, and the public only gain an inkling when the victim has to face his creditors. It's the way of the world. Two Melbourne Cups would be a decent fortune for any man (with contingencies), but people, or some of them, are not content, as often as not, and try to treble their capital, and go down. Carbine's owner has been unfortunate, that's all, and he has not only had to assign, but resign his seat in the Legislative Council and his position as member of the V.R.C. With regard to "Old Jack," I feel convinced that he would give us model racers were he allowed to remain here, but if not some other durned furrin country will benefit by our loss.

As I write, a thought passes over my weary brain. If the creditors of Mr Wallace got Tattersall Adams to raffle Carbine for £100,000, at a pound a ticket, the sweep would soon fill. To get Carbine for £1 would indeed be peculiar, especially when 99,999 people helped the winner to buy or secure him. Perhaps this simple suggestion—with ten per cent for Tatt.—will give rise to serious consideration.

Hon. G. Davis is getting sick of Tim Swiveller, who ran at Bendigo the other day and never got a drum. J5 won the handicap from Silence II rather easily, but next day the winner wouldn't race a yard when backed by the public. Tim Swiveller is to be either sold or put over steeplechase country. A novel career this for Tim. First a hurdler, then a winner of a Cup (ostensibly), and lastly a cross country lepper.

By the way, talking of cross country horses, I heard yesterday that Norton goes back to New Zealand with Ebor, the hurdler. They will rusticate at Hastings, according to report, and in March next wealthy Gollan takes the pair to England. Ebor is by Robert the Devil, and cost Gollan 300g. He can carry weight, fence splendidly, and stay till the cows put in their appearance at the country stockyard. Dan Page may go with them. I don't know about Hickey, but at any rate A. Yates will train them when they reach 'Ome.

Mr S. G. Cook is down just now with typhoid, and sporting circles are wishing the owner of that toff, The Harvester, a quick recovery.

Another good stallion has departed in Newminster. Some time ago he got a knock over the eye, and the bone became diseased. An effort was made to save the horse, but he ultimately had to be destroyed. He sired Taroola and numerous other good horses. I think you have a couple in Maoriland—the thousand pound Pounamu, and the horse out of Forest Queen who won a race in Christchurch the other day.

Black Douglas has been renamed Lord Harris, and La Gloria will in future be known as The Singer. The first named prad won a race at a suburban meeting the other day, but was disqualified for running inside a post, and S. G. Cook's The Merry Girl got the money. She was a hot favourite. A trainer named O'Brien said that Cook gave one jockey £10 to say that Black Douglas ran inside, and Cook has threatened proceedings. Anyhow the Stewards did not believe it, nor did anyone else.

An element of foolishness characterised the action of a jockey who won a small race on Eridisforde the other day, for he won all out by about seven lengths. You know how easy a win that looks when you are watching the finish of a race. Anyhow, Hickenbotham didn't like it. You can quietly pencil Eridisforde's name in your pocket book as a not at all unlikely tip for the next Newmarket Handicap, no matter how far that event is off.

I dwell at this stage to comment on the action of the V.R.C. in making the Newmarket and Australian Cup 600 sovs. Why this reduction was made owners are at a loss to know, especially as the Committee have just made a clear profit of over £8,000 on their Cup Carnival. It is bad policy, in my opinion, and its adoption gives cause to wonderment. The events are important ones, and there is no excuse for their degradation which is tantamount to robbing them of some of the prestige attached to them.

Malua's full brother Scrip could not be saved, and had to be destroyed. He was a failure when carrying the colours.

Inter-Provincial.

[OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

WELLINGTON.

November 30th.

Local backers have had a rather good time during the last few days, especially those who invested their money on the Feilding meeting. They started well, King Harry having many admirers for the opening event (the Flying Handicap), and local pencilers had their books full of the King Cole horse. Then Revolt's victory in the Hurdles was generally expected, and Golden Plover was well supported in the St. Andrew's Handicap, although Musket and Senator were ruling favourites. Princess Cole's defeat in the Hack Race was a throw-in for the books, but Gunboat was not neglected. The latter, however, was a decided favourite in the Hack Flying, for which a commission was put in the market for Voltaire. Backers got a good price about the Torpedo horse, the books getting a severe grueling over his victory. On the second day, however, Gunboat and Princess Cole's downfall in the mile Hack Race was a let off for layers, the winner's name not being written on a single occasion, so far as I can learn. Senator and Revolt had a strong following for the Manchester and Hurdle Handicaps respectively, and, taken altogether, backers had a good innings.

St. Clements and Prime Warden are two great favourites with Wellingtonians, who have stuck to them loyally for the last couple of seasons, and their victories at Dunedin were well received—not by the layers, however.

The recent meeting of the Wellington Trotting Club resulted in a profit of between £50 and £60.

It is rather a coincidence that the first time Mr "Joe" Saunders' colours were carried to victory (by the aid of Auroa at Feilding in the Second Hack Hurdles) since The Shah went the way of all flesh, that his old trainer, Harry Horner, should also meet with success with his recent purchase, Bloomsbury. I was glad to hear of Horner's success, as Dame Fortune has treated him very roughly since his old favourite, The Shah, died.

With reference to Auroa, the writer of these notes was within an ace of purchasing him as a three-year-old. At that time I had occasion to frequently pass through the paddock in which the colt was running, and as he was a very quiet youngster I often patted him kindly, with the result that he became much attached to me, and would follow me as far as the fence would allow. I naturally became fond of the colt, and his owner ("Dick" Humphries) only asking £12 for him, intended making a deal, but was persuaded not to do so by a connection of mine. I am satisfied that that was one of the mistakes of my life, as he has proved himself a good hurdler.

L. Holmes has patched up King Harry sufficiently to win a race with the son of King Cole. When he left the Hutt one of his legs was looking very groggy, but Holmes is a painstaking trainer, and his efforts have been rewarded with success. I understand Mr Banks, of Ngahauranga, still holds an interest in the horse.

It is stated that the owner of the hack Gunboat is Mr R. C. Bruce, M.H.R.

The stubborn Revolt won both the Hurdle Handicaps at Feilding handsomely, and took his fences right gallantly. This came as a surprise to those who witnessed him schooling at the Hutt. On those occasions he jumped slovenly.

Cameron and Holmes' Bull stable was very prominent at Feilding, winning five of the events by the aid of King Harry, Kalmae, and Gunboat. Charlie Jenkins rode the horses in their victories.

The Feilding Club adopted a novel style of dealing with the tote bettor, offering a reward of £5 to any person who would give information which would lead to the conviction of anyone laying tote prices at the meeting. Result, an increase of £918 in the totalisator receipts as compared with the corresponding meeting last year.

December 8th.

Mr. "Dick" McFarlane, after two unsuccessful attempts to obtain the right to work the totalisators at the Wairarapa Racing Club's meetings, has again consented to act as handicapper to the club at a remuneration of 10 guineas per day.

Pihanga has been relegated to hack company after several unsuccessful efforts in "handicap" company. She is once more in her place.

The Wellington Racing Club has made arrangements with Mr. Geo. Ellis for the use of Gray's starting machine for the Cup meeting next month.

The Australian-bred horse Haere is being given a first-class chance of making a name for himself in the Manawatu. Among others the following mares are on a visit to him:—Verbosa, Slave Girl, Puriri-Camelia mare, Jenny Lind, half-sister to Waituna, Propeller, Pearl, Revoke, Eve, Fortune, Silver, full-sister to Osman, Maori Girl, Milksop, Barmaid, and Hippodamia.

[BY WIRE.]

December 11.

Freeth's team has been doing good work at Tauherenikau, and the veteran will probably have a good time at Xmas. Revolt and Revolution are engaged at Manawatu, while Violence, on track form, should be very dangerous at Masterton-Opaki.

A two-year-old by Louis D'Or—Her Ladyship was brought over from Blenheim last week, and has been taken in hand by R. Ross at the Hutt.

The Hutt horses have not been doing much lately. Princess Cole has been eased in her work owing to a slight lameness, and King's Own has the appearance of not being able to stand a sound preparation. Caloola II. has been sent to Wairarapa. His enlarged knee still gives trouble to his trainer. Lord John is in work again, and enquiries have been made with a view to his purchase, but the owner has decided not to part with him till after the Christmas meeting. Review is

coming on and should pick up a stake 'ere long; and Poinsettia and Kent are very backward, but Swordfish and Bouquet are doing good work. Kent and Senator will probably be present at Palmerston races on Boxing Day.

J. Taggart is with Mouatt and Ryan training trotters at the Hutt. About fifteen trotters are in their charge, including Nea and Vancliffe.

At a meeting of the Taratahi-Carterton R.C., held on Saturday last, it was decided, subject to the approval of the Metropolitan Club, to hold a second meeting about the 31st of January. A programme of events was drawn up with prize money amounting to £400.

An Revoir will, I hear, fulfil his engagements at Palmerston and Bulls.

NAPIER.

[BY WIRE.]

December 10.

Mr D. McKinnon has sold his filly Agate, by Flintlock out of Scot Free's dam, to Mr Portland. The price is said to have been £250, but I doubt that. Mr Portland is a good buyer, and could have bought something very much better than I take Agate to be for £250.

Mr Harry Piper has been appointed starter for the Hawkes Bay Jockey Club's Summer Meeting.

The Mahaka Racing Club having informed the H.B.J.C. that the Maoris at Mohaka had held a scratch race meeting at which the totalisator was used, the Metropolitan Club very properly disqualified all person and horses taking part in the meeting for an infringement of the rules of racing.

