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AUTUMN MEETING.

**FIRST DAY,
EASTER MONDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1896.**

First Race to Start at 12 o'Clock.

Tradesmen's Plate Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile.

The Great Northern Champagne Stakes of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st 8lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb each. By subscription of 7 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1895, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by the first Friday in February, 1896, 3 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 7 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

Easter Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 3 sovs, and a final payment of 5 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. The winner of any race of the value of 100 sovs, after the declaration of the weights, to carry 3lb extra; of 200 sovs, 5lb; of 100 sovs and one of 200 sovs, 7lb, extreme penalty. One mile and a half.

Hurdle Race (Handicap) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

Eden Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any handicap, after the declaration of weights, to carry 5lb extra. Seven furlongs.

Onslow Stakes (Handicap) of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds that have never won a race of the value of 100 sovs at time of entry. Winner of Champagne Stakes to carry a penalty of 10lb. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For ponies, three-year-old and upwards, 14 hands 2 inches and under. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Railway Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any race, after the publication of weights, to carry 5lb penalty. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY, EASTER TUESDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1896.

First Race to start at 1 o'Clock.

The Stewards' Handicap of 80 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. One mile.

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

Autumn Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 2 sovs, and a final payment of 3 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. One mile and a quarter.

Autumn Steeplechase (Handicap) of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 2 sovs, and a final payment of 2 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. About three miles.

Flying Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. The winner of any race, after the publication of the weights, to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For ponies, three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 2 inches and under. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Shorts Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. The winner of any race, after the publication of the weights, to carry 5lb penalty. Five furlongs.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1896.

First Race to start at 1 o'clock.

Maiden Hurdle Handicap of 40 sovs. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 30 sovs in value at time of entry. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and a half.

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

Sr. George's Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile.

Pony Hurdle Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and a half.

Criterion Handicap of 45 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Four furlongs.

Handicap Steeplechase of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

Grandstand 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.

Victoria Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC. AUTUMN MEETING, 1896.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1896.
Second Forfeit—Champagne Stakes, 1896, 3 sovs

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1896, by 9 p.m.
NOMINATIONS—
Easter Handicap ... 1 sov Autumn Handicap ... 1 sov
Autumn Handicap Steeplechase ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1896 (General Entry Night), by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES—
Easter Handicap ... 3 sovs Autumn Steeplechase 2 sovs

NOMINATIONS—
Tradesmen Plate Hcp 1 sov Pony Handicap ... 1 sov
Handicap Hurdles ... 1 sov Shorts Handicap ... 1 sov
Eden Handicap ... 1 sov Maiden Hurdle Hcp 1 sov
Onslow Stakes Hcp ... 1 sov Handicap Hurdles ... 1 sov
Pony Handicap ... 1 sov St. George's Hcp ... 1 sov
Railway Handicap ... 1 sov Pony Hurdle Hcp ... 1 sov
Stewards' Handicap ... 1 sov Criterion Handicap ... 1 sov
Ellerslie Handicap ... 1 sov Handicap Steeple ... 1 sov
Flying Handicap ... 1 sov Grandstand Hcp ... 1 sov
Victoria Handicap ... 1 sov

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1896, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—
Tradesmen Plate Hcp 2 sovs Onslow Stakes Hcp 2 sovs
Handicap Hurdles ... 2 sovs Pony Handicap ... 1 sov
Eden Handicap ... 2 sovs Railway Handicap ... 1 sov

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1896, by 12 noon.
Champagne Stakes—The forfeit of 5 sovs to be declared and paid, or the nominator will be liable for sweepstake, 10 sovs.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1896, at the Post.
Champagne Stakes ... 7 sovs Easter Handicap ... 5 sovs

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1896, by 12 noon.
ACCEPTANCES—
Stewards' Handicap 1 sov Flying Handicap ... 1 sov
Ellerslie Handicap ... 2 sovs Pony Handicap ... 1 sov
Autumn Handicap ... 2 sovs Shorts Handicap ... 1 sov

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1896, at the Post.
ACCEPTANCES—
Autumn Handicap ... 3 sovs Autumn Steeple ... 2 sovs

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1896, at 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES—
Maiden Hurdle Hcp 1 sov Criterion Handicap ... 1 sov
Handicap Hurdles ... 1 sov Handicap Steeple ... 1 sov
St. George's Hcp ... 2 sovs Grandstand Handicap 1 sov
Pony Hurdle Hcp ... 1 sov Victoria Handicap ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1896, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Northern Champagne Stakes, 1897.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1896, by 9 p.m.
Easter Handicap Autumn Steeplechase

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1896, by 9 p.m.
Tradesmen's Handicap Onslow Stakes Handicap
Handicap Hurdles Pony Handicap
Eden Handicap Railway Handicap

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1896, Morning Paper.
Stewards' Handicap Autumn Handicap
Ellerslie Handicap Pony Handicap
Shorts Handicap

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1896, by 9 p.m.
Maiden Hurdle Handicap Criterion Handicap
Handicap Hurdles Handicap Steeplechase
St. George's Handicap Grandstand Handicap
Pony Hurdle Handicap Victoria Handicap

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

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB

AUTUMN MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 19TH AND 20TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

President: A. Standish, Esq. Vice-President: W. Bayly, Esq. Stewards: Messrs O. Samuel, Dr. O'Carroll, J. Paul, W. L. Newman, G. J. Newman, N. King, R. Cook, J. V. Dingle, T. Elliott, E. R. A. Haworth, L. W. Alexander, and A. Goldwater. Judge: Captain Macc. Starter: Clerk of the Course: Mr G. Colson. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evett and Mr W. Hatley (for hacks).

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

First Handicap Hurdles of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of any Handicap Hurdle Race, after the declaration of the weights, to carry 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Over seven flights of hurdles. About one mile and a half.

First Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any Hack Handicap Hurdle Race, after the declaration of the weights, to carry 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Over seven flights of hurdles. About one mile and a half.

Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stake. The winner of any handicap of the value of 250 sovs to carry 7lb; 150 sovs, 5lb; 100 sovs, 3lb extra. Penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs; and a final payment of 5 sovs before 8 p.m. on night before the first day's races. One mile and a half.

First Handicap Hack Race of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any handicap, after the declaration of the weights, to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. One mile.

First Pony Handicap of 25 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Open to ponies not exceeding 14½hds high. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Six furlongs.

Hack Scurry Stakes of 35 sovs. The winner to be sold for 10 sovs, and any surplus to go to the funds. Catch weights. Entrance, 1 sov, to be made immediately after the First Pony Handicap. Five furlongs.

Flying Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. The winner of any handicap, after the declaration of the weights, to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

Grandstand Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9 o'clock same night. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Seven furlongs.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9 o'clock same night. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Over nine flights of hurdles. About two miles.

Second Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9 o'clock same night. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Over seven flights of hurdles. About one mile and a half.

Autumn Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9 o'clock same night. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 4 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Second Handicap Hack Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9 o'clock same night. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a quarter.

Second Pony Handicap of 25 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Open to ponies not exceeding 14½hds high. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9 o'clock same night. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. One mile.

Farewell Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Entrance 1 sov, to be made immediately after the Autumn Handicap is run. Acceptance, 1 sov, immediately after the Second Pony Handicap is run. One mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES, AND AMOUNTS TO BE FORWARDED.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 1896.
NOMINATIONS—
1st Hcp Hurdles... 1 sov Grandstand Hcp... 1 sov
2nd Hcp Hurdles... 1 sov Flying Handicap ... 1 sov
T.J.C. Handicap ... 1 sov Autumn Handicap 1 sov

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 1896.
WEIGHTS—
T.J.C. Handicap
Flying Handicap

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 1896.
ACCEPTANCES—
1st Hcp Hurdles... 2 sovs T.J.C. Handicap ... 2 sov
Flying Handicap ... 2 sovs

NOMINATIONS—
1st Hcp Hurdles 1 sov 2nd Pony Handicap... 10s
2nd Hcp Hurdles 1 sov 1st Hcp Hack Flat ... 1 sov
1st Pony Handicap ... 10s 2nd Hcp Hack Flat... 1 sov

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 1896

WEIGHTS—
First Hcp Hack Hurdles First Handicap Hack Flat
First Pony Handicap

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 1896.
ACCEPTANCES—
1st Hcp Hack Hurdles 10s 1st Hcp Hack Flat ... 10s
1st Pony Handicap ... 10s.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1896.
Final Payment—T.J.C. Handicap ... 5 sovs

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 1896.
ACCEPTANCES—
Grandstand Hcp ... 2 sovs 2nd Hcp Hack Hurdles 10s
2nd Hcp Hurdles... 2 sovs 2nd Hcp Hack Flat 1 sov
Autumn Handicap 4 sovs 2nd Pony Handicap 10s

ON THE COURSE.
FIRST DAY.
ENTRY—Hack Scurry ... 1 sov
SECOND DAY—
NOMINATION—Farewell Handicap 1 sov
ACCEPTANCE—Farewell Handicap 1 sov

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Definition of a Hack.—Hack means a horse that has never won a race and is not nominated at time of start for any race, hack, hunter, and pony races excepted.

All nominations, acceptances, and entries, accompanied by the necessary amounts, must be addressed to the Secretary, and left at the Secretary's Office, Brougham Street, New Plymouth, not later than 9 p.m. on the advertised dates of closing. Full particulars of colours, age, and pedigree must be forwarded with the nominations.

In all cases where penalties have to be carried for winning, it shall be the duty of the owner, trainer, or jockey to notify the Secretary on or before Tuesday, February 18th, 1896.

Five per cent will be deducted from all winnings towards the expenses of the course.

Horses walking over will receive fifty per cent. of the stakes.

All races to be run under the Rules of Racing as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs of New Zealand.

N.B.—The stakes in this programme are subject to revision by the Committee prior to closing, as to the dates of entry, acceptance, &c., amount of added money and conditions.

The Committee also reserve to themselves the right of altering the dates on which the handicaps appear, should they deem fit to do so.

ROBT. G. BAUCHOPE,
Hon. Secretary.

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 12TH AND 13TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

President: R. H. Nolan, Esq. Vice-President: A. W. Budge, Esq. Stewards: Messrs W. Adamson, John Heslop, W. C. Symes, Jas. Davidson, R. Hirschberg, A. S. Tonks, H. E. Oond, F. Riddiford, Dr. Westra. Starter: Mr M. F. Baird. Clerk of Course: Mr J. T. Stone. Clerk of Scales: Mr H. W. Sutton. Handicapper: J. E. Henry. Timekeeper: Dr. Reed. Judge: Mr Wm. Brewer. Treasurer: Mr H. W. Sutton. Secretary: Mr Alex. G. Brett.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.
First Race to start at 12 o'Clock.

Waimate Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs.

First Handicap Hurdles of 110 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stake. Over nine flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Winner of any hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs or over after declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Two miles and a distance.

First Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Winner of any hack hurdle race of the value of 25 sovs or over after declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. One mile and a half.

Egmont Cup Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Winner of any handicap of the value of 100 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra; of 200 sovs, or two races of 100 sovs each, 7lb extra. Nomination, 2 sov; acceptance, 4 sov. One mile and three-quarters.

Sires Hack Produce Stakes, 1896, of 200 sovs (and Cup, value 5 sovs, to go to the nominator of sire of the winner) Nominator of sire, 40 sovs and Cup, value 5 sovs; nominator of winner, 40 sovs; first horse, 100 sovs; second horse, 15 sovs; third horse, 5 sovs. For three-year-olds. Derby weights. Colts or fillies nominated for Two-year-old Stakes or Derbies are debarred from competing in this race. Final payment, 1 sov, 10th January. One mile and a quarter.

Hawera Welter Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 8st. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 1 sov. One mile.

First Handicap Hack Flat Race of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Winner of Sires Hack Produce Stakes, 1896, to carry 5lb penalty. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 10s. One mile.

SECOND DAY.
Flying Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 3 sovs. Six furlongs.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 3 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.



Second Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles 8ft. 6in. high. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 10s. One mile and a half.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES, AND AMOUNTS TO BE FORWARDED.

FRIDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1896, AT 9 P.M.

NOMINATIONS

Waimate Handicap... 1 sov Second Hp Hurdles... 1 sov First Hp Hurdles 1 sov Atkinson Mem Stkes 2 sovs First Hp Hack Flat 1 sov

ACCEPTANCES

Waimate Handicap... 1 sov Egmont Cup H'cap... 4 sovs First H'cap Hurdles 3 sovs Hawera Welter H'cap 1 sov First Hp Hack Hurdles 10s

WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1896, AT 9 P.M.

Flying Handicap... 2 sovs Atkinson Mem Stkes 2 sovs Second Hp Hurdles 2 sovs Second Handicap 10s

THURSDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Normanby Stks Hp... 1 sov Produce Hack Hpt... 10s *Immediately after the running of the Second Handicap Hack Flat.

WEIGHTS

ON OR ABOUT SATURDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1896. Waimate Handicap Egmont Cup Handicap First Handicap Hurdles Hawera Welter Handicap First Hdp Hack Hurdles First Handicap Hack Flat

MANAWATU RACING CLUB AUTUMN MEETING

TO BE HELD ON PALMERSTON NORTH RACECOURSE, ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 26TH AND 27TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

PROGRAMME

FIRST DAY

Flying Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of any flat race or races, after declaration of weights, of the collective value of over 40 sovs to carry 5lb extra; of over 90 sovs, 7lb extra; and of over 140 sovs, 10lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.—To start at 12 noon.

SECOND DAY

Fitzherbert Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 30s. Seven furlongs.—To start at 12 noon.



NOMINATIONS

For all Races, except the Maiden Hack Race and Consolation Handicap, close with the Secretary, Palmerston North, on Friday, February 7th, 1896, at 10 p.m.

WEIGHTS

Will appear on or about February 14th.

ACCEPTANCES

For First Day, and Entries for Maiden Hack Race, close with the Secretary at Palmerston North, on Friday, February 21st, 1896, at 10 p.m.

WEIGHTS

For Second Day will be posted up at the Commercial Hotel, Palmerston North, about 9 p.m. on February 23th.

ACCEPTANCES

For Second Day close with the Secretary at the Commercial Hotel, Palmerston North, at 10 p.m. on February 25th.

C. C. MILES, Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN MEETING

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 5TH AND 6TH MARCH, 1896.

President: Dr Barle. Vice-President: Mr H. N. Harrison. Judge: Dr Barle. Hon. Starter: Mr C. H. Chauvannes. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evelt. Clerk of the Scales: Mr E. A. Campbell. Clerk of the Course: Mr Donald Macdonald. Time-keeper: Mr R. Higgin.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY 5TH MARCH, 1896.

Stewards Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile. To start at 12 noon.

First Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Over eight jumps, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. About two miles and a distance. To start at 12.45 p.m.

First Handicap Hack Hurdle Race of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide definition of hacks. About one mile and a half. To start at 1.30 p.m.

Wanganui Cup Handicap of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stake. In the event of any entrant winning a handicap of the value of 100 sovs after the declaration of weights, the handicapper will review that horse's weight, and will raise it or allow it to stand as he thinks fit.

Wanganui Two-year-old Stakes of 150 sovs, added to a sweepstake of 10 sovs each for starters; second horse to receive 30 sovs from the stake. Colts, 8st 7lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 3lb. The winner of any race of the value of 200 sovs to carry 5lb extra; of 300 sovs, 7lb extra (penalties not accumulative). Closed with 42 nominations. Acceptance, 4 sovs, and 5 sovs at the post. Six furlongs. To start at 3.30 p.m.

First Hack Race Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide definition of hacks. One mile and a distance. To start at 4.15 p.m.

Flying Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds and upwards. Winner of Cup to carry a penalty of 7lb, and winner of Stewards' Stakes to carry a penalty of 5lb (not accumulative). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Three-quarters of a mile. To start at 5 p.m.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1896.

Harrison Memorial Stakes Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. For two-year-olds and upwards. Three-quarters of a mile. To start at 12 noon.

Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Over seven jumps, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. About two miles. To start at 12.45 p.m.

Second Handicap Hack Hurdle Race of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Over six jumps, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide definition of hacks. About one mile and a half. To start at 1.30 p.m.

Wanganui Stakes Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. The winner of the Harrison Memorial Stakes to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 4 sovs. One mile and a half. To start at 2.30 p.m.

Nursery Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Four furlongs. To start at 3.15 p.m.

Autumn Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of any handicap this day to carry a penalty of 5lb (not accumulative). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile and a distance. To start at 4 p.m.

Second Handicap Hack Race of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide definition of hacks. Three-quarters of a mile. To start at 4.45 p.m.

Farewell Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Winner of any handicap this day to carry a penalty of 5lb (not accumulative). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile. To start at 5.15 p.m.

DEFINITION OF A HACK.—A hack is a horse that has never won an advertised race—hack and hunter races excepted—and that is not, at the time of start, and has not been, during the three calendar months previous to the time of start, nominated for any race—hack and hunter races excepted.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

And amounts to be forwarded to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

TUESDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1896, at 9 p.m.

MONDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1896, at 9 p.m.

Stewards' Stakes... 1 sov Second Hack Flat... 1 sov First Handicap Hurdles 1 sov Harrison Stakes... 1 sov



TUESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1896 (ON OR ABOUT).

Cup, Stewards' Stakes, First Hurdles, First Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat, and Flying Handicap.

TUESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1896, at 9 p.m.

Wanganui Cup... 3 sovs Wanganui 2-year-old Stakes... 4 sovs First Hurdles... 2 sovs First Hack Flat... 10s

SATURDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY, 1896 (ON OR ABOUT).

REVISED WEIGHTS, IF NECESSARY—Wanganui Cup

MONDAY, 2ND MARCH, 1896, at 9 p.m.

Wanganui Cup... 5 sovs

THURSDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1896, at the post.

Two-year-old Stakes... 5 sovs

THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1896, at or about 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS for second day's Handicaps.

THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1896, at 10 p.m.

Harrison Stakes... 2 sovs Nursery Handicap 2 sovs Second Handicap Hurdles 10s Second Hack Flat... 10s

Wanganui Stakes... 4 sovs Farewell Handicap 1 sov

FREEMAN R. JACKSON, Secretary.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON CLAUDELANDS RACECOURSE ON

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 6TH AND 7TH MARCH.

President: Isaac Coates, Esq. Vice-President: W. H. Herries, Esq.

Stewards: Messrs F. W. Browning, A. Furze, W. Cussen, L. O'Neill, Geo. Edgewood, C. J. W. Barton, Des Kenny, Waddington, and Bivins. Starter: Mr A. J. Storey.

Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evelt.

PROGRAMME

FIRST DAY.

Trial Handicap of 15 sovs. For horses that have never won an advertised race of the value of 10 sovs at time of start. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 10s. One mile.

First Handicap Hurdle of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. One mile and a half.

S.A.R. Cup Handicap of 45 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of any race, after the declaration of the weights, of the value of 30 sovs to carry 5lb extra; two such races, 5lb extra. Penalties not accumulative. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 25s. One mile and a quarter.

First Pony Handicap of 20 sovs. For ponies 14 hands 2in and under. Ponies not holding A.R.C. certificate to be measured by the stewards. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Seven furlongs.

Handicap Steeplechase of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. About two miles and a half.

Handicap Trot (in saddle) of 10 sovs. Nomination, 10s. Two miles.

Flying Stakes Handicap of 20 sovs. Winner of S.A.R. Cup to carry 7lb extra; winner of any other race after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lb extra; penalties not accumulative. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

Claudlands Handicap of 20 sovs. Nomination 10s; acceptance, 10s. One mile.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. One mile and three-quarters.

Second Pony Handicap of 15 sovs. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 10s. Six furlongs.

McNicol Memorial Stakes Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. One mile and a quarter.

Handicap Steeplechase of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About three miles.

Second Handicap Trot (in saddle) of 15 sovs. Nomination, 15s. Two miles and a half.

Railway Plate Handicap of 20 sovs. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Six furlongs.

CONDITIONS.

Nominations for all races to be made to the Hon. Secretary, Hamilton, before 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, February 7th, 1896.

Weights for first day's races to appear on or about SATURDAY, February 16th, 1896.

Acceptances for first day's races to be declared before 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, February 21st, 1896.

Weights for second day's races to be declared by 7 p.m. on evening of first day's racing.

Five per cent. to be deducted from all stakes, to go to improvement of course.

Nominations and Acceptances to be accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.

Any jockey riding except in colours entered will be fined 3 sovs. (This rule will be strictly enforced.)

Performances and description of horses and their riders' colours to be sent in with all nominations.

C. J. W. BARTON, Hon. Secretary.

SANDON HACK RACING CLUB

TUESDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1896.

President: J. G. Wilson, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-president: Colonel Gordon. Judge: J. Stevens, Esq., M.H.R.

Clerk of the Scales: Mr Thos. King. Starter: Mr H. Wood. Clerk of the Course: Mr J. McDonnell.

Handicapper: Mr J. E. Henry. Timekeeper: Mr T. Cameron. Stewards: Messrs J. A. Bailey, D. Scott, J. M. A'Court, E. Lovett, J. Lumsden, T. Scott, W. Brookie, C. Risley, W. Anan, and R. Perrett.

PROGRAMME

Flying Stakes Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 20s, acceptance, 20s. Distance, six furlongs.—To start at 12 noon.

Handicap Hurdle Race of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs from the stake. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 20s, acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and a half.—To start at 12.45 p.m.

Trial Hurdles of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Weight not less than 10st. For horses that have not won a hurdle race. Entrance, 20s. Post entry. One mile and a half.—To start at 1.30 p.m.



Sandon Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 30s, acceptance, 40s. Distance, one mile and a half.—To start at 2.40 p.m.

Electric Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s, acceptance, 10s. Distance, four furlongs.—To start at 3.15 p.m.

Maiden Flat Race of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. For horses that have never won any advertised race. Entrance, 30s. Distance, one mile and a quarter.—To start at 4.5 p.m.

Tramway Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 15s, acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.—To start at 4.40 p.m.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, AND GENERAL ENTRIES.

Nominations for Sandon Handicap, Flying Stakes Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Electric Handicap, and Tramway Handicap close with the Secretary at the Junction Hotel, Sandon, on SATURDAY, 22nd February, 1896, at 9 p.m.

Weights will be declared on or about 2nd March, 1896.

Acceptances for Sandon Handicap, Flying Stakes Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Electric Handicap, and Tramway Handicap close TUESDAY, 10th March, at 9 p.m.

