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Melton was sold some years back to the Italian Government for £10,000, and English breeders have ever since been regretting that he was allowed to leave the country, as his stock had been uniformly successful. Owing to his being abroad, there were no two-year-olds to represent him in 1894, but in reviewing the racing season of that year, the London Times of December 14th last says:—"Melton, with 23 winners of over £13,000, should be given precedence over Wisdom, for Best Man, who won 8 races, is undoubtedly his son, and as Melton's progeny have won £25,000 in the last two seasons, and have included such animals as Best Man, Avington, Bullingdon, and Indian Queen, it is easy to understand the regret felt at his being exported to Italy."

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FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

August 10—Auckland v. Tauranga, at Tauranga.
 Aug. 13—Auckland Rep. Footballers leave for South.
 Aug. 15—Auckland v. Hawke's Bay, at Napier.
 August 17—Auckland v. Northern Wairoa, at Auckland.
 Aug. 19—Auckland v. South Canterbury, at Timaru.
 Aug. 24—Auckland v. Otago, at Dunedin.
 Aug. 24—Auckland v. Waikato, at Auckland.
 Aug. 28—Auckland v. Canterbury, at Christchurch.
 Aug. 28, 29 and 31—Association Football Tournament, at Auckland.
 Aug. 31—Auckland v. Wellington, at Wellington.
 Aug. 31—Auckland v. Thames, at Thames.
 Sept. 2—Auckland v. Nelson, at Nelson.
 Sept. 6—Auckland v. Taranaki.

FOOTBALL.

The practice match of Saturday last between the A and B fifteens pointed conclusively to the fact that the Selection Committee had somewhat strengthened the A team, who were returned victors by 32 points to 13, after a fast though somewhat uninteresting game. The passing of the winning team stood out in strong contrast to that of the previous practice match, several clever passing runs being initiated with good results; but apart from this very little improvement was noticeable, unless perhaps the forwards were seen to better advantage in the scrums. In all other departments of the game the B fifteen were points ahead of their opponents, and on the whole the oval was to be found more often in the A twenty-five than in the B.

Smith at full back for the A team was not as safe as usual, and made one or two awkward mistakes during the afternoon, the most serious being the occasion when he let Ronayne pass him so easily and score a try. His kicking was also below the usual standard.

Surman and Stevenson were undoubtedly the plums of the back division, the former being responsible for two tries before retiring, whilst Stevenson made several nice dashing runs, always passing out with great accuracy in the nick of time. His defensive play was also good.

"Olly" Riley played a sound game throughout, and grafted hard, though not particularly conspicuous at any stage of the game.

C. Hay, who replaced Surman, played fairly well, doing all that was asked of him accurately.

Of the forwards Mills, Murray, Brady, Gittos, and Whitley were undoubtedly the pick, though Brown and Williamson were at times responsible for good work.

Sutherland, who was substituted full-back for B in place of Masefield, played the worst game I ever saw him play, and may be said to have ruined his prospects of a trip with the "reps."

Ronayne and Absolum were the pick of the B back division, both playing sterling games right through with hardly a mistake. The Parnellite may be said to have fairly retrieved his lost laurels, and Absolum justified his inclusion in Saturday's team, now that Wynyard is unable to play.

Caradus, behind the scrum, played one of the best games I have seen him play for some time past, and with Absolum and Ronayne initiated several neat dashes, besides showing sound defence.

Of the vanguard Evitt, Hobson, Donald, Gallagher, and Luke were undoubtedly the most conspicuous, whilst McKean and Speight were at times prominent. The first-mentioned (Evitt) in particular played a slashing game.

The junior contest on No. 2 Ground between Ponsonby and Suburbs resulted in a win for the former by 6 points to nil, Heaps and Greenhough each scoring for the victors. The game was a very even one throughout, and at times unnecessarily rough, Morrison, of Suburbs, getting a couple of ribs broken, and E. Wilson, of Ponsonby, his knee injured. On Saturday next Suburbs meet Newton, and should they succeed in defeating the Newtonites the championship will go to Ponsonby, whilst on the other hand, if Newton are returned victors the struggle for first honours will be fought out between this fifteen and Ponsonby. Should such result be brought about I am of opinion that Ponsonby will just about win.

In the Church Union matches on Saturday last All Saints defeated Onehunga by 5 points to nil, the score being a try secured by Oswald and converted by Stevenson. Mt. Albert defeated St. Benedicts by 3 points to nil, A. Wright securing the try. St. Sepulchre's defeated St. John's by 6 points to 3, Dacre

securing a try and Sloman kicking a penalty goal for the victors. St. Mark's defeated St. James by 8 points to nil. The Tabernacle defeated Pitt Street by 6 points to 5. In the last named match J. and H. Stevenson each secured a try for the winning team, and J. Gunson one for the losers, which was converted.

The contest between the railway clerks and porters at Epsom resulted in a win for the latter, after a close and exciting game, by 12 points to 11. For the victors, who were spoken of by the barracking fraternity as the "toilers," Cameron, Stehr, and Poland secured tries, and Hinton kicked a goal from a penalty kick; whilst for the losers, who were dubbed the "inkslingers," Mitchell, Brown, and McDonald were each responsible for a try, one of which was converted by Mitchell.

Roseberry defeated Clifton by 13 points to 3. For the victors Somerville scored two tries and Mills one, two of which were converted. Spiers secured the try for the losing team.

Takapuna won their match with Newton II. by 9 points to 5. Gerrard, Walker, and Chamberlain each secured tries for Takapuna, and Kelly one for Newton, which was converted.

The employees of the well-known retail drapery firms of Smith and Caughey and D.S.C. played a friendly game, which went to Smith and Caughey's after a very even contest, Gilmore for the winners scoring a try in the last two or three minutes.

Native Rose defeated Imperial by 7 points to 3.

After a toughly contested match Albany secured a verdict over Avenue II. by 8 points to 6. For the victors Grindrod and E. Smith were each responsible for a try, one of which was converted; whilst for the losing side Freeman and Jones both secured tries.

The following teams have been selected for the practice match to be held on Saturday next:—"A" Team.—Smith, Riley, Absolum, Stephenson, Braund, Brady, Gittos, Murray, Brown, C. Speight, Clarkin, Heffernan, Mills, Whitley. "B" Team.—Masefield, Breen, C. Hay, McPhail, Ronayne, Edmonds, Martin, Eaton, McMillan, Williamson, Evitt, Green, Luke, Donald, Freeman.

Emergencies.—Full-back, Sutherland; three-quarters, Siddle, Warnock; five-eighth, Ramsay; half, Caradus; forwards, Gallagher, Hobson, Sterling, Thomson. From this it will be seen that several alterations have again been made in both teams. Wynyard and Surman are missing from the back division of the "A" team, and rumours are abroad that neither of these players will be able to go South with the reps.; whilst several alterations have also taken place in the vanguard, the most notable being the inclusion of C. Speight and Clarkin in place of Williamson and Eaton (who gained his place owing to the absence of McMillan). If in anything like old-time form the introduction of Speight and Clarkin will greatly strengthen the forwards, though it is hardly to be expected that either will put in an appearance on Saturday unless the Union pays their expenses.

On Saturday week the Wanganui reps. visit Auckland, and judging by the high opinion held of the visitors by the football scribes of that district it is to be anticipated that the contest will be well worth witnessing.

A Thames correspondent writes:—"On Saturday last the Waihi team played the Rovers at the Thames, the game being witnessed by a large number of spectators. There was little between the two teams, though if asked to choose I should say that the visitors were just a trifle better than the home team. The Rovers winning the toss decided to play with the sun, Waihi kicking off. Following up fast the visitors soon had the home line in danger, but from a scrum the Rovers placed themselves out of danger. Open play resulted, the Thamesites finally rushing the leather over the Waihi line, where Bestie (an old Thames boy) cleverly saved. From a penalty kick which followed shortly after, Moore landed an unmistakable goal for the visitors, the call of time leaving the score, Waihi 3, Rovers nil. At the opening of the second half the home team, playing with great dash, placed their opponents on the defensive, a force eventually resulting. The game continued of a very even nature, several nice passing runs being got off by either side, Paul for Thames making a splendid

effort for a goal, which, however, fell short. Finally Waihi penned the local men in their own 25, and after a grand struggle Garvey crossed the line, scoring a try for the strangers, which Moore, however, failed to convert. Moore retrieved his failure at kicking shortly after with a grand run from half-way, and getting through his men in good style, crossed the line and recorded a second try for Waihi, McGregor failing to add the major points. Time was called shortly after, leaving Waihi victors by 9 points to nil. In the evening the visitors were treated to a smoke concert, a very pleasant evening being spent."

In the senior football matches at Wellington on Saturday Ponke defeated Melrose by 3 points to nil, and the Athletics defeated Wellington by 9 points to 8.

The Selection Committee of the Taranaki Rugby Union have picked the following as certainties to represent Taranaki in interprovincial contests this year:—Full-back, J. Robinson; three-quarters, A. Good, A. Bayly, and H. Good; five-eighth, L. Allen; halves, J. Laing, A. Humphries, and W. Bayly; forwards, D. J. Hughes, F. Livingston, W. Watson, J. Wells, W. Lambie. The other two forwards will, it is understood, be chosen from the following:—W. Sangster, O'Carroll, O'Dowda, and Buckley. This is a combination that will take a lot of beating and if the local "reps." are to be returned victors in their match against Taranaki they will needs be at their best.

At the recent meeting of the Management Committee of the Thames Rugby Union it was decided to endeavour to get Wanganui to play Thames on Arbor Day, August 7th, the Union to guarantee the visitors £10. A letter was received from Northern Wairoa stating their willingness to visit the Thames, and a reply was sent asking that the match be arranged for August 24th, the Union offering a guarantee of £8. In the matter of the representative match with Auckland the Secretary was instructed to reply that footballers and the Thames public generally desire to witness a contest between Auckland and Thames representative teams, and not a second selection from Auckland. They ask that the match be arranged for September 14th or 21st.

During his recent visit to Auckland Mr Frank Jervis tied the matrimonial knot, and all footballers will join with me in wishing the old three-quarter long life and happiness.

At the meeting of the Wellington Rugby Union on July 17, the following programme was decided upon:—Wellington v. Manawatu, at Wellington; Wellington v. Canterbury, at Christchurch, August 17; Wellington v. Taranaki, at Wellington, August 24; Wellington v. Auckland, at Wellington, August 31; Wellington v. Hawke's Bay, at Wellington, Sept. 14.

The football writer in the *Yeoman* inclines to the opinion that the forthcoming match between the Wanganui and Auckland "reps." will result in favour of the Wanganui fifteen. He says:—"A great deal of course will depend upon how D. Blair shapes, but I take it if he passes well our team will prove strong enough in all departments of the game for Auckland. The latter's 'reps.' are no doubt scientific and up to all the clever and tricky points of the game, but during the next fortnight our men can make themselves conversant with such, in which case they will have nothing to fear from the Northerners. Our forwards only require a little coaching to be able to hold their own with any team, while so far as it is possible to judge, the backs are quite strong enough for the Auckland back division." Referring to Frank Surman this writer advises the local men to take a lot of care of the Northern sprinter, who (Surman) unlike the the majority of very fast men, can take a ball splendidly, while his phenomenal speed enables him to intercept many passes. Should the vanguard be strong enough the Wanganui "reps." will in all probability take Craig from the wing to mark Surman.

The Wellington Rugby representative team is almost sure to come from the following—Backs: Bourke, Davidson, Galloway, Hales, Roberts Duncan, Warwick, Crawford, Baumber, Kelly, and Pudney. Forwards: McKenzie, Kelly, Pauling, Poland, Hardcastle, Swindley, Young, Pringle, Campbell, Calnan, and King.

The following teams are in practice at Wairoa in view of the forthcoming match with Auckland on August 17th:—"A" Team.—Full-back, Walker; three-quarters, Harrison, Butland, Elliott; halves, Kitching, A. Smith, Phelan, forwards, Baoker, Woolams, Keegan, F. Molloy, J. Neill, E. Harrison, C. Molloy, J. Smith. "B" Team.—Full-back, McKay; three-quarters, Hauraki, Johnstone, Phelan; halves, F. Brown, G. Moros and Chambers; forwards, G. Nield, Bonella, W. Smith, Keane, Nelson, Wormington, Dunn, and Baker. The Wairoa boys seem fairly confident that with practice and training they will prove too strong for the opposition of our second fifteen, and judging by what I can hear of the form shown by them this season I should certainly say they have every reason to believe that they will hold their own with the local men. In their practice match of Saturday last the "A" team defeated the "B's" by 6 points to nil, the game being a closely contested and interesting one from the fall of the flag, and though returned victors the chosen division had to graft to win.

A correspondent, "Spectator," writing to the *Wellington Mail*, says:—"In view of the forthcoming Association tournament, I send my choice of the Wellington team as I think it ought to be comprised. I have carefully watched the form of these players, and think that if they are selected Wellington will be thoroughly represented: Goal keeper, Bell; full-backs, Courtenay and Shields; halves Richardson, Hefford, C. McLeod; forwards, Plenderleith, Fernie, Hallwood, Fraser, and Heather.

New South Wales has adopted a new uniform.