The trophy to be presented with the H.B. Cup in March next has already been selected, and will be from the establishment of Messrs Hardy Bros., of Sydney.

Would Mr Pettit exchange his new purchase, the two-year-old colt Beauharnais by Gang Forward—Josephine, for Agate, I wonder? I don't think so; and yet the colt did not cost anything like £250.

Dreamland has been scratched for the Waipawa County Racing Club Handicap, Allanadale for the Flying Handicap, and Prince Charlie for all engagements at the Waipawa County Racing Club's Summer Meeting.

The Senior Cup match between the County and United Clubs, on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, resulted in some good play being witnessed. The County scored 131 in the first innings, and the United 151. Lewis, 25 was top scorer on the County side, and Ludbrook, 54; and Bradley, 48, did yeoman service for United. The Napier and Waipua played at Farndon, but the bowling was too good to admit of big scores being made. The Waipua eleven were all out for 53 runs, S. Cato, 16, being the chief contributor. The Napier total was 87, J. C. Martin, 20, Laws, 17, and Wolstenholme, 13, being principal scorers. Gardiner and Wolstenholme shared the bowling honours for Napier, and Fannin and Beale for Waipua.

DUNEDIN.

[BY WIRE.]

December 11.

There is quite a lull in sporting matters here after last week's carnival. There will, however, be plenty of district meetings to be discussed at Christmas and New Year time; also racing in the Goldfields districts at various dates up to the middle of January.

Goodman is going in for small fish, as he is taking up Claremount and the Winchman for the purpose of attending the up-district gatherings, instead of going to Auckland. Your gathering, however, may be well patronised from here, as very cheap steamer fares are already advertised.

The Hon. G. McLean's colours were seen at our late meeting on Maremma, this being the first time they have been sported for twelve months. In bygone times very few decent races started without them. They will be welcome again, for they help to give racing the necessary healthy tone by keeping events straight. I hear the hon. gentleman has several to bring forward, and I hope he meets with good luck.

Harry Knight is getting quite a string together. Last week he took in hand a couple more, in the shape of the Musket-L'Orient gelding, Francotte, and Mountain Maid. They are both cripples, but he thinks he can get them round. At the resurrecting art he has the credit of being an adept.

Dione, the dam of Beadonwell, has missed this season, and Lady Emma, I have since learned, had twin colts, both of the youngsters dying.

Skirmisher has not been seen on the track for a fortnight.

Paddy McGrath left here last week with the intention of settling somewhere up your way.

Nothing will go down here but Prime Warden for your Cup. His lenient treatment has paralysed what little betting may otherwise have been done locally.

WANGANUI.

[BY WIRE.]

December 11.

Cheque, who was purchased for £11 a short while back, is evidently getting back to something like his old form. At the Feilding meeting he ran second in the Flying and won the Shorts.

Ben Lomond, by Ascot, has been purchased by the jockey, W. Holmes. The horse will be remembered as a good hack-hurdler a couple of seasons back.

Mr C. Needle's horses, Johnny Taa and Epilogue, left by the s.s. Manawatu last week for the West Coast. They are under the care of C. Birkett, trainer and rider.

Nile, by Nelson—Florence, who ran well in hack races at Wanganui, will, I hear, leave for the West Coast on Thursday.

Jimmy Peachey, who was training for Mr J. Davidson, of Hawera, has severed his connection with that stable and is now training for Mr G. Gibson.

Tommy Rowe, the well-known racing man, has taken Peachey's place and will in future prepare Mr Davidson's horses for their engagements.

Snap Cap, by Foul Shot—Bombshell, has been purchased by Alick Cameron, of Parawanui, who has also under his care the hero of the Feilding Hack events, viz., Gunboat, by Torpedo—Barbarian mare, who has been nominated for open events at the Rangitikei meeting.

Good nominations were received by the Wanganui Club for their Cup race and the Wanganui Stakes. There are thirty-four in the Cup and thirty-nine in the Stakes. Among the entries are the names of Magazine, Skirmisher, Royal Rose, Lottie, Rangipuhi, Rosefeldt, Saracen, and Prime Warden.

Turf Topics.

[BY REVIEWER.]

Foal Stakes increased in value, handicaps reduced. H'm.

The O.J.C. handicapper has had his salary increased £25 per annum.

It is reported that Saracen will visit Australia and then proceed to India.

Thames' acceptances close with Mr H. J. Greenslade, at 8 p.m., on Saturday next.

The Workman will, it is said, go under the hammer, without reserve, on Wapiti sale day.

Some owners have charming taste. One of the hacks entered at South Auckland is called Glenloth!

Gisborne R.C. Annual Meeting nominations close with Mr Nasmith on Tuesday next, 18th inst.

Acceptances for the first day's Manawatu races close with Mr Miles at 10 p.m. on Tuesday next, 18th inst.

The Christchurch trainer, Mason leaves Christchurch to-day with Bluefire and Bloodshot for Auckland.

To-morrow is general entry day in connection with the A.R.C. Summer Meeting. The list closes at 9 p.m.

Liberator will be put into work again shortly, but the colours will not be up on him until the Dunedin Cup comes along.

Nominations for the Stratford R.C. Hack Meeting are due by nine p.m. to-morrow week (21st inst). Particulars elsewhere.

The eighteen hand steeplechaser, Roscius, and the Castor two-year-old, Orion's Belt, arrived here from Napier on Tuesday.

The result of the Queensland Cup was:—Battalion 1, Trent 2, Premier 3. The two miles took 3min 43secs to traverse.

I have to thank Mr. J. S. Freeman for a complimentary admission card in connection with the Ashurst-Pobangina Racing Club.

Loch Ness arrived in Auckland from Napier by the Tasmania on Saturday, and has joined Mr. Donald McKinnon's team at Ellerslie.

Thirteen of the nominations for the Auckland Trotting Cup come from Southern and Australian owners, and nine from local sportsmen.

The St Kilda trouble will be followed by two other racing disputes, in which Grenadier and Ben Godfrey will be the bones of contention.

Handicaps in connections with the Summer Meeting of the Masterton-Opaki Jockey Club, to be held on Boxing Day, will be found elsewhere.

Owing to Mr W. R. Wilson having important business in West Australia at Christmastide, he will be unable to attend our annual sales of yearlings.

The Frog's handicap in the Auckland Trotting Cup has been erroneously published in the daily press as 48sec and 42sec. The correct handicap is 40sec.

Entries for yearlings in connection with the A.R.C. Royal Stakes, 1896-97, close on January 11th, 1895, and for foals on April 19th, 1895, by nine p.m.

The next issue of the SPORTING REVIEW will be published on Saturday, the 22nd inst., and will contain "Borderer's" anticipations for the A.R.C. Xmas gathering.

The Messrs Nathan have a grandly made bay yearling colt by St. Leger from Cantiniere to offer at their annual sale. This youngster is the beau ideal of a budding racehorse.

Mr W. Knight's handicaps in connection with the Drury Annual Meeting appear elsewhere. Acceptances close to-morrow with the hon. secretary, Mr Maher, Drury, or with Mr Hayr, Vulcan-lane.

Mr "R. Burke" will be gratified to learn that the Southern writer "Hotspur" considers Bombardier well enough placed in the A.R.C. Summer Steeplechase "if he has learned to jump!"

Acceptances in connection with the first day's events of the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting are due at ten p.m. on Friday week (21st inst). Acceptances are due a week later (28th inst).

The State tax derived from the race-tracks of America during 1894 figures up to 113,000 dollars. This is obtained by a 5 per cent. tax, and is divided amongst fifty-four agricultural associations.

Nominations for the Normanby Trotting Club's Second Meeting, to be held on January 25th, close with the secretary, Mr G. V. Bate, at Normanby at 9 p.m. on January 2nd. Acceptances are due at 9 p.m. on January 19th.

After Molly Hawk's Otahuhu Steeplechase display she can have no chance in the Summer cross-country run at Ellerslie. A failure over the Otahuhu track with 9.10 in the saddle does not look healthy for Ellerslie with only 1lb less.

Handicaps in connection with the Summer Meeting of the South Auckland Racing Club, to be held at Claudeland's Racecourse, Hamilton, on the 29th inst., appear in another column. Acceptances are due before 9 p.m. to-morrow (Friday).

Nominations for the New Year's Day meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club will be found in another column. Weights in connection with the meeting will be declared on Thursday, the 27th inst, and acceptances are due on Saturday, the 29th inst.

They go in for yearling trials in America, and sprints over three furlongs in 37 seconds appear to be the order of the day at the big stock farms. A report of a trial which I read recently gives a Maxim yearling filly a 36½sec three furlong ability with weight up.

The starting machine will be erected at eight posts at Ellerslie, and from the fact that the A.R.C. has engaged Mr Geo. Ellis to superintend the erection of the apparatus and help the starting, I gather that Mr. G. Cutts will as usual act as starter.

Mr Henry's handicaps for the Rangitikei Cup will be found in another column. Au Revoir heads the list with 9.4, and the late coastal hacks, Irish Twist and The Artist, are weighted at 7.2 and 7.0 respectively. Monte Carlo, 7.11, reads as well as anything in the handicap.

Speculators in the thoroughbred will have an opportunity of securing a full brother to St. Clements at the combined bloodstock sale to be held at Potter's Paddock at the end of the month. The breeder of St Clements' relative will also offer a colt by Albert Victor out of Madge.

