



WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB

STEEPLECHASE MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (MONDAY, MAY 25).

President: Dr Earle. Vice-President: Mr H. N. Harrison. Judge: Dr Earle. Hon. Starter: Mr C. H. Chavannes. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evett. Clerk of the Scales: Mr E. A. Campbell. Clerk of the Course: Mr Donald MacDonald. Time-keeper: Mr R. Higgin. Hon. Surgeon: Dr Tripe. Hon. Vet. Surgeon: Mr J. A. Hawke. M.R.C.V.S. Stewards: Dr Connolly, Messrs B. E. Fletcher, Alex. Higgin, A. J. Parsons, H. N. Harrison, J. H. Nixon, R. Higgin. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr Freeman R. Jackson.

PROGRAMME.

To Start at 12 Noon.

Flying Stakes Handicap (on the flat) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Nominations, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

To Start at 12.45 p.m.

Wanganui Handicap Steeplechase of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Winner of any handicap steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs, after the declaration of weights, to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nominations, 2 sovs; acceptance, 5 sovs. About three miles, over the Wanganui Steeplechase course.

To Start at 1.45 p.m.

Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Open to all qualified hunters. Gentleman riders; lowest weight not under 11st. Nominations, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About three miles, over such course as the stewards may direct.

[Qualification for Hunters.—Open to all horses qualified during the year 1895, or that have ridden to the hounds twice in the present season (1896) to the satisfaction of the Master of Hounds, but which have never won an advertised steeplechase or hurdle race (hack and hunter races accepted). Master's certificate to be produced to Clerk of the Scales.]

To Start at 2.15 p.m.

Trial Steeplechase Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. For all horses which have never won a steeplechase of the value of 25 sovs (hack and hunters accepted). Nominations, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. About two miles and a half, over such course as the stewards may direct.

To Start at 3 p.m.

Winter Oats Handicap (on the flat) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Winner of Flying to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nominations, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile and a half.

To Start at 3.45 p.m.

Final Handicap Steeplechase of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Nominations, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov, to be made half an hour before the race starts. About two miles.

To Start at 4.30 p.m.

Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Nominations, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide definition of a hack. One mile and a distance.

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DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

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

MONDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1896, by 9 p.m.

Nominations.
Flying Handicap 1 sov Winter Oats 1 sov
Trial Steeplechase 1 sov Wanganui Steeple 2 sovs

TUESDAY, 28TH APRIL (on or about),

Weights for the above Handicaps.

MONDAY, 4TH MAY, by 9 p.m.,

Nominations.

Hunters' Steeple 1 sov Final Steeple 1 sov
Hack Flat 1 sov

ACCEPTANCES.

Flying Handicap 1 sov Winter Oats 2 sovs
Wanganui Steeple 5 sovs Trial Steeple 2 sovs

TUESDAY, 12TH MAY (on or about),

Weights for Hunters' Steeplechase and Hack Flat Handicap.

TUESDAY, 19TH MAY, at 9 p.m.,

ACCEPTANCES.

Hunters' Steeple 1 sov Hack Flat Handicap 10s

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, on the Course,

Weights for Final Steeplechase will be declared after the Trial Steeplechase, and ACCEPTANCES must be made half an hour before the race starts.

FREEMAN R. JACKSON,
Secretary.



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Auckland Polo Cup, for Trophy.—Weight for inches. Maximum weight, 11.7. Winner of Hurdles to carry 5lb penalty. Four furlongs.

Ladies' Bracelet, for Trophy.—Ponies to be nominated by ladies. Competitors to start with ribbons, gallop round post from right to left, one furlong distant, and back, dismount at starting point and lead pony to lady, who will thread the needle; when needle is threaded, remount and again gallop round post, from right to left, and finish with needle threaded. To be run in heats.

Cigar and Umbrella Race, for Trophy.—Competitors to stand with coats off, saddle on ground, and an unlighted cigar and closed umbrella; to mount and go once round the post, and finish with pony saddled, coat on, umbrella opened, and cigar lighted.

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ATHLETICS, Etc.

The Inglewood (Taranaki) Sports were held on the 6th inst., the attendance being very fair, although the weather was inclined to be showery. The following are the results:—Maiden Race: Houlahan 1. 100 Yards: Curde 1, McKay 2, Maine 3. Half-Mile: Houlahan 1, Ward 2, Bennett 3. 220 Hurdles: McKay 1, Pederson 2. One mile: Anderson 1, Ward 2, Laurent 3. Publicans' Handicap: Curde 1, McKay 2. Quarter-Mile: Hopson 1, Maine 2, McKay 3. Forced Handicap: Houlahan 1.

T. B. Bax, who recently broke the club swinging records, is coming back shortly, but in writing to an Australian journal claims to be disappointed at not having met Griffiths. He says he visited Sydney specially to meet him.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association, the resignations of Messrs J. F. Logan, the Auckland delegate, and L. A. Cuff, hon. secretary to the Association, were received with regret, and votes of thanks for past services were accorded both. Several letters were read regarding a member of the Wanganui Amateur Athletic Club running at Palmerston North under an assumed name. The Manawatu Club, it appeared, had granted permission. It was decided to write to the Manawatu Club pointing out that it was not in the power of any club to grant such permission, it being an infraction of the laws. Under the circumstances no penalty would be inflicted on the competitor.

In reply to a request from the Wellington Club it was decided that a chest of drawers could not be allowed as a prize for athletic gatherings.

A letter was read from the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association, conveying special votes of thanks to the various organisations and individuals in New Zealand for their hospitable and generous treatment of the New South Wales team during their stay in the colony. Similar letters were received from the Victorian and Southern Queensland Associations regarding their representatives.

The following records were passed, subject to the necessary certificates being signed by the starter:—Mile Flat, W. F. Bennett, 4min 28 3-5sec; F. H. Creamer, Three Mile Walk, 22min 51 2-5sec; T. Roberts, 440 Yards Hurdles, 61sec. Standard badges and caps were granted for the recent New Zealand Championship Meeting as under: Caps to T. Roberts, L. A. Cuff, R. Hunter; Badges to W. H. Martin, H. L. Kingsley, and W. A. Low; Australasian caps and badges were granted to J. W. Dogle, W. F. Bennett, W. H. Martin, F. H. Creamer, R. Martin, H. L. Kingsley, W. A. Low, C. Campbell, and J. L. Ryan. It was decided to grant a representative badge to J. F. Grierson.

This year the Two-Mile Steeplechase and the Ten-Mile Flat Amateur Championships of America were decided at the Madison Square Garden, New York, on Feb. 1st, the course being one-tenth of a mile in circuit, marked out on the board floor of the Garden building. In the steeplechase the obstacles were alternate low hurdles and brush fences. Orton won the steeplechase by five hundred yards in 10min 58 3-5sec. S. T. Freeth finished first in the Ten-Mile Championship, over a furlong in front of H. Gray, but a protest was entered against him, on the ground that he competed in a professional event in 1894. The time was 58min 32 3-5sec. Conneff was a competitor, and after looking a certain winner at half-distance, was compelled to retire from lameness, brought about by the hard floor. Another competitor, J. Kiernan, went to the post, but was not allowed to start, he having been at one time the professional trainer and trackmaster of the St. George Athletic Club.

Messrs A. L. Baird and M. G. Dodwell leave for America shortly to exploit the judging machine invented by the former, and which has proved such a success in Australia. It almost seems a pity that the several amateur athletic clubs in the chief centres of New Zealand did not co-operate with the N.Z.A.A.A., when that body proposed purchasing one of the machines.

The Cambridge West Amateur Athletic Club hold a sports' gathering on May 25th.

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The athletic carnival in aid of the Brunnerton Relief Fund was held on the Domain Cricket Ground yesterday afternoon, but too late for this week's issue, as my notes go to press on Tuesday. Notes on the meeting will appear in next week's issue.

The Oxford University Athletic Club seems anxious to abolish the hammer and weight-putting events in future Oxford and Cambridge sports. The Cambridge University Committee refused to accept the proposed alteration.

One of the events at the autumn gathering of the London Athletic Club was an eight miles walking handicap. The scratch man was W. J. Sturgess, of the Polytechnic Harriers, the amateur walking champion of England, who passed all the other competitors with consummate ease, and won the race in the wonderful time of 58min 56sec, beating the world's amateur record for this distance. Sturgess is a staunch teetotaler.

The New York *Spirit of the Times* gives the following interesting comparative figures of the two leading athletic clubs in England and the United States:—The London Athletic Club has 65 members on the abroad list, 72 life members, 153 active members, and 166 non-active members—a total of 456 members. The New York Athletic Club has 7 honorary members, 97 junior members, 194 life members, 216 non-resident members, and 2010 resident members—a total of 2524 members, which is more than five times as many as the roll of the London Athletic Club. The London Athletic Club last year lost 65 old members and gained 66 new members. The New York Athletic Club lost 388 old members and gained 357 new members, their transactions in either line being more than five times as great as those of the London Athletic Club. During the year 1895 the income of the London Athletic was 6,840dol 38c, and its expenditures 6,766 dol. For the same year the income of the New York Athletic Club was 780,152 dol 66c and its expenditures 728,862dol 50c.

"I'm not altogether cast down," said Billy Murphy, the ex-New Zealander, when he returned to Cincinnati, the home of his adoption, after his defeat by "Sol" Smith. "But I confess I'm about ready to quit the ring, and get back to the old goose and needle. I never was so happy in my life as the days when I was working at my trade as a tailor, and I'm going back to it. The fighting game is not all some people think it. At best it is a hand-to-mouth sort of existence, and a man is always guessing what's next on the bill of fare for him. Solly Smith is a wonderfully improved man, and there are a whole lot of them who could not stand up before him fourteen rounds. For the first time in my life my legs were dead, and I couldn't side-step after the first few rounds. I am going to find a berth at tailoring, and then take on local men for exercise."

CYCLING.

WAIPAWA—NAPIER ROAD RACE.

After being twice postponed in consequence of the bad state of the roads, occasioned by the recent heavy rains, the annual Wanderers Club bicycle road race from Waipawa to Napier took place on Saturday afternoon last, and resulted in a win for one of the limit men, A. Watson, of Havelock, who had 20mins start from the scratch men, his time for the distance (41 miles) being 2hrs 24min 20secs. Pocock, winner of the late road race from Napier to Hastings, running second, 8mins 22secs behind the winner, the third place being filled by W. Hands. Young Watson is quite a new hand at the game, only having started cycling last December, and whose first appearance it is in a race of any kind. He is only nineteen years of age. J. E. Cowell, who in 1894 cut out the distance in 2hrs 21mins, holds the coveted record.

At the last meeting of the South Australian Cyclists' Association Mr Sellars tabled an important motion, in effect that the contracting colonies should arrange a circuit and dates each season. Patronage to be refused to any inter-colonial meetings that clashed. At least one third of prize money to be allotted to first-class events.

Local amateur wheelmen will hold a road race on Queen's Birthday. The course to be from Papakura to Bishops-court, Parnell.

Mr W. J. White, of 340, Queen St., Auckland, evidently intends to keep up with the times in the cycle trade. He is now sole agent for the high-class American cycles, the "Tribune" and "Viking." They are both neat and trim machines, and capable of doing a lot of roadster and racing work. Mr White also keeps a supply of ladies' bicycles, and as the terms of the Viking Wheel Company are very reasonable, they should soon become well known locally.

Martin has challenged Megson and Payne, the two crack riders of New South Wales, to ride 50 miles. Martin will allow one of these men to ride the first 25 miles, and another to finish. Rather a conceited sort of task this. Supposing Payne were to take the rough off Martin, it seems likely that Megson would be about at the finish of the next 25 miles—that is, if he didn't get stale watching the first 25 miles. Oh, the monotony of a 50-mile race.

What has become of the recently-formed Auckland Touring Club? Don't hear of them taking any runs.

H. Thompson, the well-known Pioneer Club man, will probably retire from the racing world at the end of the present season. "Harry" was, I think, the first to ride a "safety" in the City of the Plains.

Megson and Lewis are also talking of going to England some time in May, and combined with Parsons should form a triumvirate that John Bull will have some trouble with.

Particulars of the cycling events on the Brunnerton Carnival programme will appear next week.

A correspondent says I am entirely wrong in supposing that lady cyclists have died out in Auckland. He says there are over a dozen of the fair sex now who wheel. Where?

Harris, the English crack, has accepted Martin's open challenge to race any cyclist in Australia. He stipulates for best out of three heats for £25 aside, distance one mile. Harris also challenges the owners of the trotting horses Mystery or Osterly, over a mile, best two out of three, for £25 a side. The race to be decided on Richmond (Melbourne) Racecourse, which is not a grass track, and is always kept in splendid order.

He: "Shall we try the tricycle or the buggy this morning, Laura?"—She: "Either, George. I'm yours for wheel or for whoa."

"Choppy" Warburton, who trained J. Michael, the invincible Welsh wonder, believes in good malt beer and tea, taken in moderation, when in training. He will not allow those under him to smoke, as it affects the bronchial tubes. Michael's latest victory was over Jacquelin, the fastest sprinter in France. The Frenchman was badly beaten in two races out of three, Michael winning each in record time. Warburton has backed Michael to give any man in the world 50 metres (about 55yds) in 10 kilometres (6 miles 375yds).

Cyclists have now become such a numerous and important body that they may rightly expect hotelkeepers to show some special consideration for their comfort (says a Sydney paper). Just as stabling accommodation is provided for horses, so similar accommodation should be provided for cycles. All that is wanted is a shed with racks in it, so that each machine may have a separate stand of its own. The sooner this becomes general the better it will be for wheels, wheelmen, and the hotelkeepers generally. A cyclist is usually in possession of a good-sized appetite, and he does not want to be injuriously affected by worry over his machine while he is eating his meal.

An automatic cycle saddle has been placed on the English market. This saddle always keeps a horizontal position, no matter whether the rider is travelling up or down hill.

Parsons and Martin are to race another match. 50 miles, for £50 miles aside.

At the Porta Benefit, Don Walker lowered the quarter-mile record put up Zimmerman from 30 4-5sec to 28 1-5sec.

Parsons was beaten by Harris in a mile scratch race at Ballarat, and was again second the same afternoon in a half-mile flutter, he failing to concede 60 yards to a rider named Anderson. Time, 1min 5 2-5sec.

Parsons is to take a benefit at Melbourne on the 18th prox., and Megson and Lewis will take one at Sydney on the 25th inst.

The growth of cycling in France may be gauged by the tax office figures; as follows:—1893, 132,276 machines; 1894, 140,080 machines; 1885, 170,000 machines. The amount realised by the tax last year was 1,700,000fr.

FOOTBALL.

AUCKLAND RUGBY UNION ANNUAL MEETING.

This meeting was held at the Metropolitan Hotel on Friday night last. There was a large attendance of delegates, Mr A. E. T. Devore (president) being in the chair. We regret that pressure on our space this week will not permit of the report being published in full, as we should have liked. However, it is satisfactory to note that in terms of the resolution passed at the last annual meeting the sum of £200 had been paid over to the ground fund trustees, making a total now in their hands, including accrued interest, of £768 8s 2d. The union has a credit balance of £33 5s 3d, apart from the ground fund. Visits are expected during the season from the Queensland and Taranaki teams, and possibly Wellington and Otago, and such high-class matches should be a big draw, and consequently augment the funds of the union.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr A. E. T. Devore (re-elected); vice-presidents: Messrs. C. H. Hesketh, T. Henderson, and H. G. Kissling (re-elected); secretary, Mr G. H. Dixon (re-elected); treasurer, Mr C. E. McCormick (re-elected); management committee, Messrs G. Pilkington, A. G. Kissling, J. C. Webster, F. J. Ohlson, and F. W. Edwards; auditors, Messrs. J. Bancroft and Thomas Macky, jun. (re-elected). Mr A. E. T. Devore, in thanking the union for re-electing him to the position of president, briefly referred to the past season's doings, the terms of equality on which the several teams under the district scheme stood, and the favourable future that greeted them in the matter of the prosperity of football in the province of Auckland.

In accordance with a notice of motion standing in his name, Mr Baume (Grafton) moved, "That that portion of the Grafton District boundary line, from Cucksey's store and Fairfax Road be altered, so as to follow the road extending from Cucksey's store in a straight line to Fairfax Road, instead of following Owen's Road, as at present." Mr Baume spoke at some length to the motion, and pointed out that while the deviation would not materially injure the other districts, it would give Grafton ten other players, which were badly needed, in view of the recent alteration, which robbed them of ten of the senior players. Mr Ohlson seconded the motion. On behalf of the Suburbs, Mr J. Leahy objected to the proposed alteration, and Mr H. G. Kissling also spoke adversely to any alteration being permitted. On being put to the meeting the voting was equal, and the chairman's casting vote being given against, the motion was lost.