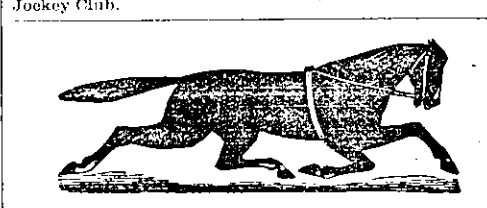
Entries for Maiden close same time.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- 1. DEFINITION OF A HACK.—A hack means a horse that has never won an advertised race to the net value of more than 40 sovs, hack and hunter races excepted.
- 2. Nominations and acceptances (in proper form prescribed) must be accompanied by the necessary amount payable, otherwise they will be rejected.
- 3. Nominations must state name, age, colour, pedigree and past performances, where not known to the handicapper, and colours to be worn by the rider.
- 4. The winner of any advertised race after the declaration of the weights to the net value of 30 sovs to carry a penalty of 5lb in the Sandon Handicap and Tramway Handicap, and 7lb in the Flying Handicap.
- 5. All races to run under the Rules of Racing as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs of New Zealand.

ROBERT G. EDWARDS, Secretary.

Passed in accordance with the Rules of Racing 4th day of October, 1895.—FREEMAN R. JACKSON, Sec. Wanganui Jockey Club.



PALMERSTON NORTH METROPOLITAN TROTTING CLUB

AUTUMN MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON THE PALMERSTON NORTH RACECOURSE ON FRIDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

President: Mr R. Edwards. Vice-Presidents: Messrs G. A. Hill and W. Ryan. Stewards: Messrs G. M. Sneddon, J. C. Nathan, A. H. Wyllys, J. Robertson, J. F. Manning, E. W. Secker, J. Knight, F. E. Burnell, J. R. Montague, W. T. Wood, and C. C. Miles.

Handicapper: Mr Thomas Knight. Timekeeper: Mr R. Stephens. Handicappers: The Committee. Starter: Mr J. Coyle. Treasurer: Mr Jubal Fleming.

PROGRAMME.

Maiden Handicap (saddle) of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won an advertised trot, either in saddle or harness, at the time of starting. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 5s. Two miles.—To start at 12 noon.

Palmerston North Handicap (saddle) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs, and the third horse 3 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 30s. Three miles.—To start at 12.45 p.m.

Pony Handicap (harness) of 20 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Height, 14.2 and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Two miles.—To start at 1.30 p.m.

President's Handicap (harness) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs, and the third horse 3 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 30s. Three miles.—To start at 2.15 p.m.

Pony Handicap (saddle) of 20 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Height, 14.2 and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Two miles.—To start at 3 p.m.

Electric Trot Handicap (saddle) of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. One mile.—To start at 3.45 p.m.

Dash Handicap (harness) of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. One mile.—To start at 4.30 p.m.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

Nominations close with the Secretary on THURSDAY 16th February, at 9 p.m.

Handicaps will be declared on Saturday, 16th February.

Acceptances close on SATURDAY, 22nd February, at 9 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- All nominations and acceptances must be accompanied by the necessary fees.
- On no account will horses be handicapped whose nomination fees are unpaid.
- All pointers to be measured before starting.
- Nominators must state the bona fide owner of horses.
- Previous performances of the horses to be given at time of nomination, also colours of the riders.
- All horses must be ridden and driven out. If distanced by first horse, second and third money will be paid to the winner.
- All protests to be accompanied by a fee of 2 sovs, to be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
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[BY VIGILANT.]

CRICKET.

The senior matches of last Saturday resulted as had been generally expected, in victories for Auckland and Parnell over Gordon and United respectively. The win of the first mentioned club was a decisive one by an innings and 67 runs, the Gordonites going under in a most unaccountable fashion. This places the three teams, Parnell, Gordon, and Auckland, on an equal footing, and the remaining three matches which each club has to play should be full of interest and closely contested. Gordon will have Kallendar, Williamson, and Kelly playing for them during the remainder of the season, and I understand the Christchurch crack, Labatt, so that they should present a bold front to both Auckland and Parnell when they meet again, and must certainly give a better account of themselves than was the case in the fixture against Auckland. On Saturday next Auckland meets United and Parnell meets Gordon. The first mentioned match should prove rather a good thing for the Auckland team, but a close struggle may be looked forward to between Parnell and Gordon.

The following 17 players have been chosen to go into practice with a view to the inter-provincial fixture, Auckland v. Wellington, to be played on the Domain on Saturday and Monday, February 22nd and 24th:—Arneil, Ball, Clayton, Gould, Cotterill, D. Hay, Hawkins, Kelly, Lawson, I. Mills, G. Mills, Neill, Ohlson, Dr. Pabst, Stenson, Wright, and Wynyard. Practice will be indulged in every Tuesday and Thursday. The selection is subject to alteration.

Auckland cricket circles, and the Gordon Club in particular, have been fortunate enough to obtain the services of the well-known Christchurch cricketer, A. M. Labatt, who is undoubtedly one of the best all-round men of Christchurch, and is in great form with the willow this season. Congratulations to Gordon.

The selection committee (says Sydney Mail) for the ninth Australian Eleven—Messrs. Garrett, Bruce, and Giffen—met last week at Mr Garrett's house at Strathfield and selected the team as follows, thirteen in number:—New South Wales (4): Donnau, Gregory, Iredale, M'Kibbin. Victoria (5): Graham, Harry, Johns, Trumble, H. Trott. South Australia (3): Darling, Giffen, Jones. Tasmania (1): Eady. It will be noted that Turner, Howell, and Kelly are left out of the New South Wales list, although it was thought that Howell would get a place for a certainty as a bowler, especially after his performances in Adelaide. It will give general satisfaction to note that there are two fast bowlers in the team—Eady and Jones—and Eady's recent bowling against Victoria shows that he is not only fast but accurate. Trumble has done sufficiently well to show that he is bound to get wickets in England, while McGibbin's 20 wickets in the recent intercolonial tour cost him under 18 runs a piece—a very good average. Harry, Trott, and Giffen will be the other bowlers; but taking it at its best the bowling does not look too strong. Of the four New South Wales representatives, Donnau, Iredale, and M'Kibbin will be allowed to go unchallenged, but Gregory has not shown his true form so far this season. Of the Victorians, Harry Trott is undoubtedly the leading batsman, and he never showed better form than at present. Graham's batting the other day was certainly a disappointment, but before that his four intercolonial innings represented 237 runs, or an average of 59.1. Harry bats and bowls fairly well, and is a capital field. Johns goes in as wicket-keeper, and undoubtedly the selection is a good one, but it is a matter of regret that Kelly was chosen to assist him. Of Trumble we have already spoken as a bowler. The three South Australians, Darling, Giffen, and Jones are all good men. Giffen is too well known to require special reference, while Darling is an able batsman, and Jones is the fastest bowler in Australia. Giffen's average so far is 29, and Darling's 24, while Jones, with a couple of not-out innings to help him, has an average of 39, and his bowling average is 18.4 for twelve wickets. Eady, the Tasmanian, will prove very serviceable, both as a batsman and fast bowler, and as he has

a better control of the ball he should be quite as effective as Jones. Of the 13 chosen, Donnau, Iredale, M'Kibbin, Harry, Johns, Darling, Eady, and Jones have not yet made the English tour, Gregory, Graham, Trumble, Giffen, and H. Trott having been with previous teams.

ATHLETICS, Etc.

The Auckland swimmers who returned from the championships over the other side recently, had no chance with the Australians. Mr St. Clair, who accompanied the team, told the Sydney people that swimming held a premier position among sports, as many as 10,000 people attending swimming galas where only 2,000 or 3,000 would be present at cricket or athletic fixtures. This might happen in an inter-colonial gathering, but as far as local enthusiasm is concerned I should say that an attendance of 1,000 would be looked upon as satisfactory, whereas athletic fixtures draw from 5,000 to 8,000 spectators.

The Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club's autumn carnival will take place on the second or third Saturday in March.

At a meeting of the Irish A.A.A. on December 7th, the request of the London A.C. for the assistance of Irish athletes in the forthcoming International Match was discussed. It was decided that "as the contest is between England and America, the Irish A.A.A. could not see their way to take any action in the matter."

The North Shore Club propose holding a meeting at the end of February, but I hardly think it will eventuate.

At the Caledonian sports at Bundaberg (Queensland) on New Year's Day M. A. Conroy gave an exhibition high jump, clearing 6ft 2in at the first attempt.

G. Holder secured the honours in the amateur events at the Wanganui Caledonian Society's sports on January 22nd. In the 100yds, starting from 1yd, he won by a foot from Tilley (6yds) in 10 3-5sec; won the 210yds, from 3yds, after a close finish with Tilley (13yds) and Pownall (3yds) in 24sec; and from 5yds ran a dead heat in the 440yds with with Pownall (5yds) in 53 2-5sec.

Mr Webb presented a rough balance-sheet of the New Zealand and Australasian championships meetings, which showed:—New Zealand meeting—Receipts £71 1s 10d, expenditure £96 16s 10d, debit balance £25 15s. Australasian meeting—Receipts £217 19s 9d, expenditure £145 9s 2d, credit balance £72 10s 7d. The Association's share of the profit over the Australasian meeting was about £35, but a further sum of £49 5s had been spent in keeping representatives in Christchurch for the meeting, and in sunny expenses. The Association would have to bear a loss over the two meetings of about £64.

CYCLING.

Lord Brassey and suite are on a cycling tour through Tasmania.

Six thousand pounds in six months is the amount paid out in Australia for recent cash cycling events.

Several amateurs who assisted to pace Zimmerman at Brisbane lately have been suspended for six months.

Shoreland's Dunedin to Invercargill record of 10hrs 50min was lowered recently by R. McKenzie, of the Invercargill C.C., whose time was 10hrs 3½min. He afterwards lowered it to 9hrs 54½min.

A. W. Harris, the English professional cyclist, and H. J. Pither, the well-known New Zealand rider who recently defeated Zimmerman, arrived at the Bluff on Monday of last week. It is said that Chris. Wilson will not pilot the visitors through Maoriland.

No rider who has ridden before the Melbourne public (says a Melbourne paper) has been so handsomely received as C. Porta, the Italian. Of sturdy form, good-natured countenance, strong head covered with a mass of thick closely-cropped black hair, he invariably receives a hearty reception when he comes out from the dressing-rooms.

There are now no less than a dozen women of the wheel in Auckland, and it is said that a local manufacturer has a machine in order for a fair devotee on the shady side of fifty years of age.

The South African 50-mile road record was recently broken by E. E. Boddington, whose time on the Raleigh machine was 2hrs 44min 37sec.

Miss Reynolds recently rode through the Waikato district, returning rode a portion of the distance in company with Selby, the road scorcher, who says she will take a lot of beating as a lady exponent of the popular pastime. That cycling agrees with the ladies may be gathered from the fact that Miss Reynolds gained eight pounds in weight during the journey.

There seems to be some probability of the North Shore Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club holding a meeting at the end of the month; therefore it is quite time the "hum of the wheel" was heard on the training track. By the way, what about the new track that the Shore people propose laying out. It seems to have blown over.

The South Pacific Railway Company propose to make a cycle path of cement along their line from Los Angeles to Santa Monica, a distance of 18 miles, and charge cyclists a small toll for the use of same. The idea is that racing men can be paced by engines, and also that observation trains can accompany the riders on the occasion of races or record attempts.

Something quite novel in pumps comes from America. It is a crank pump, which is attached to the forks when desired to be used, and is worked by turning a handle, like a mincing machine. It is described as being very powerful, and positive in action, and small enough to carry in the pocket.

Jacquelin, the French rider, has recovered from the effects of his terrible collision with a cart while riding on the Paris Boulevards, and is now riding again.

In the matter of so-called ladies' cycling races, America has, as usual, gone one better, and at the Hubert Museum, New York, a bicycle race for fat women was recently filled. "Seven incomparably fat girls, representing two tons of the finest humanity," was what the public were promised a glimpse of, in return for hard cash.

The big cash carnival is set down to take place at the Domain on Saturday, 15th inst., but I hardly think the visitors will be here by that time.

A. W. Harris, the English rider, was present on the occasion of Zimmerman's recent double defeat in Melbourne by Pither and Walker, and was somewhat astonished at the reverse inflicted upon the champion. "Why," said he, "the English fellows never rode like that; they invariably waited for Zimmerman to make his great sprint, and then chased him, hoping to beat him or ride in second. They never attempted to run him off his legs."

After his defeats in Melbourne on Dec. 21st, Zimmerman quietly strolled round and joined his wife at the pavilion (writes "Philbuster" in the *Australian*). Although Australians must rejoice at the thought of an Australian defeating the world's champion cyclist, the redoubtable hero of so many battles on the path whom English, American, and Continental riders have so long striven to conquer, still even those who know Zimmerman for a short time cannot but feel sorrowful at his defeat. There is something so genuine about the man, so truly modest in victory as in defeat, that sportsmen cannot fail to admire and respect him.

We have been favoured (says *Cycling*) with an opportunity of inspecting an advance sample of the new Clincher tyre, and must say at once, that it is one of the most resilient and finely finished tyres that we have ever had under our notice. The thickened edges have been dispensed with, and narrow beads have taken their place; the walls of the tyre have been thinned down considerably, but in no way weakened; in fact, they are stronger, inasmuch as the fabric is laid on in such a manner as to resist the peculiar strains to which air tyres are subject, and to do away with side roll entirely. The rim is of the flattened type, but every detail of width, depth, etc., has been scientifically worked out, in fact the tyre and rim may be said to be as perfect as science and mechanical skill can make them. Of the quality of the rubber used, the name of the North British Rubber is a sufficient guarantee that only the purest of pure rubber will be used in this (their latest production). Our opinion as to resilience has been confirmed by a well-known contributor to these columns, who informs us that the Clincher tyre he tested gave splendid results, viz., upwards of 90 per cent. rebound.

YACHTING.

Another Auckland Regatta has come and gone, but the event, so far as yachting was concerned, was somewhat marred by the light changeable wind in the morning, and although the breeze freshened in the afternoon, the leading boats had all the best of it, as they got the wind first. The Flora was flagship, and it is some time since such a crowd was seen aboard on Regatta Day. When the race 7-rating and over crossed the line a light easterly wind was blowing, which gave a beat down the harbour. Volunteer, Viking, Aorere, Halcyon, started, and the former disappeared behind the heads first, and lead round Tiri, Viking and Halcyon next, Aorere, who had been well to windward but was becalmed for some time, being last. On the run home the boats astern brought a good breeze with them, and caught on the Volunteer, but the latter boat increased her lead in the breeze and crossed the line 18min ahead of Viking, Aorere, who was rapidly overhauling Halcyon, being last. The time allowances were:— Volunteer scratch, Viking 8½min, Halcyon 48min 41sec, Aorere 54min 41sec. Protests have been entered against the two small boats for wrongful entry, but if these are dismissed I think Aorere will just about win on time allowance. Volunteer was well handled by her owner, Mr T. Henderson, and she looked a perfect picture when sailing up the harbour with every stitch of canvas set.

The 5-rater event would have been much more interesting but for the unsteady breeze. After a foul at the starting line, caused by Ida not going about when on the wrong tack, the boats, with the exception of Thetis, got away to a pretty good start. The steel yacht was about five minutes late, which spoilt her chance, and she was never afterwards in it. Moana, getting a lucky streak of wind outside, rounded the Rangitoto mark 14min ahead of the others, but before Rangitoto was cleared she was becalmed, and her opponents were on top of her. Beating with a good steady breeze out to the Brown's Island mark, Moana rounded that mark 6min ahead of Ida, Rangatira and Ladye Wilma next. This stretch of about five miles was the fairest test in the race. At the North Head the boats were again becalmed, and came in a bunch once more, but Moana got the first of the steady northerly wind which sprang up, and never left her chance in doubt, winning by twelve minutes; then followed Ida, Ladye Wilma, Rangatira, and Thetis, who had picked up a lot. Of course in the morning it was any boat's race, but in the steady breeze I think they finished according to their sailing abilities, that is with the exception of Thetis.

Mahaki, Rarere, Huia, Zinita, Daisy, Mizpah, and Mabel started in the 2½-rater event, but this race was also spoilt, Rarere and Mabel being becalmed under the Heads for about half an hour, and all the boats suffered more or less from the same complaint. Mahaki reached home first by five minutes, the centre-boarder Mizpah, which sailed surprisingly well, beating Daisy on the post for second place. Mahaki is without doubt the smartest little craft ever seen in our harbour.

Dolphin won the fishing boat race, Rogue easily won the cruisers' race, Orakei the scow race, Harvest Home the cutter race on time allowance.

Logan Bros. had a big day out, boats built by them finishing as follows: 5-raters, Moana 1, Ladye Wilma 3; 2½-raters, Mahaki 1, Mizpah 2; fishing boats, Dolphin 1.

At a meeting of the Regatta Committee on Tuesday night Aorere was disqualified for wrongful entry and Halcyon for crossing the line before time; therefore Volunteer takes the prize.

On Saturday last two races were held under the management of the Auckland Yacht Club, viz., for 5-raters and 2½-raters. A good steady northerly breeze was blowing. In the first mentioned event Moana, Thetis, Ida, Ladye Wilma, and Rangatira started. Ida had the best of the start, crossing the line (so I am told) 4sec before time. Moana was last round the Judge's Bay mark, having been blanketed all the way down. Beating across to North Head Ladye Wilma, who sailed splendidly all the race, walked away from Ida, Moana edging out to windward of the lot. In the Channel Ida and Moana had a luffing match, which let Ladye Wilma get well away,

and although Moana passed her and reached home 2min 8sec before her smaller rival she lost by 4sec. Dr. Coates' win was a popular one, and he was loudly cheered. His boat was built last season by Logan Bros. Ida came third, Rangatira and Thetis next. Mizpah, Rarere, Zinita, Huia, and Mabel started for the 2½-rater race, Mahaki being aground at Ponsonby. The centre-boarder Mizpah was a lot too good for her opponents on the wind, and Rarere only led her by a few lengths when they passed the wharf on the way up to the Arawata. Rounding this mark, however, Rarere lost her advantage, and Mizpah crossed the line only 2sec. ahead, after a very exciting finish, the others being about a mile astern.

Owners and Trainers' Reminders

EGMONT RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.
To-day (Thursday), 6th inst., by 9 p.m., acceptances in connection with the above meeting close with the secretary, Mr A. G. Brett, as under:—
Waimate Handicap of 70 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov
First Handicap Hurdles of 110 sovs, 2 miles and a distance, 3 sovs
First Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs, 1½ miles, ½ sov
Egmont Cup Handicap of 250 sovs, 1½ miles, 4 sovs
Hawera Welter Handicap of 60 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov
Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs, 1½ mile, ½ sov.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.
To-morrow (Friday), 7th inst., by 10 p.m., nominations in connection with the above meeting close with the secretary, Mr C. O. Miles, as under:—
Flying Handicap of 50 sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
First Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs, 2 miles, 1 sov.
First Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs, 1½ miles, 10s.
Manawatu Racing Club Handicap of 200 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.
First Hack Flat Handicap of 35 sovs, 1½ miles, 10s.
Borough Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 mile and a distance, 1 sov.
Fitzherbert Handicap of 60 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.
Second Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.
Second Handicap Hack Hurdles of 35 sovs, 1½ miles, 10s.
Autumn Handicap of 100 sovs, 1½ miles (less 1 chain), 1 sov.
Second Hack Flat Handicap of 30 sovs, 1 mile and a distance, 10s.
High-weight Handicap of 50 sovs, 1 mile 1 furlong, 1 sov.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.
To-morrow (Friday) by 9 p.m., nominations in connection with the above meeting close with the secretary, Mr C. J. W. Barton, as under:—
Trial Handicap of 15 sovs, 1 mile, 5s
First Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs, 1½ mile, 10s
S.A.R. Cup Handicap of 45 sovs, 1½ mile, 20s
First Pony Handicap of 20 sovs, 7 furlongs, 10s
Handicap Steeplechase of 25 sovs, about 2½ miles, 10s
Handicap Trot (saddle) of 10 sovs, 2 miles, 10s
Flying Stakes Handicap of 20 sovs, 6 furlongs, 10s
Claudlands Handicap of 20 sovs, 1 mile, 10s.
Second Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs, 1½ miles, 10s.
Second Pony Handicap of 15 sovs, 6 furlongs, 5s.
McNicol Memorial Stakes Handicap of 30 sovs, 1½ miles, 15s.
Handicap Steeplechase of 40 sovs, about 3 miles, 1 sov.
Second Handicap Trot (saddle) of 15 sovs, 2½ miles, 15s.
Railway Plate Handicap of 20 sovs, 6 furlongs, 10s.

OTAHUHU TROTting CLUB SUMMER MEETING
To-morrow (Friday), 7th inst., by 10 p.m. acceptances in connection with the above meeting close with the secretary, Mr Wm. Lockhart, as under:—
Maiden Pony Handicap of 20 sovs, 5 furlongs, 10s.
Maiden Trot Handicap of 25 sovs, 1½ mile, 15s
Hurdle Race Handicap of 30 sovs, 1½ mile, 15s
Otahuhu Trotting Cup Handicap of 50 sovs, 2 miles, 30s
Suburban Pony Handicap of 30 sovs, 6½ furlongs, 15s
Harness Trot Handicap of 35 sovs, 2½ miles, 20s
Selling Pony Handicap of 20 sovs, 5 furlongs, 10s.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.
On Saturday next, 8th inst, by 9 p.m., acceptances and nominations in connection with the above meeting will close with the hon. secretary, Mr R. G. Bauchope, as under:—
ACCEPTANCES.
First Handicap Hurdles of 70 sovs, about 1½ miles, 2 sovs.
Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap of 300 sovs, 1½ mile, 2 sovs.
Flying Handicap of 100 sovs, 6 furlongs, 2 sovs
NOMINATIONS.
First Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs, about 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Second Handicap Hack Hurdles of 40 sovs, about 1½ miles, 1 sov.
First Handicap Pony Race of 25 sovs, 6 furlongs, 10s.
Second Pony Handicap of 25 sovs, 1 mile, 10s.
First Handicap Hack Race of 40 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov
Second Handicap Hack Race of 50 sovs, 1½ mile, 1 sov.