The two-year-old, Poppun, by Maxim—Burlaque, has been sold by Mr G. G. Stead to Mr G. Ellis, the Napier sportsman of starting machine celebrity. The colt leaves Christchurch to-day in company with Bluefire and Bloodshot for Auckland, and upon arrival will be located at Chaaffe's stables.

Messrs Hunter and Nolan intimate that it is Mr S. Hordern's intention to give a prize of £50 to be trotted for by the colts to be sold on his behalf at Potter's Paddock on the 31st inst, when they are three-year olds. Mr Hordern promises a similar donation for the geldings and fillies when they are four-year-olds.

The following scratchings have been lodged with the secretary of the A.R.C.:—Auckland Cup: Au Revoir. Great Northern Foal Stakes: Wikitoria, Castor—Vivandiere filly, Tetford—Lioness colt, British Lion—Enchantress filly, Blytheside, Safeguard. Derby: Orion, Planet, Tartan, Watchward, Teredina, Chainlink, Lord Dunluce, Britomarte.

The arrangements in connection with the combined sale of blood stock previously advertised to be sold at Ellerslie on the 29th inst., have been altered to allow the sale to take place at Potter's Paddock on the 28th inst., at 3 p.m. The date of Mr Hordern's trotting stock sale has also been altered from Friday, the 28th inst., to Monday, 31st inst.

Owners who intend nominating for the Takapuna Summer Meeting may be reminded that nominations for the Takapuna Cup, T.J.C. Handicap, and Handicap Steeplechase close by nine p.m. on the 11th inst with the Secretary, Devonport, or at Mr W. Blomfield's office, Durham Street East. General entries in connection with the meeting are due on Friday, January 11th.

Mr J. R. McMillan, the hon. secretary of the Foxton Racing Club, writes the Review that owing to the Warrigate Meeting taking place on January 10th, his committee have decided to alter the date of declaration of weights from the 7th to the 11th January. Mr. McMillan's note came to hand too late to allow the Club's advertisement being altered as indicated by the above.

A horsey freak of nature is reported from Riccarton, where a mare recently foaled a two-legged foal. The youngster was perfectly healthy and well formed, except in the case of the fore legs, which were missing from the shoulders downwards. Some visitors who saw the monstrosity were desirous of keeping it for exhibition purposes, but the owner's order that the colt should be destroyed was carried out.

A novel system of beating the races has been invented by a genius named Jones, of Halifax, who has dubbed his process "The Perfect Method." London Truth calls attention to this new scheme for getting rich without effort, and it certainly has the merit of simplicity for it consists of backing the horse that gets away from the post first. I know a better system—back the one first past the judge. That is the only reliable one.

Lavinia, who showed such promise of early galloping at the first A.R.C. gathering, is invalidated at Sylvia Park in order that she may be given a fair chance of recovering from the lameness contracted during a winding-up gallop to which she was treated prior to the Second A.R.C. Spring meeting. She shares a paddock with the St. Leger—Bellona yearling filly, and appears to be pretty well cured of the mishap that prevented her contesting the Welcome Stakes.

The secretary of the Auckland Racing Club announces that those persons living at a distance who may wish to invest on the totalisator in connection with the A.R.C. Metropolitan Meeting can do so by writing or wiring the "Sec., A.R.C." not later than 11 a.m. on the race days. Boxing Day and New Year's Day being public holidays, money to be invested should be sent the day before. Full particulars re arrangements will be found in advertisement published in another column.

The Wanganui Cup has attracted four more entries than was the case last year. The nominations, which number 34, are published elsewhere, and will be found to contain a strong Auckland contingent. We promise the following eight horses:—Campania, St Valentine, Royal Rose, Yattenfeldt, Lottie, Forme, Abel, Ben Godfrey. The Wanganui Stakes has attracted 39 entries, and in addition to the local racers mentioned above, the mile and a half event has also been entered by Stepfeldt and Wobley.

The Auckland Racing Club authorities have increased the added money of the Great Northern Foal Stakes from 300 sovs to 500 sovs. Payments in connection with the stake have been fixed as follows:—1 sov forfeit on January, 1896; 3 sovs on September, 1896; 5 sovs on the first Friday in December, 1896; and if left in after that date, 10 sovs. The question of increasing the added money to the Champagne Stakes from 150 sovs to 300 sovs will be discussed at a future meeting. Increases in stakes are always welcome, but it is an open question whether our young stakes are not quite liberally enough endowed as they at present stand. Increases in our handicaps would be more to the point.

Sydney will be represented at the Auckland Trotting Club's Meeting at Christmas, writes the Sydney Referee, by three or four animals that are reckoned to have possible winning chances, but whose owners desire to dispose of them if fair prices are forthcoming from New Zealand sportsmen. Trotting is in such a bad way in New South Wales that there is no market here even for well-bred animals with developed pace and good speed. There is every indication that the island colony will become the trotting ground proper of Australasia, and as far as suitably-bred stock is concerned, there is ample of high-class quality in Australia to supply the tracks for race purposes for some time to come without looking for more American importations.

Mr Shannon, handicapper to the Wairarapa Trotting Club, has (writes "Gipsy King") reported Mr Jorgensen, a local bookmaker and owner of the trotting pony Bobby Burns, to the Wellington Trotting Association for attempting, as he alleges, to bribe him in his capacity of handicapper. There has been considerable talk amongst sporting men in town about this case, and the majority are wondering what good will come of the case, as it is purely a matter of one man's word against another, that is if a serious complexion is put on Mr Shannon's report. The latter will, I presume, be able to satisfy everyone that he has been able to distinguish the difference between "bribery and leg-pulling!"

A match recently came off at Boston between the top-sawyers of the American trotting wagers, Directum and the queen of the track, Alix, who holds the record with 2min. 3½sec. A purse of 11,000 dollars was put up for the match, and an assemblage of some ten thousand sportsmen gathered to see what promised to be the match of the world, but the result was a fiasco. Directum was in no state to race on the match day, and after Alix had left him five lengths behind in a 2min. 9sec. mile, and three lengths behind all out in a 2min. 14½sec. go which left her jogging home, her opponent was withdrawn, a veterinary surgeon pronounced him unfit to toe the mark. It is believed that Alix will yet make a big hole in the 2min. 3½sec. record put up by her last September.

Owing to an epidemic of stiff-necked virtue amongst the New Jersey people, the game of racing has been temporarily laid to rest in that State, but the last mail brings news that twelve months' experience has shown the New Jersey folk that an appreciable volume of trade follows in the track of the race game. The New York Sportsman writes: "The people in Monmouth, Hudson, and Camden counties have now had one year's practical test of the present law. Where formerly villages and communities fattened and were prosperous from race track patronage, there has been a financial stress almost approaching a complete stagnation in all industries. Hotels, shopkeepers, and tradesmen have suffered, and the farmers have sadly missed the ready market they formerly had for their produce."

Betting on the Auckland Cup is rather quiet. Prime Warden is about pencilled to his limit, but a little money may be hid re his chance at 3 to 1. Now that the big event is drawing near the usual rumours are floating about concerning the various candidates. Royal Rose was said to have broken down yesterday, but my latest bulletin re him was that he was stronger and better than ever. It was also said in town last night that Impulse had joined J. B. Williamson's stable. I know that Creamer is riding the St. Leger gelding in his work, and that he is being exercised at Ellerslie—two circumstances that tend to lend colour to the rumour. It may be that Creamer will steer the horse in the race, but I fancy George Cutts still controls the preparation of Mr Bradley's representative. The general belief re the probable strength of the Cup field is that seven will face the starter, and that Ida and Ben Godfrey will be missing.

At a special meeting of the A.R.C., held on Monday last, tenders for the right to dispense liquors at the various booths during the Summer Meeting were opened, the following being the successful tenderers:—Grand Stand bar, Mr Tooman (Aurora Hotel); lean-to bar, Mr N. Meider (Fitzroy Hotel); No. 1 booth, Mr Dunn (Manukau Hotel); No. 2 and 3 booths, Mr Tooman (Aurora Hotel); No. 4, Mr Purcell (Newton Hotel). The committee decided not to publish the amount attaching to the tenders. Disqualifications were removed from J. Pollock, E. Nelie, and Hobi (Maori). J. Pollock was granted an apprentice's license. Messrs Oliver Moody and Thomas Adis were granted certificates as gentlemen riders, and the latter permission to train. The disqualification was removed from the pony La Grippe. The Te Kuiti Racing Club's programme was passed. A vote of thanks was tendered to Messrs J. Kirkwood and E. W. Alison for acting as delegates at the recent Christchurch Conference.

BETTING MARKET.

Mr. T. Tobias, of Auckland Tattersall's and Vulcan Lane, reports having laid the following Auckland Cup and Steeplechase double wagers since our last issue:—

- Prime Warden and Norton, 100 to 4
- Lottie and Norton, 100 to 3
- Prime Warden and Maggie, 100 to 5
- Impulse and Maggie, 100 to 4
- Impulse and Bombardier, 100 to 5
- Royal Rose and Bombardier, 100 to 3
- Royal Rose and Maggie, 100 to 3
- Ben Godfrey and Norton, 100 to 2

AUCKLAND CUP.

- Prime Warden, 3 to 1
- Impulse, 4 to 1
- Lottie, 5 to 1
- Royal Rose, 7 to 1
- Mahaki, 8 to 1
- St. Kilda, 10 to 1
- Pegasus, 10 to 1
- Ben Godfrey, 10 to 1
- Forme, 14 to 1
- Saracen, 15 to 1
- Ida, 20 to 1.

