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#### NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

FIRST DAY,

SATURDAY, 6TH JUNE, 1896.

First Race to start at 1 o'clock.

siden Steplechase Handicap of 100 80v6; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won 50 sovs at time of entry. Patrance 1 sov, and 2 sovs each at the post. Abone we miles and a half.

Winter Welter Handicap of 70 sovs; second hors: Greeive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight of handicap, 9st. One mile.

Grand National Handicap Hurdle Race of 250

ave; second horse to receive 25 aves, and third horse
10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, acceptance
2 sovs, and 4 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds.

Over eight hights of hurdles. Two miles.

Selling Steeplechase of 60 sovs. Entrance 2 sovs uing Steeplechase of 00 sovs. Entirated 2 sovs, and to go to the funds. Four-year-olds to carry 11st 7lb; five-year-olds, 12st; six years and aged, 12st 3lb. The winner to be sold by auction inmediately after the race for 100 sovs. If entered to be sold for 50 sovs allowed 7lbs; if for 40 sovs, 14lb; if for 20 sovs, 12lbs; if for 11l, to carry 9st 7lb. No other allo Addes. About three miles.

Maiden Hedicap. Hurdle Race of 80 sovs have never won a hurdle race of the stake. For have never won a hurdle race of the control over 7 flights of hurdles. Entrance mance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds.

fundle Race of 40 sovs : second Pony Han 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sove each, to go to the funds. sinds 2 inches and under. Over six es., One mile and a half. pony to sov, and

## SECOND DAY,

#### MONDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1896. First Race to start at 1 o'clock.

Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs second hone to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs at time of starting. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 40 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under! Over five One mile and a quarter. flights of hurdles.

freat Northern Steeplechase Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, and acceptance 3 sovs each, with a final payment of 5 sovs at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any steeplechase of the value of 150 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 51bs penalty. About three miles and a half.

Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse receive to sove out of the stake. Over seven flights hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs ch, to go to the funds. One mile and three-

quarters.
Tally-Ho Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

Second Winter Welter Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight of handicap, 9st. Seven furlonss. <u>Pro Fe</u>r Biskers of State (1995)

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC. NORTH NEW ZEALAND

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING, With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

> FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1896, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS

Grand National Handicap Hurdles..... 2 sovs Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 2 sovs

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1896, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES-Grand National Handicap Hurdles..... 2 sovs Great Northern Steepleehase Handicap 3 sovs

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1896 (General Entry Night), by

Nominations-Maiden Hep Steeples 1 sov Pony Hep Hurdles 1 sov Winter Welter Hep 1 sov Handicap Hurdles 1 sov Belling Steeplechase 2 sovs Tally Ho Handicap Maiden Hep Hurdles 1 sov Steeplechase 1 sov Pony Hdep Hurdles 1 sov Second Winter Welter Maiden Hop Hurdles 1 sov Handicap 1 sov

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1896, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES-Maiden Steeplechase 2 sovs Maiden Hop Hurdles 2 sovs Winter Welter Hop /1 sov Pony Hdep Hurdles 1 sov

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1896, at the Post. Grand National Hurdle Race ...... 4 sovs MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1896, by 12 noon.

ACCEPTANCES-Maiden Hep Hurdles 2 sovs Tally-ho Steeples ... Pony Hdep Hurdles 1 sov Second Winter Welter Handicap Hurdles 2 sovs Handicap .....

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1896, at the Post. Great Northern Steeplechase ....... 5 sovs

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1896.

Grand National Hurdles Great Northern Steeplechase MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1896.

Maiden Steeplechase Hdcp Winter Welter Handicap Handicap Handicap

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1896, Morning "Herald." es Pony Handicap Hurdles Iurdles Tally-ho Steeplechase Second Winter Welter Handicap Hurdles Second Maiden Hurdles

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

## TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB

#### WINTER MEETING

TO BE HELD ON

SATURDAY, 23RD MAY, AND MONDAY, 25тн МАҮ, 1896.

PICERS—President: E. Mitchelson, Esq., M.H.Rs Vice-President: Colonel Goring. Stewards: Messr. E. W. Alison, B. H. Duder, F. Wells, W. Adams, A. Alison, J. Mays, W. Avenell, G. Lankham, W. J. Ralph. Judge: E. Mitchelson, Esq., M.H.R. Treasurer: Mr E. W. Alison, Starter: Mr E. D. Halstead. Clerk of Scales: Mr F. Marks. Clerk of Course: Mr Fred Wells. Handicapper: Mr W. Knight. Secretary: Mr R. Wynyard.

## PROGRAMME

(Fassed by A.R.C.) FIRST DAY-SATURDAY, MAY 29nd, 1896.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, \( \frac{1}{2} \) sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a half.

Handicap Maiden Plate of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 50 sovs. Nomination, 5 sov; acceptance, 1 sov; Dis-

tance, one mile. First Pony Handicap of 35 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 5 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs and a half.

Birthday Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Distance, one mile and a quarter

First Handicap Hurdle Race of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 51bs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.

Selling Steeplechase of 50 sovs. Four-year-olds

to carry 11.7; 5 years, 12.0; 6 and aged, 12.3. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for £50. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs allowed 71bs; if for 30 entered to be sold for 40 sovs allowed 71bs; if for 30 sovs, 141bs; if for 20 sovs, 211bs; if for nil, to carry 9st 71b. No other allowances. Nomination, 2 sovs. Distance, about three miles.

Royal Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of the Birthday Handicap to carry a penalty of 7the extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs and a half.

## SECOND DAY-MONDAY, MAY 25TH, 1896.

Hack Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10 sovs at the time of entry. Nomination, ‡ sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs and a half.

ceptance, I sov. Distance, six furiongs and a hair.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, I sov. acceptance, I sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

Britannia Handicap of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, I sov; acceptance, I sovs. Distance, one mile and one furlong.

furlong.
Second Pony Handicap of 35 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs and a half.
Victoria Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to

Yotoria Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive five sovs out of the stakes. Winner of the Britannia Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs and a half.

Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Distance, about three miles and a half.

welter Handicap of 30 sove; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of any race after the weights are deelared to carry a penalty of 71h extra. Lowest weight, 7st 7th. Nomination, \$ sov; acceptance, \$ sov. Distance, one mile.



#### NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

#### · · · NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, APRIL, 24TH, by 9 p.m.	40
First Day—	
Handicap Maiden Hurdles	aov
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First Handicap Hurdles	sov
Birthday Handicap	L sov
First Pony Hondicap	807
Royal Handicap	LEOV
Second Day	-,
Hack Handicap	BOV
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Britannia Handicap	l sov
Handicap Steeplechase	l sov ′
Victoria Handicap	V08
Victoria HandicapSecond Pony Handicap	807
Welter Handicap	BOV

## WEIGHTS.

FRIDAY, MAY 8rt, by 4 p.m.—First Day's Racing and Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day).
SATURDAY, MAY 23sb, by 9 p.m.—Second Day's

## ACCEPTANCES AND GENERAL ENTRIES.

Handicap Maiden Plate	1 sov
Handicap Hurdles	2 sovs
Birthday Handicap	8 воув
First Pony Handicap	1 sov
Royal Handicap	. 1 80V
Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day).	. S sovs
Selling Steeplechase	. 2 sovs
SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, BY 10	P.M.
ond Day's Racing—	
Second Handicap Hurdles	. 1 sov
Hack Handicap	
Britannia Handicap	. la sove
Victoria Handicap	1 sov
Second Pony Handicap	1 807
Welter Handicap	1 BOV

## RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Devonport, or at Mr W. Blomfield's Office, Durham Street East, Anckland, entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at time of entry, pedigree, and in case of handicaps, where horses have not previously started on the Takapuna course, performance of the horse, name of the owner, and colours of the rider.

The Club reserves the right to alter the programme and dates of meetings.

Winners to pay 5 per cent. of their gross winnings towards the expenses of the course. Telegraph Office at Devonport closes at 5 p.m. Telegraph Office open on course to 5 p.m. on 1see days.

ROBT, WYNYARD, Secretary.

## 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. Higgie. Hon. Surgeon: Dr Tripe. Hon. Vet. Surgeon: Mr J. A. Hawke, M. R. C. V. S. Stewards: Dr Connolly, Messrs E. E. Fletcher. Alex. Higgie, A. J. Parsons, H. N. Harrison, J. H. Nixon, R. Higgie. 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. Nomi-nations, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

To Start at 12.45 p.m.

Wanganui Handicap Steeplechase of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 90 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. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 6 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. Nomination, 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). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. About two miles and a half, over such course as the stewards may

## To Start at 3 p.m.

Winter Oats Handicap (on the flat) of 100 sova; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Winner of Flying to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 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. Nomination, 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 7th. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide definition of a back. One mile and a distance.

#### ALL STAKES PAID IN FULL.

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

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

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

MONDAY, 1878 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

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, 19ru MAY, at 9 p.m.,

Hunters' Steeple ..... 1 sov Hack Flat Handicap 10s QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, on the Course,

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

FREEMAN R. JACKSON,



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## PASTIMES.

[BY VIGILANT.]

## CALENDAR.

May 23—Four-oar Championship of Australasia, Parramatta River, Sydney.

May 23—Amateur Sculling Championship of Australia, Parramatta River, Sydney.

May 25—Bicycle Road Race (amateurs), Auckland.

May 25—Bicycle Road Race (cash amateurs), Auckland.

July 13—Stanbury v. Harding, Championship of the World and £500 a-side, Thames Championship Course, England.

### CYCLING.

Our amateur wheelmen are busily engaged training for the annual road race f May 25th (Queen's Birthday), entries for which close on Saturday evening at the Metropolitan Hotel. It is anticipated there will be a large field, and the course will be left in the hands of the riders themsélves.

The cyclist who squeezes his valve caps on with all his might, so that he has to use pliers or nippers to get them loose again, usually spoils his valves.

A Yankee exchange says Zimmerman has been engaged as a cycle writer on The

Mr Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty, is the latest convert to the cycle. An English firm is said to have built a triplet geared to 300 inches, fitted with a Simpson chain

Cyclist Martin neither smokes nor liquors, but his language is as variegated as an old-time bullock driver's. He is said to have made over £600 since his advent to Australia. - Punch.

The Carterton Cycle Club had their first road race last week, from Greytown to Carterton, and resulted :- P. Lorensen to W. Campbell and F. Sullivan (dead heat) 2, C. DeLacy 3. C. Puller, A. Bayliss, and W. A. Kitchen also started. Time, 15min, exact distance not known.

An interesting argument about the new woman and rational costume cropped up (says the Melbourne Argus) in the City Police Court out of a charge of insulting behaviour preferred against Bertha Clair. At a late hour in the evening of the Eight Hours Day, accused appeared in Lonsdale-street habited in male attire, and she had also blackened her face. The arresting constable was asked by the solicitor for the defence why he did not apprehend any female cyclist who might be pedalling through the streets in "knickers." His client had not outraged propriety any more than a cycliste in rational costume. As there had been no actual breach of the peace, the magistrate discharged the accused, with an admonition not to play any more revolutionary tricks with her apparel, but to stick to the skirt—one and indivisible.

That the public are now fully initiated (says "Lex") into the many little points in connection with cycle racing goes without saying. During the progress of the 25-mile championship at Melbourne on the 2nd inst. (when McLean beat Martin), every action of the racing men was criticised, and the spectators at times expressed, in a very varied and open manner, their fury at the action of some of the riders. I don't know what "Lex's" opinion may be about long-distance cycle racing, but after conferring with a lot of people who are fond of cycle racing, they agree with me that a 25-mile cycle race is just about as interesting as a chinese funeral. Organisers of cycle sports, take my tip, if you want to retain the public interest do not allow any longer distance races on your programmes than five miles, and only one of these during one afternoon. Ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, and fifty mile races should be decided amongst the members of the cycling clubs that promote them I saw a championship ten mile race being decided once, and as soon as the pistol went off, all those who could do so laid down on the grass, and lolled about waiting impatiently until its completion, well knowing that there would be no racing until perhaps the last two laps-and such occured. Had the competitors started for a "two lap" race, the result would have been exactly the same, but the public would not have been imposed on by asking them to pay to the ground to see a 15 mile race, when it was only two laps.

M'Lean, the winner of the 25 mile Championship of Victoria, received quite an ovation for his performance in defeating Martin, "Lex" says:—M'Lean, besides winning the championship, carried off the honours for pacing, he having led for fully three-quarters of the dis-

tance. The tactics employed by certain of the riders, in shirking the pacing, was received with great disapproval by the greater section of the crowd, who gave vent to their feelings in the matter by frequently hooting the men whom they considered were taking advantage of the champion's straightforward riding

In my opinion, the bicycle rider who cannot compete in a race without being paced, thereby leaving nothing for his brains to do—if he has any—is cordially invited to place his name on the list of

Results and times for the half-mile cycle handicap at the Easter Fair Races at Melbourne: — Half-mile Handicap. Prizes, £6, £2, and £1—First heat—D. J. Walker, 10yds, and W. Martin, scr, dead heat, 1; W. Elliott, 45yds, 2. Time, 1min 6 1 5sec. Second heat—C. Porta, 15yds, 1; C. O. Sherwood, 60yds, 2. Time, 1min 6sec Third heat-A. J. Middleton, 70yds, 1; A. H. Clinton, 30yds, 2. Time, 1min 6 4-5sec. Fourth 30yds, 2. Time, 1min 6 4-5sec. Fourth heat—L. Del Sarte, 60yds, 1; G. Beasley, 60yds, 2. Time, 1min 6 3-5sec. Final heat-A. H. Clinton I, C. O. Sherwood 2, L. Del Sarte 3. Time, 1min 1sec.