PALMERSTON NORTH METROPOLITAN TROTting CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.
On Thursday next, 13th inst., by 9 p.m., nominations in connection with the above meeting close with the secretary, Mr C. C. Miles, as under:—
Maiden Handicap (saddle) of 15 sovs, 2 miles, 10s
Palmerston North Handicap (saddle) of 50 sovs, 3 miles, 20s
Pony Handicap (harness) of 20 sovs, 2 miles, 10s
President's Handicap (harness) of 50 sovs, 3 miles, 20s
Pony Handicap (saddle) of 20 sovs, 2 miles, 10s
Electric Handicap (saddle) of 25 sovs, 1 mile, 10s
Dash Handicap (harness) of 25 sovs, 1 mile, 10s

BAY OF PLENTY JOCKEY CLUB.
On Thursday next, 13th inst., by 8 p.m. acceptances in connection with the above meeting close with the secretary, Mr John D. Dailey, as under:—
First Handicap Hurdle Race of 25 sovs, 1½ mile, 12s 3d.
Pony Handicap of 10 sovs, 6 furlongs, 5s.
Bay of Plenty Handicap of 50 sovs, 1½ mile, 25s.
And acceptances and general entries for all other races.

PAPAKURA RACING CLUB.
ANNUAL MEETING,
TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, 17th MARCH, 1896
(ST. PATRICK'S DAY).
President: Major Hamlin. Vice-President: Wm. F. Buckland, Esq. Starter: Mr Cuts. Judge: F. Lawry, Esq., M.H.R. Handicapper: Mr. Evett. Stewards: Messrs D. Crawford, J.P., A. R. Harris, J.P., James Walker, jun., D. Wilson, I. J. Cole, R. J. Willis, W. Carson, A. G. Fallwell, A. McLean, J. Pollock, W. Bremner, A. Barter, W. Fitzpatrick, H. R. Barter, W. Walters. Clerk of Course: Mr Thos. A. Brown. Clerk of Scales: Mr F. W. Marks. Treasurer: Mr A. G. Fallwell.
PROGRAMME
(Passed by A.R.C.)
Maiden Plate Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 25 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.
Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.
Papakura Cup Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1½ sovs. Distance, one mile and a quarter.
Selling Race of 20 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-year-olds to carry 9st; four-year-olds, 9st 12lb; five, six, and aged, 10.0. The winner to be sold for 40 sovs. If entered to be sold for 30 sovs, allowed 7lb; if for 20 sovs, 14lb; if for 10 sovs, 21lb; if for nil, to carry 7st. Surplus, if any, to go to the funds. Entrance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.
Handicap Pony Race of 25 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14.2 and under. All ponies to have A.R.C. certificates of height. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, six furlongs.
Railway Plate Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of the Papakura Cup to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile.
Handicap Steeplechase of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1½ sovs. Distance, about three miles.
Flying Stakes Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Winner of Papakura Cup to carry a 7lb penalty; of the Railway Plate, 5lb; of both, 10lb extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES.
NOMINATIONS close on FRIDAY, 28th February, 1896, at 10 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES and ENTRY for Selling Race to close on FRIDAY, 13th March, 1896, at 10 p.m.
N.B.—All communications to be addressed to the Secretary, Globe Hotel, Papakura, or care of Mr W. Blomfield, Durham Street East, Auckland.
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The Official Calendar

OF THE

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

"The Sporting Review" has been appointed the Official Calendar for the publication of all programmes in the Provincial District of Auckland, in terms of Rule 17 of the Rules of Racing.

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.

As some doubts have arisen as to whether the recent action of the Racing Conference has interfered with the appointment of the Sporting Review by the Auckland Racing Club as the Official Calendar, we publish the following letter for general information:—

MEMO. FROM AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. Auckland, 4th December, 1895.

THE PROPRIETOR SPORTING REVIEW, AUCKLAND.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to yours of 2nd December, my Committee have decided not to alter existing arrangements at present.—Yours truly, WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary A.R.C.

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

The disqualifications have been removed from the following:—W. Martin, M. Moore, Thos. Geach, A. C. Greenwood, Mr Chatteris' pony Sulky, Kizimia Club, and the chestnut horse Joe.

Licenses were granted to W. E. McCutcheon, J. Gallagher, and W. H. Mehaffey to train their own horses.

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

OWNERS' PERMITS.

The following owners' permits have been granted:—George Hill to train Ongo and Gotzer; Henry Warrington, Fable; John Clark, Hoggardeu, Tam O'Shanter, Souter Johnnie; F. Sisterson, Brian Boru, Jewel, Coinage; D. Hepburn, The Turk, Wool Queen, Lord Raven; Mr Weston, Kalo; Robert Thorpe, St. Ella, Silkworm; Finley McKenzie, Maccaroni; T. Kenealy, Paki Paki, The Saint; W. E. Cooper, Miss Bevan, Kiora, blk g by Kalo, blk g by Emin Bey; Wm. Adams, Maritana, Craigard; H. Barr, Rodney; Wm. A. Ralph, Arena, Someday, Reveille.

LICENSES.

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WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

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COMING EVENTS.

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February 29, Saturday; March 3, Tuesday; 5, Thursday; 7, Saturday—V.R.C. Autumn. April 4, Saturday; 6, Monday; 9, Thursday; 11, Saturday—A.J.C. Autumn.

NOMINATIONS.

February 8, Friday—Manawatu R.C. Autumn. February 8, Saturday—Taranaki J.C. Autumn. February 22, Saturday—Sandon Hack R.C. March 6, Friday—Auckland R.C. Autumn. March 27, Friday—Auckland R.C. Autumn. April 6, Monday—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase. April 11, Saturday—Egmont R.C. Winter. April 27, Monday—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase. May 1, Friday—Auckland R.C. Winter. May 29, Friday—Auckland R.C. Winter.

HANDICAPS.

February 8, Saturday—Bay of Plenty Jockey Club. February 10, Monday—Taranaki J.C. Autumn. February 12, Wednesday—Egmont R.C. Summer. February 14, Friday—Manawatu R.C. Autumn. February 18, Tuesday—Wanganui J.C. Autumn. February 24, Wednesday—Manawatu R.C. Autumn. March 2, Monday—Sandon Hack R.C. Annual. March 5, Thursday—Wanganui J.C. Autumn. March 23, Monday—Auckland R.C. Autumn. March 30, Monday—Auckland R.C. Autumn. April 7, Tuesday—Auckland R.C. Autumn. April 8, Wednesday—Auckland R.C. Autumn. April 21, Tuesday—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase. April 24, Friday—Egmont R.C. Winter. May 5, Tuesday—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase. May 6, Wednesday—Egmont R.C. Winter. May 15, Friday—Auckland R.C. Winter. June 1, Monday—Auckland R.C. Winter. June 8, Monday—Auckland R.C. Winter.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1896.

THE NORTH SHORE RE-UNION.

The Takapuna Jockey Club stewards are to be congratulated upon their findings in the two protests which came before them at their recent meeting. In the two-year-old race there is not the slightest shadow of a doubt that they acted wisely in deciding that the race should be run over again. Rule 95 of the Racing Regulations states, "If the starter allows a start to take place in front of the starting post the start is void and the horses must be started over again." During the course of their enquiry the stewards were given unmistakable proof that Admiral Hawke was in front of the post, so they had no option but to order a fresh contest. In the matter of the protest, or rather, complaint, lodged by the owner of Fabulist against the rider of Eve, who, it was alleged, had struck Fabulist in the face during the run up the straight, the stewards, we think, acted wisely in contenting themselves with administering a reprimand to young Hall. No doubt he did strike Fabulist, but the blows were the result of accident. Eve's rider was completely beaten when the winner went at him, and with arms and legs swinging loosely the lad unintentionally hit Fabulist when endeavouring to get a final run out of Eve. In the case of Farrell, who was piloting Commodore when that horse crossed Merry Maid, one cannot take exception to the sentence of a month's suspension passed on the jockey. But here again it is open to question whether the cross was not just as accidental as was Hall's whipping of Fabulist. There was a general feeling of regret that Mr T. Elston and Mr J. Kean should have been deprived of the victory attaching to the race. There is no doubt Commodore had the race won at any part of the journey, and it was very hard luck that his party should have lost on a racing technicality. The Motu-Korea breeding stud had a good advertisement at the meeting, four wins going to horses bred at the Alison Bros.' island stud. Miss Nelson took the Anniversary Handicap, Nestor ran an exceptionally game race when he won the two-year-old race, and Carbuncle carried off the maiden jumping double, hurdles and steeplechase. It is worthy of note that all the yearlings disposed of at the first Mou-Korea sale have turned out winners, viz., St. Regel, Miss Nelson, Rex, Commodore, and Huna, who has been scoring down the coast. Taken all through, the meeting was successful to a marked degree, and the authorities are to be complimented upon the management of the gathering. When a new grandstand has been erected and the course re-laid, there is no doubt the Takapuna meetings will be as enjoyable as any held in the province.

Racing Reviewed.

[BY BORDERER.]

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

Another Great Victory by Fabulist—Lady Anna Smothers the Two-year-olds—Carbuncle creates a Surprise—A Curious Rumour—A Bad Day for Favourites.

Glorious weather was experienced on Wednesday, January 29th, for the opening of the Takapuna Jockey Club Summer meeting, and the gathering proved eminently successful. The attendance was very satisfactory, albeit a trifle smaller than was the case last Anniversary Day, but there was small cause for complaint. The arrangements in connection with the meeting were admirably conducted by Mr Wynyard, the secretary, and the judging by Major George and Mr Duder was well carried out. Mr Knight's handicaps panned out very well, many of the finishes being very close, and Mr Halstead's starting gave complete satisfaction. The racing was of good quality, the finish in the Cup being particularly so, and it again demonstrated what a game horse our Great Northern Derby winner is. He had St. Clements behind him and a fly-away pace-cutter in front of him in the shape of Eve, who compelled a very fast gait right through the journey. Taking into consideration his weight and the unsuitable nature of the course for a horse like Fabulist, his run was quite up to his Derby exhibition. To cover twelve furlongs at Takapuna in 2.42 takes some galloping. It was one of the finest cups ever fought out at North Shore, and adds another garland to Fabulist's crown of triumph. The only unpleasant feature during the day was a complaint made by the trainer of Fabulist against the rider of Eve who, it was alleged, had struck Fabulist across the face with his whip when the winner was making his run from the turn for home. If such really was the case it shows what a courageous colt Fabulist is, for such an act would stop nine horses out of ten. When the complaint was considered on the second day of the gathering the stewards decided to administer a severe reprimand to Hall, the rider of Eve. The lurching arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr McEwin, and Mr Blomfield's efficient totalisator staff handled £5412 during the day.

Racing opened with the Maiden Plate of 30 sovs, one mile, which brought out a field of a dozen. Lord Dunluce and Commodore were heavily backed for this race, but neither showed up during the fight. Lady Agnes, Frontignac, and Captivity were first away, and kept in front of the field until the back stretch was reached. Here Frontignac was taken to the front, and although Captivity made game efforts to get up she was three lengths to the bad when the post was reached, Lady Agnes third. Time, 1min 47sec. Dividend, £5 7s.

Ladybird was a strong order for the Hurdles, and Bombardier, who was steered by his new rider, R. Wright, was made second favourite, but none of them could trouble the leaders at the finish, Bombardier in particular running a very bad race, being rearward all the way. Ika Vuka and Knapsack led the field at the jump, the latter cutting out a pace that quickly left the heavy-weights behind, Ika Vuka being the only one able to hang to him. Disturbance kept in a fairly handy position throughout, but Bombardier was far in the rear and never close enough up to make a bid for victory. At the finish it was a nice race between Ika Vuka and Disturbance. Nearing the home turn the latter rushed up to the leader, and in my opinion was winning when the pair of leaders rose at the last hurdle, which he had the misfortune to strike. This mishap lost him his chance, for Ika Vuka never touched wood, and reached home two lengths to the good, Knapsack third. Time, 4min. Dividend, £6 13s.

The Zealandia Handicap of 40 sovs, five furlongs, attracted eight sprinters, of whom the uncertain Miss Nelson was considered the best. But throughout the race she ran like a jade, and never once made a fight of it. St. Kilda and The Sharper were first off the mark, and led right to the home turn. Here Peerless, who had run her party a very good trial, came through from the rack, and quickly cutting The Sharper down, tried hard to reach St. Kilda. But though she made a game fight, the old horse beat the mare by a neck, The Sharper, who is returning to form, a good third. Time, 1min 5sec. Dividend, £7 19s.

Seven horses weighed out for the Cup, viz., Fabulist 9.4, St. Clements 8.8, Three Star 8.2, Yattenfeldt and Retaliation 7.10, Repeater 7.4, and Eve 7.0. The last-named had a nice racing weight, and the game little mare had many supporters. But Fabulist was always in strong demand and left the post a 6 to 4 chance, with St. Clements close up in the market. Many would not have this horse on the ground that he would not stay, but wise turfites remembered that up to date he had only been asked to get a mile and a quarter, which he had done in brilliant style. "A good sprinter can generally stay," such people argued, and the race proved the correctness of their surmise. Eve was fidgetty at the start and when the barrier went up she slipped off in smart fashion and soon had twolengths the best of the field. St. Clements was next to her, then Retaliation and Fabulist. The Nordenfeldt gelding, Repeater, quickly broke down in the race and was pulled up by his rider, who brought the horse back to the paddock on three legs. When Eve turned into the back stretch her rider steadied the mare, and Retaliation rushed to the front at a pace that quickly broke her up. Eve then went ahead again and galloped on in great heart six lengths ahead of St. Clements; but Fabulist was soon shaken up by Taylor and de-



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SKETCHES AT THE WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

posed the St. Leger horse from third place. Up the back for the last time Fabulist and St. Clements commenced to overhaul the leader, on whom the pace was beginning to fall, and when she reached the mouth of the straight her lead had been reduced to a couple of lengths. From this out it was hammer and tongs between Eve, Fabulist, and St. Clements, and it was not far from the post when the Derby winner gripped the mare and succeeded in beating her by a neck, St. Clements half a length away in third position. A better Cup was never witnessed at the Shore, and the winner well deserved the cheering which greeted his return to the paddock, while Taylor was applauded for the masterly manner in which he had handled the winner. Yattenfeldt was fourth, Retaliation fifth, and then Three Star, who quite failed to show any of the brilliancy with which he had been credited. His failure could not be attributed to condition, for Wright had the roan gelding in a very forward state. The mile and a half was covered in 2min 42sec, good time for the North Shore course, and the dividend was £2 13s.

The two-year old race, the Calliope Handicap of 50 sovs, six furlongs, was the easiest of victories for the St. Leger filly Lady Anna, who simply walked away from her opponents. She was sent out at 6 to 4, and amply justified the confidence of those who took the short price offered. Nestor was second favourite and acted as runner-up. Antares, who had returned from Wellington the day before, jumped away at the start, with Porangi Potae and Brigantine on his quarters. Lady Anna allowed Antares to keep the lead until the top stretch was entered, at which stage of the race she made a run that smothered all opposition and cantered home a dozen lengths ahead of the field, Nestor and Antares in the places. Time, 1min 2 1/2 sec; dividend, £2 10s.

Glenlora and Kingswood were strongly supported for the Maiden Steeplechase of 40 sovs, about three miles, and Othello also had good backing, the rest being poorly supported. One of the contestants was Caruncle, the pony raced by Mr. Massey Baker a couple of seasons back, and she was destined to bring about a sensational win and also give rise to a very peculiar rumour. Glenlora and Knapsack put out the pace at the start, and Kingswood kept close to the pair. Away far in the van was Caruncle apparently beaten for pace, and when she baulked at the water the second time round it was thought the last had been heard of her. Imagine our surprise when Othello, who had early deposed Glenlora and Knapsack from the lead, found himself tackled in desperate style by Caruncle when running the last half-mile of the journey. A great struggle between the pair resulted in Caruncle getting home by a length in the respectable time of 6min 36sec, Othello second, and Ika Vuka third. Dividend, £34 18s. After the meeting the rumour crept around that Caruncle had only traversed two circuits of the course instead of three, and while stating absolutely that I have no reasonable grounds for believing the truth of such a startling statement, I may say this without in the least wishing to discredit the win of Mr. Martin's mare. I was standing on the other side of the brush hurdle by the water where Caruncle refused, and to the best of my knowledge I did not notice the mare cross the brush after baulking. In fact when she suddenly darted to the front of the field when they crossed the brush for the third time, one of my acquaintances exclaimed "Hullo, where has Caruncle sprung from." Of course the mare may have taken the jump the second time unnoticed by us as we would naturally be looking across the course watching the leaders. It is certainly surprising to find Caruncle winning over country in her first effort in the same time that Bombardier took to win his Maiden, and Mr. Martin is to be congratulated on gaining such a bargain for 12 guineas. As to the rumour, I take the fact of none of the jockeys protesting as proof that she did accomplish the full journey. They would have known had she missed one circuit and cut in at any stage of the journey.

Valencia was favourite for the First Pony Handicap of 40 sovs, six furlongs and a half, with Silkworm and Mavourneen next in favour. This was an easy win for Mavourneen, who got home in 1.28 a length in front of Valencia, after whom came Silkworm. Dividend, £6 17s.

The concluding race—the Stewards' Handicap of 50 sovs, six furlongs and a half—resulted in another surprise. On her Cup run Eve looked the best of good things, and half way up the straight appeared a certain winner, but here her stable companion (Lord Dunluce), who had failed badly in the Maiden Plate, came along in very determined fashion and fighting out the issue in plucky style beat his stable mate by half a length. The Sharper, who is returning to form, half a length behind Eve. Time, 1min 27sec. Dividend, £8 8s.



KING'S BOWMAN (FORESTER—PRINCESS ROYAL), WINNER OF THE METROPOLITAN HANDICAP; (ALSO WOODVILLE CUP, YESTERDAY).

SECOND DAY'S RACING.

Defeat of the Favourite in the Big Race—Anita Downs St. Clements by a Head—The Hobson Handicap: Run Twice—Admiral Hawke Beat the Machine but is Brought Back—Caruncle Justifies her Steeplechase Win.

On the second day of the meeting the weather authorities were again favourable, and a good attendance was the natural consequence. Betting was again spirited, £4832 going through the machines, which gives a total of £10,244 for the two days. The judging was well carried out, but the starting—which was excellent on the opening day—caused a big rumour in the Hobson Handicap, Admiral Hawke slipping under the barrier and gaining a lead which rendered pursuit hopeless. However, the run availed him nothing, for the stewards properly decided it was no race and made the starters run it over again. As to the facts of the case, there is no doubt Admiral

Hawke had a length if not more the best of it when the barrier went up, and I am inclined to think that the starter (Mr. Halstead) never saw the colt's position until the webbing had been released. He was watching Lady Anna, who was fidgeting about, and while his attention was directed to her Admiral Hawke got under the barrier. The starter said in his evidence that when he released the barrier he was astonished to see Admiral Hawke streaking away several lengths ahead. The trainer of Admiral Hawke weighed in after the race and refused to start the colt again, and intends, I understand, taking proceedings for the recovery of the stakes. The money invested on Admiral Hawke was returned and two dividends paid on the winner of the run off, which proved to be Nestor.

Racing opened with the Maiden Handicap Hurdles of 35 sovs, one mile and three-quarters, which was a chapter of accidents, four out of the eight contestants falling. Economy was a strong favourite, but though the mare started off well she only got over one fence, the second turning her a terrible purler. The mare rolled right over her rider (Wells), who had his shoulder blade injured. Lifebuoy then went to the front, with Caruncle, who had got off badly, rapidly making her way through the field. Opposite the stand the last time she got in front, with Ika and Glenlora close up. The rest of the horses had by this time got rid of their jockeys. Caruncle had no difficulty in getting home by two lengths in 3.33, Ika and Glenlora in the places. After her exhibition in this race and Othello's defeat of Bombardier in the big Steeplechase, there can be no doubt as to Caruncle having travelled the full distance of the Maiden Steeplechase. Judged by Othello she was good enough to carry off the big cross-country run as well as the Maiden.

Doris, Miss Nelson, and Peerless were all well backed for the Suburban Handicap of 40 sovs, five furlongs and a half, Doris having a very slight lead of Miss Nelson in the betting at the start. Creamer got well away with Peerless and

was never headed, winning easily by a couple of lengths from Doris, Miss Nelson third. Time, 1min 13sec. Dividend, £4 4s.

In spite of her 10.7 Mavourneen was heavily backed for the Second Pony Handicap of 35 sovs, five furlongs and a half, and right worthily did she acquit herself, although she could not get into first position. The uncertain Cupid was made favourite, but beyond a short flutter at the start she never gave her supporters a chance of winning. Kit dodged under the barrier twice in a manner that should have earned a reprimand for Creamer, and when a start was given Kit again got all the best of things owing to her jockey's smartness, while Lady Thornton got hung up in the tape and had no show. Aided by her start, Kit managed to defeat Mavourneen by half a length, but with a straight send off the second mare would have won in spite of her load of ten and a half stone. Valencia finished third. Time, 1min 13sec. Dividend, £8 15s.

The principal race, the F.J.C. Handicap of 100 sovs, one mile and a quarter, was reckoned a good thing for St. Clements, and so it should have been. Anita was well backed, and I fancy Wellington books will be affected by her win. Three Star led the field for half a mile, with Eve and St. Regel next to him, and then St. Clements, who quickly closed with the runners and kept a good position throughout. Three furlongs from home he was in the lead and it looked any money on him, but over-confidence lost him the race. His rider took matters fairly easy when once in the straight, merely holding his whip ready in case of a surprise. But when Anita supplied that surprise, she came at him with such a rush that the top-weight was caught on the post and caught napping too. W. Smith is a clever jockey and seldom makes a mistake, but I consider he made one here. Knowing that a proved stayer like Anita was behind him, he should have kept moving all the way up the straight, instead of which he allowed himself to tumble into the mistaken belief that the field were beat. Yattenfeldt was a good third. Time, 2min 15 1/2 sec. £4 13s.

Then came the Hobson Handicap, which resulted in a no-race owing to Admiral Hawke being in front of the barrier when the tapes were released. After an inquiry had been held and evidence taken the stewards decided that the race should be run over again, and the owner of Admiral Hawke refusing to start his colt a second time the money invested on him was returned. In the run-off an excellent start was obtained, Porangi Potae being earliest to break rank, Nestor, who is a terrible slug, had to be whipped from the very jump, and after two furlongs of continual whipping, the son of Tamora agreed to put his best foot foremost. Entering the straight he and Lady Anna were locked together, and they remained in that position right up to the post, the judge declaring in favour of Nestor by a head. St. Elmo was third. Time, 1min 14sec. Dividends—First race, £3 9s; second race, £2.