Music and Drama.

[BY THE PROMPTER.]

Unfortunately for Auckland theatre-goers Messrs. Brough and Boucicault's Comedy Company will not favour Auckland with a "turn" during their present New Zealand tour.

Mr. Albert Norman, who has played leads with Bland Holt, has leased the Brisbane Opera House for six months.

Contrary to expectations, the Royal Comic Opera Company will not leave Wellington out of their New Zealand programme.

A performance of Handel's "Messiah" will be given on Christmas day at 8 p.m. in the Choral Hall with Mr. A. H. Gee as principal soloist.

The engagement is announced of Madame Nordica, whose first husband (Mr Gowen) went up in a balloon some years ago and failed to return from his aerial trip.

The famous Polish pianist, M. Paderewski, has had to postpone his intended 1894 visit to America owing to ill-health.

The pleasures of a Royal command.—Mr. and Mrs. Be-rolm Tree and company were recently complimented by Her Majesty commanding a performance of "The Ballad-Monger" and "The Red Lamp" at Balmoral.

The reward of virtue.—Guilbert Yvette, the warbler of French ditties of the warm and steep variety, has replied to the American offers of engagements that her terms are £120 per day, or £3,600 per month.

A prominent London music-hall attraction is a "Specialist" who spins eleven tambourines at once. That does not seem a great feat, but the performer uses his toes, his knees, his hands, and head in its performance.

Miss Alice Learmar, who introduced Australians to that snare of the Evil One to tempt weak mortals to soul-destroying blasphemy (Ta-ra-raboom, etc.), has a niece on the London music-hall stage who informs the audience that "Master's Got His Eye On Me," to the tune of boundless applause.

Marion Crawford's novel, "The Cigarette Maker's Romance," is being adapted for the stage. The book is one of the most charming stories that its gifted author ever wrote.

Melbourne Punch writes that some of the London critics are rough on Haddon Chamber's play, "The Fatal Card." The bathing scene is the one (writes the journal quoted) that makes the squeamish critics vitriolously indignant.

Weights, etc.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes Auckland Cup of 500 sovs. and Auckland Steeplechase of 250 sovs.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes Auckland Trotting Cup of 230 sovs.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes Maiden Trot Handicap of 30 sovs.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes Selling Trot Handicap of 25 sovs.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes Otahuhu Trotting Cup Handicap of 50 sovs.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes Harness Handicap Trot of 35 sovs.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes Thames Handicap of 30 sovs.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes Maiden Handicap of 25 sovs.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes First Handicap Steeplechase of 50 sovs.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes First Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes PONY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 25 sovs.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes Trial Handicap of 15 sovs.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs.

Table with columns for race names, distances, and horse names with weights. Includes Waikato Handicap of 40 sovs.

HANDICAP HACK RACE of 15 sovs. Seven furlongs.—Arena 8.12, Kingswood 8.12, Domino 8.7, Good Luck 8.7, Fencourt 8.4, Starlight 8.4, Joe 7.12, Jeannette 7.12, Glenloch 7.12, Tom 7.7, Waitomo 7.7.

MENICOL MEMORIAL STAKES of 20 sovs. One mile.—St. Kilda 11.9, Ida 9.2, Tulloch 9.0, Folly 9.0, The Sharper 8.10, Bulldog 8.5, Ladybird 8.4, Norina 7.8, Irene 7.3, Lillie 7.3, Kelvin Grove 7.0.

HACK HURDLES of 15 sovs. One mile and a-half.—Domino 10.7 Fencourt 10.4, Bunco 10.4, Waitomo 9.12.

FLYING STAKES of 20 sovs. Six furlongs.—The Sharper 9.0, Folly 8.12, Clarion 8.9, Ladybird 8.7, Mavourneen 8.2, Witch Hazel 7.10, Bay Bess 7.7, Ongo 7.3, Magnolia 7.0.

RANGITIKEI RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

WEIGHTS.

THE RANGITIKEI CUP of 200 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.—Au Revoir 9.4, Rangipuhi 8.10, Musket 8.4, Melinite 8.3, Westmere 7.13, Monte Carlo 7.11, Senator 7.10, Irish Twist 7.2, The Artist 7.0, Pihanga 6.7.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Rangipuhi 9.8, Monte Carlo 8.6, Variety 8.2, Kent 8.0, Kalmea 7.10, Irish Twist 7.7, King Harry and The Artist 7.5, King John and Prestige 7.0, Pihanga and Gunboat 6.10.

FLYING STAKES, six furlongs.—Cretonne 8.8, Kent 8.7, Kalmea and Orion 8.2, Cheque and Irish Twist 7.12, The Artist 7.9, Magazine 7.7, Prestige and Stranger 7.5, Pihanga and Gunboat 7.0.

DRURY RACING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

WEIGHTS.

DRURY CUP of 40 sovs. One mile and a-half.—Ladybird 8.8, Retaliation 8.4, The Barge 8.2, Stamford 7.12, Bogtrotter 6.12.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 20 sovs. Two miles.—Ika Vuka 10.10, Emmet 10.6, Peter Jackson 9.7.

DRURY RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 25 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.—Ladybird 8.10, Retaliation 8.5, The Barge 8.0, Stamford 7.13, Bogtrotter 6.12.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Six furlongs.—Ladybird 9.0, Retaliation 8.7, Kiara 7.12, Storyteller 7.6, Papatara 7.2, Prince Albert 7.0, South Franklin 6.10.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

WEIGHTS—BY WIRE.

TELEGRAPH STAKES of 80 sovs, seven furlongs.—Revolution 8.11, Cretonne 8.3, Kent 8.2, Kalmea 7.11, Orton 7.10, Marino 7.9, Irish Twist 7.8, Magazine, King Wai, and King John 7.2, Stranger and Prestige 7.0.

PALMERSTON CUP of 300 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Au Revoir 9.0, Golden Plover 8.8, Rosefeldt 8.7, Dreamland 8.5, Musket 7.12, North Atlantic 7.8, Senator 7.3, Revolution 7.2, Ua 6.12, Princess May 6.8, Irish Twist 6.7.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 75 sovs, one mile.—Dreamland 9.3, Variety 8.2, Kent 8.0, Kalmea and Princess May 7.9, Irish Twist 7.6, Revolt 7.2, King John and King Wai 7.0, Stranger 6.12, Bonovoree 6.7.

FIRST HURDLE HANDICAP of 60 sovs, two miles.—Kapua 11.9, Revolt 10.9, Oaklands 10.4, Osman 10.2, Bonovoree 9.5, Rangipai and Strike 9.4, Sunbeam 9.0.

MASTERTON-OPAKI JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

[WEIGHTS.—BY WIRE.]

WAIPIPI HANDICAP of 60 sovs, one mile.—Prince Cole 8.13, Kent 8.8, Von Tempsky 8.3, King's Bowman 8.1, Violence 7.12, Poinsetta 7.11, Primero 7.11, Sea Serpent 7.10, Legislator 7.10, Review 6.10, Treacherous 6.7.

OPAKI STAKES of 100 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Senator 8.12, Prince Cole 8.11, Kent 8.6, Von Tempsky 8.0, Violence 7.10, Primero 7.9, Porepo 7.3, Brookfield 7.0, Treacherous 6.7.

TELEGRAPH STAKES of 50 sovs, six furlongs.—Swordbelt 8.12, Kent 8.10, King's Bowman 8.3, Poinsetta 7.12, Violence 7.12, Legislator 7.11, Porepo 7.8, Brookfield 7.0, Review 6.7.

HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 80 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Oddfellow 11.7, Fresh Deal 10.9, Kaika 10.3, Marapene 9.0.

HACK SURETY RACE of 20 sovs, half a mile.—Princess Cole 10.11, The Toad 9.11, Caloola II 9.9, Fresh Deal 9.7, Springtime 9.4, Field Gun 8.10, Miss Massey 8.10, Guardsman 8.10, Miss Minnie 8.9, Awatere 8.9, Listener 8.6, Storm 8.3, Mona 8.3, Outlaw 8.0, Marapene 8.0, Yelverton 8.0.

HACK HANDICAP of 50 sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Princess Cole 9.6, Oddfellow 8.7, The Toad 8.7, Vivacious 8.5, Fresh Deal 8.3, Swordfish 8.3, Springtime 8.0, Bouquet 7.3, Awatere 7.0, Miss Minnie 7st, Cardigan 6.13, Outlaw 6.7, Camiela 6.7.

HACK FLYING HANDICAP of 30 sovs, six furlongs.—Princess Cole 9.9, The Toad 8.9, Vivacious 8.8, Caloola II 8.5, Swordfish 8.5, Fresh Deal 8.5, Springtime 8.2, Awatere 7.2, Guardfish 7.0, Dinah Shad 6.12, Canoola 6.9, Kinchin 6.7.

OTAKI MAORI RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

TRIAL HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Six furlongs.—Titoko, Kawea, Primus, Volta, Moeatoa, Gaspard, Steel King, Flying Shot, Camelia, Abe, Gold Cup, Comfort, Fain Glory, Amy, Kia Toa.

FLYING HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Six furlongs.—Titoko, Primus, The Miser, Seabreeze, Rangipone, Gold Cup, Comfort.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 40 sovs. One mile and a-half.—Kaimoko, Tilly, Perjurer, Mac, Amy.

OTAKI PLATE HANDICAP of 60 sovs. One mile and a-half.—Karames, Kaahu, The Miser, Finesse, Flying Shot, Huia, Swordfish, Bloomsbury.