On the motion of Mr C. E. McCormick, seconded by Mr G. H. Dixon, Mr T. Henderson was elected a life member of the Union, in recognition of his valuable services for many years past.

It has been decided to form a Rugby Union in Coromandel.

Poneke defeated East Christchurch at Christchurch on Saturday by 29 points to nil. Two or three of the Poneke's have to thank the Oriental "push" for many of the tricky points of the game which they (the Poneke's) are continually "ringing on" to their opponents. What the "Cottage push" don't know is harmless. George Lusk, who scored the majority of the points for the Poneke's, is not unknown to Aucklanders. He is a very fast man, and can get to the end of 100 yards in very near 10sec—if the odds are good enough! Anyway, when Lusk and his mates, Galloway and Davidson, are included in a team, the prestige of the Poneke's is pretty well looked after.

Union (Christchurch) beat Linwood (Christchurch) last Saturday by 8 points to nil.

The Feilding Club, which will be on tour shortly, will play Wellington on the 25th, Greytown on the 28th, and Masterton on the 30th.

It seems to be a trifle early yet for football matches of any importance, as half the players have not found their "legs and wings" yet.

POLO.

The annual sports and races in connection with the Auckland Polo Club, will be decided at Potter's Paddock on Saturday afternoon, and granted there be fine weather there is sure to be a large attendance. The first of the eight events starts at 1 30 p.m.

AQUATICS.

CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA AT PICTON.

The following are the full results of the above regatta:—

Maiden Clinker Fours, one mile and a half.—Picton Rowing Club—H. Western (bow), A. Western (2), A. Smith (3), C. Fredericks (stroke), and Bartlett (cox), 1; Canterbury Rowing Club, 2; Wellington Rowing Club, 3. Time, 11min 45sec.

Junior Clinker Pairs, one mile.—In the final heat Picton rowed over, and took the first prize, Nelson declining to start.

Champion Pairs, one mile and a half.—Canterbury Rowing Club—J. Y. Daly (bow), F. J. Cowlshaw (stroke), 1; Wairewa Rowing Club, 2; Blenheim Rowing Club, 3; Wellington Rowing Club 4; Star Boating Club 5. Time, 10 min 46sec.

Junior Outrigged Fours, one mile and a half.—Picton Rowing Club 1; Star Boating Club, 2; Canterbury Rowing Club, 3.

Ladies' Plate, in outriggers, one mile and a half.—Wellington Rowing Club—T. Spence (bow), J. Bourke (No. 2.), F. Wolff (No. 3), J. R. Crawford (stroke), F. James (cox), 1; Star Boating Club, 2; Picton Rowing Club 3. Time, 9min 34sec.

Champion Double Sculls, one mile and a half.—Wairewa Boating Club—C. Chapman (bow), W. Reed (stroke), 1; Wellington Rowing Club—C. Poll (bow), F. B. Young (stroke), 2. Time, 9min 30 4-5sec.

Champion Sculls, one mile and a half.—Wairewa Rowing Club—C. Chapman, 1; Picton Rowing Club—H. McCormick, 2; Wellington Rowing Club—P. Grahame, 3. Dunedin Amateur Boating Club—J. McGrath also started. Time, 10min 10 1-5sec.

Champion Fours, two miles.—Queen's Drive Boating Club.—H. Pritchard (bow), J. Yeoman (No. 2), W. Porter (No. 3), T. Wright (stroke), J. Ward (cox), 1; Blenheim Rowing Club, 2; Wellington Rowing Club, 3; Star Boating Club, 4; Union Boating Club, Wanganui, 5.

The Queen's Drive Club crew (Port Chalmers), winners of the Champion Fours, and C. Chapman (Wairewa Club, Canterbury) have since been selected to represent New Zealand in the Inter-colonial Fours and Single Sculls to be rowed on the Paramatta River (Sydney) next month.

YACHTING.

The Annual Cup Race, under the auspices of the Napier Sailing Club, took place in the Inner Harbour on Monday last. A full-sail breeze was blowing from the sou'-west, accompanied by a drizzling rain, which made things rather unpleasant; but in spite of the inclement weather the following first-class yachts faced the starter, viz., Gondola, Irene, Iolanthe, Darling, and Sea Bird. At the sound of the second gun, the Iolanthe bore away with the lead, followed by the Gondola, Darling, Irene, and Sea Bird in the order named. On the lead up to Kopuki the Gondola passed the Iolanthe and rounded the buoy first, with the Sea Bird second and Irene third. These positions were maintained on rounding the Maori Head buoy. On the beat from the last-named buoy, the Irene and Sea Bird, owing to a shift of wind, managed to alter their positions somewhat, and the Irene passed the Quarantine buoy first, Sea Bird second. The Gondola, however, soon picked up what she had lost, and after this stage of the race the issue was never in doubt, the positions at the finish being Gondola first, Iolanthe second, Sea Bird third. On time allowance the Sea Bird won by 3min 40sec, Gondola second, and Iolanthe third. The race from start to finish was a closely contested one, the yachts finishing within a few minutes of each other. The Sea Bird, the winner, belongs to Mr J. Northie, and was built by him last year. Messrs Canning and S. Riddell acted as starters and judges, and great praise is due to them for facing the weather on such a day.—Hawke's Bay Herald.

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 Chatter's pony Sulky, Kimihia 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 Ono and Gotzer; Henry Warrington, Fable; John Clark, Hopgarden, Tam O'Shanter, Souler Johnnie; F. Sistrer, Brian Bora, Jewel, Coinage; D. Hepburn, The Turk, Wool Queen, Lord Raven; Mr Weston, Kilo, Rotespie, Thorpe, St. Ella, Silkworm, Finley McKenzie, Maccaroni; T. Kenaly, 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.

The following licenses have been granted:—
TRAINERS.—G. Wright, G. Absolum, Frank Dodd, Wm. J. Hamon, Hy. Chatter, James Patterson, Alex. Parsons, James Brown, James Leggett, W. J. Harrison, H. Linnell, Edward Kelly, A. E. Byers, John Rae, John Chaeffe, Fred Stanning, Wm. Moberley, J. B. Williamson, Wm. Coll, James Keap, G. H. Allen, Thomas Hodson, A. S. Caulton, Dennis Morrison, J. McHugh, Alec Williams, M. H. Harrison, C. Coleman, W. McManamin, J. H. Howe, Walter Wilcott, Frank McManamin, Wm. Braybrook, W. H. Eswein, T. Warr, J. Roman.
JOCKEYS.—Harry Gillespie, Wm. Parker, Wm. Tozer, Frank Farrell, John Griffiths, Alf. Williams, Fred Power, A. Butterworth, F. Benson, Joe Gallagher, Chas. Russell, John E. Parsons, Thos. Greenwood, James Leggett, W. J. Harrison, George Banks, G. Cudd, John Chaeffe, junr, John Keap, D. Swanson, James Whitelaw, Alf Woodfield, Dan Morrison, F. Say, Murdoch McKinnon, J. Buchanan, Robert Hall, G. Tutt, Fred Davis, Joe Seats, Thos. Sharp, E. Burns, D. Wright, Robert Wright, Wm. Gall, Joe Duff, W. Hatfield, J. Quinton, Joe Gunson, John Wells, Robert Collins, J. Fletcher, Thos. Hall, R. Donovan, B. Castleton, D. Creamer, F. Weston, T. McEwin, W. Bird, Jas. Johnson, Wm. Smith, J. Stewart, Edward Kelly, Samuel Fergus, Wm. Ashdown, John Rae, Thos. Hodson, Dennis Morrison, Alec Williams, W. McManamin, W. Quarterman, J. W. Brady, A. Haydon, A. Somers, A. Blaine, Speakman, Sharp.
APPRENTICE.—Alfred D. G. Adams, Sydney Chaeffe, W. Parker, Jas. Burdett, Albert Woolley, Wm. Lynch, Hy. Johnson, Laurence Jillings, Arthur Judd, E. Baker, A. McMillan, Hugh Boyd.

METROPOLITAN CLUBS.

Metropolitan Clubs meet as under:—
Auckland—W. Percival, secretary, first Monday in each month.
Taranaki—R. G. Bauchope, secretary, last Friday in each month.
Wanganui—F. R. Jackson, secretary, first Friday in each month.
Wellington—H. M. Lyon, secretary, first Monday in each month.
Hawkes Bay—F. D. Luckie, secretary, first Friday in each month.
Nelson—J. H. Glen, secretary, last Wednesday in each month.
Marlborough—C. J. W. Griffiths, secretary, as arranged.
Canterbury—W. H. E. Wanklyn, secretary, first Tuesday in each month.
Dunedin—S. James, secretary, last Thursday in each month.
Greymouth—J. C. Doogan, secretary, last Friday in each month.

PROGRAMMES PASSED.

Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting, July 9.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

SPORTING FIXTURES, Etc.

COMING EVENTS.

NEW ZEALAND FIXTURES.
May 2, Saturday—Avondale J.C. Autumn
May 6, Wednesday; 7, Thursday—Egmont R.C. Winter
May 13, Wednesday; 14, Thursday—Napier Park R.C.
May 21, Thursday—Waikato
May 23, Saturday; 25, Monday—Takapuna J.C. Winter
May 23, Saturday; 25, Monday—Dunedin J.C. May
May 25, Monday—Wanganui J.C. Winter
May 25, Monday—Mimi
June 6, Saturday; 8, Monday—Auckland R.C. Winter
June 24, Wednesday; 26, Friday—Hawkes Bay J.C. Winter

NOMINATIONS.

April 17, Friday—Avondale J.C. Autumn
April 24, Friday—Takapuna J.C. Winter
May 1, Friday—Auckland R.C. Winter
May 4, Monday—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase
May 29, Friday—Auckland R.C. Winter

HANDICAPS.

April 21, Tuesday—Avondale J.C. Autumn
April 21, Tuesday—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase
April 25, Friday—Egmont R.C. Winter
May 6, Wednesday—Egmont R.C. Winter
May 8, Friday—Takapuna J.C. Winter
May 12, Tuesday—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase
May 15, Friday—Auckland R.C. Winter
May 23, Saturday—Takapuna J.C. Winter

June 1, Monday—Auckland R.C. Winter
June 8, Monday—Auckland R.C. Winter

ACCEPTANCES.

April 24, Friday—Avondale J.C. Autumn
May 1, Friday—Egmont R.C. Winter
May 4, Monday—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase
May 6, Wednesday—Egmont R.C. Winter
May 15, Friday—Takapuna J.C. Winter
May 19, Tuesday—Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase
May 22, Friday—Auckland R.C. Winter
May 23, Saturday—Takapuna J.C. Winter
June 3, Wednesday—Auckland R.C. Winter
June 8, Monday—Auckland R.C. Winter

RACING RECORDS.

NEW ZEALAND.

4 furlongs—47s, Safeguard, 2yrs, 8.3, C.J.C. Spring Meeting, 1894. Golden Fleece, 3yrs, also made this time at the same meeting, carrying 7.11.
5 furlongs—1m 1s, Forester, 5yrs, 7.3, C.J.C. Flying Handicap, 1886.
6 furlongs—1m 14s, Loyalty, 2yrs, 7.4, C.J.C. Challenge Stakes, 1893. Barnby also made this record in Sept., 1894, at Ashburton.
7 furlongs—1m 27½s, Ruby, 4yrs, 7.13, C.J.C. Craven Stakes, 1888.
1 mile—1m 41s, Merganser, 4yrs, 8.0, J.C. Handicap, C.J.C. Spring, 1892.
1½ mile—2m 8½s, Tit Bit, 4yrs, 7.5, C.J.C. Grandstand, 1887.
1¾ mile—2m 35½s—Merganser, 4yrs, 9.8, C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap, 1893.
1¾ mile—3m 5s, Waitiri, 4yrs, 8.5, A.R.C. Handicap, 1887; St. Katherine, 3yrs, 7.11, Wanganui Cup, 1893.
2 miles—3m 29s, Rosefeldt, 5yrs, 7.7, N.Z. Cup, 1893.
2 miles and a distance—3m 50s, Occident, 6yrs, 7.10 Dunedin Cup, 1891.
2½ miles—3m 57½sec, Euroclydon, 3yrs, 7.9, Canterbury Cup, 1895.

AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN.

3 furlongs—36s, Cumberland, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 1893, Australia.
¾ mile—46s, Gaudline, West Chester Course, N.Y. (track partly down hill), August 30, 1893, America.
5 furlongs—57s, Correction, West Chester Course, N.Y. (track partly down hill), Sept. 29, 1893; Dr. Hasbrouck also made this record; America.
1m, Patroness, Randwick, March 26, 1894, Australia.
1m 6s, Walwa, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 30, 1893, Australia.
5½ furlongs—1m 7s, Wild Rose, Caulfield, Feb., 1891, Australia.
¾ mile—1m 9s, Domino, Morris Park, N.Y. (track partly down hill), Sept. 29, 1893, America.
1m 14s, Ascot Vale, Flemington, Vic., Jan. 2, 1893; Volcano, N.S.W., Vanitas, Randwick, and Walwa, Vic., also made this record; Australia.
7 furlongs—1m 23½s, Bella B, Monmouth Park, July 8, 1890, America.
1m 27s, Trieste, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 3, 1891, Australia.
1 mile—1m 35½s, Salvador, against time, Monmouth Park, N.Y., Aug. 8, 1890, America.
1m 40s, Bungebah, Randwick, N.S.W., Sept., 1890; this record has also been made by Boolka, Kingfish, Delaware, and Paris; Australia.
1 mile and 1 furlong—1m 51s, Tristan, Morris Park, N.Y., June 2, 1891, America.
1m 55s, Rosebrook, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1893, Acme, Reconstruction, and Cerise and Blue also made this time; Australia.
1½ mile—2m 3½s, Banquet, Monmouth Park, N.J., July 17, 1890, America.
2m 6s, Hova, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 11, 1893, Australia.
1 mile 3 furlongs—2m 22½s, Aristocrat and Leichardt, Rosehill; Australia.
1½ mile—2m 32½s, Lamplighter, Monmouth Park, N.J., Aug. 9, 1892, America.
2m 35s, Prince Imperial, Hawkesbury, 1885; Megaphone, Hawkesbury, N.S.W., Sept. 6, 1890, and King Olat, Hawkesbury, N.S.W., April 11, 1891, Australia.
1 mile 5 furlongs—2m 49½s, Hopetoun, Flemington, Jan., 1893; Australia.
1½ mile—3m 0½s, Hotspur, San Francisco, April 30, 1891, America.
3m 3s, Corzeze, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 8, 1890, Australia. Donation also made this record, Flemington, Nov. 1893.
2 miles—3m 27½s, Ten Broeck, against time, Louisville, Kentucky, May 29, 1877, America.
3m 28½s, Carbine carrying (10.5), Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1890, Australia.
2½ miles—3m 56½s, Preakness and Springbok, dead heat, Saratoga, N.Y., July 29, 1875, America.
3m 59½s, Idolator, Flemington, Vic., March 3, 1896, and Dreadnought, Flemington, Victoria, March 4, 1890, Australia.
3 miles—5m 23½s, Wallace and Quiver dead heat, Flemington, Vic., March 5, 1896, Australia.

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WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1896.