The caps are of royal blue velvet, with silver braid and tassell, the jerseys light blue, having on the left breast a waratah worked in silk.

It costs about £450 to maintain an Oxford or Cambridge Rugby football team for a season, and about £300 to keep an Association team going.

Last week a contributor wrote me that Eden had defeated Ellerslie by 35 points to 11. The captain of the latter team informs me that such was not the case, the game resulting in a draw, each side scoring a try.

ATHLETICS, Etc.

The cross-country steeplechase meeting of the Canterbury Amateur Athletic Club will in all probability be held at New Brighton on the 21st of September.

That a rough draft of the Christchurch Cycling Club's grand cycling carnival, proposed to be held on January 13th and 20th, '96, shows prizes totalling £223.

That cyclists Holbein and Stocks recently rode in England 100 miles on tandem in 4hrs. 46min. 48sec.

The crack English middle-distance runner, E. C. Bredin, was 29 years of age on Monday last.

A recent cable from New York to a London journal says the religionists intend trying to prevent the contest between Corbett and Fitzsimmons taking place at Dallas, Texas. This, however, is a useless endeavour, as there is no law in the State against boxing.

Mendellson's jumps in the long jump trials at Cambridge University on June 4th were:—20ft 10in, 21ft 4½in, 21ft 6½in, and 21ft 9½in. The best of the other competitor's jumps was 20ft 7½in by A. J. P. Warlow. Subsequently another trial was held.

Mr C. B. Smith, the Hon. Sec. of the New Zealand Cricket Council, has received the following cablegram from Bowden, the Secretary of the New South Wales Cricket Association:—"Decided to send team; letter following." This will be the first occasion that a representative team has been sent under the auspices of the New South Wales Association, and their visit should be looked forward to with interest.

For some months negotiations had been in progress for a contest between a team selected by the Inter-collegiate Association of America, and a team from Oxford and Cambridge, the proposal being to hold the contest in England. Much correspondence had passed between the parties interested and various suggestions had been made, but up to the time of the mail leaving nothing definite had been arranged, though a committee from Oxford and Cambridge had discarded the idea to unite and meet the picked athletes of the American Universities. This committee, however, in view of the fact that Yale had visited England last season, decided to form a team and meet representatives from Yale and Harvard, in America, if those bodies feel disposed to fall in with the suggestion, which very likely will be the case.

The West Coast Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club now claims a membership of 134.

New Zealand's Agent-General in London, Sir Westby Percival, playing in a cricket match for New Zealand and Tasmania combined against Australia at Ewell on June 4th., put up top score of 35. However, Australia won by 110 runs and three wickets.

M.B.C. Plate, one mile, £27; Second and Third Class Bicycle Race, one mile, £14; Ten Miles Championship, £13; Tandem Bicycle Race, two miles, £9. The Austral carries with it £20 more in prize money than last year, as the winner of each heat will receive £2. If Zimmerman arrives in Australia in time for the meeting he will be eligible to compete in five of the seven events.

Coursing Notes.

[BY SLIP.]

FIXTURES.

August 21 and 24—Auckland C.C. Champion Collar Stakes, Sapling Stakes, Recovery Stakes, and Final Stakes.

DUNEDIN.

July 31, Aug. 1, 2—Champion and Bracelet Stakes

Mr Macready informs me he has sold one of his Merchant—Bantam pups to a southern gentleman at a very respectable figure. The youngster was shipped to Dunedin last week.

The addition of a Final Stake for an unlimited number of dogs at 10s., who have never won two courses in any one stake at any one meeting, into the August Meeting of the Auckland Coursing

likely candidates the Auckland nominations should render a very fair account of themselves. Ferguson will go down to slip for the Southrons, and if the terms offered by Mr Barr should prove palatable to the Napierites that gentleman will act as judge.

The following nominations have been received for the coursing meeting to be held at the Forbury Plumpton, Dunedin, on July 31 and August 1 and 2:—Champion Stakes, for all-aged dogs at £3 each.—J. Graham 3, W. H. Murdoch 1, J. Fleming 1, J. Deumm, jun. 1, A. Dey 1, C. George 1, W. Harley 1, J. C. Jerome 3, J. Crawshaw 1, Leslie and Black 1, E. R. Kidd 1. Bracelet Stakes, for all-aged dogs, at £2 each.—Alex. Wilson 1, Miss L. M'Kenzie 1, A. B. Wiley 1, J. Anderson 1, A. and J. Deaker 1, W. Winchester 1, D. Wilson 1, J. Pickersgill 1, W. Henry 1, J. Waters 1, A. Cursey 1, H. Lethady 3, C. Hargraves 1, W. Carswell 1, C. George 1, F. Farquaharson 1, J. H. Morris 2, W. Harley 1, C. Reekie 1, W. H. Murdoch 1, J. C. Jerome 2, J. W. Price 1, J. Mitchell 4, J. Morrell 1, S. Myers 3, T. Dunford 1, W. Hutchens 1, A. Dey 1, W. Wyne 2. Sapling Stakes, at £2 each.—J. S. Capstick 1, R. Murphy 1, W. Carswell 2, J. W. Price 1, A. Aitken, jun. 1. In addition to the above there will be a stake run on the second day for maiden dogs at £1 10s. each.

Our Napier correspondent writes:—"The Hawke's Bay Coursing Club have appointed J. Ferguson of Auckland as slipper for their inaugural meeting in September. The position of judge has not yet been filled, although several applications from competent men have been received by the committee."

Nominations for the Stakes to be run at the August Meeting of the Auckland Coursing Club fall due on Friday, August 9th.

Particulars of the National Coursing Club's Challenge Stake of 1896 will be found in our advertising columns. The first payment of 5s. falls due on Wednesday, August 28th.

Mr Frank Baker's bitch, Hemlock (Padlock—Spruce), has visited Messrs. Gordon and Macready's well-known stud dog Merchant (Livingstone—Leoline). The whelping should prove a valuable one.

Only one stake has been advertised for the Hawkes Bay Coursing Club's Meeting, though it is to be anticipated that no difficulty will be experienced in raising sufficient entries for a consolation stake. Nominations (£1) close with the Secretary, Mr G. T. Cross, at the Caledonian Hotel, Napier, at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21.

HUNTING PICTURES—No. 3.



LADIES WHO HUNT (Mrs W. R. Bloomfield)

The Irish Championship Meeting was held on June 3rd, at Dublin, with the following results:—Throwing hammer, T. F. Kiely, 133ft 7in (Irish record); half-mile, J. J. Mullen, in 2min 3½sec; 100yds, J. C. Meredith, in 10 2-5sec; 440yds, J. C. Meredith, in 51 3-5sec; one mile, J. J. Mullen, in 4min 35 3-5sec; high jump, J. M. Ryan, 5ft 11in; one mile steeplechase, J. Archer; 120yds hurdles, T. F. Kiely, in 17 1-5sec; putting shot, D. Horgan, 45ft 4in; long jump, T. F. Kiely, 20ft 7in.

W. Mendellson, of Jesus College, Cambridge, the ex-New Zealander, has been winning more athletic and cricketing laurels. He stands second in the cricket average for his College, his figure being thirty-four. He won the trial long jump with 21ft 9½in, and subsequently jumped successively 22ft 4½in and 22ft three times consecutively. His merits have been recognised, and he has secured his "blue" as a member of the Cambridge University Athletic Team, an honour which he naturally appreciates.

The sum of £378 is to be given away at this year's Austral Meeting. The prizes have been apportioned as follows:—Austral Wheel Race, two miles, £250; One and a half Mile Wheel Race, £25;

Club is an innovation that has been looked forward to for some time past by local owners, and should result in a very large field. There are many dogs in Auckland that owners would not care to pit against our top sawyers but at the same time would be only too glad to give them a spin with animals of their own calibre at a reasonable figure, if such stake were introduced. Now that the club have catered for the requirements of the class of dogs spoken of it is to be hoped that owners will respond liberally in order that the club may be encouraged to continue inserting stakes of this description in future programmes.

A great deal of interest is being evinced amongst local coursing enthusiasts in the forthcoming meeting of the Hawke's Bay Coursing Club, to be held at the Club's new Plumpton at Napier on September 4th. Several Aucklanders are already speaking of making the journey, and it is to be anticipated that a very fair sprinkling of local dogs will participate in the gathering, including several of our most prominent stake winners. Mr Fox, for one, will, I understand, take a somewhat formidable string down with him, and what with the several other well-known dogs mentioned as

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Aug. 8 and 10—N.Z. Grand National Meeting
Aug. 9—Canterbury Trotting Club Spring
Aug. 15—Tinwald Harriers Club
Aug. 22—North Canterbury Hunt Club
Sept. 7—Otago Hunt Club
Sept. 12 & 14—South Canterbury J.C. Spring
Oct. 7 and 8—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring
November 9—Taratahi-Carterton R.C.

AUSTRALIAN FIXTURES.

August 3, 10—V.A.T.C. Grand National Meeting
August 10—Canterbury Park R.C.
August 10, 17—Adelaide R.C. Grand National Meeting
August 16, 17—Queensland Turf Club
August 17—Warwick Farra R.C.
August 24—Rosehill R.C.
September 14, 17, 19, and 21—Australian J.C. Spring Meeting
October 12, 19—V.A.T.C. Spring Meeting
November 2, 5, 7, 9—V.R.C. Spring Meeting

NOMINATIONS.

August 3—North Canterbury H.C. Steeplechase Meeting
August 17—Otago Hunt Club

HANDICAPS.

August 12—North Canterbury H.C. Steeplechase Meeting
August 23—Otago Hunt Club

ACCEPTANCES.

August 2—New Zealand Cup
August 5 & 9—N.Z. Grand National Meeting (minor events and final payment for Grand National double)
August 17—North Canterbury H.C. Steeplechase Meeting
August 31—Otago Hunt Club

FURTHER PAYMENTS.

August 2—C.J.C. Derby and Oaks

FIRST FOREFIT.

August 2—Fifth Challenge Stakes

SECOND FOREFIT.

August 2—Fourth Challenge Stakes

HUNTING.**PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.**

August 3—St. John's College, noon

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"SUBSCRIBER," Waihi.—Sixteen horses fell in Grace Darling's Caulfield Cup, viz., Top Too, Sardius, Claptrap, Tom Brown, Lord Exeter, Prince Imperial, Despot, Israelite, Winchester, Country Boy, Sirocco, Tarpeia, Kingship, Lucky Hit, Urah, and Real Jam.
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Sporting Review

AND

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1895.

The past week has been productive of several important parliamentary developments which can only be read in one light. We cannot disguise the fact that the totalisator, an invention that has brought financial health to many a struggling racing organisation and purity to the sport of racing, is being venomously attacked by a set of intolerant bigots whose knowledge of the matter they have taken in hand is as puny as is their conception of fair play. And that is saying a lot. Last session the Parliamentarians wrestled with the subject of betting, and after much talk they arrived at the conclusion that New Zealanders race to an improper extent. It was decided to curtail the number of totalisator permits, and the Racing Conference, in accordance with the new Gaming Act, provided that from to-day the number of legitimate race meetings should be *two thirds less* than was the case in season 1892-93. That reduction was a healthy move, for there is little doubt that racing in the past has been carried to excess. But now our parliamentary friends are forsaking the path of healthy reform for the one trodden by bigots whose brains are choked with faddist fungus, to the exclusion of any conception of the virtues of moderation. Extremists never do any good for themselves or anybody else, and we are thankful that, as a rule, they sink back into the obscurity from which they should never have arisen. They generally arouse the opposition of their auditors by fanatical lopsided mouthings, and the beginning of that natural opposition will soon come to pass, thanks to the farcical measures that are being carried into the House by the Extremists. There are two legislative luminaries in our House of Representatives who have purchased moral spectacles of a certain strength, and they now ask the people of New Zealand, whose eyesight is not affected by so many unhealthy notes, to fix the aforesaid specs. on their noses and see with the eyes of men like Mr W. Hutchison of Dunedin, a gentleman whose mission in life appears to force his particular fads down every throat in the country. Twelve months ago Parliament agreed that the Turf would be reformed if certain branches of the Racing Tree were lopped off. That pruning takes effect from to-day and instead of the Legis-

lature being allowed to wait the result of the Reform about to be given effect to, it is being requested by a few of its morbid, Cold Tea members to stultify its decision of a year ago and cast the machine into the outer darkness. The argument of the anti-totalisator fiend has not grown more lucid than it was twelve months back. It is the same old intolerant shriek unsupported by argument or decency. Years ago the Turf was covered with excrescences and the Totalisator came along and not only made clean the national pastime but gave to the country a revenue which in olden time sank into the pockets of the few. Now, the virtuous Mr Carnell calls for a return of the old order of things, while Mr Hutchison goes the whole animal and shrieks for the abolition of the racing tree with its many branches of employment. The desire and blindness of the anarchist have entered into this gentleman who sends forth a puny howl for the destruction of New Zealand's training and breeding establishments, her many racing grounds, and the turning loose of the hundreds of employes connected with such establishments in order that they may join the unemployed and bless for ever the name of Hutchison. However, it would be a waste of time to take this pearl of legislative ability seriously. Like a child crying for the moon Mr Hutchison is wailing for the impossible, for his demands are absurd unless the people of New Zealand are suffering from brain rot and have forgotten there is such a thing as liberty of the subject. The very force of the man's fury will strangle his chance of success so he can be left to his inane bigoted wailing.

