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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. FIRST SPRING MEETING.

SATURDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER

AND

SATURDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER.

FIRST DAY.

First Race to start at 1 o'clock.

Trial Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won 50 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Over 7 flights of hurdles. One mile and three-quarters.

Spring Handicap of 110 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

Welcome Stakes of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, Sst.; fillies, 7st. 9lb. Entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Four furlongs.

Handicap Steeplechase of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

Flying Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Pony Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 2 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Maiden Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won 20 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

First race to start at 1 o'clock.

Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won a race of the value of 25 sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

Ascot Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.

***Hunt Club Cup (Handicap Steeplechase) of 45 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight 10.7. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. About three miles and a half.

Pony Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 1/2 sov, and acceptance 1/2 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

***Hunt Club Handicap Hurdles of 35 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight 10st. Entrance 1/2 sov, and acceptance 1/2 sov each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Flying Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

***Tally-Ho Steeplechase Handicap of 30 sovs;** second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1/2 sov, and acceptance 1/2 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight 10.7. Winner of H.C. Cup to carry 14lbs penalty; winner of the H.C. Hurdles 7lbs penalty. About three miles.

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DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

FIRST SPRING MEETING, 1895.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1895, by 9 p.m.

| NOMINATIONS— | |
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| Trial Handicap | 1 sov |
| Handicap Hurdles | 1 sov |
| Spring Handicap | 1 sov |
| Welcome Stakes | 2 sovs |
| Handicap Steeplechase | 1 sov |
| Flying Handicap | 1 sov |
| Pony Handicap | 1 sov |
| Maiden Handicap | 1 sov |
| Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race | 1 sov |
| Ascot Handicap | 1 sov |
| Hunt Club Cup (Handicap Steeplechase) | 1 sov |
| Pony Handicap | 1 sov |
| Hunt Club Handicap Hurdles | 1 sov |
| Flying Handicap | 1 sov |
| Tally-Ho Steeplechase Handicap | 1 sov |
| Ladies' Bracelet (Handicap Steeplechase) | 1 sov |

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1895, by 9 p.m.

| ACCEPTANCES— | |
|------------------|-------|
| Trial Handicap | 1 sov |
| Handicap Hurdles | 1 sov |



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| Spring Handicap | 3 sov |
| Handicap Steeplechase | 1 sov |
| Flying Handicap | 1 sov |
| Pony Handicap | 1 sov |
| Maiden Handicap | 1 sov |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1895.

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| Maiden Handicap Hurdles | 1 sov |
| Ascot Handicap | 1 sov |
| Hunt Club Cup | 1 sov |
| Pony Handicap | 1 sov |
| Hunt Club Handicap Hurdles | 1 sov |
| Flying Handicap | 1 sov |
| Tally-Ho Steeplechase Handicap | 1 sov |

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR,

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1895.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1895.

WM. PERCIVAL,

Secretary, A.R.C.



AUCKLAND COURSING CLUB.

Committee: Messrs Joseph May, J. R. Martin, J. Paterson, H. Hoffmann, M. Foley, H. H. Hayr. Judge: Mr J. Barr. Slipper: Mr J. Ferguson.

AUGUST MEETING.

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 AND 24.

Champion Collar Stakes.—For an unlimited of All-Aged Dogs at 25 each. A Silver Collar will be presented to the winner by the Committee. Nomination £1 (5s to expenses), on Friday, 9th August, by 9 p.m.; balance of sweep, £2, on Monday, 19th August, by 8 p.m.

Sapling Stakes.—For an unlimited number of Saplings at 30s each. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses) on Friday, August 9th, by 9 p.m.; balance of sweep £1, on Monday, 19th August, by 8 p.m. To be run off in 8 dog staves.

Recovery Stakes.—For an unlimited number of Dogs at 30s each that have never won more than £2. Nomination 10s (5s to expenses) on Friday, August 9th, by 9 p.m.; balance of sweep, 20s, on Monday, August 19th, by 8 p.m.

ADDED STAKE.

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FOOTBALL.

Though we have no reason to crow over the victory recorded by the Auckland "reps." in the initial match of their tour at Hawkes Bay on Saturday last, it is nevertheless gratifying to note that the first struggle has resulted in our favour, as the win may be expected to brace the boys up to further efforts down the line where teams of weightier calibre are awaiting them, and where they will needs put their best foot to the front if they are going to uphold the reputation of the province they have been chosen to represent. Very knotty problems await the Aucklanders at Otago, Canterbury, Wellington, and Taranaki and if they are to be solved in our favour the boys will have to be at their very best as the quartette in question bear the reputation of first-class exponents of the good old Rugby game, and though we up North are naturally anxious to see our own at the top of the tree it can hardly be said that the local representatives are as strong a travelling combination as we should have liked to have seen doing battle for the honour of old Auckland; rather let us admit that in bygone seasons we have been able to show a better front than is the case this year. Though a very fair team on the whole the "blue and whites" in the first instance have left our shores on very short notice, the actual team having been only chosen at the last moment, with a result that they will naturally lack that essential so necessary to an exposition of first-class Rugby, viz., combination, and then when they do get away we find Wynyard unable to go and Surman and Clarkin both unfit to play. Fortunately Wynyard has managed to get away, as has also "Davey" Gage, both having sailed for South by the s.s. Takapuna on Monday last in order to overtake the team at Dunedin and participate in the contest against the Otago "reps." This is somewhat cheering certainly as the pair, if in the best nick, will greatly strengthen the team, but will they be, for Gage has only just come off the grass (so to speak) after a spell of something like two months, whilst "Tabby" on the other hand is not yet quite himself, and Clarkin has a bad knee. On top of this comes the discouraging news that our scoring man, Surman, has met with an accident in the Hawkes Bay match that will probably prevent his playing during the remainder of the season. Coming back to the team itself, the principal weakness lies in the wings, the chosen men, Whitley and Mills being somewhat light and hardly clever enough for this position compared with the weighty, fast, and clever men played on the wing by the Southrons. Already the weakness has thrust itself forcibly upon the travellers, for did not the Selection Committee exclude Whitley in the Hawke's Bay match in favour of Brown, who it appears from report was all at sea in the position allotted him. This being so it only stands to reason that the opposing wings will overrun the local men and hamper the movements of our half and five-eighth, and if such be the case our fine back combination will have very little opportunity of showing up in their true colours. However, it will do no good to look on the gloomy side of the question, therefore let us hope for the best. Commenting on the Hawkes Bay match, my correspondent writes as follows:—"The visitors can hardly be said to have impressed us favourably on Saturday's play, for though the forwards did yeoman service for Auckland the back division, to say the least, were disappointing, they fumbling badly and throwing away many good chances by erratic passing, whilst their defensive tactics at times were, to say the least, hardly up to rep. form. Though Auckland were returned victors to the tune of 10 points (two tries, both converted) to 3 (a try) they can hardly be said to have had much the best of the game, which on the whole was a very evenly contested one, our vanguard proving quite as good as that of their opponents, whilst our backs also compared favourably with those of the Auckland team. Speaking of individual play. Absolum was undoubtedly the plum of the visiting back division and Stevenson, Masefield, and Braund being next best; the most prominent of the forwards being

Mills (wing), Murray, Brady, Clarkin, and McMillan. For the home team McDonnell and McFarlane shone out amongst the backs, and Woodward, Toohey, and Jago did good service for the vanguard."

The Auckland "reps" will contest one of their toughest matches of the tour against Otago at Dunedin on Saturday next. Speaking of the Southrons "Referee" in the Dunedin *Star* treats the Otago selection as follows:—

W. Ross (Alhambra).—A reliable full-back, whose principal point is his tackling powers; he kicks with either foot, and is safe at stopping rushes.

W. Hay-Mackenzie (Dunedin).—A fast runner and a good kick; tackles well, and never fails to take the ball, while he is the only three-quarter in Dunedin who studies his full-back.

T. Cunningham (Kaikora).—A centre three-quarter, who passes cleanly and accurately, but is a weak defensive player.

G. Stephenson (Dunedin).—His form during the season was only moderate. He is a smart kick and a strong runner. Played last season with the Munningham Club (England).

J. Duncan (Kaikora).—A player who has but few equals in the colony; possesses great speed, and is a difficult man to collar. Will probably act as captain of the team.

A. Mason (Dunedin).—A smart scum half-back, who passes quickly, but is inclined to be selfish; a good place kick.

W. J. Cran (University).—A good offensive and defensive player, who has done yeoman service for the province.

J. Torrance (Kaikora).—A "hard grafting" forward, who is always on the ball.

D. Torrance (Kaikora).—An old "rep" player, who, like his brother, is an untiring worker.

A. Esquilant (Alhambra).—An honest forward, with a good knowledge of the passing game; is a fine dribbler, and a fair place kick.

H. M'Farlane (Zingari-Richmond).—a forward who plays the game from start to finish; a good place kick.

S. Ballantyne (Kaikora).—An old-time player, who is second to none for scrum work.

W. Beadle (Union).—Another experienced forward, who shines in the open.

F. Given (Alhambra).—The youngest forward in the team, this being his first year as a senior player; he understands the game thoroughly; takes the ball well on the line out, and follows up smartly.

P. J. Priest (Pirates).—a forward who well deserves his place in the team; is good in the loose work, and a fair place kick.

The match of Saturday last between the Auckland second fifteen and the Wairoa "reps." was one of the most interesting and closely contested games local enthusiasts have been treated to for some time past. Though the visitors were defeated (20 points to 15) they were by no means disgraced; in fact, if their back division had been more proficient in passing tactics the visitors would probably have won the day, as their forwards were superior to those of Auckland.

Smith at full-back for Auckland, played brilliantly at times, and to see him pick the ball up from the toes of the opposing forwards and get his kick was a treat. The only objectionable point in his play was his endeavour to kick when near or behind his own goal line, which resulted disastrously for Auckland.

D. Gage, who has been an absentee from the football field for a couple of months, played in place of C. Hay, with a view to getting his hand in for the Southern matches. He undoubtedly played the game of the day, both his offensive and defensive tactics being greatly admired, and though he did not actually score this sterling player made most of the openings from which tries were obtained.

Roberts, who was responsible for no less than three tries, played a dashing game, one of his scores being the result of the finest run of the day. Though he made one or two mistakes, and his defense was a trifle weak, Tommy must be admitted a better man than many give him the credit of being.

Breen also played a safe and serviceable game, never missing an opportunity, and was responsible for a try.

Fliott came out of his shell, and played a fine scientific game right through, using great judgment. His try was obtained after a clever run from outside the 25 flag.

Caradus, at half, was responsible for several of the fine runs initiated by the Auckland backs, and had our forwards heeled out more frequently the back division would have shown out more prominently.

Williamson, Gallagher, and Freeman were the pick of the local vanguard, who, taken on the whole, did not compare favourably with the dashing forward division of the visitors. Williamson may be said to have excelled himself, his line

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play being very fine, whilst he was always at the head of the local rushes. He deserved his try.

The trio of three-quarters, I. Kitching, Butland, and Harrison, all played sound serviceable games, both their offensive and defensive tactics being good, though in passing they evidently have a lot to learn.

The five-eighth man, Smith, played the best game for the visitors, kicking and collaring well, besides being responsible for a neatly potted goal from the field. E. Phelan, at half, also did yeoman service for Wairoa, and may be said to have shared honours with Smith.

The play of the visitors' vanguard was characterized by great dash right through, the local division being smothered in all points of the game. Their line play, combination, and fine dribbling rushes were worth witnessing, and they may also be said to have had all the best of the scrum work. The whole pack are to be congratulated on their play, though C. Molloy, Matthews, Barker, and Baker were perhaps the most conspicuous.

On Saturday next our second fifteen will play the Waikato Rugby Union representatives at Potter's Paddock, Epsom, and if anything like fine weather prevails

lighter than the front division of the opposing team, held their end up in great style, and on the whole may be said to have had somewhat the best of the struggle. The representatives of the Windy City are credited with having played with hard luck, the over-eagerness of their forwards being to some extent responsible for the verdict, they, after initiating fine dribbling rushes, would either overrun the ball or kick too hard and a force down would result. The victors played a dashing game right through, and if they had possessed a decent place-kick, should have added the major points to the two tries obtained. The Wellington score was a goal from the field.

The final contest for first junior championship honours between Ponsonby and Newton resulted in a win for the former by 18 points to nil. The game was fast and interesting throughout and though the Ponsonby lads had far and away the best of the go the Newtonites played a good game. The victors are undoubtedly a smart lot, and have just reason to feel proud of their achievements during the season, they having played eleven matches in all, in ten of which they were returned victors, whilst in the exception they drew with Suburbs. I hear that host Buck, of the Ponsonby

The well-known Wairarapa back, A. D'Arcy, has retired from the football field. A great loss to the district this, as Archie was a tower of strength to the back division.

The decision of the New Zealand Union Appeal Committee, establishing an arbitrary centre of the scrum and enacting that any player outside the scrum going beyond it shall be penalised, which was referred back to the Committee last week, is to be modified. It will now read that all players run to their own side of the ball when it is put in the scrum, and players are not off-side when behind the ball.

The North and South Island match, which was to have been played at Christchurch on the 22nd inst., has been postponed until next year. This action was decided upon by the Management Committee of the N.Z.R.U., owing to the fact that Auckland and Otago were unable to play on account of their pending match of the 24th.

An old Otago "rep.," who has been attending the practice matches of the Canterbury Probable and Possible teams, gives it as his opinion that Otago is stronger this year than Canterbury. This being the case, our lads may expect strong opposition down below, as Can-

W. M. Servies, of the Humber Cycle Depot, is always to the front in novelties. He has now on view the latest thing in cycles, the flying Boudard-gear Humber, the only one in New Zealand, which can be inspected at this gentleman's premises in Queen Street.

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Coursing Notes.

[By SLIP.]

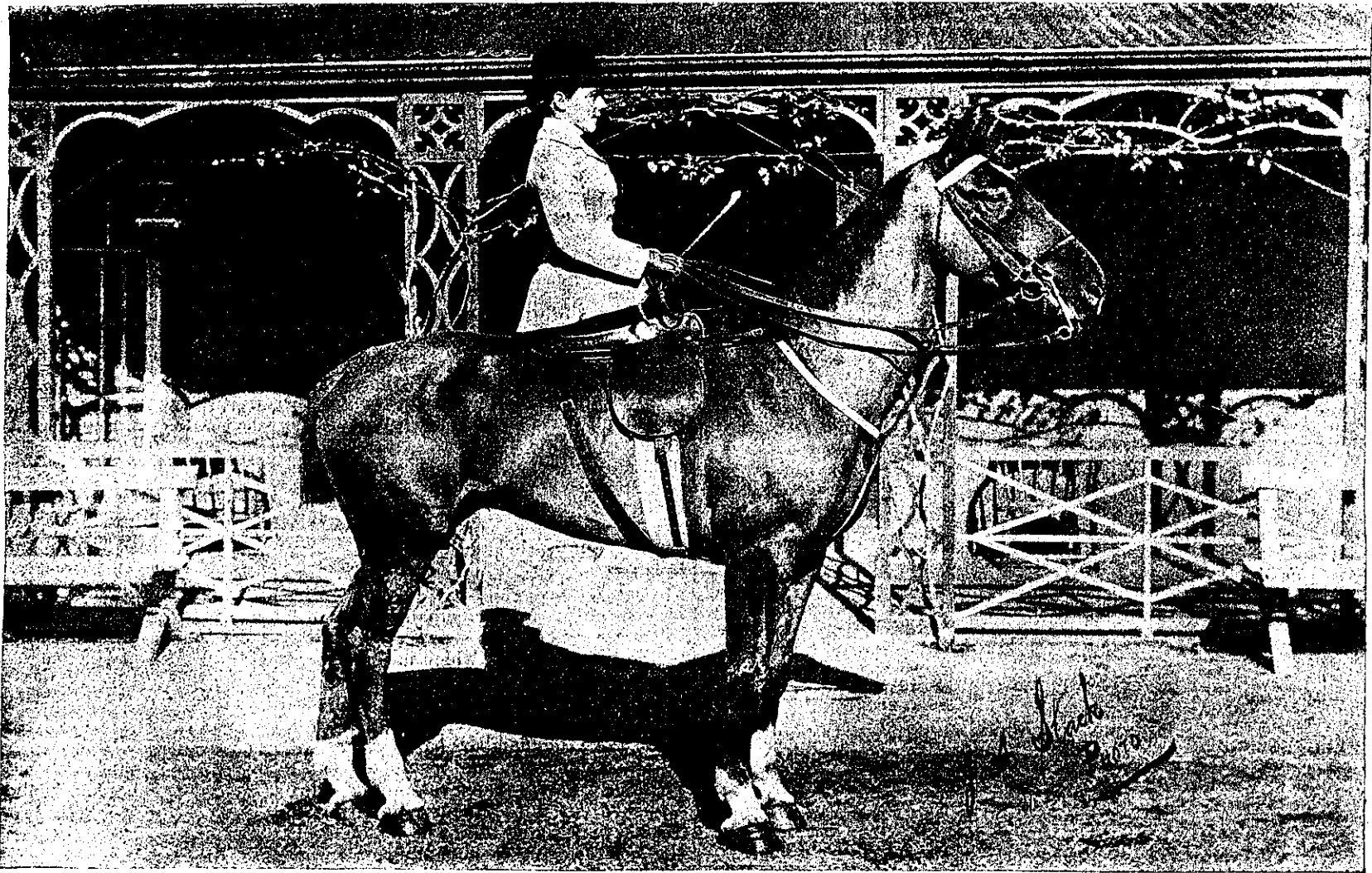
FIXTURES.

