

Owners, Note!

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB ANNUAL MEETING. To-day (Saturday), 5th inst., at 9.30 p.m., acceptances in connection with the Poverty Bay Turf Club's Annual Meeting will close with Mr J. H. Aislabie as under:— Flying Handicap of 80 sovs, 6 furlongs, 3 sovs. First Hurdles of 60 sovs, 1 1/2 mile, 2 sovs. Turanga Stakes of 200 sovs, 1 1/2 mile, 4 sovs. County Stakes of 40 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov. Welter Handicap of 40 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.

EGMONT RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING. On Thursday, 10th inst., at 9 p.m., nominations in connection with the Egmont Racing Club's Summer Meeting will close with the secretary, Mr Alex. G. Brett, as under:— Waimate Handicap of 80 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov. First Handicap Hurdles of 120 sovs, 2 miles and a distance, 1 sov. First Handicap Hack Hurdles of 45 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 1 sov. Egmont Cup Handicap of 300 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov. Hawera Welter Handicap of 70 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov. First Handicap Hack Flat Race of 50 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov. Flying Handicap of 100 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov. Second Handicap Hurdles of 100 sovs, 2 miles and a distance, 1 sov. Second Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 1 sov. Atkinson Memorial Stakes of 200 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 1 sov. Second Handicap Hack Flat Race of 50 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 1 sov. Normanby Stakes Handicap of 80 sovs, 1 mile and a distance, 1 sov. Produce Hack Handicap of 40 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. On Friday, 11th inst., by 9 p.m., nominations close with the secretary, Mr W. Percival, as follows:— Further payments and acceptances in connection with the Great Northern Derby Stakes (1896-97) of 500 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 1 sov. Great Northern Foal Stakes (1896-97) of 500 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov. TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING. On Friday next, 11th inst., nominations will close at 9 p.m. with the secretary, Devonport, or at Mr. Blomfield's office, Durham-street, for the following:— Handicap Maiden Plate of 30 sovs, 1 mile, 10s. Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov. Zealandia Handicap of 40 sovs, 5 furlongs, 1 sov. Calliope Handicap of 50 sovs, six furlongs, 1 sov. Handicap Maiden Steeplechase of 40 sovs, 3 miles, 1 sov. First Pony Handicap of 35 sovs, 6 1/2 furlongs, 10s. Stewards' Handicap of 50 sovs, 6 1/2 furlongs, 1 sov. Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 35 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 1 sov. Suburban Handicap of 40 sovs, 5 1/2 furlongs, 1 sov. Second Pony Handicap of 40 sovs, 5 1/2 furlongs, 1 sov. Hobson Handicap of 40 sovs, 5 1/2 furlongs, 1 sov. Borough Hack Handicap of 30 sovs, 6 1/2 furlongs, 1 sov. Anniversary Handicap of 50 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.

STRATFORD RACING CLUB HACK MEETING. On Friday, 11th inst., at 9 p.m., acceptances will close as under with the hon. secretary, Mr H. J. C. Coutts, Stratford:— Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 20s. Stratford Cup of 125 sovs, 1 1/4 miles, 60s. Toko Handicap of 25 sovs, 7 furlongs, 10s. Midhurst Handicap of 50 sovs, 6 furlongs, 20s. Nominations for Ngairi Stakes, 20s., and Selling Race, 10s., are due on the same date.

NGARUAWAHIA RACING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING. On Saturday, 12th inst., nominations will close at 9 p.m. with the hon. secretary Mr. E. Rathbone for the following:— Handicap Hurdles of 12 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 6s. Maiden Plate of 10 sovs, 6 furlongs, 5s. Ngauwawhia Cup of 22 sovs, 1 1/4 miles, 10s. Pony Race of 8 sovs, 6 furlongs, 4s. Hack Race of 8 sovs, 7 furlongs, 4s. Flying Stakes of 10 sovs, 6 furlongs, 5s.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN MEETING. On Saturday, 12th inst., nominations close with the hon secretary, Mr R. G. Bauchope, at 9 p.m., as under:— First Handicap Hurdles of 70 sovs, 1 1/2 mile, 1 sov. Second Handicap Hurdles of 75 sovs, about 2 miles, 1 sov. Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap of 250 sovs, 1 1/2 mile, 1 sov. Corinthian Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov. Flying Handicap of 100 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov. Grand Stand Handicap of 100 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov. Autumn Handicap of 150 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 1 sov. Shorts Handicap of 50 sovs, 5 furlongs, 1 sov.

