AUCKLAND COURSING CLUB

The new Committee of the Auckland Coursing Club have forwarded a circular to sportsmen interested in coursing, containing the conditions of the first stake to be competed for under the auspices of the new management. From the card of the new organigation it will be seen that henceforth the Avondale Plumpton will be under the control of a committee, consisting of Messrs. Joseph May, J. Paterson, J. R. Martin, H. Hoffman, M. Foley, and H. H. Hayr, and lovers of the leash may rest content that under the management of the gentlemen named the sport of coursing will be given every opportunity of striking lasting roots into Auckland soil. In view of the entirely new colours under which the club will sail, it has been considered advisable that the Challenge Stakes of 1895, advertised by the late management, should be cancelled and another stake inserted. This will be called the Open All Aged Stakes, to be decided at the meeting to be held on Saturday and Wednesday, the 11th and 15th of May next. The stake will be for an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at £2 each (10s. expenses). The payments in connection with the same have been fixed as follows:—Nomination, 10s., on Friday, May 3rd, at 9 p.m.; balance of sweep, £1 10s., on Thursday, May 9th, at 9 p.m. This stake will be open to all members and non-members without any qualification fee. Mr Hayr, the Secretary, promises that a programme of other events will be issued shortly and forwarded to supporters of coursing. The new club authorities are confident that their efforts to foster the sport of coursing will meet with success, and we wish them all success in their endeavour.

THE LATE "MR MANTON."

In recording the death of the Dowager Duchess of Montrose, who for years was a striking figure on the English Turf, on which her operations were conducted under the nom de course of "Mr Manconducted under the nom de course of "Mr Manton," the London Sportsman writes as follows:—
"The youngest daughter of the second Lord Decies, Caroline Agnes was born in 1818 and married in October, 1836, James, Marquis of Grahsm, who, two months later, through the death of his father, became fourth Duke of Montrose. Like all of his house, he was fond of racing, and with the Duchess taking the keenest interest in his horses she soon acquired a good knowledge of the sport, and was a conkeenest interest in his horses she soon acquired a good knowledge of the sport, and was a constant attendant at the meetings. Two sons of the marriage died; then the present Duke was born, and three daughters, the cldest of whom died in 1873. The fourth Duke died in 1874, and two years later the Duchess married Mr. Stirling Crawfurd, another enthusiastic supporter of the Turf. Concerning all the good horses this fine sportsman owned, and Alec Taylor trained, we need not now speak—suffice it to say they caused the scarlet jacket to be as well-known and as much respected as any racing colours in the country. Mr Crawfurd died in the early part of 1883, and among his other property left the whole of his bloodstock, stallions, brood mares, and horses in training to his widow. She did not run any horses that year out of respect to the memory of her husband, but leased them for the season to Sir Frederic Johnstone. Among the season to Sir Frederic Johnstone. Among them was Corrie Roy, who won the Great Ebor Handicap, carrying the huge weight of 9.12, and the Goodwood Stakes, carrying 90, but the grand old mare was beaten by Ladislas in the Jockey Club Cup. The following season the assumed name of 'Mr Manton' was registered, the rema being the rame of the village where assumed name of 'Mr Manton' was registered, the name being the name of the village where old Alec trained, and the horses in future were thus entered. It was at the Oraven Meeting of 1884 that the racing public first became familiar with the new nom de course, though 'Mr Manton's' figure was as well known in the paddock and endeauges then as at any later region. and enclosures then as at any later period. The first animal that ran under the new order of things was Little Wretch, who was unplaced in the Visitors' Plate on the first day, but on the vely, then a four year old, won a handicap with Sam Loates in the saddle. At the next meeting Keir won the Newmarket Spring Handicap, and though this horse was unplaced in Florence's Jubilee Prize of Baden, he managed to finish up the season successfully by taking the Manchester November successfully by taking the Manchester November Handicap, a race that was always popular with Alec Taylor, who scored a remarkable sequence of successes in it. Energy—a good horse, if a curiously tempered one, and the sire of endless good ones in France, whither he was expatriated and where he died—won the Salford Borough Handicap at Manchester; but it was asking Corrie Roy too much to give 2.8 to a more like Corrie Roy too much to give 2.8 to a mare like Florence in the Manchester Cup. Nevertheless she ran a great race and was third, with Robertson (receiving 3.11) second. Archer was riding all these horses when the weight suited, as it usually did, for animals of this stamp do not generally get into handicaps with 6.0 on their back. The Duchess's son, the fifth Duke of Montrose, also won a little race at this meeting with a colt named Fluke. At Ascot Corrie Roy had to strike her colours to St. Gatien in the Gold Vase, though the pair met at only 9lb, and Keir was, unplaced in the Stakes, though well backed.
On the Friday, however, these disappointments
were amply atoned for, for Energy won the Wokingham and Corrie Roy the Alexandra Plate.