August 21 and 24—Auckland C.C. Champion Collar Stakes, Sapling Stakes, Recovery Stakes, and Final Stakes.
Sept. 4—Hawke's Bay Plumpton C.C. Gathering

Nominations for the Hawke's Bay Plumpton Coursing Club September Meeting closed last (Wednesday) night. Final payments are due on Monday, September 2nd.

The greyhound, Greater Scot, who with Hirschel decided the English Wa-

HUNTING PICTURES—No. 6.



LADIES WHO HUNT (Mrs Bilbrough).

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a very fair attendance should be present, as the match should prove quite as interesting as the fixture of last week. The Waikato boys are said to be stronger this year than last, and this being the case they may be expected to make a strong bid for victory. The following team (which differs very little from that of Saturday last with the exception that Gage's place will be filled by Hay, and one or two alterations in the forwards) has been chosen to do battle for Auckland:—Full-back, Smith; three-quarters, T. Roberts, J. Breen, C. Hay; five-eighth, W. Elliott; half, C. Caradus; forwards, Williamson, Eaton, Hogan, Flynn, Sterling, McConnell, Gallagher, Freeman, and Hancock. Emergencies, Sutherland, Warnock, D. Hay, Ramsay, Cole, and Thompson.

The representative match, Canterbury v. Wellington, played at Lancaster Park, Christchurch, on Saturday last, resulted in a win for Canterbury by 6 points to 4. There were between two and three thousand spectators present to witness the contest, though on the whole the game was somewhat disappointing from a spectator's point of view, the play being confined to the forwards, a lot of uninteresting scrum work resulting. The Canterbury vanguard, though somewhat

Club Hotel, who is a vice-president of the Ponsonby Football Club intends giving the boys a befitting wind up to their season in the shape of a banquet shortly.

The Waikato reps. play Franklin reps. to-day (Thursday) at Pukekohe.

The Otago v. Southland match of Saturday last resulted in a win for Otago by 3 points to nil. The weather was anything but conducive to good Rugby, and the winners are said to have had somewhat the best of both spells.

The N'tu Ahuriri Maori team, who carried off the junior honours at Canterbury this season, are now on tour and will play Kotahitanga (a Maori Club) at that place to-day (August 22nd), and the Wairarapa junior representatives at Masterton on the 24th.

The Queensland Rugby Union have written to headquarters at Wellington urging that the New Zealand team should meet Australia next year, notwithstanding the Queensland visit this year having been postponed.

That old battler, "Bob" Whiteside, is credited with a great game in the semi-final round of the Sydney Association's Cup fixture between Pirates and Randwick, in which the former won by a potted goal (4 points) to nil. Whiteside played for the losers.

terbury defeated Wellington on Saturday, and the latter have a strong team, whilst Otago is looked upon by the above writer as better than Saturday's winners.

The committee of the Canterbury Rugby Union are evidently on the right track. If players chosen by the selection committee do not put in an appearance they want to know the reason why, and very sharp, too. If the result of the investigation does not suit their palate the delinquent rugbyite gets into trouble. And quite right, too! No half-hearted reasons seem to appease the Southrons.

ATHLETICS, Etc.

Entries for the Amateur Steeplechase Race of Saturday week (August 31st) close with the Secretary, Mr. W. Speight, at the Metropolitan Hotel, on Saturday evening next by 9 o'clock. Several well-known runners, including Beers, Roberts, Reid, H. V. Buchanan, Frost, and others are now in training, and next week I shall endeavour to locate the probable winner.

The Melbourne contributor to the *Wheelman* writes that Zimmerman will pass through New Zealand. Jimmy's wife, Kaufman, the trick rider, and Walford accompany him.

erloo Cup in 1887, was recently destroyed. He was hardly a success at the stud, his best get being Ivan the Great.

Messrs Kelly and M'Gillicuddy's greyhounds will be sold on Monday next, August 26th. Several of the members of this famous Australian kennel will doubtless realise big money.

Results of yesterday's (Wednesday) coursing will be found on a later page of this issue, and a detailed report of the meeting will appear in our next week's.

In addition to the money prize a handsome silver collar, presented by the committee, will go to the winner of the Champion Collar Stakes.

Acceptances closed for the three stakes of the Auckland Coursing Club's August Meeting on Monday evening last, when 48 dogs accepted for the Final Stakes, 13 for the Champion Collar Stakes, and 4 for the Recovery Stakes. The card was called over at the Occidental Hotel, and though a large number of owners were present, very few seemed inclined to back their nominations. One or two lines at long prices were written in the Final Stakes, and a few tidy bets made in the Collar Stakes, the principal wager of the evening being that of Mr C. Whitten, who took £50 to £5 about Guy Fawkes.

NEW ZEALAND FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

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W. C. SPEIGHT,
Secretary pro tem.

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!

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OF THE

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Rule 17 reads:—"The programme of each meeting in which the added money is £150 or upwards must be advertised in full once at least in the Official Calendar." The advertisement shall show that the programme has been approved by the Jockey Club, shall state the days on which the meeting is to begin and end, and the names of the stewards, judge, starter, clerk of scales, and handicapper.

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

The Committee of the Auckland Racing Club meet on the first Monday in each month to pass programmes and transact general business.

Pony Measuring Committee meet second and fourth Monday at 10 a.m.

AUCKLAND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

Trainers, Jockeys, and Apprentices must now apply for Licenses, in terms of Rules, for ensuing season.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

SPORTING FIXTURES, Etc.

COMING EVENTS.

NEW ZEALAND FIXTURES.
August 22—North Canterbury Hunt Club
Sept. 7—Ottago Hunt Club
Sept. 11 and 12—Marton J.C. Hack
Sept. 12 & 13—South Canterbury J.C. Spring
September 14, 21—Auckland R.C. First Spring
September 25, 27—Geraldine R.C. Spring
Oct. 7 and 8—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring
October 9—Hawke's Bay Metropolitan T.C. Spring
October 15 and 16—Napier Park R.C. Spring
November 5, 7, 9—Canterbury J.C. Metropolitan
November 9, 13—Auckland R.C. Second Spring
November 9—Otaki Maori J.C.
November 9—Taratahi-Carterton R.C.
November 9—Town and Suburban R.C.
December 6—Lower Valley J.C. Spring
December 26, January 1, 2—Auckland R.C. Summer
April 6, 7, 11—Auckland R.C. Autumn
June 7, 9—Auckland R.C. Winter

AUSTRALIAN FIXTURES.

August 24—Rosehill R.C.
August 24—V.R.C. Winter
August 31—Tattersall's Club Races
September 2, 7—South Australian J.C. Spring
September 14, 17, 19, and 21—Australian J.C. Spring
October 12, 19—V.A.T.C. Spring Meeting
November 2, 5, 7, 9—V.R.C. Spring Meeting

NOMINATIONS.

August 24—Marton J.C. Hack
August 29—Geraldine R.C. Spring
August 30—Auckland R.C. First Spring
August 30—C.J.C. Welcome, 1896; Champagne, Derby, and Oaks, 1897, and Sixth Challenge Stakes
August 30—Canterbury Cup
September 10, 24—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring
September 21—Hawke's Bay Metropolitan T.C. Spring
September 27—Canterbury J.C. Metropolitan
October 18—Canterbury J.C. Metropolitan (general entry)

HANDICAPS.

August 23—Ottago Hunt Club
August 24—South Canterbury J.C. Spring
August 29—Marton J.C. Hack
September 2, 16—Auckland R.C. First Spring
September 14—Geraldine R.C. Spring
September 17, October 1 and 7—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring
September 28—Hawke's Bay Metropolitan T.C. Spring
October 11, 25—Canterbury J.C. Metropolitan
November 5, 7—Canterbury J.C. Metropolitan

ACCEPTANCES.

August 31—South Canterbury J.C. Spring
August 31—Ottago Hunt Club
September 4—Marton J.C. Hack
September 6, 18—Auckland R.C. First Spring
September 19—Geraldine R.C. Spring
September 24, and October 4, 7—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring
October 5—Hawke's Bay Metropolitan T.C. Spring.

HUNTING.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

August 24—Mt. Albert
August 31—Mangere Found
September 7—Penrose

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I hereby certify that I have audited Messrs Arthur Cleave & Co.'s "SPORTING REVIEW" publishing account, and found the issue of that journal to be half as large again as it was in OCTOBER, 1894.

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Sporting Review

AND LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1895.

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR.

At a meeting of the Auckland Racing Club Committee held last Friday, the question of the Club's Official Calendar was considered. Two applications were received, one from the *Weekly News*, which has been acting as the official organ of the club during the past ten months, and the other from the *SPORTING REVIEW*. The Committee decided to re-appoint this journal the Official Calendar. Secretaries of racing clubs holding meetings under the jurisdiction of the A.R.C. are reminded of Rule 17, which reads as follows:—"The programme of each meeting in which the added money is £150 or upwards must be advertised in full once at least in the Official Calendar. The advertisement shall show that the programme has been approved by the Jockey Club—shall state the days on which the meeting is to begin and end, and the names of the Stewards, Judge, Starter, Clerk of the Scales, and Handicapper. Programmes of race meetings need only be published in full once, but any subsequent publication of a programme in a condensed form shall contain the words, 'For complete programme see the Official Calendar of —'."

THE annual meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club was a very uneventful gathering. Members certainly did not turn up in force, the attendance roll showing a dozen names at the outside. The absence of an election in the matter of committeemen would account for the apparent lack of interest taken in the proceedings, and perhaps the idea obtaining amongst members that the balance-sheet would not present a very healthy appearance had its effect upon club-men. In this, however, they were mistaken for if one takes everything into consideration the balance brought down in the club's sheet is surprising, principally on account of the very small loss shown. According to the balance-sheet, which is reproduced in another column, the year's racing has resulted in a loss of £15 2s 1d, but as the previous season showed a net loss of £286 17s 11d, members have little reason to find fault with the result of season 1894-95. The previous season the Club launched out with stakes amounting to £2,560 5s 1d, and taking a lesson from the loss resulting from the big stake venture they very wisely reduced their prize money for last year to £1,710. There is to be no further reduction during the ensuing season, and as the reduction of one-third in the number of meetings takes effect from date owners who support trotting could ill afford to have their returns further cut down. The little difference of opinion which arose between the Club and the Canterbury Metropolitan Trotting Association is referred to in the report, and a hope is therein expressed that the Southern body "may see the advisability of revoking the extreme step which they have taken," as the A.T.C. committee feel quite assured that it is against the best interests of trotting for any disagreement to exist. The temperate nature of the reference argues that the breach between the two clubs is not past healing, and that in all probability an amicable adjustment of the difficulty will be arrived at. Some advancement in this direction may result from the special meeting of stewards to be held to-morrow, when the statements made by M. Edwards to the Canterbury authorities, and which it is feared formed a prominent factor in the disagreement, will be inquired into. We are pleased to find a reference in the report to the proposed Conference of North New Zealand clubs, the holding of which cannot fail to help the sport by securing a greater and very necessary uniformity in

the conduct of trotting meetings. For some time past an agitation has been on foot to have a meeting of delegates from the various North Island clubs to consider the matter, and we understand the Auckland, Wellington, Palmerston North, Hawke's Bay, and Wanganui trotting authorities are ready to combine to aid this most-important development. This is a question that should not be lost sight of by the men interested in trotting, for with uniform rules for the guidance of the Northern clubs and a supreme head to which all disputed questions could be referred, the sport would gain immeasurably in popularity, and take its proper place in the estimation of the public.

Around the Racing Track.

[BY BORDERER.]

A CUP COLT'S GALLOP.

The dog days of the racing man are well nigh over, and three weeks hence (or three weeks and two days, to be accurate) we will once more see silk borne up the Ellerslie straight. Trainers are rattling along their charges in earnest, so that visits to the training track are necessary to those who desire to keep abreast with the racer of the future, and I can promise racing men that this season's two-year-old running will discover two or three Ellerslie trained clippers. Compared with the promise given by the youngsters in the early spring of 1894-95, that shadowed forth by the babies of the present season is of a much more satisfactory nature, for whereas last year one youngster monopolised the attention of touts this season's crop is yielding at least three two-year-olds that should show up in brilliant fashion by the time the big Christmas re-union comes round. There's one very satisfactory feature about touting the present training. If you wish to take a peep at the gallops there is no necessity for breakfast by candle-light. The work commences after breakfast, so that you can rely on catching the various strings if you are on the ground shortly after 8 a.m. I started this season's touting on Saturday last, and in order to be in time-fetched up at the track at 7 a.m. But the ring of hoof beats was not heard until 8.15, when Chaafe's string put in an appearance, so I had plenty of time to have a look at the tracks, the condition of which reflects great credit on Caretaker Hill. Strolling around the lawn and saddling paddock (where, by the way, Anita's £31 15s machine return in the last Winter Welter still stares at you through the dividend declaration window) one can find ample evidence of Mr Hill's careful supervision. The thinning out of the pine trees in the steeplechase plantation has been pretty well accomplished, and this innovation, together with the top pruning of the trees lying above the mile and a half starting post, will give race-goers a vastly improved view of future cross country runs, and will enable them to see the chasers negotiating the two post and rail obstacles on the hill top. Another very necessary improvement is the removal of the tree which used to throw a shadow right across the stone wall leading into the straight, where the chaser Dick passed out on the third day of the Autumn meeting. The pines on either side of this jump have been thinned so that we will be able to obtain a good view of the horses as they approach Crowther's wall.