TURF GOSSIP.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

THE Wairarapa Racing Club recently held a special meeting of its members to consider the advisability of holding a race meeting at Easter without the totalisator. Other matters cropped up

at the meeting at which some very plain talking was indulged in. One member was of opinion, that there was some political jobbery being brought into the dispute and they should get at the bottom of it. He considered the Metropolitan body should be in their (the Wairarapa) district? One member referring to the totalisator dispute in the Wellington district, then pertinently asked "who does this Club blame, the Metropolitan Club or the Premier?" Opinions were very much divided on this point, several members calling out "both," while another member wanted a vote taken, to ascertain, according to the opinion of that meeting, who was to blame for the chaos existing at present amongst the clubs in the district. This request was not acceded to, but the chairman (Mr W. E. Bidwell) remarked that the Wellington Club as well as their own Club had suffered, and other clubs might suffer next year. He moved:—"That the Gaming and Lotteries Act be amended so that the totalisator permits be granted at the beginning of each racing year from 31st July to 1st August in each year." Also "That a non-political board be set up appointed by the whole of the licensed racing clubs in the colony to advise the Government as to which clubs are entitled to totalisator permits for the season, and only such clubs, be allowed a permit." That copies of these resolutions be sent to Messrs Buchanan and Hogg, M.H.R.'s, asking them to use their best endeavours to get the Act so amended." There can be no objection to the proposed addition to the Gaming and Lotteries Act, as racing clubs would then know how many meetings they were to have and arrange their programmes accordingly. The second proposition appears to us to be *in fine*. What is to become of the Racing Conference? Is the latter body, not non-political, and have they not already advised the Government that meetings should be curtailed. That they did so is upon record, but the manner that the Conference arrived at their decisions is what has caused nearly all the trouble. No figures, valuations, returns of improvements made during the last few years, state of running track and accommodation for the public, were called for, hence the curtailment of well appointed clubs, and the retention, in other instances, of racing clubs that have hardly any accommodation to offer, either to the public or horse owners. The population basis has never been taken into account either. However, we are going to endeavour to set the Wairarapa Club right, and try and prove to them that neither the Premier, to a certain extent, or the Wellington Metropolitan Club are to blame for the trouble that has been caused to the racing institutions of the Wellington district. We blame the Racing Conference of 1894—for this reason. In the Gaming Act of 1894, introduced by the Hon Sir R. Stout, one of the new clauses inserted, was No. 7, which reads as follows:—"If it be shown to the satisfaction of the Colonial Secretary, that a representative racing club for the colony has been established, by the vote of at least one-half of the clubs which received licenses to use the Totalisator during the twelve months mentioned in the last preceding section, then the president of such representative racing club shall have the powers and duties relating to the issue of licenses imposed and conferred upon the Colonial Secretary, by section forty-six of the principal act, except with respect to subsection (1) which shall thereupon cease to be operative, and by section six of this Act." The intention of the then Colonial Secretary was very clear. He wanted to be relieved of the duty of issuing totalisator licenses, recognising that it could be better attended to by a properly established racing club for the colony. But the Conference missed the opportunity of having full control over the totalisator permits and allowed the power to remain in the hands of the Government, for which a number of racing clubs now have to suffer. When racing clubs are sending delegates to the next Conference, they should send men of practical experience, and those who take more than a passing interest in racing. To send a gentleman down to the conference, as delegate, simply because of his social position locally, is the height of folly and will result in no better turf legislation than we have had for years past.



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING, 1897-1898.

THE ROYAL STAKES,

For Yearlings and Foals,
Of 500 sovs; the owner of the second horse to receive 10 per cent, and the owner of the third horse 5 per cent out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds. Weight-for-age. Winners after August 1st, 1897, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250 sovs, 3lb; of 500 sovs, 5lb; of 750 sovs, 7lb; of 1,000 sovs, 10lb. Maiden three-year-olds at time of starting allowed 10lb; two-year-olds, 7lb. By subscription of 10 sovs each, payable to the Secretary of the A.R.C. on general entry day, Summer Meeting, 1897, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows:—Yearlings (foals of 1894) may be struck out upon payment of 1 sov by the first Friday in June, 1897; or upon payment of 3 sovs by the first Friday in December, 1897. Foals of 1895 may be struck out upon payment of 1 sov by the first Friday in June, 1897; or upon payment of 3 sovs by the first Friday in December, 1897. All horses remaining in after the first Friday in December, 1897, must pay their total entrance of 10 sovs by 12 noon the day before the race. Should there be any surplus arising from the subscriptions it will be given to the race. Entries close for foals on Friday, April 17th, 1896, by 9 p.m. No money is required at the time of nomination. Entries for the above events to be made to the Secretary of the A.R.C., at his office, Durham Street; or to the Secretary of the C.J.C., Canterbury; D.J.C., Dunedin; H.B.J.C., Napier; W.R.C., Wellington; M.R.C., Blenheim; V.R.C., Melbourne; A.J.C., Sydney. Six furlongs.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1897

THE GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES, 1897.

For Now Yearlings,
Of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 8lb, 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, 1896, 2 sovs forfeit; if struck out by the first Friday in February, 1897, 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. Entries close on Friday, 17th April, 1896. No money is required at the time of nomination. Six furlongs.
WM. PERCIVAL,
Secretary A.R.C.



WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB NOMINATIONS FOR YEARLINGS.

MONDAY, 4TH MAY, 1896, AT 9 P.M.

NOMINATIONS FOR TWO-YEAR-OLD STAKES, 1897.

(To be run in March.)

A sweepstake of 10 sovs each for starters, with 150 sovs added; 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, 7lbs extra (penalties not accumulative). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 4 sovs and 5 sovs at the post. Distance, six furlongs.

AND FOR

WANGANUI DERBY, 1897

(To be Run in October),

Of 200 sovs, added to a sweepstake of 10 sovs each for starters; second horse to receive 50 sovs from the stakes. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 4 sovs; and 5 sovs at the post. Distance, one mile and a half.

FREEMAN R. JACKSON,

Secretary and Treasurer.

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DAN. McLEOD,

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February 29th, 1896.

Inter-Provincial.

WELLINGTON.

Revolution and Revolt sold privately—The Wellington and Greymouth Jockey Clubs—The latter club wants the Wellington permit—The latter club cannot give what they have not got—A suggestion for a "Brunner Fund Race Meeting" at Wellington.

The Wairarapa Racing Club Meeting was held on Easter Monday and Tuesday without the totalisator. The weather was threatening on the first day and rained the second day. The attendance on both days was fair. Ten bookmakers paid a license of £5 per day to bet.

The racing at the meeting was about the best yet seen in the Wairarapa, the various events being splendidly contested, and Mr John Coyle was congratulated on the successful results of his handicaps.

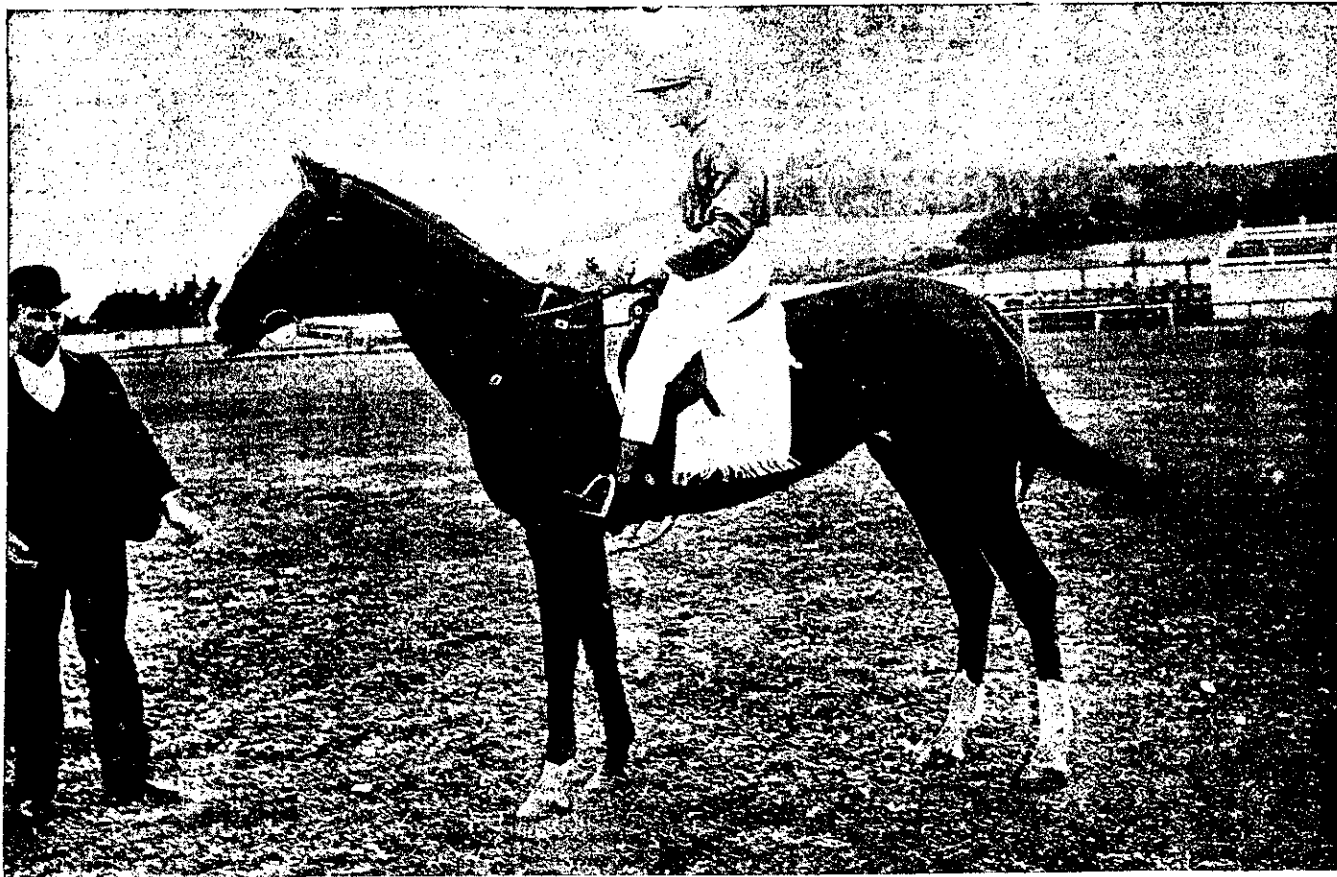
Master Agnes' stock accounted for six events. Mr Isaac Freeth has disposed of Revolution (Treason—Mischief) to a Wairarapa sport. Mr Freeth has also disposed of Revolt, Mr Campbell, of Wainuiomata (Wellington), being the purchaser.

The veteran owner and trainer (Mr Freeth) has had a disastrous season with his team.

The deadlock between the Metropolitan Club and the Acting Colonial Secretary is still under discussion. The Greymouth Jockey Club are anxious to hold a meeting in aid of the Brunner disaster, and wired for the sanction of the local Metropolitan Club, with a view of securing the totalisator permit withheld from the Wellington Racing Club. This has elicited a letter, over the initials "J.H.P." which appeared in Tuesday morning's *Times*, and has been favourably commented on, and is likely to lead to action being taken forthwith. The Wellington Racing Club stewards meet on Wednesday, when, should they express a disinclination to adopt the suggestion, a strong committee will be formed with the view of carrying out the project. The following is the letter:—"The totalisator and the Brunner Fund. To the Editor, Sir.—I notice some correspondence has taken place between the secretaries of the Greymouth and the Wellington racing clubs, the proposal of the Greymouth Racing Club (the stewards of which are anxious to have the sanction of our local racing club before applying for an alleged 'left over' totalisator license) is with the view of arranging a race meeting ostensibly for the benefit of the Brunner Relief Fund. While not wishing to draw comparison between the manner in which horse racing is conducted on the West Coast and this province, I would like to draw attention to the central position of our local racecourse, which is most accessible, and conveniently situated for outside horse owners. I might also point out that if a race meeting is to be arranged for the benefit of the above fund, that Wellington is the best site for the same to be held. I would suggest that the stewards of the Wellington Racing Club at once assent to arrange a race meeting, and I feel sure a totalisator permit will be granted forthwith. Should the Greymouth Club consider they can raise £300 by the same means, there is no reason why they should not also be granted a permit and have their programme passed for the same laudable object. Should the stewards of the Wellington Racing Club not feel disposed to move in the manner I have suggested, an impromptu racing club could easily be formed and the Hutt Park racecourse obtained for a two-days meeting in aid of the Brunner Relief Fund. There are many influential sportsmen in Wellington who, I am sure, would take the matter in hand. The genial Mr Lyon, who acted as hon. sec. for the Hunt Club race meetings, would no doubt consent to act in the same capacity for a Brunner benefit meeting; whilst Messrs Evett and Piper, the W.R.C. handicapper and starter respectively, would be satisfied with

Sketches at the **A.R.C. Autumn Meeting.**

THE HEROINE OF THE MEETING.



Mr F. Watson's ch m ST. LAURA, 5yrs, by St. Leger—Miss Laura.

bare expenses for their labours, and thus a most successful and profitable meeting could be brought about. Indeed, I am sanguine the meeting would be a record one, as every influential racehorse owner in New Zealand would engage his horses, irrespective of the value of the stakes, and racing men would thus not be deprived of their winter meeting, while harmony might again reign all round, and at the same time the afflicted widows and orphans would reap a considerable benefit."

CANTERBURY.

Mr Stead's Sale—Cuirassow (Cuirassier—Albatross) admired—Kulnine in work—Vogengang leaving the race track—Silver Spec sold—New Forest and Golden Fleece coming to the North Island—Selections for S. Canterbury

Mr Stead's sale was most unsatisfactory, both to the vendor and the public. At the commencement of the proceedings Mr Pynr, the auctioneer, stated that it was almost unnecessary for him to say much about the character of the magnificent collection that he had to offer, as Mr Stead's stud required no words of his to enhance the quality of the high-class stock to be submitted. He did not intend to "trot," or to suggest values; he was entirely in the hands of buyers.

The first few lots submitted were brood mares and foals, and Mr Ormond, the well-known Hawke's Bay sportsman, secured some cheap lots, some of his purchases combining what is now so hard to get in the colony, a mixture of Traducer and Musket blood. As the sale progressed it became evident that anything good would have to be paid for, and as an instance of what transpired several times, I may mention that when the Auckland-bred colt, Uniform, was trotted into

the ring, a bid of 100rs. was immediately forthcoming, quickly followed by 150g. "It is no good, gentlemen," said Mr Pyne, "Mr Stead cannot sell at anything like that price." "Well, then, 200rs." "No, the price is simply absurd." Then 250rs. came like a shot, and then 275gs., but it was no good, and out went Uniform. Naturally, Mr Stead could dot "throw" his stock away, but there was no instruction, so far as I could see, to allow the animals to be "dispersed to the four corners of the colony." It was noticeable, too, that some of those offered, notably Grand Cross, who is unsound, and Osmania, who has a "knee," were allowed to remain in the ring sufficiently long to find new owners. "Oh, well," said the auctioneer, "we don't charge anything to allow you to look at them," and by the time the last lot was reached—Medallion—one bystander remarked that he thought "it was no use bidding, as it seemed there was no intention to sell." "Oh, yes there is," replied both Mr Stead and the auctioneer; "but if I," said the former, "have to keep any, I might as well keep the lot." Some of those sold were bargains, but no real good, sound animals, with the exception, perhaps, of Missfire, were sold. Personally, I am pleased the Yaldhurst horses have returned to their old quarters, for it would have been a great loss to the ranks of Canterbury sportsmen had Mr Stead retired. He has kept the best, and has sold some of the best brood mares ever foaled, and he is just as much entitled to "cull" his stud as was Mr W. R. Wilson.

The best animal, in my opinion, trotted round the show-ring was the two-year-old Cuirassow (by Cuirassier—Albatross), and if he does not turn out as good as Merganser I shall be surprised. He is, I think, one of the finest animals I have ever seen, not merely in one particular, but look at him where you will, the more enthusiastic one

gets. Looking over the young horses that have returned to Yaldhurst, and seeing in what capital condition they have been kept in, and with such material for his trainer to work on, it can be easily understood how Mr Stead wins most of the weight-for-age and classic races.

Kulnine is once more at Riccarton, very big, certainly, but he should be about when National time comes round.

The annual meeting of the Christchurch Hunt Club was held on Monday night, Mr P. Campbell in the chair. The report and balance sheet was read. Last year's receipts were £712 16s, and expenditure £634 4s 7d, leaving a credit of £78 12s 2d.

The appointment of officers was held over till a future meeting, as also was the question whether two or three farmers' races should be inserted in the point-to-point steeplechase.

The first meet of the present season will be on Saturday next.

Mr T. Sheenan informs me that it is unlikely that Vogengang will be trained again.

I hear Lakeshell may be tried again. He is undoubtedly a brilliant horse, but I do not think he will stand.

Silver Spec has changed hands, and I hear has gone to Marlborough.

New Forest has been purchased by a North Island sport, but I did not hear the buyers name.

Golden Fleece has also been purchased from Sir G. Clifford, and she will be taken North, and may then cross the Tasman sea.

The tracks at Riccarton are being top dressed. Matchwood, by Maxim, is to be added to the "list."

The Ashburton Meeting took place last Friday, but the weather was simply beastly, both saddling paddock and course being inches deep in mud and water. Cannonshot proved how good he is, by carrying top weight, and beating a decent second-class lot in the Netherby High Weight Handicap, but Warrington who finished second did better later on in the Allenton Handicap, which he won by a head from Miss Orwell. Lord of Misrule appropriated the big race, one mile and a quarter. He won easily from Salvo and Prime Warden, the latter being last, and only three started. Poor old Warden seems to have lost all form.

Skirmisher is to be sent to his owner's place at Oamaru, where he will have some months spell.

Nautilus Shell and Colbeck are also to be turned out.

Gillie, the steeplechaser, is improving with every gallop.

Mona may be given a spell.

I fancy the following for the South Canterbury meeting, on Thursday:—High-weight Handicap: Lord of Misrule or Speculator. Washdyke Welter: Ventura. Autumn Handicap: Culverin or Vandyke. Flying: Warrington or Cannon-shot.

HAWKES BAY.

Congratulations to Hon. J. D. Ormond—J. Oakenfall off to Coolgardie—Safe arrival of blood stock—Napier punters in funds—Ebor's win welcome news—Successful Jockeys.