In the case of Mr Carnell, the House appeared to allow its judgment to be caught napping. According to the telegrams received from Wellington this gentleman's measure for the abolition of the machine has been introduced in the House on a division of 40 to 19. This result appears to give the Napier M.H.R. a working majority—but were all the forty voters honest in their declaration against the machine? And will they be found voting with Mr Carnell when his measure comes up for serious debate? We take leave to doubt the sincerity of the division that has brought such joy to the Napier statesman. We were of the opinion that the arguments for and against the machine were sufficiently well-known to enable our representatives to give a different reply to Mr Carnell's motion, and until they speak plainly we will not believe that sensible men of the world are allowing one or two brazen throated extremists to entice them into regarding matters with the one eyed gaze peculiar to faddists. The people opposed to the machine seem to forget one thing, that so long as New Zealanders retain traces of their Anglo Saxon descent the love of racing will exist in them and demand expression. For three hundred years Englishmen have practised the sport of racing, and the desire for its continuance has been increasing in power with the passage of every year. The roots of the racing tree are of exceeding strength, and it is just probable that even the power of a Carnell or a Hutchison will be found unequal to the task of pulling them from the affections of the people. Accepting the fact that racing will continue in the land is it not better to place a check upon it which besides purifying the sport will give material financial aid to its supporters and the country. Mr Carnell may wish, like Mr Hutchison, to take up the position of a destroying angel, but we are prepared to credit him with the possession of sufficient sense to know that such a role is not obtainable so long as the people retain a portion of the brain power the Creator has endowed them with. What then does the member for Napier want? He is returned by people who are intimately acquainted with racing. Is it that his constituents object to the totalisator and desire the return of the Ring system of betting? The answer of the Napier people will doubtless be given in no uncertain voice when Mr Carnell again appears at the hustings. The only people whose interests call for the abolition of the machine are a few large owners and the Ringmen, and one would think that the strenuous opposition of the latter is sufficient proof that they cannot supply the wants of the public at the figure charged by the machine. However, apart

from the prices given by the human and mechanical bettors there is the unanswerable argument that the latter gives support to genuine racing and spells large stakes and cheap sport for the owner who is thus rendered independent of the very thing the Extremists wish to banish—betting. Let our stakes continue to grow under the shelter of the machine and the day is not far distant when an owner will have no reason to bet in order to race. And surely we all know that the more non-betting owners there are, the better it will be for true Sport. Further, the very fact of the machine offering long outside returns induces owners to send their animals out to win, and an increase in the number of "triers" is indeed a reform contrasted with the state of things we were used to in the long ago, when horses performed the apparently impossible feat of getting inside leather bags, to the discomfort and loss of the people.

We would ask the Parliamentarians to remember this. The past year has shown, in Australia, England, and America that racing and betting cannot be stopped. The former will be the sport of Englishmen years hence when even the memory of a Hutchison has faded, and there will always be a certain amount of accompanying betting. The Anti-Gamblers of England sought to stifle turf speculation, not only on racecourses, but in social clubs, and utter failure crowned their efforts. In America a law was actually passed to stop course wagering, but what has been the result? Simply the abolition of cash for credit betting, and we think most people will agree that the less credit is obtainable in turf matters the better for the public. Hang out a credit sign and many men will bet on the chance of winning, knowing that an extension of time will be given them if their speculation fails. And what has been the result of the Sydney-side crusade against shop betting? Utter failure, for though heavy fines were inflicted in the first blush of the Reformers' enthusiasm, the secret "tote," an infinitely worse thing than the legalised machine, still flourishes under the very nose of the N.S.W. police. Legislators may throw out the totalisator, but they will never eradicate racing, and so long as that continues the spirit of speculation will accompany it. We do not defend betting. On the contrary, we quite recognise the fact that it is an unfortunate, but inevitable, accompaniment of racing. But we do think that if the totalisator is wrecked by short-sighted and blatant Reformers the country will quickly be afflicted with the curse of shop betting. The outlook simply resolves itself into a question of public and private gambling, and even Lord Lamington, the last survivor of the Gaming Committee of the House of Commons, learnt to rue his action in choosing the latter in preference to the former. The report of that Committee suppressed public gambling in England, and shortly before his death Lord Lamington made the following striking admission. He stated in *Blackwood's Magazine* that "had they been aware of the dimensions which private gambling was destined to assume, they would never have recommended the abolition of public gambling, which, of the two, is by far the less injurious and liable to abuse." Our parliamentary representatives would do well to ponder over that quotation.

Amid the Thoroughbreds.

[BY BORDERER.]

A TRIP TO WELLINGTON PARK.

MR MORRIN'S XMAS OFFERINGS.

TWICE every year sporting writers have the pleasant task of strolling over the famous Wellington Park breeding stud for the purpose of noting the godly contingent of youthful equine aristocrats that Mr T. Morrin disperses at Xmas to keep green the names of the great sires and dams located at his Park. Such visits are always keenly enjoyed by the unfortunates whose task it is to collect racing gossip and stable news, and supply race-goers with "tips"; for the Master of Wellington Park is a generous host, and what is more to the point, he is in a position to show you some of the most aristocratically-bred parcels of horseflesh to be found anywhere in the Australias. A turf writer's life is not always cast in pleasant places. He is called upon to anticipate racing results, and when he does get on the mark his readers murmur, "Pooh, only a piece of luck," while in the event of his selections failing to score, his

clients revile him in unmeasured terms, and place his ill-luck on a handy memory shelf which they may easily reach in the event of further anathematical language being required to help digestion. The turf writer tells a trainer or an owner a piece of unwelcome truth and his writing retreat is hurriedly invaded by individuals who assure him with unnecessary vehemence that he is a malicious pervertor and a stupendous fraud. The knowledge of certain little vagaries peculiar to turf men is necessary to the financial happiness of the more or less blind army of backers, and it is the unpleasant duty of the turf writer to point them out. In return, the parties affected deem it their duty to inform him with a quite unnecessary supply of electrical language that he is a blundering blitherer, supplied with a considerably smaller supply of reasoning ability than is found in the common or garden variety of idiot. A racing professor is informed (through the apparently safe avenue of type and printer's ink) that one of his horses did not show correct form at such and such a meeting. The paper containing the observation is barely on the streets when that Master of (racing) Arts spreads himself over your office, and in language more forcible than polite intimates that you are a colossal exaggerator, with the brain of a one-eyed mosquito.

This is a digression, but it may explain why we hail with satisfaction a run over a breeding estate like Wellington Park, where highly-bred equine babies regard you with honest eyes and note with gratified interest (and an occasional kick) the favourable criticism passed on them. There is a refreshing absence of guile in baby racers, and one praises their beauty, records in print their promising appearance, and inside one short year wins or loses (generally the latter) many shekels over their turf deeds. Yes, it is a

such an abundance of racing points in conformity with their choice breeding that critics will find it hard to pick out a single disappointing one. With the exception of the four late St. Leger fillies alluded to every member of the batch is well muscled, strong, and lusty looking. Mr Morrin's establishment has been dealt with so often by more eloquent pens than mine that I can afford to pass over the beauty of the estate and the appropriateness of its surroundings for the work of its owner. It would indeed be hard to find a more suitable spot for a breeding farm, or one so complete in its appointments. With naturally drained meadows, abundantly provided with sweet pasturage, the best blood it is possible to procure, and a studmaster versed in the art of successful "nicks," it would be strange if shabby youngsters passed through the Wellington Park gates, and it's odds on that the New Year sale will not disclose anything unworthy of the Stud's high reputation.

Last Saturday's visit was made in company with my confreres of the daily Press, and after the stallions of the stud had shown off their paces our host took us through the yearling stables, the inmates of which number just three dozen. St. Leger, the Premier sire of last season's winning list heads the poll with 11 descendants (5 fillies and 6 colts), Cuirassier comes next with 10 (6 fillies and 4 colts), Castor has 9 youngsters (5 fillies and 4 colts), and the Musket horse Hotchkiss stands lowest in the tally with a quintette (1 filly and 4 colts). The returns quoted total 35, and a filly by Brigadier from The Jilt brings the record to just three dozen. Last year the total was 27, and the year before 31, while the 1892 catalogue showed a main of 20. Compared with the results of the last couple of years, the present figures show that St. Leger and Cuirassier

a promise of great development over the loins. Last year Castor gave Cissy a colt foal, Daystar, and the coming season will show what the nick of Zealot's son on a daughter of Musket is capable of. A glance at the Stenning string in work at Ellerslie proves that Cissy threw a slippery one in October of 1893 and her second foaling should show up equally well. Daystar's sister is quiet and sensible to a degree and should give rise to keen competition next January. The price of the Castor—Cissy youngster at the last sale was 280 guineas. Box No. 2 holds a Castor—Pungawerewere filly, chestnut in colour. She is later in her foaling date than the Cissy youngster whom she resembles very much in the dignified contempt she displays for intruders. This yearling represents the first mating of Castor with the daughter of Golden Grape and Atalanta. "Punga" gave a proved one to Nordenfeldt in the shape of the Auckland Cup winner Crackshot and we are led to believe that her Hotchkiss pledge of affection, Osculator, is several cuts above the ordinary. Besides the pair named she has produced amongst others the Musket horse Tetford, Deadshot's dam Katipo, West Australian, Brigadier, and Pugerewere. I am aware that Pungawerewere's Dunedin Cup of 1876 was a trifle unexpected and that while on the turf she was not too reliable. Although she had the pace Punga was not always willing to shoot it out, but her little failing in this respect has not been transmitted to her progeny as witness the readiness to gallop on the part of Crackshot (a Canterbury and Auckland Cup winner), Tetford (a Wanganui Cup victor), and St. James (Dunedin Cup) to say nothing of Brigadier's sound racing. Punga's latest offspring is very evenly balanced and has a steady business-like appearance. Box No. 3 contains a Castor—Welcome Katie filly

visitings, but after several failings she had the luck to hold to Mr Morrin's pet sire, Castor, and that holding has resulted in a very pretty piece of horseflesh. This young gentleman occupies a box famous in the history of Wellington Park, for it has housed all the top-sawyers. When I visited the stud this time last year, the Castor—Cissy colt, Daystar, was the occupant of this box, and I remember noticing some pencil marks on the door which proved to be a sum totalling of 7,600 guineas. That represented the sum of money paid up to the end of 1894 for the youngsters who passed the first year of their lives within its walls. The 280 guineas paid for Daystar brings the tally up to 7,880 guineas, and when 1896 opens a further respectable addition should result. If he proves worthy of his box the son of Carbine's sister will do, and though I am not going to pick him as the clipper of the Park lot, there is ground for saying that he stands pretty well up in the list. He is a very promising looking rangy brown colt, clean limbed, with fine head and neck and good barrel. His looks approach perfection, and the breeding would pass that stage were it possible. This youngster forms the first of the Turf Nomenclature Competitions promoted by the SPORTING REVIEW of which more anon. On looks he will be more than worthy of the best name suggested. The Lady Walmsley colt's next door neighbour is a son of Castor and the famous Musket—Locket mare Necklace (dam of Swordbelt, Miss Letty, Collarette, and Cravat). This colt is bay in colour with white hind feet, and should develop into a very powerful racer. He is a very large and well furnished youngster, with good flat legs, big joints, and altogether has an appearance of great power and stamina. Last year the Messrs. Duder, Bros. gave 200 guineas

The Premier Sire of Season 1894-95.



ST. LEGER (imp.), 1881 (by Doncaster—Atlantis).

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treat to spend a day away from the bewildering study of handicaps, the placating of wild-eyed office visitors, and the misleading sights and confidences of the training track, and in no quarter is the treat so varied as at Wellington Park. Last Saturday I visited the home of St. Leger, Castor, and Co., at the invitation of Mr Morrin, who assured me he had one of the best, if not the best, batch of rising yearlings he has ever offered at the January sales. Before describing the numerous parcels of racing mystery shown me during my visit last Saturday, let me say that Mr Morrin does not deviate from the path of Truth when he claims unusual excellence for his latest horse crop. Taking the yearlings individually and collectively they certainly beat the last two Park harvests. In one or two instances, or four to be accurate, the rising yearlings of 1896 are a bit small, but when you are dealing with thirty-six youngsters it is a wonderful percentage to find thirty-two grandly grown and well-nigh perfectly proportioned colts and fillies. This year the Wellington Park bunch is unusually forward, and in view of the season we have experienced the wealth of growth to be found in Mr Morrin's yearling boxes is remarkable. Excluding a quartette of late St. Leger fillies all the youngsters are so splendidly grown as to excite comment even in connection with the Park Stud, where the undersized business is practically unknown. The present lot are to my own knowledge collectively superior to those of 1893 and 1894, and men who possess a longer acquaintance of Wellington Park than I do are confident that in no year has so good a batch been grown on the slopes of Mount Wellington. For general uniform excellence the writer has never seen their equals. While among them some half dozen certainly rank in the very first flight, yet all show

have advanced most in the number of gets. Two years back St. Leger had a solitary representative, last year he had a couple, now he has eleven to represent him. And as his breeding mates in the present production include Sapphire (dam of Bluefire and Mannlicher), Bangle (dam of Casker), Aida (dam of Impulse and Abel), Hazel (dam of Hazelmere), and Balista (sister to Artillery and Hilda and half sister to Strathmore), there is every reason why the son of Doncaster should keep well up in the list of winning sires. He had no youngsters to help him in achieving the position of premier in this year's stallion list, so when his present running representatives are supplemented by the yearlings under reviews his opponents should find it hard to shake him from the top of the tree. Cuirassier's total (5) at last year's sale has been doubled, and it is pretty safe to prophesy big things for Trenton's brother now that he is receiving the assistance of such mares as Bianca, Albatross, Ouida, Radiant, and Rose of Wellington. Castor has one youngster less than was the case last year, and Hotchkiss has two less, while his main shows a decrease of eight compared with the figures for the 1894 sale.