The match at Richmond Park, Melbourne, between A. W. Harris and the trotting horse Osterly, ended in smoke. Harris was defeated in the first mile in 2min 29 3-5sec, but then declined to go on with the match owing to the "treacherous" nature of the track. Martin then covered a quarter mile in 29 3-5sec, paced, of course, by a triplet; so that Harris must have been frightened of the pace, not the track.

#### FOOTBALL.

#### RUGBY UNIONS CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR.

#### NORTH ISLAND.

AUCKLAND. FIRST AND SECOND FIFTEENS.

May 16—Ponsonby v. Grafton, City v. Suburbs, Newton v. North Shore.

May 23—Ponsonby v. City, Parnell v. Grafton, Newton v. Suburbs.

May 30—Ponsonby v. Newton, Parnell v. City, North

Suburbs.

May 30—Ronsonby v. Newton, Parnell v. City, North Shore v. Suburbs.

June 6—Ponsonby v. North Shore, Parnell v. Newton. Grafton v. City.

June 18—Ponsonby v. Suburbs, Parnell v. North Shore, Grafton v. Newton.

June 20—Parnell v. Suburbs, Grafton v. North Shore, City v. Newton.

THIRD FIFTEENS. May 16—Parnell v. Ponsonby, Grafton v. Suburbs, May 23—Parnell v. Grafton, Ponsonby v. Suburbs, (Repeat for Second and Third Rounds.)

## OBINEMURI.

May 16—Waihi v. Waitekauri, at Waihi. May 23—Paeroa v. Karangahake, at Paeroa. May 30—Waitekauri v. Paeroa, at Paeroa. June 6—Waihi v. Karangahake, at Waihi. Junior matches in the same rotation, one week later.

## WAIROA.

SENIOR AND JUNIOR. May 16—United v. Aratapu, at Dargaville; Kopuru II v. Arapohue, at Kopuru, at May 23—Aratapu v. Kopuru, at Aratapu; United II. v. Arapohue, at Dargaville.

The above to be repeated on opposite grounds for the second round.

May 16—Petone v. Poneke, Petone No. 1; Athletic v. Melrose, Park No. 1.

May 30—Wellington v. Melrose, Park No. 1; Petone v. Athletic, Park No. 2.

June 6—Petone v. Melrose, Petone No. 1; Wellington v. Poneke, Park No. 1.

JUNIOR.

May 2—St. John's v. St. Patrick's College, Petone No. 1;
Oriental v. Poneke, Island Bay; Athletic v.
Selwyn, Newtown Park; Melrose v. Petone No. 4.

#### SOUTH ISLAND. DUNEDIN.

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May 16—Kaikora v. Caversham, at Bishopscourt; Dunedin v. Alhambra, on the Caledonian Ground; Zingari-Richmond v. Union, on the North Ground; University v. Pirates, at Carisbrook.

May 23—Alhambra v. University, on the Caledonian Ground; Union v. Oamaru, at Dunedin.

May 25—Caversham v. Owska, at St. Clair; Dunedin v. Oamaru, on the Caledonian Ground; Zingari-Richmond v. Athletic, at Oamaru; Pirates v. Christchurch, at Christchurch.

May 30—Kaikorai v. Union, on the North Ground; Dunedin v. Pirates, at Carisbrook; Zingari-Richmond v. University, at Tahuna Park; Alhambra v.

euin v. Pirates, at Carisbrook; Zingari-Richmond v. University, at Tahuna Park; Alhambra v. Caversham, on the Caledonian Ground.

June 6. Kaikorai v. University, at Bishopscourt; Dunedin v. Zingari-Richmond, on ground to be arranged; Alhambra v. Union, at Opoho; Caversham v. Pirates, at St. Clair.

June 13. Kaikorai v. Dunedin, at Bishopscourt; Alhambra v. Pirates, at Carisbrook; Zingari-Richmond v. Caversham, at Montecillo; Union v. University, at Tahuna Park.

June 20. Kaikorai v. Zingari-Richmond, on ground to be arranged; Dunedin v. Caversham, at St. Clair; Alhambra v. University, at Tahuna Park; Union v. Pirates, at Carisbrook.

June 27. Haikorai v. Alhambra, at Carisbrook; Dunedin v. Union, on the Caledonian Ground; Zingari-Richmond v. Pirates, at Montecillo; Caversham v. University, at St. Clair.

## Opening of the 1896 Season-Wins for Parnell, City, and Grafton.

The "King of winter games," x hich had been formally welcomed by enthusiasts a couple of weeks back when the Parnell fifteen met and defeated the Waimate (Taranaki) team, was ushered in on Saturday last with the opening rounds of the championship fixtures in the three grades The majority of the matches were contested at Potter's Paddock, where 2,500 spectators availed them-

selves of the favourable weather to do homage to that most popular of outdoor sports—Rugby football. In the senior matches, Parnell defeated Ponsonby by 13 points to 3, City beat North Shore at Devonport ground by 11 points to 7, and Grafton scored a bloodless victory over Suburbs, on account of the latter club not being able to put a team in the field.

PARNELL v. PONSONBY fixture occupied the pride of position on No. 1 ground, and was watched with great interest throughout, though those who had looked for a repetition of last year's struggle between these two teams, when they first met under similar cir-cumstances, must undoubtedly admit that they were disappointed, as the game was by no means an interesting one, it only being very occasionally that any individual or collective brilliant play called for recognition, that of the old threequarter, Jervis (Parnell), being most noticeable. The maroons were skippered by Edmonds, and the Ponsonbyites by the astute Braund. Mr Parker gave general satisfaction as referee, and Messrs. Geard and Eaton were the line umpires. There was not a great deal to pick and choose between the two teams during the first half of the game in point of strength, though the Parnellites seemed to possess a knowledge of one another's play and a confidence and cunning that was not exhibited by the wearers of the black and blue jerseys, and to this fact in a great measure is attributable the result of the game. First blood was drawn by Parnell, about a quarter of an hour after the commencement of the game, Jervis securing a mark from a kick by the Ponsonby full-back, which was successfully put over the bar by the only "Murphy," from a most difficult angle, in his very best style. Shortly after, the maroons penned their opponents in the corner, and kept them very busy for several minutes defending the line, which Ronayne ultimately crossed, after several short dashes in which he, Elliott, and Jervis were most prominent, and scored the first try close to the corner flag. Murray again took the shot and another capital kick added the major points, the bell shortly afterwards leaving the game Parnell 9, Ponsonby nil. In the second half the play was principally confined to Ponsonby territory, and though the latter drove the marcons back on several occasions and at times looked dangerously like scoring, it must be admitted that the Parnellites had the best of it. About half way through the spell Jervis added to the winning points with a smart goal from the field, but Ponsonby who stuck pluckily to their work were rewarded with a well deserved try obtained by Miller about ten minutes before the close of the game, after several most determined efforts had been made to cross the line.

## GRAFTON v. SUBURBS.

This match was to have been played on No. 2 ground at Potter's Paddock, but the outlying district not being able to place a team in the field, the Graftonites scored a bloodless victory. The players present indulged in a little useful practice for the best part of half an hour.

## CITY v. NORTH SHORE.

The match between City and North Shore was played on the ground of the latter at Devonport, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by 11 points to 7. From a spectator's point of view, the contest was of a fairly even nature, though City was much more prominent feature—pas was due to this fact that they piled up the very tidy score of 11 points, the result of three tries by Absolum, from nice passing runs between Coils, Hales, Surman, and the scorer, the major points being added in one instance by Charlie Stone The only score rendered by North Shore in the first half was a goal from a penalty kick, which was successfully piloted over the bar by Walker from close to the half-way line—a really splendid effort. In the second spell the honours were fairly divided, the Shore forwards quite holding their own with the visiting vanguard, though the backs could hardly be said to have borne the same favourable comparison as those who went across the water. Nevertheless, they fought a good uphill battle, and a goal from the field, potted by Clarke, brought the score handy to that of City, the whistle leaving matters-City 11, North Shore 7, thus showing that the winners were unable to score in the second por-

tion of the game. Considering that the North Shore team was composed principally of juniors and that three of the best men (Wynyard, Breen, and Valentine) were away, they played a good game, and City had by no means the soft thing that was anticipated.

#### THE JUNIORS.

In the first junior match, Suburbs v. Grafton, the former secured a very easy win by 20 points to nil. Jones securing four tries for the victors, two of which were converted, while a goal was also kicked from the field.

The Ponsonbyites were even more successful in their contest with Parnell, whom they defeated by 25 points to nil.

In the third fifteen matches, the Ponsonbyites emulated their first junior brethren, beating Grafton by 25 points

Matters were more interesting in the struggle between Parnell and Suburbs, the former eventually winning by 7 points to 6. The winners' score comprised a goal from a mark, and a try, and the losers secured two tries.

The North Shore footballers are highly incensed at their captain not putting in an appearance last Saturday. Too bad, Tabby.'

Young Tait played three-quarter for Parnell in place of W. Brodie, who has left for Coolgardie, and although evidently nervous he made no glaring mistakes.

Ponsonby badly want a really good full-back. Val. Masefield played in that position on Saturday, but was by no means a success, and his attempt at goal from the try was a very slovenly kick.

Suburbs failed to place a senior team in the field, and, I am afraid, have practically disbanded. This is to be regretted, as unless some other arrangement is arrived at, several really good players will have to stand down for the rest of the season.

Walter captained North Shore in place of Wynyard, who was absent, and played a good game, kicking a goal from a penalty kick from nearly half-way.

George Katterns gave great satisfac-tion to both sides in the North Shore City match. For a referee to satisfy the Shore backers is something wonderful, and George must have been at his best. This was Katterns' first appearance as referee in senior matches.

Athletics defeated Ponekes at Wellington by 8 to 3. This comes as a surprise to most Aucklanders, as the latter were reported very strong this season, their latest acquisition being Dave Gage, who left here some three weeks ago. Petone left here some three weeks ago. beat Wellington by 6 to love.

Absolum, the ex-Suburbanite, started the season well by scoring no less than three tries. In the second spell North Shore pressed City so hard that towards the close of the game the latter had all their work cut out to avert a score.

Alf. Jones, our ex-champion sprinter, playing for Suburbs' second fifteen, had a day out, and scored four tries. Suburbs won by 20 points to nil.

A pretty little girl, a Parnell "barrac-ker," presented Capt. Edmonds with a line umpire's flag before the commencement of the big match. Both teams joined in and gave three hearty cheers for the fair donor.

Mitchell's play was greatly appreciated by the spectators on Saturday, and he was rewarded on several occasions by applause.

raham, Scott, and Clarke also worked hard.

Jervis and Murray put on 10 points out of 13 for Parnell by their splendid kicking powers. The former kicked a beautiful left-foot goal, and Murray converted Jervis' mark and added 2 points to Ronayne's try from a difficult angle.

Edmonds got very few chances to distinguish himself, as the Ponsonby forwards secured the ball nine times out of ten, and gave Braund several chances. but Albie's luck was evidently out, as nothing came of them.

Donnelly, who for a long time has been a prominent and painstaking member of the Napier Football Club (says our Napier correspondent), leaves Hawke's Bay this week to take up his residence in Wellington. On Wednesday evening he was entertained at the Criterion Hotel, when Mr F. Logan, on behalf of the club, presented him with a set of gold stude and sleeve links.

The Wellington Referees' Association has decided that its members shall wear a white jersey when officiating as referee.

The Wairarapa Union proposes to make a tour of the North Island this season, playing the Bush, Hawke's Bay, and Manawatu. They also play the annual match with Wellington at Wellington.

The Management Committee of the

Thames Rugby Union met on Friday evening last. Messrs Christie, McNelll, Sommerville, Greenslade, and Buckland (hon. secretary) were present. A letter from the Northern Rugby Union (Wai. roa) re a Thames team returning the visit paid by the Wairoa team last season was considered, and it was resolved that a reply be forwarded stating that no promise could be made, but that the matter would be considered later on in the season. It was decided that the arranging of the junior fixtures be held in obeyance. The opening of the season was fixed for the 16th inst., with the match, Thames v. Rovers. It was proposed by Mr McNeil, seconded by Mr Greenslade, that letters be forwarded to the secretaries of the senior clubs, asking for an expression of opinion as to affiliation with the Auckland Union, or as an alternative affiliation direct with the New Zealand Union. This motion, which con-cluded the business, was carried.