Several Hawkes Bay sportsmen sent the Hon. J. D. Ormond congratulatory telegrams, upon receiving the news of the victory of his colt Dauntless, in the Challenge Stakes at Riccarton. The win must have been all the more acceptable to the registered owner of the "cerise jacket," as the colt was home bred.

Napier backers profited considerably over the success of Acone and Donald McKinnon in Auckland, and with Hopeful and Dauntless in winning form at Christchurch, coupled with Lotion's dual win at Fielding they have been in great glee. Stay-at-home punters, therefore, had no reason to complain, and as I have before mentioned, if local owned horses do

THE WINNER OF THE TWO STEEPLECHASES.



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manage to get home when visiting foreign parts, the local backers participate in the results. Certainly Spindrift and Bessie McCarthy were well supported, but the other victories by local contestants allowed a good margin to be carried forward to their banking accounts.

D. Wright (brother of George, of Elterslie) was in great form at Waipukurau Meeting on Easter Monday. He won twice on Rainbow, and once on Moonraker, and was on the back of the Tasmanian bred one when Martyrdom just pipped him in the Easter Handicap.

Waitangi (Foul Shot—Sir Watkin mare) is being hacked about Napier streets, and a certain amount of mystery seems to be shrouded up in this horse. He won the Maiden race at the late Wairoa Meeting, and was entered for several other events at that place, but he either failed to score, or was scratched, or certain reasons prevented them starting the horse. He was also entered at Napier Park, but did not put in an appearance. He must be better than he looks, for he is a plain looking customer, with a most uncommonly sour looking figure head on him.

A committee meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club was held on Thursday afternoon, and it is satisfactory to know that, in spite of the terrible weather that was experienced on the second day of the Autumn Meeting, that the Club came out with a fair balance for the two days' racing. The date for receiving nominations for the Winter Meeting was altered from April 14th to the 21st. Several accounts were passed for payment, including large amounts for improvements to the course and buildings.

The Hawkes Bay Jockey Club have issued their programme for their Winter Meeting.

McKeague, who used to don the black jacket and red cap of the Wanganui sport, Mr J. Paul, rode two winners at Waipukurau, Martyrdom and Bedford. He is now attached to the Hon. J. D. Ormond's stable at Karamu.

J. Oakenfall, who for some considerable time was engaged at Mr W. Rathbone's racing and breeding establishment at Waipawa, and who latterly has been training Sparkle and Moira, at Hastings, left to-day (Tuesday) for Coolgardie.

By the Wairoa, which arrived from Lyttelton on Monday, the Hon. J. D. Ormond's team of racers, and the brood mares purchased by that gentleman at Mr G. G. Stead's sale, were passengers. The former, with the exception of Spindrift, who had a very heavy and woe-begone appearance, and whose dicky led looked none too promising, showed no bad effects from their Southern campaign. Almost immediately after landing they left by road for the home stables at Karamu.

The receipt of the news announcing the success of Mr S. H. Gollan's Ebor, in the Great Stafford Steeplechase, at Home, was received by Napier and Hastings sportsmen with great satisfaction, and a large number of people at both places who do not come, strictly speaking, within the sporting circle, were glad to hear that his pluck has at last been rewarded, and they all hope that it is only the precursor of many more victories between the flags for the N.Z. sportsman.

The Turf in Australia.

[OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The A.J.C. Meeting—Courallie's Victory—How he was backed for the Doncaster—True Blue galloped on—Cabin Boy is not a hack—Chesterman might be such—A strong favourite nearly beaten—Punters dubious about Wallace winning the Sydney Cup—Great rejoicing when he won—Trentham (Trenton—Nellie Moore) a "clipper"—Toreador blocked in the Cup race—Coil and Newhaven—Cydnus a likely Derby colt—Waterbury and Ballyhooley baulk in the Steeplechase—"A Prize Distribution" by members of Tattersall's.

THE only feature of the A.J.C. Doncaster mile was the comparatively easy victory scored by the top-weight, Courallie, who put on such a dash in the home stretch that nothing could catch him. His 9.3 in 2min 40sec was a great go, but, of course, doesn't approach Marvel's great run a few years ago when he beat St. Blaize with 10.4 up. A strange thing about Courallie's race isn't generally known. For a week or so he was a hot favourite, and the papers recorded thousands as having been booked against him, straight out and in doubles. Of course the public fell in, as usual, and backed the good thing all roads. But the owner said afterwards that he hadn't got any of the thousands—in fact, had very little about the horse. Courallie was apparently forced into the betting as a stalking horse for the ring to make a market. On the day he went back to 14 to 1, and then the stable got their little bit. When the son of Honeycomb cantered home the consternation of the ring may be imagined. Albicore, the beautiful Response, and Patron's sister, Patrona, were first picks at starting time, and though Albicore was prominent, she knocked off at the racing end. Patrona disappointed Chipping Norton, but Response was bound to get a place. It's picking up money backing the mare for a drum in most big handicaps, or in fact for any race. True Blue, the Auckland-bred Hotchkiss colt, ran into second position, though I believe he was badly galloped on during the spin. It interfered somewhat with his Sydney Cup prospects, and he was never prominent. I have a great opinion of this youngster, who should be able to hold his end up with the best next spring. Mundiva, the country horse introduced into the Newmarket Handicap betting at the last moment, ran absolutely. He isn't a bad looking sort, but wants time. The Delaney family were conspicuous at the finish, three brothers being on the placed horses.

When a niddy is well, and is a good 'un, it takes a grandstand to stop him. On the second day Courallie was given 10.0, or 16lbs more than when he ran second in the Newmarket, yet he got home in 1min 15sec by a head from Dora (6.13), a five-year-old by Chesman—Remnant, Aurea (8.12), by Abercorn, being bang up third. There were fifteen others—some of the best, including Whakawatea (9.5). Cabin Boy (8.10) and Royal Rose (8.3) were last. The result sets one thinking what a good mare Maluma must be to have donkey licked a horse like Courallie in the Newmarket.

People expected Wallace to have a canter over for the St. Leger, but they met with sweet disappointment. His Flemington Leger rival, Cabin Boy, was there, and made him go all he knew. It was a forlorn hope a hundred yards from home, and backers who laid odds on Carbine's son almost contracted heart disease. Gough walloped him all the way up the straight, and he only passed Oxenham's colt in the last few strides. At the start Wallace wouldn't face the music until Cabin Boy pulled out and let him come up on the inside. Cabin Boy made the pace the whole way, galloping in the free and easy style for which he was noted at Flemington. He had a three lengths lead of Wallace at one time, but the chestnut reduced this to a length. At the back, however, Cabin Boy swung away and made things warm, and it was only by the most desperate riding that Gough passed the leader on the very threshold of victory. The result goes to show that Wallace isn't a brilliant of the extra special brand. Also that Cabin Boy isn't the hack he was thought to be. He can gallop and stay without a doubt. The Merry Boy ran most respectably behind the leaders, giving one the idea that he will prove a fair handicap horse later on. The Skipper and Fort were the last two. The latter looked dangerous in the straight, but he was, with Wallace, under the whip, and faded. Only that Wallace is as game as he is, he'd never win a race. He never shirks the floggings he gets in every event, taking his gruel like he does his oats.

The w.f.a. Autumn Stakes seemed to be a waiting sort of a race. Delaware, who took the lead, waited until the last half mile was entered on, and then set sail. He just held his advantage long enough to get home from the much improved Valiant, and Acmena was alongside the pair. Valiant seemed to falter near the post, otherwise he might have reversed things. Toreador and The Harvester weren't far away from the leaders. Were the latter fit he would have set the field to the right about. Chesterman shaped as expected, and ran last. He'd make a good butcher's Sunday afternoon horse for gallops on the beach.

When anyone prates of "morals," back the best outsiders. People laid odds on the Carbine youngster, Facile, for the Maiden Two-year-old. He led in the straight, and it seemed all over until the never-mentioned-in-the-betting Snapshot (Nordenfeldt—Miriam) dashed up and gave a hot battle to the favourite, who only just got home. Vigilance (third) is by Abercorn—Lady Vivian. Sabretache, the Auckland-r (by Cuirassier—Toie), started, but was very green. He wasn't last, anyhow, Mosaic whipping in.

Snapshot can't be a bad sort of a two-year-old for he lined-up for the one mile and a quarter Maiden on the second day and started at 6's. He crossed Patrona in the straight and ran fourth. Patrona, however, won from the favourite, The Merry Boy (by Trenton—Mara), Dan O'Brien's Ilchester (Abercorn—Iolanthe) being third.

A few days before the meeting Whakawatea (10.13) was the prime pick for the High-weight Handicap, but, at the post, Little Agnes (Trenton—Dame Agnes) displaced him, and she won. There were a large number of withdrawals, the field being reckoned to have little show with Mr W. A. Long's mare, who has been going to win a race for some time. Attachment (Clieveden—Affectiou) split her and Whakawatea in the place list.

After the way he shaped in the Leger, people weren't so sure about Wallace for the Sydney Cup, but he went out at 3's. Leslie McDonald started Trentham to make the pace, and how did he make it! He didn't show up in the Doncaster on the first day, but with 28lb from Wallace in the matter of weight, he was enabled to scoot over the two miles in fine style. He had a length's advantage in front of the stand, where Delaware was pulling double. He made the pace a cracker at the five-furlong post, ere which was reached there were a number of changes. In the straight the leader was still going strong, and at the Leger Cullinan looked round to see what had become of Wallace. The favourite was then brought along under the whip, and gradually passed his stable-mate. He had had a clear run, but not so Toreador, who was vainly trying to get out of the beaten ruck. He succeeded too late and came with a rattle, beating Trentham by a short length for second place. The scene that followed Wallace's victory was reminiscent of the year his dad won the event. The majority of the crowd had their little bit on the chestnut, hence the cheers and tears of joy. The Trier, who ran second to Lady Trenton a couple of years ago, was fourth, but Patroness, last year's winner, didn't shape according to promise. Response and The Skipper followed, four lengths in front of Valiant. Then came Dauden (who was privately expected to run rings round things). Waihine, Chesterman, and Malachite were the last three home.

The time for the Cup (3min 31sec) had only been put up once previously—by Carbine Wallace, too, is the second V.R.C. Derby winner to win the Sydney Cup in the same season for the last thirty-seven years. The Australian Peer was the other. The winner was only packed in with the field once during the race, and Gough got out of the road with all possible expediency. Trentham's meritorious two miles in front of a field of twenty-one others, indicates something hot in the near future. He should improve greatly by the spring. I gave an opinion of the son of Nelly Moore a little while back in the REVIEW, and I quite expected to see him shine as he did on Monday. Wallace's win was in a

great measure due to his efforts. Trentham was one of the best bred in the race, and appears to be coming on as a stayer earlier than his half-brother (Lochiel) did. The latter was regarded as a sprinter until he upset the apple-cart in the New Zealand Cup—memorable day!—and showed what he could do over distances in Australia afterwards.

Toreador had certainly had luck in getting blocked in. It would have been a great "go" if he had got clear in time. Had he done so he would have beaten Wallace. That's a certainty. He was going much faster than the favourite at the finish. Then again, under other circumstances, Trentham could have beaten the pair had Callinan rode on his own, instead of according to orders. It was noticed that the placed trio in the Autumn Stakes were quite out of it, a fact which once again demonstrates the unreliability of w.f.a. events as a guide to picking handicaps.

Last year Wallace, favourite for the Champagne Stakes, was downed by Bob Ray. On Monday Newhaven was reckoned such a good thing for the same event that odds were laid on him, and he was badly beaten not only by Coil, but by the undreamt of Gozoczar, owned by Mrs Gannon, relict of the late Mr W. Gannon, who raced Arsenal, The Australian Peer, and others. Personally, I have always thought Coil nearly as good as Newhaven, but have been frightened to say so aloud—to a Victorian, at any rate. I was consequently surprised, even after Coil's defeat in the Flemington Ascot Vale Stakes, to see Cobbitty's brother go out at sevens. He was second favourite, 'his true, but then the race was a bird for the Victorian champion. Both were penalised 10lbs on top of 8.10. Before the St. Leger was reached Newhaven got his head in front, but on Coil getting abreast of him he couldn't go any faster, and the Abercorn colt got home a length and a half from the unpenalised Gozoczar, who won a race recently, and appears to be something out of the common. Tire was fourth, three lengths in front of Facile, and then followed the much-discussed Huret and Vigilance. My opinion of Coil is that he will prove far and away the better three-year-old than Newhaven. I took a fancy to the youngster the first time I saw him, and unless he has the bad luck in training that Cobbitty had, he should prove a dandy over all distances.

Writing of juveniles leads me to think that St. Albans may prove as strong as ever next spring. Cydnus, the winner of the First Nursery, beating Le Nord (Nordenfeldt—Hebe, imp.), Sayles, and fifteen others, with 8.5 up, is not yet as fit as might be, and he looks just the sort to blossom into a tip-top Derby colt. He is by Trenton—Hypatia, and that you will write his name pretty often next spring is almost certain, unless I'm a bad judge. He won his race easily, and had a lot in hand. Present indications lead to the conclusion that next season's three-year-olds will be the best seen out for years.

Lameness in the shoulder was, I believe, the cause of Fishmonger's withdrawal in his engagements. The First Steeplechase fell to Black-tracker (Pathfinder—Zingari), who went out at tens. The Joker (The Drummer—Camilla) was a good second, and the ancient Bushman third. Waterbury stuck up at the second of the treble the first time, and Ballyhooley did likewise the second time round. King, the favourite, and Glenara fell. Mikado II. was ten lengths off fourth.

As Courallie and Wallace were written heavily in all the combination books, pencillers didn't enjoy their Easter holidays to any great extent. Wallace was favourite since the appearance of the weights in all the colonies, so that the public participate in a general prize distribution.

Owners and Trainers' Reminders

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

On Friday, 17th, at 9 p.m., nominations close for the following events;—
Avondale Hack Handicap.
Handicap Hurdles.
Autumn Handicap.
Avondale Stakes Handicap.
Pony Handicap.
Waitakere Handicap.
Handicap Steeplechase.
Shorts Handicap.

AUCKLAND JOCKEY CLUB.

On Friday, 17th April, nominations close as under:—
Royal Stakes of 500 sovs, for yearlings and foals.
The Great Northern Champagne Stakes of 300 sovs, for no yearlings.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

On Friday, 24th April, at 9 p.m., nominations will close with the secretary at Devonport, or at Mr W. Blomfield's office, Durham Street East, Auckland, for the following events:—

FIRST DAY.
Handicap Maiden Hurdles.
Handicap Maiden Plate.
First Handicap Hurdles.
Birthday Handicap.
First Pony Handicap.
Royal Handicap.

SECOND DAY.

Hack Handicap.
Second Handicap Hurdles.
Britannia Handicap.
Handicap Steeplechase.
Victoria Handicap.
Second Pony Handicap.
Welter Handicap.

EGMONT R.C. WINTER MEETING.

On Friday, 1st May, at 9 p.m., acceptances close as under:—
First Handicap Hurdles.
Handicap Hack Hurdles.
Hawera Stakes Handicap.
First Handicap Hack Flat.
Egmont Steeplechase.
Stewards' Stakes Handicap.

Sporting News.

[BY REVIEWER.]

Count Lamont broke down at the Dargaville Meeting.

Old Chester changed hands during the Dargaville Meeting.

Barmy struck himself badly in a gallop last Friday morning.

I am pleased to hear that Mr S. Bradley's colt, Armour, is in work again at Randwick.

Handicaps for the Egmont Winter Meeting are due on or about Friday, 24th April.

A resident of Greyouth has had the good fortune to draw the third horse in the Sydney Cup in Tattersall's sweep.

Goodwood (by Ascot—Maid of Eccleston, by The Pain er) has been sold in Christchurch for 14gs. That's little enough money, surely, for a stallion.

It is rumoured that Stepfeldt is to retire at once to the paddock, and will not be raced any more this season, but will take up stud duties next season.

Mr E. Lawrence has purchased the pony Mavourneen (by Anteros) from Mr J. Clements. The little chestnut mare showed good form at our late meeting.

In the Grandstand Handicap at the A.R.C. Meeting a protest was lodged, by the owner of Romp, against St. Kilda for crossing, but was promptly dismissed.

The sale of 123 thoroughbred yearlings, at the Randwick autumn sales this year, realised 9328 guineas, as compared with 117 yearlings and 8421 guineas last year.

Ngtuere and Ebor II. were heavily backed for the two principal events at Feilding, but the luck which formerly attended Homes' stable seems to have departed.

Cartridge (full-sister to Derringer), who was shipped from Auckland to England, missed last season to the Duke of Westminster's Blue Green, and this year has visited Orme.

Swordfish was backed by his connections pretty heavily in two hack races at Feilding, and, in his third race, when he won and paid £15 dividend, they let him go quite unbacked.