When Bombardier was prepared for the Steeplechase it was seen that his owners had made another change in riders, John Rae having the mount on the Brigadier gelding. He was made a decided favourite, but again upheld his name as a most uncertain chaser. Othello went to the front at the start, with Bombardier next, then Disturbance and Mozel last. The field kept this order until Disturbance ran off on the hill the second time round, when it looked a good thing for Bombardier. But try as Rae might he could not close with Othello, who beat him home by three lengths. Bombardier jumped badly throughout, rapping the little brush hurdle past the water every time he crossed it. And a horse that will do that is surely a bad animal to trust. Ponies could jump it without difficulty, yet here we have a Great Northern Steeplechase winner hitting it, and badly, too. Bombardier would break any man who trusted him, and some day he will break the neck of the man who rides him. By the way, I was under the impression that Morrison stood off Bombardier at his own wish, but that is not so. In a conversation I had with



VIEW OF GRANDSTAND AND LAWN DURING WELLINGTON CUP RACE.

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Morrigan on Saturday, he told me that it was the owners who decided him not to ride the horse again. They asked him to ride in the Summer Steeplechase, after which they said they would not ask him to again steer Bombardier, for they were convinced that if he stuck to the horse he would break his neck. Morrigan knew very well the danger he was running, and sensibly accepted the offer of the Messrs Duder Bros. to stand down. He will never regret it, but somebody else will, for Bombardier will hurt his rider some day as sure as he races.

The Borough Hack Handicap of 30 sovs, six furlongs and a half, was an evenly-backed race, Frontignac, Revenge, and Commodore each being well supported. From an even start Resolute and Belvedere were earliest to the front, but they had not gone very far when it was seen that Commodore had them all beaten, and he had no difficulty in getting home by three lengths from Merry Maid, Black Friar third. But Merry Maid's owner promptly lodged a protest on the ground of a cross, and such being sustained, the stake was awarded to Merry Maid. And so a horse that could have beaten his field in any part of the journey lost the stake, the rider (Furrell) being suspended for a month. Time, 1min 28sec. Dividend, £7 10s.

The last race, the Anniversary Handicap of 50 sovs, seven furlongs, was reckoned a good thing for Doris, but a pair of stable-mates, St. Regel and Miss Nelson, had matters to themselves, and Miss Nelson got home by a bare length from St. Regel, Doris third. Time, 1min 32sec. Dividend, £8 18s.

Coming Events.

[BY BORDERER.]

EGMONT R.C. SUMMER MEETING.

THE Summer Meeting of the Egmont Club opens next Wednesday, 11th inst., and will be concluded the following day, Thursday. As acceptances are not due till to-day I am in the dark as to what will form the runners for the four leading races. The latest I can gather about Fabulist is that he will attend the meeting, in which case he must be hard to beat in the Cup, even with 9.2. Since her Riccarton win Lady Zetland's chance does not look too well, for she has been penalised, so that her weight stands at 9.5. Brooklet at 8.7 cannot be said to be out of it, but Dreamland is, I fancy, a light of the past. At 7.9 Anita must be considered well in. Her Auckland Cup proved her staying power, and her run last Saturday under 8.0 at Takapuna showed she is more than a feather-weight racer. Should she start, I like her as well as anything in the race, and the only other I have a fancy for is Monte Carlo. For a trio I like FABULIST, ANITA, and MONTE CARLO, and the acceptances may enable readers to pick out one. In the Flying old Workman would give them all rats with 9.5, but I have no idea as to whether he has stood his preparation. I like Prioress and The Miser as well as anything. The First Hurdles should rest between Dante and Lord Vivian.

NOTES.

[BY GIPSY KING.]

The other day I had a chat with Mr W. H. Keith, who recently returned from Australia after disposing of the two Gipsy King geldings, Bush Boy and The Hero. In reply to my query as to whether he had received the appointment of private trainer to Messrs H. C. and H. V. White for their up-country horses, he said that he was the successful man out of 75 applicants, but although he had accepted the position he subsequently altered his mind and came on to New Zealand.

Harry Moore, who was at one time connected with Mr S. H. Gollan's stable at Caulfield, is now in charge of Mr "Jerry" Driscoll's horses, Buckley's Chance and Off Chance, at Hawera.

It is stated in one of the Manawatu papers that a resident of Palmerston North was lucky enough to accept a wager of £500 to £15 about Brooklet for the Wellington Cup. There were only two £500 "books" open on the Cup in the southern portion of the North Island, and both were written for the full amount, but in small parcels, so that the resident referred to could not have had any of these two "books." That £500 to £15 must have been laid by the *chef* of some Coastal Hotel!

As far as the Wellington £500 "book" is concerned, almost the first wager booked in connection with the Cup race was £100 to 1 Brooklet, and what's more, the backer paid up his £1 straight off! The last wager in the same "book" was £50 to 8!

Jim Hathaway was nearly losing the stakes for the Hurdle Race at Foxton through over-confidence on the part of Gillett, who was riding his horse Pyrites. The ex-Bienheim nag was sailing in comfortably and Gillett was letting the horse slow down, when Jim Morris sneaked up with Nat, and challenging Pyrites the latter just succeeded in getting to the post in time, only winning by half a neck.

Alick McCormick rode two splendid finishes on Swift at Foxton. The little mare is one of the plodding sort, and Alick waited patiently for her until within the distance, when he asked her for one run, which her better looking opponents were unable to withstand, and he landed her a winner cleverly each time. Both races would probably have been lost if Swift had been entrusted to a less experienced horseman. It does my heart good to see a horseman sitting still and then come with a well-timed run that silences everything else in the race.

'Tis the pace that kills, so does the weight sometimes. The handicaps apportioned Flying

Shot—10.0 in the Foxton Handicap, 1½ miles, and 11.4 in the Electric Handicap, 5 furlongs—effectually stopped the big grey, and although he struggled gamely, he simply was not in it at the finish.

Wharangi (which I understand is the Maori for leaves), the three-year-old chestnut colt by Ascot from Lorelei's dam, sported silk for the first time in the Anniversary Stakes of one mile at Foxton, and although he looks a strapping, strongly-built colt (who would be chosen for a racehorse in preference to Lorelei), and is fairly forward in condition, he simply disgraced his family and didn't appear to be able to raise a good canter, and finished a long way in the rear. I trust he is not going to turn out such another frost as his three-quarter brother Aintree, by Ascot—Bay Leaf.

Bavaria (Forerunner—Starwater), the winner of the Juvenile Handicap at Wellington, was bought in a Hawera sale-yard as a yearling by Mr W. H. Chitham, of Palmerston North, for the small sum of £9. Forerunner is half brother to Vanguard, and Star Water is by Premier from Voltarina, dam of Recluse.

Year by year the Wellington Cup meeting appears to be growing in public favour, and it is only a question of a few years when it will rank next to the N.Z. Cup meeting. In a great measure the meeting is popularised by the amount of betting that is transacted over the Cup race, which is run over a favourite distance with horse owners. This year there were two £500 "books," every penny of which is "good," besides several smaller "books," ranging from £25 to £200. When a backer takes a wager, no matter how small, he never loses sight of the date of the meeting, and at every opportunity he compares notes with other horse men as to the chances of the various horses engaged, and in this way alone he assists materially in advertising the meeting. Strange to say, the principal book-makers do not appear to care about opening a book on the Egmont, Wanganui, and Hawke's Bay Cups, probably for the reason that there is not sufficient time to "get round," from the time the nominations are received up to the date of meeting. One metalician remarked to me, in reply to my query why he did not open a book on the Wanganui Cup, "that the race is too easily picked, and that backers will only back two or three horses in the race, as there are so very few horses that can get one mile and three-quarters, and the public are very fair judges of those that cannot get the distance." I think that statement pretty well explains the position. However, if "double books" were opened, on the same principle as that prevailing in Sydney, i.e., the backer to receive a certain sum—according to the proportion of the wager—for a winner and a second, a winner and a third, or two seconds, I think if this system were tried here—each backer to receive a card with the odds plainly marked on it—that "double" betting would be more favourably received. In connection with the Cup race it seems a pity that, owing to the dispute between Mr W. Douglas and Mr T. Quinlivan, senior, the latter, who had been training Brooklet up to within a week of the meeting, should be robbed of the pleasure of leading away the winner of this year's Cup. During the time the mare has been under his care she has been steadily improving, and at the Manawatu meeting the mare was in the acme of condition, and her failure to win the Palmerston North Cup, run in the fast time of 2min 38sec for that course, was simply owing to want of horsemanship. The little fellow on her back was done after the mare had gone about nine furlongs, and during the three last furlongs the mare was running loose and going where she pleased. Brooklet is my *beau ideal* of a race-horse, and is undoubtedly a splendid advertisement for Mr W. Douglas' Te Mahanga stud. I remember Brooklet's first appearance under silk, at the Taratahi-Carterton Hack Meeting, on November 9th, 1894, and she failed in both her races, Swordfish being the first to catch the judge's eye in each of the events in which she competed. I backed the Hutt-trained hack against Brooklet, but wouldn't have the courage to do so now. However, time and careful attention have worked wonders in the mare, and Mr Quinlivan, senr., is deserving of all the kudos attachable to training the winner of one of the most important handicaps in New Zealand. Indeed, the same trainer has had all the horses in his charge in wonderful nick this season, as Streamlet, Aio, and The Brook have each done good service for Mr Douglas' stud this season. This is all the more creditable to their ex-trainer, as mares are kittle cattle to keep well. Some people say that if Saracen had not faltered at the turn into the straight he may have been returned the winner, but good judges, some of whom were not backing Brooklet, aver that she was too superior, and that it would have taken a Carbine to have beaten her. Anyway, when it comes to a struggle I hardly think Saracen is the guest in the world, for when White got at him in the Wellington Racing Club Handicap he shirked punishment. But I have seen a lot of horses lately that decline to race under whip or spur, but the same horses, if ridden hard with hands and heels, will contest every inch of ground at the finish. Muffled spurs may be right enough, but my observations have led me to the conclusion that spurs do more harm than good. The Wellington sports as a rule are undemonstrative, but they could not help giving Saracen's owner a cheer after the "all right" had been given after the decision of the Racing Club Handicap. Mr Allen has had a lot of hard luck with his horse, and everyone was pleased to see him get a win. Saracen did not look so "pretty" as I have seen him on previous occasions, looking much lighter, and he evidently races better this way than when rounded up. A thoroughly trained horse does not usually look a picture.

A quarter of a mile less distance to travel and Silb off his back, may have made a difference to old Liberator (whom his owner calls "the stone-thrower"), but my opinion about the hurdle race the second day is that old Lib. bolted in, so easily did he win. My pick of the two-year-olds at the meeting is Defiance, who is bred the right way to

stay, and I like St. Elmo better than Antares. Lorenzo, if he were mine, should be turned out until he is four years old, then be put in a commission for hurdle racing.

Solitaire's victory in the Metropolitan Handicap was almost as unexpected as Defiance's defeat in the Juvenile Handicap. However, sprinting is undoubtedly Solitaire's forte, and as he is more lightly than her half-brother, Ascot Vale (by St. Albans), who was a brilliant horse over a short distance, I expect her to turn out his equal for pace. King's Bowman, whom she defeated, is a great galloper over a sprint distance, and it takes the best in the land to stride it out with him for the first three or four furlongs. Of the hacks that started at the meeting I prefer King's Own, but I fancy he is not too sound. He won comfortably enough the first day, but only secured third position the second day, but had he not stumbled badly I think he would have wrestled out the finish with Ebor II.

The Miser, who many thought had a chance in the Wellington Cup after his Hutt Park Handicap win in November, ran very consistently at Wellington, and turning into the straight in the Racing Club Handicap of one and a quarter miles, his name was called, but when Lorelei and Saracen came at him he could not stand the pressure. This was not to be wondered at, as he had run a clinking good race in the January Handicap, one mile and a furlong (two races previous), the distance being traversed in 1min 56sec, and the son of old Grinnino was only about a length and a half off the winner (Leda.) To ask or expect him to beat Lorelei and Saracen, fresh horse, was too much. To my mind this horse would have a better chance of scoring if he were ridden a waiting race instead of being ridden from end to end. Very few horses can stand the strain of doing their best from start to finish, as practically horses ridden to instructions in such a manner act as pacemakers for something else in the race, which "flop" up at the finish to beat their pacer.

Turf Topics.

[BY REVIEWER.]

Georgie Sharp has been served by Lakeshell.

It is now stated that Au Revoir is untrainable. The St. Leger mare, St. Laura, is said to have gone wrong.

Mr Gollan is riding Ebor occasionally in his work in the Old Country.

The programme of the Papakura Racing Club appears in our advertising columns.

It is rumoured in Melbourne that Hova is likely to be bought for India shortly.

The Wellington Park bred colt, True Blue, has been given a spell on the Sydney-side.

The Nordenfeldt gelding Repeater broke down in the Takapuna Cup last Wednesday.

The Possible is rapidly recovering from the spill he received in the Auckland Cup.

Lady Zetland's recent win brings her Egmont Cup weight up to 9.5, including penalty.

Mr T. Tobias informs us that he will be present at both the Egmont and Taranaki meetings.

Mr J. E. Henry's handicaps for the Egmont meeting appear elsewhere. Acceptances are due to-day.

Mr J. Davidson, the well-known local book-maker, will attend the Egmont and Taranaki meetings.

Since the Castor mare Leda was bought for 55 guineas last autumn she has won £400 in stakes alone.

It is rumoured that the Martini-Henry horse, Mahee, will shortly find a new home either in India or Africa.

The South Auckland R.C. annual meeting which has been fixed for March 6th and 7th, promises to be a successful fixture. Nominations for all events close to-morrow, when there will doubtless be a satisfactory list of entries. On the opening day the S.A.R. Cup Handicap of 45 sovs, one mile and a quarter, will be the principal event, and the other items will be the Final Handicap of 15 sovs, one mile; First Hurdles of 25 sovs, one mile and a half; First Pony Handicap of 20 sovs, seven furlongs; Handicap Steeplechase of 25 sovs, about two miles and a half; Handicap Trot of 10 sovs, two miles; and Flying Handicap of 20 sovs, six furlongs. On the second day the leading item will be the McNicol Memorial Stakes of 30 sovs, one mile and a quarter, besides which there will be the Claudlands Handicap of 20 sovs, one mile; Second Hurdles of 25 sovs, one mile and three-quarters; Second Pony Race of 15 sovs, six furlongs; Handicap Steeplechase of 40 sovs, about three miles; Second Trot of 15 sovs, two miles and a half; and Railway Plate of 20 sovs, six furlongs.

Musket's fame rests solely on Carbine and his sons and daughters whose dams descended from Yattendon or Fisherman, or Yattendon's sire, Sir Hercules, and hardly old Tracer. The latter has done far more good for the New Zealand thoroughbred than ever Musket did. He laid the foundation of a hardy, sound breed, but unfortunately Musket came along and poisoned it. Manton was once thought to be better than Carbine. He is out of a Tracer mare, named Gitana, who was by Sir Hercules. Raupo, a grand-daughter of Sir Hercules, could throw a horse like Mata to Deadshot, but I never heard of her producing a winner to Musket in the three seasons she visited him. Aalanta threw winners to all sorts of sires, except Musket; and Atalanta threw King Ban, Happy-Go-Lucky, Pri'e de l'Ocean, Henry II., Bower of Bliss, and St. Leger to different sires, but her three visits to Musket only produced Happy Land, who would never have been heard of had she not been mated with stout Ingomar, and produced Hova.—Sydney Truth.

The connections of the chaser Roscius are hopeful of again racing their horse, but it will not be for some time.

Mr W. Douglas presented Geo. Hope with a furnished house on the occasion of his marriage with Miss Chisholm.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club's privileges for their forthcoming meeting will be sold to-morrow at the Brunswick Mart.

Inspiration, Coolalta, and Vanitas have been scratched for the Newmarket Handicap, and Patron for the Australian Cup.

The Melbourne Leader says that Fabulist once ran in hack races. I would like to know where the Leader writer got his information from.

Brooklet and The Brook have been nominated both by Mr W. Douglas and Mr T. Quinlivan, senr., for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting.

The last Sydney mail brings news of the death of Mr W. B. Walford, hon. treasurer of the Australian Jockey Club. Mr Walford died at the ripe age of 74 years.

Carnage's stud fee in England has been fixed at 50gs, and he is limited to twenty-five mares. His list is full, and only one of his owner's mares will be put to him.

It is reported that in the Hack Hurdles at the Ohimetai races thirty-two spills took place. As only seven horses were running they must have had five spills apiece!

Frontignac, winner of the Takapuna Maiden Plate, gets his name from a sweet Muscat wine made at Frontignan in France. Frontignac's dam is Golden Grape.

Nominations for the Wanganui J.C. Autumn Meeting will be found in another column. Also the weights for the Hurdles and Stewards' Welter, to be run at the D.J.C. Autumn Meeting.

The owner of Leda has received an offer of 300 guineas for the little Castor mare from a well-known Auckland racing man. This offer has been accepted, subject to certain conditions.

The Northern Steamship Company announce their intention of running a special race boat for the benefit of excursionists to the Egmont meeting. For further information see advertisement.

The civil case of T. Quinlivan v. W. Douglas has been set down for hearing in the Supreme Court in February. The claim is £2,679, the plaintiff alleging that defendant illegally took possession of the Wellington Cup winner, Brooklet, in the face of an agreement giving plaintiff the use of the mare as long as she could race.

After the payment of forfeit there are some 50 left in the D.J.C. First Eclipse Stakes of 500 sovs, to be run at the Autumn Meeting of 1897. For the Second Eclipse Stakes of 1000 sovs, to be run in 1898, the club received on Saturday an entry of 51 foals, which, with 74 two-year-olds and yearlings already entered, make a total of 115.

The *Indian Planter's Gazette* comments as follows on the performances of Sprightly and Fortunatus in the Viceroy's Cup:—"Fortunatus, we consider, ran a very great little horse indeed in Robinson's careful hands, and it was worth watching to see the way in which the horse was nursed till the time came for his dart to be made. That it fell short of its object was the horse's, the jockey's, and trainer's misfortune, not their fault. Perrett is certainly deserving of praise for the condition in which he brought the horse out, considering the comparatively short time which he has had to do with him, and we give it him unreservedly. Fortunatus ran a thoroughly game, consistent race, and under Robinson's excellent pilotage he came to the very last ounce. Of the winner's performance, too, it is hard to speak too highly, for on a slow course he has put up an Indian record, his 3min 4 2-5sec being the best that has ever been done in this race, the previous best on record being Myall King's, of 1888, when he covered the distance in 3min 7 1-2sec, carrying the same weight as Sprightly."

Referring to Carbine's defeat by Ensign in the V.R.C. Derby, the Melbourne writer "Nunquam Dormio" has the following interesting paragraph:—"As to what a good gelding Ensign really was, the best authority on that point is Mr W. Allen, the celebrated Victorian 'vet.' who showed Ensign's fractured leg in the Press-room a few days after the son of Grandmaster and Formosa (Huret's dam) was destroyed; from which it was open and palpable that when Ensign defeated Carbine in the Derby the fracture existed in the bone, and during the contest for the Melbourne Cup the sound portion gave way. There was the black corroded part of the old fracture right enough, together with the newer mark where the other portion had parted. At the time, Mr Allen was of opinion that the original fracture must have been sustained fully five or six months previously, so that when Ensign won the Derby he won it with a fractured leg, and I fancy that was a little above even Carbine's height!"

"Delaware," of the Sydney *Truth*, is evidently not a gusher over Musket. He alludes in the last issue of his journal to "the hundreds of rotten-legged Muskets that are manuring New Zealand through. Brutes with big ungainly bodies too big for their weak soft pasterns to support. Musket got a few good horses, but he got them out of the grandest lot of mares it was possible to get together. With the exception of Carbine, all his good horses came from proved good Australian stock. It is noticed that his sons who have so far been successful at the stud came from hardy old stock whose ancestors made the Australian horse famous for the stamina. Instead of improving I hold that Musket has weakened them by introducing bad feet, weak soft pasterns, and a general softness all round. Who ever heard of a good (bar Carbine) Musket after he was three years old. Trenton raced on a bit, but he was all to pieces at four years. The time will come when the Muskets will be dubbed rotten instead of incomparable."

'Censor,' of Sydney *Truth*, remarks that some of the ponies now figuring around Sydney would be properly placed if slaughtered and distributed round for the nourishment of indigent cats.

The Taranaki Jockey Club stewards not only disqualified Commodore for crossing Merry Maid in the Borough Hack Handicap at the Shore last Saturday, but disqualified the rider (Farrell) for a month.

Many people think that D. Murrigan abandoned riding Bombardier because he is afraid of the horse. That is not the case. It was the owners who advised him to engage riders, for, as they put it, "The horse will kill you some day, Denny."

Acceptances for the first day in connection with the Otahuhu Trotting Club's meeting to be held on Saturday, 15th, and Saturday, 22nd inst., close to-morrow (Friday) at 10 p.m. with the secretary, Otahuhu, or care Metropolitan Hotel, Auckland.

The Hobbs' stable had a winning turn at the C.J.C. Summer Meeting, carrying off three races in succession. Lady Zetland won the Midsummer Handicap, then Bizarre got home in the Selling Race, and Saracen followed on by taking the Craven Plate.

One of the Auckland visitors to the Egmont and Taranaki meetings will be the well-known penciller, Mr D. McLeod. As intimated in our advertising columns, Messrs Cleland and Doig are authorised to transact business on Mr McLeod's behalf during his absence.

The material condition of the Turf in France (says the *Field*) is very satisfactory. In the course of the past season the value of the races run on the flat was about £4600 in excess of 1894, the total being £281,358, and it is worth noting that a much larger proportion of this was genuine added money (£223,858) than would be the case in England, where so many of the most valuable races are made up entirely of the nominators' stakes and forfeits.

SKETCHES AT THE WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.