A meeting of delegates to the Ohinemuri Rugby Union was held at Waihi recently. Mr W. Cullen presided. Mr H. Poland's resignation as secretary was accepted, and Mr J. D. James (Waite-kauri) was appointed to fill the vacancy. This Union being now affiliated with the Thames, a discussion arose over a selection committee for the representatives. It was left in the hands of the secretary to write to the Thames Rugby Union for particulars. It was resolved to form a Referees' Association, and that each club nominate a fit person to act as referee, such nominees to undergo an examination by the Thames officials appointed for the purpose. The successful candidates will act in a similar capacity for the Ohinemuri district. This is a step in the right direction, as it will ensure the services of a fully qualified referee for future cup matches.—Adver-

A meeting of the committee of the Auckland Rugby Union was held at the Metropolitan Hotel on Wedesday night, last for the purpose of considering the ap-plications of Smith and Siddle to be permitted to play for City and Newton Clubs respectively, and the protest lodged by the Suburbs Club against permission being granted to Absolum to play for City. The requests of both of the firstmentioned players were acceded to, and after going into the evidence relating to Absolum, the committee saw no reason for altering their decision to the effect that he be allowed to play for City. It was decided not to send a delegate to the forthcoming conference of referees, to be held at Wellington.

It is to be regretted that the local Rugby Union cannot see its way clear to send a representative to the conference of referees, to be held in Wellington. The local union must know the ambiguous nature of the rules at present, and should support such conference, so that there will be one reading of the rules by allowing the referees to make what amendments they deem necessary, have the rules re-issued, and then try and do without any more tinkering for a few years, unless something of real importance crops up. It is hardly fair that the head-quarters of football in Auckland

Association. I shall be glad to receive from secretaries of Rugby Unions a list of the dates arranged for the championship, cup, or senior contests connected with their

should refuse to lend their assistance to such a useful body as the Referees

The Canterbury senior competitions for the week ended 2nd inst., resulted as follows: — Albion scored 8 points to Sydenham's nil; Christchurch beat East Christchurch by one goal, two tries (11 points) to one goal (5 points); Linwood defeated N'tu Aburiri by 13 points to 4; and Merivale scored 9 points to nil by

Canterbury College.

The game at Woodend between Linwood and the N'tu Ahuriri team (reports the Lyttelton Times) was of the roughest possible nature, sufficiently so to demand the attention of the Rugby Union.

On Saturday last Waitekauri defeated Karangahake by seven points to nil.

## ATHLETICS.

PRESENTATION TO MR J. F. LOGAN.

On the eve of his departure for England Mr J. F. Logan was agreeably surrised to be asked to attend at the Metropolitan Hotel on Thursday night, when the clans of the local athletic circles gathered in strong force to assist at a hearty send-off to their chief, and also to make him a presentation. Mr B. J. Esam (vice-president and treasurer of the metropolitan club) presided, and had on his right Mr L. A. Cuff (ex-secretary of the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Association), on the left being seated Mr Logan and Messrs. Frank Lawry (M.H.R.) and Buchanan (president of the North Shore Club). Mr Esam, in rising to make the presentation to Mr Logan of an album containing the signatures of 336 athletes, said no one who had been identified with Mr Logan in athletic work could fail to recognise his ability, knowledge of rules, and sterling worth, and he had always been of great assistance to the local associations, and he had ever been assiduous in attending to the duties pertaining to president of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club, vice-president of the North Shore Club, and local delegate of

Association, and vice-president of the Auckland Cricket Association, you have for many years identified yourself with us, and it affords us great pleasure to convey to you our high appreciation of the inestimable services you have rendered towards the development and welfare of all branches of outdoor sport, and the able manner in which you have fulfilled the responsible duties attaching to the offices mentioned. Your enthusiasm has been an admirable example for many of us to imitate, and by your courtesy, tact, consideration, and encouragement, our institutions have been greatly benefited. In wishing you good bye, we ask your acceptance of this memento of our regard, which is accompanied by our best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of yourself, Mrs Logan, and daughter. [Then followed the signatures.] Mr Logan suitably replied, and expressed his regret at severing his ties with Auckland for a lengthened period. He con-cluded by stating that he proposed to offer a challenge cup to be run for as the committee may decide. (Cheers.) Mr Logan, as president of the Auckland Athletic Club, presented the prizes won at the meeting in aid of the Brunner Relief Fund. Mr Logan concluded by announcing that Messrs. Read Bros

the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Association;

MR J. F. LOGAN.

while even the cricketers would have would give a valuable gold medal for occasion to remember him as a vice-president of their association. Several presented the album, which was beauti fully bound in morocco, and contained the signatures of no less than 336 athletes, including the officials of the Auckland and North Shore Clubs, the executive of the N.Z.A.A.A, the executive of the Cambridge Club, and the N.Z. Cricket Council. The frontispiece comprised a very handsome illuminated address, bordered with artistic imitations of athletes participating in the several branches of outdoor pastimes, a view of the Domain cricket ground and pavilion, with a match in progress, and a view of the North Shore and Rangitoto. The address was as follows:—"Auckland, May 7th, 1896.
To Jas. Fowlds Logan, Esq. Dear Sir,
—We cannot allow you to depart from Auckland, for probably a considerable period, without expressing our sincere regard and esteem towards you. As president of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club, vice-president of the North Shore Athletic Club, local officer of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Sturgess' time, which he certainly beat.

Songs and recicompetition next year. president of their association. Several other speakers (including Mr L. A. Cuff, recently from Canterbury) referred to the Mr Logan's valuable services in the inMr Esam then Syne" in good old Scottish style, the Several tations were given during the evening, evening's enjoyment terminated.

> At a meeting of the 1895-96 General Committee of the English Amateur Athletic Association, held on March 14th, the following walking records, recom-mended by the Southern committee, were passed:—Two miles walking, by W. J. Sturgess; time, 13min 44sec, at Windsor and Eton Sports, September 26th, 1895. Records made at the Polytechnic Harriers' Meeting at Wembly Park, December 26th, 1895: Eleven miles walking, by W. J. Sturgess, 1hr 29min 32 4-5sec; thirteen miles walking, by E. Knott, 1hr 45min 6 4-5sec; fourteen miles walking, by E. Knott, 1hr 53min 362-5sec; fifteen miles walking, by E. Knott, 2hrs 2min 57 4-5sec. The twelve-mile record of 1hr 39min 55 2-5sec, made by W. J. Sturgess in the same race, was refused because E. Knott undoubtedly beat it, but as Knott's time was not taken at that distance he could not be credited with

Very few people were surprised when they heard of Peart's death at Sydney. Hardly a spectator at Fitzgerald's Circus came away with any other opinion than that it was only a question of time, and he would break his neck doing the tank trick. Still the public like sensationalism, and support a suicidal sort of act like Peart's. He was undoubtedly foolish, and has paid the penalty which he has been courting for some time. Fortunately, few people in the circus in Sydney, where the fatal dive took place, knew that anything had happened to Peart. His diving act was always the last on the programme, consequently when Peart disappeared into the tank and was being drawn up the side, the crowd began to

disappear as quick as possible.

The Hawkes Bay Amateur Athletic
Club (writes our Napier correspondent) held their Autumo Meeting at the recreation Ground on Saturday afternoon. There was only a limited attendance. Following are the results:—Maiden Race 150 yards—C. L. St. Hill 1, J. Riddell 2, T. Baker 3. Time, 17sec. Three Mile Walk—D. Jameson, 250yds, 1; J. Hamilton, scratch, 2. Time, 26min 484sec. Hundred Yards Handicap.—First heat:
A. H. Holder, scratch, 1; G. Heslop,
11yds, 3: W. Woods, 10yds, 3. Time,
10 4-5sec. Second heat: R. Neagle, 7yds, 1; R. Riddell, 10yds, 2; J. Ryan, 4yds, 3. Time, 10 4-5sec. Final: Holder 1, Heslop 2, Neagle 3. Time, 10 1-5sec. Won on the post. One Mile—C. L. St. Hill, 80yds, 1; H. Marshall, 50yds, 2; H. G. Anderson, 25yds, 3. Time, 4min 36sec. 250 Yards Club Championship—J. Ryan 1, F. P. St. Hill 2, W. Woods 3. Wonvery easily. Time, 29sec. Hurdles, 440 Yards—A. H. Holder, scratch, 1; R. Neagle, 25yds, 2; A. G. Balfour, 35yds, 3. The winner jumped none too well, but succeeded in beating the N.Z. record, held by Roberts of Auckland, by 1-5 of a second. Time, 60sec. Putting the Shot—Fahey 1. Bracelet, 440yds—C. L. St. Hill, 35yds, 1; Heslop, 35yds, 2. Time, 62sec. Long Jump—Neagle (2ft 6in), 19ft 7in, 1. Half-Mile Officials Bicycle Race—J. E. Conell, scratch, 1. Half-Mile—Baker, 40yds, 1; Hamilton, 55yds, 2. Time, 2min 16sec.

## YACHTING.

As an appropriate way of winding up the past yachting season, the members of the Auckland Yacht Club decided upon a smoke concert, and with a number of their friends, the large and tastefully arranged dining-room of Host Gallagher, of the Metropolitan Hotel, was comfortably filled on Wednesday. Mr J. L. B. Bloomfield, Commodore of the Club, occupied the chair, and expressed his gratification at seeing so many present. The season, from all points of view, had been the best the Club had yet had. The weather had been good, and the number of members to the Club and yachts had considerably increased. The prizes won by members of the Club in races, etc., were presented during the evening, Dr. Coates (Ladye Wilma) was handed the first prize for 5-raters and the champion flag presented by Mr George Goldie, Messrs W. R. and F. Wilson (Moana) second prize; Messrs Chatfield, Cossar, and Co. (Mahaki), first prize for the 24-raters and the Commodore's Cup and champion flag, presented by the Club A flag was also presented to Mr W. Lind, of the Daisy, his yacht having held the Commodore's Cup last year. After the presentations, Mr Bloomfield proposed the toast of "Yachting," which was en-thusiastically received. Dr. Coates responded, and in the course of his remarks said that the past season had been the most interesting of any in which he had taken part in Auckland. Yachting had made wonderful strides in Britain of late years, but taking the population and the means of the people of New Zealand into consideration, the development here was marvellous. He had visited the various ports of Australia, but not one port took such interest in yachting as Auckland. After the routine business was finished, Mr Bloomfield left the chair. asking all present to make the remainder of the evening as sociable as possible. Mr George Gilmer called for three cheers for the Commodore, which was heartily responded to. In acknowledging the compliment, Mr Bloomfield said he had the best interests of the Yacht Club at heart, and he hoped yet to see it the premier club of the Australasian colonies.



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ROBT. G. BAUCHOPE, Hon. Secretary.

New Plymouth, February, 1896.

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## AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

"The Sporting Review" has been appointed the Official Calendar for the publication of all programmes in the Frovincial District of Auck-land, in terms of Eule 17 of the Eules of Racing.

Bule 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 AUGKLAND RACING CLUB. Auckland, 4th December, 1895.

THE PROPRIETOR SPORTING REVIEW,

THE PROPRIETOR SPORTING AUGUSTAN AUGUSTAN AUGUSTAN 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 mouth to pass programmes and transact general business.

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

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

## LICENSES.

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The following licenses have been granted:
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## METROPOLITAN CLUBS.

Metropolitan Clubs meet as under:— Auckland—First Monday in each month. W. Percival, ecretary. Taranaki—Last Friday in each month. R. G. Bauchope,

secretary. Wanganui—First Friday in each month. F. R. Jack-

son, secretary.

Wellington—First Monday in each month. H. M.
Lyon, secretary.

Hawke's Bay—First Friday in each month. F. D. nawke's Bay—First Friday in each month. F. D. mckie, secretary. Nelson—Last Wednesday in each month. J. H. Glen,

eretary. Marlborough—As arranged. C. J. W. Griffiths, secretary. Canterbury—First Tuesday in each month. W. H. E.

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PROGRAMMES PASSED. Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting, July 9.

WM PERCIVAL Secretary

## RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZRALAND FIXTURES.

May 13, Wednesday; 14, Thursday—Napier Park R.C. May 21, Thursday—Waitara May 23, Saturday; 25, Monday—Takapuna J.C. Winter May 23, Saturday; 25, Monday—Dunedin J.C. May May 25, Monday—Wanganii J.C. Winter May 25, Monday—Mimi

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.

May 29, Friday—Auckland R.C. Winter

HANDICAPS. 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.

For real spicey neckties you must go to Geo. Fowlds

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

#### TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

On Friday, 15th May, at 9 p.m., acceptances will close with the secretary at Devonport, or at Mr W. Blomfield's office, Durham Street East, Aucland, for the following events:-

Handicap Maiden Hurdles. Handicap Maiden Plate. First Handicap Hurdles. Birthday Handicap. First Pony Handicap. Royal Handicap. Handicap Steeplechase (second day) Selling Steeplechase.

### WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

lose as under : Hack Flat Handicap

### AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

close as under:---Grand National Hurdles.

On Friday, 29th May (general entry night), nominations close at 9 p.m. for the following

Maiden Handicap Steeplechase Winter Welter Handicap Selling Steeplechase Maiden Handicap Hurdles Pony Handicap Hurdles Maiden Handicap Hurdles Pony Handicap Hurdles

### TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

On Saturday, 23rd May, nominations close for the Taranaki Hack Derby (for three-year-olds-



At 12 o'clock. TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER

MAY 23RD AND QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

AT BRUNSWICK MART, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), at 12 o'Clock.