When the work started a steady succession of three-quarter pace rounds gave little promise of an interesting morning, but matters improved at eight-thirty, when the Wapiti string put in an appearance with Major George in attendance. Whenever Nelson's owner pays the track a visit you generally see Pegasus, Workman and Co. put through their facings, and as the first-named horse had not been galloped to any extent during the week we knew the Major's Cup candidate was booked for a flutter. The colt appeared to be aware of his owner's programme, for as soon as he was stripped for the track out broke the profuse perspiration peculiar to him prior to a gallop in earnest. When the rugs came off, The Workman looked in great fix his frame being loaded with muscle, and Pegasus was in blooming health. The Nordenfeldt—Sister Agnes mare, Anniversary, was sent across to the six-furlong post to carry The Workman and Pegasus home in a gallop of once round the track. The three horses had light weights up. When the Cup colt and Workman were released the latter was quickest into stride, but at the bend at the head of the straight Pegasus got up to the big sprinter, who, however, shook his companion off before the back stretch was entered. The Workman got to the six-furlong post a couple of lengths ahead of the Cup horse, and Anniversary cutting in, the mare and Workman stretched along at a gait which quickly left the Nelson colt in the rear. Through the cutting and over the last half mile The Workman and Anniversary were going strongly "a street" ahead of Pegasus, who seemed quite unable to get up to his companions. In the last furlong he moved up a trifle, but at the end of the journey the Cup horse was quite six lengths away. Anniversary reached home a quarter of a length in front of Workman, whose rider had a steady hold of the leathers on pulling up. The time for the gallop showed that The Workman covered the mile in 1.50. To my eyes Pegasus shaped very badly right through the gallop, never appearing to grip hold of his work in Cup horse style. He pulled up all right, and so did old Workman, who laid his ears back at the home turn and worried along the pace as though he found the burst quite to his liking. Both he and Anniversary moved very nicely, and though

the latter has so far been a disappointment, I reckon she is going to follow in the wake of Workman this season, and gain a stake or two. The son of The Maid will undoubtedly shake up the sprinters if he goes South at Cup time. In the matter of Pegasus it is, of course, as well to remember that we are ten weeks from the Cup race, and Saturday's gallop will do the colt all the good in the world. At the same time, making all allowances for the date of his spin, it certainly did not show him up in a light favourable to his market quotation of 100 to 8.

The Maxim—Burlesque colt, Popgun, who made his bow to Aucklanders last Autumn, was one of the first to work on Saturday, his companion in one good strong circuit of the tan gallop being the Hotchkiss—Fairy Queen filly, who is engaged in the Auckland Guineas. The pair kept together, Norna finishing very comfortably. I believe Popgun, will be a very fair three-year-old, and Norna should give Chaafé some good results before the end of the season. St. Mary did half-pacing, and Pirate was sent two steady rounds, the little son of Brigadier and Satanela fighting for his head all the way. Sam Fergus was up on Deadshot and The Sharper, both of whom look in great fettle. The former is growing in a regular Musket mould, but satisfactory as his work is I can't quite see his New Zealand Cup chance. Like the prospect of many other Cup acceptors it's not visible to the naked eye. The Sharper will repay attention right through this season, and Grenadier, who was ridden by T. Taylor in Saturday's exercise, will also shake some decent sprint handicaps. Brigadier's son has always

This trainer's stable now holds a quintette (Lottie, Yattenfeldt, Commodore, Rubin, and Markinch). The first-named pair look as though they have been handled during their Waikato vacation, but the Nelson—Tamora colt, Commodore, and the Nordenfeldt—Erycina gelding, Markinch, are in the rough, having only been taken off the paddocks. Lottie is in grand health, and shows no trace of the slight mishap which caused her withdrawal from the last Easter Handicap. I should say she will not be raced at the opening of the season, and together with her companions will be prepared for the Second Spring and Summer campaigns. Rubin is a two-year-old Tasman—Rubina gelding belonging to Mr M. J. Goodson. The youngster is a handsome evenly-built chestnut, with plenty of dash, and should develop into a very smart racer. This string did long slow work, and Heart of Oak and Cleopatra were similarly treated. The last-named racer appears to be at sixes and sevens, and does her gaiting in very sticky style. The Cup candidate St. Regel did long strong work, showing up in a decidedly satisfactory light. This colt may, and probably will, be found wanting in the New Zealand Cup contest, but he is a stout horse and promises well. The invalid in Byers' stable (Ben Godfrey) was out last Saturday, and did long and very slow work. His fore-legs are still in banadges, but I was surprised at the recovery he has made. His action is all right, and if the summer sees him in his true form, he will shake one or two decent handicaps. Hazlemere and the pony Quail were given three-quarter pacing, the daughter of Tasman and Hazel working in good solid fashion. McManemin's big gun (St. Clements) did not work while I was at the course, but the St. Leger

tated slow work, and several strings were merely handled, trainers preferring to postpone work until the forenoon in the hope of the rain ceasing. While I was at the track Chaafé gave his string some serviceable work, and his Guineas candidate, Norna, showed up in rather improved fashion. Popgun worked with the mare, and I would not be ready at the present juncture to place him ahead of her. The Castor—Hilda colt in this stable, Antares, appears to be wasting away a trifle, and the September meeting may not see him at his best. Stenning's charges did very decent work, the three year old, Forma, taking hold of the bit over two very strong laps, and then evincing a desire to get away for a third spin. Armilla and Daystar again showed up well, and Linstock made music as usual, but appeared to go strongly and without effort. Pegasus was given three circuits at a strong pace, and cut out his work in taking style. The colt has timbered up into a fine horse, and should fight well at our Christmas meeting, no matter what may be his fate away from home. J. Kean was riding Workman, having recovered from his sciatica attack, but his mount was given a rest after his Saturday morning burst. Heart of Oak has faded away a trifle. James Kean's team did slow work, Rubin again showing up in a style that took my fancy very much. He is a level-headed, business-like looking parcel, and will stretch a few of the good ones during the season. St. Regel and Ben Godfrey did half pacing in company. The latter will not be ready for some time, but St. Regel is in nice condition, and shapes like a Cup horse. The Brigadier colt, Grenadier, was steered over steady work by T. Taylor, and stuck to his task in very decided style. There

Inter-Provincial.

[OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

WELLINGTON.

August 16.

The annual meeting of the members of the Wellington Racing Club has been fixed for Monday the 26th inst. The stewards meet on Monday next to draw up their report.

The North Island horses which were present at the National Meeting, including the two that accounted for the National double, arrived by the Manapouri and Takapuna on their homeward journey. The Bay contingent left by the Manapouri, while the Auckland horses go north by the Takapuna.

All the local pencilers laid the winning double at the National Meeting, but there was a good deal of betting recorded, and they were therefore able to "get round" on their books.

[BY WIRE.]

August 20.

Strathbraan (Apremont—Engagement) was purchased by Mr Georgeson, of this city, at Christchurch during National week for 47 guineas. The horse has joined W. Davis's stable at The Hutt.

It is likely that Kinglake (King Cole—Lake Superior), owned by Henry Redwood of Nelson, will be leased by a Wellington sportsman if suitable terms can be arranged.

Review is doing good work at The Hutt in view of early spring engagements.

A Wellington Park Sire.



CUIRRASSIER (by Musket—Frailty).

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been a little weakness of mine, and judging by the hearty manner in which the colt cuts out work he should pay his way this season. Moberly has evidently been putting good work into him, for the horse is well muscled and in great heart. Grenadier has shown temper in the past, but he is quiet enough now. Stenning's lot are in nice condition, but I was taken aback when Linstock made vigorous music during a six furlong pipe-opener. It certainly opened this four-year-old's throat music, a steady symphony being wafted to the winning post when he turned for home. Forma accompanied him in the spin and completely smothered the son of Hotchkiss and Satanela. Of course, even confirmed roasters can sprint, but one generally prefers the silent racer. Forma is in great trim, having rounded and muscled up in fine style. The two-year-olds in Stenning's string, Armilla (Castor—Necklace) and Daystar (Castor—Cissy) rattled over a smart round of the tan, both shaping well. Armilla is the likeliest youngster of the year, and should shove that white-marked eye of hers round the home bend in front of the big youngster fields. Major George's two-year-olds, Quickfire (Carbine—Hestia) and Admiral Hawke (Nelson—Vendetta) were sent half a mile, the daughter of Carbine showing up best. She will run smartly when the colours are up, and should prove worthy of her name in getting off the mark. Neptune (full-brother to Pegasus) is not quite so forward as his youthful stable mates, but shapes very well.

James Kean's string was out on Saturday morning, but no important work was given them.

—Steel All gelding, St. Patrick, did some good exercise over the hurdles. There was only a small amount of jumping done in the morning, John Rae opening the business by sending Levanter round the small sticks with McManemin's horse, St. Patrick, while Orangeman's old pilot joined in on Kingswood. The latter is a recent addition to Rae's stable, and is by Ingomar—Bessemer. After Levanter and St. Patrick had gone round the fences twice Kingswood took a hand in the gallop, Levanter dropping out. At the conclusion of the third circuit St. Patrick pulled up, and Kingswood was sent over the steeplechase double and the stone and sod walls. The first time over the double the horse clouted the second bar, but his subsequent jumping was very good indeed, and showed that Rae is giving him a good solid education. Levanter is now a very clever fencer, and considering the short time he has been at the jumping game St. Patrick shapes exceedingly well. Fergus hustled Bonovore three times over the sticks, Mr Hayr's horse jumping and galloping splendidly. A fair allowance of work was given him, and his easy action, clean fencing, and comfortable finish stamp him as a hurdler likely to score some decent wins this season. Of course he is a lightish horse, but if not overburdened with weight he is more than fair to middling. J. B. Williamson's string was given useful pacing, the St. Leger—Jessie colt, Rex (winner of the Criterion Handicap on the third day of the last Autumn meeting) showing up in taking fashion. This is a colt from whom very decent three-year-old form may be expected.

The unfavourable weather of Monday necessi-

is no mad-headed business about this racer now and unless all signs fail the coming season will prove his right to be considered a more than decent racer. Before I left the course J. B. Williamson and A. Williams showed up, the latter being decorated with a head bandage, thanks to Despised stamping on the horseman's ear when "The Gunner" and his pilot came a cropper in Mutiny's Grand National Steeplechase. At present the intention of Williamson is to remain in Auckland, and whatever horses he sends to the Sydney side will be worked by P. Nolan, who has, I believe, been granted a trainer's license by the A.J.C.

The Melbourne Sportsman writer "Warrior" figures out that the V.R.C. has dispersed nearly £100,000 in wages since Mr Fisher's Lantern won the Melbourne Cup of 1864. The revenue account amounts to £17,033 5s 2d. This is exclusive of the value of the buildings and other improvements on the club's lands, which cost over £160,000, and stock and implements. Since the season of 1864-65, when the V.R.C. were only able to support a Spring and Autumn meeting (£3205 the value of stakes), they have made gigantic strides, so much so that the total added money paid to owners amounts to nearly half a million of money—namely, £494,091. From the season of 1865-66 to 1873-74 the stakes paid away by the club averaged about £5350. In 1875 and 1876, £6875 and £7825. Then there was a jump to £10,000 and over. Gradually, from 1883 to 1893, the stakes advanced from £14,125 to £43,200.

J. Pilbrow left last week for Wairarapa with Dromedary, and will commence training his horses on the Tauheremikau course in company with his brother.

W. Higgins, who was laid up in the Christchurch hospital for several days with a broken collar-bone caused by Rags falling on the first day of the National meeting, came up by steamer on Friday. He is progressing favourably and hopes to be able to ride at the Marton Meeting next month, where he has twelve engagements out of the fourteen events.

The St. George horse, Merrie England, purchased by B. Cave of Wairarapa to replace Piscatorious at the stud, has arrived at his owner's station. He will be mated with Rumour (Tattler—Rose D'Armour). Mr Cave had the choice of Lakeshell or Merrie England, and preferred the latter.

The Amateur Athletic Club have fixed the meetings of the season for the 16th November and 7th March.

Mr H. Crawford has devised a system to prevent the "ringing in" of trotters, which deserves commendation. He proposes to brand maiden trotters by tattooing the gums of the teeth. A registered code of marks should be kept, and would thus make clear the identification of the horse. The system would be comparatively painless as compared with fire branding. Any tampering with the brands would render the horses liable to disqualification for life. There is no doubt, in the face of so much "ringing in" being resorted to lately, that some such remedy is advisable, and Mr Crawford's ideas appear to solve the difficulty to a great extent.

At a meeting of the stewards of the Wellington Trotting Club a resolution was passed asking Fitzgerald, the owner of Roseleaf, who won the pony harness race run at the last meeting of the club, and also the rider (L. Robertson) to show cause why they should not be disqualified and called upon to refund the stakes, it being alleged that this trotter was not the same as represented in the entry form.

It is stated that the Wairarapa Trotting Club is practically defunct, and that the Johnsonville Club is also to be wound up.

Edwards, the well-known trainer of trotters now residing in Canterbury, is likely to transfer training operations to the Miramar track.

The defeat of the local footballers at the hands of Canterbury on Saturday last is attributed to the wretched collaring by the full-back (J. Burke) and to weak forwards. Swindley's absence in the front rank was severely felt. The following team has been picked to represent Wellington against Taranaki on Saturday:—Full-back, Davidson; three-quarters, Galloway, Roberts, and Roache; five-eighths, H. Kelly; half-back, Pudney; wings, McKenzie and J. Kelly; forwards, Swindley, Young, Campbell, Poland, Pauling, Harcastle, and McLean. Crawford's absence is attributed to his weak defence in the Canterbury match, but dissatisfaction is expressed at the match-committee's decision, as Crawford had weak forwards in front of him. Pudney showed weak defence in the last match with Taranaki, but he will have a better set of forwards to play behind on Saturday. The inclusion of Campbell and Harcastle is not looked on with favour, and the general opinion appears to be that McAnally and Pringle should have been selected.

PALMERSTON NORTH, August 16.

This district will be without the services of two first-class stallions this season. The Australian bred Haere (Malua—Norna) has been sold by Mr R. Stevens to a Mania breeder, and Mr D. Pringle has disposed of Forester to a Wairarapa syndicate, the price being about £250. Forester is generally voted to be one of the handsomest horses in the colony, and Haere was one of the Hon. J. O. Inglie's pets. Haere's dam, Norna, is also the dam of Darriwell, the Melbourne Cup winner, and his sire, Malua, has also a Melbourne Cup win to his credit. A full-sister to Haere was imported recently from Australia by Mr W. Rathbone of Waipawa.

The case of R. Frewin v. Woodville J.C. has resulted in judgment being given for plaintiff for £20, and costs £8 5s. This was a claim for £100 for injuries inflicted by the Clerk of the Course at the last Woodville races. Frewin came on to the course in order to prevent those engaged in a race from running into Wheriko, who was killed by falling over a hurdle. The Clerk of the Course thereupon rode up, and lashed him over the face with a whip, inflicting an ugly wound over the eye. The S.M. considered that though Frewin was a trespasser unnecessary violence was used in removing him from the course.

The death of Kahurangi was a severe blow to backers in this part who had him coupled with almost every horse in the National Steeplechase. It is reported that in his trial prior to going South he covered the two miles, with his National weight up, in 3min 55sec. That he would have beaten the winner, if in the same condition as when he left here, is a certainty. Kahurangi was bred by Mr R. Higgin, of Wanganui, and was by Somnus out of the well-known Painter mare Gem.

The Marton meeting on September 11th and 12th promises to be very successful, though the opinion is given that a mistake was made in holding a two day's meeting. With the exception of the Wanganui horses the contestants will not be in forward condition owing to the wretched state of the tracks. The Wanganui trainers have a great pull over their brethren in other parts in always having at hand an excellent training ground.

CHRISTCHURCH.

August 15.

Most of the details connected with the second day's racing will have reached you before my notes would arrive, so I will content myself with short summary of the principal incidents of the Grand National Meeting.

I need scarcely say how sorry the public were to see Norton fall in the Beaufort Steeplechase for, besides being a popular favourite, he is looked upon as one of the surest jumpers in the country. It is difficult to understand exactly how the horse came down, as he seemed to land over the fence (Cutts) all right, but stumbling unseated Mr Gollan who was partially stunned. Of course any horseman might have suffered the same fate, but the general opinion is that the rider was very unlucky. Mr Gollan was able to go home on the following day.