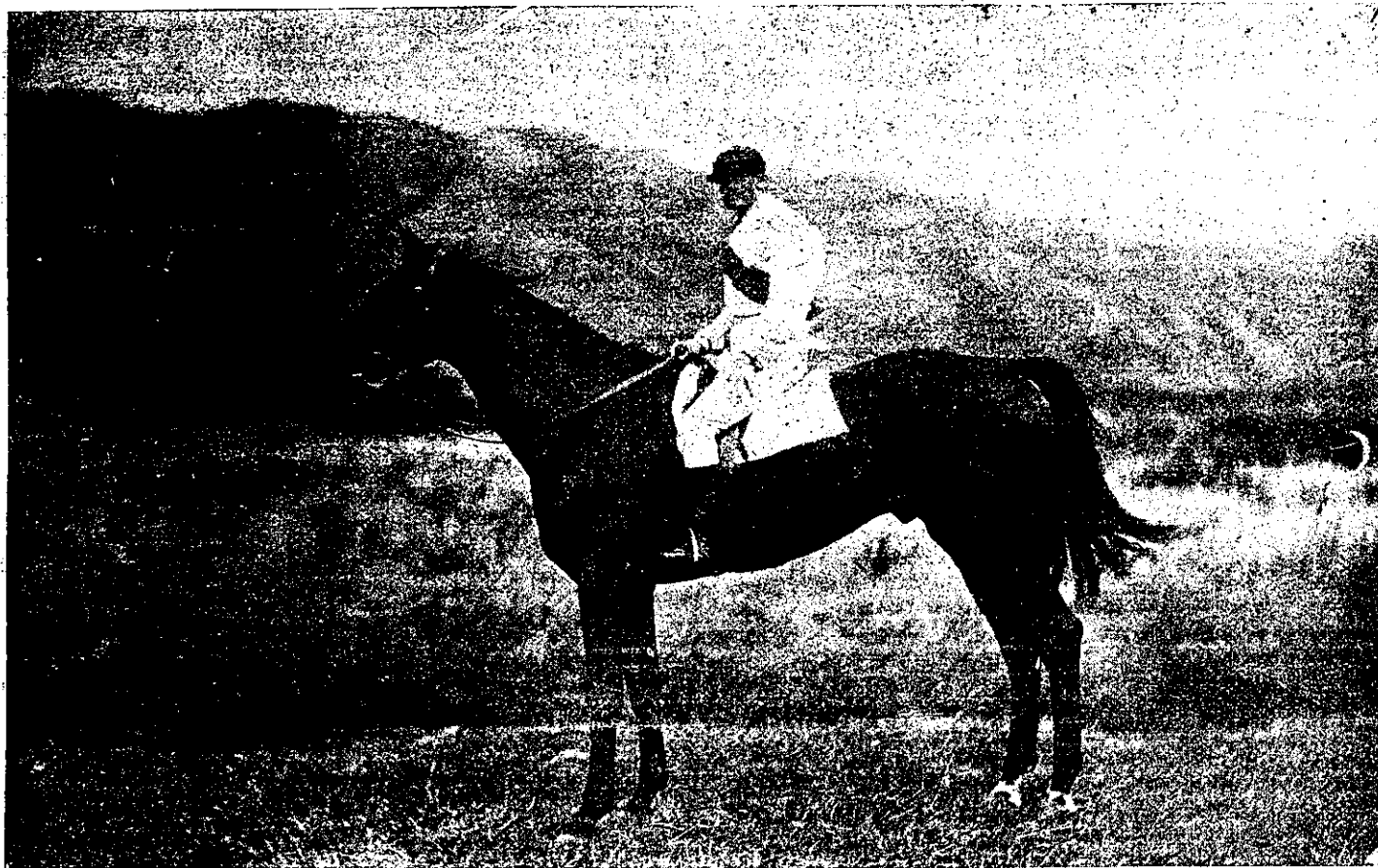
LADY ZETLAND (PERRIN WARBECK II.—FORGET-ME-NOT), WINNER OF THE PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP.

Acceptances for the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup appear in this issue.

Pegasus and Yattenfeldt were shipped to New Plymouth on Monday to fulfil West Coast engagements.

The Messrs Alison Bros. Motu-Korea stud was brought into prominence at the recent meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club. Nestor, winner of the two-year-old, Miss Nelson, winner of the Anniversary Handicap, and Carbuncle, who won the Maiden Steeple and Hurdle double were all bred by the Alison Bros. At their first sale of yearlings the Alison Bros. disposed of five youngsters, and I notice they are all winners, viz., St. Regel, Miss Nelson, Rex, Commodore, and the Brigadier—Mystery filly Huna, who won a double at the last Gisborne meeting.

The *Indian Planter's Gazette* gives the following description of the Viceroy's Cup, one mile and three-quarters, won by Sprightly, who defeated the erst-Australian horse, Fortunatus, by two lengths—"At the six furlong post Blarney Stone improved his position, and led for a short distance, but almost immediately after that Smith was niggling at him to keep him in his place. The pace now began to tell on Colleen Juna and Virago, who with Blarney Stone were beginning to feel the severe strain, and Sprightly and Fortunatus were the only two who still looked to be going freely. At the five-furlong post Colleen Juna was hopelessly beaten, and at the half-mile Sprightly assumed command, Blarney Stone lying second, Fortunatus coming up third alongside Virago. At the quarter-mile post Sprightly had everything in the field beaten, and Fortunatus came up and challenged Virago, who was then second, Blarney Stone having compounded. Sprightly then sailed home the easiest of winners by two lengths, four lengths dividing Fortunatus and Virago, and three Virago and Blarneystone; Colleen Juna fifth, Primrose Way sixth, Kite High seventh, Norbert eighth, and Granada last. Time, 3min 4 2-5sec.



SARACEN (ST. GEORGE—FAIR NELL), WINNER OF THE WELLINGTON RACING CLUB HANDICAP.

The stallions Carnage and Trenton arrived at Plymouth in excellent condition.

Mr S. H. Gollan's Medallion—Florence McCarthy gelding, Tire, had a score at the Sydney Turf Club Meeting. He ran a dead heat with Aroha in the Nursery Handicap, and in the run-off won easily. The dead heat was run in 1min 5sec and the run-off in 1min 8sec.

The barbarous barbed wire was again in evidence at Takapuna last Wednesday and Saturday, and a correspondent has written to the daily Press stating that many people were muttering big D's in consequence. Also, the *Herald* thinks that now attention has been drawn to the matter the wire will be removed. But I doubt it. Twelve months ago while watching a steeplechase there I was caught in the wire and hung suspended like Mahomet's coffin until an onlooker unhooked me. I used more than big D's when I found that a new coat had been ruined and talked in vigorous language to the club officials, but the wire still remains. If the club would remove the wire and pay me for a new coat I should feel more satisfied than I do at present.

At a meeting of the Auckland Racing Club committee, held on Monday, C. Coleman was granted 3gs. Programmes were passed as follows:—March 16th, Tologa Bay J.C.; March 17th, Ohinemuri J.C., Papakura R.C., and Whakatane R.C.; February 12th, Rotorua J.C.; February 24th, Aoteara-Waotu R.C.; April 1st, Waipawa R.C. Trainers' licenses were granted to Wm. Braybrook, W. H. Frewin, T. Warr, and J. Homan. Jockeys were licensed as follows:—W. Quarterman, J. W. Brady, A. Haydon, A. Somers, A. Blaise, Speakman, and Sharp. Apprentices licenses were granted to E. Baker, A. McMillan, and Hugh Boyd. Disqualifications were removed from the Kimihia Club and the horse Chestnut Joe. Licenses to train their own horses were granted to W. E. McCutcheon, J. Gallagher, and W. H. Mehaffey.



BAVARIA (FORERUNNER—STAR WATER), WINNER OF THE JUVENILE HANDICAP.

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[OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

WELLINGTON.

The Handicapping of Skirmisher—Lady Zetland's Win—The Brooklet Protest.

[BY WIRE.]

February 3.

The Castor—Lioness filly, purchased at Wellington Park and shipped South, was not bought by Mr J. P. Curtis, of Wellington, but shipped to him as forwarding agent. The buyer was Mr F. D. Pelling, a sporting boniface at Ekatahuna.

According to Lady Zetland's running in the Midsummer Handicap at Christchurch on Saturday, I maintain she would have won the Cup here had Hobbs sent her instead of Saracen.

In justice to Mr J. O. Evelt as to the alleged harsh treatment of Skirmisher in the W.R.C. Handicap, it must be stated that the last time he and Saracen (winner of the race) met over a mile and a quarter in the St. Andrew's Handicap at Dunedin, Skirmisher conceded Saracen one pound in weight and beat him by a length and a half comfortably, and in the Wellington Cup Skirmisher had the race won at a mile and a quarter, and actually led up to the distance. His inability to finish was most probably the want of a sound gallop over the distance. On the second day Skirmisher was asked to concede Saracen only 4lbs, and had he gone to the post would certainly have been made favourite, and probably would have won handsomely. Skirmisher was made favourite for the Midsummer at Riccarton on Saturday, but, they say, had the appearance of a big meal before the race, and was never prominent.

Lady Zetland's running shows that she would have been prominent in the Wellington Cup had she gone to the post. Murray Hobbs put up a record by winning the Craven and Midsummer double two years in succession with the same horses. He is unlikely so long as he follows his present occupation to have three such wear and tear consistent success as Prime Warden, Saracen, and Lady Zetland in the stables at one time.

Returned visitors speak well of Bisley (by Chain Shot), half-brother to Barmby, who won the Horasby Welter, and look favourably on his Publicans' Handicap chance.

Harry Piper arrived from South yesterday, and journeys to Woodville to-morrow, where he is engaged on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Wellington Racing Club stewards met this afternoon and considered the protest of Mr Allen, owner of Saracen, against Brooklet receiving the Wellington Cup stakes. The protest was disallowed.

An inquiry into the fire at the stables of Messrs. K. McKenzie and Cress Bros. at Tauherenikau, on January 22nd, was held at Featherston last week. The jury returned a verdict that the stables were wilfully set on fire by some person or persons unknown.

George Cooper, jockey, was arrested at Featherston on Friday on suspicion of having set fire to McKenzie's stable. He was brought before two justices and remanded until to-day, bail being allowed, accused in £100 and two sureties of £50 each. Cooper, owner and rider of Much Afo, was disqualified at the Wairarapa Racing Club's Meeting on New Year's Day for three months for suspicious running. At Featherston this morning Cooper was further remanded until the 11th inst.

CHRISTCHURCH.

C.J.C. Summer Meeting—Notes on the Form.

January 30.

The Wellington Cup dispute is naturally causing a lot of uneasiness, especially amongst those who backed either Brooklet or Saracen straight out. Saracen was not looked upon as having a chance by the main body of backers until after Lady Zetland's withdrawal; consequently he was scarcely touched at all straight out. Brooklet, on the other hand, although not heavily supported at straight-out prices, was a better favourite at this mode of betting than Saracen. The latter was backed heavily at starting price, whilst Brooklet was almost friendless. I know one man who supported Saracen straight out and backed Brooklet at tote odds. He, consequently, may receive both wagers, whilst those who took the early prices about Brooklet may get nothing. The bookmakers here have paid out on the winner, so backers may have to refund. I hear the pencilers of the Empire City decline to pay out Brooklet until the stewards have decided the protest entered by Mr Allen on behalf of Saracen. This case shows how beautifully our racing laws work, for whilst one backer receives his dividend through the tote the other one, at straight-out prices, might be denied that privilege. Both support the actual winner, and both results are guided by the same stewards. I do not say it is avoidable, but all the same it seems inequitable.

The Akaroa Racing Club's annual race meeting will take place at Little River on Thursday, March 12th.

Mr Stead's two-year-olds, Uniform, Grand Cross, and Epaulet, have visited Riccarton during the past few mornings, and Grand Cross struck me as being a particularly fine youngster. He is big, certainly, but he looks as though he should gallop fast. The other two are somewhat lighter than when I last saw them, especially Epaulet.

Liberator looks none the worse after his Wellington trip, and as he won his engagement there as he liked, his owner has every reason to believe that the old traveller will bring still more shekels to his banking account.

Barnardo is occasionally to be seen on the course, but he is as big as a bullock.

Free Holmes has Lord of Misrule doing good work, and the King Cole horse, considering his long spell, is looking remarkably well.

Au Revoir is none too sound, and Butler will have all his work out to make him of future service to the Herberton stable.

Bisley, owned by Mr M. Sherwin and in the same stable as Barmby, is going very well indeed. Bogengang, Sheenan's full two-year-old brother to Vogengang, is coming along nicely and should be ready to race very shortly.

The hurdler, Little Jack, who, it will be remembered, came a nasty cropper with Dan Roberts at New Brighton, is jumping fairly well, but I do not think he ever will be much good.

Clarence does not seem to be improved by his northern trip. I have seen him looking much better. He does not seem to have got over his gallop behind Maximus at Ashburton.

Cutts has been giving his charges early exercise, but the veteran trainer has nothing particularly good to work on just now.

Magazine struck me as a vastly improved horse on Monday morning. He stretches himself more freely than has been the case for some time past.

Marino has been scratched for his Saturday engagements. He is none too well, and, in addition, was not well treated, and his owner prefers something softer.

Gipsy Grand is slightly easier for the Dunedin Cup, and his stable companion, Hippomenes, is being quietly supported. An attempt to back Aldershot for a small sum failed, no straight-out books being open here. The pencilers say that there is only one or two enquired for, and now that St. Hippo is supposed to be retiring, there is no chance of making a decent book; consequently the double, Cup and Federal, are the usual mediums.

Fabulist was picked by a good many to win the Takapuna Cup. His performance was good, too. Surely, he has been given a great chance at Taranaki. St. Clements, on the other hand, seems to be badly treated in having to give Waiuku so much weight in the short race. Waiuku will most assuredly beat him if he be at all well.

The Hokitika authorities have dealt with the Poinsettia trouble. A deal of contradictory evidence seem to have been given. Two officers of the Club gave evidence that they saw something pass from the hands of the jockey to those of the owner. As you will recollect, Poinsettia weighed in 2lb short. The owner (Knight) and the jockey (Moran) were disqualified for two years, and Poinsettia for the same term. Visitors to the Coast tell me this case was one of the most barefaced they ever saw, so the stewards are to be congratulated on their action.

[BY WIRE.]

February 4.

Consequent on his Wellington and Riccarton victories Saracen is favourite for the Dunedin Cup. There is no straight-out betting here, but the St. George horse has been coupled with all the good things in the Publicans.

Gipsy Grand seems to be under a cloud, although his position in the betting market is very little behind that of Saracen. At present it seems as though the big southern race would resolve itself into a match between Hobbs' and Stephenson's best.

Re the win of the party behind Ilex, none of the local "books" received commissions. It would be interesting to know where they got it on.—[Some of it in Auckland.—Ed. S.R.]

Goodwood pulled up lame after running in the Selling Race on Saturday at Riccarton, and Bisley seemed none too sound after his winning effort in the Welter Handicap. Bisley is rather a good-looking colt, but is leggy, and although he is fast I do not fancy he will stand much galloping on the hard ground.

The C.J.C. Meeting which took place on Saturday last, if not claiming so much patronage as is customary to see at Riccarton, was certainly a most enjoyable fixture, and the number present was fully up to the average of past summer meetings. The amount invested on the machines was slightly in excess of last year's results. The racing was fairly good, though there were no exciting finishes. Favourites were successful in most of the events, and this fact is always a great assistant to the financial outlook of a meeting. The course was hard and badly needed rain.

Mr Boyle started very well indeed, and there are few better with the flag than this gentleman. As the results are known to you I will content myself with noting the prominent circumstances connected with the gathering. Bisley led from end to end in the Welter Handicap, and until Silver Spec made a useless attempt to catch Mr Sherwin's colt when near home Bisley was never troubled. There were only two investors on Silver Spec on the inside machine and none whatever on the outer. Prime Warden came with a great rush at the finish and just defeated Magazine for third position. Hobbs' old battler may be selected to do battle in the Dunedin Cup instead of Saracen. It is generally thought that he has lost all his old-time pace, but until Prime Warden retires for good I shall decline to credit this theory. I have seen Prime Warden run no faster than a draught horse could gallop at, and within a short time donkey-lick a big field. The Middle Park Plate was merely an exercise canter for Bloodshot, who won just as he liked. The three-year-olds opposed to Mr Stead's colt were of not much account, and with the exception of Belle Clair (St. Clair—Dione), Pitch and Toss (Medallion—Vaultress), Firefly (Artillery—Fairy Maid), and Marquis of Zetland (Perkin Warbeck—Review), the two-year-olds were unable to foot it with Bloodshot. The Marquis of Zetland is fast and kept with the winner for three furlongs. Mr Reid's Skirmisher was made favourite for the Midsummer Handicap, one mile and a half, Lady Zetland being next in demand. Skirmisher's appearance somewhat justified his position in the betting, although Mr Hobbs' mare would have been the public selection had she not looked so apparently jaded. However, that she was not so in reality was amply proved by the easy manner in which she won. After the first quarter of a mile had been covered Lady Zetland went to the lead, and was never afterwards

troubled, cantering home with a three lengths advantage. Quiltiri ran a real good race, finishing second, whilst Barmby, who galloped most unkindly, occupied third position under punishment. Skirmisher hung out signals of distress when half the distance had been covered, and was absolutely last a quarter of a mile from home, remaining there till the finish. Artilleur, Culverin, Black and Red, or Bellicent, who was fractious and lost fully ten lengths at the start, were never particularly prominent. Lady Zetland, carrying 9.0, won this race last year, and on both occasions had previously shown far inferior form at Wellington. The Selling Race proved a soft thing for Bizarre, who got none the best of the start, and was bought in for 66 guineas. Saracen was made a red-hot favourite for the Craven Stakes, seven furlongs, and fully justified the selection. Golden Fleece momentarily held the lead, but was quickly superseded by Loveshot, who made the pace a cracker right to the distance, where, after shaking off Golden Fleece, Saracen on the outside came with a brilliant run and beat the Chainshot colt by half a length, with Golden Fleece third. Silver Spec, who appeared to be hopelessly beaten at the entrance to the straight, was fourth, whilst Lady Lear brought up the rear. Saracen is probably in better form now than he has ever been previously, and in my opinion could have won at any portion of the journey. If reserved for the Publican's Handicap at Dunedin I fail to see how he can lose. It will be remembered that Saracen appropriated the Craven Stakes last year. Remorse won the Interval Stakes from Miss Orwell and Fire King, whilst Culverin easily defeated Magazine, Artilleur, and Regret in the Post Handicap.

Kowai seems to have lost all form, and I understand will be given a spell.

In addition to the dual victories of Lady Zetland and Saracen mentioned above, Bloodshot was also successful last year in the Middle Park Plate, the Maxim colt thus crediting Mr Stead with his sixth win in this race.

NAPIER.

The Quinlivan-Douglas Claim—George Hope loses Douglas's String.

January 28.

Mr Quinlivan has started a Supreme Court action against Mr W. Douglas claiming £2,679 12s 6d for damages, and also to decide the ownership of the mare Brooklet at the time of her winning the Wellington Cup. The secretary of the Wellington Racing Club has also been served with an injunction by the same gentleman to restrain him from paying over the stakes won by Brooklet at the late Wellington meeting. Both Messrs Douglas and Quinlivan paid for the mare's acceptance for the Wellington Cup.

The Waipawa Racing Club have received an intimation from Mr Hall, M.H.R. for Waipawa, that they will be granted the use of the totalisator for two meetings in the year. This will upset the fiat of the Metropolitan Club, who decided at their last monthly meeting that no more than one license to use the machine could be granted to the Waipawa Club. It will be remembered that the Town and Suburban Club were ruled out also, but they applied to their M.H.R. with the result that they also got a permit. That some club in the district will have to lose a meeting's permit is a certainty. Who it will be is now the conundrum that requires answering, or will the Metropolitan Club take upon itself the role of the pascal lamb and suffer for others.

January 31.

Messrs. Sibley and Pope's Trenton—Girofle filly is running on Mr G. Hunter's estate at Porangahau, and I believe it is the intention of her owners to place her in Gooseman's hands to receive her education.

George Hope and Sam Lindsay had a good day's outing at the Danevirke races this week. Aio, trained by Hope, won the principal event of the day, and George also steered Rainbow, the winner of the Welter; whilst Lindsay rode three winners during the day.

That handsome fraud, Goosander, again put her connections and supporters in a hole by her inglorious display at Danevirke this week.

The entries for the Hawke's Bay Cup and Railway Stakes, to be decided at the March meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club show a slight falling off as compared to those of last year, the figures being: Cup, 1895, 26 entries; 1896, 25 entries; Railway Stakes, 1895, 27 entries; 1896, 22 entries. Brooklet and The Brookes are engaged in both events, and Messrs. Douglas and Quinlivan both claim these as their nominations.

The Shrew has been turned out, and with Wikitoria on the sick list the team presided over by Vincent will not be so formidable as of yore, as he will only have Torpina and the Dreadnought—Clara filly, Clarice, to do service for the Moeller syndicate.

[BY WIRE.]

February 4.

Mr W. Douglas has removed his horses in training from George Hope, and in future J. Munn will have charge of them.

The Hawke's Bay Plumpton Coursing Club have received thirty-two nominations for their Grand National Challenge Stakes, to be held in September. Messrs. Roulston, Swan, Proffitt, Lopdale, Rogers, J. Wilson, McCartney, Surman, and Caulton each have a double nomination.

The following are my selections for the Town and Suburban Meeting:—Maiden, Maid Marion; Trial Hurdles, Valetta; February, Martyrdom; Tarsdale, Kauri Gum; Hurdles, Hilda II.; Flying, Moira; Welter, Tokatea.

Mr Stead's Maxim—Auray colt, Mauser, is named after a magazine bolt-gun used in the German army. The Nordenfeldt horse, Lebel, is named after a magazine gun used in the French army.

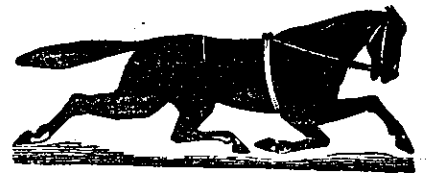
Our Illustrations.

OUR photographs this week deal with the recent Wellington meeting, and fire plates are reproduced from pictures taken by Mr R. J. Hardie Shaw, of Wellington. A fine view is given of the grandstand as it appeared during the progress of the Cup race, and the other pictures deal with the equine victors of the day. The horses selected for reproduction are Saracen (St. George—Fair Nell), winner of the Wellington Racing Club Handicap; Lady Zetland (Perkin Warbeck II.—Forget-me-not), winner of the President's Handicap; King's Bowman (Forester—Princess Royal), winner of the Telegraph Handicap; and Bavaria (Forerunner—Star Water), winner of the Nursery Handicap. Our next issue will contain a series of pictures taken at the recent Takapuna meeting.

POLLARD'S OPERA COMPANY.

This ever-welcome combination arrived from Sydney on Monday, and is now playing to crowded houses at the Thames. The Auckland season will commence on Wednesday next, February 12th, and will be limited to ten nights only. The opening opera will be Planquette's most melodious work, "Paul Jones." This is acknowledged as being the best thing these clever young people do. The Sydney critics were unanimous in stating that Mr Pollard's production of this popular work was the best ever seen in Australia since the original representation by Marion Burton, Szazelle, Leitch, etc. Lecocq's charming comic opera, "Girofle-Girofla," will be the second novelty, and will be followed by "The Gondoliers." The box plan is now open at Wildman and Lyell's, and the prices are fixed at 3s, 2s, and 1s.