STEWARDS' STAKES HANDICAP of 30 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.—Revenue, Moeatoa, Kiahu, The Miser, Waikawa, Flying Shot, Huia, Camelia, Vain Glory, Swordfish, Bloomsbury.

WAIROA RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

NOMINATIONS—BY WIRE.

FIRST HURDLES.—Rover, Pomoana, Dainty, Sandfly, Crescent, T Rose, Oringi, Nightshade, Engokuri, Worth.

SECOND HURDLES.—Same horses as First Hurdles.

COUNTY STAKES.—Musketeer, Allanadale, Tapuwae, Crescent, Pekapu, Lady Hamilton, Krina, Engokuri, Prairie Grass.

HOSPITAL STAKES.—Bygna, Haromi, Musketeer, Allanadale, Pekapu, Mati, Miss Patriarch, Krina, Engokuri, Krina, Prairie Grass, Poinsetta.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Tapuwae, Orizaba, Lady Somnus, Engokuri, Krina, Miss Patriarch, Mati, Pekapu, Allanadale, Musketeer, Haromai, Byna.

FIRST DISTRICT.—Longwaist, Tapuwae, Byna, Haromai, Marked Card, Rover, RakuRaku, Moi.

SECOND DISTRICT.—Same as first day.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

FIRST HURDLES HANDICAP of 60 sovs. One mile and a-half.—Dandy, Beaully, Cingalee, Worth, T. Rose, Roscius, Pomoana, Tam O'Shanter, The Turk, Disturbance, Crescent.

COUNTY STAKES HANDICAP of 40 sovs. One mile.—Flirtation, Pororus, Royal, Hopparden, Tam O'Shanter, Avis, Wool Queen, Derby, Pekapu.

SECOND HURDLES HANDICAP of 60 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.—Beaully, Cingalee, Worth, T. Rose, Roscius, Pomoana, Tam O'Shanter, The Turk, Disturbance, Crescent.

TAURANGA STAKES HANDICAP of 200 sovs. One mile and a-half.—Monaco, Leontine, King Cannibal, Freeland, Krina, Hopmarket, Lord Raven, Yattenfeldt, Reynard, Mahaki.

WELTER HANDICAP of 40 sovs. One mile.—Flirtation, Samoa, Bulldog, Bangalore, St. Patrick, Lord Raven, Duncan Gray, Pomoana, Tam O'Shanter, Perkin, Barbelle, Forella.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 70 sovs. Seven furlongs.—Leontine, Coheco, King Cannibal, Free Lance, Samoa, Krina, Yattenfeldt, St. Patrick, Hopmarket, Glenora, Reynard, Forella.

FLYING HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Six furlongs.—Monaco, King Cannibal, Fidget, Samoa, Krina, Yattenfeldt, St. Patrick, Hopmarket, Reynard, Forella.

HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP of 40 sovs. Seven furlongs.—Glaucena, Dandy, Bulldog, Bangalore, St. Patrick, Lord Raven, Pomoana, Tam O'Shanter, Hopparden, Perkin, Avis, Barbelle, Free Lance.

SUNDERLAND STAKES HANDICAP of 110. One mile and a-half.—Leontine, King Cannibal, Coheco, Free Lance, Samoa, Krina, Yattenfeldt, Hopmarket, Lord Raven, Reynard, Mahaki.

PUBLICANS' PURSE HANDICAP of 70 sovs. Five furlongs.—Glaucena, King Cannibal, Pororus, Fidget, Krina, St. Patrick, Hopmarket, Hopparden, Wool Queen, Reynard, Forella.

WANGANUI AUTUMN MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

WANGANUI CUP HANDICAP of 500 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.—Magazine, Purepo, Skirmisher, Campana, St. Valentine, Royal Rose, Golden Plover, North Atlantic, Martyrdom, Lyre Bird, Monte Carlo, Yattenfeldt, Lottie, Rangipuhi, Princess May, Dreamland, Panic, Searchlight, Colbeck, Forme, Senator, Banner, Rosefeldt, King Harry, Irish Twist, Abel, Ben Godfrey, Musket, Goosander, Blarney, Prime Warden, Lady Zetland, Saracen, Prestige.

WANGANUI STAKES HANDICAP of 150 sovs. One mile and a-half.—Same nominations as for the Cup, with the addition of Stepfeldt, Webley, Priores, The Shrew, and King's Bowman.

NAPIER PARK R.C. NEW YEAR MEETING.

NOMINATIONS—BY WIRE.

TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLES of 50 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Waterlily, Waipuku, Lobelia, Sandfly, Hopeful, Alecto, Jewel.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 50 sovs, one mile.—Goosander, Ephimede, Wheriko, Lady Somnus, Krina, Waitress, Searchlight, Meteor, Barbelle, Musketeer, Middle Park, Spinfeldt, Link.

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP of 70 sovs, 5 furlongs.—Wikitoria, Combermere, Maid Marion, Dugong, Beaubarnais, Athene, Woodlander, Spruce.

NEW YEAR HANDICAP of 130 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Blarney, Leontini, Rosefeldt, The Shrew, Planet, Golden Plover, North Atlantic, Lyrebird.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 80 sovs, two miles.—Kapua, Tritesa, T. Rose, Alecto, Dainty, Waipuku.

FLYING HANDICAP of 70 sovs, six furlongs.—Zanella, Ua, Golden Plover, Searchlight, Krina, The Shrew, Musketeer, Link, Nixie, Spindrift.

SETTLERS HANDICAP of 50 sovs, once round.—Rayfeldt, Wheriko, Lady Somnus, Miss Patriarch, Waitress, Morag, Barbelle, Meteor, Spinfeldt.

GREENMEADOWS HANDICAP of 50 sovs, seven furlongs.—Marino, Golden Plover, Planet, Musketeer, Nixie, Spindrift, Link, Barbelle.

Ambrose Thomas, the composer of "Mignon," is said to have discovered the Mignon of his dreams in Middle. Nikita, who is at present sustaining the character at the Paris Opera Comique.

All-round Sport.

[By Vigilant.]

CRICKET.

Captain Edwin favoured the local knights of the willow with Queen's weather on Saturday last for the beginning of the fourth series of matches in connection with the championship.

Three men only reached double figures in Parnell's first innings last Saturday, viz., Holle (21), Whelan, and Lawson (10 each), the next best being Wright's 7.

Holle played a good innings for his 21, including a fine 5 hit.

Donald carried off premier honours in the Parnell bowling department, placing seven wickets to his credit for a total of 31.

Lloyd Quentery was the only man who failed to place a score to his credit in the Auckland-Parnell contest, though J. Arneil and T. H. Wilson run him very close for first honours, with 1 each to their credit.

Bob Neil saw seven of his club mates shoulder the bat and make for the pavilion before he had the misfortune to be given out l.b.w.

J. R. Landon and J. Arneil were the only other Aucklanders to reach double figures, placing 16 and 12 to their credit respectively.

Neill, with six wickets for 40, and Stone, with four for 31, bowled well for Auckland, the latter troubling the batsmen considerably.

The Gordon-United match at present looks like a win for Gordon, but next Saturday may tell another tale.

United II. v. Parnell II.—After putting 45 to their credit in their first essay, United dismissed Parnell for 42.

Gordon II. v. Belmont.—Gordon knocked up 84 in their first attempt, Hume (not out 30) and Thomson (29) being the principal rungetters.

North Shore v. Auckland II.—The Shoreites batted first for 128, their principal scorers being Denby, 34; Hume, 25; and Cuff, 18.

Wanderers v. Pitt-street Mutual.—The Mutuals going to the wickets first were disposed of by the Wanderers for a total of 56.

In the second junior contests Belmont A. seem to have the Saints pretty well under the whip, making 131 in their first essay as against the 28 put up by the Saints.

The North Shore-Auckland II. match was completed, resulting in a win for Auckland by eight wickets.

Scoring in the Selwyn-Belmont B. match was small, Belmont batting two innings for a total of 76, whilst their opponents only made 27 in their first innings, which leaves them with 49 to make in their second attempt to win.

In the Clarence-United match the former batted first for 78, United following with 18 only, the bowling of Wakerley and Sims proving too much for them.

In the return match, Canterbury v. Wellington, played at Canterbury, matters turned out entirely different to the result of the initial match—drawn in favour of Wellington—Canterbury winning comfortably by nine wickets and 25 runs.

The English eleven defeated the Queenslanders by an innings and 274 runs.

The date of the Conference re the formation of a New Zealand Cricket Council has been postponed until December 27.

Mr Cuff's proposal that an annual North v. South Island match be played alternately in each Island under the auspices of the New Zealand Council was carried unanimously.

The sum of £1,037 was taken at the gates at the match England v. Victoria. A few more experiences of this kind (says a Melbourne writer) will relieve the promoters of all anxiety as to the financial aspect of the undertaking.

Secretary McKinney forwards me the following fixtures for the tour of the Fijian cricketers, who arrive here on or about January 1.—The team play Auckland on January 25 and 26, Otago on February 1 and 2, Southland on February 5, Canterbury on February 8 and 9, Nelson on February 12 and 13, Wellington on February 15 and 16, Hawke's Bay on February 19 and 20, and Taranaki on February 22 and 23.

In commenting on the match between Victoria and the English team, a Melbourne writer says:—"Blackham's 28 not out naturally suggests how many years it is since the veteran first came to the front in cricket, and the many times he has upheld the reputation of Victoria and of Australia.