Auctioneer.

# Sporting Review

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1896.

## THE GAME OF POLO. Ir cannot be said that polo has become a

popular game with the general public, notwithstanding the introduction given to the game in various parts of the world, more especially during the last few years. Polo players in New Zealand have not been slow to recognise that the public does not enjoy the sport or game, and have tried by every reasonable means in their power, to get the public, as spectators, to take an interest in the game, but after one game, the same people rarely come back. Of course we refer to those who have no association with polo in any shape whatever. They admit that it is a manly game to play, and the players require to be first-class horsemen, and then they add half sorrowfully, as if they would like to give the game their support but cannot, "It's right enough, but I don't like to see those big men riding those poor little ponies." Now, there hies the dead secret of the unpopularity of a game that, under certain regulations, should become more popular than Rugby football. Attempts have been made to popularise the game by suggesting that the height of the ponies should be fourteen hands two inches. This would enable players, the majority of whom ride on an average 14st, to obtain cobs or stoutlybuilt ponies that would look something like up to their weight. This would do away with one very great objection to polo as played in New Zealand. It is useless for some players to say that their ponies are fit to carry them during the different spells. We could mention ponies, thin, weakly, barely the standard height (fourteen hands), and grogyylegged, that have to carry men nearly if this were about to be attained.

sixteen stone with all gear on, and after one spell they are fairly done up. We do not need to refer further back than the last Saville Cup tournament. It cannot be truly said that all the ponies there were in a fit state to carry their owners. But with a 14.2 pony we should see a marked improvement in the game, and the general public would then recognise that there was not that element of cruelty which seems to pervade the fourteen hand standard. Then another thing the public demands immediate attention shall be given to, and that is that docking the ponies' mane and tail, shall cease at once. This is a decidedly cruel -some say barbarous-practice, for the reason that the very season of the year when they are required for play, and when they have to stand about a lot, is the warmest time of the year, when the flies are most troublesome. To see the poor brutes struggling, wriggling, stamping their feet, shaking their heads, and biting their sides, trying to keep the flies off themselves without success, makes one feel for the poor little brutes. Some people wonder why such cruelty should be allowed in the Nineteenth Century We watched a team of four polo ponies on a hot day this season. They were hitched to a fence, and for nearly twenty minutes those ponies seemed to go per-fectly mad. The contortions and acrobatic kind of feats they were performing in their endeavours to get rid of the flies caused a few remarks of a "sulphury" nature to come from us and several others who were watching the ponies in their misery. The poor ponies, practically minus their tails and no manes to shake, were just about as mad as they could possibly be. Now, suppose we tied a man's hands behind his back, on a warm summer's day when there are a few flies about, and he has to keep lurching his head from side to side, and, generally speaking, is kept busy, he would quickly ask for his hands to be released so that he could have their assistance in brushing away the flies. So it is with a pony, or even a horse, and if the game cannot be played without subjecting the ponies to such cruelty, the public will never catch on. We are informed that the principal objection to the ponies having long tails is that the sticks would then more frequently get under their tails. Well, if all the ponies have long tails each team is equal, and the cleverest players, i.e. those who will be careful and not allow their sticks to get under the ponies' tails, should win, and good luck to them. We doubt if the local polo clubs can do much in the way of the reform suggested, but everything has a beginning, and the matter has only to be ventilated, when we feel sure that the apparent endorsement of cruelty by the polo associations will, when looked at in the right and human light, not be tolerated. We would have no objection to a ponv's tail being tied up during play, and this disposes of the objection that the stick, would get under the other ponies tails too often and probably cause an accident. Reverting to the height of the ponies, it may be news to many polo players to learn that on the 13th, May, 1895, the following rule was passed at a meeting of the Hurlingham Polo Committee:—"The height of polo ponies shall not exceed fourteen hands two inches, and no ponies showing vice are to be allowed in the game. The committee or any playing member shall be at liberty to challenge the height of any pony playing on the ground, and such pony shall be then measured with its playing shoes on; and in the event of such pony exceeding the recognised height, shall be disqualified from playing on the ground." The above rule did not come into force until May 1st, 1896. The polo people at Home and abroad who playunder Hurlingham Rules have therefore had plenty of time to study out the new rule ... The Polo Magazine goes into hysterics about measuring the ponies. "Who is to measure the ponies?" "Where the pony is to be measured," etc., etc. A proper official for measuring the ponies is always appointed by every polo club, and surely each club can run the price of a spirit level, and erect a standard with wooden floor. The Polo Magazine is apparently scared at the idea of an innovation in

the old-fashioned rules, more especially

when it is in the direction of minimising

cruelty. "Fourteen-two" ponies for

polo is what we have been looking for-

ward to for many years, and it seems as

On Tuesday, 19th May, at 9 p.m., acceptances

Hunters' Steeplechase.

On Friday, 22nd May, at 9 p.m., acceptances Great Northern Steeplechase.

Handicap Hurdles Tally Ho Handicap Steeplechase Second Winter Welter Handicap

now yearlings), to be run at New Plymouth, on Boxing Day, 1897.



MEETING.

ROOTHS,

DIGBY TONKS.

## Inter-Provincial.

## WELLINGTON.

. H. Piper in request-Another thoroughbred for Palmerston North - A popular marriage-Leakage in the telegraphic department-Another handicapper.

Mr Harry Piper arrived from the South on Sunday on his way to Napier to assist at the Napier Park Meeting on Wednesday and Thursday. Mr Piper was asked to officiate at Otaki on the 25th, but was unable to do so, being engaged at Wai-

paws on the same day.

"Watty" Fergus, trainer of Seabreeze and Cheque, nas purchased the Medallion—Spring Creek filly frem Mr Tom Shannon of Spring Creek, Blenheim, and brought the youngster over on Monday. She is half sister to King Harry and Mrs. Shannon and is anged in the Warry and Mrs Shannon, and is engaged in the Wan-ganui Two-year-old Stakes and Derby.

Mr Charlie Cress, of Cress Bros., the well-

known horse owners and sportsmen, of Greytown North and Tauherenikau, was married last week to Miss Morris, a popular young lady of Grey-town North. Mr and Mrs Cress are spending their honeymoon in Christchurch.

Mr Jorgenson informs me that Strathbraan

will make the journey to Wanganui.

It is stated that the reason Lufra came to be backed here for Avondale was on account of the strength of a wire sent from Auckland to Dun-edin leaking out of the Telegraph Office.

Mr John Coyle informs me that he intends offering his services as handicapper to clubs in the Wellington, Wairarapa, and Wanganui districts. As a thoroughly reliable and perfectly competent man he is in a position to carry out any handicapping he undertakes.

## CANTERBURY.

Liberator now the property of Mr V. Harris — Gillie gces to Wanganui— Quiltiri going well-Fancy wagers for the N.Z. Cup-Bellicent favourite for the Dunedin Birthday Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Canterbury Jockey Club was held on Tuesday. A jockey's licence was issued to F. O'Brien and an apprentice's licence to F. G. Harris; an owner's permit was granted to F. Baker, and a gentleman rider's permit was granted to Mr C. L. Inwood. A letter from the Christchurch Hunt Club, in regard to altering the conditions of the Hunters' Hurdle Race, was referred to the programme committee.
...The secretary was instructed to spend the sum

of £25 on tree-planting.

Au Revoir, Padlock, and Cannonball were offered for sale at Ashburton, on Saturday last, by Mr J. Meikle, but were not sold.

The report that Prime Warden had finished his racing career, I believe, is somewhat prema-

ture, as I hear he is to be tried over fences.

Liberator has changed hands once more, Mr V.

Harris purchasing the old horse for 150 guineas.

He is now in Free Holmes charge.

Gillie will be taken to Wanganui on Tuesday.

He is jumping splendidly.

Salvo Shot is being brushed along, in view of Dunedin. He is going well and should win in

Bisley is at exercise again. He is none too

Quiltiri may be taken to the Dunedin Birthday Meeting. He is looking well.

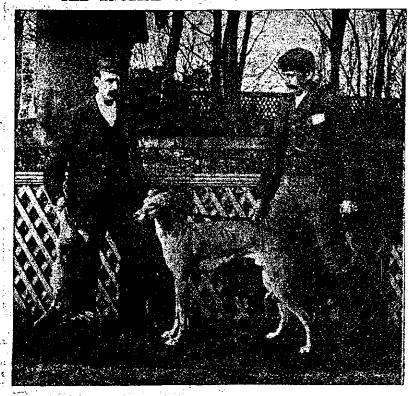
Magazine will shortly be tried over fences.

Lakeshell is still training on nicely, as also is Yellow Rose, Montacute, Barnardo, and Fire

Liberator is very well, and will take all the beating they can give him at Dunedin.

Bellicent is about favourite for the Birthday Handicap at Dunedin, followed closely by Lady Zetland and Hippomenes. .

## THE ENGLISH WATERLOO CUP WINNER.



Mr G. F. Fawcett's r d FABULOUS FORTUNE, by Herschel-Fair Future.

For the five flat races on the first day, there vere only 55 acceptors last year, while this time

there are 75, an increase of 20.

Just prior to the acceptances, the following were genuinely backed for all the money procurable, viz., Lady Zetland and Bizarre, at 100 to 4; Black and Red and Beadonwell, 100 to 3; Hip-Black and Red and Beadonwell, 100 to 3; Hippomenes and Maremma, 100 to 3; Hippomenes and Van Buren, 100 to 3 and 4. The latter flavours strongly of a stable commission, and I know the first-named came from head-quarters.

The double is, of course, Birthday and Tradesman's Handicips.

Mr Dowse is getting better, but very slowly.

His handicaps for our coming meeting have been well received throughout, and without the customers are published.

Miss Madge was submitted to auction last Saturday, but did not find a purchaser, although the reserve was only 35 guineas. Malcolm Allen has charge of her.

Euroclydon passing out of the first day's race is a surprise, as it was reckoned dead sure that he would start in one event. I asked Mr Godman on Tuesday night if anything was wrong with the Cup winner, but, he thinks, if all goes well, he will run him on the second day.

Euroclydon's withdrawal points out that the stable must have a fancy for Jane Eyre's chance, as the New Zealand Cup victor was doing capital

Hippomenes is doing capital work every morn-

ing.
Black and Red and Beadonwell are both in great heart.

Bellicent appears to me to be the favourite amongst the knowing ones, although not so frequently taken in doubles, probably because Mr Stead does not often run his horses in handicaps in Dunedin.

"Billy" Sharpe is at present in Dunedin MA few years ago he was our leading jockey and

## DUNEDIN NATIONAL COURSING MEETING.

## WINNER and RUNNER-UP for the CHALLENGE STAKES,



Photo by Armstrong and Green, Dunedin.

Mr MARTIN TAYLOR and LIZZIE GODFREY, and Mr S. BLADON and BLOOMER.

## THE WINNER OF THE CHALLENGE STAKES.



Photo by Armstrong and Green Dunedin

Mr S. Bladon's blk and w b BLOOMER, by Livingstone-Bliss.

Backers are already befriending their fancies for the New Zealand Cup, and at prices too ridiculously short. Fancy taking 25 to 1 about a horse before the nominations appear. For the Tradesmans', Cannonshot, Warrington,

and Bizarre are fancied. If Rangiatea is taken south, he will take some

beating in the Novel Ruce. He is going well, and looks as fit as any horrse at Riccarten.

Kulnine is galloping nicely, but so far he has only performed the lightest of tosks.

Judging by the number of well-bred upstanding horses seen out with the hounds, there will be a fair number of cross-country animals engaged in the Hunt Club events during the coming

## DUNEDIN.

Good acceptances-Selections for Birthday Meeting - Mr Dowse recovering from illness - Euroclydon a robable starter second day - Hippomenes, Black and Red, and Beadonwell in good nick.

Acceptances for our Birthday Meeting are exceptionally good, the Birthday Handicap being one of the most open events we have had here for some time past.

Good double betting is going on, and amongst the leading bookmakers, Barnett and Grant are doing the volume of business, and, with other pencillers, £600 good money can be got even over this bye-meeting. There are a lot of smaller fry working on from £25 to even a £5 double.

should be worth his thousands, instead of which

he tells me he is "battling."

Mr Matthew Barnett, of Barnett and Grant, has gone to Christchurch to settle there for a while, with a view of probably removing the head quarters of the firm to that centre, being more convenient for their business operations.

## Kebel is doing good strong wor.

## HAWKES BAY.

Mr Rathbone's horses trained near Waipawa now-A well-bred "frost"-The Quinlivan versus Douglas arbitrators at work.

Mr H. Rathbone will for the future have his team trained in the vicinity of Waipawa, and, in conse quence, his Hastings establishment will be closed. Robertson, his trainer, will still continue to hold that position, and at the same time keep an eye on the brood mares and young stock at Mr Rathbone's estate.

The Australian-bred Beauharnais (Gang Forward-Josephine) and the rest of Mr J. Pettit's team, at Kaikora North, have been turned out. The Victorian purchase must have proved rather a costly moke for the well-known Kaikora North boniface, as, although he has competed several times, he has not yet given the judge the trouble to hoist his number.

At the Maori Oat Meeting, held at Omahu on Wednesday, Gold Cup won the principal race.