Energy won the Chichester Stakes at Goodwood and the Great Eastern Handicap, and that magnificent creature Thebais the Liverpool Autumn Cup, in addition to innumerable other races over all distances. An honester more never looked through a bridle. On the whole, therefore, this first season of 1884 was nearly one unbroken series of triumphs, and rarely indeed does it fall to the lot of an owner, noble or plebian, to be possessed at the same time of such animals as Thebais, Corrie Roy, Energy, Lovely, and Keir. Next year Gay Hermit won the Woodcote at Epsoin, and Thebais the Queen's Vase at Ascot, but in 1886 a mistake (as it turned out) was made in selling a batch of yearings to Lord Calthorpe for 10,000 guineas, among the lot being two alone worth more than twice the money, namely, Scabreeze and Satiety. Things did not prosper particular y well this year, though Gay Hermit won the Great Yorkshire Stakes and a good many small handicaps were appropriated. A huge disappointment was suffered when St. Mirin failed to beat The Sailor Prince in the Cambridgeshire, for Archer was so confident of success that he reduced himself within 11b of the weight to ride, and all concerned would have had a particularly good rate had the good thing come off. The horse was beaten, though, and the excessive strain on Archer's constitution rendered him unable to shake off the slightest ailment, and within a formight he was a dead man. The following season a great improveman. The following season a great improve-ment was shown, the season for the Manton stable being perhaps the best they had ever had, and of the good things the sub-ject of this memoir came in for her full share, since her colt Oberon started off well by winning the Lincolnshire Handicap and Gay Hermit won the Hunt Cup, a victory which was peculiarly auspicious, since it was the first mount for some time owing to a quarrel, which mount for some time, owing to a quarrel, which she had given to Charles Wood. A big coup was planned in the Derby this year, Eiridepord being backed down from 100 to 1 to 5 to 1, after running fast to the Corner the colt died away and did not finish in the first three, and though he made some amends by winning the Epsom Grand Prize the following afternoon, he proved a disappointing possession. In 1888 the Duchess married Mr Henry Milner, and for a time the horses ran in that gentlemen's name. Before long they were gradually removed from Manton to Newmarket, where at first Golding had charge of them. Among the most promi-nent of the animals that have run in recent years nent of the unimals that have run in recent years may be mentioned Whistle Jacket, Antibes, Seclusion, Ste. Agatha, Athol Lass, Riviera, Grand Prior, Janissary, Shall We Remember, Listen, Dalwhinnie, Valauris, Rousseau, Gavotte, St. Kilda, Goodlake, Hermence, Crown Princess, St. Angelo, Pilgrim's Progress, Hyeres, Oberland, Lady Caroline, Springaway, Desdemona, Lady Heron, and St. Cyr. After Golding, Grey had them and won a large number of races, though not of historical importance, if we except Shrine's runaway victory in the Chesterfield Cup. Later they were transferred to Joe Day. The latter had a fast mare in Medora, and with her he won the Stewards' Cup last yeas, and many races with Jocasta and Mecca. For a time the luck of the scarlet jacket seemed on the wane, and this spring the Dowager Duchess made up her mind to part not only with the brood mares and stallions—forming, perhaps with no exception, the finest stud in the world—but the horses in training. The former intention she carried out, but thought better of the latter. The stud was dispersed on July 2, and fetched 42,325 guineas, the yearlings making 11,770 guineas. Just at this time the luck seemed to turn, for None the Wiser, Contract, Broad Corrie, Adoration, and Beogar's Opera all started winning races, and spring the Dowager Duchess made up her mind Beggar's Opera all started winning races, and None the Wiser was backed on the strength of it for the St. Leger. She finished behind Amiable. but ran well, and as Shrine had been tried better than the three year old at the Czarewitch weights Shrine was deemed to have a chanc. She got third, but was beaten next week at Gatwick by Portland. The only two year old of note they have just now is Carrington, most of the others having been leased to Sir Frederick Johnstone. We may add that all those animals whose engagements appear in the book Calendar of 'Races to Come' were entered in Mr Milner's name, so the nominations stand.