FOXTON R.C. HACK MEETING. On Tuesday, 15th inst., acceptances for all events, except Trial Hurdles and Anniversary Stakes, close with the hon. secretary, Mr J. R. McMillan, at 9 p.m., as follows:— Flying Stakes Handicap of 40 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov. Handicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs, 1 1/2 miles, 1 sov.

Foxton R.C. Handicap of 125 sovs, 1 1/2 mile, 3 sovs. Electric Handicap of 30 sovs, 5 furlongs, 1 sov. Stewards Stakes Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 1/4 miles, 1 sov. Welter Handicap of 25 sovs, 1 mile and a distance, 10s. Nominations for Trial Hurdles, 1 sov, and Anniversary Stakes, 1 sov, close at 9 p.m. on January 15th, 1895.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S NEW YEAR MEETING.

[BY WIRE—OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

January 1. The Napier Park Racing Club's New Year's Day Meeting was held to-day, and, in spite of small fields, the racing was first-class. The weather was perfect, and there was a good attendance. The starting was capital, Mr E. Gilpin proving that he is a capable wielder of the flag. The sum of £5,203 was put through the totalisator, but the public made few mistakes in picking the handicaps, and as a result the largest dividend was £4 16s. on Goosander in the Midsummer Handicap. The plums of the programme were divided between the stables presided over by Con Boyle and R. Gooseman. The former scored three victories for the Hon. J. D. Ormond with the aid of Hopeful, Spinfeldt, and Spindrift; while Gooseman gained two wins for Mr H. Gaisford with The Shrew, and one for Mr T. A. Lawry with the two-year-old filly Heavenly Twin. The wins of each of these three sterling sportsmen were well received by the public, although regret was expressed that Mr Geo. Hunter did not have the pleasure of seeing his horse first past the post in any of the events. The Shrew proved herself a game and fast little mare, and under light weights will always be dangerous up to a mile and a half; but courage and stamina, more than brilliancy, has enabled her to triumph in all her wins. Searchlight played up a lot at the post in both her races, and took a good deal out of herself before the start; but though fast, I fancy she is rather jady. Zanella showed that she does not like a punishing finish. Goosander and Tiritea repeated their Hastings performances, and Tiritea, by winning under 11.10, demonstrated how the handicappers for the Hastings and Kaikora meetings had taken liberties with him. Goosander won easily, and appears to be coming on. She will never be a Merganser, but the best has not yet been seen of her. On form it looked good enough to lay 3 to 2 on Spendrift for the last race, and so it proved, for he won without the semblance of a struggle. The following are the results:—

- TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs. One mile and a half. 286 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Hopeful, by Puriri—Frowning Beauty, 5yrs, 11.13, Stowe 1. 66 Mr F. Collins' Waterlily, 6yrs, 11.9, Redmond 2. 131 Mr G. E. G. Richardson's Waipuku, aged, 9.7, Sweeney 3. 24 Sandfly, 9.0, W. Griffiths, also ran.

507 Waipuku led for a mile, when Hopeful headed her and coming on comfortably won by two clear lengths from Waterlily, Waipuku a fair third. Time, 2min 59 2-5sec. Dividend, £1 11s.

- MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 50 sovs. One mile. 184 Mr W. Rathbone's Goosander, by Nordenfeldt—Albatross, 4yrs, 7.11, White 1. 356 Mr H. S. Gollan's Iphimede, 3yrs, 7.11, McCleer 2. 156 Mr J. Hunter's Searchlight, 3yrs, 8.1, Stowe 3. Also started—48 Middle Park, 6.10, Delaney; 23 Link, 6.7, Fairbrother. Middle Park led right into the straight, where the three top weights came at him, and Goosander, judiciously ridden by White, won with a bit in hand by half a length from Iphimede, who beat Searchlight by a length for second place. Time, 1min 47 4-5sec. Totalisator, 717. Dividend, £4 16s.

- TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP of 70 sovs. Five furlongs. 233 Mr T. H. Lowry's Heavenly Twin, by Castor—Vivandiere, 8.4, Fairbrother 1. 49 Mr W. Pettit's Beauharnis, 7.6, Rawbottom 2. 22 Mr H. O. Caulton's Combermere, 6.7, Watt 3.

Also started—173 Wikitoria, 7.13, White; 231 Spruce, 7.6, Delaney.

Beauharnis and Heavenly Twin were first away, and Spruce got the worst of a poor start; the two leaders practically had the race to themselves all the way, Heavenly Twin winning by a length and a half, Combermere three lengths away third. Time, 1min 6 3-5sec. Totalisator, 708. Dividend, £2 14s.