On Wednesday week, the arbitrators in the Quinlivan Douglas racing dispute commenced proceedings, in the club-room of the Masonic Proceedings, in the crao-room.

Hotel, Messrs A. C. and T. H. Lewis appearing for Mr Quinlivan, and Mr Humphries for Mr Donglas, Mr C. A. Loughran acting as referee. The arbitrators expect to get finished in about a week, and when I state that they sat till ten o'clock last Thursday night, it will be seen that a great deal of evidence has to be waded through. The proceedings are not open to the Press, but great interest is evinced in the case, and the town has been full of sporting people from Hastings, Waipawa, and Danevirke.

## Sporting News.

[BY REVIEWER.]

Acone and Panoply have not been jumped at Ellerslie yet.

The English Derby will be decided on Wednesday, 3rd June.

Paddy O'Rourke is jumping as well as anything at Ellerslie.

Seven bookmakers paid the £5 license fee at the Egmont Winter Meeting.

Kingswood came a nasty cropper at the stone wall while schooling on Wednesday.

A popular local punter backed the Avondale double, Lufra and Ika, to the tune of £150.

The Masterton-Opaki Jockey Club have decided to hold their autumn meeting on the 29th of May.

Mr E. F. Roche's colt, Blairgarrick (by Blairgowrie—Cobweb), is now an inmate of Adam Byers' stable.

Miss Nelson is now located at Ellerslie, and the onlockers like her style of jumping when being schooled. W. J. Millar, trainer of Osculator, has taken Tom Nerricker's stables at Randwick, formerly

Tom Nerricker's stables at Randwick, formerly occupied by Jack Kerr.

Kaitoa, who is engaged in the Great Northern Steeplechase, arrived from New Plymouth by the

Steeplechase arrived from New Plymouth by the Gairloch on Wednesday.

Fred. Davis' horse, Webley, cut the quarter of his foot badly while being schooled over the

his foot badly while being schooled over the hurdles on Thursday last.

Ika, the winner of the Avondale Steeplechase,

is by Piscatoious out of a light, active draught mare, and was bred in Gisborne.

At the Nelson Magistrate's Court, Jockey Hughes obtained judgment against Trainer W. Fergus for £11 15s 6d, wages and riding fees.

There are twenty-one yearlings being handled and ridden about Ellerslie, so that our local twoyear-old races are sure to be well supported next season.

It is funny to read the list of nominations for the Otaki Hack Meeting, and see how many "would-be" racehorses have got back into their class again.

The Adelaide Cup, of 1,000 sovs, was won by Warpaint, Miraculum second, and Trentham third. Warpaint won by a head. Time, 3min 51 4-5sec.

The local horses, Acone and Panoply, were shipped by the s.s. Flora on Friday last for Napier, to fulfil their engagements at the Napier Park meeting.

At the Egmont Steeplechase Meeting Mr M. C. Connell, of Palmerston North, purchased the cross-country mare Narrate, aged, by Natator—Peter Flat mare.

Jockey Stevenson, who rode Auraria, last year's Melbourne Cup winner, has gone to South Africa —principally because the racing clubs would not let him do as he liked.

A final reminder is given to those who have nominated for the Takapuna Birthday Meeting that acceptances close (as per programme) on Friday night of this week.

There are two races, the Hack Flat Handicap and the Hunters' Steeplechase, at the Wanganui Steeplechase Meeting for which acceptances are due on Tuesday, May 19th.

The handicaps for the Takapuna Meeting will be found in our "Handicaps" column. Those who are going in for our "treble coupon" have only two more weeks to fill up coupons.

Idolator split his boof and could not start in the Adelaide Cup. Backers of Wallace in the last Sydney Cup, I presume, wish that this or a similar mishap had occurred before the Aus-

"Bob" Arnott, a well-known cross-country rider on the Taranaki-Wellington coast, is coming to Auckland with Mr W. H. Chitham's team, and he will no doubt ride First Sight in her hurdle race engagements.

After his double win at Avondale, of course everyone wants to know now if Mr Donald Mc-Kinnon will be sending his horses to Hawke's Bay to be trained. I presume he would be sending something class above his present racers.

Much of the success of Mr F. Watson's horses, St. Laura and Dummy, is no doubt owing to the fact that they are allowed plenty of fresh air. They are turned out in a section every day for a few hours if the weather is at all favourable.

I would just remind those trainers and owners who have nominated for the Grand National Hurdles and Great Northern Steeplechase that the handicaps will be declared to morrow (Friday), and next Friday, 22nd inst., the acceptances are due.

At the South Australian Jockey Club's Autumn Carnival, on 2nd inst., in the Elder Stakes of one mile and a furlong, Hova (9.1, Jas. Hayes) and Warpaint, winner of the Adelaide Cup (9.1, E. Power), ran a dead heat; time, Imin 58½sec. In the run-off, Warpaint went to the front and remained there to the distance, where Hova overhauled him and won by a length; time, 2min.

The Hawkes Bay Jockey Club, I am pleased to note, has received a splendid entry for the big Hurdle Race and Steeplechase. Thirty-two nominations for the Hurdle Race and twenty-five for the Steeplechase should be very pleasant reading for the executive of the club.

Royal Rose seems to have had bad luck in the Warwick Farm Handicap, run for on the 2nd inst. At the distance Wyalong challenged Little Agnes on the left, and Royal Rose crept up on the rails. Something, however, closed on the son of Rosalind and knocked him out.

Our readers are reminded that our treble coupon on the Takapuna Birthday Handicap, Grand National Hurdle Race, and Great Northern Steeplechase appears for the last time in this issue, and will close on Thursday, 21st. All coupons, therefore, must reach this office by that date.

When I read that Prime Warden had run his last race, a cold perspiration broke out on me. Could it be true? But, just to myself, I said, wait till the C.J.C. National Hurdle nominations are received, and if he is not amongst the list, then there is some hope of him getting a received.

In the Glenhuntly Handicap of 100 sovs, one mile and three furlongs, run at Caulfield on the 2nd inst., Galant (by St. Leger—Vivandiere), who went out favourite at 3 to 1, with Straightfire, led into the straight, and eventually finished third to Captain Swift (Neckersgat—Ada) and Straightfire.

For the Kensington pony races on May 7th, Golden Fleece was handicapped at 8.0 in the 15 hands Handicap, four and a half furlongs, and at 7.12 for the Kensington Handicap, six furlongs. If she is any good at all she ought to score at these weights.

Owners and trainers are this early advised to look up the programme for the Auckland Racing Club's Steeplechase Meeting. They will notice by our "Reminder Column" that nominations close for the minor events, such as Maiden Hurdles and Steeplechases, Welter Handicaps, etc., on Friday, May 29th.

Our old equine steeplechase friend, Darnley (Bothwell—Dainty Ariel mare), won the Handicap Steeplechase of 25 sovs, about three miles (gentleman riders), at the Warrnambool (Vic.) A.T.C. Annual Meeting on the 29th April. He won from start to finish, and was ridden by his owner, Mr J. J. Allan.

In the headings to our Napier Correspondent's notes last week, the absence of a full stop made one heading read—"The mysterious horse Martyrdom not being jumped." "The mysterious horse" was intended to refer to Waitangi, but the full stop behind "horse" being omitted, altered the sense considerably.

Mr Digby Tonks will sell the privileges in connection with the Takapuna Races, held on Saturday and Monday, May 23rd and 25th, including the gates, hooths, and cards, at the Brunswick Mart, at 12 noon on Friday of this week As the meeting is likely to be the best on record, "privilege dealers" should be in atten-

Mr W. H. Chitham, of Palmerston North, arrived at Auckland, on Wednesday, with his team, consisting of First Sight and the two two-year old fillies, Bavaria and Marvellous. Bob Arnott accompanies the team, which are at present quartered at the Royal Oak Hotel, Epsom. First Sight will make her debut over hurdles in public at the Takapuna meeting.

At a recent meeting of the Tuapeka Jockey Club (Otago), the secretary was instructed to write to the club's delegate at the Racing Conference requesting him to protest against the compulsory advertising of the club's programme in the Referee, as it was considered an unnecesary expenditure, and more in the interests of private enterprise than of horse-racing in Central Otago.

Prior to winning the Great Stafford Steeplechase, Mr Gollan's horse, Ebor, was successful in the Hill Handicap Hurdle Race at Windsor on March 21. There were only three starters, odds of 6 to 5 being laid on Mum, while Ebor figured at 13 to 8 against. The distance was two miles, and Ebor, who was ridden by the New Zealand jockey J. Hickey, carried 11.3, his victory being received with great cheering.

Next week we will have a number of pictures of winners at the Egmont meeting, They would have appeared this week, only the last three days miserable weather has prevented us doing the process work to our satisfaction. However, we must ask the "horsey" people to have a look at our coursing pictures instead, and study where the fleet greyhounds get their speed from, by comparison with the horse. This is an interesting problem, but hard to solve.

The Geraldine Tretting Club, with the assistance of Mr Rattray, of Christchurch, have snapped a "ringer-in," and on Wednesday (13th) he was to have appeared before the magistrate at Geraldine for "alleged intent to defraud by tretting Sultan as Moody." Hard lubour, in the winter time, is not a nice prospect, but it is the only way to kill the "ringing-in" business, as most of those connected with the "ringing" are cowards, and fear jail.

I can understand the enthusiasm that would be displayed by the Egmont sports when Bootles was declared the winner of the Egmont Steeplechase. A more honest horse never crossed a fence, and his owner, Mr E. Shove (and I must include his brother), are true sportsmen. They enjoy racing-principally cross country racingfor the sport they can derive from it. When we find all those who have worked for Messrs. Shove, Bros. (I refer more particularly to those who have to look after the horses) speaking in the highest terms of praise of them we may be sure they are jolly good fellows, and those who ride for them do not have long to wait for their riding fee. As soon as their jockey dismounts he is paid for his work.

The Taranaki Jockey Club offers a nice prize of 150 sovs to the three-year-old—now a yearling—that wins the Hack Derby on Boxing Day, 1897. The nomination fee (one sov.), for such a good race, should not deter any breeder from nominating. I might mention in connection with the Hack Derby, that it is not necessary that the sire of the yearling should be nominated. Nominations for this race close on Saturday, May 23rd. The conditions will be found in another column.

The handicaps for the Takapuna Meeting appear to have been carefully compiled by Mr Knight. In the Birthday Handicap, one mile and a quarter, Panoply (8.12), Retribution and Folly (8.4), Tit (7.5), and Eve 7.0, read well. The last time Folly and Anita met over the same distance Folly gave Anita 4lbs and a beating, now Folly only has to give Anita 2lbs. Annabelle and Hopgarden should exchange places in the Hurdles, and either may win. In the Steeplechase I like Belle, with Carbuncle and Ika next.

Old Parnell, the hero of many a well fought out race, started in the Final Handicap Steeple-chase at Hawera, and gained third position, although some distance off the winner; but it shows what stuff the old Corsair gelding is made of to get over the country safely, when there were a number of younger and better thought of horses falling. It appears Bradshaw would have won this race, but for Sir Athol (by Torpedo) jumping against him, causing him to fall at the last fence.

I could mention some people in Taraneki who not verv long ago would have been offended if they had been told that Waiuku could not give Dummy more than 10lbs over a mile and a distance, and give him more than a head beating. However, that's the way the Railway Handicap at the Egmont Winter Meeting resulted. Aucklanders thought Waiuku could do it, and some of our pencillers have not stopped paying out sixes to one yet!

The Sydney correspondent to the Melbourne Sportsman wires his journal as follows:—"Mr Dan O'Brien has decided to sell his establishment—lock, stock, and barrel—and retire altogether from racing. He will sell privately the whole concern just as it stands. The stables are the best in Australia, and the residence a most comfortable one. The horses offered with the real estate are: Bob Ray, Response, Cartridge, Patriot, Wingen, Mosaic, and the Ta-Ta yearling. Mr O'Brien will return to New Zealand, where he has big interests to look after."

Colonel North ("The Nitrate King"), whose death was announced in last week's cables, owed his sobriquet to the fact of his having accumulated immense wealth by speculations in the nitrate mines in South America. He presented Kirkstall Abbey to his native town (Leeds) in 1889, made handsome donations to the funds of the Yorkshire College of Surgeons and Leeds Infirmary. He was a prominent figure in sporting and coursing circles, being the owner of many racehorses and greyhounds and recently invested (in conjunction with Lord Fingall) largely in Western Australian gold mines.

All sorts of funny stories are abroad as to the capabilities of Fabulist over hurdles. He has already done his trial for the Grand National, and beaten all John Lennard's jumpers, and such like absurd yarns. There is no doubt that the Auckland Derby winner can jump, but that does not say he has been raced over hurdles. It seems a pity that the idea should have been entertained of putting him over hurdles at three years and nine months old. If he is well schooled and raced over hurdles, and he is prone to curb, it will quickly appear on an overgrown colt like Fabulist, after his hocks have been strained a few times to get the requisite leverage to land himself safely on the other side of the hurdles.