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The results of the Waipu Races were as fol-The results of the Watpu Races were as follows:—Hurdle Race: Neli, 1; O.car, 2. Hack Race: Maharanee, 1; Gaicty, 2. Flying Stakes: Transit, 1; Dolph, 2. Maiden Plate: Gimp, 1; Maharance, 2. Waipu Cup: Transit, 1; Myrabelle, 2. Pony Race: Gimp, 1; Monymusk, 2. Settlers' Race: Wild Boy, 1; Dolph, 2. Consolation: Sulky. Hurry Scurry: Rangiora.

At the monthly meeting of the Auckland Racing Club Committee, held last Friday, the Racing Club Committee, held last Friday, the following programmes were passed —Keri Keri, January 29th; Rotorua, February 13th; Bay of Plenty, February 21st; Tologa Bay, March 16th. The disqualifiation of Henry Gillespie was removed and a license granted him, and the disqualification of A. Williams by the Waerenga-a-Hika Jockey Club was confirmed. Trainers licenses were granted to the following:—E. Kelly, S. Moody, E. Parkinson, T. Hodson, J. Byers, J. Stevenson, E. Reece, J. Ralph, J. Clements. The committee very properly decided to hold a searchcommittee very properly decided to hold a searching inquiry into the neglect of leaving a hurdle across the race track prior to the start for the Recovery Stakes on January 2nd. Had a fatality occurred in connection with that mistake, there would have been an inquiry, the result of would not have been pleasant for the A.R.C.

Turf Records.

WAIRARAPA RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.-JANUARY 1.

FIRST HUNTERS HURDLE HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. About one mile and a half.

Mr Q. Donald's g g Mutineer, by Treason — Desdemona, aged, 11.0,

Arnott Mr K. McKenzie's b g Kaikan, aged,

10.13, F. Matthews

TRIAL HACK HANDICAY of 25 sors; second horse to receive 5 sors from the stakes. About one

12 Mr G. Whiteman's ch g Persimmon, by Master Agnes, 3yrs, 7.3, Buckeridge 118 Mr W. Strang's ch g Brooklyn, 6yrs,

7.5, Beals Messrs Cress Bros. b m Awatere, 4yrs, 7.10. Jackson ...

Also started -135 Miss Minnie, 8.0, J. Reed; 0 Lady Gertrude, 8.0 (14lb over), Currie.

Won by a neck. Gertrude ran into a cart.
Time, 1min 50½ cc. Totalisator, 443. Dividend,

WAIRARAPA CUP HANDICAP of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stukes. About one mile and seven

furlongs.

Mr Wi Hutana's b h Tuhitarata, by
Tattler — Morehu, 6yrs, 7.7 (3lb

7.13 (including 3lb over) 3
Also started—110 Senator, 8.10, Ayres; 126
Von Tempsky, 8.4 (including 2lb over), Jackson;
71 Violence, 7.12, H. Reed; 0 Primero, 7.10.
A very exciting finish between the placed horses and Senator. Time, 3min 21; sec.
Totalisator, 629. Dividend, £9 12s.