Marechal Neil jumped splendidly in both his engagements, but in the Beaufort Steeplechase was outstayed by Roscius, who won as he liked. By the way, in selecting Nero to beat Marechal Neil in the Enfield Steeplechase I did so because I was of opinion that the latter would not get round.

Eliberator was last all the way in the Hurdles but it is thought he would have troubled Donald McKinnon had he been reserved for this race. In my opinion Donald McKinnon would have won the race just the same. The latter's party were pleased at the heavy going, and they should know what suits their horse, but I do not believe he would have been beaten no matter what the condition of the track was.

Mr Douglas tells me that his horse was hampered with the mud, otherwise he must have nearly won. Of course 12.3 in heavy going tells on a horse over two miles.

Courant seemed to have the hurdle race at his mercy half way up the straight, but when Donald McKinnon came at him he was unable to foot it with the Gisborne owned horse. Barnardo also passed Hope's mount at the distance post, but the latter was then pulling up.

Kingan (on Aurora) and Clarke (on Barnardo) thought they had Donald beaten half a mile from home and were considerably astonished to see The Dauphin horse literally leave them standing still.

Barnardo was very big but ran well, and had his trainer been able to give him enough work would have run much better.

In the final hurdle race Aurora was awarded 10.10 and did not start.

Roscius would have troubled Mutiny in the National Steeplechase had the race been run a fortnight later—at least so says his trainer.

The August Handicap provided the only good finish at the meeting, a neck only separating Beadonwell and Marino. The Nelson—Waitiri horse has grown into a very fine animal and looks what his breeding suggests, a typical cup horse. His owner backed him heavily for the race under notice, and he certainly should have won, seeing that he had fully two lengths lead at the distance. It seemed to me that it was the rider, not the horse, who tired in the run home. Marino has been well supported by his owner for the New Zealand Cup, he having secured, I am informed, about £1200. At the same time Beadonwell is one of the gamest horses that ever ran in New Zealand. His performance in Dunedin when running a dead heat with Au Revoir over a mile and a quarter in the mud proves this. I well recollect how pleased the owners were at the pluck shown by both horses on that occasion.

Triton ran disappointingly in his second essay, but will probably do better later on.

No less than five New Zealand Cup candidates started during the two days—Silver Spec (who is for sale), Marino, Solano, Chaos, and Speculator, but only the two former showed anything like form. Perhaps the others will improve later on, but so far Marino is the only one of this quintette I consider has a chance in the big race.

Kulnine is for sale at 150 guineas.

Mr Gollan did not win a race at the meeting, although he tried seven times. Repo is a good specimen of the hunter class, Lascar is of very little account, and Mystical, though a fairly good looking horse, is evidently a bad animal to own for he shut up in a most unaccountable fashion in the Bracelet.

Chrystal is one of the dotty sort and should never win in decent company, although he occasionally jumps well.

The distance and weight in the Final Hurdle Race suited Brin, who won from end to end, whilst on the first day he pulled up distressed.

Victim's performance on the second day over hurdles was on a par with his first day's ability—not up to much.

Gillie was undoubtedly the best of those competing in the hurdle class, as he ran well each time he started. Rawai is a nice out of a horse, but The Bug and Vagabond showed the best condition in this division.

Rotoma, winner of the Bracelet on the same day, is by St. George—Lady Eveline, not Lady Evelyn. The latter animal is still owned by the Hon. G. McLean. Rotoma is fairly fast, but would not face the hurdles on the first day.

Despised did not get a win, but he ran decently throughout. He was offered for sale on Tuesday, but his owner's reserve of 100gs was not nearly reached. Marechal Neil was also passed in, his owner asking the same price for the Black Rose horse. Ulster was likewise withdrawn. [We understand she has been sold privately.—Ed., S.R.]

Opossum, winner of the Three-mile Trot at the Show Grounds, was offered at auction on Tuesday, but was passed in at 29gs.

Three hundred and fifty guineas were refused for Mutiny, but this was only to be expected, seeing that his owner was offered the refusal of 500gs for the National winner from Australia.

Rags was a cheap horse at 38gs. He will win yet.

Mr Douglas informed me during an interesting chat that recent successes had not altered his determination to give up racing. He had been at the game for over twenty years, and desired to devote his energies to breeding. Still, as he says, it is hard to find a market for horses just now, and he did not feel inclined to sacrifice any of his animals. Naturally, he was elated at the success of his colours in the Steeplechase, especially as he bred the winner.

Attempting to make a comparison as to the ability of big and medium-sized horses, Mr Douglas leans to the opinion that the best horses he ever owned were of the latter class. They usually last longer, stay better, and gallop as fast as bigger horses, while for jumping the medium animal is undoubtedly the best. This subject might be debated at great length, especially when the negative has such a good representative as Roscius, but taking all the horses I have known, I certainly am inclined to agree with Mr Douglas' conclusions.

Over twenty years ago Mr Douglas took part in a hack race at Castle Point, in what that gentleman terms the good old days, (when every owner rode his own horse). He humourously referred to the fact that he was beaten by a Maori, who was as heavy a man as Mutiny's owner was then, and that, as he suggests, was not very feathery. I could not help thinking that the irony of fate—or racing if you like—had supplied, after over twenty years, an almost similar result. Donald McKinnon, owned by the Maoris, beating Mr Douglas' representative in the Hurdles. I hope that Courant's owner may change his mind as to retiring from the active pursuit of racing, as it is to owners of his class that the Turf in this country owes so much, and can ill afford to lose. He bred many more National winners.

Au Revoir still remains apparently sound. Skirmisher is, so far as I can ascertain, in good condition, but, on running, he will have to improve a lot before he can win the big Cup.

So far I have not troubled you with my ideas re the New Zealand Cup and other events to be decided at our Spring gathering, but will take an early opportunity of doing so.

A large number of horses of all descriptions and degree were offered for sale during the National week, but very few changed hands.

Settling over our National Meeting was fairly punctual.

At least one rider at the National Meeting should have been told by the stewards that the whip he carried was, if he saw fit, to be used on his own mount, not on the nose of another competitor, who was almost prevented by the act suggested from winning.

It was reported in town to-day that Magazine was slightly lame through striking himself, but this is not correct.

Mr Stead's horses must surely have a chance of distinguishing themselves in Australia. Musketery is better, in my opinion, than he has yet given public evidence of. He has so far only acted as a trial horse and wet nurse for Mannlicher and Co, but over a short distance he will, I fancy, be a hard egg to break. Mauser, too, has given proof of galloping power, and will, if he keeps sound, do good service for the Yaldhurst stable. Of Mannlicher it is unnecessary to say much, but if he is well when competing in Australia I should not like to put the smallest piece of my money on some of his opponents. I hope Mr Stead's enterprise will be rewarded.

DUNEDIN.

[BY WIRE.]

August 20th.

Nominations for the Timaru Spring Meeting were received last Saturday, and judging from the good number there are plenty of horses available for early spring racing in this Island. The Timaru meeting (South Canterbury Jockey Club) takes place on September 12 and 13, and is the first flat racing of season 1895-96. Magazine, Prime Warden, Gipsy Grand, Marino, Chaos, Outpost, Silver Spec, and Loveshot, all New Zealand Cup candidates, are named for the Timaru Cup, so a lot of interest will be evidenced.

Our Hunt Club entries for September are also good, and bookmakers are already busy with their doubles (two flat races) offering from 100 to 4 to half a sovereign.

I am sorry to say James Cotton is still in the Christchurch Hospital suffering from the result of his fall at the National Meeting.

Casket is still under a cloud, and is doing no strong work. Our other Cup candidates are well.

NAPIER.

August 16.

In sending through the newly-elected committee of the Napier Park Racing Club I omitted Mr F. Ormond's name from the list.

Morag, who got knocked out at the Wanganui Steeplechase Meeting, is in work again.

Monday and Tuesday, the 7th and 8th October, are the dates fixed by the Hawkes' Bay Jockey Club for their Spring Meeting. The programme is exactly similar to that of last year. As usual the Hawkes' Bay Guineas forms the principal item for the first day, and on the second the Spring Handicap, of 225 sovs is the leading feature.

On the following Tuesday and Wednesday, the 15th and 16th October, the Napier Park Club hold their Spring fixture. As with the Metropolitan Club, the programme is the same as the preceding year. The Park Stakes, of 200 sovs., is the big event of the first day, and on the second day the Racing Club Handicap, with 50 sovs less, is the richest stake.

The committee of the Waipawa Racing Club met on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Present: Messrs W. White (chairman), Serimegeour, C. H. Arrow, Harker, Bennett, Pettit, Rollo, and W. Bogle. The secretary, Mr Harker, reported having attended a meeting of delegates from the country racing clubs held at Napier, when Mr G. Hunter was elected to attend the Racing Conference. Also, that Messrs Luckie and Danvers were appointed to draw up a series of resolutions to be submitted to the Conference re the time for which delegates should be appointed. The secretary presented the draft balance sheet, which was read and discussed. The expenditure amounted to £1251 3s 6d, leaving a debit balance of £128 3s 1d, which, added to the sum to credit last August (£175 1s 8d), made a total deficiency on the year's working of £203 4s 9d. On the other hand there was £438 15s on fixed deposit. The annual meeting was fixed to be held at Kaikoura on the 28th of August. It was decided that nominations for the officers should be sent in on or before the 24th August.

Mr W. M. Broughton's mares, Princess Royal and Lady Leger, leave by the Tasmania to-day on a visit to Mr Nathan's Seaton Delaval.

The Town and Suburban Racing Club have been granted a permit to use the totalisator for one meeting a year. It will be remembered that this was one of the clubs the Racing Conference decided should not have the right to use the totalisator.

Since South Australia adopted the totalisator £2176 has been distributed among the charities by one Club alone.

The steamer Argus has been floated off the reef at Thursday Island, where she struck some little time back. It appears that 11 of the racers that were on board consigned to India died during the time the vessel was stranded. The Indian trader, Mr Uphill, lost a couple of horses, La Gloria and Rink. East year Mr Uphill had the bad luck to loose Orestes and Bare-foot during the voyage to India.

THE HALF-AND-HALF CIGAR.

This is half bad and half not half bad. The not half bad half is at the forward end, and when it is lighted the smoker flatters himself that he has a good smoke. If he continues to smoke after the equator is passed (the equator of the cigar) he discovers that all is not tobacco that burns. Frossard's Cavour Cigars are fragrant and free down to the last draw. Original packets—light for 1s 3d. "Light this end!"—ADV.

Turf Topics.

[BY REVIEWER.]

Morag is in work again.

Casket is still under a cloud.

Portsea continues to do great work at Flemington.

The Maid of Killarney protest is to be decided by the A.T.C. to-day.

Annual meeting of Wellington Racing Club next Monday (26th inst).

Notes on the training at headquarters will be found in another column.

Sir James Agnew has been re-elected president of the Tasmanian Racing Club.

Ruenalf is in work again, so it is evident this "broken-down" horse is worth watching.

Impulse is doing far and away the best work of local New Zealand Cup candidates.

The Hotchkiss—Satanella four-year-old, Linstock, has become very musical.

The SPORTING REVIEW has been re-appointed the official calendar of the Auckland Racing Club.

I hear that Friendship (late Lady Whitford) won another Sydney pony race last Saturday week.

The jockeys Hickey and Fletcher have been awarded £6 each from the A.R.C. Distressed Jockeys' Fund.

Mr W. Percival reports the following scratching:—Sir Geo. Clifford's Weathereye for Royal Stakes, 1895-96.

The Waipawa R.C. annual meeting will be held on the 28th inst. The Wairarapa meeting is being held to-day.

Mr W. Douglas adheres to his resolve respecting giving up racing and intends devoting his attention to breeding.

The owner of Artillery is inviting tenders from English and American buyers respecting the son of Musket and Ouida.

The balance sheet of the Wellington Racing Club shows a profit of £431 4s 6d, including last year's balance of £239.

It transpires that Donald McKinnon's time for the Grand National Hurdle Race was 4min 5sec—not 4min 51sec as telegraphed.

M. Edward's action re the Canterbury—Auckland Trotting Club dispute comes before a special meeting of the A.T.C. stewards to-morrow.

Mr J. Wagner, who owned Welcome Jack, the Maribyrnong dead heater, will be a candidate for the seat on the V.A.T.C. Committee at the next election.

The measuring of ponies for the forthcoming Ellerslie racing season has been placed in the hands of Messrs J. Kirkwood, J. O. Evett, and W. Percival.

The reserve placed on Despised and Marechal Neil at the Christchurch National sale was a 100 guineas. In both instances the price was not nearly reached.

The Tasman—Rubina three-year-old colt, Kingsman, has been awarded a spell consequent on a temporary lameness that befell him after a gallop last week.

Mr Gollan's string leaves Lyttelton by the Tainui to-day. James Hickey goes in charge of the team and has for assistants Dan. Page and James Webster who took Maxim to America.

Nominations for the South Canterbury J.C. Spring Meeting, to be held on Sept. 12 and 13, appear elsewhere. Handicaps are due next Saturday, and acceptances on the 31st inst.

J. McHugh, the Auckland trainer who has been down Hawera way since the Autumn, returned by last Saturday's boat, bringing with him a team of three horses. Included in the trio is an iron grey maiden jumper, about whom I have favourable advices. The horses are located at Kohimarama.

It has been said that the picture of Mutiny reproduced in the last issue of the REVIEW had been "in stock" at this office for some time. This is not so. The Christchurch agent of the journal had Mr W. Douglas's representative photographed immediately after the conclusion of the C.J.C. Grand National chase.

Several three-cup coupons have been left at our post-office box in unstamped envelopes. The REVIEW does not mind offering a £50 prize, but it strongly objects to paying for the delivery of coupons. So subscribers might take the hint and either stamp their envelopes or leave them at the office of this paper.

A special meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club stewards has been called for to-morrow to consider the action of M. Edwards in connection with the trouble which has arisen between the local body and the Canterbury Metropolitan Trotting Association. The letter sent to Edwards last week by the A.T.C. secretary did not catch him in Christchurch as anticipated. A copy has been forwarded to Edwards, who is now in Auckland, and his reply will no doubt be forthcoming in time for to-morrow's meeting.

The Greymouth Trotting Club have disqualified the mare Wanda, her nominator (R. Cowan), and rider (A. J. Keith) for life. Wanda trotted at the Canterbury Show Grounds on October 21st, 1893, and was entered and competed as a non-performer at the Greymouth Meeting, held on March 19th last. The stewards found that both the nominator and jockey were guilty of fraudulent and wilful misstatement of entry. Two declarations taken before a Justice of the Peace were produced at the inquiry, identifying Wanda. The sentence passed on Keith will be a serious blow to him, as his services as a rider and driver were very much in demand. If I am not mistaken it was Keith who drove Specification when that horse put up the 7.35 record for three miles at the Canterbury T.C. Meeting last year.

Ben Godfrey is being worked in leg bandages at Ellerslie. The St. Leger—Welcome Katie horse is only given pottering work, but he is mending.

Mr J. H. Cushing, who died at Melbourne on the 7th inst., owned G'Naroo (Caulfield Cup winner) and Mell (beaten by Camoola in the V.R.C. Derby). The latter's defeat was a sore point with Mr Cushing, who always maintained his colt should have won.

The A.R.C. committee have attached the name of Musket to the leading two-year-old race of the Second Spring Meeting, instead of to the Mid-summer Handicap as was intended. The name, September Stakes, has been eliminated from the First Spring Meeting, and that race re-named the Welcome Stakes, which was run at the second meeting of last year.

Major George's Cup candidate was given a burst once round the Ellerslie track last Saturday. The Workman took Regasus right round the circuit, Anniversary joining in for the last six furlongs. The Cup colt was out of the fight from beginning to end, but he should improve by Cup day. He will certainly have to advance many pounds on Saturday's go if he is to make a race of it at Riccarton on November 4th.