Sydney Referee thus refers to Mr Hordern's Castor—Frailty colt: "Astronomer is likely to furnish into a good horse, and he would need to when it is remembered that Mr Hordern gave 1575gs for this half-brother to Trenton. He did not succeed in gaining a winning bracket at the S.T.C. Meeting, but with anything like a clear run he should have done so, as he was disappointed more than once when trying to get through after entering the straight in the Amateur Plate. His two seconds were quite good enough, however, to make him worth keeping in mind for future events."



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The s.s. Glenelg will leave Onchunga for New Plymouth on MONDAY, 10th February, at 1 p.m., carrying excursionists for Hawera Races.

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TROTTING.

OFFICIAL CALENDAR.

THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

DURHAM STREET EAST, August 30th.

To the Editor SPORTING REVIEW.

SIR,—I have been instructed by the Committee of this Club to inform you that your paper has this day been appointed the OFFICIAL CALENDAR for trotting clubs in the Provincial district of Auckland.

Yours faithfully, C. F. MARK, Secretary.

COMING EVENTS.

February 15, Saturday—Otahuhu Trotting Club Summer T.C. Autumn

NOMINATIONS.

February 15, Thursday—Palmerston North Metropolitan T.C. Autumn

HANDICAPS.

January 31, Friday—Otahuhu Trotting Club Summer February 15, Saturday—Palmerston North Metropolitan T.C. Autumn

ACCEPTANCES.

February 7, Friday—Otahuhu Trotting Club Summer February 19, Wednesday—Otahuhu Trotting Club Summer February 22, Saturday—Palmerston North Metropolitan T.C. Autumn

Mr Jorgenson has sold his trotting pony Bobby Burns to Mr James Wright, of Christchurch, the price paid being £25.

Rotherham has changed hands, Mr Maloney having disposed of the horse to a well-known resident of the Wairarapa. The price paid was £45. The new owner's intention is to use Rotherham as a buggy horse, and he will therefore not race any more.

The report of the director of the French Haras or National Stock Farms, for the year 1894, shows that during the year 140,045 mares were served by 2,636 sires, paying into the treasury a sum of £44,296. Adding to this number that of other sires, approved by the State and owned by private parties, 209,040 mares were served in 1894.

A very clever horseman makes the following good point on the indirect advantages of advertising. He owned some fine young stock by a really good sire who was, however, comparatively unknown. "The trouble was," he said, "that the owner had failed to appreciate the value of printer's ink—had spent little or nothing in advertising—and really very little was known of his horse outside of the neighbourhood in which he was owned and stood for service. I liked the horse both individually and by breeding, and sent my mares to him for a couple of seasons, and have several colts by him that are good lookers and are promising for speed. I reared these colts to sell, and I ought, all things being equal, to dispose of them without trouble at fair prices, but I am awakened to the fact that I have been seriously handicapped by breeding to a horse whose merits are little known to the public, and I am done with patronising that kind. I prefer paying a higher fee for a horse of less merit, and be sure that he is kept constantly before the public." Here is a valuable lesson which owners of high-class sires should take to heart.

THE ROBERTSON-GORDON CASE.

Action for Malicious Prosecution—Judgment for £250 and Costs.

[BY WIRE—OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

WELLINGTON, February 3.

A trotting case of importance came on at the civil sittings of the Supreme Court to-day, before His Honour Mr Justice Tuckley and a jury. Andrew and Louis Robertson, of Palmerston North, claimed £501 damages, for malicious prosecution, from James Gordon, livery stable-keeper of Surrey Hills, near Sydney. Mr C. P. Skerrett appeared for plaintiffs. Defendant did not appear, but he was represented by counsel. The case arose out of the piebald trotting mare Maggie, owned by defendant and leased to Michael Ryan. Plaintiffs had commissioned Ryan to purchase a maiden trotter in Sydney and sent him the money. Ryan failed to bring the horse required, and gave Robertson Maggie as security, and Gordon came across from Sydney in October last and proceeded to Palmerston North to obtain possession of the mare. This plaintiffs declined to allow until satisfied as to ownership. Gordon thereupon issued warrants for their arrest on a charge of theft. Judgment was given for £250 and costs according to scale.

CANTERBURY NOTES.

Death of the Trotting Stallion Berlin—The "ringing-in" Wave.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

January 22.

News has been received from South Canterbury of the death of the well-known standard-bred trotting stallion Berlin. His stock are of the best, many of his descendants having shown trotting ability of a very high order.

The "ringing-in" of trotters seems to have become a perfect craze just now, five or six cases having occurred during the last few months, and I am sorry to say that Canterbury has provided her fair share of the duplicates. It appears that at Wellington last week Florence was alleged to be identical with the Christchurch animal Victoria, and since the meeting the allegation has been admitted by one of the principals. The Rugby-Silverwood case is still undergoing the sifting process, and I hear that in a day or two the matter will be settled. These two cases, coupled with the Here-I-Go and Bilbah disqualifications (the last of which, by the way, has not been heard), should go a long way to stop the practice of ringing-in. It is said that had stewards been more watchful in the past, many of those who now trot horses would have had the pleasure of witnessing future trotting contests from the wrong side of the fence. It is certainly peculiar that so many cases should have cropped up in so short a period.

It has been hinted to me that a certain trotter is not to be seen at his old diggings, and curiosity is manifested as to its whereabouts. Perhaps your city may be favoured with a visit.

[BY WIRE.]

February 4.

The Canterbury Metropolitan Association, at its recent meeting, endorsed the disqualifications imposed by the Brighton Trotting Club and Plumpton Park Trotting Club on the horses Bilbah and Here-I-Go and all those connected with them.

Inquiries are still being prosecuted here regarding the alleged "ringing-in" of Silverwood as Rugby in Otago. The matter should soon be settled. There seems to be little doubt as to the identity of the horse, the description sent from the South tallies exactly with Silverwood.

The other case of alleged "ringing-in" of the Canterbury trotter, Victorina, as Florence, at the recent Wellington meeting, is almost sure to end disastrously to those immediately concerned. One of the principals has admitted that Florence and Victorina are the same, so that a decision in this case should not be long delayed. If all I hear be correct there will be a good many outside the pale during the next few weeks.

SPORTING REVIEW COUPON.

The following coupons were received up to Tuesday evening, 4th inst., for the SPORTING REVIEW £50 prize, which will be divided amongst the successful tipsters of the Newmarket Handicap, Australian Cup, and Wanganui Cup winners:—

- 129 D.W.L.—Merman—Ronda—Anita
130 D.W.L.—Whakawatea—Aquarius—Leda
131 T.E.B.—Our Jack—Taurus—Waiuku
132 C.S.G.—Lord Charles Scott—Waterfall—Fubulist
133 J.B.—Vanitas—Nada—Brooklet
134 R.P.K.—Vanitas—Fort—Lady Zetland
135 W.D.—Warpaint—Mahee—Dreamland
136 A.J.C.—Ascot Vale—Lord Richmond—Brooklet
137 W.V.—Laundress—Hova—Fubulist
138 J.V.—Hova—Waterfall—Possible
139 C.D.—Beau Brummel—Nada—Lady Zetland
140 Mrs J.C.—Budgerie—Dreamland—Leda
141 Mrs J.C.—Our Jack—Hova—Artist
142 J.R.—Vanitas—Fort—Brooklet
143 J.R.—Whakawatea—Waterfall—Waiuku
144 J.R.—Idolator—Idolator—Fubulist
145 J.R.—Mahee—Music—Mahaki
146 D.A.—Challenger—Hova—Flying Shot
147 R.J.M.—Laundress—Lord Charles Scott—Artist
148 R.J.M.—Lord Charles Scott—Hova—Lady Zetland
149 R.J.M.—Hova—Mahee—Fubulist
150 P.D.—Carlton—Toreador—Mahaki
151 R.B.—Hova—Waterfall—Lady Zetland
152 R.B.—Hova—Wallace—Lady Zetland
153 D.D.J.—Lord Richmond—Kirkby—The Shrew
154 D.D.J.—Hughie—Wallace—Possible
155 D.D.J.—Acton—Lord Charles Scott—Possible
156 D.D.J.—Maluma—Dreamland—Possible
157 N.R.C.—Trentham—Preston—Yutenfeldt
158 N.R.C.—Moorite—Palo Alto—Lady Zetland
159 N.R.C.—Courallie—Chesterman—Dreamland
160 N.R.C.—Elswick—Aquarius—Bessie McCarthy
161 N.R.C.—Laundress—Nada—Pegasus
162 N.R.C.—Warpaint—Dreamland—Monte Carlo
163 N.R.C.—Hova—Quiver—Lady Zetland
164 P.D.—Vanitas—Toreador—Lady Zetland
165 O.—Challenger—Wallace—St. Clements
166 J.W.—Vanitas—Waterfall—Anita
167 J.W.—Hova—Waterfall—Bessie McCarthy
168 J.H.—Lord Richmond—Music—Pegasus
169 J.H.C.—Cravat—Havoc—Pegasus
170 G.H.—Vanitas—Nada—Waiuku
171 G.H.—Trentham—Nada—Waiuku
172 G.H.—Trentham—Dreamland—Waiuku
173 G.H.—Vanitas—Dreamland—Waiuku
174 J.F.W.M.—Idolator—Chesterman—The Possible
175 C.P.M.—Coolatta—Waterfall—Lady Zetland
176 C.P.M.—Whakawatea—Waterfall—Fubulist
177 D.R.—Hova—Wallace—Waiuku
178 G.K.—Thunderer—Chesterman—The Artist
179 A.E.V.—Lord Charles Scott—Waterfall—The Artist
180 A.E.V.—Lord Charles Scott—Wallace—Lady Zetland
181 D.G.S.B.—Whakawatea—Wallace—Waiuku
182 D.G.S.B.—Lord Charles Scott—Lord Charles Scott—Shrew
183 S.G.W.B.—Whakawatea—Chesterman—Flying Shot
184 A.R.S.—Challenger—Palo Alto—The Artist
185 A.R.S.—Eureka—Fort—Rangipuhi
186 J.L.—Hova—Quiver—Spindrift
187 J.L.—Vanitas—Wallace—The Artist
188 C.C.D.—Vanitas—Nada—Spindrift
189 C.C.D.—Rosetta—Ronda—Fubulist
190 T.H.V.—Rosetta—Fort—Lorelei
191 G.W.L.—Challenger—Lord Richmond—Anita
192 L.G.—Laundress—Elswick—Spindrift
193 L.G.—Vanitas—Nada—Flying Shot
194 J.Y.W.—Mahee—Music—Monte Carlo
195 J.Y.W.—Mahee—Wallace—Fubulist
196 J.F.L.—Idolator—Toreador—Three Star
197 J.F.L.—Bungle—Quiver—Skirmisher
198 J.McL.—Vanitas—Fort—Spindrift
199 A.J.C.—Ascot Vale—Ronda—Brooklet
200 A.J.C.—Cravat—Toreador—Brooklet
201 A.J.C.—Bung Bung—Mahee—Fubulist
202 M.H.—Challenger—Wallace—Fubulist
203 C.C.—Valiant—Elswick—Three Star
204 C.C.—Musketoon—The Admiral—Anita
205 F.J.—Bung Bung—Fort—Fubulist
206 T.J.—Mostyn—Waterfall—Fubulist
207 T.J.—Mostyn—Wallace—St. Hippo
208 A.C.—Raymond—Waterfall—Lady Zetland
209 H.C.—Beau Brummel—Waterfall—Fubulist
210 E.N.—Courallie—Hova—Fubulist
211 E.N.—Vanitas—Wallace—Fubulist
212 E.E.—Hova—Wallace—Fubulist
213 E.E.—Hova—Wallace—Bessie McCarthy
214 C.McI.—Hova—Fort—Rangipuhi
215 C.McI.—Gaillardia—Lord Richmond—Fubulist

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V.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

ACCEPTANCES.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Table with columns for horse names and times. Includes Hova, Earl King, Solanum, Whakawatea, Challenger, Courallie, Elswick, Laundress, Tinstream, Warpaint, Moorite, Common, Carlton (Hales), Lord Charles Scott, Ascot Vale, Kallara, The Parisienne, Rosetta, Thunderer, Foliage, Rudgeroe, Delos, Gaillardia, Idolator, Our Jack, Disparity, Trentina, Maluma, Eureka, Earliston, Ilium.

AUSTRALIAN CUP. Two miles and a quarter.

Table with columns for horse names and times. Includes Havoc, Hova, Quiver, The Admiral, Music, Preston, Wallace, Waterfall, Dreamland, Acmena, Chesterman, Elswick, Nada, Fort.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING, 1897-98.

NOMINATIONS.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 500 sovs. Six furlongs.

- Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e by Dreadnought—dam by Rubezahl
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e by Dreadnought—Legacy
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e b c by Dreadnought—Aphrodite
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch f by Dreadnought—Norsemaid
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch f by Dreadnought—Ellick
Hon. J. D. Ormond's br f by Dreadnought—Mount Ida
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch f by Dreadnought—Thame
Mr G. G. Stead's b c e by Medallion—Siesta
Mr G. G. Stead's b c e by Medallion—Auray
Mr G. G. Stead's ch f by Medallion—Corolla
Mr C. Lewis' ch f Proposal, by St. George—Apropos
Mr W. Walters' br f by Blaugowrie—Hipponia
Mr W. Walters' br f by Blaugowrie—Muskierina
Mr W. Walters' br f by Blaugowrie—Fishgirl
Mr W. Walters' ch f by Blaugowrie—Cressina
Mr W. Walters' ch f by Blaugowrie—Leorina
Mr W. Walters' b c e by Blaugowrie—Lady Emmeline
Major F. N. George's b c e by Carbine—Hestia
Major F. N. George's b c e by The Workman—Swiftsure
Major F. N. George's b f by Nelson—The Maid
Major F. N. George's b f by Nelson—Vendetta
Major F. N. George's b f by The Workman—Fiesole
Major F. N. George's b f by Carbine—Moonga
Major F. N. George's b f by Nelson—The Maid
Mr E. Creagh's ch f Vic, by Arawa—Nae Nae
Mr T. Morrin's b f by Castor—Cissy
Mr T. Morrin's ch f by St. Leger—Lady Evelyn
Mr T. Morrin's ch f by Castor—Pungawerewere
Mr J. F. Reid's br e by Artillery—Fairy Maid
Mr J. F. Reid's br f by Medallion—Pibroch
Mr R. Allan's ch e by St. Leger—Valentina
Mr R. Allan's br f by Cuirassier—Ouida
Mr Wm. Kelly's br f by Cuirassier—Sunrise
Mr Wm. Kelly's b c e by Hotchkiss—Yattacy
Mr D. Stewart's ch e by St. Leger—Tingara
Mr S. H. Gollan's ch e by Mousquetaire—Fair Nell
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Mr G. G. Stead's b c e Multiflorum, by Hotchkiss—Formo
Mr G. G. Stead's ch e by St. Cyr, by St. Leger—Hazel
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Mr G. G. Stead's b f by Medallion—Auray
Hon. G. McLenan's b c e by St. Clair—Lady Gertrude
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e by Dreadnought—Legacy
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e by Dreadnought—Idalia
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c e by Dreadnought—Norsemaid
Mr Walter Paul's br e by Cuirassier—Katipo
Mr Walter Paul's ch f by St. Leger—Aida

- Mr R. Burke's br f by Cuirassier—Hune
Mr R. Burke's br f by St. Hippo—Anna
Mr E. Cutts' b or br e by Stonyhurst—Dudu
Messrs Allison Bros.' ch e by Regal—Tamora
Mr J. Lowther's b c War Whoop, by Cuirassier—Lady Antrim
Mr G. Hunter's c e by Wonderland—Whisper
Mr G. Hunter's f by Trenton—Giroffe
Mr J. C. Booth's b f by Cuirassier—Amazon
Mr J. C. Booth's b g by Pinfire—Polish
Mr L. D. Nathan's b c e by St. Hippo—Bellona
Mr L. D. Nathan's br f by Cuirassier—Roie
Mr L. D. Nathan's br f by Cuirassier—Sybil
Mr L. D. Nathan's br f by Dreadnought—Miss Letty
Mr S. M. Baker's b f Tetateoteate, by Somnus—Wairuaraka

- Mr G. Brimblecombe's br f Cuiralba, by Cuirassier—Albatross
Mr A. Buckland's b f Brenda, by Hotchkiss—Fairy Queen
Mr J. R. McInnes's b c e by Vampire—Balmoral
Mr A. V. Phillips' ch e Leo, by Leolantis—Coryphee
Mr D. Stewart's ch e by St. Leger—Tingara
Mr S. H. Gollan's ch e by Mousquetaire—Fair Nell
Mr S. H. Gollan's br e by Dreadnought—Lady Florin
Mr S. H. Gollan's b c e by Jet d'Eau—Tirallerie
Mr E. F. Roche's ch e by Blaugowrie—Cobweb
Mr E. F. Roche's ch e by Blaugowrie—Abydos
Mr T. H. Lowry's b c e by St. Leger—Sapphire
Mr T. H. Lowry's br f by Cuirassier—Gannet
Mr Wm. Kelly's br f by Cuirassier—Sunrise
Mr Wm. Kelly's b c e by Hotchkiss—Yattacy
Mr Richard Allen's ch e by St. Leger—Valentina
Mr Richard Allen's br f by Cuirassier—Ouida
Mr John F. Reid's br e by Artillery—Fairy Maid
Mr E. Creagh's ch f Vic, by Arawa—Nae Nae
Major F. N. George's b g Admiral Howe, by Nelson—Vendetta
Major F. N. George's ch g Galileo, by Nelson—Fiesole
Mr W. Walters' br f by Blaugowrie—Hipponia
Mr G. G. Stead's b c Multiflorum, by Hotchkiss—Formo
Mr G. G. Stead's ch e St. Cyr, by St. Leger—Hazel
Mr G. G. Stead's ch e by Medallion—Corolla
Mr G. G. Stead's b f by Medallion—Auray
Hon. G. McLenan's b c e by St. Clair—Lady Gertrude
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Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e by Dreadnought—Idalia
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c e by Dreadnought—Norsemaid
Mr Walter Paul's br e by Cuirassier—Katipo
Mr Walter Paul's ch f by St. Leger—Aida

ROYAL STAKES of 300 sovs. Six furlongs.

- Captain W. R. Russell's br f by Mousquetaire—Leonora
Captain W. R. Russell's br f by First King—Lorna
Captain W. R. Russell's ch f by Henchman—Lorna
Mr T. H. Lowry's b c e by Cuirassier—Sapphire
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Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e by Dreadnought—Legacy
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Mr E. Cutts' b or br e by Stonyhurst—Dudu
Mr J. C. Booth's b f by Cuirassier—Amazon
Mr J. C. Booth's b g by Pinfire—Polish
Mr G. Hunter's c e by Wonderland—Whisper
Mr G. Hunter's f by Trenton—Giroffe
Mr J. Lowther's b c War Whoop, by Cuirassier—Lady Antrim
Messrs Allison Bros. ch e by Regal—Tamora
Messrs Allison Bros. b f by Nelson—Phantom
Mr R. Burke's br f by Cuirassier—Dolosa
Mr R. Burke's br f by Cuirassier—Hune
Mr R. Burke's br f by St. Hippo—Anna
Mr R. Burke's b c e by St. Hippo—Bellona
Mr E. J. Evans' b c e by Castor—Necklace
Mr E. J. Evans' b c e by Castor—Lady Walmley
Mr E. J. Evans' b c e by Hotchkiss—Weazel
Mr F. Stenning's br e by Cuirassier—Lilac
Mr G. S. Budge's br e by Castor—Antelope
Mr C. Hewitt's br f by Castor—Welcome Katie
Mr C. Hewitt's blk f by St. Leger—Satanelia
Mr M. S. Laurie's b f St. Edith, by St. Leger—Priscilla
Mr J. Livingstone's b c Royal Conqueror, by Flintlock—Ladbird
Mr G. Lonnard's ch f by Hotchkiss—Bridal Rose
Mr J. Lonnard's ch e by Regal—Friendship
Mr J. Lonnard's ch e by Regal—Mystery
Sir G. Clifford's ch e Blandyke, by Stonyhurst—Alsace
Sir G. Clifford's br e Oceania, by Tasman—Galatea
Mr J. Chaffee's gr e by Cuirassier—Maid of Athol
Mr J. A. McGuinness' br e by Castor—Hilda
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e by Dreadnought—Legacy
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e by Dreadnought—Norsemaid
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e by Dreadnought—Idalia
Hon. J. D. Ormond's br f by Dreadnought—Hipponia
Hon. J. D. Ormond's br f by Dreadnought—Ellick
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e by Dreadnought—Mount Ida
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch e by Dreadnought—Lady Evelyn

ASHURST HACK MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

ASHURST HACK GUINEAS, 1896, of 50gs. One mile.