Coming to the youngsters themselves we first looked into the boxes devoted to

CASTOR'S PROGENY,

and leading off with the fillies, box No. 1 disclosed a beautifully built daughter of Cissy the handsome sister to Cuirassier and Trenton. If ever a mare was entitled on breeding and good looks to throw clinkers, Cissy is the article and there's no question about the young'un Castor has given her. Bay in colour and marked with a star this filly has a great range underneath, a level back, is well coupled, has fine quarters, and

and therefore a full sister to Leda and half relative to Ben Godfrey and Tulloch. The Zealot horse throws them big to the daughter of Musket and Dundee's Katie, both Leda and the 1893 colt (purchased by Mr W. Adams) being on the large side. The filly of this year is all brown and is one of the biggest youngsters of the whole establishment and in point of quality as good as the most of them. She has plenty of length, is well ribbed up, with good quarters, and is splendidly let down. Her dam was never raced, but her pedigree is good enough to dispense with turf achievements, for was she not sired by Musket from a Dundee mare that goes back on the dam's side to Phyrne one of the pearls of the English Stud Book. In the next box we come across a daughter of Castor and Victoria and consequently a full sister to Planet. This filly has Castor's head to a tick and though perhaps not quite so lengthy as the others shows substance and muscular development much above the average. In conformation she resembles her dam, the Fève mare Victoria, and though not a very big one has lumps of quality and stands on well out supports. Her back is straight and the quarter development promises well. At the '94 sale a Hotchkiss—Victoria filly quitted at 50 guineas and should the lot under review be obtainable at anything like that figure it will be a bargain. The remaining Castor filly claims Lioness as dam, but she was in one of the out paddocks and was not produced. That completes Castor's daughters. Now for his colts. The first to be looked over was a real clipper and seeing that Carbine's sister, Lady Walmsley, is his dam it would be a piece of in-differable cheek on the youngster's part if he did not show up in a fashion worthy of such blue-blooded descent. Up to now Lady Walmsley has been unlucky in her

for a filly resulting from a similar mating, and this year's youngster, being a colt, should get up to and beyond that figure before Mr Philson allows his hammer to fall. Like most of the Castors, the Necklace colt has a pleasing amount of dignity about him. Coming from such a dam he should also possess a big allowance of pace to counteract his placid, dignified demeanour, for Necklace unquestionably was one of the best mares that ever sported silk in New Zealand. Castor on Hilda is responsible for the colt occupying the next box, and a rare good one this youngster is. Northerners are familiar with the fine work shown on the racing track by Hilda. It will be remembered the daughter of Musket—Ouida was put to Castor rather late just after she was taken out of training, and missed to him, but her next effort to the Zealot horse was successful, and the last sale saw the result, a brown colt, purchased at 135 guineas. That youngster is now learning the rudiments of his education in Chaffe's stable, and has been named Antares. In all probability his brother will prove a better quartered animal than Antares, although it cannot be said the latter has any marked failing in that direction. This yearling has a nice length, a bold shoulder, and strongly marked driving capacity. The last of the Castor colts is from the Musket—Rosalie mare, Lady Wellington. He is a trifle on the small side, but is very evenly made.

THE CUIRASSIERS.

The sons and daughters of Cuirassier were next inspected, and right well has Trenton's brother acquitted himself. Right through, the ten youngsters sired by him show power and stamina. Cuirassier's partners last season included such good ones as Ouida (dam of Artillery, Balista,

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Hilda, Hazel, Strathmore, and Brown Alice), Albatross (dam of Merganser, Elawick, etc.), Bianca (dam of Kempenfeldt, The Shrew, Maid of Athol (dam of the Musket horses—Krupp, Soudan, Cannon, and Scots Grey, and the Nordenfeldt fillies Norsemaid and Tartan), and Deadshot's dam, Katipo. Mr Morrin has every reason to be satisfied with the work Cuirassier has performed, for his stock promise to grow into racers of the lasting, wear and tear type. There is not a meanly built youngster in the lot, and when they get to business their sire should find very worthy representation. Cuirassier will, in my opinion at least, be one of the foremost stock-getters ere long, and his services will be eagerly sought after once his youngsters get fairly going. This horse does not throw light stock, but at the same time coarseness cannot be charged to him. His descendants are sturdily built, with any amount of determination, and altogether they promise to turn out lasters. As regards Cuirassier himself it may be said he grows more like his sire every day. He is a grandly built horse, look at him as you will, with wonderful propelling power, great muscle over his loins and quarters, and a set of legs like steel bars. He was a brilliant racer in his day, and his brilliance would have sparkled to an even greater extent had he not been just a trifle gross. At any rate he was seldom in that state of fitness requisite for the proper display of his powers. His first descendant introduced to our notice was an all brown filly out of that fine looking mare Bianca, by Black Eagle (son of Yattendon and Camilla) out of Bessie, by Angler (son of Fisherman and the Oaks winner Marchioness) out of Scarp, by Lord of the Hills (imp.)—Ragpicker, who was sister to Sylvia. Bianca threw well to Nordenfeldt in the shape of Kempenfeldt and The Shrew, and with a horse like Cuirassier she should produce something worth racing. Her filly last year (by Hotchkiss) was a particularly smart looking youngster, but Trenton's brother now shows a better one, albeit present looks give the young'un a somewhat nuggetty appearance. She has, however, any amount of growing space in the right direction, and will out a vastly improved figure when sale day comes round. The St. Leger—Fleurette mare, Rose of Wellington, shows a strongly built filly to the same stallion. This young lady has the colour and intelligent head of her sire, and strikes you as a filly of fine lines and racing-like conformation. Both sire and dam have youth on their side, so one is not surprised to find the offspring full of resolution and lustiness. Rose of Wellington's first foal (True Blue), has shown sufficient dash in his two-year-old work on the Australian side to justify big hopes concerning his career. On looks, at all events, the mare's second effort should not fall short of the one she put forward to the serving of Hotchkiss, who sired True Blue. In the next box we are shown one of the best youngsters in the stable, a determined looking filly out of Albatross, the dam of Tekaum, Lochness, Merganser, Elawick, and Goosander. Albatross only ran in one race as a youngster, meeting with an accident which threw her out of training, but the speed of her blood has found good outlet in her progeny, all of whom have shown rare pace. Certainly Goosander has not yet come out of her shell, but she can gallop, as her track instructors know. Albatross's latest youngster has three white feet and a blaze. She shows splendid character, possesses great quarters, closely set shoulders, good legs, a level back, and is low and rangy. In short she bids fair to possess all the points of a high-class racehorse. Gannet (daughter of Albatross) is represented in the adjoining box by a very level brown filly that suffers a little in comparison with the Albatross youngster. The Robinson Grasso—Radiance mare, Radiant, has a pleasing, compactly built, brown filly and Cuirassier's last daughter claims as dam that great mare Ouida, who was got by Yattendon and goes back on the dam's side to the same blood as The Barb. The stud book shows (or should show, for it's lamentably behind the times) Ouida to be the mother of a long list of winners, and with Cuirassier's help her list should receive many an important addition. Like most of the gets of the son of Musket—Eralty, the filly under review is a great big brown with lots of driving power, good shoulders, and legs of iron. She has the appearance of developing into a filly capable of a lot of hard campaigning. The first of Cuirassier's quartette of colts has for dam the Maribyrnong—Paraguay mare Maid of Athol. This colt takes after his mother in colour and will show a dark grey coat and blazed face by Christmas time. He has nice flat legs and will be a good sized raking fellow with plenty of length. This colt is three-quarter brother to Krupp, who ran well as a two-year-old and passed away when people were reckoning his C.J.C. Derby chance second to none. A Cuirassier—Katipo bay colt is built on powerful lines and bears a resemblance to Crackshot the speedy half-brother to Katipo. This youngster is well furnished and should grow into a very deep yearling. Tasmania, the rather plain half-sister to Tasman, has thrown a brown colt and though the yearling is smaller than most of the other Cuirassiers he is cast on very compact lines and shows an admirable disposition. He is more than decently quartered and shows nice development over the loins. The Lilac colt is also brown in colour, and though anything but lengthy in the back manages to stand over a fair spread of ground. That finishes the Cuirassiers and a finely put together lot they are.

A QUINTETR BY HOTCHKISS.

The sire of last season's crack Northern two-year-old (Forma) has only five yearlings to represent him at the approaching sale. Four colts and one filly comprise the Hotchkiss contingent, but the number if small is of select quality, and should his solitary daughter develop into a Forma he should be more than satisfied. Bridal Rose is the partner that has given Hotchkiss his filly, which is chesnut in colour and as active as a cat. She is not large, but is compactly built and is all quality. Wenzel, the dam of St. Mary, has given Hotchkiss a brown colt that

shows a nice barrel and cleanly cut legs. The Nordenfeldt—Yattacy rare, Yattaghan, has a neatly-turned inquisitive looking colt, and Qu en Cole (by King Cole out of Rosalie, and therefore half-sister to Derringer) has a strongly built colt who may be trusted to show power and endurance if he lives to carry colours. The next box revealed one of the plums of the establishment, viz, a full brother to Forma (our crack youngster of last year) and to Uniform the colt that may carry off the next C.J.C. Welcome Stakes for Mr G. G. Stead. Forma was knocked down at 200 guineas and Uniform at 230 guineas. This latest result of a Hotchkiss—Forma mating will keep well up to those figures, and even at a considerable increase he would be worth every dollar. His breeder is intensely proud of the colt which takes rank as one of the two best youngsters in the collection. Even at a time like the present when he should be in the rough, the colt impresses onlookers with the fact that he is a racehorse, so bloodlike is his bearing. He has a short level back, powerful quarters, and well set shoulders. His eye is full of intelligence and his determined style of moving is a certain sign of courage of a high order. This colt will race early and whoever obtains him should have a dangerous candidate for juvenile honours. By the New Year Forma's colt will show the furnishing of a two-year-old and is certain to realise one of the top prices of the sale.

ST. LEGER'S REPRESENTATIVES.

The remaining boxes of the stable contained the stock of the premier sire of last season, and though some of St. Leger's daughters are on the small side his half dozen colts are real hummers, particularly the Sapphire youngster whose appearance is simply superb. The daughters of the Doncaster horse are out of Puwerewere, Brown Alice, Lady Evelyn, and Aida. The filly from the last named is full sister to Impulse, the New Zealand Cup hero, and though small is a very neat parcel of horseflesh. The Brown Alice filly is another late one, in fact she is a Christmas foal so one cannot wonder at her being backward. These fillies are on the small side but they have plenty of time before them and we all know how the St. Legers improve with age. In the matter of his sons the Doncaster horse has a splendid record for six better colts could not be found in any stud in Australasia, and two of them (the Bangle and Sapphire youngsters) are perfect pearls. The first colt shown was a big up-standing chestnut out of Lyrelinus. This yearling has a marked resemblance to his grandsire, Thormanby, of whose blood he has a double cross. He is half-brother to Bugler the New Zealand Cup candidate and will grow into a very powerful horse. The full sister to Lyrelinus (Valentia) has produced a big raking chestnut with a blaze and two white fetlocks. This colt has tremendous length and should prove a stayer judging from his present build. Hazel's colt is of similar colour and shows strength and endurance in every limb. The Bangle youngster is also chestnut in colour with white markings on the hind fetlocks and the same colour is plentifully spread over his long face which reminds one forcibly of the prints we see of Stockwell. Bangle is a full sister to Thunderbolt, Necklace, Chain Shot, and Neoklet, and though she may be said to lack size her yearlings show no failing in that direction. Casket is proving Bangle's ability as a brood mare and with the help of a horse like St. Leger there is room for the belief that she will improve several notches on her past work. Balista's yearling has his dam's colour, a very dark bay, and is built on different lines to the majority of the Legers. He is more on the nuggetty side, but is clean limbed, has a nice kindly head, and possesses a good barrel. The next box brought us to the end of our inspection, but its contents gave us some cause for lengthy deliberation. We were looking at Bluefire's half-brother, a perfectly proportioned bay colt whose limbs and general conformation foretell great deeds on the race track. This fellow is away above the average, right up in the cup class unless all signs fail. He is a grand big colt that may not come to hand early, but when he does come he will be no racer of one or two seasons but a stayer whose deeds will gain in splendour as time gives age to his finely moulded limbs. Sapphire's son is bloodlike to a degree, has a level, short coupled back, beautiful head and neck, great powerfully developed quarters and second thighs, and is in fact a picture of the high-class racehorse. No description could flatter him. He is beyond the need of fulsome praise and stands, in my idea at least, as the top sawyer of the Park. Sapphire's son, the Formo colt, and the son of Castor and Lady Walmsley are three yearlings whose careers cannot fail to bring their fame. The brood mares were not inspected last Saturday, but I may remark that the first foaling of the season will be by Sunrise (Rama Rama—Awatea) who is expected to foal to Castor about a week hence.