The Englishmen are back in Sydney, and will commence the first of the five test-matches tomorrow (Friday) The following team has been chosen to represent Australia: Turner, Iredale, Gregory, Blackham, H. Trott, Graham, C. McLeod, Lyons, G. Giffen, Readman, and Darling; twelfth man, Jones.

The match between Wellington and Canterbury, at Wellington, resulted in a net loss to the Association of £11 10s., and the Southland in a loss of about £8.

ATHLETICS.

Entries for the Caledonian Society's Sports of Tuesday, January 1st, 1895, must reach the British Hotel not later than 9 o'clock on Saturday evening next.

The Art Union in connection with the recent Demonstration Sports will be drawn in the Odd-fellows Hall, Cook-street, to-morrow (Friday) evening at 7.30.

The Dunedin Amateur Athletic Club held their sports on Saturday last to a moderate attendance. The fields throughout were small and the times recorded considerably below championship requirements, and great improvement must be made by our amateur friends of the Edinburgh of the South if they are to hold their own at the forthcoming championship gathering.

I hear that Mr F. E. N. Gaudin, who has been chosen by the committee to represent us in the Long Jump at the forthcoming championship meeting, has decided to take another and a longer leap in the near future, viz.—the matrimonial leap. Wish you luck, Fred.

Four men from Sam Goodman's stable have been chosen to go into training for the championship meeting, namely, Martin, Beere, O'Connor, and Creamer.

My anticipations of our probable championship representatives in last week's issue were very close to the mark as will be shown by the following selections made by the committee at their meeting on Friday evening last:—100 and 250 Yards, A. Jones, J. H. Buchanan; 440 Yards Flat, W. H. Francis, T. Roberts, A. Jones, H. B. J. Bull; 880 Yards, H. B. J. Bull, W. Farquhar, J. B. Beere, M. O'Connor; One and Three Miles, W. Farquhar, A. A. Davis, M. O'Connor, J. B. Beere; One and Three Miles Walk, A. Brady and F. H. Creamer; 120 and 440 Yards Hurdles, W. H. Martin and T. Roberts; Putting the Weight and Throwing the Hammer, T. B. O'Connor and W. C. Rhodes; Long Jump, F. E. N. Gaudin; High Jump, E. T. Laurie; Bicycle Events, E. Reynolds and H. Surman, with Pilkington if equal to time tests.

The annual sports in connection with the Wellington Amateur Athletic Club were held on Saturday last, there being present some 1500 spectators. Fine weather favoured the meeting, and good fields and close and interesting sport was the order of the day.

Walter Rhodes, the well-known suburban footballer and athlete, had hard luck in getting beaten by 6in in the 100yds Handicap at the Wellington sports, especially when we look at the time, 10sec off 4yds, the winner (Patrick) giving Wally 1yd.

It is believed that Con. Riordan died from the effects of heart disease, or some other disease, rather than from the blow delivered by Fitzsimmons, which, according to the cable, was a very gentle tap. This being the case, Fitzsimmons will no doubt be released.

American contemporaries to hand tell us that Corbett has at last consented to meet Fitzsimmons. The arrangements were to have been made at the office of the New York Herald on October 11.

The Wellington Cycling Club will run their first championship event of the present season on Saturday, the 15th inst.

Cycling says that, after all, the great Zimmerman is not coming to the colonies, but has gone back to America from England. It is said he proposes giving up racing, and that matrimony is not at all unlikely at an early date.

Fossier, a French professional rider, recently made fresh records at five miles (10min 46 3-5th) and ten miles (21min. 55sec.) on a machine that was geared equal to 112.

Athletic News says that well-known English amateur, Geo. Osmond, who at various times showed form quite good enough to win championships, and then degenerated into a second-class rider—an in-and-out performance that was due to his being unable to give time to systematic training—has decided to take up his residence in Australia.

Mr E. T. Laurie informs me that there has been an enquiry with reference to the starter over the 120 Hurdles at the recent meeting. He complains of not getting a fair hearing, but says that nevertheless he gave the committee his opinion on the matter in spite of being ruled out of order.

R. Gore, on his performance at Wellington on Saturday last, when he jumped 21ft 6in, should have a mortgage on the long jump.

YACHTING.

The Ponsonby Regatta of Saturday last was favoured with suitable weather, and on the whole may safely be spoken of as a pronounced success. The committee, secretary, and all officials deserve great kudos for the manner in which everything was carried out, a fact thoroughly appreciated by the visitors. The flagship was if anything too small.

For the first time since the Gloriana was launched in 1892 she has had to take second place, the Zinita beating her on time allowance at the Ponsonby Regatta on Saturday last. The new boat is too good for her off the wind, especially running, but when the sheets are tightened in the Gloriana can easily head reach and go to windward of her rival. Even in the little bit of beating there was on Saturday from the Judge's Bay mark to the Chequered Buoy she gained two minutes on the other, but on the run back again to Judge's Bay the Zinita nearly overtook the Gloriana, rounding the mark only a length or two behind her. And now was seen one of the best races ever witnessed in Auckland, the two boats going nearly neck and neck until off the flagship, when the Gloriana gradually drew away from under her opponent's lee, rounding the mark boat off the Sugar Works about thirty seconds ahead. Here she lost a little of her lead through having to change jibs, but just managed to squeeze in first by about thirteen seconds. The old boat has to give the new one about a minute and a half, thus losing the race by over a minute. As I ventured to forecast last week, the leading wind suited the Zinita, but after Saturday's performance on the wind, unless she is greatly improved, she will never beat the Gloriana, provided there is a fair amount of windward work in the race. Of course the Zinita was not at her best on Saturday, only having been launched a day or two previously, and will without doubt be in better trim for the next race. She has a bow and keel something like the Whio, and her long, low hull gives her a racy, sneaking appearance. Perhaps this class of boat is not a suitable one for Auckland, where there is such little racing, but it is a type that was sure to come sooner or later, seeing the success it has been at Home. Five hundred-weight of lead was taken off the after end of her fin on Friday night, which greatly improved her speed and appearance, but in my opinion she is still a little low aft.

The Yum Yum showed up better than usual on Saturday, but even with her favourite leading wind she had no show with her speedier opponents. The Cynisca did not finish.

The Rangatira not coming up to the starting post for the big yacht race, the Yvonne sailed over the course alone. Mr. Chatfield's boat had been launched too hurriedly to be in good trim for racing, and I think the unsatisfactory form she showed in her trial spins had a lot to do with her not competing.

In the race for yachts under two rating the Nellie, a new boat built by Mr Drummond, of Mechanic's Bay, came in first, but the Mahoe, a Ponsonby boat, takes the prize on time allowance.

The Colleen, a 20-footer built and owned by Reg. Masefield, finished first in the big open-boat race, but the Minnie, an 18-footer owned by Messrs. Owen and Mattheson, of Ponsonby, beats her on time allowance by about six seconds.

Only two started for the smaller open-boat event—My Jack and Bit o'Blue, the former, built by Mr Reid of Ponsonby, winning somewhat easily.

It is only on regatta days that Aucklanders can form any idea of the size of their yachting fleet. The harbour on Saturday was literally alive with sails of every description, and the fact that no accident occurred speaks volumes for the way in which our yachtsmen can handle their boats.

Charley Nelson handled the Zinita very well on Saturday, and by good generalship, combined with the handy rig of his boat, managed to get on the Gloriana's weather at most of the mark boats.

The owner of the Gloriana having asked the Ponsonby Regatta authorities to measure the Zinita, the two boats have had the tape run over them. I have not heard the result, but I think both are over the rating given in.

The Regatta Committee, in giving prizes of the value of £70 for a scow race, are evidently forgetting that it is a regatta conducted by the Auckland "Yacht" Club. If the winning yachts get the full value of the prizes stated on the programme it is all right, but as things look at present this is a subject for doubt. If I remember rightly the prizes on several occasions have been paid pro rata, the subscriptions not having come up to expectations. Would it not have been better if the amount of prize money to be given the two trading races had been left until some of the money began to roll in?

Harding has accepted Sullivan's challenge to row on the Tyne for £200 a-side.

The Lyttelton Rowing Club has received a new four-oared racing boat by the s.s. Rangitira, specially built to suit the weights of the present holders of the New Zealand four-oared championship. She is a beautiful craft, and is said to reflect great credit on the builder, Mr J. H. Clasper, of Putney.

The Judge's Bay Amateur Regatta, to take place on January 26th, 1895, gives promise of a great success. It is anticipated that the fields will be large and the contests keen. Special care will be taken by the committee in the matter of the starting of yacht races.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

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District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, 20th November, 1894.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undernoted TOWN, SUBURBAN, and RURAL LANDS will be submitted for sale by public auction, at this Office, on FRIDAY, the 18th day of January, 1895, at 11 o'clock a.m.:

TOWN OF NGARUAWAHIA.—Lot 127, 1r 7p, upset price, £5 17s 6d; 128, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 129, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 130, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 131, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 132, 1r 17-6p, £7 2s 6d; 133, 34-7p, £4 5s; 134, 37-7p, £4 12s 6d; 135, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 136, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 137, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 138, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 139, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 260, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 261, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 264, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 265, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 266, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 281, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 282, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 283, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 284, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 285, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 286, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 287, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 304, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 305, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 306, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 307, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 308, 1r 7p, £5 17s 6d; 394, 1r 3p, £5 7s 6d; 454, 30-8p, £3 15s; 455, 27-8, £3 7s 6d; 473, 25p, £3 2s 6d; 474, 33p, £4 2s 6d; 475, 33p, £4 2s 6d; 476, 33p, £4 2s 6d; 477, 33p, £4 2s 6d; 478, 1r 1p, £5 2s 6d; 479, 35p, £4 7s 6d; 480, 32p, £4; 481, 32, £4; 482, 32p, £4; 483, 32p, £4; 484, 32p, £4; 485, 32p, £4; 486, 36p, £4 10s; 487, 1r, £5; 488, 36p, £4 10s; 489, 36p, £4 10s; 490, 36p, £4 10s; 491, 36p, £4 10s; 492, 26p, £3 5s.