- Mr T. Stevens' br e by Forester—Fidelity
Mr Wm. Kraft's b f by Papapa—Tidlet mare
Mr C. A. W. Hunt's b f by Forester—Randwick mare
Miss Jane Hannam's b c e by Catesby—Her Ladyship
Mr J. O'Connor's ch f Nancy Lee, by Rama Rama—Lady Lee
Mr C. Tatum's Red Harte, by Wapiti—Wave Queen
Mr H. Bryant's b f Kinua, by Merry Bachelor—Kimuri
Mr S. Abraham's b f Riffoa, by Somnus—Flora
Mr A. Laking's b f Luma, by Somnus—Mountain Maid
Mr F. C. Brookie's ch g Sunlight, by Ascot—Miss Constance
Mr W. H. Chitham's r f by Foul Shot—Flirt
Mr F. Maul's b g Whakawanga, by Somnus—Mignonette
Mr G. Wehring's b g Tassanere, by Forester—dara unknown
Mr W. H. Churton's ch g Discord, by Flageolet—Picard
Mr W. H. Churton's b f The Fawn, by Wapiti—Pakiaku
Mr R. J. Munro's b c Matangi, by Somnus—Laura
Mr J. Mather's ch g Brass Lock, by Flintlock—Ivy Leaf
Mr J. Cotter's ch g by Forester—Nectarine
Mr J. Cotter's b or br g by Dauphin—Callier Herrin
Mr J. Cotter's b g by Somnus—Entangle, late Never Miss
Mr W. Chapman's ch g by Strenuous—Roulette
Mr A. Emery's blk f by Natator—dam unknown
Mr D. Thurston's ch e Archer, by Forester—My Dream
Mr A. E. Tahitangata's blk f Haukaha, by Somnus—Lina
Mr T. Cribb's b g Hokirua, by Sir Garnet—Ngatokorua
Mr Ihua Whakamairu's br g Hamua, by Scio—Creeping Jenny
Mr H. F. Davidson's b g Dormant, by Somnus—Barbelle
Mr H. F. Davidson's br g Garloch, by Lochnagar—Brown Bow
Mr D. Pringle's b g by Forester—dam unknown
Mr F. Rotemeyer's ch g Last Chance, by Papapa—Lady Leah

Mr H. P. Christensen's br f Lady Loch, by Lochnagar—Emin Bey mare
 Mr D. Scott's b f by Flintlock—Cornelia
 Mr S. R. Lancaster's b f River Flat, by Somnus—Jinnie
 Mr C. Doney's b c Jack Tar, by Henchman—Nellie
 Mrs Quinlivan junr's br g Straybird, by Wanderer—Fleetwing
 Mr J. E. Wilson's blk f by Vanguard—Little Vixen
 Mr W. M. Lemon's br g by Quilt—Jeuzail
 ASHUNST HACK GUINEAS, 1897, of 100gs. One mile.
 Mr Thos. Stevens' br c by Natator—Fidelity
 Mr C. A. W. Hunt's b g Silver Steed, by Forester—Randwick mare
 Miss Jane Hanam's b or br f by Catesby—Her Ladyship
 Mr J. O'Connor's br or blk f Sister Ellen, by Tireur—Dolly
 Mr D. H. Roberts' ch f by Forester—Verbosa
 Mr F. C. Brookie's b f Turi Turi, by Mutual—Daphne
 Mr T. Lawton's b c Tewbi, by Castoff—Otaki
 Mr F. Maul's br f Beeswing, by Somnus—Mignonette
 Mrs J. A. Duley's b f Wynona, by Forester—Merlin
 Vanity mare
 Mr S. Morrow's b g by Cap-a-pie—Leita
 Mr T. Leen's ch f by First King—Hippodamia
 Mr Jas. Campion's b f by First King—Wairaki
 Mr R. Stevens' b g by First King—Ngaware
 Mr S. Standen's b f by First King—Fatungo
 Mr A. S. Tonk's ch f by Gipsy King—Steel All
 Mr P. Andrews' ch c by Natator—Germaine
 Mr John Cotter's br g Derry, by Derringer—Nectarine
 Mr E. Bell's ch f by Stronuous—Deadshot mare
 Mr E. Bell's br g by Stronuous—Slip
 Mr W. Chapman's ch c by Stronuous—White Rose
 Mr F. Atkin's gr f by Tim Whiffler—Morpheus mare
 Mr A. Emery's b f by Wapiti—unknown
 Mr Dan Thurston's b c Moi Moi, by Bay King—My Dream
 Mr C. Murphy's b f by Exchange—unknown
 Mr Waina Whakamairu's br or b g Pohoi, by Scio—Rawa
 Mr C. Hawkins' blk f by Korari—Ivy
 Mr G. Maddison's blk f by Forester—Empress
 Mr David Scott's ch f by Flintlock—Mistleton
 Mr Hartley's Forest Hill, by Forester—Roselle
 Mr Chas. Doney's b f Violet, by Hotspur—dam unknown
 Mr H. O. Clark's b f Violet, by Hotspur—dam unknown
 Mr R. C. McRae's c by Morpheus—Eva
 Mr J. E. Wilson's b f by Vanguard—Little Vixen
 Mr T. S. Bristol's b g by Foulshot—Gladiator mare
 Mr P. Hanlon's b g Otangaki, by Bay King—Prickwillow mare
 Mr T. Grammer's ch f by Castoff—Bedouin mare
 Mr Alfred Reeve's br c The Parish, by Castoff—Hercules mare

EGMONT RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

HANDICAPS.

EGMONT CUP HANDICAP of 250 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

st lb	st lb
Lady Zetland (inc. pen) 9 5	Flying Shot 7 4
Fabulist 9 2	Prioresse 7 3
Brooklet 8 7	Pompom 7 3
Dreamland 7 9	Yattenfeldt 6 12
Anita 7 9	Goosander 6 7
Monte Carlo 7 8	Man-o'-War 6 7
Queensborough 7 6	Eve 6 7
Hotspur 7 6	Flying Fish 6 7
Three Star 7 6	

WAIMATE HANDICAP of 70 sovs, seven furlongs.
 The Workman 9.5, St. Laura 8.9, Rangipuhi 8.8, Doris 8.7, Prioresse 7.13, Ngatuere 7.13, Umslopogaas 7.13, Searchlight 7.12, Queensborough 7.12, The Miser 7.10, Ben Varrey 7.9, Johnny Faa 7.5, Lord Dunluce 7.3, Donovan 7.0, Roll Call 6.11, Bowshot 6.9, Sedgebrook 6.9, Quadratic 6.9, The Brook 6.9, Deadshot 6.7, Bona Fide 6.7, Rex 6.7

HAWERA WELTER of 60 sovs, one mile.—The Workman 10.5, Blurney 9.8, Doris 9.8, Hotspur 9.6, Ngatuere 9.4, Prioresse 9.4, Umslopogaas 9.0, Searchlight 8.13, The Miser 8.13, Tuhiwai 8.13, Variety 8.13, The Sharper 8.13, Johnny Faa 8.12, Freelance 8.10, Ben Varrey 8.8, Repeater 8.6, Donovan 8.6, Bowshot 8.0, Sedgebrook 8.0, Secrecy 8.0, Rex 8.0.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 110 sovs, two miles and a distance.—Dante 12.0, Aurora 10.12, Lord Vivian 10.3, Nugget 10.2, Strayshot 10.0, Steel King 9.10, Canary 9.0, Ditto 9.0.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.

HANDICAPS.

HURDLE RACE of 80 sovs, one mile and a half.—Liberator 13.0, Couranto 12.4, Clarence 11.11, Revolt 11.9, Osman 10.7, Rebel 10.5, Lupus 10.2, Jack Harkaway 9.8, Brin 9.6, Invader 9.4, Melton 9.2, Ellesmere 9.0, Hamilton 9.0, Ulster 9.0.

STEWARDS' PURSE WELTER of 100 sovs, six furlongs.—Marino 10.12, Quiltiri 10.7, Silver Spec 10.4, Culverin 10.4, Toxa 10.3, Loveshot 10.2, Aldershot 10.0, Rangitea 9.8, Speculator 9.7, Salvo 9.5, Bisley 9.4, Ambush 9.3, Remorse 9.2, Maximus 9.0, Black and Red 9.0, Lobo 8.10, Victim 8.10, Cactus 8.5, Errington 8.5, Vandyke 8.5, Medicus 8.5, Cannonshot 8.4, Jane Eyre 8.4, Vanquisher 8.4, Pique 8.2, Tangi 8.2, Maid 8.2, Lady Spencer 8.2, Ulster 8.0, Twilight 8.0, Hamilton 8.0, Orphan 8.0.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

HANDICAPS.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CUP of 40 sovs, two miles.—Old Judge scr, Hurricane 10sec, Nellie 12sec, Duke C 14sec, Kapai 14sec, Otara 30sec, The Judge 30sec, Miss Graham 30sec, Vulture 32sec, Rewi 34sec, Morning Star 38sec, Pioke 38sec, Nelson 44sec.

HARNESS TROT HANDICAP of 35 sovs, two miles and a half.—Rosebud scr, Ruby 18sec, Duke C 28sec, Tom Hicks 30sec, Nellie 31sec, Maori Maid 50sec, Kura 50sec, Okoroire 50sec, Otara 50sec, Sparrowhawk 50sec, Pioke 56sec, Morning Star 56sec, Judge Byron 60sec, Nelson 65sec.

SUBURBAN PONY HANDICAP of 30 sovs, six furlongs and a half.—Kathleen 9.9, Little Tom 9.9, The Dove 9.4, Pica 9.0, Nannie 8.12, Nelly 8.11, Gerriana 8.5, Edith Mary 8.0, Miss Grip 7.10, Fair Nell 7.7, Quail 7.7, Maria 7.7, Eclipse 7.0, Florrie 7.0, Sweetheart 7.0, Sultan 6.9, Kaipara 6.9.

HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 20 sovs, one mile and a half.—Little Tom 12.0, Kathleen 11.12, Fauntleroy 11.6, Little Raven 10.12, The Dove 10.9, Mother Shipton 10.9, Helena 10.7, Little Jane 9.10, Omarakotuku 9.0, Frisco 9.0, Effie 8.7, Florrie 8.0, Eclipse 8.0.

MAIDEN TROT of 25 sovs, one mile and a half.—The Judge scr, Maori Maid 3sec, Kura 3sec, Dick 3sec, Fairfield 3sec, Rewi 3sec, Crotchet

3sec, Okoroire 3sec, Winnie 3sec, Lord Harold 3sec, Belle Brandon 3sec, Leo 3sec, Doctor 3sec, Morning Star 3sec, Slim Jim 3sec, Rocket II. 9sec, Nelson 11sec, Mick Power 11sec, Bendigo 11sec, Rocket 15sec, Miss Huon 15sec, Judge Byron 15sec, Bessie Doyle 15sec, Totsy 17sec, Rutine 17sec.

MAIDEN PONY RACE of 20 sovs, five furlongs.—Edith Mary 8.9, Miss Grip 8.5, Little Raven 8.5, Fair Nell 8.2, Maria 8.0, Quail 8.0, Mother Shipton 7.12, Tommy Atkins 7.12, Siwash 7.5, Sweetheart 7.5, Piata 7.5, Miss Nelly 7.7, Trick 7.5, Little Belle 7.4, Eclipse 7.0, Una Var 7.0, Rita 7.0.

SELLING PONY RACE of 20 sovs, five furlongs.—Nelly 9.5, Edith Mary 8.12, Retan 7.13, Robin 7.9, Kaipara 7.9, Sultan 7.0, Eclipse 7.0, Hero 7.0.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

STEWARDS' STAKES of 50 sovs, one mile.—Searchlight, Orion's Belt, Sedgebrook, Bowshot, Secrecy, Monte Carlo, Ben Varrey, Tuhiwai, Kent, Ngatuere, Umslopogaas, Swift, Roll Call, Bloomsbury, Johnny Faa, The Workman.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs, two miles and a distance.—Kapus, Aurora, Strayshot, Dante, Lord Vivian, Waitana, Rangipui, Narrate, Epsom, Nugget, Liberator, Kai-Iwi-Lady, Belle.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs, about two miles.—Same as First Handicap Hurdles.

FIRST HACK HURDLES of 40 sovs, one mile and a half.—Whiffler, Electro, Consort, Annie, Tupato, Strike, Clayton, Rosall, Nat, Le Grand, Pyrites, Sattelite, Napoleon, Thunderbolt, Bush Girl, Dead Bird.

SECOND HACK HURDLES of 40 sovs, about one mile and a half.—Same as First Hack Hurdles.

HARRISON MEMORIAL STAKES of 80 sovs, three-quarters of a mile.—Stepfeldt, Acone, Searchlight, Orion's Belt, Bavaria, Sedgebrook, Bowshot, Secrecy, Orion, Ben Varrey, Tuhiwai, King's Bowman, Kent, Ngatuere, Umslopogaas, St. Laura, Quadratic, The Workman, Prioresse, The Brook, Waiuku, Anita, Solitaire.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 80 sovs, four furlongs.—Miss Lilly, Lorenzo, Bijou, Bavaria, b g by Flintlock—Armada, Decoration, Rubin, Dormouse, Hide-and-Seek, St. Paul, Armilla, Daring, Fearnought.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 80 sovs, one mile.—Panopy, Searchlight, Orion's Belt, Sedgebrook, Dreamland, Monte Carlo, Ben Varrey, Tuhiwai, King's Bowman, Hotspur, Kent, Ngatuere, Umslopogaas, Swift, St. Laura, Roll Call, Bloomsbury, The Workman, Prioresse, The Possible, The Brook, Acone.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 40 sovs, one mile.—Sedgebrook, Bowshot, Secrecy, Ben Varrey, Lord Vivian, Rangipui, King's Bowman, Leda, Ngatuere, Umslopogaas, Swift, Bloomsbury, Johnny Faa.

FIRST HACK RACE of 40 sovs, one mile and a distance.—Iolanthe, Novelty, Headford, Carvick, Voltigeur, Disraeli, Huka, Le Grande, Surrey, Dummy, The Friar, Acme, Corsican, Return, Nightingale, Kuaka, Splinter, Silver Sea, Emerald, France, Locarius.

SECOND HACK FLAT of 30 sovs, three-quarters of a mile.—Same as First Hack Race, with the exception of Le Grande and Corsican, and with the addition of Whiffler, Korikorawa, Capule, Kapai, Star, Black Jack, Taipari.

BAY OF PLENTY J.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

BAY OF PLENTY HANDICAP of 50 sovs, one mile and a half.—Rebel, Captivity, Mitiora, Castorshire, Bombardier, Belvedere, Heart of Oak, Jeanette, Pirate, Pororua, St. Kilda.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 25 sovs, one mile and a half.—Orina, Ravensworth, Tarawera, Lieutenant, Kildare, Wallie, Economy, Witch-hazel.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 20 sovs, two miles.—Witohhazel, Nemo, Havoc, Bombardier, Lieutenant, Wallie, Kildare.

LADIES' PURSE of 15 sovs, one mile.—Mihora, Rebel, Pororua, Heart of Oak, Ahimire, Castorshire, Captivity, Pirate, Belvedere, Jeanette, Dandy.

FLYING STAKES of 25 sovs, six furlongs.—Sneak, Rebel, Pauma, Heart of Oak, Iphigenia, Orini, Metora, Captivity, Musket, Addis, No Name, Pirate.

PONY RACE of 10 sovs, six furlongs.—Regent, Fanny, Monola, Peter, Paparou, Mona, Tiger.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

HAWKE'S BAY CUP of 400 sovs, one mile and a half.—Rip Van Winkle, Brooklet, The Possible, Searchlight, Bessie McCarthy, Tireuse, Queensborough, Pompom, Man-o'-War, St. Hippo, Three Star, Black and Red, Fabulist, North Atlantic, Spindrift, Mahaki, Leontine, The Brook, Gipsy Grand, Barby, Flying Shot, Prime Warden, Lady Zetland, Saracen, Dreamland.

RAILWAY STAKES of 100 sovs, six furlongs.—Moira, Poppin, Torpina, Brooklet, The Brook, Orion's Belt, Searchlight, Bonnie Scotland, Bessie McCarthy, Pompom, Stepfeldt, Acone, Black and Red, Doris, Solitaire, Daring, King's Bowman, The Workman, Gipsy Grand, Bisley, Flying Shot, St. Regel.

The Castor—Nymph colt, Orion, is named after a giant hunter, noted for his beauty. He was blinded by Cronos, but Vulcan sent Cedalion to be his guide, and his sight was restored by exposing his eyeballs to the sun. Being slain by Diana, he was made one of the constellations, and is supposed to be attended with stormy weather.

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TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY, 29TH JANUARY.—WEATHER FINE.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.
 78 Mr J. Chaafe's br g Frontignac, by Brigadier—Golden Grape, 4yrs, 7.0, Stewart ... 1
 32 Mr J. C. Booth's b m Captivity, 5yrs, 7.6, Perry ... 2
 20 Mr W. C. Hird's ch m Lady Agnes, 3yrs, 7.2, Lynch ... 3

Also started—111 Lord Dunluce, 4yrs, 8.4, Bird; 84 Dorothy, 6yrs, 8.0, Taylor; 32 Mantle, 3yrs, 8.0, Morrigan; 13 St. Simon, 3yrs, 7.12, Woodfield; 15 Step Dance, 3yrs, 7.6, Hammond; 107 Commodore, 3yrs, 7.0, Farrell; 14 Stamford, aged, 7.0, Harrison; 7 Sundown, 3yrs, 7.0, S. Chaafe; 4 Corvette, 3yrs, 6.10, O'Connell.
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 47sec. Totalisator, 467. Dividend, £5 7s.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Two miles.
 89 Mr J. Bland's b g Ika Vuka, by Ariel—Miss McGrath, aged, 9.4, Wells ... 1
 107 Mr W. Currie's br g Disturbance, aged, 10.2, Maher ... 2
 45 Mr J. Meason's b g Knapsack, 4yrs, 9.6, Tutt ... 3

Also started—136 Bombardier, 6yrs, 11.10, Wright; 284 Ladybird, 5yrs, 11.6, Fergus.
 Won by two lengths. Time, 4min. Totalisator, 661. Dividend, £6 13s.

ZEALANDIA HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.
 62 Mr A. E. Byer's b g St. Kilda, by St. Leger—Matakana, 6yrs, 9.8, Duff ... 1
 50 Mr J. Clement's b m Peerless, 6yrs, 7.4, Farrell ... 2
 93 Mr G. Brimblecombe's blk g The Sharper, aged, 8.2, Perry ... 3

Also started—58 Lady Marion, 4yrs, 8.4, Smith; 31 Linstock, 4yrs, 8.2, Moberly; 120 Miss Nelson, 3yrs, 7.13, Morrigan; 75 Rex, 3yrs, 7.4, Bird; 62 Pororua, 5yrs, 7.2, Hammond.
 Won by a neck. Time, 1min 5sec. Totalisator, 551. Dividend, £7 19s.

TAKAPUNA CUP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.
 388 Mr W. Duncan's br c Fabulist, by Fabulous—Innithona, 3yrs, 9.4, Taylor ... 1
 77 Mr J. Sutton's b m Eve, 5yrs, 7.0, Hall ... 2
 260 Mr F. McManemin's br h St. Clements, aged, 8.8, Smith ... 3

Also started—112 Three Star, 4yrs, 8.2, Buchanan; 111 Yattenfeldt, 5yrs, 7.10, Creamer; 37 Retaliation, 5yrs, 7.7, Kelly; 72 Repeater, aged, 7.4, owner.
 Won by a neck. Time, 2min 42sec. Totalisator, 1007. Dividend, £2 13s.

CALLIOPE HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.
 199 Mr R. Burke's b f Lady Anna, by St. Leger—Anna, 7.12, Hammond ... 1
 91 Mr A. E. Byers' ch c Nestor, 8.4, Morrigan ... 2
 77 Mr J. Chaafe's b c Antares, 8.4, Chaafe ... 3

Also started—57 Porangi Potae, 8.4, Perry; 82 Admiral Hawke, 7.0, Bird; 55 Brigantine, 6.7, Hall.
 Won by dozen lengths. Time, 1min 20sec. Totalisator, 561. Dividend, £2 10s.

HANDICAP MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. About three miles.
 19 Mr J. H. Martin's b m Carbuncle, by Carbuncle—Pearl, 4yrs, 9.7, Burns ... 1
 157 Mr J. Skipworth's blk g Othello, aged, 10.4, Neill ... 2
 72 Mr J. Bland's b g Ika Vuka, aged, 9.10, Wells ... 3

Also started—218 Kingswood, 6yrs 11.4, owner (fell); 47 Knapsack, 4yrs, 9.10, Tutt; 218 Glenora, 4yrs, 9.7, Collins.
 Won by a length. Time, 6min 36sec. Totalisator, 737. Dividend, £34 18s.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs and a half.
 101 Mr J. Clement's ch m Mavourneen, by Anteros, aged, 9.10, Pennell ... 1
 156 Mr J. Skipworth's b m Valencia, 4yrs, 7.10, Woodfield ... 2
 104 Mr R. Thorpe's ch m Silkworm, aged, 7.6, Stewart ... 3

Also started—19 Romp 6yrs, 9.12, Hall; 31 Lady Thornton, aged, 9.4, Brown; 23 Kit, 5yrs, 8.4, Creamer; 37 Bit o' Fashion, 4yrs, 8.2, Duff; 92 Vampire, aged, 8.2, Davis; 27 Cupid, aged, 7.12, Chaafe; 23 Dan, 6yrs, 7.12 (inc. 5lb over); Quinton; 18 Libeller, 5yrs, 7.6, Castleton; 83 Fidget, 4yrs, 7.4, Bird; 56 Sidreal, 5yrs, 6.10, Harrison.
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 28sec. Totalisator, 771. Dividend, £6 17s.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Six and a half furlongs.
 70 Mr J. Lowther's ch Lord Dunluce, by St. Leger—Lady Antrim, 4yrs, 7.4, Bird ... 1
 285 Mr J. Sutton's b m Eve, 5yrs, 7.6, Hall ... 2
 98 Mr G. Brimblecombe's blk g The Sharper, aged, 7.10, Perry ... 3

Also started—43 Retaliation, 5yrs, 7.8, Kelly; 78 Pirate, 3yrs, 7.6, Parker; 33 Lady Agnes, 3yrs, 6.12, Brown; 50 Commodore, 3yrs, 6.10, Jellings.
 Won by half a length. Time, 1min 27sec. Totalisator, 657. Dividend, £3 8s.

[During the day the sum of £3412 was put through the machine.]

SECOND DAY.—1ST FEBRUARY, 1896.

[Weather fine.]

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. One mile and three-quarters.
 65 Mr J. H. Martin's br m Carbuncle, by Carbuncle—Pearl, 5yrs, 9.12, Burns ... 1
 39 Mr R. Collins' b g Ika, aged, 10.0, owner ... 2
 66 Mr W. Patterson's b m Glenora, 4yrs, 9.5, Wright ... 3

Also started—124 Economy, 5yrs, 10.7, Wells (fell); 6 Mount, aged, 9.10, Tozer (fell); 29 Blackfriar, 5yrs, 9.5, Carey; 7 Fisherman, aged, 9.0, Weston (fell); 43 Lifebuoy, aged, 9.0, Litt (fell).
 Won easily. Time, 3min 33sec. Totalisator, 379. Dividend, £5 4s.

SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs and a half.
 105 Mr J. Clement's b m Peerless, by Muskaeper—Derby mare, 6yrs, 7.10, Creamer ... 1
 129 Mr G. Wright's ch m Doris, 4yrs, 8.12, Davis ... 2
 123 Mr A. E. Byers' ch m Miss Nelson, 3yrs, 8.0, Morrigan ... 3

Also started—28 St. Kilda, 10.4, owner; 60 The Sharper, 7.12, Perry; 36 Rex, 7.3, Hall; 21 Pororua, 6.10, Castleton; 10 Lady Agnes, 6.7, Parker.
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 13sec. Totalisator, 512. Dividend, £4 7s.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 35 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs and a half.
 71 Mr H. Moore's ch m Kit, by The Clown—Little Mary, 5yrs, 8.0, Creamer ... 1
 120 Mr J. Clement's ch m Mavourneen, aged, 10.7, Pennell ... 2
 87 Mr J. Skipworth's b m Valencia, 4yrs, 8.2, Woodfield ... 3

Also started—34 Romp, 9.10, Hall; 25 Lady Thornton, 9.0, Brown; 13 Bit o' Fashion, 8.0, Duff; 61 Vampire, 7.10, Davis; 161 Cupid, 7.10, Chaafe; 67 Fidget, 7.4, Hall; 43 Libeller, 7.0, Castleton; 10 Sulky, 6.11, Satman.
 Won by half a length. Time, 1min 13sec. Totalisator, 692. Dividend, £3 15s.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. One mile and a quarter.
 148 Mr R. Burke's b m Anita, by King Quail—Anna, 4yrs, 8.0, Hammond ... 1
 302 Mr F. McManemin's br h St. Clements, aged, 9.4, Smith ... 2
 82 Mr D. McNicol's ch g Yattenfeldt, 5yrs, 7.4, Creamer ... 3

Also started—110 St. Regel, 3yrs, 8.12, Duff; 22 Three Star, 4yrs, 8.4, Satman; 89 Eve, 5yrs, 8.0, Bird; 15 Scot Free, aged, 7.12, Burdett.
 Won by a neck. Time, 2min 15sec. Totalisator, 768. Dividend, £4 13s.

HOBSON HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs and a half.
 First Second Race Race
 137 20 Mr A. E. Byer's ch c Nestor, by St. Leger—Tamora, 8.2, Morrigan ... 1
 225 11 Mr R. Burke's b f Lady Anna, 9.0, Taylor ... 2
 122 3 Mr J. Chaafe's b c St. Elmo, 8.6, Chaafe ... 3

Also started—46, 11 Porangi Potae, 8.0, Stewart.
 Won by a head. Time, 1min 14sec. Totalisator—First Race 530, Second Race 45. Dividends—First Race £3 19s, Second Race £2.

The owner of Admiral Hawke refused to contest the run-off, and the totalisator investments on him were returned.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. About three miles and a half.
 128 Mr J. Skipworth's blk g Othello, by Emir Bey, aged, 9.7, Neill ... 1
 238 Mr R. Burke's b g Bombardier, 6yrs, 12.2, Rae ... 2
 84 Mr A. E. Byer's blk g Mozel, 6yrs, 10.0 (inc. 2lb over), McManemin ... 3

182 Disturbance, aged, 10.0, Maher (ran off), also started.
 Won by three lengths. Time, 7min 12sec. Totalisator, 632. Dividend, £4 8s.

BOROUGH HACK HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Six furlongs and a half.
 59 Mr T. Hodson's br m Merry Maid, by Hotchkiss—Maid of Athol, 3yrs, 7.7, Kelly ... 1
 13 Mr J. Rae's b g Blackfriar, 5yrs, 7.0, Parker ... 2

Also started—95 Frontignac, 4yrs, 9.0, J. Chaafe; 30 St. Simon, 3yrs, 8.7, Woodfield; 36 Carbuncle, 5yrs, 7.8, Davis; 81 Commodore, 3yrs, 7.4, Farrell (disqualified); 42 Belvedere, 3yrs, 7.4, Hammond; 20 Sundown, 4yrs, 7.2, S. Chaafe; 90 Revenge, aged, 7.0, Castleton; 90 Ideagram, aged, 7.0, Satman; 6 Peril, aged, 6.13 (inc. 4lb over) Perry; 4 Corvette, 3yrs, 6.7, O'Connell; 5 Resolute, 7.5 (inc. 7lb over), Stewart.

Commodore reached the post first, but was disqualified for crossing, and the race was awarded to Merry Maid. Time, 1min 28sec. Totalisator, 492. Dividend, £7 10s.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Seven furlongs.
 79 Mr A. E. Byer's ch m Miss Nelson, by Nelson—Torment, 4yrs, 7.12, Morrigan ... 1
 82 Mr A. E. Byer's ch h St. Regel, 3yrs, 9.0, Duff ... 2
 284 Mr G. Wright's ch m Doris, 4yrs, 8.12, Davis ... 3

Also started—39 The Sharper, aged, 7.10, Stewart; 118 Peerless, 6yrs, 7.8, Creamer; 17 Pirate, 3yrs, 7.6, Chaafe; 34 Retaliation, 5yrs, 7.4, Kelly; 31 First Nelson, 6yrs, 7.2, Satman;

65 Captivity, 4yrs, 7.0, Perry; 19 Pororua, 5yrs, 6.7, Castleton; 14 Lady Agnes, 3yrs, 6.7, Waldron. Won by three parts of a length. Time, 1min 32sec. Totalisator, 782. Dividend, £8 18s.

WELLINGTON TROTTING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—23RD JANUARY.

TRIAL HANDICAP (saddle) of 25 sovs. Two miles.

36 Mr W. H. Marsh's br m Florence, 42sec owner... 1 Also started—104 Judge Retford, 36sec; 55 Boss, 38sec; 23 Little Eva, 40sec; 5 Tussock, 40sec; 1 Belle, 42sec; 0 Wairau, 42sec; 3 Lazel, 52sec. Won easily. Time, 5min 55sec. Dividend, £5 15s.

WELLINGTON TROTTING CLUB HANDICAP (saddle) of 50 sovs. Two miles.

103 Mr W. Brown's br g Torori, 42sec, McKay... 1 36 Mr D. Taggart's blk m Rose, 32sec, owner... 2 36 Mr F. Moorhouse's b m Doll, 26sec, owner... 3 Also started—47 Cable, scr; 57 Comet, 36sec. Torori was never caught, Rose being about eight lengths behind at the finish, Doll a bad third. Time, 5min 55sec. Dividend, £2 8s.

PONY HANDICAP (harness) of 20 sovs. Two miles.

151 Mr J. Mackay's g m Agnes, 53sec, owner... 1 46 Mr J. Berry's ch g Tarovale, 35sec, Edwards... 2 23 Mr T. Mason's ch m Beauty, 60sec, owner... 3 Also started—49 Norma, 35sec; 7 Bobby Burns, 37sec. Won with ease, all the other horses being distanced. Time, 6min 43sec. Dividend, £1 12s.

TE ARO HANDICAP TROT (harness), of 55 sovs. Two miles.

189 Mr W. T. Oliff's g h Hazeldene, 38sec, Sheehan... 1 40 Mr J. Mackay's Jenny, 38sec, owner... 2 51 Mr R. Sunderland's ch m Carolina, 14sec, Needham... 3 14 Mr G. Cave's Cable, scr, also started. Won by four lengths. Time, 6min 4sec. Dividend, £1 8s.

PONY HANDICAP (saddle) of 20 sovs. Two miles.

75 Mr J. Taggart's g g Billy Buttons, 6sec, owner... 1 39 Mr C. Earle's b g Thomas, 34sec, J. Sharpe... 2 12 Mr J. H. Jamieson's rn m Merrybody, 27sec, owner... 3 Also started—0 Bobby Burns, 16sec, 56 Lily, 22sec; 31 Rangiatea, 32sec. Billy Buttons walked home an easy winner. Time, 6min. Dividend, £2 12s.

DASH HANDICAP (harness) of 25 sovs. One mile.

124 Mr B. Edward's g m Fairy, 13sec, owner 1 59 Mr McKay's b m Jenny, 23sec, owner 2 46 Mr R. Sunderland's ch m Carolina, 12sec, Needham... 3 Also started—7 Norma, 20sec; 20 Hazledean, 15sec; 2 Butcher Boy III., 28sec. A good race throughout. Time, 2min 50sec. Dividend, £1 17s.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP (saddle) of 20 sovs. One mile.

51 Mr W. Fudgeon's b g Vermont, 16sec 1 29 Mr W. H. Marsh's b m Florence, 24sec 2 12 Mr F. Moorhouse's b m Doll, 20sec... 3 Also started—39 Invictus, 3sec; 20 Rose, 22sec; 86 Thurza, 24sec; 12 Gentle Annie, 24sec; 0 Butcher Boy III., 30sec. Won by four lengths. Time, 2min 42½sec. Dividend, £4 7s.

SECOND DAY—JANUARY 25TH.

MAIDEN HANDICAP (harness) of 20 sovs. Two miles.

12 Mr J. Wright's rn m Little Eva, 38sec, owner... 1 2 Mr H. Williams' br m Belle, 38sec... 2 37 Mr J. Langtry's b g Judge Retford, 34sec... 3 Won easily. Time, 6min 32sec. Dividend, £3 16s.

A protest was entered by the owner of Judge Retford on the ground that Belle had got away 10sec in front of her time, but it was dismissed. Taggart, the driver of Judge Retford, was cautioned for the way in which he had driven his horse, his explanation being that he would not go in harness.

SUMMER HANDICAP (saddle) of 40 sovs. Two miles.

111 Mr P. Maloney's b g Rotheram, 2sec, B. Edwards... 1 46 Mr F. Moorhouse's b m Doll, 26sec, owner... 2 12 Mr J. T. Craig's b g Ned Kelly, 32sec, owner... disq. Also started—15 Cable, scr; 55 Billy Buttons, 14sec; 4 Boss, 42sec; 14 Tussock, 44sec. Ned Kelly finished an easy first, but the owner of Rotheram entered a protest on the ground of inconsistent running by Ned Kelly at Johnsonville. The stewards considered the protest in camera, and decided that the money should be paid to Rotheram, and that the owner of Ned Kelly should be disqualified during the pleasure of the stewards. Time, 5min 26sec. Dividend, £2 1s.

SELLING HANDICAP (saddle) of 25 sovs. Two miles.

73 Mr J. Langtry's b g Little Hero, 17sec, J. Taggart... 1 20 Mr J. Barrett's b m Lily, 40sec, Munro... 2 82 Mr D. Taggart's blk m Rose, 32sec, owner... 3 Also started—10 Khandallah, 30sec; 1 Bobby Burns, 34sec; 7 Rangiatea, 48sec; 1 Mick, 48sec; 2 Gallant, 50sec; 0 Hokomai, 50sec.

Won by about ten lengths. Time, 5min 48sec. Dividend, £2 8s.

The winner was bought in at £16 10s.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (harness) of 45 sovs. Two miles.

27 Mr W. T. Oliff's g h Hazeldean, 28sec, Sheehan... 1 12 Mr R. Sunderland's ch m Carolina, 14sec, Needham... 2 118 Mr H. Lowes' br g Little Ben, 12sec, Edwards... 3 Also started—3 F.B., scr; 18 Hampton, 28sec. Won by three lengths. Time, 5min 58sec. Dividend, £5 18s.

PONY HANDICAP (saddle) of 20 sovs. Two miles.

29 Mr W. J. Jorgensen's br g Bobby Burns, 42sec, J. Wright... 1 54 Mr Earle's b g Thomas, 58sec, J. Sharpe... 2 44 Mr J. Barrett's b m Lily, 46sec, Munro... 3 Also started—113 Billy Buttons, 20sec; 0 Chance, 46sec; 3 Merrybody, 53sec; 0 Rangiatea, 58sec; 2 Ghanet, 58sec. Won by seven lengths, Lilly a good third. The owner of Thomas protested against Bobby Burns on the ground of inconsistent running, but the protest was not upheld. Time, 6min 0½sec. Dividend, £7 12s.

KILBIRNIE HANDICAP (harness) of 25 sovs. Two miles.

61 Mr J. Mackay's b m Jenny, 38sec, Owner... 1 31 Mr W. H. Cornal's br m Vim, 26sec, J. Wright... 2 Also started—6 Norma, 32sec; 2 Butcher Boy III., 50sec; 2 Lazel, 50sec. Won as she liked; Butcher Boy was distanced for third place. Time, 6min 2sec. Dividend, £1 13s.

FINAL HANDICAP (saddle) of 20 sovs. One mile.

72 Mr W. Cooper's b g Hampton, 20sec, Owner... 1 18 Mr W. Hawkins' br g Invictus, 3sec, Wright... 2 Also started—89 Whitefoot, 18sec; 26 Doll, 19sec; 22 Rose, 22sec; 34 Thurza, 24sec; 1 Comet, 24sec; 27 Torori, 19sec; 0 Butcher Boy III., 30sec. Time, 2min 55sec. Dividend, £3 10s. [During the meeting £3241 were put through the machine—£1805 the first day and £1436 the second day.]

DANEVIRKE HACK MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH JANUARY.

[Weather Fine.—Attendance 1000.]

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLES of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a half.

121 Mr W. Carr's b m Hilda II, by Bedouin—Stella, 5yrs, 11.4, Cuneen... 1 75 Mr Witherow's ch m Belmo, aged, 10.6, Sweeney... 2 67 Mr T. Lloyd's b g Schnapps, 4yrs, 9.6, Rayner... 3 Won hard held by three lengths. Time, 3min 12sec. Dividend, £1 19s.

MAIDEN PLATE of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

100 Mr A. Portland's ch g Tokotea, by Torpedo—Kopeki, 3yrs, 7.13, Whitaker... 1 36 Mr C. Siddell's ch f Maid Marion, 3yrs, 7.13, Lindsay... 2 73 Mr G. Hunter's b f Mysterious, 3yrs, 7.13, Fairbrother... 3 Also started—11 Needlegun, 9.3, Rainer; 4 Kopee, 9.0, Hannon. Won easily by three lengths, same distance between second and third. Time, 2min 27sec. Dividend, £2.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. One mile.

140 Mr J. Lindsay's br m Gold Cup, by Ascot—Caller Herrin, 6yrs, 8.2, Lindsay... 1 76 Mr Dennehy's b m Slumber, 4yrs, 8.0, Rainer... 2 49 Mr F. Armstrong's b g Trout, aged, 7.0, Connop... 3 18 Magic, 7.1, Fairbrother, also started. Won easily by a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 54sec. Dividend, £1 16s.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Two miles.

93 Mr J. Rollo's ch g Outlaw, by Opawa, aged, 9.10, owner... 1 50 Mr W. Carr's b m Hilda II, 5yrs, 9.12, Cuneen... 2 66 Mr J. Maher's b g Kiwi, 6yrs, 10.2, Redmond... 3 Also started—72 Barman, 10.8, Lyford; 102 Waterlily, 10.6, Sweeney; 8 Scrap Iron, 9.10, W. Laing; 21 Moe, 9.10. Won easily by three lengths, the same distance between second and third. Time, 4min 13sec. Dividend, £3 19s.

DANEVIRKE HANDICAP of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

122 Mr G. Hope's b m Aio, by Mute—Wairi, 5yrs, 8.5, Lindsay... 1 115 Mr W. Carr's b g Kauri Gum, aged, 8.2, Fairbrother... 2 108 Mr H. R. Walton's b g Rainbow, 4yrs, 8.7, Banks... 3 Also started—70 Goosander, 8.12, Parker; 47 Flaneur, 8.8, Jones; 13 Slumber, 8.0, Rainer; 11 Trout, 7.6, Whitaker. Won by half a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 2min 22sec. Dividend, £3 11s.

SELLING RACE of 15 sovs. About seven furlongs.

59 Mr Dan Knight's b g Scrap Iron, by Papapa, aged, 8.0, G. Wright... 1

56 Mr W. Robinson's b g Scrap Iron II, 4yrs, 9.7, Whittaker... 2 33 Mr F. Witherow's br g Billy, aged, 9.0, Rainer... 3 Also started—39 Lobelia, 9.7, Banks; 8 Kopee, 9.0, Hannon; 82 Kerry Lass, 9.0, A. Mitchell; 52 Young Papapa, 8.0, Parker. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 38 1-5sec. Dividend, £5.

HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

45 Mr A. B. Walton's b h Rainbow, by Somnus—Maori Girl, 4yrs, 11.0, G. Hope... 1 72 Mr A. Portland's ch g Tokotea, 3yrs, 9.0, Whitaker... 2 88 Mr W. Carr's b g Kauri Gum, 6yrs, 10.10, Cuneen... 3 Also started—8 Barman, 10.2, Lyford; 11 Magic, 10.0, McTaggart; 33 Outlaw, 9.2, Rollo; 1 Cromo, 9.0, Dowling. Won easily by a length, a length and a half between second and third. Time, 2min 25sec. Dividend, £5 10s.

FLYING HANDICAP of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

150 Mr J. Lindsay's br m Gold Cup, by Ascot—Caller Herrin, 6yrs, 9.1 (inc. 7lb penalty), Lindsay... 1 31 Mr C. Siddell's ch f Maid Marion, 3yrs, 6.9, D. Watt... 2 48 Mr R. T. Hanga's blk m Kiritea, 5yrs, 7.9, Whitaker... 3 Also started—81 Moira, 6.12, 4 Scrap Iron II, 6.10; 5 Mysterious, 6.10. Won comfortably by two lengths. Time, 1min 21sec. Dividend, £1 18s.

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THE OPERATIONS OF THE ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS SALES CONTROL ACT, 1895.

In our two last issues we published the full text of the Act alluded to, and we have no doubt our readers have carefully considered its important bearings on the trade. In many essential points it is much more drastic than the acts which to a large extent it incorporates or repeals. More especially does this apply to the increased penalties to be imposed for a conviction for Sunday trading. Recognising this, the trade (if our information is correct) has entered into a signed agreement to religiously close on Sundays, and to such an extent in this direction does the agreement go that even lodgers and bona fide travellers are not to be supplied with alcoholic liquors in the hotels situated within the precincts of the city. If such a compact has been made, we hope it will in every case be strictly adhered to, although it will inflict hardships on certain individuals who look upon their hotels as their homes, and whose residence is their "inn." It will perhaps be useless to hope that in the near future the liquor law of New Zealand will in some appreciable degree become assimilated in nature with that of the Old Country, which provides, under proper regulations, for the sale of alcoholic liquors during prescribed hours on Sunday, especially as there is no substantial evidence to show that the privilege thus conferred on the poor man who does not like to be robbed of his beer has been abused. The framers and supporters of the Act of last session failed to recognise the demonstrative fact that it is to all intents and purposes a class enactment, especially so far as it applies to Sunday trading, although its supporters may say it has only intensified provisions which obtained previous to its passing the Legislature; but this argument only proves that a huge premium has been given to a law which was class legislation before. Take, for instance, our successful business men, who have

their well-stocked cellars of wines, spirits, and beer, available Sundays and week-days alike. The new law does not affect those, neither should it do in the remotest degree. Yet while these can have their beer on their Sunday dinner table from their well-stocked cellar, the poor man, who has looked upon his Sunday dinner beer as one of the luxuries of his somewhat monotonous life, must either buy it the day before and drink it "flat, stale, and unprofitable," or do without it altogether. In England for ages past the operatives, the navvies, the farm labourers, and others have been just as much accustomed to purchase their dinner beer from their respective favourite "pubs" on Sundays as the New Zealand housewife is to obtain her Sunday's supply of milk from her milkman, and the one has been considered just as necessary under the great law of custom as the other. Then again, take the class of people who are what is termed well-to-do and can afford to keep or hire a vehicle for a Sunday drive. These can travel a few miles into the country, put up at a village hotel, order a lunch, and drink as much beer whilst eating it as they deem nature requires or as inclination suggests; whilst the poor labourer, who has been slaving all week, may fret and fume at being compelled by law to abstain from his accustomed beverage, which his reason assures him is necessary to aid him in rebuilding up his wasted tissue. The above remarks have been suggested by the information imparted as to what is adopted by the trade, and though at the present time it may not be possible to secure what we think is desirable in the interest of the trade and for public convenience, we cannot forbear to express the opinion that if the hotels in the city and suburbs were kept open on week days until eleven o'clock p.m. and then positively closed, the customers would go home, which they will not do at ten o'clock, and if the Old Country practice of opening hotels on Sundays as previously indicated was introduced, there would be less cases of excessive drinking and a proportionate falling off in the violations of the law. We shall deal with other phases of the Act in future issues.

TRADE TOPICS.

"What is a chestnut?" a schoolmaster asked a boy in the front row. "It's the tale father tells mother when he comes home after the hotels are closed!"

"My husband neglects me!" sighed the young wife. "But, my dear," the matured matron consolingly said, "he has to obey the call of duty." "Perhaps he does," responded her friend; "but duty doesn't call men with a hiccup at half-past twelve."

Human nature is very sensitive," a sad-eyed man remarked in a well-known pub the other day. "Don't see it," retorted a frequenter of the establishment. "Well, now," resumed the stranger, "you have a red nose; but I don't suppose you can help it. Yet if I offer you a remedy for—" "I've a d—d good mind to punch your head!" shouted the man who did not believe in sensitiveness. And as the sad-eyed man drifted towards the door, he said: "I told you so."

"So you've come home, then?" floated down the staircase just as the speaker's husband, after heroic struggles, opened the door and fell over the mat. "Wonder you don't stay out drinking all night," she continued. "Do me 'justice, m'dea," he feebly replied, gradually separating himself from the hall mat. "Some men—co'found thing!—might; but I—hic—know when I've had 'nough." And, as a proof of his assertion, he reached the top of the stairs in a minute under the half hour.

A mem. for Editor Isitt, of the Prohibitionist. The latest fad in Home total abstinence circles is the "teetotal cow." "Blue Ribbon Army milk," so I read in the Liverpool Post, is now consumed by the stricter disciples of Sir Wilfred Lawson. This particular kind of lactical fluid in favour with the teetotal elect is guaranteed to be taken from animals certified never, never, never to have been fed on the fattening refuse known as brewers' grains. The faddists and cranks are as prominent at Home as they are in New Zealand. The English Anti-Tobacco Society are, I read, getting up a test case to show that public smoking is, under the Health Act, an "illegal, unjust, ungentlemanly, and, therefore, un-Christian habit." If it is, then all I can say is that the English Health Act stands in urgent need of amendment.—"Scrutator," New Zealand Mail.

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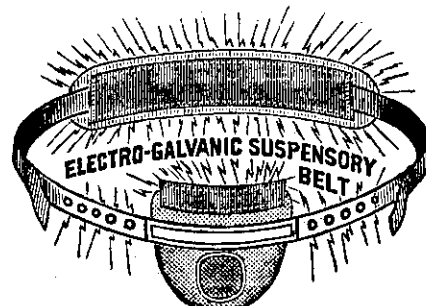
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