Alf. Lawton and his Novelty Company still hold the boards at the Opera House, and are drawing good "down stair" houses. Little Florrie Ranger, who sings "I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard," and several Cockney carols, has become a popular favourite, judging from the applause which greets her every night. The trick skating by Norris and Williams is very laughable, and the speciality by the Mahers is good. The boxing kangaroo is certainly a novelty to Auckland audiences, whilst the daring feats of Ouda, of walking backwards and forwards on a ladder with his head to the floor, must be seen to be realised. The items by Mr Harry Fitzmaurice and Miss Ida Holbein were also very acceptable. A reduction in prices was advertised for Saturday night, and this should ensure better houses "up stairs."

Last week I made some remarks touching on the necessity of small racing clubs who are denied the luxury of the totalisator, and who consequently are forced to accept the assistance of the book makers, asking for a deposit from the pencillers. I pointed out that the financially good men are in favour of this course, but the smaller fry say I should give them a chance. The following from the Melbourne Sportsman pretty well explains what may occur, and again, when every thing is properly organised, how a race meeting can be conducted with little or no welshing:— "Apropos of Warrnambool, the meet last week was unique, inasmuch as there was a total absence of welshing. The registered fielders who went West tell me that much credit accrues to Mr E. J. Wright (the V.R.C. detective) in this connection. He worked hard to clear the course of balancers and welshers, and succeeded. He collected close upon £100 in fielders' fees, some £650 was put up as guarantee deposits by non-clubmen—members of the Victorian and Bowes' Tattersall's Clubs were, of course, not asked to plank their money-no fewer than thirteen of whom each staked their fifties as guarantees of good faith. The attendance and the settling were, in more ways than one, records, and if only on the score of the annihilation of welshing, Mr Wright deserves, and will probably be the recipient of, a special vote of thanks from the Warrnambool executive."

There appears to be quite an exodus of horses for England just now. Last week Chainshot left New Zealand, and Carbonado and Daimio left Australia for the Old Country, and now we have word that the mare Maluma (Malua—Madcap), full-sister to the Melbourne Oup winner, Malvolio, has been purchased for 1000 guineas, and was shipped to England on Monday. Mr Redfern's mare will probably race on the English Turf before finally retiring to the stud. Now we have another likely exodus from our own shores, as it is reported that Mr S. H. Gollan has sent instructions from England to his representative in Hawke's Bay to send home several of his stallions. Those wanted, presumably, are those containing Musket blood, and if this is so, Mr Gollan can command two fine young horses from that great family. I refer to Mosquetaire (Nordenfeldt—Frailty) and The Possible (Nordenfeldt—Realisation). The latter will always eatch the eye as a likely stud horse, while Sternchaser (Nordenfeldt—Crinoline), although not one of the sweetest of creatures, has substance and size, and even breeding, to recommend him. Pounamu, I trust, may not be sent. We can ill afford to part with a stallion so beautifully bred (winning strains) as he is. By Newminster, the sire of nearly all the best horses in Australia, from Beryl, sister to Nordenfeldt (Musket—Onyx), he is in my opinion just the thing we want. On the Wanganui coast The Painter blood is elways proudly spoken of, yet no effort is ever made to get a stallion by Newminster, who is by The Marquis, whom breeders quote so much. The Newminsters are stayers, and that's what we want.

## TAKAPUNA WINTER MEETING.

[BY NEWHAVEN.]

Punctually at the appointed time Mr Knight declared his handicaps in connection with the Takapuna Winter Meeting. Never before has the veteran handicapper had a bigger contract on hand, so far as this club is concerned. The entries for all events far exceed those received in former years, and consitute a record. This is in every way gratifying to the club, and favoured with fine weather, no doubt local turfites will muster in their usual patriotic style. The acceptances are not due until to-morrow (Friday), and until owners have declared their primary intentions it would be useless on my part to endeavour to anticipate the winners. At present I shall be content to express the opinion that in the Birthday Handicap St. Kilda (9.12), Anita (8.2), and Lady Marion (7.10) are nicely handicapped, and, dressed in their best, should be hard to beat. In this race last year St. Kilda carried 9.12 and suffered a neck defeat by Anita (6.7), so that the top-weight must not be voted out of it. In the Steeplechase, Kildare meets Ika on 3lbs better terms than when they met at Avondale, and should, I think, on that running hold Ika safe. Next week I shall have a chance of dealing with the acceptances in a more comprehensive form.

## THE BETTING MARKET.

Takapuna Double.

Messrs McLeod and Cleland report good business over this double. The favourite selections are Lady Marion, Anita, St. Regel, and Folly for the Birthday Handicap, coupled with Bombardier, Donald McKinnon, and Kildare for the Steeplechase, 100 to 5 to 100 to 1 being offered about these combinations.

Wanganui Meeting.

100 to 3 to 100 to 1 is offered on the Wanganui Steeplechase and Winter Oats.

New Zealand Cup.

Messrs Barnett and Grant, of Dunedin, report having transacted the following business on the New Zealand Cup:—1000 to 15 Skirmisher, 500 to 20 Dauntless, 1000 to 35 Gipsy Grand, 500 to 15 Uniform, 500 to 15 Euroclydon, 500 to 12½ Black and Red, 500 to 12½ Casket, 1000 to 12 False Impression, 500 to 5 Westmere, 600 to 18 Chaos, 500 to 12 Ngatuere.

## OTAKI MEETING.

Nominations.

TRIAL HANDICAP,—Gaspard, Wach-en-Beetze, Tararua, Blue Mountain, Mrs Shannon, Roll Call, Puawai, Primus, Beicth, Slavin, Bowshot, Annie, Hesitation, Brunswick, Light, Caloola II., Indian Shot, The Goth, Kiora, Wharangi, Langdale, Alpha, Calmarine, The Mairi's, Young Matai, Totia, Otakapau. Kahuraniki, Maewarangi, Matau.

FIRST HURDLE RACE.—Steel King, Tenby, Tell Tale, Daisy Bell, Rossall, Scrapiron, Bush Girl, Barman, Waituna, Little John, Runaway, Gold-dust.

OTAKI PLATE.—First Result, Errand Boy, Opai, Kinglake Princess Cole, Springtime, Crimson Streak, Mystical, Slumber, Slaiden, Bona Fide, Light, Swordfish, Ebor II., Tokatea, Ota-

SECOND HURDLE RACE.—Revenue, Rossall, Runaway, Scrap Iron, Tenby, Tell Tale, Milford, Daisy Bell, Primus, Bush Girl, Barman, Waituna, Little John, Violet, Black Dust, Whisper.

FLYING HANDICAP. — Errand Boy, Gaspard, First Result, Milford, Tararua, Persimmon, Roll Call, Puawai, Princess Cole, Reality, Bowshot, Annie, Hesitation, Bona Fide, Slaiden, Crescent, Light, Caloola II., Acme, Hang Fire, Disraeli, Sing-song, Calmarine, Titoki, Stockade, Totia.

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## Racing Results.

## ENGLISH. KEMPTON PARK SPRING JUBILEE MEETING.

THE ROYAL TWO-YEAR-OLD PLATE of 3,000 sovs; to the nomi-

nator of the winner; 100 sovs each to t	he
owner and nominator of the second, and	50
sovs each to the owner and nominator of t	he
third. Five furlongs.	
Mr Fairne's b c Eager, by Enthusiast—	
Gwache	1
Lord Rosebery's b f Chelandry, by Goldfinch	
—Illuminata	2
Duke of Portland's b f Lady Frivoles, by St.	
Simon—Gay Duchess	3
THE KEMPTON PARK GREAT JUBILEE STAKES,	8.
handicap of 3,000 soys; the second to recei	ve
200 sovs, and the third 100 sovs. One mile.	
200 soys, and the third too sould form by	
Mr T. Worton's b h Victor Wild, 6yrs, by Albert Victor—Wild Huntress, 9.7	1
Captain Greer's br c Kilcock, 4yrs, by Kil-	_
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warlin—Bonny Morn, 6.12 Mr H. McCalmont's b h The Lombard, 4yrs,	
by Petrovch—Wealth, 7.3	- 3
by Petrarch—Wealth, 7.3	-
MEW ZEALAND.	

#### NEW ZEALAND.

NAPIER		RACING MEETING	<b>}</b> -	
TRL	AL HUR	DLES, one n	nile and a	half.
Rang	ipunehu	, 9.0		T
Blily.	10.7			2
Umsl	opogaas,	10.7		3
Alen et	arted—I	Prairie Gr	ass, Chris	, Queens-
borough,	Lord B	aven, Ten	by, Capo	n Kouge,
Sorap Iron	ı II.			
Dividen	d, £19 7	70.		
Er	ECTRIC	HANDICAP	, six furlor	1g8.
Moon	raker, 7	.10	•••	1
Heav	${f enly} \; {f Tw}$	in, 7.2	•••	2
Allan	-a-dale,	7.9	<u></u>	3
Also et	arted	Musketeer	, Daring,	Popgun,

Brennan.		•		
Dividend, £2 14s.				
NAPIRE STEEPLECE	IASE, A	bout th	ree m	iles.
Mutiny, 12.3		•••	•••	1
Morag, 10.7	•••	•••	•••	2
Timothy, 10.6		***		3
Also started—Tirites	12.8,	Gondol	ier 11	.8, The
Plug 10.3.				

Dividend, £4 4s. HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE, about two miles and a half.

Hilda II.		***	•••		Ī
Glengarry		•••	•••	•••	2
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Toturos scratch	ed.	۹. '			
Dividend, £3 2					
STEWARDS' ST.	AKES	, one m	ile and	a qu	arter

Martyrdom, 7.2 ... Lotion, 8.13 ... ... 3
Also started—The Artist, Aio, Marino, New Forest, Westmere, Allan-a-dale, Kingsman, Leon-Dividend, £3 7s.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, two	miles.
Tally-Ho, 9.10	1
Canard, 9.3	2
T Rose, 10.3	3
Also started—Hopeful and Zaccho.	
Dividend, £4 15s.	

SETTLERS' HANDICAP, One mue		
Maid Marion 7.6		•
Belford, 7.3	. 2	
Primula, 6.7	3	
Also started-Gold Cup, Rainbow, My	eteri	ous
Pongun Midas Wikitoria, Whakamatu.		

Dividend, £7 17s.

## BILLIARDS.

THE PUSH SHOT.—The English experts and the English Billiard Association are still agitating the question of the abolishment of the push shot and eliminating it from the English game. The following clipping from the London Times gives the views of a well-known professional expert:—
"The Fush Stroke at Billiards.—To the Editor of the Times—Sir: As the letter from Messra Roberts, Dawson, and Diggle, which appeared in your issue of Friday last, February 14th, appears o have some direct reference to myself as the individual who suggested the abolition of the push stroke, may I be allowed to express the opinion that is no justification of a foul stroke to say that it has been allowed for many years? I suggest it is impossible, for a spectator, seated ten yards from the table, to see whether a push cannon is made or not, and it would increase the attractiveness of the game if the stroke were abolished. At strict billiards—that is, push stroke barred— At strict biliards—that is, push stroke barred—1 am prepared to play either Dawson or Diggle, or both, a game of 7,500 up for £100 a side. Yours faithfully, William Mitchell, Midland Hotel, Withington, Manchester, February 18th. P.S.—I notice your correspondents, Messrs. Roberts, Dawson, and Diggle, do not attempt a denial of the fact that the push is a foul shot."

A billiard match between Weiss (Australian champion) and Shinton (who is atted New Zon

champion) and Shipton (who is styled New Zealand champion) was played at the Commercial Hotel, Hawera, last week, Weiss conceding 600 in a game of a 1,000. The game lasted 2 hours 40 minutes, Weiss opening with a 102 break. Shipton stood at 912 when the champion went

Weiss, in an exhibition game, conceded the same number of points to Mr Williamson, a wellknown player in Hawers, but the latter succeeded in winning by 50 points.

Weiss, we hear, will be in Auckland some time next month, when no doubt some of our local champions will be pleased to engage the Australian champion in a friendly match or assist at an exhibition game.

## TROTTING.

OFFICIAL CALENDAR.

NORTH ISLAND TROTTING ASSOCIA-TION OF N.Z.

PALMEESTON 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.

## TROTTING CALENDAR.

May 14—Stratford.
May 21 and 25—Canterbury Trotting Club's May Meeting.
May 22—Tahuna Park Trotting Club's Winter Meeting.
May 25—Nelson.

## NOTES.

By FRITZ.

The following handicaps have been declared for the May Trot, to be decided at the Dunedin May races:—J.H. scr, Sail Home, 10sec, Butcher Boy II. 12sec, The Baillie 14sec, Bedale 18sec, Telephone 21sec, Prince Imprial 23sec, Woolston 25sec, Count. 27sec. Prince 20sec. Maggie I. Telephone 21sec, Prince Imprirat 23sec, Woodston 25sec, Count 27sec, Prince 29sec, Maggie L. 31sec, Mungo 33sec, Gaiety 35sec, Gordon 40sec, Cowboy 43sec, Andrew 52sec, Dorsen 52sec, Counding Stone 54sec, Little Fame 54sec, Matai 54sec, Leo 56sec, May 56sec, Taieri Maid 58sec, Minnie Grey 58sec, Charlie 58sec, Tickler 70sec.