FIRST HURDLE HANDICAF of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. About one mile and a half.

65 Mr P. F. Tancred's ch g. Oddfellow, by
Premier—Misdeal, aged, 11.12 (including 5lb over), Collins ... 1
60 Mr H. Welch's pbd m Half-caste, 6yrs,
10.0 (including 9lb over), Buckeridge 2 125

Time, 3min 0½ sec. Dividend, £1 14s.

FLYING HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Three quarters

Mr P. F. Tancred's ch g King's Bow

man, by Forester, 3yrs, 8.8 (including 51b over), Ayres...

Mr A. McKenzie's ch c Porepo, 4yrs,
8.3 (including 91b over), J. Reed ...

Mr N. Grace's rn g Legislator, 5yrs,
7.12, Daley 169 132569

Won easily. Time, 1min 164-5sec. Dividend, WAIRARAPA HACK HANDICAP of 35 sovs; second

horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. About one mile and a half.

Mr H. T. Mahupuku's b g The Toad, by
Voltigeur—Queen Coil, aged, 9.3
(including 5lb over), Herd ... Mr A. Urquart's ch g Inverness, 4yrs,

6.7, Woods ... Mr W. Strang's b m Springtime, 5yrs, 7.12, Beale 3
Also started— Oddfellow, 8.13, Collins; Royal

Tar, 8.13 (including 6lb over), Catt.
Won by half a length all out. Time, 2min
45sec. Dividend, £2 5s. GRANDSTAND WELTER HANDICAP of 45 sovs;

second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes.

About one mile and a furlong. Mr F. Martin's ch g Review, by St. George — Rebecca, 4yrs, 8.9, Arm-

strong

64 Mr Wi Hutana's b h Tuhitarata, Gyrs, 9.4, Herd 58 Mr A. W. Cave's b g Swordbelt, aged,

10.12, Wilkinson 3
Also started—55 Primero, 9.12, Reed; 82
Sedition, 9.6, Buckeridge; 38 Treacherous, 8.7,

Walden. An easy victory. Time, 2min 2sec. Totalisator, 600. Dividend, £2 15s.

TAUHERENIKAU HACK WELTER HANDICAP 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sors from the stakes. About one mile. 73 Mrs E. Smith's ch g Merryman, by Mangle — Sbadow, aged, 9.7, Sea-

combe...

42 Mr T. Walker's b g Slaiden, 5yrs, 9.2 (including 9lb over), Arnott

82 Mr H. T. Mahupuku's b g The Toad, aged, 11.3 (including 4lb over), F. Matthews

Also started - 18 D. ...

Matthews ... 3
Also started --16 Royal Tar, 10.8; 184 Caloola
II. 10.7, including 6lb over; 74 Miss Massey,
9.10; 25 Awatere, 9.3; 38 Orescent, 8.11; 6
Marapene, 8.7; 1 Remington Lee, 8.7.
Won by a neck after a slashing race. Time,
1min 50sec. Totalisator, 538. Dividend, £6

SECOND DAY .- JANUARY 2ND. SECOND HUNTERS HURDLE HANDICAP of 30

sove; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. About one mile and three quarters.

33 Mr A. McKenzie's b g Knikaa, by
Admiral, aged, II.10, Matthews ...

72 Mr F. Pearce's br g Cyrus II., aged,

12.2, Keegan...

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105 Mr Q. Donald's g g Mutineer, aged, 13.10, Cress ... 270

Won rather easily by half a length. Dividend, £2 12s.

TELEGRAPH HACK HANDICAP of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. About

three quarters of a mile. Mr H. T. Mahupuku's b g The Toad, by Voltigeur-Queen Coil, aged, 9.12,

132 Mr J. Reed's ch m Delusion, aged, 7.10, Beale 82 Mr T. Walker's b g Slaiden, 5yrs, 8.4,

Also started-62 Brooklyn, 7.4; 92 Guardsman, 6.12.