- NEW YEAR HANDICAP of 130 sovs. One mile and a half. 151 Mr H. Gaisford's The Shrew, by Nordenfeldt—Bianca, 6.7, Watt 1. 151 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Lyrebird, 3yrs, 6.7, Delaney 2. 323 Mr G. Hunter's Planet, 3yrs, 7.0, Fairbrother 3. 163 Ua, 7.0, McCleer, also ran.

788 Planet, closely attended by The Shrew, made play for over a mile, when the latter took command, and although Lyrebird put in a strong claim in the straight the Nordenfeldt filly shook her off and won by a length all out, Planet a fair third. Time, 2min 43 2-5sec. Dividend, £4 13s.

- HANDICAP HURDLES of 80 sovs. Two miles. 239 Mr A. Nopera's Tiritea, by Hippocampus—Waimareka, aged, 11.10, Redmond 1. 254 Mr W. Douglas's Kapua, 5yrs, 11.12, Hope 2. 99 Mr F. Collins' Dainty, aged, 9.10, Sweeney 3.

Dainty led for a mile and a quarter, when Tiritea supplanted him, and Redmond, keeping his mount going, won by two lengths from Kapua. Time, 3min 59sec. Dividend, £2 4s.

- FLYING HANDICAP of 70 sovs. Six furlongs. 148 H. Gaisford's The Shrew, by Nordenfeldt—Bianca, 3 yrs, 7.11, Watt 1. 64 W. Douglas's Ua, 5yrs, 7.10, Donovan 2. 236 W. Rathbone's Zanilla, 4yrs, 8.0, White 3.

Also started—176 Searchlight, 7.11, Stowe; 97 Nixie, 7.6, Delaney. Nixie was left at the post, and Searchlight was slow in moving. Zanilla was first away, with The Shrew next. The Shrew was soon taken to the front, and led into the straight. Ua came with a late run, but failed to reach Mr Gaisford's filly, who won by a length, Zanilla a good third. Time, 1min 19sec. Totalisator, 721. Dividend, £4 7s.

- SELLERS' HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Once round. 313 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Spinfeldt, 5yrs, by Nordenfeldt—Spinnaker, 8.12, Donovan 1. 100 Mr D. Wright's Miss Patriarch 5yrs, 6.7, Watt 2. 130 Mr R. Gooseman's Barbelle, 4yrs, 6.13, Fairbrother 3. Also started—66 Morag, 8.0, Stowe; 46 Waitress, 6.13, Rowbottom.

Barbelle, Waitress, and Miss Patriarch led alternately until reaching the straight, when Spinfeldt was brought up with a fast run, and settling his field in a few strides won handsomely by a length, Miss Barbelle gaining second honours by a neck from Patriarch. Time, 2min 2sec. Totalisator, 655. Dividend, £1 17s.

- GREEN MEADOW HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Seven furlongs. 284 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Spindrift, by Nordenfeldt—Spinnaker, 3yrs, 8.3, White 1. 177 Mr G. Hunter's Planet, 3yrs, 8.8, Stowe 2. 57 Mr F. Collins' Link, aged, 6.7, Fairbrother 3.

518 Link led the other pair a merry bat for five furlongs, when Spendrift got on terms, and holding the others safe all down the straight, won easily by a length. Time 1min, 33 4-5sec. Dividend, £1 12s.

The trotting contributor of the Canterbury Times reports a most dastardly act. Mr E. Freeman had a very promising three-year-old colt by Emmerson from a Young Performer mare running in Pigeonhare, Riccarton. The colt was all right on December 24th, but next morning it was found lying dead, a small bore bullet having been shot through its head. Not satisfied with this cowardly act the offender cut through a turnip netting and barbed wire fence and boxed the sheep which had been running in the paddock. The police have the matter in hand, but I have not heard whether they have discovered a clue. But no doubt they will. A police officer may fail to find his quarry, but he never misses lighting on a "clew."

Turf Records.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

- FIRST DAY.—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH. HOBDEHN FOUR-YEAR-OLD STAKES of 50 sovs. One mile. 143 Mr M. Edwards' b g Lawyer Bell, 4yrs, sc. 1. 41 Mr W. J. Greenwood's b g The Judge, 4yrs, sc. 2. 90 Mr E. G. Sandall's b g Old Judge, 4yrs, sc. 3. 11 Mr H. Ellett's br g Bendigo, 4yrs, sc. 0. 285 Won all the way. Time, 3min 30sec. 10s tickets. Dividend, 17s.