Mr John Murray, M.L.A., the sponsor for the Totalisator Bill in the Victorian Legislative Assembly, speaking at the meeting held by the V.R.C. to consider the betting machine question, wound up his advocacy of the totalisator by saying, "The totalisator kept the money invested on racing in the country. It did not wear diamonds and red ties, nor did it take trips to all parts of the world."

Tattersall, Oxenham, and all the other consultationists, have again been told to "move on," this time from Brisbane. The Bill for the Suppression of Gambling, passed last week by the Queensland Legislative Assembly, makes it unlawful "to establish, commence, or be a partner in or to manage or conduct any lottery or to sell tickets for such lottery or print or advertise the same." So Tattersall and his fellow Apostles of Luck will have to find another spot for the drawing of Monster Melbourne Cup Sweeps. The Act will not, however, affect the working of this year's Melbourne and Caulfield Cup gambles, as it does not take effect until the 1st of January, 1896.

Coming Events.

[BY BORDERER.]

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

THERE is nothing very startling to report in connection with the New Zealand Grand National Meeting which opens at Riccarton this day week. The candidates for the big jumping double appear to be placed badly as regards their work, for late Christchurch advices state that the weather continues bad and is all against anything like decent work being executed. My Christchurch *confreere* wired on Tuesday evening that snow is falling at Riccarton, so it's on the cards that the winding-up gallops will see several horses short of work. Norton, Liberator, Mutiny, and Roscius were fairly strung up when they reached Riccarton so the heavy weather should not affect them. Liberator is said to be in the best of form and private messages are to the effect that "he can't lose." However, I don't like these dead-end of dead certainties, and having declared against the old battler last week I am not going to turn my coat now. Moreover, my shot in the dark of last week *re* Liberator not contesting the steeplechase may prove to have been not quite so haphazard a guess. But I must repeat that so far there is no definite ground for such a supposition. Norton makes his last bow (for a time at least) to New Zealanders next Thursday, for he goes to England in September, so he will face the Riccarton engagement in dead earnest. The bad weather is of course against the top weights, but the son of Ascot is such a clinker over Riccarton walls that rain, hail, or snow, the writer is going to stand him. Mutiny was my second pick last week, with Roscius as a "cock-boat," and though the last-mentioned prad is friendless in the betting there are more unlikely contingencies than a win by him. Dromedary is a great stayer, and at 9.7 is nicely weighted, but her Hutt gallops last week did not pan out too well. A victory by old Despised would make me whoop with pleasure, but I'm afraid the "gunner" will not give me room for the aforesaid whoop. In conclusion, the handicap must be considered an open one, particularly if the bad weather does not break by the end of the week, but I will stick to my early choice and call upon

NORTON

to place a further achievement to his credit. The Hurdle Race is even more open than the cross-country event. Last week I said Liberator would be the hardest to beat if reserved for the small stick event, and if he does leave the steeple alone he is my straight out selection. Next to him Bernardo and Couranto are the best of the proved horses, but the light-weight Victim, if a decent jumper, can beat the field for pace at the weights. Following up a blind idea that

LIBERATOR

will not fight out the steeple I select him to win, with Victim as a more than probable upsetter—if he can fence cleanly.

Respecting the minor events I refer REVIEW readers to the ideas expressed on page 8 by my Christchurch *confreere*, and for the present content myself with saying that Marechal Neil will win the Maiden Steeple. Minor acceptances are due next Monday.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

The report presented at the annual meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club last Saturday read as follows:—In presentin to the members of the Wanganui Jockey Club the annual accounts for the year ending June 30th, 1895, your Committee would draw the attention of members to the fact that our receipts amount to £4,715 9s 9d, as against £4,796 16s 1d for 1894, but included in this last amount was an item of £170 5s received for jockeys' and trainers' fees. The Committee has transferred that amount to the Jockeys' and Trainers' Provident Fund, and all license fees received now do not appear as part of the general receipts, but are placed in the balance sheet and the fund invested separately in accordance with the decision of the Conference held in November last. We close this year with a credit of £321 8s. The course, tracks, and buildings are all in good repair. The fences around the stands will require renewing during the coming year. The starting machine has proved successful, and we believe it to be a benefit to jockeys and horses. Your Committee decided to present Dr. Tripe with a purse of sovereigns as some slight acknowledgement of his long gratuitous services rendered as honorary surgeon to the Club. The thanks of the Club are due to Mr Chavaannes for his efficient management of the starting machine. Your Committee has framed a new set of Bye-laws, which have been carefully revised by the Club's solicitor and meet the requirements of the times.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

The report of the outgoing Committee of the Manawatu Racing Club presented at the Annual Meeting stated that the Committee in November last again advanced £100 to the Borough Council, to be treated as rent in advance, for the purpose of further protecting the river bank. This money had been well spent, and the Committee felt sure the course and stands were now safe from further river encroachment. They recommended that the following improvements be carried out by the incoming Committee. (1) New top on grand stand, with stairs at back for standing accommodation. (2) Enlarging present jockeys' room and adding proper conveniences. (3) Enlarging the lawn some thirty feet on its southern side; removing totalisator shed and erecting a more convenient one. (4) Removing the shilling or outside stand, also one of the refreshment booths (5) Erecting more convenient offices for the

Secretary, etc. They also recommended that the totalisator be worked by the Club. The making of the new training track was being pushed on with, and by the Spring it was hoped to have first-rate tracks for training purposes. The amount spent in improvements since the date of the new lease was £2,232, of which amount £1050 had been written off as depreciation.

ASHURST RACING CLUB.

Our Wellington correspondent wired last night as follows:—At the annual meeting of the Ashurst Racing Club the balance sheet showed a debit balance of £113. The sum of £300 was paid away in stakes in connection with the annual meeting. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr W. J. Cotter; vice-president, Mr G. Adsett; stewards, Messrs. Rumble, Cotter, Adsett, Roberts, C. Hunt, Retemeyer, and Arbon; clerk of scales, Mr D. J. Conchie; handicapper, Mr J. E. Henry; secretary, Mr J. S. Freeman; treasurer, Mr G. S. Rumble; committee, Messrs. Retemeyer, Adsett, Cormford, D. H. Roberts, Arbon, Patton, Handlon, Tordiner, Davis, Craven, and Rimmer.

HAWKES BAY TROTTING CLUB.

Our Napier correspondent writes under date July 27th, as follows:—The Hawkes Bay Trotting Club held their Annual General Meeting last Thursday evening, Mr G. Ellis, president, in the chair. The financial statement and report submitted by the Secretary showed that good results had been made from the past twelve months racing. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr G. Ellis; Vice-President, Mr D. McLean; Stewards, Messrs Maddison, Dennett, McIvor, Edwards, Gooseman, Caulton, Collins, Loughnan, and Laud. A special vote of thanks was passed to Mr W. T. Dennett for his able services as treasurer to the Club.

Turf Topics.

[BY REVIEWER.]

The stallion Piscatorious (by Traducer) is dead.

Annual Meeting of the A.R.C. next Monday.

Brown Mantle's owner, Mr G. S. Budge, has returned from the Sydney side.

The next meeting of the Racing Conference has been fixed for November 4th.

The Australian racehorses Donation and Mautaurau have been sold to an Indian buyer.

Southern files bring news of the death of Mrs. D. Munn, wife of the well-known trainer.

War Dance (by Sword Dance) has been successfully schooled over the Riccarton hurdles.

Fabulous (by Leolinus—Atlantis) will be put up to auction at Hunter and Nolan's on the 9th inst.

The trotting stallion, Albert Victor, will do a season's serving at Mr Paul's Mangore establishment.

Jim Hickey had his eye badly cut last week through over indulgence in the seductive game of snow-balling.

Final payments for the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdle Race are due next Monday.

If the J. B. Sutton stable races during the coming season the string will not be handled by the old trainer.

Reports of the Wanganui and Manawatu Racing Clubs and Hawkes Bay Trotting Club appear elsewhere.

Reports received *re* North Atlantic state he is in wonderfully good condition considering the unfavourable season.

Safeguard, holder of the half mile record, has again taken up active work with the members of the Chokebore team.

Katterns will have at least three mounts at the Riccarton National Meeting, viz., Despised, Marechal Neil, and Ulster.

Edward Cutts, the Riccarton trainer, has sufficiently recovered from his bout with sciatica to show up on the track.

With heavy snow in Christchurch and Dunedin, Grand National candidates should not be too forward on the 8th and 10th inst.

There has been no New Zealand Cup betting of note during the week. Backers are waiting for the acceptances, due to-morrow.

"Oileus" forwards a copy of his racing statistics for season 1894-95. As usual this turf statistician's work is exhaustive and correct.

The St. Leger—Puwerewere colt purchased for 30 guineas at the last Wellington Park Sale is being handled by McGuinness, the Dunedin trainer.

As Norton, Liberator, and Mutiny were very forward when they reached Riccarton they should have all the best of the Southern horses. The latter cannot have had much exercise slipped into them of late.

Despite the fearful weather experienced down South old Liberator is said to be in great form. My Dunedin *confreere* wires:—"Lib. was never better in his life."

It has been said that J. B. Williamson has accepted an engagement to train down Napier way. This is incorrect—at least up to date. The trainer in question was offered a Napier string during his recent coastal visit, but so far he has not closed with the offer and will not make any arrangement until after the New Zealand Grand National Meeting. Then he may remove from Auckland, and in all probability his first move will be to take a team to the Sydney side.

The trotting mare Rita, recently bought by Mr. V. Harris for £100, has gone into A. J. Keith's stable at Christchurch.

The trotting mare Katie M. has been sold by Mr. M. Gleeson to Mr. Malet of New Brighton. Gleeson will look after the mare until he returns to Australia.

Hampton's six-year-old son, Bushey Park, won the Liverpool Cup on the 25th ult. The race was worth 1000 sovs, and was run over a mile and three furlongs.

The V.B.C. Derby winner of 1881, Darebin, was named after a small creek close to Mill Park, the racing stable of the Messrs. Miller Brothers, which is situated some thirteen miles outside Melbourne.

The first foaling at Wellington Park is due in about a week, when Sunrise is expected to produce to Castor. It is rather appropriate that a mare called Sunrise should be the earliest matron to foal.

Under the Gambling Act recently passed by the Queensland Legislative Assembly anyone managing or advertising a lottery will be liable to a fine of £100 or imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for six months.

It is said the Stratford Racing Club have failed to come to terms with Mr. Mehaffy re the price of the Bushford Park racecourse and that the owner of the property has decided to cut it up into small sections and dispose of it in that way.

The cable tells us the Duke of Portland has invited fifty turf writers to inspect Carbine. That means half a hundred pocket-books crammed with well-merited praise—and gush, the former for the horse and the latter for the Duke.

A picture of Emmalea, winner of the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles, appears in a recent number of the *Australasian*, and shows that the daughter of The Gondolier is on the small side and very lightly built. Yet she carries weight and stays famously.

Australia's crack hurdle horseman, J. E. Brewer, has a high opinion of Mr. Gollan's pair, Ebor and Busaco. He considers the former the best hurdling performer over a short course that he has ever ridden, and of all the chasers he has ridden Busaco was, in his opinion, the best over a distance.

During last season the successful riders of Auckland trotting horses were headed by Mr. E. G. Sandall, who had 28 mounts, resulting in 11 firsts, 7 seconds, and 10 thirds. Mr. Sandall included amongst his wins the Auckland Trotting Cup, the A.T.C. President's Handicap, and the Otahuhu Trotting Cup.

Mr. Gollan's champion 'chaser Norton will be accompanied by Ebor when he leaves for England next month. The Liverpool Steeplechase will be Norton's ultimate mission. If he scores in the C.J.C. National Steeple this day week the English handicappers will probably load him out of the famous Liverpool event.

The fractional time by quarters of the Latonia Derby, one of the big races of the American turf, was as follows:—25½, 24½, 25½, 26½, and 25½, the clock stopping at 2min 34½sec. Lamp-lighter holds the U.S.A. mile and a half record with 2min 32½sec, but it was done on a straight-away track under a burden of 109lbs. Halma's time was done under 127lbs, and his track was not so favourable as that on which Lamp-lighter's record was made.

It is said that Fairchild, the Black Rose—Hinemoa horse, is under offer to a Northern stud-master. The dam of Fairchild who was got in 1888, was bred by Mr. G. G. Stead in 1878. Her breeding is Lotara, her dam Amohia, by imp. Towton out of Anticipation, by imp. Ravensworth.

The late V.A.T.C. Secretary, Mr. Harrie Smith, was an enthusiastic follower of the hounds in the sixties and seventies. Mr. Smith won the Drag Hunt Race on the Flemington course in October, 1868. The distance of the race was four miles over the steeplechase course, and Mr. Smith landed his mount a winner twenty lengths behind the last hound.