The loss of Phantom's foal to Regal at the Motu-Korea (Brown's Island) stud reminds me that if you search the *Stud Book* for the name of this daughter of Musket and Atlantis you will not find it. The 1884 foaling of Atlantis to Musket is registered in the book as "br f Vivid." This should read Phantom. While on the question of the *Stud Book* I desire to again ask, in a despairing tone, if we are ever to have another volume published.

The disappointing Australian hurdler, Bischoff who went out level favourite with Rosestem for the Caulfield National Hurdles and was beaten out of a place, has been purchased by Mr E. H. Frew (trainer of Daimio) for £150.

A slab of English horse-reporting from the description of the last Ascot meeting:—"The Prince of Wales wore a white hat, a thing he has not done for years, and his example was followed by Lord Cadogan." What the colour of Albert Edward's head-gear had to do with a report of the racing is not altogether clear to the contemptible colonial.

Despised's pilot, A. Williams, came back from Riccarton with "his head in a sling." When the Cap-a-pie horse fell in the Grand National Steeplechase I understand he trod on Williams' left ear, and although the injury was nothing serious the frosty weather experienced down South at National time affected it rather painfully. "A miss is as good as a mile," but Despised's attention to his fallen rider was a trifle close to be pleasant.

The famous English jockey Mornington Cannon had a remarkable record at the Ascot meeting last June. He had in all twenty-six mounts during the four days and he was either first or second in twenty races. His actual figures were nine times first, eleven times second, three times third, and out of a place on three occasions only. Of his nine winning mounts six horses started favourites, but two others were 100 to 12 chances, while another was 100 to 15. He was second on a 100 to 8 chance beaten a short head, and third on a similarly laid animal. One has to go back to the record of Archer in his palmiest days to find a parallel of such performances.

Glorious, sire of Raak (winner of the V.A.T.C. Sapling Stakes on the 10th inst. at Caulfield), was sold for £25 some time back by the owner of the Redleap. Raak, who is reckoned one of the coming Victorian two year olds, cantered home over 3½ furlongs in 46½sec.

The trotting mare Katie M. is said to have returned to Auckland. Mr M. Gleeson, who came back by Saturday's boat from the south, sold the mare to a Brighton (Christchurch) trotting man. I suppose the Brighton man will ask Gleeson to race the mare up here for him in the event of the proposed trotting meeting next month being held.

Pencilers T. Tobias and J. Davidson returned from their Southern trip this week. The first-named reports having laid Euroclydon, Marino, and Skirmisher for the New Zealand Cup during National week at Christchurch. I understand one of the Southern books wrote Skirmisher £1000 to £10 in one bet during the Riccarton week. Chaos was well backed at the same time, and steady inquiries were made for Prime Warden.

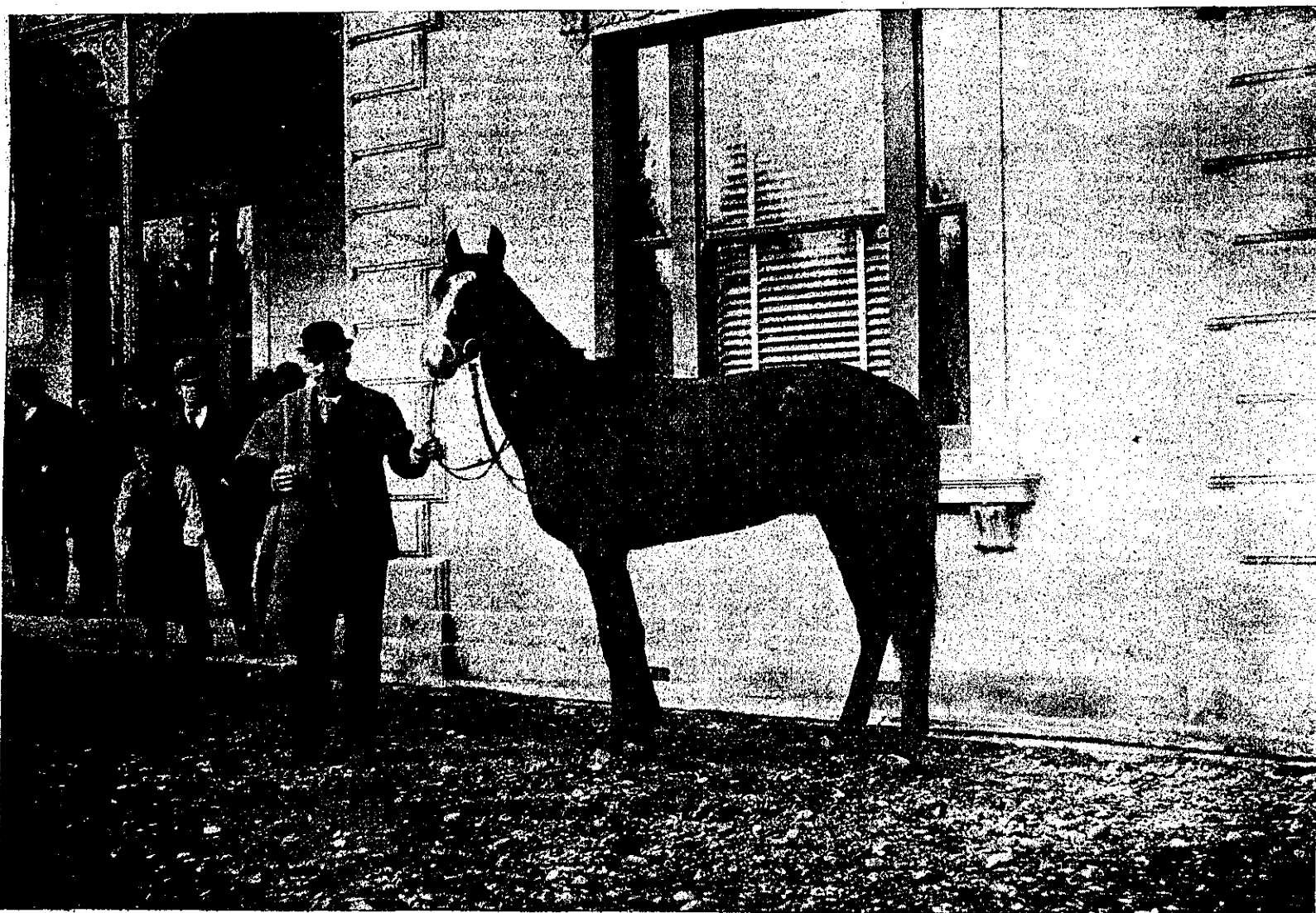
One of the oldest English steeplechase riders at present in the saddle is W. Daniels, who rode a dashing and successful 'chase last month in spite of his 45 years. That is a rather venerable age for a cross-country pilot. As a rule the Old World steeplechase riders retire at about thirty, finding that their pluck has left them. The oldest men now riding in jumping races are to be found among amateurs, and the reason is not difficult to find. The gentleman jockey generally takes care of himself, eschews drinking, the indulgence of too many long cigars, and other little pleasures.

The Musket-Atlantis mare Phantom had the bad luck to lose her colt-foal to Regal. The daughter of Musket foaled to the Motu Korea sire last Wednesday, but the newcomer died two days later. The Messrs Alison Brothers are to be sympathised with in the hard luck experienced in connection with Phantom's stud efforts.

A leading Newmarket (Eng.) trainer, T. Jennings, never gallops his horses on the tan, no matter how bad the going on the turf may be. It is said that he rarely or ever breaks a horse down, and that his objection to tan galloping is the secret of his success. I take it that no practical authority would recommend fast winding-up gallops on the artificial track, but if Jennings rarely breaks a horse down he is the sort of pearl we want out here. However, I have no doubt this English training luminary, like other trainers of less distinction, can break prads down as well as patch them up.

The Pakuranga Hunt Club committee met last Friday, and awarded a special prize of £5 in connection with the Agricultural Society's Show. The following conditions were attached to the Hunt Club Cup, Tally-ho Steeplechase, Members' Hurdle Race, and Ladies' Bracelet, to be run at Ellerslie on September 21st:—Minimum weight in Hunt Club Cup to be reduced to 10.7; winner of the Cup to carry 14lb extra in the Tally-ho Steeplechase; winner of Tally-ho to carry 7lb extra in the Members' Hurdles; Bracelet to be a handicap with a minimum weight of 10.7. As the Hunt Club races will be held much earlier this year than in past seasons the committee decided to count the Wednesday runs on the qualification tickets, providing the horses also attend the Saturday meets from this date.

Winner of the New Zealand Grand National Hurdles.



DONALD MCKINNON (by The Dauphin—Dainty Ariel Mare).

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The Auckland Trotting Club committee hold their first meeting of the season to-day. The election of office-bearers for the year will be held, and the protest lodged against Maid of Killarney in connection with the last Hamilton trotting meeting will be dealt with.

An English exchange tells of a "play it up punter," who started at the Hurst Park races last month with two sovereigns and a little silver. He had his two big shekels on the first winner, and constantly increasing his stakes did not back a loser during the whole afternoon. Luck such as this is like a needle in a haystack, very hard to find. The general order of the punter's luck is to begin with £600 and end with £2—or a collar stud.

The condition of the track at the recent "Royal Ascot" Meeting appears to have been disgraceful. The last English mails to hand state that the course was in a state which would ensure the withdrawal of the license from a second-class meeting. "Great patches of turfless clay stood out on the running track, which was, in addition holey, lumpy, and fissured with great sun cracks in all directions." A nice course, truly, on which to run the great Isinglass, who it will be remembered ran first past the post for the Gold Cup in front of Reminder and Kilsallaghan. The names of many great horses figure on the roll of Ascot Gold Cup winners, amongst them being such heroes as Fisherman, Thorntony, Scottish Chief, Doncaster, Isonomy, and St. Simon, all founders of mighty lines in the last half century. And the deeds of Isinglass stamp him as well worthy of a place on the roll. Mr McCalmont's retired hero will always be remembered as a horse remarkable for his unflinching gameness and dogged determination.

The plantation on the Ellerslie hill has been thinned, and the pines that in the past hid the steeplechase jumps on the crest of the rise have been top-pruned. Racegoers will now be able to secure a much clearer view of cross-country runs at headquarters than has been obtainable in the past.

An interesting memento of Tom Hick's Auckland Trotting Cup win has been made by T. Stewart, the blacksmith, and presented to E. G. Sandall, who trained and drove Tom Hicks in his big win. Using one of the shoes worn by the horse during the race as his "precious metal" Stewart has turned out an extraordinarily neat horse-shoe scarf pin, which bears the name of the trotter in raised lettering. With the aid of gold-wash the pin looks like the article obtained from a jeweller's shop.

The smashing defeat administered to the Totalisator Bill in the Victorian Legislative Assembly shows what the Council of Churches—Bookmaker Coalition can do when aided by chuckle-headed Parliamentarians. The outlook for the machine on the other side looks as black as Erebus just at present, but the tote bell will yet ring at Flemington. The supporters of the machine have only gathered strength since the last election of Assemblymen so that the totalisator converts have not had any opportunity of ramming their wishes into the heads of their legislative representatives. The clergy and bookies don't rule the roost in the matter of a general election and the candidates for next Victorian Parliament will find the Argus-eyed public on hand with the question Tote or no Tote. The mechanical bettor is favoured by the horny-handed who generally get their way in the long run.

At the annual meeting of the South Auckland Racing Club, which was held at Hamilton on Saturday last, it was resolved to hold a meeting in the autumn. As the Club is restricted to two days' racing per annum it was left to the Committee to decide as to whether they should have a two-days' meeting in the autumn, or one day in the autumn and one in the summer. The Committee decided in favour of the former proposition. The result of the year's racing showed a small credit balance, but as some of the payments due by the Club were overdue it was decided to make a levy of £2 on the stewards and committeemen.

A new racing law is to be introduced in the Canadian Parliament, the chief provisions of which are as follows:—"It shall not be lawful for horse-races to be held for any longer period than twenty-four days in any one year upon the grounds of any turf association, nor for more than six days in any one month, and at least one month shall intervene between any two race-meetings. It shall not be lawful for any turf association to permit any horse-races to be held upon their grounds, or grounds under their control, by or under the control, management or direction of any foreign person, syndicate, corporation or association. Any person offending against the provisions of this act shall be subject to a penalty of 1000 dollars and to imprisonment for any period less than one year, and where races take place in contravention of this act upon the grounds of an association of persons or a corporate body, all and every of the members of the association and officers and directors of such corporate body shall each be liable to the penalty and imprisonment provided for by this act."

Breeders from a distance seem to have an eye on the Messrs Nathan Bros. latest importation, Seaton Delaval. Campbell, the well-known Hawke's Bay trainer and right-hand man of the Hawke's Bay stud master, Mr W. M. Broughton, of Omaha, arrived here by the Tasmania last Saturday, bringing with him two of Mr Broughton's stud matrons, viz., Lady Leger and Princess Royal, on a visit to Seaton Delaval. They are both nearly foaling to Patriarch and Mystical, as Lady Leger was served by the good-old horse Patriarch shortly before he passed out, and Princess Royal is in foal to Mystical. They are two fine specimens of stud matrons, and should help to make a name for the horse. Campbell speaks in high terms of the Tasmania as a boat for the conveyance of horses and also of the assistance rendered him by the officers and crew of the ship.

I sometimes wonder (writes "Ranger" in the *Sporting and Dramatic News*) what would be the effect on society if the clock could be put back 25 years, and a really good descriptive reporter of the latter-day inquisitive kind turned on to do one of the old suburban race meetings thoroughly. Not only as seen from the outsider's point of view, but with all the inner workings laid bare. The consultations behind that ramshackle wooden stand at Bromley as to who should and who should not try; the extraordinary market fluctuations of the various candidates—there was no starting price betting in those days—as the book-makers got an inkling of how the card lay; and the wonderful capacity some riders had for going the wrong side of a post at a critical and opportune moment; all these, and many other similar incidents, would have to be fully and carefully recorded.

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[OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

SYDNEY RACING NOTES.

August 11.

The erst New Zealand horse Silver Prince, by Anteros out of Sylvia, dam of Martini-Henry, Goldsborough and Co., whose track form led people to think he was a good thing for the Melbourne Cup one year, took first prize in the blood-stallion class at Condobolin show the other day.

The Goddess who doles ill-luck out to turfites generally distributes a double dose at once. When Eales Brothers, of Duckenfield stud, lost the Carbine—St. Odille colt through strangles, they found solace in the fact that St. Odille, for whom they paid 400 guineas at Wallace's sale, was again in foal to Carbine, but a week after the first fatality the mare fell over a bank into a creek and broke her back.

Though nineteen started in a Kensington pony event last week, Friendship (Lady Whitford) was backed down to the handle, and she just headed a dangerous opponent out of the stake.

If you glance at the weight allotted Quiver in the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups and Metropolitan Handicap you will notice she is very well in the latter at 8.5. 2W1007

Cinder Ellen, who has just started running at pony fixtures, is splendidly bred, being by the Musket horse Trenton out of the Javelin mare Cinderella, who proved such a brilliant performer whilst running in Twohill's colours in Maoriland.

Bros., who race for the fun of the thing and don't bet, were unmistakably proud of him. The four miles was cut out in phenomenal looking time. 8min 16sec, beating the erratic Dondi's time by seventeen seconds (carrying 34lbs more than Dondi). There were fifteen runners, which is the most numerous field that has started except once, when Busaco won in 1891 there were seventeen. Nothing but Daimio would go down with punters, and from 6 to 4 bookies (seeing no money was coming for anything else) made the price 2 to 1 on—really good under the circumstances. Baltoro, ridden by Brewer, was the first to fall, coming to earth at the second obstacle. "No wonder he came down," said Brewer, "why, he took off 40 feet from the jump and went on top of it." Eight of the fifteen fell, and of the remaining seven the S.A. mare, The Actress, tailed right out of it. The reason of the mishaps was obvious. Daimio, Highborn II., Knebsworth, Dart, and J.O.I. led the rest such a dunce that they couldn't successfully race at the jumps. Daimio jumped perfectly; never struck, or had the whip on him. It was only at the last hurdle that he shook off the persistent Romsdal, and even before he had negotiated his final leap there were ringing cheers for his victory, which were continued for ever so long. Knebsworth came down at the last timber, and Highborn finished a good fourth.