The stable took upwards of £600 from the totaliser over Man-o'-War's victory in the Feilding Handicap, but the second day's investments on the same horse were unremunerative.

The Mimi (Taranaki) Racing Club have had their programme of seven events and £42 stake money passed by the Taranaki Metropolitan Club, and the meeting will be held on May 25th.

Local sports will be able to enjoy an afternoon's fun at Potter's Paddock on Saturday, when the Auckland Polo Club will bring off their Annual Sports and Races. First event starts at 1.30 p.m.

Mr J. Paul has sent Cretonne (Ascot—Leonessa) to "Ted" Gilpin, at Napier, who will hunt the big chestnut, after which he may be given a trial in some of the back-end steeplechases.

The owners of Dianio are sanguine that the splint lameness, from which the crack steeplechaser is suffering, will have nearly worn off by next month so as to permit the horse being shipped by the Orizaba.

Bombshell is at the head of winning two-year-olds this season so far, his earnings totalling £1017. Our local two-year-olds are well up on the list; St. Paul £736, and Armilla £577; Porangi Potae £128 5s.

One jockey was brought before the stewards at Riccarton on Tuesday week, and as he was carrying too much inside weight, in the shape of liquid refreshment, his license was cancelled over the meeting.—*The Spectator*.

Messrs. McLeod and Cleland, having had enquiries for quotations on the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups, they have decided to open a double book, and have agreed to quote the tempting price of 1000 to 1 on the field.

The appeal lodged by Mr J. B. Williamson against the action of the Takapuna Jockey Club in declaring "no race" in the Hobson Handicap, in which Admiral Hawke came in first, has been dismissed by the Auckland Racing Club.

Some southern papers say that Mr Stead's sale was not quite so "unreserved" as advertised, but it afforded him an opportunity of getting rid of what he did not want. Well, he may regret parting with mares like Enid, Auray, and Siesta.

Acme (by Chester—Princess Maud, imp.), dam of Acmena, Arquebus, and Acton, died suddenly the other day at the Kirkham Stud; while, at the same stud, about the same time Aurelia (by Musket) died from snake bite. Aurelia was dam of Aurea.

We are likely to have a choice sort of field for our Grand National Hurdles in June. Flying Shot, if he keeps well, will be a visitor; St. Kilda is having a little practice, and Donald McKinnon remains here until the meeting. I shall also expect to see Docility.

The C.J.C. paid away a total of £3,396 5s. in stakes in connection with their Autumn meeting, the principal winners being: Mr G. G. Stead, £1,268 5s.; Hon. J. D. Ormond, £959 10s.; Mr H. Vallance, £456; Mr M. Hobbs, £147 5s.; Mr J. Curran, £133; Mr S. J. Mercer, £114.

The Anti-Gambling League had no chance of stopping racing in England, but a great outbreak of that deadly epidemic, small-pox, has prevented the Gloucester races and other sports being held. Now, if any of these Anti-Gambling Leaguers and wrongly-informed parsons desire to wipe out "all evils," let several of their league be inoculated with small-pox. This seems to be the only chance they have of stopping the great national sport.

Handicaps for the Wanganui Steeplechase Meeting are due on or about Tuesday, 28th April.

It is said the bookmakers lost over £8,000 by the Australian Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting. It is strange we don't get their winning figures for other meetings. By the song that is being made over their losses, one would be led to the conclusion that they are never supposed to lose.

J. Mulry, the well-known Sydney cross-country horseman, who was severely injured, when Thor fell with him in the last Roschill Steeplechase, died in the Paramatta Hospital on Easter Monday. He was 26 years of age and had been connected with Mr W. Kelso's stable for a long time.

The Avondale Jockey Club are out with a programme for Saturday, 2nd May, when £300 will be distributed between eight events. Trainees should read the programme carefully, as there is an excellent chance of obtaining "winter oats" from among the varied events. The nominations close on Friday of this week.

The local agents, Messrs L. D. Nathan and Co., notify by advertisement that the s.s. Anglian will leave Auckland for Sydney on Monday, 20th inst, at 4 p.m., and the s.s. Tasmania leaves Auckland for Gisborne, Napier, Wellington, Lyttleton, and Dunedin on Tuesday, 21st inst, at 12 noon.

The Wairarapa Observer, referring to the betting at the Wairarapa Easter Meeting, says that "the odds laid were by no means large." The representative of our contemporary should have been at the Sandon Meeting; it became quite monotonous hearing "6 to 4" called out so often, with a 10 to 1 limit, in nearly every race.

Hova is said to be a rig, but all the same is a "papa." I never heard that he had served any mares, but I suppose the "par" is truthful enough. Any class of horse out "proud" is always healthier, has better constitution, and more pluck and spirit than those that are cut so close that they have to be dosed with sweet-nitre for the rest of their days.

Breeders, owners, and trainers are reminded that nominations for the Auckland Royal Stakes of 500 sovs, six furlongs, and the Great Northern Champagne Stakes of 300 sovs, six furlongs, close with Mr Wm. Percival, secretary A.R.C., at his office, on Friday, 17th inst. The advertisement containing particulars of these races will be found in another column.

All the trainers speak in high terms of the s.s. Gairloch as one of the most steady boats obtainable for carrying racehorses, and "all hands" on board are only too willing to assist in the shipping and landing of the horses and as they have had considerable experience in this kind of cargo between New Plymouth and Auckland, their assistance is very valuable.

The stewards of the Waipukurau Jockey Club had an easy thing in protests to decide at their Easter meeting. The owner of Hilda II. lodged a protest against Billy (the winner of the Hurdle Race) for not jumping the hurdle in front of the Grand Stand. It they could not decide accurately, upon a protest like that, spectacles would have to be ordered for the stewards. The protest was dismissed.

Another coupon will be found in this week's REVIEW. Our readers are asked to try and select the winners for the Takapuna Birthday Handicap (one mile and a quarter), A.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race (two miles), and the Great Northern Steeplechase (about three miles and a half). The former race will be decided on May 23rd, and the two latter races at the June meeting of the Auckland Racing Club.

At the Randwick Autumn sales of yearlings, I notice the Squire of Wellington Park bought one local-bred youngster, a filly by Sweet William—Diana, by Goldsborough. Mr Dan O'Brien bought from the same stud a chestnut colt by Goldsborough—Ta-Ta, by Segenhoe. The yearling brown colt that Mr W. R. Wilson purchased for 300gs is a full brother to Etra-Weenie, being by Trenton—Nellie, not Nellie Moore as cabled.

Mr W. T. Jones who gave 2,000gs for Newhaven is an unlucky buyer. It will be remembered he gave 2,000gs for Penance, who did one great gallop with Carbine (I think that performance out the 2,000gs out). Then he gave 1,500gs for Capetan, presumably to win the last Caulfield Cup, but has not returned his purchase money yet. A gentleman that "puts the dust down handsome, like," deserves to have the best horse in the land.

The Dunedin Coursing meeting commences on the 29th inst, the first event being the Dunedin Challenge Stakes. Several Auckland greyhounds will make the journey, consequently great interest locally, is being taken in the meeting. With such greyhounds as Shyllock, The Fiend, Cushla, Doris, Asco, and Myrtle taking a hand, the local kennels ought to score a win. Several of our local metallicians leave next Monday to assist at the gathering.

It is said that Sir George Clifford contemplates retiring from the turf. If ever a man has proved his gameness in continuing racing, with the luck he has had, it is Sir George, but, in a friendly way, our "office boy" suggests the employment of another trainer—the same as Mr G. G. Stead did when his luck had run out. How did the Talisman (R. J. Mason) work? Nearly scooped the pool at the next C.J.C. Spring Meeting (Lochiel's year) with the same horses that were being beaten before. Poor old Ted Cutts' luck seems dead out, and when that happens in a racing stable you have to turn round three times, several times during the day, don't look at cross-eyed people or magpies, turn your money over, but not the saltcellar, when the new moon comes in, and shake hands with every "chow" you meet, and so on, for a few years—until your luck returns. Racing stables have periods of good and bad luck, and when the former is in, "yer can't go wrong," and when it is out everything goes topsy-turvy. Then, Sir George, give Stonyhurst chance in another district, then success might come back bright and smiling once more.

A meeting was held at Waitara on Friday last, when it was decided to submit a programme (no totalisator) of seven events, prize money £45, to the Taranaki Metropolitan Club for approval. The date proposed for the race-meeting is Thursday, May 21st.

Kalo, bred by Mr J. Lee in New South Wales, in 1879, by Yattendon, dam Gipsy Girl (Randwick's dam) by imp. Kingston, died at Gisborne recently. He was brought to Auckland in 1882 when two years old, and when in training was a complete "frost," but he managed to get home in a race at the Auckland meeting of April, 1885, and paid a dividend of £251 14s. He was not a success at the stud, although he had few good mares, and the only one of his get of any note is The Sharper.

This week we publish the Auckland Racing Club's programme for the North New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase Meeting, to be held at Ellerslie on Saturday, 6th June, and Monday, 8th June. To owners and trainers of steeplechase and hurdle horses, there is an abundance of well-endowed races provided for them. The Grand National Hurdle Race prize is £250, and the Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap £400. Wanganui, coastal, and southern trainers, who contemplate a trip to Auckland in June, will find the programme very interesting reading.

Mr John Coyle was complimented by the Wairarapa sports upon the excellence of his handicaps for the Easter Meeting, the large acceptances received, and the splendid racing that eventuated. I wish Mr Coyle success in his new undertaking, which he may perhaps be able to work in with something else. Another handicapper is required for the hack meetings on the Wanganui coast, one that can attend the majority of the hack-meetings and see how the various horses run, as owners, on the score of expense, ere beginning to tire of "gues-work" handicaps.

The cableman informs us that Newhaven's easy win in the Easter Handicap at the A.J.C. Meeting, as compared with his defeat in the Champagne Stakes, caused considerable comment, and there was a demonstration against the horse and owner. The Jockey Club decided to enquire into Newhaven's running and also into the riding of Courallie by Delaney in the All-aged Stakes, the owner of Courallie having asked for an enquiry. Since the above was cabled over the committee of the A.J.C. has decided that the charge against Delaney had not been substantiated, and also that the evidence given explained the apparent inconsistent running of Newhaven.

Besides over a hundred yearlings sold at the Autumn sales at Randwick, a number of aged horses have changed hands. Dunlop, the Melbourne Cup winner, went cheap enough at 160gs, but Chesterman may not be a bargain at the same price. Laura (by Niagara—Lerise and Blue) was surely given away at 190gs after her recent performances, while Stromboli fetched good value at 250gs. Courallie (Gemina di Vergy—Honey-moon) topped the sale with 600gs, the Indian horse-dealer, Mr Uphill, who has bought a large number of horses lately for the Indian stables, being the purchaser.

After the Races.

[BY GIPSY KING.]

THE AUCKLAND EASTER MEETING.

The Weather.

If ever the Meteorological Department attempted to bluff people, they tried it during Easter week, while the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Race Meeting was under decision. Upon each day of the races, ugly-looking black clouds were hovering round, and seemed as if they were filled out so much with *aqua pura* that they would like to burst, but a controlling hand seemed to be about, and, although there was one slight shower, it did not last long enough to do harm to anyone. However, between the second day (Tuesday) and the third day (Saturday) there were several sharp showers, and on the latter day the course was inclined to be a trifle holding, but, judging by the times registered in several races, there was not much amiss with the condition of the track.

The Attendance.

As I am partly a stranger to the Auckland course, I am not in a position to make a comparison, as regards the attendance, with former meetings, but my estimate was that the average each day was not far off 4,000 people; this is, to my mind, a large attendance for an Easter meeting at a place where there are so many attractive places to go and spend a holiday. Besides minor attractions, the Easter Encampment so close to the city on the first day must have tempted a lot of people, who might otherwise have swelled the crowd at Ellerslie.

The Management.

From first to last everything connected with the management of the meeting seemed to jog along smoothly, and, I am thankful to say, there was an absence of that fussy style which makes even cool-tempered people irritable. This evenness is only gained by having everything in thorough working order before the meeting commences, and then to see that the "forces"—gatekeepers, ticket checkers, &c.—are well marshalled and understand their business. This, Mr Wm. Percival, the genial secretary, has evidently brought to as near perfection as it is possible to get. Evidently his assistants have grown with the volume of business, and as old servants they know exactly what they have to do, after having been put in the way of doing it. But, to attain these results, the honorary officers of the club, as a body, have to attend to a lot of administrative work, and have to be *en evidence* on the course in case anything transpires that demands attention; but the thousand and one details, of course they fall to the poor secretary. No one has any

idea of what running a race club means, until they take up the duties of secretary—then the fun begins. But Mr Percival would, no doubt, make light of his duties during the meeting, for the reason that he has the honor of having bred St. Paul, who won the Great Northern Champagne Stakes, defeating Armilla, who was said to be invincible. To say that congratulations were showered upon him is putting it mildly, and the hearty way in which the colt was cheered, when he returned to the weighing enclosure, was sufficient evidence of the popularity of the colt.

The Judging.

The placing of the hon. judge, Major Banks, was never once questioned at the meeting until the Grand Stand Handicap of five furlongs was decided. In this race Forma, against the rails, was apparently galloping strongly, with Orion next to her, until reaching the Derby stand, where Lillie began to creep up on the pair mentioned. Gallagher at once got to work on Forma, not artistically, though, and despite what he could do to the mare (Forma) she was tiring, and Lillie got on terms with her opposite the big stand, and when they passed the post Lillie had her head and a portion of her neck clear in front of Forma. I was right in a dead line with the winning post and judge's box, purposely placing myself in that position, as I could see that if Lillie kept going she would just about beat the favourite. I was on the top stand, only a few people being up there at the time, but two other gentlemen who were sitting on the steps, one below the other, but in line with the post, had no hesitation in making Lillie the winner by a clear head at least. I had written in my card, "Lillie won by half a neck," when to my surprise, Forma's number was hoisted, and I am informed by a gentleman who was standing close to the judge's box that the judge gave his decision, "No. 3" (Forma) very promptly. But a large number of people (those, of course, who were not on Forma) were quite agreed that Lillie had won, and were much surprised to hear that Forma was placed first. I am convinced it was an error of judgment, and it speaks volumes for the high respect in which Major Banks is held, when nearly everyone was making excuses for his error, and not one cast a suspicion that his decision was other than the result of a mistake. Returning home some of those in my train were confident that Major Banks went by the numbers on the saddle-cloths, and he had taken Forma's number instead of Lillie's. So eager were they to defend the honour of the A.R.C. judge, that they did not stop to think that the judge could not see Forma's number, as Lillie obscured the view.

The Starting.

This department was in charge of the veteran, Mr G. Cutts. There were very few indifferent starts at the meeting, in fact, taking the twenty-three starts he made, they were decidedly good, but taking into consideration that he has the starting machines to assist him (not the best patent in the world, I will allow) there is too much delay at the post, caused principally by not having a proper control of the jockeys, and allowing them all to crowd on to the rails, instead of marshalling them from the outside and making each horse stand still. This marshalling should be done on the ground by the starter, and then gradually work towards the lever, and if the jockeys will not remain where they are placed by him, pull out the fine book and start at £1, and increase it every time a horseman tries to disorganise the line. But discrimination must be used, so that a jockey on a horse that is naturally fractious is not fined when the horse is the culprit. In the St. George's Handicap, for instance, the horses were at the post for a long time, and people were beginning to get fidgety. Of course St. Laura was to blame for the delay, but Mr Cutts should have ordered her jockey to take her to the outside of the track. She walked in and out amongst the field, and let go with her heels at and all and sundry, and they were lucky horses that escaped one, if not more kicks. To my knowledge Free Lance was kicked four different times. She was not content with kicking them, but followed them up, or at least kept backing on to them, until she had exhausted the list. Had I been an owner of a horse in the race I should have brought it back to the paddock. How the jockeys came to escape getting broken legs is a mystery to me. I must refer Mr Cutts to Rule 99. Several owners I spoke to were very bitter about this affair, and they had reason to be, because while St. Laura took good care not to exert herself too much, except when she was kicking, the other horses were worked up into such a state that they had run their race before the barrier went up. Waiuku was supposed to be the unruly horse at the post, and he was placed well out from the others, but except when another horse kicks him, all the kicking he does is harmless, and I have seen him at the post in a good few races. Mr Cutts gets his field too close to the barrier. If he placed the horses nearly half a length away from the tape, they would not be half so restless.

The Handicapper.