Entries fell due for the Hawke's Bay Stakes of 500 sovs, to be decided at the 1897 Autumn meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club. The nominations received number 159. The Wellington Park breeder, Mr. Thos. Morrin, is the principal nominator with 35 entries, the Hon. J. D. Ormond is next with 10, Messrs W. M. Broughton and G. G. Stead have 8 each, and Major George, Capt. Russell, Mr. S. H. Gollan, and Mr. W. Douglas have 6 each.

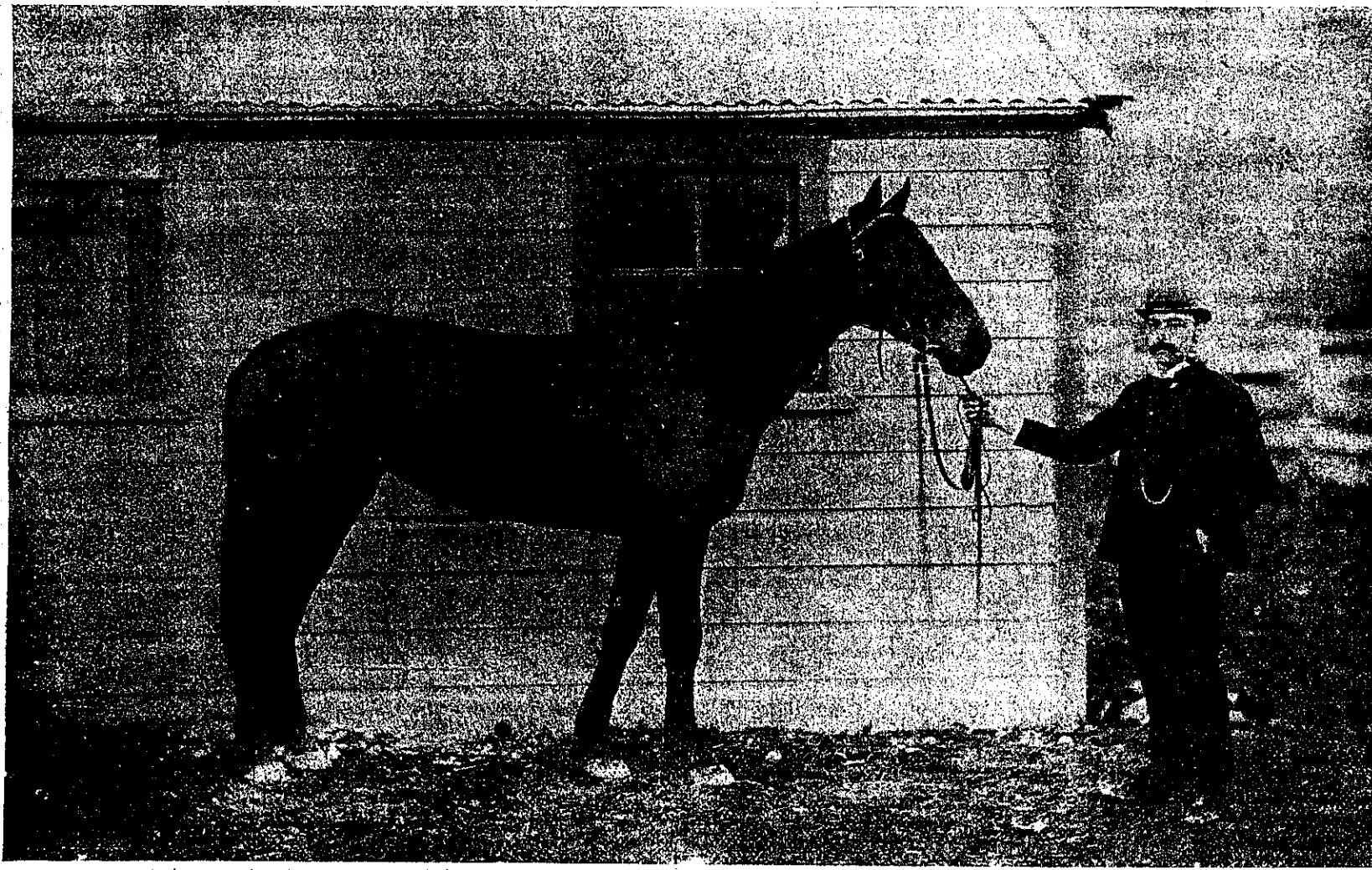
Jockey Katterns went South on Monday with J. B. Williamson's trio Despised, Marechal Neil, and Ul's'er. Despised's old pilot, A. Williams, also accompanied the team, but Katterns will do the riding. I understand the three horses are in the market and that should no buyers be forthcoming in Canterbury they will be taken to Sydney. Ballyhooley is being worked there on lease by P. Nolan, who got damaged so badly a short time back, so it is on the cards that Williamson may take a spell in Sydney for a while and join forces with Nolan.

Mr. J. F. Cruickshank reports N.Z. Cup prices (on offer) as follows:—100 to 8 Skirmisher; 100 to 7 Mahaki, Pegasus, Impulse; 100 to 6 Rip Van Winkle, Prime Warden, North Atlantic, Magazine, Gipsy Grand; 100 to 5 Saracen, Casket, Marino, Waiuku, Lady Zetland; 100 to 4 St. Hippo, The Possible, Lottie, Royal Rose, Missfire, Solitaire; 100 to 3 Bessie McCarthy, Spindrift, Osculator, Pounamu, Westmere, Golden Plover, Sternchaser, Bonnie Scotland, Aldershot; 100 to 2 Deadshot, St. Regel, Silver Spec, The Artist, Banner.

Good reports reach me re Victim the Dunedin horse that is engaged in the Maiden Hurdles and the Grand National Hurdles at the forthcoming C.J.C. Meeting. If Victim can jump he should win the Maiden fencing event and if he does so the history of the last two C.J.C. National meetings argues a prominent run for him in the Grand National Hurdles. It will be remembered that when Liberator won the event for maidens in 1893-94 he also triumphed in the big hurdles, and last year Barnardo after winning the former race acted as runner-up in the Grand National fencing contest.

A deputation consisting of the Hon. G. McLean, and Messrs Wilson, O'Regan, G. W. Russell, Stevens, and Lawry, M.H.R.'s waited on the Minister of Railways last week for the purpose of requesting him to convey racehorses to and from race meetings at single rates. In supporting the request Mr. Stevens pointed out that Australia and India gave the concession asked for, and the Hon. G. McLean reminded the Minister that the deputation only asked for racehorses what was already granted to stock sent to agricultural shows. The Minister promised to go fully into the question.

Winner of the United Hunt Club Open Steeplechase.



DROMEDARY (by Voltigeur—Lady Ellen).

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The financial statement of the V.R.C. shows that the club is slowly but steadily working off its huge liability. During the year the overdraft was reduced by £3,200, and the committee hope to wipe off £7,000 during the ensuing year. The liabilities are set down at £31,000.

The following are the nominations in connection with next Monday's election of A.R.C. committeemen:—Mr. H. H. Hayr (proposed by Mr. D. T. Catternach, seconded by Mr. M. Levy), Mr. N. A. Nathan (proposed by Mr. A. Kidd, seconded by Mr. E. D. Benjamin), Mr. John Kirkwood (proposed by Mr. J. Marshall, seconded by Mr. J. Gallagher), Mr. W. McLaughlan (proposed by Mr. R. H. Duder, seconded by Mr. H. O. Nolan), Mr. A. Bookland (proposed by Mr. T. Morrin, seconded by Mr. H. T. Gorrie), Mr. R. R. Duder (proposed by Mr. H. O. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Gorrie), Mr. A. Clark (proposed by Mr. Morrin, seconded by Mr. J. Kirkwood).

The Extremists in the House of Representatives say they are going to make people moral by Act of Parliament in the matter of betting and drinking. Well, they may perform the task, but the weight of experience is sadly against their chances of success. The habits of Englishmen are not easily eradicated, whether it be in betting or drinking. As Iago said in referring to the Anglo-Saxon's desire for spirituous refreshment "Your Englishman is most potent in his potting," and the same quaint phrase can hold good in the "potting" known on the racecourse i.e. the desire to make a pot of coin. Shakespeare recognised the futility of trying to make us moral by Acts of Parliament, but then he was never confronted with a Hutchison or a Carnell.

The annual elections of general secretary and two members of each divisional committee of the North Auckland Racing Association resulted as follows:—General Secretary: Mr. N. A. McLeod, of Dargaville; Eastern Divisional Committee: Mr. Norman L. McInnis, of Hikurangi; Mr. T. W. Taylor, of Whangarei, Western Divisional Committee: Mr. George Nairn, of Dargaville; Captain J. Seymour, of Te Kopuru. The eastern election was conducted by Mr. G. Clark-Walker, Whangarei, while Mr. A. Wilson, Dargaville, conducted the western election.

A meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club Committee will be held to-morrow (Friday) when consideration will be given to the statements made by M. Edwards in connection with the dispute between the Auckland Trotting Club and the Canterbury Trotting Club. The authorities of the local body state it has come to their knowledge that Edwards, when questioned by the Canterbury stewards as to his action in riding at Potter's Paddock in spite of the Canterbury Trotting Club disqualification, asserted that the Auckland Committee gave him permission to ride. Their assertion is that the matter never came before them, but that Edwards was told unofficially that if the Canterbury Trotting Club wrote concerning his disqualification they (the Auckland stewards) would have to refuse him permission to ride. If Edwards told the Canterbury Trotting Club authorities that the Auckland Club gave him formal permission to disobey the injunction of the Southern Club it is easy to understand the extreme step recently taken by it re the Auckland organisation. The Auckland Trotting Club people lay the blame of the whole matter on Edwards who will find it hard to defend the action he is stated to have taken.

At the end of 1895 the sweep promoters of the other side will find the Queensland gates closed against them. Where will Tatt. next turn his steps to? Noumea in all probability.

The bookmakers have applied to the Manawatu R.C. for permission to call straight-out odds on the Club's course during the coming season. No decision has yet been arrived at re the matter.

The Lancaster Park Amateur Trotting Club's meeting was held last Thursday on a course sodden with rain. The sum of £2888 was passed through the totalisator. The following were the results:—Maiden Handicap (saddle) of 30 sovs, two miles.—Zehan 18s, 1. Time, 6min 32½sec. Dividend, £9 16s. Pony handicap (harness) of 30 sovs, two miles.—Mambrino Abdallah 51s, 1; Doris 20s, 2; Miss Sligo 48s, 3. Time, 10min 56½sec. Dividend, £6 16s. Winter Handicap (saddle) of 110 sovs, two miles.—Pauline 20s, 1. Five others started. Victor came in first, but a protest for not trotting fairly was upheld. Time, 5min 44sec. Dividend, £5 12s. Maiden Handicap (harness) of 40 sovs, two miles.—Cynthia 22s, 1; Burwood Bess 22s, 2. Time, 6min 34½sec. Dividend, £3 16s. Lancaster Park Handicap (harness) of 120 sovs, three miles.—Joe 41s, 1; King's Errand 51s, 2. Four others started. Won by 100 yards. Time, 9min 2sec. Dividend, £10 4s. Selling Handicap (harness) of 40 sovs, one mile.—My Dream 6s, 1; Westleigh 3s, 2. Time, 3min 13sec. Dividend, £4 14s. Dash Handicap (harness) of 40 sovs, one mile.—Alice 22s, 1. Time, 3min 12sec. Dividend, £1 10s. Electric Handicap (saddle) of 40 sovs, one mile.—Maggie 10s, 1; Commotion 6s, 2; King's Errand 13s, 3. Time, 2min 55sec. Dividend, £4 2s.

The Sharper will not contest the flat races at the Riccarton jumping meeting, Mr. Caulton having decided to scratch him. The weight could not have been the trouble for with only 10.0 in the Winter Handicap the Kalo horse was very well treated.

Mr. Justice Grantham, in delivering judgment in the appeal case re the Albert Club (England) betting cases said:—"Betting is not illegal, it is the keeping of a house for improper betting which was illegal, and which was aimed at. If a person joined a club of this kind manifestly for the purpose of meeting other members, it must be assumed that he knew something about betting, and that he was not one of those imprudent persons aimed at by this statute. It might be that he went to his club to learn something, it might be to acquire information for his benefit elsewhere, and enable him to make bets elsewhere. He (the judge) did not know why he should not do it, so far as any statute was concerned. That being the position of the respondent in this case, the persons who belonged to the club so long established, and where they had their regular dinners provided, and newspapers, and other things, went to the club for the purpose of enjoying it as a club, and they chose to bet together. The circumstances of this case were not like any of the others that had been mentioned, and it did not come within the four corners of the Act of Parliament. Under these circumstances, although the question had been before the court indirectly on many occasions, nothing had fallen from any judge that he was aware of who had such an instance as this brought before him to show that it would come within the Act of Parliament. In his judgment, the appeal must be dismissed."

Inter-Provincial.

[OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

WELLINGTON.

July 27.

During the last week Dromedary has been pulling up in her work at the Hunt in rather unsatisfactory fashion.

Kent has put in serviceable work during the last week, but is not as forward as his trainer would like, owing to the bad state of the track preventing fast work.

Bona Fide and Austral will make the journey next week.

Review has been taken in hand by H. Fletcher in view of the Taratahi-Carterton Meeting on November 9.