The match between Osterley, the well-known Mclbourne trotter (brother to Sir William who is located at Palmerston North), and cyclist Harris for the best of three one mile heats did not come off, as Harris after being beaten in the first heat complained that the track was too treacherous, and wouldn't go on with the match, yet Yankee Martin, the cyclist, could put up a quarter mile on the same track in 29 3-5sec. Osterley trotted the first one mile, handled by Taylor, and Mr. John Robertson's consistent horse Taylor, and Mr John Robertson's consistent horse trotted the distance in 2min 29 3-5sec, Harris was some distance behind. During the afteanoon Osterley made two attempts to lower the Australian record put up by Fritz (2min 14 1-6sec) at Moonee Valley, and although Richmond Park at Moones variey, and attempt he registered 2min 282sec, and in the second attempt put up 2min 29sec, wonderfully consistent performances.

William Simpson, who bought John R. Gentry William Simpson, who bought John R. Gentry, 2.03\(\frac{x}{4}\), at W. B. Fasig and Co.'s sale, has decided to make his name shorter, and in future he will be known as Gentry. The son of Ashland Wilkes and Dame Wood, at Henry C. Jewett's covered track, is looking fine, and moving sound as a new dollar. William J. Andrews is highly pleased with Gentry, and his many friends expect to see him riding in the front ranks again next season. He will inaugurate the campaign season at Mystic Park's early meeting, then go to Saugus, where the Simpson horses are entered in stakes. Bouncer, 2.103, is wintering nicely, and, barring Bouncer, 2.10, is wintering nicely, and, barring accidents, will be decidedly in front this year. The horses under Andrews' guidence are being jogged slowly. Among the number will be Gentry, 2.03; Bouncer, 2.10; Quality, 2.21; Adornment. 2.16; Kate Greenlander, 2.17; Sufficient, 2.21; Spalpeen, 2.17, and several green ones. About the last of April Mr Andrews will probably take the horses to the Cuba (N.Y.) mile track, where Mr Simpson's farm is located, to put on the finishing touches for the early campaign the finishing touches for the early campaign down in the Old Bay State.

The campaigning stable from Village Farm Buffalo, will have a special car this season with all conveniences. The special horse car which is being built for Village Farm campaigners is said to be an improvement over all others. It will be sixty-two feet long, resting on two six-wheel trucks, with steel tires, and strictly modern in every respect.

Mr J. A. Connell, the secretary of the Wellington Trotting Club, I notice has received an appointment at Nelson. This will no doubt cause his resignation from the Empire City Club, and if the Club get a man as secretary whose judgment on trotting matters is more sound, they may yet see that it will pay them to join the North Island Trotting Association. The Club North Island Trotting Association. The Club cannot claim that the two last meetings have been a success in point of entries.

At the Auckland Trotting Club's usual mont meeting, the committee endorsed the disqualification imposed on Fions, alias Clive, by the Hawke's Bay Metropolitan Trotting Club.

## CANTERBURY NOTES.

The nominations for the Canterbury Trotting Club's Meeting are very good. Over £300 was received for nomination fees.

Mr A. J. Rattray and the late owner of Sultan had no difficulty in recognising Moody, as identical with Sultan, when the saw the horse at Geraldine last Wednesday. As a result an information for alleged intent to defraud was laid against the nominator of the horse by the chairman of the Geraldine Trotting Club. The case will be heard in the Geraldine Court on Wednes day, the 13th inst.

The Canterbury Trotting Club have effected several improvements at the Show Grounds, and given fine weather the first two days' trotting meeting in the colony should be a great success.

Almost every racing track is being utilised to work trotters on, and it is estimated there are at least from two to three hundred trotters in work in Canterbury. If trotting is to succeed here, as those in authority hope it will, I should imagine

that it will be absolutely necessary to introduce class trotting, as this is the only way to give the tip-top horses a fair chance.

I hear that some rather unlooked for disclosures may shortly be made as to the Silverwood-Rugby "ringing-in" case.

## TROTTING RESULTS.

#### HAWERA TROTTING CLUB.

The first meeting of the above club without the totalisator was decided on Friday. Owing to the cold and dull sort of weather, the attendance did not number more than about 600. Six bookmakers paid the license fee of £5. The following results are to hand:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP TROT (saddle) of 12 sovs; second horse 2 sovs from the stakes.

Mr A. H. Richard's b m Seadale, aged, 15sec, Corrigan Mr J. Homes' ch g Dynamite, 35sec ...

Mr E. Murfitt's b m Miss Capt, 5sec... 3
Also started — Music 15sec, Tawhiti 15sec,
White Wings 18sec, Thunderbolt 23sec, Golden

King 28sec, Lady 35sec. Betting—2 to 1 Seadale, 4 to 1 Thunderbolt, Dynamite, and Golden King, 5 to 1 Lady, White Wings, and Tawhiti, 7 to 1 Miss Cant and Music. After a mile had been covered Seadale had the lead, and going on won easily. Time, 6min

Pony Handicar Trot (harness) of 12 sovs; second pony 2 sovs from the stake. Two miles. Mr F. Bolton's chg Sailor Bey II., scr, owner 1 Mr J. Guy's bg Toby, 33sec ... ... 2 Mr W. Kilgour's rng Bit-o'-Blue, 23sec ... 3 Also started — Wee Jacob 4sec, Colorado 20sec,

Kate 28sec, Premier 35sec. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 6min 29sec. HAWERA HANDICAP TROT (saddle) of 35 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Two and

a half miles.

Mr H. Hammond's br g Claret, 20sec

Mr P. J. Henley's ch g Awahuri, 30sec

Mr H. N. Liardet's b h Bellman, 38sec Also started—Maud V. scr, Otakeho 15sec, Iolanthe 18sec, Gold Dust 18sec, Tinker 20sec, Nellie 23sec, Hard Case 33sec, The Grey 35sec,

Nellie 25sec, Hard Case 35sec, The City 55sec, and Dynamite 45sec.

Betting—2 to 1 Claret and Awahuri; 3 to 1 Iolanthe, Otakeho, and Nellie; 4 to 1 Gold Dust and Hard Case; 5 to 1 Dynamite, Bellman, and

Claret soon went to the front, and won easily

Time, 7min 12 2-5sec. HANDICAP PONY TROT (saddle) of 12 sovs second pony 2 sovs from the stake. One and a half miles.

Mr F. Bolton's ch g Sailor Boy II., 7sec behind ser (including 7sec penalty), owner ... Mr A. Campbell's b g Grasshopper, 28sec ... Mr W. Kilgour's rn g Bit o' Blue, 18sec ...

## Coursing Notes.

[BY SLIP.]

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A.C.H., Napier.—Yes; you must register the pup before three months old if you wish to run it in the Puppy Stakes. The National Coursing Club Rule No, 6 reads:—"Every litter of greyhounds must be registered in the books of the National Coursing Club of New Zealand before the puppies are three months old, or they will not be allowed to run in any sapling or puppy stakes." It will be necessary now for you to register your pup with any of the coursing clubs affiliated to the National Club, Dunedin. The Hawke's Bay Club would take the registration, or you can forward particulars and two shillings and sixpence to Mr H. H. Hayr, secretary of the Auckland Club, who will attend to the registration.

This week we give a picture of Fabulous Fortune, the winner of the English Waterloo Cup, and another picture of Mr Bladon and his famous bitch "Bloomer," winner of the Dunedin Challengo Stakes, and of Mr Martin Taylor's bitch Lizzie Godfrey runner up for the same

Mr J. W. Russell, landlord of the Occidental Hotel, Vulcan Lane, has presented a very hand-some silver cup to the Auckland Coursing Club, which is to be given to the winner of the Challenge Stakes, at the June Meeting. The cup is on view in Mr Williamson's, tobacconist, shop window.

The drawing in connection with the Auckland Coursing Club's meeting, to be decided on Wednesday, 13th and Saturday, 16th, took place at the Occidental Hotel, on Monday night. Some life was inflused into the betting, and some fairly brick encouplation took place after the draw. brisk speculation took place after the draw. For the New Lynn Maiden Stakes Ginger was made favourite, while Discard was the principal selec-Stormfiend, and See Saw were accorded support.
The weather does not look altogether managed. the first day's coursing, and it is to be hoped that it will be more favourable on Saturday.

A Supplementary Stakes will be added to Saturday's Avondale programme for all dogs beaten in the first and second round of the Maiden. Entries close this (Thursday) evening.

AUCKLAND COURSING CLUB MAY MEETING, 13th and 16th.

## FIRST DRAW.

AVONDALE CUP, for an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at £2 10s each.—Dora B. meets Discard, Linwood meets White Hind, Wisdom meets Raspberry, Newport meets Stormfiend, Tim Doolan meets Sequah, See-Saw meets Guy

NEW LYNN MAIDEN STAKES, for an unlimited number of all aged dogs at £1 10 each. Open to dogs that have not won any advertised money.— Lady Guy meets Best Bower, Starlight meets Cupid's Dart, Game Boy meets Port Bow, Robin Hood meets Bangle, Tradesman meets Rita, Captain Webster meets Ajax, Snow Flake meets Sir Roto, Lady Mack meets Speed King, J.F.

meets Laura, Monawai meets Queenie, Romp meets Gilga, The Wanderer meets Errand Boy, Bessie meets Blue Girl, Trilby meets the Vicar, Sir Thomas meets Black Jack, Ginger meets Keiler, Three Star meets Reliance

## WEDNESDAY, 13TH APRIL.

Weather wet. Attendance about 300. Results-NEW LYNN MAIDEN STAKES.

First Round.—Lady Guy beat Best Bower, Starlight beat Cupid's Dart, Game Boy beat Port Bow, Bangle beat Robin Hood, Rita beat Tradesman, Ajax beat Captain Webster, Sir Roto beat Snowfiake, Lady Mack beat Speed King, Laura beat J.F., Queenie beat Monowai, Romp beat Gilga, The Wanderer beat Errand Boy, Blue Girl beat Bessie, The Vicar beat Trilby, Sir Thomas beat Black Jack, Ginger beat Keiller, Reliance heat Three Star Reliance beat Three Star.

SECOND ROUND.—Lady Guy beat Starlight, Bangle beat Game Boy, Ajax beat Rita, Lady Mack beat Sir Roto, Queenie beat Laura, Wanderer beat Romp, Blue Girl beat The Vicar, Sir Thomas beat Ginger, Reliance ran a bye.

AVONDALE CUP. FIRST ROUND.—Dora B. beat Discard, White Hind beat Linwood, Wisdom beat Raspberry, Stormfiend beat Newport, Tim Doolan beat Sequah, Guy Fawkes beat See-Saw.



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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND, NORTHERN DISTRICT.

In the matter of the Bankruptcy Act 1883, and

the several amendments thereof, and of the Bankruptcy of WILLIAM NESBITT, of Coromandel, Mine Manager. Notice is hereby given that William Nesbitt, of Coromandel, Mine Manager, was this day adjudged a bankrupt, and I hereby summon a meeting of creditors, to be holden at Mr William Davidson's office, Westport on the 22nd day of

May, 1896, at 11.0 o'clock. Dated at Auckland, this 8th day of May, 396.

JOHN LAWSON, Official Assignee in Bankruptcy

## Nominations.

## HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

HANDIGAR HURDLES.—Dante, Capon Rouge, Tiritea, Tally-ho, Mutiny, Chris, Blackberry, Rangiapunehu, The Plug, Kapua, Lord Raven, Zanzibar, Lord Vivian, Hopgarden, Moonraker, Paddy O'Ronrke, Grenadier, Hopeful, Mystical, Flying Shot, Napoleon, Nat, Umslopogaas, Prairie Grass, Sir Athol, Queensborough, Morag, Revolt, Glenelg, Narrate, Canard, Liberator.

STEEFLECHASE. — T Rose, Tiritea, Tally-ho, Mutiny, The Plug, Timothy, Hopeful, Forty Winks, Otaieri, Spermaceti, Bootles, Nat, Waitnas, Ben Lamond, Sir Athol, Dromedary, Morag, Kaika, Seddon, Awarua, Glenelg, Narrate, Gondolier, Canard Liberator.

## WAIPAWA COUNTY RACING CLUB'S MAY MEETING.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP.-Kupenga, Martyrdom, Popgun, Gold Cup, Allan-a-dale, Blarney, Midas, Lotion, Moonraker.

HANDICAP HACK RACE.—Rainbow, Whakamatu, Money Musk, Sylvanus, Aphony, Waitangi, Maid Marion, Unfortunate, Haka, Whatiri, Wikitoria, Piripi, Gold Cup, Slumber.

WAIPAWA COUNTY RACING CLUB HANDICAP.

WAIPAWA COUNTY KACING CLUB HANDICAP.

— Drury Lane, Capon Rouge, Musketeer, Blarney,
Martyrdom, Midas, Lotion, Allan-a-dale.

TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLES.—The Turk, Baritone, Okura, Hilda II., Kauri Gum, Horiri,
Blackberry, Scrap Iron II., Venture, Rhino, Kerry
Lass, Billy, Queensborough, Prairie Grass, Rangi-

punehu.