This is the department that always gets "beans," no matter how things go, and if a man gets through a three days' meeting with some of the second-class stuff that was running at the meeting, without stepping on the toes of some owner, all I can say is, such a man is a treasure. Mr Evett had 280 acceptors for 23 races, an average of 12 horses for each race, and this proves conclusively that his adjustments were acceptable to the greater majority of owners. The results, too, of the racing proves that he was not far out. Of course his treatment of Acone, in the Easter Handicap, was lenient, but if he erred so have other handicappers, and one that is supposed to belong to the Royal family of handicappers—a privilege Mr Evett does not claim. I saw Acone fight out his one mile and a quarter race with Lotion, at Manawatu, and half-way down the straight it was anybody's race. That was no form much to win an Easter Handicap on, especially to those of us who saw Anita run in the Wan-

ganni Cup. I don't know that I would have given Acone any more than 7.10 for one mile and a half if the handicaps were declared just after the Manawatu meeting. Acone improved a lot after the Manawatu meeting, and began to stay better; and Lotion, also, has showed considerably better form and has been steadily improving in his staying since Christmas.

The Luncheon.

The catering in the Grandstand Luncheon Room was much better than I have been accustomed to see at meetings on the Taranaki-Wellington Coast, and Mr McEwin deserves credit for the manner in which he carried out his tender.

The Band.

I must say a word about the band, under the conductorship of Mr Impey. It is a real good band, and the members seem to know how to tone down the brass, and did not attempt to blow it all out on the course. Leaving the big drum at home would, I am sure, have been a kindness to many. It is unfashionable now to take a big drum to a race-course, as the space is somewhat confined, and every beat seems to re-echo against the Grandstand and other buildings, and, unless there is a favourable breeze, it is nothing but big drum all day. Besides, horses don't appreciate it.

The Totalisator Figures.

To further prove that the meeting was a thorough success, one has only to glance through the following figures. Mr Bloomfield and his assistants handled the undermentioned amounts:

	1896	1895
First Day ...	£6748	£4446
Second Day...	5305	4489
Third Day ...	5426	4356

£17,479 £13,291

This gives the gratifying increase for this year of £4,188.

The Racing.

This is a big item to tackle, but my orders are to go slow, as space is at a premium this week, consequently I will have to supplement my remarks next week. Anyway, a long review, I think, wears the most enthusiastic of sporting readers, although, goodness knows, if they were given a 200-page volume each week, they would come up smiling for more, but I think they pull up at the review of a race meeting when they have the results before them. As a stranger to Auckland, I viewed racing "right-handed" for the first time since '92, when I was introduced to Rosehill and Randwick. I never did like the right-handed way. I suppose I have seen so many races on left-handed race tracks that my eyes naturally swivel in that direction. I don't seem to be able to follow the racing so well as on a left-handed course, but towards Saturday my left eye was becoming amenable to reason, and accepting the dictum that we could get no left-handed racing at Ellerslie, we settled down. I enjoyed the racing, and would have done more so had I not been on "duty." As I am unable to do justice to the racing this week, I will just touch on one or two of the main features. Contrary to expectations, George Wright's stable did not "skim the programme," as everyone said before the meeting started. But the fact is he only won two events on the first day, the Easter and Railway Handicaps with Acone, and the Grandstand Handicap with Forma on the third day. The latter can hardly be accounted a win. It is strange how lucky George Wright is when these errors occur. He has received more than one stake during his racing career in this way! St. Laura was the "lady" of the meeting. She started off the first day by getting third in the Tradesman's Plate, one mile, and later in the afternoon betted third by winning the Eden Handicap, 7 furlongs, with 8.7. On the second day she annexed the Stewards' Handicap, one mile, with 8.10, and followed it up during the afternoon by winning the Flying Handicap, six furlongs, 9.5 (with penalty). Then on the third day she treated us to another exhibition of galloping, by carrying 9.8 in the St. George's Handicap of one mile, the time registered being 1min 43.2sec on a "dead" sort of track. Truly she had a benefit. Of course, people said rude things about her performance in the first race, but I am in a position to say that Mr Watson had more money invested on his mare in the Tradesman's Handicap, when she finished third, than any other two races together that she won at the meeting. He can only account for her defeat because she may have been short of a good pipe-opener. There is no doubt that the mare improved as the meeting went on, and she surprised no one more than her owner in the St. George's Handicap by putting up such a good gallop. The steeplechase races I enjoyed thoroughly. When I arrived in Auckland, I was asked by a few acquaintances why I had not brought a jumping-horse up with me, assuring me that there was a poor lot of jumpers about. Well, they can call them what they like, but I don't know any horse on the West Coast that can jump any better than what I saw the field in both steeplechases do. They may go faster—and fall over. The Autumn Steeplechase was a treat. Every horse jumped splendidly, and we had a real good finish; and the unexpected happened—Bombardier stood up, jumped well, and was beaten by Carbuncle, a game little mare that cannot stand much higher than 15 hands. Her essay in the Steeplechase on the third day was just as successful, and she never made a mistake, although Ika, who has not quite so much pace as the North Shore trained mare, was making her do her best. He is a fair horse for the minor steeple events, and should have been nominated for Egmont and Wanganui, along with Carbuncle. One can get a splendid view of the Steeplechase from the top stand, and, although it is something of a climb to get up there, it is crowded when the steeple events are being decided. I shall have more to say next week about the form of some of the nags, but as a "new chum," I must say that the meeting was splendidly conducted and seemed to be a success in every way.

TROTTING.

OFFICIAL CALENDAR.

NORTH ISLAND TROTTING ASSOCIATION OF N.Z.

PALMERSTON NORTH, March 24th, 1896.

To the Editor SPORTING REVIEW.
Auckland.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to inform you that your paper has been appointed the OFFICIAL CALENDAR for the North Island Trotting Association of New Zealand.

Yours faithfully,

C. C. MILES,
Secretary N.I.T.A. of N.Z.

CANTERBURY NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

At a meeting of the Canterbury Metropolitan Trotting Association the programme for the two day's meeting of the Canterbury Trotting Club was approved.

The following notice of motion was given for next meeting:—"That this Association takes immediate steps to adopt a system of branding and registering all horses trotting under its rules, and, in the meantime, that the Association make enquiries, and invite suggestions regarding the branding from all interested in the purifying of the sport; and also that letters be written to the various Associations in New Zealand asking for their co-operation in this matter."

The stewards of the Lancaster Park Trotting Club held an inquiry into the conduct of two men, an owner and a trainer, at their recent meeting. They had misconducted themselves on the lawn in the presence of ladies, and their language was not of the purest. After hearing both men, the Steward's commented severely upon their conduct, and whilst censuring them they were informed that a repetition would be severely dealt with.

Pastime, by Childe Harold, who won a mile trot at Lancaster Park, has been bought by Mr V. Harris, the owner of Rita, for 59gs.

At the Taieri Race Meeting on Easter Monday J. Allan, R. Allan, and Hendricks were found guilty of foul riding in the One Mile and a Half Trot. The stewards fined J. Allan £7, R. Allan £4, and Hendricks £4.

Charley Cochran, the man who was caretaker of Goldsmith Maid, 2.14, when that mare was trotting queen of America, is still taking care of horses, although he is now eighty-two years old. Cochran was born in New York, and he began taking care of horses when a mere boy. He has at different times followed other pursuits, but always to drift back to the stables, for so painstaking and skilful was he that he could always be sure of getting good pay. After Goldsmith Maid's retirement the old man went to California, and since that time he has been employed at Palo Alto. While there he has had charge of Ansel, Electricity, Whips, sire of Azote, 2.04½, and he has now charge of Azmoor.

THE WANGANUI RACECOURSE.

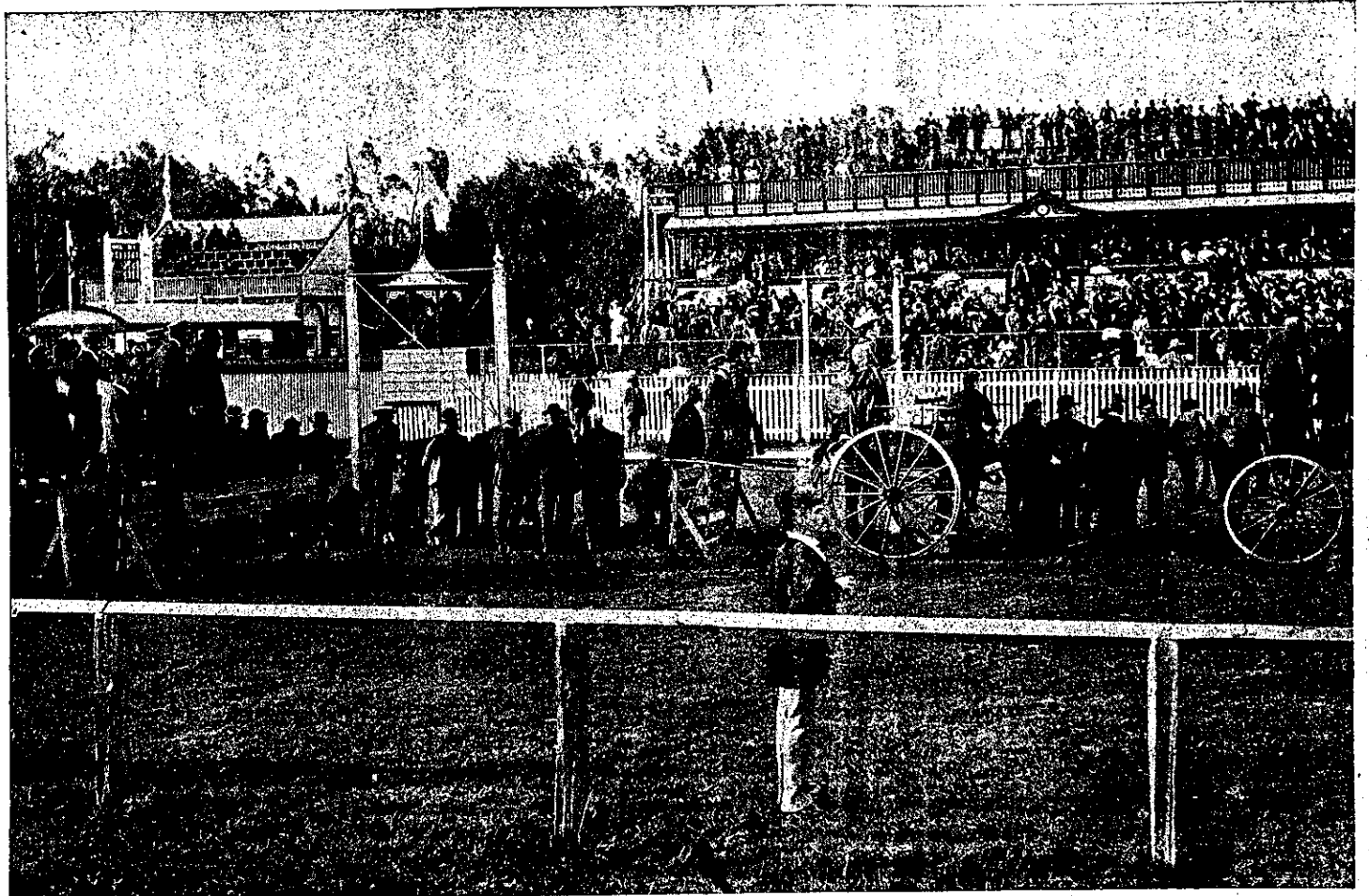


Photo by J. R. Martin Wanganui. A View of the GRANDSTAND, MEMBERS' STAND, and OFFICES.

Three Cheers was submitted to auction at Christchurch, but was passed in at £33.

The following good story is told about Robert Bonner (the owner of the famous Maud S.) by a friend:—"I met my old friend, Robert Bonner at his stable in Fifty-fifth Street, the other day, as busily engaged with his various traps and horses as he used to be with his Ledger, but looking a little older than when he set his own type. He was very happy on the occasion of his last visit to the Hamlin's at Village Farm. While there he superintended the shoeing of several trotters, and among the interested spectators was a farmer of the neighbourhood, who literally drank in every word and movement with mouth, eyes and ears, and in the evening at the village grocery related what had occurred. "Hamlin has a new blacksmith out to the farm to-day shoein' his horses, an' I'll be danged if he didn't know his business. They say he come from York, an' I'm thinkin' of gettin' him out to my place to shoe some of my trotters. He goes by the name of Bonner."

The initial steps in the realisation of the estate of the late John Goldsmith were taken a few day ago. An auction of everything connected with the training stables, except the horses, was held on the farm at Washingtonville. It was almost a relic sale, and relic prices were forgiven. A pair of cuff boots or quarter boots would be held up "These boots were worn by Muta Wilkes," and straightway bids would roll in until they brought far more than the first cost. Old road carts, sulkeys, waggons, etc., some of them dating from the day when Alden Goldsmith was making turf history, sold for prices that must have been prompted by sentiment only. Thirty or forty cows were among the offerings, and these shared in the general boom. If the neighbours of the Goldsmiths could not get old harness or old vehicles they were content to get a cow. Anything for a memento of the famous family of horsemen who had lived for so many generations among them.—*Spirit of the Times.*

Blood Stock Sales.

MR. G. G. STEAD'S STUD.

THERE was a poor attendance of buyers at Mr Stead's Stud Sale held at Yaldhurst, and only the under-mentioned lots were disposed of:—

BROOD MARES.

Flattery, aged, by Traducer — Miss Flat, Ga.	35
Hon. J. D. Ormond	...
Enid, aged, by Apremont—Idalia, Hon. J. D. Ormond	90
Iris, aged, by Traducer — Wai-iti, Mr Friedlander	50
Auray, aged, by Rapid Bay—Aureola, Hon. J. D. Ormond	95
Siesta, aged, by Traducer—Hammock, Hon. J. D. Ormond	50

FOALS.

Victoria Cross, ch f, by Medallion—Flattery, Mr T. Connop	20
Monogram, blk c, by Medallion—Enid, Mr Dawson	25
Circle, ch f, by Medallion—Iris, Mr Friedlander	32
Conqueror, b c, by Medallion—Siesta, Mr C. F. Todhunter	45
Crest, ch f, by Medallion—Ich Dien, Mr E. Gates	35

YEARLINGS.

B f, by Medallion—Take Miss, Mr J. Connop	20
Ch c, by Medallion—Burlesque, Mr C. F. Todhunter	11
B c, by St. Clair—Lady Gertrude, Mr T. Connop	60
Argon, b f, by Medallion—Auray, Mr H. A. Knight	62½

HORSES IN TRAINING.

Missfire, b c, 3yrs, by Maxim—Take Miss, Mr B. Curtis	125
Osmanie, b f, 2yrs, by Medallion—Auray, Mr W. Kerr	35
Grand Cross, ch f, 2yrs, by Medallion—Marion, Mr Friedlander	57½

At Messrs Hunter and Nolan's Durham-stree Suleyards on Friday, a number of racehorses were submitted to auction, and the under mentioned sales resulted:—

Orion, ch g, 4yrs, by Castor—Nymph, passed in at 90gs.	
Decoration, ch f, 2yrs, by Medallion—Flattery, A. Austin	86
Pegasus, ch h, 5yrs, by Nelson—Tenambra, passed in at 79gs.	
Blackfriar, b g, 5yrs, by St. Leger—Blackbird, passed in at 37gs.	
Kingswood, b g, 6yrs, by Ingomar—Bessemmer, passed in.	
Adam, ch h, 4yrs, by Castor—The Jilt, passed in at 24gs.	
Cain, b h, 4yrs, by Tetford—Lioness, Mr J. M. Fraser	12
Rex, ch g, 3yrs, by St. Leger—Jessie, Mr J. C. Booth	50
Bush Girl, gr m, aged pony, by The Australian, Mr McMillan	9

Orion was sold privately after the sale, the purchaser being Mr Harrison, of Kaipara. Orion will in future be trained by J. Chaate at Ellerslie. Decoration changed hands again after the sale at a slight advance, Mr Hollis being the purchaser. F. Stenning will train the Medallion filly in future.

There is a likelihood that the distance of the Auckland Cup may be reduced for the next Cup race.

RACING IN ENGLAND.

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Nominations.

EGMONT RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES.—Rossall, Pyrites, Freeborn, Narrate, Clayton, Raupo, Nat, Lord Vivian, Waituna, Dante, Canard, Conscript, Doelity.

HAWERA STAKES HANDICAP.—Bloomsbury, Man-o'-War, The Artist, Westmere, Marino, Strathbraan, St. Laura, Salute, Mystical, Swift, Waiuku, Crimson Streak, Voltigeur.

HAWERA HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE.—Whariti, Freeborn, Austral, Auroa, Sir Athol, Nadjy, Raupo, Nat, Lord Vivian, Mutiny, Bootles, Conscript.

EGMONT HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE.—Rossall, Whariti, Narrate, Sir Athol, Lord Vivian, Bootles, Kaitoa, Freeborn, Austral, Nat, Mutiny.

STEWARDS' STAKES HANDICAP.—Sedgebrook, The Artist, Strathbraan, Dummy, Bowshot, Man-o'-War, Marino, St. Laura, Bona Fide, Donovan.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES.—Same as First Handicap Hurdles, with the exception of Dante and Raupo, and the addition of Auroa and Napoleon.