Redleap carried 13.12 home in this event in 1892, but Daimio eclipsed his time by 29 1/2 secs. Winning the two V.R.C. Grand National Steeple and Caulfield Steeple rather elated trainer Frew, but Miller's trainer, Bellamy, holds a hard record to beat, for he won two Grand National hurdle races and two steeple at Flemington, and

late commission put Tullamore (owned by a prominent Melbourne doctor) in that position. Duhallow ran unbacked on his own, and if he was to make the pace for Damper, which was evidently his mission, the object failed; for Damper could not catch him. Duhallow sneaked away from the field with a ten-lengths lead, but "came back" to them on entering the straight. As no Damper appeared to relieve the monotony or dampen the proceedings the boy went on and Duhallow came again, and, lasting out a game race, was just nosed into second place by Tullamore, with Damper third. All three were subsequently backed for the Caulfield Cup, for which The Admiral is at present nominal favourite at 100 to 5. The gray horse Eiridsforde may prove a dangerous customer for Caulfield. He looks well and will be twice as well when the day comes round.

Dreamland lost a shoe on the track the other morning, and one of his feet was tender afterwards, but he raced in the afternoon. However, he shaped worse than he did on the previous Saturday. I am inclined to think that this horse will continue to be an unlucky prod, and that he must have been born when the moon had a ring round it.

The second Sapling Stakes, of three and a half furlongs, was voted the best of things for Raak (Glorious—Eira, by Gang Forward), and so it proved. As Miller Bros. have had forty-two two-year-olds through their hands this season they make no mistake about scoring the first plums. They won a race at Geelong during the week with Bertram, the full brother to Maddelina and Meg. He looks a better horse than Raak, but the stable says he can't go fast enough to

ring. Of course a great many who train for bookies can't be expected to publicly say they prefer the tote.

Port Admiral won't come across for the A.J.C. Metropolitan Meeting.

Newman has been well backed in Melbourne for the big Cup, and more cash has gone on to Rewi, but why the latter is in such demand I cannot make out.

Owners, Note!

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S FIRST SPRING MEETING.

On Friday, August 30th, by 9 p.m., nominations in connection with the above meeting will close with the secretary, Mr W. Percival, as under:—

FIRST DAY.

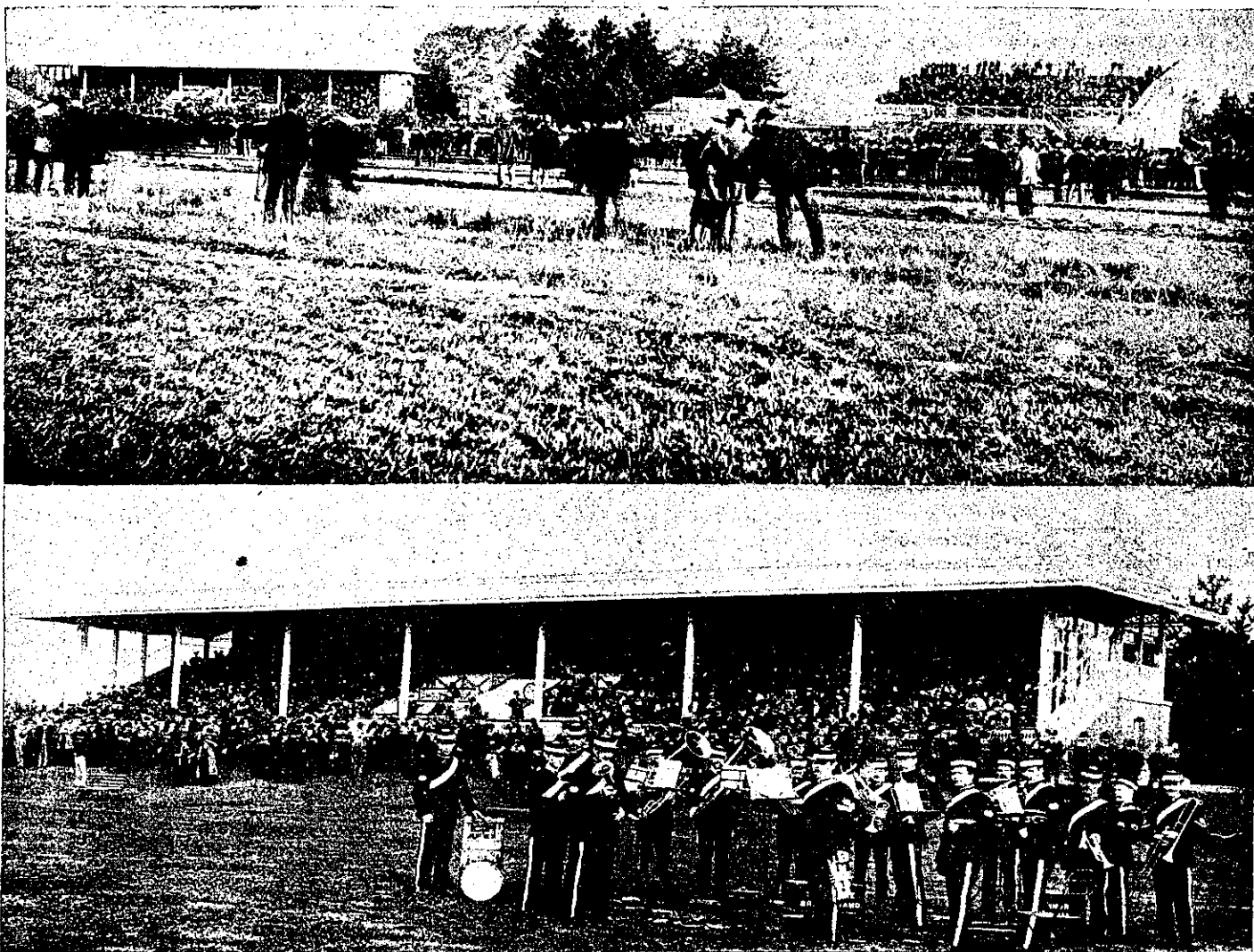
Trial Handicap of 60 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.
Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs, 1 1/2 mile, 1 sov.
Spring Handicap of 110 sovs, 1 1/4 mile, 1 sov.
Welcome Stakes of 100 sovs, 4 furlongs, 2 sovs.
Handicap Steeplechase of 80 sovs, about 3 miles, 1 sov.

Flying Handicap of 75 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
Pony Handicap of 40 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
Maiden Handicap of 40 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.

SECOND DAY.

Maiden Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs, 1 1/2 mile, 1 sov.
Ascot Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
Hunt Club Cup (Handicap Steeplechase) of 45 sovs, about 3 1/2 miles, 1 sov.

The New Zealand Grand National Meeting.



1. A View of Riccarton Course. 2. The Grandstand and Lawn on Steeplechase Day. N.Z. Photo-Process Company.

Melbourne people were greatly surprised the other day on witnessing a close finish in a trotting race. It was described as a refreshing novelty.

The Gisborne horse Darnley (by Bothwell) led from start to finish in the Hunters' Stakes at Geelong last week, and registered at his own pleasure.

Lady Clare, winner of the Flying at the same meeting, was originally bought for a tanner. She was trained by Peter St. Albans, who rode Briseis when she won the Victorian Derby and Melbourne Cup, way back in the old days.

If appearances go for anything on the track Dan O'Brien's Abercorn—Iolanthe colt, Ilchester, is able to swamp Cartridge.

A horse named Fitz-Donovan, by the English Derby winner, Donovan, out of Alone, is reckoned to have a good chance in the Epsom Handicap. On Saturday he was last in a mile race most of the way, but getting through a smart field he edged to the front and scored meritoriously. He will win many a good race once he starts properly on the turf road, having breeding and stamina to recommend him.

The journey to Melbourne from Sydney to witness the Caulfield Grand National four mile steeple (24 jumps) was certainly worth the cash it cost. Daimio's performance caps anything I've ever seen. When Barbour, who had met with an accident, appeared in the saddle with his bruised face covered with sticking plaster people thought he might not be equal to the ordeal, but he knew the piece of horseflesh he was on and was quite confident. The son of Swiveller was a picture to look at, and Gibson

three steeple at Caulfield, or seven Grand Nationals in four years.

Miller Bros. won't hear of the wonderful Daimio being compared with Redleap, and one of them says the time must have been wrong. The test of a jumper, he avers, is his ability to win hurdle races as well as steeplechases. Redleap would lose Daimio in a three-mile hurdle event, whilst in a steeplechase he would jump as well and stay quite as good as Daimio. "Let us get Redleap as well as he was when he won his first Grand National Hurdle race, and we will back him against Daimio over three miles. The trial shown by Redleap before he won on the first occasion was, on the flat, good enough for anything. He picked up and passed good horses, and we would have won a Melbourne Cup with him had he stood training. He suffers from bad feet, and was not near himself when he won the Flemington and Caulfield steeple."

It might be mentioned that Miller has a good line as to Redleap's capabilities in Romsdal, who was with Daimio at the last fence on Saturday. Redleap can give any weight to Romsdal and beat him bad. Redleap is to be taken up again after the spring, and another effort made to secure a preparation. Anyhow, Daimio is a great horse, and talking of Norton going to England! why if Daimio had a shot at Aintree every Victorian and N.S.W. sport would send home beans to back him.

And now, having got this off my chest, let me look at one or two other races run on the same day. The Davis stable had Damper and Duhallow in the Moondah Handicap of a mile and three furlongs. The first named was favourite until a

keep her warm. Of course Raak will have to take a back seat as the other two-year-olds come on, but at present she is the most slippery customer seen out. Quick on her legs, she has the race won in the first few hundred yards. Kobold, who ran second, is by Newminster. Norroy (unplaced) is a fine strapping colt of promise, but requires time. He is by Escutcheon out of French Girl.

The bird of bad luck still perches on Gollan's stable at Caulfield and can't be chased away now. The latest accident happened to the well bred Freda (Maxim—Fair Nell), who fell on the track and was badly injured.

At a public meeting at Essendon (Vic.) a vote in favour of the tote was carried. "Infernal Machine" Cook, the horseowner, averred that the tote would only induce owners to elude the handicapper by winning at Flemington and getting good dives with horses that had been running last at suburban meetings. "In New Zealand it had caused the abolition of Wellington Park and Sylvia Park studs, and at the same time every genuine turfite." [Mr Cook's knowledge of New Zealand turf affairs appears to be a bit mixed.—Ed. S.R.] Walter Hickenbotham replied that they had lost Wallace's Lerderberg stud, and other studs had gone and were going, and the tote could not be blamed for that. The chairman read a letter from the Chief Commissioner of Police in South Australia in favour of the machine, which did not conduce to so much embezzlement, was conducted on a cash basis, and did away with a great deal of welching. The anti-tote men were in a minority, but Harvester Cook may be converted when the machine bells

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THE NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION.

THE immense majority that the Government had (61 to 5) in its favour when what was virtually a "no-confidence" motion was brought before the House last week in no way affects the Trade, nor does it in any way influence the feelings members may have on the new Liquor Bill, which will be discussed in the course of a few days by the Legislative Assembly. The notice of motion brought forward by Captain Russell was simply a catch vote which was resorted to on the spur of the moment because he thought that there was a growing feeling amongst Government supporters inimical to the proposed tariff. That he made a mistake was proved by the fact that of the straight out opposition, which is reckoned at sixteen or seventeen, only four voted in favour of his proposition, the fifth one being a member of the "cross benches." We are satisfied that had he bided his time and waited for a more favourable moment to express his opinion of the action of the Government he would have met with a much more substantial backing. Although, generally speaking, our views are in accord with the Government, we are strong believers in a healthy Opposition, for no matter how good the intent of a government may be it is not wise that it should have too strong an arm, for under such circumstances no check could be placed upon its vagaries, and even the best of governments at times are prone to indulge in peculiar species of legislation. The new Liquor Bill, which we have gone into exhaustively in a previous issue, is a case in point; its provisions are arbitrary and its effect would be disastrous on the community at large. When discussed it should be met by members of both parties in the House with an honest and earnest desire to sift its possibilities and probabilities thoroughly. Although introduced by Government it cannot be treated as a Government measure pure and simple. It is too far reaching in its results, and must be handled and argued upon purely in the abstract and apart from all party considerations. It is not a question of Liberalism versus Conservatism, Seddon versus Stout or Russell, or even the Government versus the Opposition. It is a broad question affecting the interests of the entire community, the revenue of the colony, and the advance or decline of trade throughout the whole of New Zealand. We hope that legislators will keep this aspect of the question well in view and approach the subject with a view to honestly speaking and voting for the best interests of the colony at large. Many members who could not conscientiously vote in favour of such a motion as was brought in by Captain Russell last week would still revolt at the idea of passing into law the provisions of the proposed Liquor Bill, and we are satisfied that when the matter is thoroughly thrashed out the view of the question that we have taken will be borne out by the action of the different members of the House. It is iniquitous to think that a Bill could be passed in New Zealand so arbitrary that even in Russia it would meet with the strongest opposition; a Bill, *imprimis*, interfering in a most un-

warrantable way with the liberty of the subject, disarranging the revenues of the colony, disintegrating trade in general, and having so far-reaching an evil effect that its results (if it be made law) will be felt for years, not only locally, but in our intercourse with other colonies and countries. We cannot credit the idea that it will be passed, for we believe that mature consideration on the part of the Government, aided by free and open discussion, will bring members to a sense of the great responsibility resting on their shoulders, and that the measure will either be so amended as to eliminate its most objectionable features, or that it will be withdrawn entirely, unless indeed its sponsors insist upon pushing it through, and then surely it will meet with the crushing defeat which it so justly merits. Parliament is not a place for experiments. The Legislative Assembly should not be looked upon as a laboratory in which fads are to be hammered out, patented, and foisted upon a patient tax-paying community. The people will stand that sort of thing for a while because they can't help it, but they won't stand it for ever, and when the reaction comes it will be a sweeping one, and somebody will have to stand from under. What in the name of common sense then is the use of passing measures that are admittedly impracticable? that will only be made law to be broken? and that will not stand a working test for any reasonable length of time? Does it not seem childish that the pick of our intelligent men should, while influenced by party feeling or some emotional wave, propose a species of legislation that both experience and common sense tell them cannot possibly be lasting? What profit can there be in setting up an image or fetich that a logical deduction proves must be in the course of a brief period knocked down again? It means simply a modern illustration of the legend of Sisyphus, with one exception, namely, Sisyphus didn't get paid for his trouble and our modern Sisyphi do, and jolly well too. We hope that members will look at this question from a reasonable point of view, and when they come to give their votes or to speak on the Liquor Bill will bear in mind the far reaching effects such a measure will have if by any unfortunate chance it should become the law of the land.

A COALITION.