The Australian-bred two-year-old in Peters' stable is suffering from a bad cold.

I would remind the handicapper for the Taratahi-Carterton Racing Club of the difficulty experienced by owners in the Wairarapa last season in obtaining light-weight jockeys to ride their horses.

Makomako has joined G. Ellers' stable in the Wairarapa. His team also includes Brookfield, Margrave, Jack, and a Forester—Midora colt.

I was pleased to notice that the Taratahi-Carterton people suitably recognised the services rendered to the Club by Mr. W. McKenzie in the shape of a donation of £50.

Last week an offer was made on behalf of a Wellington syndicate to purchase the Forester gelding Crescent, but no deal has far resulted.

Slaiden was priced after the recent Hunt Club Meeting without leading to business. £120 was the price fixed by his owner.

Blackmore has Allington (Torpedo—Revoke), Omaha (by Foul Play), and a Jangler colt in his charge at Marton.

The Fielding Jockey Club authorities intend completing the purchase of their racecourse. This club has made rapid strides during the last few seasons, and now ranks as one of the leading country racing clubs in New Zealand.

[BY WIRE.]

July 30th.

Chrystal went South last Saturday to fulfil his engagement in the National Steeplechase.

Rumours were circulated here on Saturday to the effect that Kahurangi and Barnardo were amiss, but the report respecting the former was proved to be incorrect by the horse arriving here on Monday.

Royal Rose is coming into favor with local backers for the New Zealand Cup, having been supported at long odds.

The second round of our senior football fixtures was concluded on Saturday, when the Athletics defeated Wellington by 9 points to 8, and Ponoke was victorious against Melrose, Gallo-way scoring a try for Ponoke.

The Athletics' seconds beat Wellington College by 3 points and won the Junior Cup.

The theatrical production, "The Land of the Moa," was staged last night to a splendid house and created a good impression.

DUNEDIN.

[BY WIRE.]

July 30.

The St. Clair Trotting Club's Meeting last Saturday was a failure, only £411 (10s tickets) going through the totalisator. The public would not invest owing to an impression being abroad that there would be a lot of cutting up.

Private advices from Riccarton state that Liberator was never going better in his life.

Barnardo pulled up lame last Saturday after a spin.

McIlroy, the jockey, left here last Thursday for Sydney, via Christchurch, to ride for Mr. G. G. Stead at the A.J.C. Meeting.

Snow started to fall here yesterday and is now about a foot deep at the Forbury.

The s.s. Wakatipu, which arrived here last Sunday, had on board the remains of the late Mr. Nat. Nathan, the body having been brought over for interment at Wellington.

Mutiny is doing well and is highly fancied. Bookmakers are doing business in a large way here. They inform me that out of every 25 wagers they record, 20 are with North Island backers, which is a sign of bad times in Dunedin.

CHRISTCHURCH.

July 25.

Local trainers are having a bad time, it being impossible to give their charges decent work. The tracks have been virtually under water for at least a fortnight, and although fairly going could be obtained outside the steeplechase course it cannot be used.

A well-known Napier cross country rider told me to-day that he wished he had kept his horses in the North, where he could have worked them.

Norton is looked upon as a good thing for the Steeplechase, but as he likes running on top, and there is very little likelihood of hard going, he is set a difficult task.

Kulnine is possessed of so much pace that if he jumped the course correctly he would have a great show, but even he cannot afford to stop, and he has repeatedly done so in his work.

Liberator, on his running up north, is, I consider, held safe by Norton.

Mutiny has been heavily supported in doubles, but surely he must have improved a good deal or Norton deteriorated since they last met at Riccarton if Mutiny can win.

Of the others Roscius is almost friendless, whilst Bootles and Dromedary are supported to very small extent.

Kahurangi is dividing favouritism with Barnardo for the Hurdle Race, and although these horses have good records I think both will be beaten by Victim, providing he has learnt to jump.

It is rumoured that Magazine will go to Australia with Mr. Stead's two-year-olds, but I think it is very unlikely he will leave New Zealand. Derrett will prepare the horse for the Cup. He is still favourite here.

[BY WIRE.]

July 30.

Up to Monday morning the weather showed signs of improving, but snow has fallen since and is still falling heavily.

All the horses at Riccarton (especially Norton, Mutiny, and Liberator) are doing all that is asked of them. Liberator may not start in the steeplechase; Barnardo is sore, and Auroa is slightly lame.

Norton is local favourite for the steeplechase and Liberator for the hurdles.

TARANAKI.

July 26.

The local New Zealand Cup candidate, Waituku, is looking lusty and well, and if nothing unforeseen happens in the interval will, I understand, be accepted for on Friday night.

Mr. F. Watson informs me that St. Laura is wintering well and that he will shortly send along the chestnut daughter of St. Leger—Miss Laura in her work in view of spring engagements at Wanganui in October, and Auckland in November.

The Taranaki Jockey Club Committee met the other night and ordered the following payments out of the distressed jockeys' and trainers' fund:—C. Croker, £15; E. Williams, £10; R. Brough, £7 10s.

The Taranaki Jockey Club's Committee will probably hold a two days' hack meeting during Christmas week, in place of the one day as heretofore. This of course depends on the result of the attack that is being made against the totalisator in the House.

Magazine is a New Zealand Cup candidate that is being freely talked about down this way as a good thing for the big handicap.

It is reported that the stable have supported Irish Twist to a considerable extent for the New Zealand Cup. The son of Ingomar and Torori if landed at the post fit and well must possess a good chance of annexing the event.

Several good hacks will, I understand, be seen out in this district during the coming season.

NAPIER.

July 27.

H. H. (more often yclept "Dick") Frewin, who some years ago was considered a good horseman over obstacles and between the flags, has issued a summons claiming £100 from the Woodville Jockey Club.

Roscius, Triton, Boomerang, and Glengarrig were passengers by the Tarawera which left for the South on Friday morning.

Several turf students and followers of pedigree lore in this place intend to compete for the half guinea prize offered by this paper for the most appropriate name for the Castor—Lady Walmeley colt.

P. McGrath, who was in the employ of J. Maher, of Hastings, for some time, and who rode Swivel in his two engagements at the late Gisborne meeting, left for the South Island this week.

Mr. W. Bogle, who held the position of station-master at the Napier Railway Terminus for a number of years, but who some time back resigned, and who will be well remembered as a top notcher at fire brigade demonstrations, of which body he was an enthusiastic and energetic member, has been appointed secretary to the Waipawa County Racing Club.

[BY WIRE.]

July 30.

The Jewel entered for the Bracelet at the C.J.C. National Meeting is not the Hawkes Bay mare.

Mr. Wilson reports the week's betting re the N.Z. Cup to have been very quiet. Backers seem to be waiting for acceptances.

In double betting for the National Meeting Norton and Mutiny, coupled with Liberator, Kahurangi, Couranto, and Barnardo have been backed for a few hundreds at 100 to 6.

July 31.

A total of 159 nominations were received last night for the Hawkes Bay Stakes of 500 sovs (Autumn Meeting, 1897). Mr. T. Morrin has 35 representatives, the Hon. J. D. Ormond 10, Mr. W. M. Broughton and Mr. G. G. Stead 8 each.

Weights, etc.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

ACCEPTANCES.

Table with columns for horse names, weight (st lb), and race names (Grand National Steeplechase, Grand National Hurdle Race).

WEIGHTS.

ENFIELD STEEPLCHASE OF 75 sovs, about two miles.—Kulnine 12.9, Dromedary 10.8, Nero 10.7, Marechal Neil 10.6, Minerva 10.0, Gillie 10.0, Justice 10.0, Wharfedale 9.7, The Bishop 9.7, Rags 9.7.

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLES OF 100 sovs, one mile and three-quarters.—Invader 10.9, Minerva 10.7, Victim 10.7, Gillie 10.6, Belmont 10.2, Nero 9.13, King John 9.13, Variety 9.11, War Dance 9.10, Social Pest 9.9, Modeste 9.9, Sunspot 9.9, Brin 9.0, Mainstay 9.0, The Bishop 9.0, Kaiti 9.0.

FIRST HUNTERS' HURDLE RACE OF 50 sovs, once round and a distance.—Rejo 12.8, Egmont 12.2, Brin 11.11, Paremu 11.10, Much Ado 11.8, Ben Trovato 11.8, Patch 11.7, Tally-ho 11.5, Boomerang 11.3, Armstrong 11.0, Vazabond 11.0, Rotama 11.0, Gebel-el-Tarick 11.0, Cable 11.0, Kawai 11.0, The Bug 11.0.

WINTER HANDICAP FLAT RACE OF 115 sovs, one mile and a quarter.—Vogegang 10.9, Beadonwell 10.6, Swivel 10.5, Marino 10.4, Mount Royal 10.4, Silver Spec 10.4, The Sharper 10.0, Rangiatea 9.13, Victim 9.12, Exile 9.11, Chaos 9.11, Solano 9.10, Kent 9.9, King John 9.9, Speculation 9.9, Royal 9.6, Lord of Misrule 9.5, Donald McKinnon 9.4, Mystical 9.2, Richlake 9.0, Miss Madge 9.0, Rangefinder 9.0, Samoa 9.0, Bona Fide 9.0, Empire 9.0, Triton 9.0, Starling 9.0, Jewel 9.0, Modeste 9.0.

THE LIVERPOOL CUP.

At the Liverpool Meeting on the 25th ult. the following was the result of THE LIVERPOOL CUP OF 1000 sovs. One mile and three furlongs.

Mr. J. H. Holdsworth's Bushey Park, 6yrs, by Hampton—Sunshine ... 1

Gazetter, 4yrs, by Gallinule—Award ... 2

Sancho Panza, 4yrs, by Knight of Malta—Itinerant ... 3

In last year's race Bushey Park (7.11) acted as runner up to Son of a Gun (7.3), Newcourt (9.0) filling third place.

MASONIC HOTEL,

Woodville. A. SANDEL Proprietor.

Our Illustrations.

THE PREMIER SIRE OF 1894-95.

Pride of place in the illustrations accompanying this issue of the Review must be given to the famous Doncaster—Atlantis horse, St. Leger, who stands at the head of last season's winning sires.

LADIES WHO HUNT.

One of the foremost lady riders connected with the Pakuranga Hunt Club is Mrs W. R. Bloomfield, who forms the subject of our third Hunting Picture.

THE UNITED HUNT CLUB OPEN STEEPLCHASE WINNER.

Dromedary, the daughter of Voltigeur and Lady Ellen, gained some distinction on the 13th of last month by beating a well-backed field of good performers in the Wellington United Hunt Club Open Steeplechase.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, MASTERTON.

HENRY PHILLIPS, PROPRIETOR.



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

POTTER'S PADDOCK.

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BOTH SIDES.

"THERE is always hope when people are forced to listen to both sides. It is when they attend only to one that errors harden into prejudice, and truth itself ceases to have the effect of truth by being exaggerated into falsehood." The above is taken from John Stuart Mills' treatise on "Liberty," and although written years ago by one of the greatest English dialecticians, might have been written but yesterday, so aptly does it apply to the prohibition movement at the present time. "Errors hardened into prejudice"—surely the sentence is most apropos. "Truth ceasing to have the appearance of truth through being exaggerated into falsehood." The sentiment fits the Prohibition Party as light fits the eye. Nothing could be more relevant, nothing more *en rapport* with the subject. John Stuart Mills' writings were not merely for the period, but for succeeding periods. They were meant to shine out as a brilliant protest against brutal egotism, fanatical assertion, and autocratic—perhaps we might better say Pharaonic—despotism, as long as reason and charity can avail against bigotry and intolerance. His was the true sociological theory. There are always two sides to a question. As reasoning men, let us place ourselves in the position of referees or judges, hear both sides impartially and devoid of prejudice, then we will be in a position to judge what is right and what is wrong, and with a clean conscience give our undivided support to that movement which we honestly believe is for the betterment of the race at large. Let us not allow individual and often exaggerated cases dim our judgment. Let us cast aside emotionalism, sensationalism, and kindred feelings, and judging clearly and disinterestedly, give a verdict on the subject of prohibition, taking into consideration the present state of affairs and the evils or advantages that would inevitably ensue were it an accomplished fact. On the one side the exponents of the prohibitionist party claim, *imprimis*, that the sale of alcoholic beverages is a curse to the country. To a certain extent there is a shadow of truth in the assumption (we would put it in rather a different style of phraseology) that an inordinate consumption or an excessive use of alcoholic beverages undoubtedly is inimical to the community at large. They claim that alcohol is one of the most pregnant evils the colony is saddled with. We say on the other side of the question that it is not all bad, but has its uses, which no other commodity can supply. Physiologists tell us that almost every article of food comprises a more or less quantity of alcohol, that as a gentle stimulant it is absolutely necessary to a healthy state of the body, and that its medicinal qualities are incontestable. They claim that by arbitrary laws people can be forced to be—not temperate, for that is not what they wish—but total abstainers. We claim that coercive measures have been tried both in America and Australia, and that in every case on record they have been a distinct failure. The very fact of telling a man or woman that he or she must, willy-nilly, conform to a certain edict, at once calls into play all the ingenuity of the person affected