RAILWAY HANDICAP.—Bloomsbury, Man-o'-War, Westmere, Strathbraan, Dummy, Mystical, Waiuku, Crimson Streak, Sedgebrook, The Artist, Marino, St. Laura, Salute, Swift, Voltigeur, Donovan.

HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP.—Sedgebrook, Man-o'-War, Westmere, Marino, Bona Fide, Mystical, Waiuku, Voltigeur, Crimson Streak, Donovan, Dante.

FINAL HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE.—Pyrites, Kaitoa, Whariti, Freeborn, Napoleon, Austral, Sir Athol, Nadjy, Raupo, Nat, Jacob, Bradshaw, Parnell, Conscript.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

WANGANUI STEEPLCHASE. About three miles.—Sir Athol, Rossall, Austral, Kaika, Gondolier, Conscript, Bootles, Lord Vivian, Tiritea, Tillie, Pyrites, Narrate, Mutiny, Ben Lomond, Zaecho, Nat, Timothy, Whariti.

TRIAL STEEPLCHASE.—Two miles and a half.—Sir Athol, Tenby, Freeborn, Seddon, Conscript, Lord Vivian, Raupo, Pyrites, Scissors, Narrate, Haeremai, Ben Lomond, Unslapogaas, Auroa, Rauby, Jacob, Nat, Bradshaw, Napoleon.

FLYING HANDICAP. Six furlongs.—Rangipahi, Bona Fide, Salute, Sedgebrook, Dummy, Bowshot, Johnny Faa, Undine, Strathbraan, Leda, Irish Twist, Marino, The Workman, Waiuku.

WINTER OATS. One mile and a half.—Rangipahi, Bona Fide, Salute, Man-o'-War, Sedgebrook, St. Laura, Crimson Streak, Voltigeur, The Artist, Johnny Faa, Ngatuere, Ebor II., Mystical, Bloomsbury, Strathbraan, Leda, Irish Twist, Marino, The Workman, Waiuku, Swift.



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AUSTRALIAN.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

THIRD DAY.—Thursday, April 9th.

[Weather Fine.]

THE SECOND HURDLE RACE, a handicap sweepstake of 5 sovs each, with 200 sovs added; second horse 50 sovs from the stake. About three miles.

Mr W. E. Boyd's br or blk g Hiram, by Grandmaster (imp.)—Beatrice, 11.5, Lawler 1
Palmetto, 9.5 ... 2
Escort, 10.2 ... 1
Won easily. Time, 6min 27sec.

THE ALL-AGED STAKES, a sweepstake of 10 sovs each, with 400 sovs added; second horse 50 sovs from the stake. One mile.

Mr S. H. Gollan's ch g Tire, 2yrs, by Medalion—Florence McCarthy, 6.12, Hook 1
Mr W. R. Hall's br h Delaware, 5yrs, 9.1, Parker ... 2
Messrs W. and A. Moses' b g Courallie, 5yrs, 8.10, Delaney ... 3
Also started—Newcastle, Little Agnes, True Blue, Valiant, and Huret.

Betting—Even money Courallie, 4 to 1 against Delaware, 7 to 1 Valiant, 20 to 1 Tire. Tire came with a wet sail from the centre of the field, and won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1min 40 1/2 sec.

THE WELTER HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstake of 5 sovs each, with 200 sovs added; second horse 50 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Lowest weight, 8st. One mile.

Mr H. Oxenham's b m Laura, 5yrs, by Niagara—Cerise and Blue, 8.5 ... 1
Cravat, 8.0 ... 2
Aurates, 8.0 ... 3

Fourteen started. A great struggle resulted from the half distance, Laura winning by half a head from Cravat. Time, 1min 44sec.

EASTER STAKES, a sweepstake of 10 sovs each, one forfeit, with 300 sovs added; second horse 50 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

Mr W. T. Jones' ch c NLWHAVERN by Newminster—Oceania, 9.7 (inc. 14lb penalty), Etridge ... 1

Mr W. R. Wilson's br c CYNDUS, 9.0 (inc. 5lb penalty), Gough ... 2
Mr J. Dobson's g GOZOCZAR, 8.5, Delaney 3

Also started—Coil, Adoration, Gulliver, Sayles. Betting—5 to 2 against Coil, 3 to 1 Newhaven, 4 to 1 Cyndus. Won all the way. Time, 1min 16sec.

THE CUMBERLAND STAKES, a sweepstake of 10 sovs each, with 400 sovs added; second horse 50 sovs from the stake. Two miles.

Mr W. R. Wilson's ch c Wallace, 3yrs, by Carbine—Melodious, 8.2, Gough ... 1
Mr J. Monaghan's b c Valiant, 3yrs, 8.2, Cox 2
Mr S. G. Cook's ch h The Harvester, 4yrs, 9.0, Huxley ... 3

Also started—Cabin Boy and Torcador. Betting—5 to 2 on Wallace, 6 to 1 against Torcador, 7 to 1 The Harvester, 10 to 1 Valiant.

Won easily by a length and a half, a length between second and third. Time, 3min 46 1/2 sec.

THE CITY HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstake of 10 sovs each, with 300 sovs added; second horse 50 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

Mr S. Horden's blk c The Skipper, 3yrs, by Robinson Crusoe—Lady Maiden, 6.12 ... 1
The Trier, 5yrs, 8.10 ... 2
Scotch Lassie, 4yrs, 6.12 ... 3

Seventeen started, The Skipper being favourite at 4 to 1. Won comfortably by a length. Time, 2min 38sec.

FOURTH DAY.—Saturday, April 11th.

[Weather Fine.]

ROUS HANDICAP, a sweepstake of 50 sovs each, with 200 sovs added. For three-year-olds. Second horse to receive 50 sovs from the stake. One mile and three furlongs.

Mr H. C. Dangar's ch c Leonidas, 3yrs, by Gibraltar—Lady Spec, 8.0 ... 1
Mr H. Horden's b c Cravat, 3yrs, 8.3 ... 2
Mr S. G. Cook's b c The Merry Boy, 3yrs, 8.5 ... 3

Nine started. Betting—3 to 1 Waihine, 7 to 2 Leonidas, 7 to 1 Patrona. Won all out by a length. Time, 2min 28sec.

PLACE HANDICAP, a free handicap sweepstake of 10 sovs each for starters, with 300 sovs added; second horse to receive 50 sovs from the stake. For horses that have run first, second, or third in any race of the value of 100 sovs or upwards, in which not less than six horses have started, after the Autumn Meeting. One mile and a half.

Mr W. Kelso's b c The Enchanter, 3yrs, by Trenton—The Charmer, 7.3 ... 1
Mr H. C. White's b c Fort, 3yrs, 7.3 ... 2
Mr S. Horden's b c The Skipper, 3yrs, 7.12 ... 3

Nine started. Won all out by half a length, a head between second and third. Time, 2min 41sec.

SECOND STEEPLCHASE, a handicap sweepstake of 10 sovs each, with 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs from the stake. About three miles.

Mr J. Gardiner's b h Mikado II, aged, by Apremont—Forget-Me-Not, 11.10 ... 1
Bushman ... 2
Othello ... 3

Nine started. Won comfortably by four lengths. Four horses fell and two baulked. Time, 8min 8sec.

SECOND NURSERY HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstake of 5 sovs each, with 200 sovs added; second horse to receive 50 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

Mr W. R. Wilson's b c Resolute, by Trenton—Umilta ... 1
Honiton ... 2
Gozoczar ... 3

Won all the way by a length; a length between second and third. Time, 1min 19sec.

A. J. C. PLATE, a sweepstake of 10 sovs each, with 500 sovs added; second horse to receive 100 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. Three miles.

Mr S. G. Cook's ch h THE HARVESTER, 4yrs, by Sheet Anchor—Springtime, 9.0, Huxley ... 1
Mr H. C. White's b c FORT, 3yrs, 8.0, Neriker ... 2
Mr W. R. Wilson's ch c WALLACE, 5yrs, 8.0, Gough ... 3

Also started—Valiant and Cabin Boy. Betting—2 to 1 against Wallace, 3 to 1 The Harvester, 6 to 1 Valiant, 10 to 1 Fort and Cabin Boy.

On the second round, Wallace and Valiant were racing on terms with Fort, but just before reaching the St. Leger stand The Harvester crept up on the inside, and with a great rush cut down the leading division, and won easily by five lengths, Fort a length ahead of Wallace. Time, 6min 17sec.

FINAL HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstake of 5 sovs each, with 200 sovs added; second horse to receive 50 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

Mr S. Horden's blk h Hindoo, 4yrs, by Rightaway—Idolatory, 7.2 ... 1
Mr H. Belasario's br m Patroness, 4yrs, 7.13 ... 2
Messrs Thompson and Son's b c Loch Leigh, 7.4 ... 3

Twenty-one started. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 2min 11sec.

NEW ZEALAND.

WAIRARAPA JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.—EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 6.

No totalisator. Weather inclement. The attendance was small compared with former years, the usual contingent from Wellington being conspicuous by their absence. A number of bookmakers were present, and, after being licensed by the club, the betting at the meeting was conducted through their agency. Results.—

TRIAL HACK HANDICAP of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

Mr R. Buckeridge's br f Meadow, 3yrs, by Brigadier—Across the Grass, 7.10, owner ... 1
Mr C. Lyford's The Gem, 7.7, Ayres ... 2
Mr J. Kelleher's Kia Aro, 6.0, Drinkwater ... 3

Also started—Blue Mountain 8.2, Ivy 7.13, Nero 7.9, Miss Minnie 7.5, Mould 7.3, Scout 7.3, Winnie 7.5, Miss Shannon 7.5, Wairoa 7.0, Sylvan 7.0, Jeanette 6.11.

Betting—2 to 1 Blue Mountain, 5 to 1 Ivy, 6 to 1 Meadow, 6 to 1 Nero, 7 to 1 Wairoa, 10 to 1 the others.

Won by a clear length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 24sec.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stakes. Seven furlongs.

Mr W. A. Donald's b g Voltaire, 5yrs, by Master Agnes—Polly, 7.6, Armstrong ... 1
Mr W. Hutana's Slaiden, 7.9, Barry ... 2
Mr J. R. Orr's Salute, 6.10, Peters ... 3

Also started—King's Bowman, 9.6, Gravestock; Listener, 6.10, Drinkwater. Betting—2 to 1 Voltaire, 3 to 1 King's Bowman and Salute, 4 to 1 Listener and Slaiden.

Won easily by a length, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 35sec.

AUTUMN HACK HANDICAP of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

Mr T. Ross's b m Springtime, aged, by Tim Whiller—Gentle Annie, 7.13, Barry ... 1
Mr C. Cress' Miss Shannon, 6.7, Spicer ... 2
Mr W. Corlett's Sir Agnes, 7.8, Corlett ... 3

Also started—Bona Fide, 8.7; Disenter, 7.8; Trout, 7.3; Miss Massey, 7.2; The Gem, 7.0; The Dean, 6.12.

Betting—2 to 1 Springtime, 3 to 1 Bona Fide, 4 to 1 Dissenter and Sir Agnes, 5 to 1 Trout, 6 to 1 The Gem and The Dean, 10 to 1 Miss Shannon.

Won comfortably by a head, one and a half lengths between second and third. Time, 2min 23sec.

EASTER HANDICAP of 55 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

Mr W. Hutana's b h Prince Cole, aged, by King Cole—Diosna, 9.0, Barry ... 1
Mr I. Freeth's ch h Revolution, aged, 8.5, Buckeridge ... 2
Mr W. Strang's ch h Porepo, aged, 7.4, Armstrong ... 3

Also started—King's Bowman, 9.12; Sea Serpent, 7.10; Primero, 6.12.

Betting—2 to 1 Revolution, 4 to 1 Primero and Porepo, 5 to 1 Von Tempsky, 6 to 1 Prince Cole, 10 to 1 King's Bowman.

Won easily by half a length, five lengths between second and third. Time, 2min 51 3/5 sec.

FLYING HACK HANDICAP of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Four furlongs.

Mr W. Corlett's ch c Sir Agnes, 3yrs, by Master Agnes, 9.5, Ayers ... 1
Mr J. Cress's ch g Persimmon, 6yrs, 7.12, Armstrong ... 2

Mr J. Orr's b g Amberite, 4yrs, 7.10, Barry 3
Also started—Vaseline 9.0, Napoleon 9.3, Bloodstone 8.7, Guardfish 8.0, Donovan 8.3 (inc. 3lb over), Ivy 7.12, Meadow 8.6, Meddler 7.7, Trout 7.0, Wairoa 7.0, Kia-Ora, Rosminster 7.10 (inc. 6lbs over).

Betting—4 to 1 Sir Agnes, 7 to 1 Persimmon, 6 to 1 Amberite.

Won all the way. Time, 53 1/2 sec.

OPEN WELTER HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. About one mile.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. About three miles. 129 80 Mr J. R. Martin's b m CAR-BUNCLE, 5yrs, by Carbineer—Pearl, 10.7, F. Burns ... 1

60 55 Mr F. Macmanemin's b g IKA, aged, 10.0, Collins ... 2
16 64 Mr J. Clements' blk g SCALTHEEN, aged, 10.0, Windsor 3
Also started—32, 20 Kildare 10.12, Coleman; 15, 7 Malabar, 10.0, R. Hall; 98, 16 Kalo, 10.0, R. Wright (pulled up); 7, 6 Glenora, 9.7, Carey (ran off); 5, 4 Ditto, 9.7, Woodfield.

Scaltheen again led the field over the sod wall and water jump, Ika and Ditto following close handy. Crossing the stone wall, Scaltheen and Kalo muddled it badly, and the horseman on each made a splendid recovery. Ika took the lead here, temporarily, but Scaltheen soon joined him, and the pair raced up the hill together some distance ahead of Ditto, Kildare, Malabar and Carbuncle.

Crossing the double in front of the stand the last time round Scaltheen and Ika were together a few lengths clear of Carbuncle and Ditto. Going out of the centre of the course Ika dashed to the front, but Carbuncle set sail after him and caught him going along the back, but nearly tipped out at the hurdles, but quickly pulling herself together she again took up the running and jumping the fences on top of the hill, she rattled down the hill five lengths ahead of Ika, with Scaltheen and the others some distance in the rear.

At the last hurdle on the course proper Ika appeared to be catching the gallant little mare, but Burns kept her going and she eventually won comfortably by five lengths, eight lengths between second and third. Time, 6min 40sec. Dividends—inside £2 11s., outside £2 16s. (Winner trained by W. Crowl).

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Five furlongs. 171 139 Mr Thos. Morrin's ch f Forma, 3yrs, by Hotchkiss—Formo, 8.11, Gallagher ... 1

61 47 Mr P. Jones' b m Lillie, 4yrs, 7.10, McPherson ... 2
93 83 Mr Chaafe's ch g Orion, 4yrs, 9.10, J. Chaafe ... 3
Also started—30, 40 Lady Marion, 7.11, Stewart; 58, 48 Miss Nelson, 7.5, Perry; 14, 8 Peerless, 7.2, Parker; 8, 7 Lord Dunluce, 6.12, Hall; 9, 4 Markinch, 6.12, Jellings; 14, 8 Lufra, 6.11, Castleton; 18, 10 Glenora, 6.11, Sceats.

In this race Forma appeared to be going to have an easy victory until opposite the Derby-stand, where Lillie challenged her, and after a sharp set-to between Forma on the inside and Lillie on the outside, with Orion in the centre, our reporter—who was on the top stand, in a direct line with the winning post and judge's box—had written Lillie won by half a neck, when he looked up and found the judge had placed Forma first. Orion was a neck away third, from Forma. Time, 1min 34sec. Dividends—inside, £2 10s; outside, £2 11s. (Winner trained by G. Wright.)

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs. 87 55 Mr J. Chaafe's b c Antares, by Castor—Hilda, 7.8, Sceats ... 1

144 82 Mr Knight's ch f Decoration, 7.12, Crauer ... 2
16 6 Mr J. Livingstone's b f Lady Cuisine, 6.7, Castleton ... 3
Also started—158, 87 Nestor, 8.11, Duff; 38, 26 St. Elmo, 7.7, Parker; 30, 17 Porangi Potae, 6.10, Buchanan; 45, 18 Korowai, 6.9, Satman; 5, 1 St. Owen, 6.7, Hall.

Won comfortably by two lengths, a neck between second and third. Time, 1min 34sec. Dividends—inside £5 13s, outside £4 18s. (Winner trained by owner.)