ACCORDING to the *Evening Post*, this is the Hon. J. M'Kenzie's idea of the next Ministry:—Premier, Attorney-General, and Minister for Education, Sir Robert Stout; Colonial Secretary and Minister for Defence, Captain Russell; Treasurer, Mr G. Hutchison; Minister for Labour, Public Works, and Railways, Mr Earnshaw; Lands, Mr Massey; Dr. Newman to be transferred to the Upper House. It is almost superfluous to point out the fact to our readers that we have on more than one occasion spoken clearly on the subject of a possible coalition, and the great menace such a combination would prove to the Trade. Now our anticipations are borne out by one of the leading Opposition papers, which prophecies as almost a certainty what we looked upon as a dangerous contingency only. If Sir Robert Stout were to succeed in gaining the Premiership, aided by a Ministry such as is foreshadowed above, it would mean, as we have often said before, the introduction and re-introduction of prohibition legislation until it became an accomplished fact. Under these circumstances we again call most earnestly upon all, whether directly or indirectly interested in the Trade, to rouse themselves from the apathy in which they seem to be steeped, and after a vigorous system of organisation, to make a definite stand and fight against the insidious foe that is putting in motion every instrument that is available to force its tenets down the throats of the people of New Zealand. The time for contemptuous indifference and masterly inactivity has long passed, and now something must be done, and at once, for the subject has resolved itself into a fight for actual existence. Vulgarly speaking, the motto of the Trade from this time forward must be "A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together." We can consistently claim that we are and have been closely looking after the interests of the Trade, since it was the REVIEW that first pointed out the dangers that would ensue if such a combination were to come off. This

being the case, what better leader, what better exponent than ourselves? A paper the party must have, and the SPORTING REVIEW AND LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE is of all other organs the one most fitted for the task.

HERE AND THERE.

The new tariff which the Government proposes to introduce, like the Liquor Bill, seems to have met with universal disapproval, not only in Wellington, but in Auckland and throughout the colony. A number of petitions have been presented, and protests have been made by many of the members of the wholesale chemical trade, perfumers, etc., etc. It is in parts somewhat of a piece with the Liquor Bill, and it is to be hoped that both measures will be vigorously thrashed out when they come up for discussion in Parliament.

Mr Buddo is preparing a number of amendments to the new Liquor Bill. He proposes that only one bar be allowed in any licensed house; that any traveller entering or being found on any licensed premises within a distance of five miles of the licensed premises he may have called at for refreshments, shall be liable to £2 fine, unless he can prove he has business there or is a lodger. Any person not an inmate, servant, or lodger, found on licensed premises during closed hours shall be fined £2; anyone giving a false name when so found shall be fined £5. Any person endeavouring to secure liquor by false pretences to be fined £5. Mr W. Hutchinson proposes amendments prohibiting the licensing of any hotel containing a billiard table. He also proposes that no woman other than the licensee shall be allowed to sell liquor in the bar; all bars to be closed on the weekly half-holiday.

A Christchurch prohibitionist proposes that we incorporate in our New Zealand laws one that was in existence in ancient Rome, namely, that any man convicted of any misdemeanour or felony while under the influence of liquor should receive double punishment for his offence. The idea is in one way amusing. Fancy the man who is brought before a magistrate for beating his wife pleading "I was perfectly sober when I did it your Worship, and hadn't had a drink for weeks." I'm afraid we'd have to change human nature a shade to get that man off with a light sentence.

Mr Morris Nathan's Nags Head Hotel in Cuba Street has been doing a roaring trade during the run of the "Land of the Moa" at the Opera House. At every interval the crowds pour out of the theatre and make for this hostelry, and as a bell rings when the curtain is about to go up no one need be late. Whether the increase in trade for the Nags Head comes from the increase in the average audiences at the Opera House or whether the male members of the audiences are driven to drink to retain their reason is a question that I would rather not enter into at the present time of writing.

Mr Hutchison, whose proposed amendments to the new Liquor Bill appear in another portion of this issue, will hardly become a favourite with the Hebes of New Zealand. His amendment virtually means the abolition of the barmaid. There are a great many of us both young and old who would regret such a vandalistic course of proceedings. Hebe is not half as bad as the prohibitionists would have us believe, and when she is (as is usually the case) a respectable bright girl trying to earn an honest living I for one don't see why she should be suppressed. As a servant she is neat and clean and very often as a conversationalist she is witty and *en rapport* with the news of the day. All she asks is to be allowed to support herself honourably, and as a rule she has to work long hours and pretty hard to do it. Give the barmaid her due, she is often more charitable than her detractors.

There seems to be a general feeling in Wellington both in political and non-political circles that the proposed Liquor Bill which is being brought in by the Government is a mistake, even if it be simply for the purpose of, by its drastic provisions, to enable the people of the colony to view prohibition in its true light and administer to the movement a sturdy blow that will check its advance for some time to come. I have talked to several members and ex-members of Parliament on the subject and the general opinion is that if it was put up as a dummy merely to be knocked down, it is an unworthy act on the part of a Ministry that has already so many important matters to deal with, and that if the Bill is genuinely meant it is a concession to the Prohibition Party that is not only utterly uncalled for, but one that shows a weakness on the part of the Government that should never be exhibited by Ministers with the substantial majority behind their backs that the members of the present Cabinet have. I have often pointed out to the readers of the REVIEW the possibility of a coalition between the cross bench party and the straight Oppositionists. The introduction of the Bill under discussion looks very much as though members of the Government Party realise the possibility as well and think to stave off any such movement by a counter demonstration in the shape of a sop to Cerberus. (For Cerberus read the Prohibition Party).

The following is supposed to have been the reply of a Christchurch journalist, who is evidently still in the bond of iniquity and unrighteousness, to a prominent Prohibition parson, who told him of the blessings he would enjoy in the next world if he would only give up the cup that cheers and inebriates in this:—
There's nothing like drinking to cheer a man's soul
When he's weary and down on his luck,
Then the clear sparkling gleam of the bright flowing bowl
Seems to lift him up out of the ruck.
He drinks to the "drink," 'tis a desperate toast,
But at times 'tis your only warm friend,
For it helps to forget, and then at the most
If it kills, there is only one end.
Then away with aectics who tell us to try—
By life without reason or rhyme—
To call the fun in the sweet by-and-bye.
Rats! we're having it here in our time.

Mr Henry Philips, of Masterton, was in Wellington a few days ago. His stay was a short one as he was very anxious to get back to Masterton as soon as his business was done on account of his health not being good and the weather in Wellington being anything but favourable.

The following complaint comes from a reader of the SPORTING REVIEW who, though a rigid teetotaler theoretically, is practically at times very willing to seek consolation in the flowing bowl:—

When your money's nearly gone
And your clothes are getting worn,
And your prospects of a billet looking shady;
When you shudder every morn,
As you hear the breakfast horn,
At the meeting with your hard faced old landlady.
What the deuce are you to do
As you search your pockets through,
And perhaps find half a censer lying handy.
When your feelings are so blue,
But to strike a pub. or two,
And invest your final sou in gin or brandy.
Oh! it's very well to speak
Of the boozer's foolish freak,
When you're warmly clad and well supplied with tucker,
But it is a pious sneak
Who would haul him 'fore the beak
When with hunger mad, he drank and run a mucker.
What do ranting parsons know
Of the cruel bitter blow
Poverty can give a luckless erring sinner!
Their game pays them well eno',
And they never sink so low
As to really suffer badly for a dinner.
E'er a man gets up to talk
Let him watch the old crab's walk,
Try and do and not tell others how to do it;
For the wild fanatic squawk
Of the Prohibition hawk
Marks the hypocrite; some future time he'll rue it.
I am not responsible for the above sentiments,
but as they seem to embody the ideas of some of our readers I give them for what they are worth.

THE TROCADERO.

The "Troadero" in Wellington is probably one of the best restaurants conducted on continental lines that we have in the colonies. I paid a visit to it shortly after my arrival in Wellington and was most agreeably surprised at the facilities for comfort and luxury that it offered. Mr Henry Price, who formerly was proprietor of the Central Hotel, has taken the "Troadero" in hand and has made it the most popular place of resort in the city.

The entrance to the different apartments is by a broad hall which opens on to the street. Immediately on the right is the manager's private office and next to that a large room which has been fitted up as a smoking and reading room for the frequenters of the establishment. On the left of the entrance is the principal public dining room, which is capable of easily seating over a hundred guests. The room is provided with small tables, each accommodating from four to six people, and patrons are waited on by male waiters whose promptness is most commendable. The walls of the room are decorated with mirrors; and all the accompaniments are in perfect taste. Here breakfast, lunch, dinner, and supper up to one or two in the morning is served. Going again into the hall we are faced by a wide staircase leading up stairs. To the right and left are balustraded corridors on to which open private dinner and supper rooms. One of these dainty little apartments is fitted up in blue, everything harmonizing, even to the globes on the electric lights. The room will accommodate some ten or twelve guests, and is kept for private parties.

Another room exactly similar in size and appointments adjoins it, with the single exception that the latter is fitted up in pink. The upper floor is also provided with another large public dining room for the use of ladies and gentlemen together, and at the end of the corridor and opening on to a broad balcony over the street is a daintily fitted up tea room, which is intended for ladies and gentlemen in the afternoon. The whole of the apartments are lighted with electricity and furnished in lavish style; the *cuisine* is excellent, the waiting prompt and quiet, and the charges very moderate.

I took a look through the kitchens with Mr Price, and was impressed with the ample accommodation as well as with the extraordinary cleanliness evinced everywhere. It is a great pity that according to the present laws Mr Price is unable to procure a license to sell wines or liquors, for the Troadero is certainly a place where if liquor is to be sold at all it's sale could be most properly controlled, for it would be simply affording to the public the same privileges enjoyed by M.H.R.'s at Bellamy's.

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CANTERBURY PARK NATIONAL TROTting MEETING.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The meeting of the Canterbury Trotting Club took place to-day (August 9th) in weather forming a great contrast to National day. Rain commenced to fall over-night, and continued almost without intermission during the whole of to-day. Notwithstanding the execrable weather, the stewards decided to go on with the racing. The attendance was wonderful and so was the course, which was simply a good specimen of a well-worked stockyard.

The Spring Handicap Trot was won by Wilkin, ridden by M'Kay, Katie M. (Hope) second. Monte Carlo (20sec) soon established a long lead, and should have won, but he tired in the last round. Katie M. was only four lengths away.

The Sires' Handicap Trot (harness) saw a fine field of nine go out, La Rue declining the contest. Blue Gown (35sec) got well off the mark, and when half the journey had been covered held a lead of fifteen lengths. Going strongly to the finish he won easily, Brooklyn (12sec) eight lengths away, the others nowhere. The favourite, Viking (4sec), never made up a yard, and the same may be said of Specification (ser). Blue Gown started at the last meeting at Lancaster Park, and as the two displays were seemingly inconsistent a protest was lodged, but was not upheld.

The Maiden Handicap Trot (harness) was considered a moral for La Rue (ser.), but breaking badly in the first and last lap the imported trotter could only finish third to Miss Burwood and Ascot. La Rue should undoubtedly have won, but although Edwards did all he could, the mud and the first break, which was a bad one, conjointly prevented him getting up.

The three-mile event in harness resulted, after the first lap, in a procession, with Opossum as the leader, M.M. next, and Katie M. third. This order was maintained to the finish, Opossum winning by ten lengths. In noting this gelding's performance at Lancaster Park I mentioned that he was probably "short of a gallop," and so it proved, for nothing else had a chance to-day. The crowd, recognising the apparent reversal of form, gave vent to their feelings in hoots and groans, the noise being continued until the protest flag was hoisted. After consideration the objection was dismissed, and the lucky investors received a dividend of £7 4s.

By the time the meeting was concluded the course was a swamp, and through a blinding shower spectators could just see the horses competing in the last race.

Blue Gown has won the Sires' Stakes three times in four years, in 1892, 1894, and 1895. He received 22sec in 1892, 35sec in 1894, and 35sec in 1895, and the respective times were:— 5min 29sec, 6min 6sec, and 6min 11sec. It will thus be seen that he has been in receipt of substantial allowances on each occasion, but his form meanwhile has been in and out. Lately he has been trained by Farrar, who has improved him wonderfully.

[The above message was unavoidably crowded out of our last issue.—Ed. S.R.]

THE THREE-CUP COUPON.

The following coupons were received up to Tuesday evening (20th inst.) for the SPORTING REVIEW £50 prize, which will be divided amongst the successful tipsters of the Caulfield, Melbourne, and New Zealand Cup winners:—

- 1690 J.J. McG.—Dreamland—Harvester—Prime Warden
1691 H.A.C.—Ruenalf—Taranaki—Prime Warden
1692 C.J.B.—Carnage—Capstan—Casket
1693 C.J.B.—Capstan—Grenadier—Sternchaser
1694 C.J.B.—Carnage—Ruenalf—Euroclydon
1695 W.P.D.—Admiral—Devon—Artist
1696 W.P.D.—Admiral—Devon—Artist
1697 W.M.D.—Atlas—Delaware—Artist
1698 E.A.—Nada—Ruenalf—Sternchaser
1699 L.E.—Havoc—St Hippo—Irish Twist
1700 W.E.—Admiral—Mahee—Sternchaser
1701 J.M.—Atlas—St Hippo—Possible
1702 E.J.—Bruin—Wallace—Casket
1703 E.J.—Bruin—Wallace—Mahaki
1704 M.P.—Taranaki—Carnage—Mahaki
1705 M.P.—Taranaki—Mahee—Pegasus
1706 W.J.R.—Nobleman—Dreamland—Skirmisher
1707 W.J.R.—Nobleman—Wallace—Skirmisher
1708 J. McC.—Rewi—Taranaki—Irish Twist (informal)
1709 P.A. McC.—Nada—Ronda—Skirmisher
1710 J.D.A.—Admiral—Dreamland—North Atlantic
1711 W.H.V.B.—Dreamland—Dreamland—Bugler
1712 W.H.V.B.—Quiver—Bruin—Deadshot
1713 W.H.V.B.—Best Bower—Reconstruction—Impulse
1714 W.H.V.B.—Atlas—Music—Skirmisher
1715 W.M.—Admiral—Havoc—Impulse
1716 B.O.R.—Devon—Carnage—Mahaki
1717 J.P.C.—Hopsotch—Admiral—Gipsy Grand
1718 J.P.C.—Brilliant—Mahee—Pegasus
1719 W.A.G.—Solanum—My Lady—Skirmisher
1720 W.A.G.—Admiral—Laura—Outpost
1721 Good—Admiral—St Hippo—Impulse
1722 F.W.C.—Vanitas—Devon—Sternchaser
1723 K. McK.—Solanum—Mahee—Marino
1724 H.W.—Taranaki—Devon—Saracen
1725 S.B.—Devon—Havoc—Mahaki
1726 M.S.—Laundress—Atlas—Impulse
1727 M.S.—Atlas—Mahee—Mahaki
1728 A.S.—Saracen—Possible—Mahaki
1729 H.C.B.—Idolator—Nowman—Skirmisher
1730 A.L.—Admiral—Dreamland—Sternchaser
1731 A.C.—Admiral—Harvester—Sternchaser
1732 W.D.—Atlas—Hova—Waiuku
1733 W.D.—Foxtail—Hopsotch—Lady Zetland
1734 W.D.—Nobleman—Bruin—Sternchaser
1735 W.D.—Nobleman—Laundress—Impulse
1736 W.D.—Bluecap—Laundress—Irish Twist
1737 J.P.—Admiral—Brookleigh—Au Revoir
1738 H. McC.—Dreamland—Trenchant—Au Revoir
1739 H. McC.—Atlas—Auraria—Magazine
1740 F.B.K.—Admiral—Dreamland—Pegasus
1741 Mrs A.W.—Admiral—Dreamland—Irish Twist
1742 M.C.J.—Brookleigh—Atlas—Casket
1743 J.V.—Admiral—Carnage—Sternchaser
1744 P.T.—Best Bower—Admiral—North Atlantic
1745 M.O.—Admiral—Taranaki—Waiuku
1746 W.W.—Hopsotch—Carnage—Skirmisher
1747 W.W.—Taranaki—Preston—Skirmisher
1748 M.O.—Admiral—Taranaki—Mahaki
1749 W.C.—Vanitas—Havoc—Gipsy Grand
1750 N.C. & Co.—Admiral—Ruenalf—Skirmisher
1751 N.C. & Co.—Admiral—Delaware—Sternchaser
1752 J.B.—Eridsforde—Trenchant—Pegasus
1753 E.H.—Barton—Capstan—North Atlantic
1754 H.M.—J5—Elswick—Pegasus
1755 J.N.G.—Hova—Brookleigh—Impulse
1756 J.N.G.—Hova—Carnage—Saracen
1757 W.J.H.—Taranaki—Mahee—Pegasus
1758 M.W.Q.—Hopsotch—Capstan—Skirmisher
1759 C.D.—Bradford—Quiver—Pegasus
1760 J.R.—Admiral—Jeweller—Irish Twist