- HANDICAP HURDLES of 40 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a half. 304 Mr E. Williams' br g Fauntleroy, by The Australian—Della, 6yrs, 10.7, Munro 1. 143 Mr T. Bray's blk g Little Raven, aged, 10.10, Donovan 2. 172 Mr Thos. Greenwood's br g Pica, aged, 11.0, Owner 3. 51 Mr T. Bray's b g Nimbus, 4yrs, 9.8, Jones 0. 55 Mr W. Robinson's b m Kaipara, aged, 9.4, Clarke 0. 84 Mr E. Stanley's b g His Gills, 5yrs, 8.7, Ghent 0. 809 Won by a length. Time, 3min 7sec. 10s tickets. Dividend, £1 3s.

- HANDICAP MAIDEN TROT of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. One mile. 59 Mr E. G. Sandall's b g Old Judge, 4yrs, 18sec, Owner 1. 26 Mr D. Harford's b g Disappointment, aged, 15sec, Owner 2. 16 Mr E. Archibald's ch g Rocket II., aged, 8sec, Clarke 3. 274 Mr F. Palfrey's b m Peerless, 3yrs, sc., Owner 0. 13 Mr W. Willmott's blk m Corina, aged, 3sec, Willmott 0. 6 Mr John Anderson's b g Glen Buck, aged, 8sec, Anderson 0. 33 Mr W. J. Greenwood's ch m Maid of Killarney, aged, 10sec, Owner 0. 88 Mr E. Gray's blk m Minnie, aged, 14sec, Chatteris 0. 161 Mr G. H. Morrison's b m Otara, 6yrs, 18sec, Morrison 0. 675 Won all the way. Time, 3min 4 1/2sec. 10s tickets. Dividend, £5 2s.

- PONY CUP HANDICAP of 75 sovs; second pony to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. One mile. 75 Mr M. Moore's b m The Dove, aged, 9.5, Cook 1. 114 Mr A. G. McKenzie's ch h Vampire, aged, 9.13, White 2. 105 Mr R. H. Wilson's ch h Little Hero, 5yrs, 7.7, Robertson 3. 20 Mr E. Stanley's br g Gillie, aged, 9.2, Gillespie 0. 148 Mr F. Green's b m Nelly, aged, 8.7, Wright 0. 15 Mr M. Moore's br m Lady May, aged, 8.6, Donovan 0. 74 Mr W. McConkey's b g Direct, aged, 8.6, Johns 0. 18 Mr W. J. Bowden's ch m Helena, aged, 8.0, Bowden 0. 51 Mr Thos. Greenwood's b m Butterfly, aged, 8.0, Linton 0. 32 Mr J. Robertson's b m Kate, aged, 7.0, Judd 0. 652 Won by a length. Time, 1min 49 1/2sec. £1 tickets. Dividend, £7 16s.

- AUCKLAND TROTTING CUP of 230 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Three miles. 261 Mr E. G. Sandall's b g Tom Hicks, 6yrs, 75sec, Owner 1. 16 Mr T. Barker's b m Ida, aged, 63sec (including penalty), Greenwood 2. 90 Mr T. Maloney's br g Rotheram, aged, 54sec, Owner 3. 100 Mr F. Palfrey's b g Colonel, 6yrs, 54sec, Owner 0. 467 Won all the way. Time, 8min 48sec. £1 tickets. Dividend, £1 12.

- HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE of 40 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Two miles and a half. 86 Mr W. J. Bowden's ch m Helena, 6yrs, 9.12, Owner 1. 167 Mr T. Greenwood's b m Butterfly, aged, 11.4, Owner 2. 81 Mr T. Bray's blk g Little Raven, aged, 11.4, Donovan 3. 119 Mr E. Williams' br g Fauntleroy, 6yrs, 10.7 (ran off), Munro 0. 453 Won comfortably. Time, 2min 54sec. £1 tickets. Dividend, £4 14s.

- HARNESS TROT of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Two miles. 205 Mr T. Palfrey's blk m Rita, aged, sc., White 1. 7 Miss M. Merrigan's gr g Commodore, aged, 34sec, Greenwood 2. 19 Mr James W. Martin's ch g Charlie, aged, 12sec, Owner 3. 2 Mr G. Bevan's blk g Hollywood, aged, 15sec, Thorpe 0. 2 Mr H. Lowe's b g Little Ben, aged, 28sec, Owner 0. 53 Mr E. G. Sandall's b g Tom Hicks, 6yrs, 40sec, Owner 0. 30 Mr Geo. McBride's b g Sparrowhawk, aged, 44sec., Chatteris 0.