Won by a neck. Time, 1min 20sec. Totali-sator, 459. Dividend, £4 12s.

WAIRABAPA RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes.

About one mile and a half. Messrs Cress Bros. b h Von Tempsky, by Louis d'Or-Norah, aged, 8.0,

Jackson Mr C. R. Bidwill's ch g Arius, 4yrs, 8.5, R. Buckeridge ... Mr A. McKenzie's ch c Porepo, 4yrs,

Also started—139 Prince Cole, 8.12, Armstrong; 174 Senator, 8.9, Ayres; 35 Violence, 7.10, H. 7.10, B ale

Won comfortably at the finish by half a length, a neck dividing second and third; Senator fourth. Time, 2min 42sec. Totalisator, 560. Dividend, £9 17s.

SECOND HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. About one mile and a half.

Mr P. F. Tancred's ch g Oddfellow, by Premier-Misdeal, aged, 12.5, Col-

134 Mr T. Benton's b g Makomako, aged, 68

349Won as he liked. Time, 3min. Dividend, £2 2s.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 50 sovs; secon I horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. About seven furlongs.

Mr A. McKenzie's ch c Porepo, by Remington—Mascotte, 4yrs, 8.1, J. 142 Mr F. Martin's ch g Review, 4yrs, 7.7, Reed .

Armstrong ... Mr P. F. Tancred's ch g King's Bow-160 man, 3yrs, 8.12, Ayres

392

Won all the way; a bad start. Time, 1min 34sec. Dividend, £3 18s.

VALLEY HACK HANDICAP of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. About one mile and a quarter. Mr T. Benton's b g Makomako, by Admiral—Makura, aged, 8.12, H.

Reed 1

166 Mr H. T. Mahupuku's b g The Toad, aged, 9.13 (including 3lb over), Herd 2

136 Mr W. Strang's b m Springtime, 5yrs, 7.10, Beale 3

Royal Tar, 8.13, Catt, also ran.

Won by a length after a good race. Time, 2min 18sec. Dividend, £6. NEW YEAR HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse

to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. About one mile and a distance.

1 Mr F. Martin's ch g Review, by St.

George - Rebecca, 4yrs, 7.6, Armstrong ...
79 Mr C. R. Bidwill's ch g Arius, 4yrs, 8.7,

aged, 8.8 (including 6lb over)

Jackson ... 3
Also started—95 Tuhitarata, 7.10; 86 Legis lator, 7.6; 72 Viola II., 7.4; 12 Treacherous, 6.9.
Won all the way. Time, 2min 2sec. Totalisator, 434. Dividend, £9 19s.

FINAL HACK HANDICAP of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stakes. About

Mr H. Mahupuku's b g The Toad, by Voltigeur—Queen Coil, aged, 9.10,

52 Mr J. Reed's ch m Delusion, aged, 7.8,
Beale ...

7.2; 28 Guardsman, 6.10.
Won by a nose after a great finish. Time, 1min 35sec. Totalisator, 368. Dividend, £5 1s.

RANGITIKEI R.C. SUMMER MEETING

[WEATHER WET.]

GRAN STAND HANDICAP of 50 sovs. One mile and a quarter. 143 Mr E. N. Calthrop's Monte Carlo, 8.6,

McCormick ... Mr C. Fitzherbert's Kalmia, 7.10, Jen-

kins ... King John, 70,
Kingan ... Kingan 3 Also started — 26 Variety, 12 Pihanga, 91

Gunboat.

Monte Carlo won by a head. King John came very fast at the finish, but was unable to get up. Time, 2min 19sec. Totalisator, 408. Dividend, £2 11s.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 60 sovs. Two

miles.

113 Mr K. Waitere's Rangipai, 10.9,
McTaggart 1

101 Mr J. Green's Sunbeam 9.0, Morris ... 2
Only starters. Rangipai led from start to finish and won easily. Time, 4min 2 4-5sec.

Totalisator, 214. Dividend, £1 14s.