- 1753 H.C.—Brilliant—Nada—Pegasus
1754 H.C.—Atlas—Devon—Skirmisher
1755 C.S.G.—Admiral—Hopsotch—Impulse
1756 H.C.W.—Royal Rose—Hopsotch—Au Revoir
1757 H.C.W.—Ilchester—Talanthus—Euroclydon
1758 H.C.W.—Ascot Vale—Eridsforde—Chaos
1759 A.D.—Mostyn—Dreamland—Skirmisher
1760 A.D.—Mostyn—Cartridge—Euroclydon
1761 E.H.—Burton—Capstan—Marino
1762 J.J.—Vanitas—Delaware—Mahaki
1763 J.J.—Mahee—Chesterman—Impulse
1764 A.J.W.—Devon—Dreamland—Casket
1765 A.J.W.—St Hippo—St Hippo—Mahaki
1766 A.J.W.—Delaware—Mahee—Marino
1767 J.W.—Mahee—Dreamland—Pegasus
1768 J.W.—Admiral—Delaware—Sternchaser
1769 E.P.—Admiral—Mahee—Sternchaser
1770 J.T.W.—Laundress—Admiral—Sternchaser
1771 J.T.W.—Hova—Carnage—Skirmisher
1772 F.D.R.—Preston—Portsea—Pegasus
1773 F.D.R.—Quiver—Ruenalf—St Hippo
1774 A.O.—St Hippo—Admiral—Pegasus
1775 J.F.—J5—Capstan—Casket
1776 J.F.—Elswick—Newman—Marino
1777 A.W.—Atlas—Bob Ray—Pegasus
1778 D.V.—Hova—Devon—Mahaki
1779 G.S.H.—Tullamore—Nada—Sternchaser
1780 C.O.L.—Vanitas—Carnage—Waiuku
1781 C.O.L.—Mostyn—Havoc—Gipsy Grand
1782 F.P.W.—Taranaki—Admiral—Waiuku
1783 R.S.—Straightfire—Taranaki—Rip Van Winkle
1784 J.H.H.—Admiral—Dreamland—Irish Twist
1785 Mrs R.A.—Vanitas—Carnage—Sternchaser
1786 K.—Tullamore—Hopsotch—Pegasus
1787 J.N.B.—Admiral—Portsea—Sternchaser
1788 E.B.—Delaware—Mahee—Pegasus
1789 E.B.—Atlas—Mahee—Sternchaser
1790 W.W.W.—Atlas—Harvester—Mahaki
1791 J.S.—Idolator—Portsea—Prime Warden
1792 W.N.—Bob Ray—Laundress—Sternchaser
1793 W.E.—Ruenalf—Best Bower—Lady Zetland
1794 D.W.H.—Admiral—Carnage—Mahaki
1795 A.H.C.—Hopsotch—Atlas—Casket
1796 A.H.C.—Admiral—Mahee—Pegasus
1797 G.H.R.—Music—Mahee—Marino
1798 G.H.R.—Admiral—Dreamland—Mahaki
1799 P.D.—Admiral—Possible—Sternchaser
1800 A.M.—Atlas—Mahee—Pegasus
1801 A.M.—Admiral—Dreamland—Pegasus
1802 R.J.E.—Admiral—Mahee—Pegasus
1803 R.J.E.—Vanitas—Delaware—Pegasus
1804 H.M.B.—Stnhan—Atlas—Silver Spee
1805 C.E.—Atlas—Bruin—Mahaki
1806 R.B.—Admiral—Carnage—Irish Twist
1807 D.L.L.—Ascot Vale—Laundress—Waiuku
1808 C.H.I.—Hopsotch—Dreamland—Gipsy Grand
1809 Mrs D. McL.—Atlas—Mahee—Pegasus
1810 W.E.J.—Admiral—Dreamland—Mahaki
1811 A.R.—Delaware—Mahee—Marino
1812 M.E.C.—Taranaki—Trenchant—Pegasus
1813 A.D.C.—Atlas—Dreamland—Casket
1814 W.M.—Admiral—Harvester—Pegasus
1815 T.B.—Eridsforde—Wallace—Pegasus
1816 T.B.—Hopsotch—Aquarius—Impulse
1817 J.P.—Mahee—Preston—Impulse
1818 J.D.—Mahee—Dreamland—Impulse
1819 H.G.—Foxtail—Mahee—Irish Twist
1820 H.G.—Admiral—Devon—Outpost
1821 W.F.N.—Astronomer—Preston—Impulse
1822 R.P.K.—Admiral—Delaware—Sternchaser
1823 F.D.K.—Mahee—Carnage—Mahaki
1824 N.P.—Chesterman—Delaware—Mahaki
1825 J.P.—Elswick—Delaware—Mahaki
1826 C.C.—Royal Master—Mahee—Pegasus
1827 C.C.—Mahee—Dreamland—Gipsy Grand
1828 R.M.—Admiral—My Lady—Pegasus
1829 R.M.—Admiral—Carnage—Sternchaser
1830 R.M.—Atlas—Taranaki—Sternchaser
1831 R.M.—Elswick—Taranaki—Impulse
1832 J.L.—Nobleman—Bruin—Missfire
1833 J.L.—Straightfire—Bruin—Missfire
1834 M.R.R.—Taranaki—Mahee—Pegasus
1835 H.C.H.—Chesterman—Hopsotch—Pegasus
1836 H.C.H.—Capstan—Carnage—Pegasus
1837 Mrs E.A.—Tullamore—Osculator—Waiuku
1838 Mrs E.A.—Admiral—Devon—Waiuku (informal)
1839 Mrs E.A.—Dreamland—Atlas—Osculator
1840 E.J.W.—St Hippo—Jeweller—Irish Twist
1841 E.J.W.—Royal Master—St Hippo—Irish Twist
1842 F.J.W.—Royal Master—Jeweller—Sternchaser
1843 A.O.—Admiral—Nada—Mahaki
1844 J.A.—Admiral—Jeweller—Sternchaser
1845 W.D.—Foxtail—Admiral—Impulse
1846 J.C.—Vanitas—Dreamland—Impulse
1847 J.C.—Hova—Mahee—Pegasus
1848 E.P.I.D.—Eridsforde—Portsea—Mahaki
1849 E.P.I.D.—Eridsforde—Mahee—Pegasus
1850 J.R.—Possible—Admiral—Missfire
1851 J.R.—Mahee—Delaware—Missfire
1852 O.R.J.—Mahee—Harvester—Pegasus
1853 A.M.—Trenchant—Challenger—Marino
1854 A.M.—Mahee—Delaware—Impulse
1855 J.H.—Royal Master—Admiral—St Hippo
1856 J.H.—Royal Master—Devon—Impulse
1857 J.H.—Royal Master—Harvester—Impulse
1858 J.O.—Telus—Dreamland—Marino
1859 J.O.—Telus—Dreamland—Pegasus
1860 C.S.G.—Mahee—Delaware—Irish Twist

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STALLIONS FOR THE SEASON 1895.

The undermentioned THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS Will STAND AT WELLINGTON PARK:—

CASTOR (imp.) by Zealot, son of the famous sire Hermit, winner of the Derby, 1867, out of Lady Yardley, by the great Sterling (sire of Isonomy) said to be the greatest racehorse of his day. Castor was a great performer at all weights and distances, winning 22 races out of 28, starts. His descendants have only started their turf career; yet their work was so good last season that he stands eighth in the winning sires' list, his 7 descendants having placed 1777 sovs to his credit. Castor's first gets have all shown ability on the Turf. His four-year-old son, Three Star, has the following record for his two-year-old running:—A.R.C. Summer: won Great Northern Foal Stakes, 6 furlongs, 8.10, in 1.19; Nixie, 8.5, second, Doris, 8.5, third; second in Midsummer Handicap, 5 furlongs, 9.0, won by Nixie, 8.7. A.R.C. Autumn: won Northern Champagne Stakes, 6 furlongs, 9.3, Grenadier, 8.10, second, Anniversary, 8.8, third. The Castor—Veneration filly Ivy won the Wanganui J.C.'s Nursery Handicap, 5 furlongs, with 6.10, in 1.4, and at the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting she won the Onslow Stakes, 6 furlongs, with 7.4, in 1.19. Since her arrival in America she has started eight times, won three times, finished second three times, and third once. His colt out of Bangle, Casket, finished second in the Marshall Memorial Stakes of 6 furlongs, at the D.J.C. Autumn Meeting, won by Forbury, and also ran a second with 8.10 in the Champagne Stakes, won by Bluefire, 8.8. Last season Bangle's son showed improvement, his work placing him fourth in the list of winning horses, with 1167 sovs against his name. Orion's Belt (from Bangle), one of Castor's two-year-olds last season, has good performances standing against his name, and is considered a more than promising three-year-old. Castor's Necklace filly, Collette, ran second to Patroness at level weights in the A.J.C. Two-year-old Maiden Stakes, and on the third day of the meeting she beat Patroness and similar company to that which met her the first day, winning the 6 furlong Nursery Handicap in 1.16. Castor's list is full.

CUIRASSIER by Musket (imp.)—Frailty, by Goldsbrough—Flora Melvor, by New Warrior (imp.)—Io, by Sir Hercules. Cuirassier is full brother to that successful sire Trenton, who in his first season in Australia has sired Ronda (second in Melbourne Cup), Delaware, Etra—Weenie (winner of the Maribyrnong Plate and V.R.C. Oaks), Gaillardia, Lady Trenton, Light Artillery (one of the best two-year-olds of his season)—all good winners. Cuirassier himself ran second to Manton in the Hawkes Bay Guineas (beaten a head), and won the Great Northern Derby (beating Manton, Raglan, Hilda, etc., in the fast time of 2min 40sec), the Great Northern St. Leger, Railway Stakes Handicap, and Trial Stakes. Terms:—25 guineas for single mare; 20 guineas two or more the property of the same owner.

ST. LEGER (imp.) by Doncaster (Derby winner) out of Atlantis, by Thormanby (Derby winner)—Hurricane (One Thousand winner), by Wild Dayrell (Derby winner). St. Leger was second on the list as winner-producing sire for 1891-92, and was at the top of the tree for season 1892-93, with 14 winners of £5,250 7s 6d. He was second for season 1893-94, and last season stood at the top of the tree with 19 winners of £4,559 16s 6d. In view of the fact that his greatest son, St. Hippo, was not racing last season, and that he only had one two-year-old on the track, this record is a most meritorious one. Three of his descendants (Impulse, St. Clements, and Waiuku) alone took £2,490 9s. St. Leger is sire of St. Hippo, winner of the Hawkes Bay Guineas and Spring Handicap, New Zealand Cup in fastest time on record, Auckland Cup, Auckland Plate, and Great Northern Derby, and sire of other big winners, such as Clannranald, Hippomenes, St. Andrew, St. Clements, Impulse, Waiuku, Doris, Regal, Retaliation, St. Anthony, Marquis of Tewkesbury, Town Moor, St. Kilda, St. Patrick, Ben Godfrey. Terms: 30 guineas for single mares; 25 guineas two or more mares belonging to the same owner.

HOTCHKISS by Musket (imp.)—Petroleuse (imp.), by Oxford—Hartshorn, by Mountain Deer. This son of Musket produced Forma, the champion two-year-old of the North during last season, and True Blue, whose achievements in Australia stamp him as a racer from whom much may be expected. At the A.R.C. First Spring Meeting 1894-95 Forma won the September Stakes, 4 furlongs (winning in a canter) in 57sec, and at the Second Spring Meeting the Welcome Stakes, 5 furlongs, in 1.5. At the A.R.C. Summer Meeting she won the Sylvia Handicap, 6 furlongs, in 1.18, carrying 8.7. At the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting she won the Champagne Stakes, 6 furlongs, carrying 8.8, in 1.19, and the Ellerslie Handicap, carrying 9.3, in 1.18. In these races Forma "walked home." True Blue's two-year-old running shows he won Sydney Tattersall's Juvenile Stakes, 5 furlongs, in 1.24 (carrying 7.7), and the A.J.C. First Nursery Handicap, 6 furlongs, in 1.6 (carrying 8.5). He finished third in the Athurst T.C. Sovereign Stakes, 1 mile (carrying 7.5) to Alice Hawthorne (6.7) and Mormon (7.2), time 1.48; and in the Second Sovereign Stakes, at the same meeting, he finished second. Linstock did staunch two-year-old work last season, showing the possession of brilliant dash, and Virago's running was also of more than ordinary promise. Hotchkiss' half-sister Leonessa is dam of Westmere, who was well up in the list of winning two-year-olds. Terms: 20 guineas a mare; 15 guineas two or more.

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Table listing stallions and their sires: Stockwell, Edith, Plum Padding, Judy Go, Lord of the Isles, Miss Ann, Thormanby, Woodbine, Newminster, The Slave, Orlando, Torment, Harkaway, Pocahontas, West Austr'n, Maria, The Baron, by Birdcatcher, Newminster, by Touchstone, Plum Padding, Sweetmeat, by Gladiator, Crozier or Dey of Algiers, by Priam, Cacique, by Palinurus, Touchstone, by Camel, Fair Helen, by Pantaloon, Melbourne or Windhound, by Pantaloon, A. Hawthorn, by M. Moloch, Stockwell, by The Baron, Honeysuckle, by Touchstone, Touchstone, by Camel, Beeswing, by Dr. Syntax, Melbourne, by Humphrey, Volley, by Voltaire, Touchstone, by Camel, Vulture, by Langar, Alarm, by Venison, Economist, by Whisker, Glencoe, by Sultan, Marpessa, by Muley, Melbourne, by Humphrey, Mowerina, by Touchstone, Harkaway, by Economist, Suspicion, by Speculation.

It will be noticed that Seaton Delaval is full of the most fashionable and best-staying English blood, and it is therefore not surprising that he was a stayer of the first water. Seaton Delaval won as a two-year-old, as a three-year-old, as a four-year-old, and quitted the turf in 1894, as a five-year-old, sound in wind and limb. For quality and beauty of outline it would indeed be difficult to match him, and he ought to be a most successful stallion. The more noteworthy of the many triumphs were winning the Great Northern Handicap of £500 at York, distance 1 1/2 mile, and the Great Northampton Plate of £1,000, at Newcastle, 2 miles, and in this race he beat the winners of the Chester Cup, of the Manchester Cup, and of the City and Suburban. He also ran second in the Great Metropolitan Stake at Epsom, 2 1/2 miles; only beaten a head; and in that race had behind him the winners of the Great Yorkshire Handicap, of the Goodwood Stakes, and of the Northamptonshire Stakes. The London Sportsman of December 19, 1894, writes as follows:—"As a son of the very successful sire Melton, a good-looking, sound horse, and a rare stayer, Seaton Delaval is pretty sure to make his mark at the stud, and, indeed, it is a long time since so good a horse was sent to New Zealand."

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 have 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 give 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, Bullington, and Indian Queen, it is easy to understand the regret felt at his being exported to Italy."

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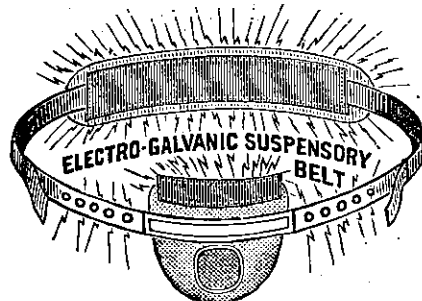
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