SMALL LOTS NEAR PANMURE.—Lot 70, Section I, 4a, upset price £16.

SUBURBS OF WEYMOUTH.—Lots 50, 51, 52, 2a 3r 32p, upset price £6.

MAIRETAHI PARISH.—Lot 48A, 10a, upset price £10; open land lying between Section 48 and Inlet Kaipara Harbour.

PARISH OF PUKETE.—Lot 56, 11a Or 28p, upset price £11 3s; 73A, 4a, £4. Open land near Hamilton.

PARISH OF KARAMU.—Lot 126, 10a, upset price £7 10s. Open land with small quantity bush; situated three miles from Harapepe, on the Karuwharurua Stream.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1895.

NINTH ANNUAL SALE OF THOROUGHBRED YEARLINGS (WITHOUT RESERVE).

BRED BY AND THE PROPERTY OF THOS. MORRIN, AT WELLINGTON PARK, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND,

BY MESSRS HUNTER & NOLAN, At 12 o'clock.

A BAY COLT, by Castor (imp.) out of Welcome Katie, by Musket, dam of Tulloch, Ben Godfrey, and Leda (all winners); Leda, by Castor, is own sister to above-mentioned colt

A CHESTNUT COLT, by St. Leger (imp.) out of Puwerewere, by Nordenfeldt, own sister to Crackshot, out of Pungawerewere, dam of Brigadier, Tranter, Tetford, St. James, Katipo, and Osculator (all brilliant horses)

A CHESTNUT COLT, by Tasman out of Rubina, dam of Florrie and Launceston. Florrie, the best three-year-old of her year in New Zealand, winner of the Welcome Stakes, Canterbury Derby, Rosehill Cup (New South Wales), and numerous other races

A BAY COLT by Castor (imp.) out of Moilena, by Patriarch out of Rosabelle by Panic, out of Rosabella by Peter Finn out of Merino (imp.), by Whalebones—and closely related to Ellerslie, Grand National winner V.R.C.

A BROWN COLT, by Cuirassier (own brother to the celebrated Trenton, by Musket out of Frailty), out of Aida by Leolinus, out of L'Orion (imp.) by Knight of the Crescent, is dam of that brilliant horse Impulse

A BROWN COLT, by Hotchkiss (by Musket, out of Petroleuse (imp.) by Oxford, out of Sunrise by Rama Rama, out of Awatea by Ravensworth (imp.), out of Skybird (imp.), by Teddington, winner of English Derby

A BAY COLT, by Hotchkiss out of Furmo, by Sterlingworth (imp.) out of Pulchra (imp.), by Rosicrucian out of the great English Formosa, winner of the One Thousand Guineas, Oaks, and St. Leger, and dead heat for the Two Thousand Guineas. This colt is own brother to Forma (winner of the September Stakes at Auckland First Spring meeting, beating a field of eight runners), and is three-quarter brother to that game mare Forma (winner, as a two-year-old, of the September Stakes, Auckland, Welcome Stakes, Hawke's Bay; and, as a three-year-old, this season won the Hawke's Bay Guineas, ten runners, consisting of the pick of New Zealand three-year-olds

A BROWN COLT, by Cuirassier (own brother to the celebrated Trenton) out of Katipo (a good performer, and dam of that promising colt Dead Shot), out of Pungawerewere (winner of the Dunedin Cup, and dam of Brigadier, Tetford, Tranter, St. James, also winner of the Dunedin Cup, and Crackshot, winner of the Auckland Cup, Canterbury Cup, two miles, Auckland Plate, weight-for-age, and Hawke's Bay Spring Handicap

A BROWN COLT, by Castor (imp.) out of the celebrated Hilda, by Musket; the best racing mare in New Zealand, own sister to Artillery, Balista, and half sister to Strathmore, Hazel, Moth, Novlette, and Brown Alice, all good performers

A BROWN COLT, by Cuirassier out of Ouida, by Yattendon, dam of those great performers Artillery, Hilda, Balista, Strathmore, Hazel, Moth, Novlette, and Brown Alice

A BAY COLT, by Cuirassier out of Albatross, by Malta out of The Auk; by The Marquis (imp.), Two Thousand Guineas winner, and St. Leger, out of Seagull by Fisherman, out of Omen (imp.) by Melbourne. Albatross is the dam of Lochness, Teksum, Merganser, Elswick, all great performers

A BAY COLT, by Castor (imp.) out of Cissy, by Musket out of Frailty, the dam of Trenton, Niagara, Mary, Zalinski, Havoc, and Mousquetaire. Cissy, the dam of this colt, was a most brilliant mare over all distances and with heavy weights

A BROWN FILLY, by Radames out of Weasel, by Anteros out of Toi Toi, by St. Aubyn out of Waima, by Sir Hercules. Weasel is dam of St. Mary and Bulrush, both winners

A BROWN FILLY, by Hotchkiss out of Tasmania, by Manuka out of Zillah, dam of that great performer Tasman

A BROWN FILLY, by Hotchkiss out of Bianca, by Black Eagle out of Bessie, by Angler out of Scraps, by Lord of the Hills out of Ragpicker, sister to the famed Sylvia. Bianca is the dam of Sweet Lavender and The Shrew, both winners

A CHESTNUT FILLY, by Hotchkiss out of Yattaghan, by Nordenfeldt out of Yattacy, by Yattendon out of Estacy, by The Marquis (imp.) out of Lady Exeter, by New Warrior. Yattaghan was a good performer, winning the Franklin Cup, Stewards' Stakes, and Flying Stakes at the South Auckland meeting

A CHESTNUT FILLY, by Hotchkiss out of Maid of Athol, by Maribymong out of Paraguay, by Little John out of Sappho, by The Marquis. Maid of Athol is the dam of Krupp, Soudan, Kotuku, Scots Gray, Queen of Trumps, and Tartan, all winners and good performers

A BAY FILLY, by Castor (imp.) out of Madcap (imp.) by Trumpeter out of a daughter of Young Melbourne, out of Maid of Masham by Don John. Madcap is the dam of that good horse, Morion, winner of the Great Northern Derby, 600 sovs, beating Clanranald, The Workman, Flinders, and Fraternalite; also won Onslow Cup and Takapuna Cup

A BAY FILLY, by Castor (imp.) out of Valentina, by Leolinus out of Lyre, by Patriarch out of Lyra (imp.), by Thormandy out of Clotilde, by Touchstone. Valentina, by Velocipede, the dam of this filly, is own sister to All There, a great performer

A BAY FILLY, by Castor (imp.) out of Balista, by Musket out of Ouida, by Yattendon out of Gulnare, by Little John out of Gulnare, by Gohanna out of Deception, by Theorem (imp.) Balista was a brilliant mare, and won many races

A BROWN FILLY, by Hotchkiss out of Radiant, by Robinson Crusoe out of Radiance, by Fireworks out of Sunshine, by Maribymong out of Night Light (imp.), by Archy. Radiant is own sister to those great racers Quadrant, Utopia, and Cruiser, and her first foal, Lustre, was a good performer

A BROWN FILLY, by Cuirassier out of Lyrelinus, by Leolinus (imp.) out of Lyre, by Patriarch out of Lyra (imp.), by Thormandy out of Clotilde, by Touchstone out of Valentina, by Velocipede out of Jane, by Moses. Lyrelinus is own sister to All There, a good performer in Australia

A CHESTNUT FILLY, by St. Leger (imp.) out of Bangle, by Musket out of Locket (imp.), by Thunderbolt, and own sister to those great mares Necklace and Necklet. Bangle is the dam of those gamecolts Casket and Orion's Belt (the latter is winner of the Hawke's Bay Nursery Handicap and Napier Park Sapling Stakes Handicap)

A BROWN FILLY, by Medallion out of Sapphire, by The Drummer (imp.) out of Amethyst (imp.), by Ambrose out of Heroine of Lucknow, by Nutwith out of Pocahontas, by Glencoe, dam of Stockwell, Rataplan, and King Tom. Sapphire is the dam of Zealandia, Ballater, and Blue Fire, all great performers—the latter winner of the Challenge Stakes, 2000 sovs

A GREY FILLY, by Castor (imp.) out of Vivandiere, by Musket out of Georgi, by Bishop of Osnaburg out of Althea, by Mæonides out of Alice Grey, by Rous' Emigrant. Vivandiere is the dam of Son-of-a-Gun, Dancer, and Three Star, all great performers

A BAY FILLY, by Castor (imp.) out of Necklace, by Musket out of Locket (imp.), by Thunderbolt out of Keepsake, by Daniel O'Rourke out of a daughter of Hampton. Necklace was a great racehorse at all distances, and is the dam of Swordbelt, Miss Letty, Collarette, and Cravat, all very fast and good performers

A BAY FILLY, by Castor (imp.) out of Frailty, by Goldborough out of Flora McIvor, by New Warrior out of Io, by Sir Hercules out of Flora McIvor, by Rous' Emigrant out of Cornelia, by Grasshopper out of Manto, by Soothsayer. Frailty is the dam of Trenton, Niagara, Cuirassier, Cissy, Mary, Zalinski, and Havoc, all great performers at any distance.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1894

THIRD ANNUAL SALE OF WHITFORD PARK THOROUGHBRED YEARLINGS AT SYLVIA PARK, AUCKLAND.