WAIPUKURAU JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL EASTER MEETING. MONDAY, APRIL 6TH. Weather dull and threatening, with one slight shower during the afternoon. The attendance numbered about 1200. The totalisator investments for the day were £3,352, as compared with £3,674 last year, a decrease of £322. Results:—

HANDICAP HURDLES of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Two miles. 30 Mr H. Shanly's b g Billy, aged, by Perkin Warbeck II.—Brenda, 9.5, Hannon ... 1

WAIPUKURAU HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half. 171 Mr A. Nopera's b g Flaneur, aged, by Cadogan—Miss Kussley, 7.9, J. Jones ... 1

41 Mr C. Siddell's b c Kingsman, 3yrs, 7.0, M'Lear ... 2
28 Captain W. R. Russell's ch g Capon Rouge, 3yrs, 6.7, Lister ... 3
Also started—53 Drury Lane, 7.4, Fairbrother; 133 Blarney, 8.5, Parker; 51 Muskateer, 7.0, Jones.

Won easily by three lengths, half a length between second and third. Dividend, £3. HANDICAP HACK FLAT of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half. 135 Mr A. R. Watson's b h Rainbow, 4yrs, by Somnus—Maori Girl, 8.10, D. Wright ... 1

109 Mr B. Dennehy's b m Slumber, 4yrs, 7.11, Fairbrother ... 2
23 Mr L. Te Urupu's ch g Unfortunate, aged, 6.10, Lister ... 3
Also started—120 Mysterious, 8.0, Laurie; 53 Splvanus, 8.0, Parker; 27 Tokatea, 8.10, Carmichael.

Won by half a length; a length between second and third. Dividend, £3 2s. LADIES' BRACELET (high-weight handicap), value 25 sovs. One mile and a quarter. 26 Mrs D. St. John's b m Tally-ho, 5yrs, 11.0, Mr A. Hyde ... 1

99 Mrs R. O'Rourke's b h Leontini, 6yrs, 11.12, Woods ... 2
Also started—38 Drury Lane, 12.2, Cuncen; 37 Billy, 10.0, Hannon; 35 Inapo, 10.13, Mr H. Russell; 5 Kiwi, 10.9, Mr Harley; 33 Prairie Grass, 12.2, Rollo; 101 T. Rose, 10.13, A. Goodwin.

Billy won this race comfortably by nearly a length from Tally-ho, but having failed to carry a 7lb penalty for winning the Hurdle Race, the stakes and dividend were awarded to Tally-ho. Dividend, £12 11s. FLYING HANDICAP of 40 sovs. Six furlongs. 110 Mr C. Siddell's br h Moonraker, 4yrs, by The Assyria—Norah, 7.12, Wright ... 1

89 Hon. J. D. Ormond's b m Martyrdom, 4yrs, 8.10, McKeague ... 2
45 Mr F. Moeller's br g Torpina, 3yrs, 8.12, Fairbrother ... 3
Also started—30 Heavenly Twin, 7.10, Murphy; 104 Muskateer, 7.6, Jones; 18 Campaspe, 6.7, Lister.

Won all out by half a length, three lengths between second and third. Dividend, £3 4s. FINAL HACK HANDICAP of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile. 241 Mr A. R. Watson's br h Rainbow, 4yrs, by Somnus—Maori Girl, 8.12, D. Wright ... 1

38 Mr L. Te Urupu's ch g Unfortunate, aged, 6.12, Lister ... 2
102 Mr B. Dennehy's b m Slumber, 4yrs, 7.13, Fairbrother ... 3
Also started—104 Kerry Lass, 6.9, M'Lear; 13 Whakamatau, 6.7, Jones.

Won easily by two lengths, same distance between second and third. Dividend, £1 17s. SMILES. Canon Tucker once had occasion to consult a horsedealer relative to procuring a horse for his use:—"I suppose," said Mr Tucker, "that you wouldn't sell a jibber, shier, or kicker as staunch, and you would say whether he was lame, blind, or deaf?" "It all depends, sir," replied the dealer; "you might want a blind un', so as he couldn't see the — stiff loads you put on, or perhaps you would want one that would stay quiet for hours while you was boosing in a pub. If so, whatever his other faults, I would warrant him staunch in them leading lines." These niceties of distinction sent the Canon to another dealer.

Widow Nolan (hotly)—"That wor a foine settin' o' eggs ye sould me! Th' half o' thim wor cracked." Mr Hennessey—"Ye should ha watched them; they wor from my game hin, and have got to fightin' when ye wor n't looking. First Countryman—"What horse is that, mate?" Second Countryman—"That's Winberg Lass." F.C.—"No, it can't be; she ought to be carryin' all blue." S.C.—"So she is. Her jockeys colours are blue jacket and blue cap." F.C.—"Well, but why has he got on white trousers?"—S.S.

Coursing Notes.

[BY SLIP.]

CONTINUING my review of last year's coursing, my first this week is Ascot (Blue Star—Woolcot), a brindle and white dog. He is just about the right weight for Plumpton coursing, and has plenty of pace—in fact it was his speed that won him his several courses last year. He is not clever enough with his game yet, but with last season's work he may be much improved this season. Dogs beaten by him were: Rangipai, Boojum, Jack's the-Lad, Miss Lee, and Miss Guy. Robin (Kangaroo—Elsie) a black and white dog, won the Final Stake of '95. He is hardly the dog one would select to go through a large stake, still, he proved last year that the further he went the better he got. Dogs beaten by him are: Welcome, Rose Morn, Ajax, Tim Doolan, and Seaport. Madame Patty (Blue Star—Bide-a-Wee), a blue and white bitch, was the winner of the Recovery Stake at the end of last season. If she has done well during this summer. We may know more about her at the beginning of the present season. Her owner knows how to get a greyhound fit. She has beaten good dogs, such as Ascot, Hilda, and others.

The coursing season in Australia is from 1st March to 15th September.

The Plumpton of the newly-formed Sydney Coursing Club will probably be the Warwick Farm racecourse. £1000 has been refused for the English greyhound, Falconer.

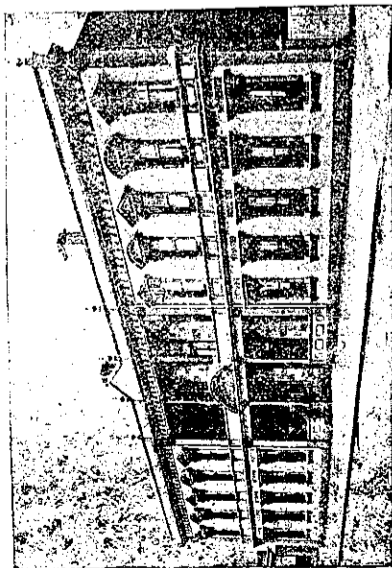
The famous English judge, Mr Hedley, once more officiated at the Waterloo Cup meeting, this being the twenty-third successive year that he has filled the position. A testimonial is being raised on his behalf, which, when the mail left, had amounted to £1600.

A cute young man down Dunedin way trains his greyhounds with the assistance of a bicycle. This should be just as good, perhaps better, than making the dogs follow a horse.

Want of space this week prevents me giving the full particulars, which are to hand, of the contest for the English Waterloo Cup, won by Mr G. F. Fawcett's r d Fabulous Fortune.

"Woomera" in the Australasian:—"Stoddart's team were playing a twenty-two in one of the New South Wales country towns, and the last man in was a jovial fellow who had been put in for his singing, for his hospitality, or some such sound or sufficient reason, but not for his cricket. As he came in swinging his bat he explained to Richardson, who was bowling, that a man in the pavilion had bet him £5 he could not make five runs. "You give me some easy ones, and I'll go halves if I win the wager." The bowler laughingly agreed to bowl a few long hops to leg, and after a couple of failures the runs were got, and the joyous batsman started in a hurry for the pavilion. "Wait a while," said the bowler, "you're not out yet." "No fear," retorted the batsmen; "I'm going to get my fiver before that chap clears out."

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As we have previously indicated, the minority opposed to the moderate use of alcoholic liquors, and to the existence of the trade, are always organised, but latterly their organisation has taken an unusually active and aggressive form, and resolutions have been passed at various so-called temperance conventions recently held in different parts of the colony, setting forth their proposed plan of operation at the forthcoming election. Before, however, we deal with this phase of the question, we earnestly direct the attention of our readers to a resolution recently passed at a temperance meeting at Feilding, Rangitikei, to the following effect:—"That all justices who were in sympathy with the liquor traffic should be at once removed from the Commission of the Peace." When this resolution was first published in the telegraphic columns of the Auckland newspapers we thought that the message was either mutilated in transmission, or that some enemy of the temperance cause had played a vile and cruel joke upon the convention. We find, however, that the press message was transmitted, and recorded with the greatest fidelity, and accords with the reports of what took place at the convention. Having satisfied ourselves of the truthfulness of the reports, we can only suppose that some traitor obtained the ear of the convention and, in the interest of the enemy, insidiously smuggled such a resolution through the meeting; otherwise we cannot conceive how an assembly of colonists, with ordinary intelligence could have allowed such a resolution to pass. Of course the mover of the resolution, or those who passed it, did not condescend to a definition of the term "sympathy," but from the general tenor of their remarks, and from the usual course of action pursued by their general supporters, we are justified in supposing that "sympathy with the liquor traffic" includes the vast majority of the people of New Zealand, who believe that a man or woman is entitled to drink a glass of beer if inclined to do so, and for an assembly, supposed to be made up of intelligent colonists, to pass such a resolution, except under the influence of some delusive or seductive power, passes human understanding. We are aware that in the past the so-called temperance party were strong enough (in the absence of any active opposition) to obtain an enactment which prohibited any person connected, however remotely, with the liquor traffic from holding a seat on a licensing bench or committee, whilst at the same time they fought with desperation to secure the return of persons to the benches or committees who, by their pledges, practically pre-judged every case, and hence could not bring an impartial and judicial mind to bear on any case upon which they were called upon to adjudicate. And in this connection we have always contended that if a man who has a large vested interest in a trade, was prevented from holding an administrative position in connection with the law affecting his business, then, in common justice, every man should be prevented by the same law from holding a seat on an administrative body who had declared that he would ruin the particular trade affected by his administration. This aspect of the question, however, is dwarfed into absolute insignificance when compared with the insulting and slanderous resolution we have

alluded to, which virtually charges a large majority of the magistrates of New Zealand with having violated their oaths, and being devoid of "moral worth," and it is a matter of astonishment to us that the action of the Feilding convention in this matter has not been entirely repudiated by the great bulk of the total abstainers of the colony, or in the absence of such repudiation, that those impugned did not openly and indignantly resent the slander which was cast upon them by more than implication; unless they considered the whole thing too contemptible to merit the slightest public consideration. In all probability the latter would be the most meritorious course, were it not for the fact that a section of the community believe that the so-called temperance people will be a great factor in the government of this country, and for this reason the slanderous nature of the resolution should have been promptly resented by the justices of New Zealand, whose honour may be affected by it in the minds of those unreflecting persons who have votes, and who believe all things they see in the papers to be true, unless promptly and vigorously contradicted. Supposing, however, that a large and organised meeting of those who have large capital invested in liquor stores and hotel property was held, at which resolutions were passed, intimating that no person having sympathy with prohibition should continue to hold the commission of the peace. What a justifiable howl of indignation would be sounded throughout New Zealand; and yet such a proposal would be just as fair, just as logical, and in no degree less calculated to impeach or impugn the honour of the teetotallers than does their resolution in all these things affect the moderate and temperate magistrate of the country, who believes in drinking a glass of beer himself and extending to his fellow countrymen the same privilege. Then these fanatical people should remember that those who hold the commission of the peace were not selected for the position solely because of their sympathy or anti-sympathy of the liquor traffic, and we feel assured that if it were possible to fully analyze the feelings, as well as the actions of the justices of this colony, it would be found that a very large majority are resolved to administer with justice and equity the whole laws of the country, and not alone the liquor laws which are now in existence, or which may be placed on the statute book as the result of future legislation. We are aware that under the existing law, no hotelkeeper, no matter what his educational or other qualifications, can be placed on the commission of the peace. This is, in our opinion, an insult to a large and respectable, and in many cases highly intelligent, section of the community. This is manifest in the face of the position the law in other respects allow these people to take. We have had hotelkeepers in our parliament, they have occupied the mayoral chair in our big cities, they have been chairman of county councils, school committees, and road boards, they are frequently amongst the most intelligent and influential on our city and borough councils, and though they are not allowed to adjudicate as magistrates, but a tyrannical section of the community wishes to deprive any friend of theirs, or anyone who has any true man in the country, who has any sympathy with the hotelkeepers, from sitting on a case in which hotel interests are concerned. In our next issue we shall deal with other resolutions passed at the temperance conventions, and point out where they are unjust and calculated to adversely affect the trade.

TRADE TOPICS.

One Coolgardie brewery is making £12,000 a year on £4,500 capital. After all, mining isn't it with beer.

Mr James Stevenson, formerly manager of the Club Hotel, Masterton, has been appointed manager of the Empire Hotel, Wellington.

The record takings for one bar—for one day—was recently established in Johannesburg: A bar in Market Street having (in sixpenny drinks) taken £83.

At Napier on Wednesday last the local Licensing Bench met for the purpose of obeying a mandamus of the Supreme Court, ordering them to re-hear Lake Falconer's application to be allowed to remove a license for premises at Greenmeadows to premises to be erected on the Marine Parade, Napier. After lengthy legal argument, the committee, after an hour's consideration, intimated that they had decided that no license should be granted.

The Transvaal and South African Licensed Victuallers' Gazette remarks:—"The Kensington Bar, Commissioner Street, we note, has changed hands, and is now under the able management of Mr D. G. Kirkwood, late of Australia and New Zealand. Here's success to him." This will probably be Mr Kirkwood, formerly of Wanganui and Stratford. If he could get hold of that Bar where they land £83 per day, that would be good biz for the ex-Maoriland.

At the Prohibition Convention at Dunedin, resolutions were carried in favour of the formation of a Juvenile Temperance Union, and the introduction of a temperance reading-book in the schools. It was decided to join in the guarantee asked by the Rev. Isitt for the visit of the Rev. J. H. Hector, of Canada. It was resolved that it was of the utmost importance that the temperance forces in each electorate should at once organise in combination to carry on an active campaign in view of the approaching elections and polls, and that the convention urge the immediate calling of a Convention at some suitable and central place in each electorate, two delegates to be invited to attend from every centre of population for that purpose.

The demand made by the prohibitionists of Feilding that all those who are in any way connected with the drink traffic shall be deprived of the Commission of the Peace is a thing that will cut both ways. If the prohibitionists are willing that every teetotaler good templar, or member of the prohibition party shall in like manner be debarred from sitting on the Bench, well and good, for then the administration of justice would be conducted by, say, moderate drinkers, and, at any rate, moderate thinkers. But if we understand the motion passed at Feilding, it is not intended that it shall apply to teetotalers and prohibitionists. Such a demand, made in such a manner, deserves only the contempt of the reasonable men and women of the colony.—*Napier News.*

The National Temperance League Annual gives some particulars which should gratify all but the most extreme of the teetotal party, and cover with shame the falsehood-mongers who scream themselves hoarse about the drunkenness of our people. In 1894, New South Wales spent £4,061,924 in intoxicating liquor; Victoria, £3,759,181; and New Zealand, £2,081,740. The annual expenditure on drink per head in Great Britain and the colonies is as follows:—Queensland, £4 17s 6d per head; United Kingdom, £3 12s 3d per head; New South Wales, £3 5s 8d per head; Victoria, £3 4s per head; New Zealand, £2 17s 2d per head. New Zealand is not only more sober now than at any other period, but is also one of the most sober countries in the world.—*Napier News.*

In the District Court at Masterton last week, District Judge Kettle reversed the decision of Mr T. Hutchinson, S.M., in which Henry Phillips and John Tucker were convicted of Sunday trading. Mr Kettle said the case was one in which no Magistrate would convict on the evidence. The prosecution was that of a private individual, and was apart from the police. He refused, he said, to believe the witnesses for the prosecution, and said they were paid informers, whom he would not believe. Costs were allowed the publicans. It is pleasing to note we have one gentleman in the Justice Department who is impartial and unbiased in his judicial decisions. District Judge Kettle has long been recognised as an able judge, but we want to know whether the Justice Department are taking any notice of the number of appeals from Mr Hutchinson's "prohibition" decisions, nearly all of which have practically been ruled bad law by Judge Kettle. It is about time the Government enquired whether Mr Hutchinson is qualified, as a strong prohibitionist, to sit on the Bench and decide cases upon which we claim he could not give an impartial decision.

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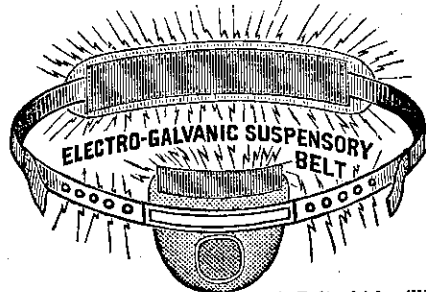
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