to evade the law, particularly if the law is an infringement on the privileges of the individual. As reasoning beings we claim the right to weigh both sides of the question, and adjudicate on a subject that concerns us in a purely personal manner, and no man or party has a right to regulate our personal lives, unless our actions carry us into a zone where we intrude on the privileges of our neighbours. Is it fair, is it just, that a certain set of fanatics should have it within their province to regulate our lives according to their own peculiar tenets and ideas? Are we become so besotted and degraded that a minority should say to us "Thus shalt thou do and live, and no other path shall be given thee to choose?" Emphatically we say: No, if my brother abhors liquor in any form I am willing to respect his principles and aid him in any way, but if because of his theories he wishes to try force to compel me to practice his principles, I draw the line and say: No, I am endowed with a reason of my own and must follow its dictates, for even if I am obliged to obey your commands I will be at heart a hypocrite, and the compulsion will make me a worse man at heart, although my outward conduct may seem exemplary. Let me judge for myself, let me hear both sides of the question, let me come to a decision guided by my own reasoning abilities and there will be at least a certain credit in my conversion, or as you might call it *per- version*. Neither theories nor opinions can be forced down a man's throat. Louis the Fourteenth tried it by his revocation of the Edict of Nantes and lost a great portion of the bone and sinew of France through the exodus of the Huguenots, many of whom, lukewarm in their religious principles previously, became as hard as adamant when pressure was brought to bear. All the tortures of the Inquisition in Spain under Torquemada could neither convert nor root out the Protestant feeling. In fact, history has shown us over and over again that coercive measures are invariably unsuccessful, and it seems almost incredible in view of these facts that in the nineteenth century in the provinces of civilized England an intolerant party like the prohibitionists can even get a hearing let alone go so far as to establish a combination that threatens to become a powerful hierarchy. It is a subject that demands the earnest consideration of every thinking man and it must not be looked upon from a biased point of view, but from "both sides of the question." We say nothing of the loss to the revenue that prohibition would entail, and that at a time when New Zealand can hardly be spoken of as a prosperous colony. We pass by the wide-spread financial misery that would ensue. We do not take into account the natural swelling of the ranks of the unemployed that would inevitably follow. We do not even refer to the increase of drunkenness and criminality that has occurred in the Clutha where the experiment of total prohibition was tried. We simply say, look into the question, test its capabilities both *pro* and *con*, and from a purely dispassionate point of view give an equitable decision. Give it as men and Englishmen and not as herds of unreasoning voters driven to the polls by sensational and emotional speakers, actuated, we are led to believe, by a desire for cheap notoriety and the privilege of living luxuriously at the expense of a blinded public, who, besotted by oratorical pyrotechnics, in their frenzy refuse to hear both sides of the question.

SHOWING HOW PROHIBITION PROGRESSES IN THE SOUTH.

The *Otago Daily Times* has taken those extremists in Prohibition, Messrs Isitt and Taylor, severely to task in a very trenchant leading article for their recent conduct towards the Premier. Then the *Oamaru Mail*, perhaps, the most fiery advocate in the colony of temperance and licensing reform, has found that the demands of the prohibitionists have proved too much for it. The latter journal says that the report of the Temperance Convention in Wellington convinces it that the rabid prohibitionist is a one-idea person. It believes that the Isitts and the Gilbert Carsons would pass a law against a rainfall if it rained beer. They cling to the insane notion that all that is required to make the people of New Zealand ardent teetotallers in their hearts as well as in their appetites is a law promulgated or countenanced by Mr Seddon. They are trying to discern things through the wrong end of the telescope. If they would only look through the correct end they would see it is not within the Premier's power to influence the people against their will to abandon cherished habits and prejudices.

Then in the Christchurch Opera House a very lively meeting took place recently for the purpose of expressing indignation *re* the conduct of certain prominent extreme prohibitionists. The house was completely filled, the prohibition party being sufficiently numerous to make matters lively. The chairman, Mr T. Gapes, regretted the occasion for the meeting had arisen, but certain scurrilous accusations had been made against some of the principal men in the city and it was only fair and British-like to give the opportunity of answering such charges. Mr Davis in moving the first resolution charged the leaders of the prohibition party with having recently gone about with bibles in their hands and lies upon their lips and by their actions had constituted themselves moral blowflies. He would say to them "You can do as you like in your churches and your private meetings but you shall not insult our women or our representatives at any public meeting in Christchurch." His motion read "That this meeting resents the untrue unwarrantable, and cowardly imputations cast upon Mr W. W. Collins, M.H.R. for the city, by a prominent prohibitionist." This was seconded and carried amidst vociferous cheering and waving of handkerchiefs, etc. by the ladies present. Then Mr Watt, prohibitionist, attempted to speak, but was not allowed a hearing and retreated after a snowball had been hurled in his direction. Mr Hornsby stepped into the breach and said that no one wished to say a word against those who were honestly working to uplift their fellow men. He trusted nobody would attempt to abuse those engaged in such noble endeavour. But if in the carrying out of that work the good name or fair fame of men and women were dragged in the mire it would bring discredit upon the work and end in disaster as it richly deserved. He moved "That this meeting desires to express the conviction that the statements made at the public meeting on Monday evening last to the effect that 'so far as harlots, drunkards, and gamblers were concerned at the last election W. W. Collins scooped the pool,' is without the slightest foundation, a scurrilous and dastardly attack upon a public man in his absence and a slanderous reflection upon the large body of electors who worked and voted for the gentleman in question." Regarding this and other slanderous accusations made he would quote the words of the Nazarene "Whoso is without sin among you let him cast the first stone." The resolution having been carried Mr E. Winter said a most unwarrantable attack had been made on the police in the person of Mr Broham. The words applied to him meant either that he went about in a drunken condition or that the publicans had bribed him. No one outside the prohibitionists believed either charge. He moved "That this meeting request their representatives in Parliament to call the attention of the Minister of Defence to the statement made to the following effect:—'It appears to me that Mr Broham's eyesight is effected by the fumes of liquor and cannot see when he gets near a pub,' and that some action be taken against the person who uttered it, if such statement be proved false." A man in the dress circle, who is believed to be credited with this utterance called out "I will second that," whereupon an uproar took place. The motion was carried, as also another, to the effect that in the opinion of the meeting anyone capable of the utterances in question is totally void of all sense of decency and honour, and that the time has arrived when legislation is necessary, making utterance of untruths and slanderous statements at public meetings an indictable offence. During the meeting there was some interruption and feeling ran high, but the resolutions were all carried.

In consequence of the feeling caused by the recent extraordinary proceedings by prominent prohibitionists and the reports that have appeared in connection therewith, the Rev. F. W. Isitt has felt it incumbent upon him to deny certain of the statements that have been attributed to him. This he has done in the form of a statutory declaration, in which he asserts that the statements recently made by the Premier in connection with the prohibitionist deputation are "absolutely untrue." In the declaration he denies having said that his only mission in life was to destroy the Government in general and the Premier in particular. This he characterises as "a wilful and deliberate falsehood." This "declaration," in effect, is according to law equivalent to the administration of an oath. It remains to be seen what steps Mr Seddon will take to confute the same.

The Otago Licensed Victuallers' Association have presented their late secretary (Mr John Golder) with a valedictory address and a cheque on his retiring from office. At a social gathering at the Mornington Hotel Mr Golder, in returning thanks, stated that he was gratified to have lived long enough to see his prognostication verified—that prohibition would be found a failure. He had witnessed the intolerance of prohibitionists in the land of its birth. He also alluded to the miserable failure it had been in the Clutha district, and to the prohibition element on the Dunedin Licensing Committee exercising its own sweet will in giving a monopoly of the business to three-fourths of the trade, without the slightest discrimination and without reducing the drinking habits of the people, as shown by the customs returns, without mentioning the reduction of the municipal revenue.

HERE AND THERE.

Mr H. O. Caulton, brother of Mr Caulton of the Central Hotel of Auckland, has the Pacific Hotel in Hastings. It is the resort of most of the sporting men in the district, and Host Caulton, whose knowledge of sporting matters in general is variegated and extensive, is a great favourite with the fraternity. The bar room, commercial room, and private rooms are ornamented with a variety of pictures and caricatures by some of the best known caricaturists and artists in New Zealand and Australia. Mr Caul-

ton has one series of caricatures of the different bookmakers of Melbourne framed. They are by Lascelles of Victoria, who was famed in Australia for his marvellous ingenuity in hitting off a face with a few strokes of his pen, so that it could not fail to be recognised, grossly caricatured as it might be. The collection which Mr Caulton has in his possession is now a very valuable one, as Lascelles' pictures are eagerly sought for, and high prices paid for them in Australia at the present time. They are well worth a visit by any one who happens to be in the vicinity of Hastings.

In the Nineteenth Century for May, Mr. T. O. Down gives "An Object Lesson in Prohibition," and he says that the experiment tried in the North-West Territory was a dead failure. "Smuggling," says Mr. Down, "was reduced to a fine art. As to the public in general, not a single festivity or gathering of any description was thought to be complete without a liberal supply of whiskey; dances, picnics, public entertainments, concerts, agricultural dinners and farmers' meetings, election speeches and the humble Methodist tea party—none of these was considered satisfactory by the man unless the necessary libations were to be had. It was not always an easy matter to get spirits on the spot, but I never knew a case where perseverance did not meet with its reward. When all other plans failed and everyone solemnly assured the enquirer that there was not a drop in the town, a doctor was an unfailing resource. But the smuggling of liquor and a general contempt for the law were mere sentimental evils in comparison with the direct inducements to drunkenness which were fostered by the law, whether the liquor was obtained in accordance with its provisions or in direct defiance of them. When everything else failed, a quack medicine called 'Pain-killer,' which contained a quantity of alcohol, would be resorted to; or bottles of preserved ginger, and anything else from which alcohol could be obtained, would be made use of, and a horrible drink concocted out of these. Such are the devices to which men are driven when they are prevented from obtaining liquor in the usual manner. As a matter of fact, I never saw so much drunkenness, and that of an aggravated sort, as I encountered in these territories under the prohibitive law, and I have known many men to be absolutely ruined by the habits contracted or encouraged under its régime."

The Rev. Frank W. Isitt has recently indited a lengthy letter to the Christchurch press as a sort of apology for the action he took in the late "Christian Endeavour" prosecutions, wherein members of his congregation took up the roll of rollicking rams on Sunday evenings and persuaded Christchurch hotelkeepers to supply them with whiskey in order that they might inform against them for breaking the law. Mr. Isitt, finding that, as he terms it, "the floodgates of criticism" had been opened on the course he adopted, makes his apology—"A response to the cry that arose from the ground stained with the blood of his drink-slain fellow-creatures." In order to prevent these "drink-murders" a commission was formed, but he states extreme prohibitionists withdrew from sitting on the commission in favour of men who were deemed to be more moderate. That was how the task of adducing evidence devolved on him. Having made this admission he goes on to say that he had nothing to do with the informers' crusade until after the serious slip had been made by them of stating they were travellers when they were not. This he endeavours to describe as "transparent truthfulness." "It was a blunder from the standpoint of policy and morality" (not to put too fine a point upon it). Mr. Isitt, however, states he was no party to it. He was simply an accomplice after the fact. "But he did not discourage them; why should he?" he asks. Yet, good man as he is, he warned them of the odium they would incur (after it was done), and urged on them the necessity of their refraining from anything that had in it a tinge of deceit. This was good, kind pastoral advice. Having made this explanation and denial Mr. Isitt concludes thusly: "At the same time I, and the mass of Christchurch prohibitionists, have no intention of turning from our more hopeful work, to waste our energies on vain endeavours to regulate the traffic. For myself and comrades I may promise that we shall not seek to enforce the regulation of the traffic, not that we question the morality of such efforts, but that we shall seek, not the mending, but the ending of a trade which everywhere defies restraint." Thus endeth the first chapter. It will be observed that he expresses no sorrow for the serious consequences that have resulted from the proceedings to his followers, while from the evidence adduced during the hearing of the cases no sensible person will believe that the Rev. Mr. Isitt "had not a hand in it."

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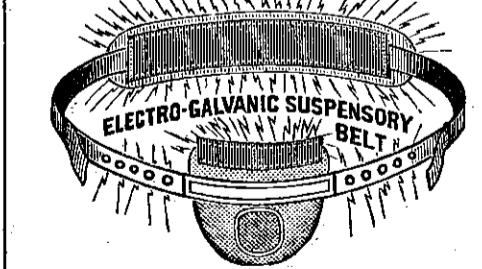
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No. 1 Coupon closes AUGUST 14th.

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Cut this Coupon out and post to "Coupon Editor,"
SPORTING REVIEW, Auckland.

SPORTING REVIEW PRIZE COUPON

£50 Fifty Pounds £50
The Treble.

To be equally divided amongst the persons who
pick the Winning Treble,
**Caulfield, Melbourne, and New Zealand
Cups.**

to Win the Caulfield Cup

to Win the Melbourne Cup

to Win the New Zealand Cup

I Tip _____

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Name _____

Address _____

Competitors must send this Coupon so as to reach our office not later than Aug. 14th,
after which date this Coupon will be informal; except those bearing South Island post-
mark, which will be allowed seven days' grace. Any subscriber may forward as many
selections each week as he wishes, provided they are written on separate coupons. All
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