The undersigned have received instructions from Messrs L. D. and N. A. NATHAN to sell, without reserve, during racing week of Summer Meeting, on Monday December 31st, 1894, at two o'clock, the following

FASHIONABLE THOROUGHBRED YEARLINGS:

Lot 1.—BROWN YEARLING COLT, by Cuirassier from Liquidation, by King Cole—Realization, by Vespasian—Hopeful Duchess. Cuirassier, by Musket—Frailty. Liquidation is half-sister to Maxim, whose stock have raced so successfully this season, and she is full sister to Wapiti, the sire of Caribou, winner of the Canterbury Welcome Stakes, 1894.

Lot 2.—CHESTNUT YEARLING FILLY, by St. Leger from Ballona, by Nelson—Muskerina, by Musket—Hipporina, by Hippocampus—Yatterna. The St. Legers have been very successful all through the last season, and this filly has very stout strains of blood coursing through her veins.

Lot 3.—BROWN YEARLING COLT by Cuirassier out of La Dauphine, by The Dauphin—Brasolis, by Panic—Josephine, by Boiardo—Wanda, by Cossack. The nick of Musket and Traducer blood has proved itself.

Lot 4.—CHESTNUT YEARLING COLT, by St. Leger out of Lady Whitford, by Nordenfeldt from Bianca, by Black Eagle from Bessie, by Angler (sire of Robinson Crusoe and Onyx) from Scraps, by Lord of the Hills from Ragpicker, sister to Sylvia. The pedigree of this Colt contains most of the best strains of blood south of the line.

Lot 5.—BROWN YEARLING COLT, by Cuirassier out of Sybil, by Leolinus out of Atlantis, by Thormanby out of Hurricane, by Wild Dayrell out of Midia, by Scutari out of Marinella. Leolinus mares have proved very successful at the stud, and the dam of this Colt is half sister to Happy Land, dam of Hova, winner of the Newmarket Handicap, 1894, and she is also half sister to the famous sire St. Leger.

Lot 6.—BAY YEARLING COLT, by St. Leger from Cantiniere, by Musket from Queen Bess, by Nutwith out of a daughter of Riddlesworth, by St. Patrick, imp. This colt is full brother to Brown Bess, winner of many races in Australia.

Lot 7.—BROWN YEARLING COLT, by Cuirassier from Roie, by St. Leger from Hippona, by Robinson Crusoe from Lamorna, by Fireworks from Night Light, from Archy. Roie is full sister to St. Hippo, winner of Hawke's Bay Guineas, Napier Spring Handicap, N.Z. Cup, Auckland Cup, Derby, and Plate, and other races.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1894.

ANNUAL SALE OF GLENORA PARK YEARLINGS AT SYLVIA PARK, AUCKLAND.

The undersigned have received instructions from Mrs W. WALTERS to sell the following Yearlings, without reserve, on December 31st at Sylvia Park:

BROWN COLT, by Hippocampus—Cressina
BROWN COLT, by Hippocampus—Empress
BROWN FILLY, by Cuirassier—Rosarina
CHESTNUT COLT, by St. Leger—Muskerina
BROWN COLT, by Hotchkiss—Fishgirl
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The undersigned will sell, as above.

ON BEHALF OF MAJOR GEORGE:

BAY HORSE, THE WORKMAN (great performer), 5yrs, by Robinson Crusoe—The Maid
CHESTNUT MARE CLEOPATRA, 3yrs, by Nelson—Memphis
CHESTNUT COLT ST. VINCENT, 3yrs, by Nelson—Florence

BAY MARE FLORENCE, by Papapa—Marathon
BAY COLT, Yearling, by Nelson—Florence
CHESTNUT FILLY, Yearling, by Nelson—Sister Agnes

The two yearlings are engaged in A.R.C. Great Northern Foal Stakes, 1895-96; C.J.C. Fourth Challenge Stakes, 1896; A.R.C. Royal Stakes, 1895-6; C.J.C. Fifth Challenge Stakes, 1897; Hawke's Bay Guineas, 1896

ON BEHALF OF MESSRS ALSON BROS.:

CHESTNUT COLT, by St. Leger—Tamora
CHESTNUT COLT, by Nelson—Mystery
BROWN COLT, by Castor—Vasator
(Engagements at sale)

ON BEHALF OF MR FORTH:

BAY COLT, 1yr, by Beanstalk (by Feve, from Atlanta, dam of Teddy Yuille, Hippomenes, Sylvia Park, etc., some of the fastest horses the colony ever saw) from My Queen by Somnus, from Peg Woffington from Pacific

BAY Colt, 1 yr, by Beanstalk from Venice, by Trafalgar from Venetia by Feve (imp)

CHESTNUT FILLY, 1yr, by Nelson from Sweet Alice, by Sledmere from The Nun

CHESTNUT COLT, 1yr, by St. Leger from Atlanta. This colt is full brother to Hippomenes, Sylvia Park, and half-brother to Teddy Yuille

BROWN COLT, 2yrs, by Retrenchment (by Musket from Hatred) from My Queen

BAY MARE VENICE, 4yrs, by Trafalgar (by Maribymong by Fisherman) from Venetia by Feve (imp)

BROWN MARE EDNA, 4yrs, by Ingomar from Sweet Alice, by Sledmere from the Nun by Dr. O'Tool Sweet Alice is the dam of The Dreamer and Salute

MY QUEEN, 6yrs, by Somnus from Peg Woffington, with foal by Brigadier

ON BEHALF OF MR PRICE:

CHESTNUT FILLY, Yearling, by St. Leger—Brasolis, by Panic—Josephine

BAY COLT, Yearling, by Leolantis—Coryphee, by Sword Dance—Brasolis

BAY FILLY, Yearling, by Brigadier—Queen Alice, by King Cole—Melody

CHESTNUT MARE LOUIE, 8yrs, by Leolinus—Venus Transit, with foal at foot by Master Pat and served by Blairgowrie

BAY MARE BRASOLIS, by Panic—Josephine, with foal at foot by Leolinus and served by Blairgowrie

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AT

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The undersigned have received instructions from S. HORDERN, Esq., to sell as above,

THE HIGH-CLASS STANDARD BRED TROTTERS, consisting of FOUR STALLIONS, namely:

ATLAS.—Chestnut Colt, two years old, by Judge Belden, imp., record 2.31, dam May, imp. May's dam was by Chieftian, sire of Defiance, 2.17 1/2; Onward, 2.24, and Flora, 2.30. From the foregoing, it will be seen that ATLAS is right royally bred in trotting lines, and as he is beautifully broken, with a most gentle disposition, and a gait that is the perfection of motion, he has every indication of developing into a speedy animal.

THE COUNT.—Bay Colt, two years old, by Judge Belden, imp., dam Countess, imp. Countess, dam of this colt, is a splendid sample of the American harness horse, and this son of hers is sure to do her credit, whether used on the road, track, or stud. John M. Patchem, the sire of Countess, imp., was a son of G. M. Patchem, jun., 2.21, the sire of Wells Fargo, 2.18 1/2, Sam Purdy, 2.20 1/2, etc., etc. This colt is well formed and has been carefully broken to harness, shows the best of temper, his way of going will please the most fastidious, and with judicious handling and proper care devoted to his education should make a speedy animal.

BELLMAN.—Chestnut colt, two years old, by Judge Belden, imp., 2.31, dam Bell, imp. Bell, the dam of this colt, is one of the best trotting mares ever landed in Australia from America, and when exhibited in the Australian colonies was never beaten. Her sire, Priam, is also the sire of Frank M., 2.17 1/2, Honesty, 2.25 1/2, etc.; sired by that natural born trotter Whipple's Hamiltonian. The action of this colt is faultless, he is well broken, and although not worked for speed, shows every indication of being a speedy one.

TIP-TOP.—Brown Colt, two years old; sire Judge Belden, imp., dam Lily Vermont. Lily Vermont is an Australian-bred mare, being bred by Mr W. Harris, of Mayfield stud farm, Moss Vale, N.S.W. She is by Vermont, Jun., imp., whose Australian record is 2.34, and he is the sire of those good mares Miss Vermont, Lady Vermont, Lady Relford, etc., etc. Tip-Top in blood lines does not belie his name, for there are few better bred trotting horses south of the Equator, and if he is given the care and attention necessary for the proper development of his speed at the trotting gait, success can be assured, and this colt is deserving of the best attention of buyers of this class of stock.

JUDGE BELDEN, the sire of these colts, is by Elmo, Rec. 2.27, dam Prentice. Elmo, the sire of Judge Belden, has a record of 2.27, and has to his credit, among others, Alfred S., 2.16; L. C. Lee, 2.15; Elma, 2.24; Overman, 2.19; C. mo, 2.26 1/2; Sunflower, 2.25; Emma G., 2.27 1/2; he is also the sire of the dam of the speedy Wanda, 2.14, and a number of 2.30 horses. Prentice, the dam of Judge Belden, is by Niagara, 2.35, and he is the sire of Fairmount, 2.22, and of Fanny Malone, granddam of Maud C., 2.15 1/2.

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