HAOK FLYING HANDICAP.—Rainbow, Whakamatu, Purity, Aphony, Piripi, Rhino, Kerry Lass, Primula, Unfortunate, Haka, Glenfeldt, Wikitoria, Taane, Waitangi, Maid Marion. Slumber.

Welter Hack Handicap.—Capon Rouge, Purimu, Sylvanus, Progress, Pistol Grip, Sparkle, Tally-ho, Slumber, Rangipunehu, Money Musk, Waitangi, Blackberry, Scrap Iron II., Venture, Billy Primula Sea Foam, Omenu.

Billy, Primula, Sea Foam, Omepu.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Drury Lane, Martyrdom,
Gold Cup, Allan-a-dale, Musketeer, Popgun,
Moonraker, Heavenly Twin.

## Handicaps.

## TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

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## Acceptances.

## DUNEDIN J.C. WINTER MEETING.

HURDLE RACE, about two miles. - Liberator 12.12, Rebel 10.2, Mainstay 9.13, Invader 9.4, Belmont 9.2.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP, one mile and a half .-Lady Zetland 8.13, Saracen 8.11, Hippomenes 8.7, Bellicent 8.0, Quiltiri 7.10, New Forest 7.5, Black and Red 7.4, Lord Zetland 7.2, Jane Eyre 7.0, Emmeline 6.7.

TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Culverin 8.12, Casket 8.10, Vanilla 8.8, Cannonshot 8.6, Maremma 8.4, Beadonwell 7.13, Quiltiri 7.12, New Forest 7.8, Warrington 7.6, Rangiatea 7.6, Lord Zetland 7.5, Bizarre 7.5, Van Buren 7.2, Vandyke 7.0, Emmeline 6.11, Victim 6.12, The Winchman 6.10, Brin 6.10, Lady Somnus 6.7, Twilight 6.7.

## OUR TREBLE COUPON.

THE following coupons have been received up to Tuesday, 12th inst., for the Takapuna Birthday Handicap, Grand National Hurdle Race, and

Handicap, Grand National Hurdle Race, and Great Northern Steeplechase troble:—

BRTHDAY HDCP. G.N. HURDLES G.N. STEEPLES

130 J.F. W.M.—Anita—Kapua—Liberator

131 R.J.E.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Clarence

132 R.J.E.—St. Regel—Levante—Clarence

132 W.H.—Anita—Bonovoree—Carbuncle

134 W.B.G.G.—Anita—Bonovoree—Carbuncle

135 C.S. W.—St. Kilda—Fabulist—Donald McKinnon

136 C.S. W.—St. Kilda—Fabulist—Donald McKinnon

137 J.A.H.—Panoply—Fabulist—Donald McKinnon

137 J.A.H.—Panoply—Babulist—Donald McKinnon

137 J.A.H.—Panoply—Dante—Tiritea

138 F.L.A.—St. Regel—Sterling—Bombardier

139 T.G.E.—St. Regel—Sterling—Bombardier

130 T.G.E.—St. Regel—Grenadier—Carbuncle

141 T.H.G.—St. Regel—Grenadier—Carbuncle

142 T.H.G.—St. Regel—Grenadier—Bombardier

143 N.T.R.—Anita—Bombardier—Carbuncle

144 N.T.R.—Panoply—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier

145 H.L.—Acone—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle

146 H.L.—Anita—Mutiny—Tiritea

147 H.L.—St. Regel—Tiritea—Mutiny

148 A.S.M.—Folly—Jaberator—Tiritea

149 C.C.—Folly—St. Kilda—Belle

0.A.P.—Acone—Donald McKinnon—Mutiny

153 A.S.—Panoply—Donald McKinnon—Mutiny

154 A.S.—Panoply—Donald McKinnon—Liberator

155 W.W.—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon—Tiritea

154 A.S.—Panoply—Liberator—Tiberator

155 W.W.—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon—Tiritea

156 A.C.—Free Lance—Lord Vivian—Liberator

157 H.C.—Haria—Donald McKinnon—Liberator

158 Mrs J.F.—Acone—Liberator—Tiritea

169 Mrs J.F.—Belly—Liberator—Tiritea

160 K.P.—Folly—Jaberator—Tiritea

161 A.C.—Anita—Honolad McKinnon—Liberator

162 W.McL.—Tit—Bonovere—Liberator

163 R.D.G.—Folly—Jaberator—Tiritea

164 H.H.—Bt. Regel—Liberator—Tiritea

165 Y.T.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Liberator

168 A.J.F.—Belly—Donald McKinnon—Liberator

169 A.J.F.—Belly—Donald McKinnon—Liberator

160 F.M.—Folly—Donald McKinnon—Liberator

161 H.H.—Bt. Regel—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle

162 W.McL.—Tit—Bonovere—Liberator

163 A.C.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Liberator

164 S.J.W.—Folly—Donald McKinnon—Liberator

165 A.C.—St. Regel—Donald McKinnon—Donald McKinnon

177 J.W.—Folly—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier

178 J.B Great Northern Steeplechase treble :-BIRTHDAY HOCP. G.N. HURDLES G.N. STEEPLES

204 M.H.Q.—Acone—Liberator—Tiritea
205 M.H.Q.—Folly—Donald McKinnon — Donald Mo
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206 J.S.—Rétaliation—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier
207 E.W.R.—Lady Marion—Aughadowey—Rombardier
208 H.K.—St. Kilda — Donald McKinnon—Liberator
209 T.N.C.—St. Regel—St. Kilda – Kildare
210 J.R.—Eve—Hop Garden—Tiritea
211 J.R.—Eve—Levanter—Bombardier
212 J.R.—Eve—Fabulist—Bombardier
213 G.H.—Norina—Grenadier—Belle
214 G.H.—Norina—Aughadowey—Belle
215 Miss G.S.—Eve—Donald McKinnon—Tiritea
216 M.H.—Free Lance—Fabulist—Tiritea
217 J.C.—Forma—Ballyhooley—Tiritea
218 A.R.S.—St. Regol—Dante—Barnardo
219 A.R.S.—Retribution—String—Ika
200 T.H.V.—Eve—Melinite—Bombardier
221 T.H.V.—Eve—Liberator—Liberator
222 T.H.V.—Eve—Melinite—Liberator (informal)
223 C.V.—Norina—Levanter—Malabar
224 J.T.W.—Anta—Waituna—Tiritea

219 A.R.S.—Retribution—Strling—Ika
220 T.H.V.—Eve—Melinite—Bombardier
221 T.H.V.—Eve—Melinite—Liberator
222 T.H.V.—Eve—Melinite—Liberator (informal)
223 C.V.—Norina—Levanter—Malabar
224 J.T.W.—Anita—Waituna—Tiritea
225 J.T.W.—Acone—Donald McKinnon—Mutiny
226 C.H.—Acone—Donald McKinnon—Mutiny (inf.)
227 C.H.—Doris—Donald McKinnon—Mutiny
228 C.H.—Free Lance—The Plub—Tiritea
229 C.W.—St. Regel—St. Kilda—Carbuncle
230 C.W.—St. Regel—St. Kilda—Carbuncle
230 C.W.—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon—Tiritea
225 F.L.A.—Anita—Hop Qurden—Harnardo
236 F.L.A.—Anita—Hop Qurden—Harnardo
237 F.L.A.—Anita—Gonald McKinnon
236 F.L.A.—St. Regel—Forella—Tiritea
237 E.J. A.—St. Regel—Forella—Tiritea
238 F.L.A.—Folly—Liberator—Bombardier
237 E.J. C.—Lady Marion—St. Kilda—Barnardo
238 J.J.C.—Lady Marion—St. Kilda—Barnardo
239 A.S.M.—Merry Maid—Donald McKinnon—Carbuncle
240 W.M.—St. Kilda—St. Kilda—Belle
241 W.M.—St. Kilda—St. Kilda—Belle
242 A.N.M.—Anita—Lord Vivian—Belle
243 A.N.M.—Doris—Paddy O'Rourke—Gondolier
244 A.N.M.—Lady Agnes—Donald McKinnon—Nat
245 A.N.M.—Doris—Hop Garden—Donald McKinnon
247 A.N.M.—Anita—Bombardier—Ditto (informal)
248 A.N.M.—St. Kilda—Elberator—Tiritea
250 J.T.W.—Panoply—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier
250 J.T.W.—Aconc—Liberator—Tiritea
252 J.T.W.—Aconc—Liberator—Tiritea
253 V.M.R.—Aconc—Danled—Carbuncle
254 V.M.R.—Anita—Bombardier—Tiritea
255 F.D.P.—Merry Maida—St. Kilda—Mutiny
256 F.D.P.—Lady Marion—St. Kilda—Mutiny
257 O.R.J.—Eve—Levanter—Bombardier
259 D.D.J.—Miss Nelson—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier
260 T.W.B.—Free Lance—Hop Gardon—Bombardier
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268 E.McG.—Folly—Hop Garden—Mutiny
269 H.G.—St. Kilda—Liberator—Bombardier
270 A.J.S.—Folly—Dante—Tiritea
271 A.J.S.—Folly—Dante—Donald McKinnon
272 C.C.—Anita—Liberator—Liberator
273 C.C.—Folly—Bonovoree—Tiritea
274 T.G.E.—Lady Marion—Donald McKinnon—Bombardier
275 T.G.E.—St. Kilda—Hop Garden—Mutiny
276 C.W.—Tit—Bonovoree Barnardo
277 C.W.—St. Regel—Dante—Lord Vivian
278 C.W.—St. Regel—Webley—Tiritea
279 C.W.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Tiritea
280 E.M.—Panoply—Donald McKinnon—Tiritea
281 E.M.—Acone—Donald McKinnon—Tiritea
283 A.P.—Eve—Donald McKinnon—Tiritea
283 A.P.—Eve—Donald McKinnon—Mutiny
284 A.J.P.—Anita—The Plug—Tiritea.
285 J.H.—Panoply—Fabulist—Levanter
287 J.H.—Folly—Gondolier—Carbuncle
288 G.B.—Eve—Docality—Carbuncle
289 G.B.—Paddy O'Rourke—Donald McKinnon—Mutiny
290 H.R.—St. Kegel—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon
291 H.R.—St. Kilda—St. Kilda—Donald McKinnon
292 J.D.A.—Anita—Donald McKinnon—Tiritea
293 A.R.—Fabulist—Dante—Belle
294 Miss C.—Tit—St. Kilda—Belle
295 F.W.P.—Acone—Jiberator—Mutiny
296 J.B.—Retribution—Donald McKinnon—Tiritea

## Turf Records.

## EGMONT RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY .- WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY.

Weather threatening. Course heavy from previous rains. Attendance about 1,500. Totalisator investments for the day, £2,473.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 70 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Two miles and a distance.

Mr S. Messene's br g Canard, 5yrs, by Voltigeur-Kate Coventry, 9.7, A. Hall 28 Mr C. Tate's b g Clayton, aged, 9.7, C.

Riley ... ... 2

Riley ... ... 2

35 Mr T. T. Watt's b g Rossall, aged,
9.7, McTaggart ... ... 3

Also started—21 Dante, 13, Laing; 28 Free-born, 10.9, O'Hogan; 118 Waituna, 10.0, J. Shaw; 55 Nat, 9.10, P. Johnston; 16 Raupo, 90, A; Cox.
Won by four lengths, three lengths between

second and third. Time, 4min 22 3-5sec. Dividend. £9 2s. HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 35 soys; second

horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a Mr J. D. Mitchell's b g Starlight, aged,

by Endymoin-Nancy, 10.7, Stevens Mr F. S. Anthony's b g Tell Tale, 4yrs, 9.12, G. Laing
Mr G. Nix's ch g Conspiracy, 5yrs, 9.13,

P. Johnson ... ... ... ... 3
Also started—23 Kiora, 10.5, Williams; 35 Clematis. 9.12 (inc. 3lb over), Peters; 23 Ulysses,

9.4 (inc. 2lb over). Powell. Won easily by a length, five lengths between second and third. Time, 3min 5 3 5sec. Dividen**d, £4** 7s.

HAWREA STAKES HANDICAP of 80 sovs; second horse 10 sove from the stake. One mile and

three furlongs. Mr G. William's br g Man-o'-War, 5yrs, by Nelson—Muskerina, 7.9, Hughes 152 Mr St. Helier's br m Crimson Streak,

4yrs, 6.12 (inc. 3lb over), McLare...
23 Mr F. Watson's ch m St. Laura, 5yrs,

9.5, Johnson ... 3 Also started—36 The Artist, 8.13. Lind; 79 Wainku, 8,6, Russell; 100 Marino, 7.13, Derrett; 60 Westmere, 7.9, Raynor; 41 Swift, 7.10 (inc. 1lb over), Cox; 23 Bloomsbury, 7.1 (inc. 1lb over), Williams; 32 Voltigeur, 6.10 (inc. 1lb over), Julian: 27 Salute, 7.3 (inc. 10lb over),

Won by a length, three lengths between second and third. Time, 2min 34 1-5sec. Dividend,

FIRST HANDICAP HACK FLAT of 35 sove; see and horse 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs. 24 Mr W. J. Crozier's blk g Kanaka, 4yrs,

by The Australian, 8.12, Higgins ...
18 Mr J. M. Mills' bg The Friar, 7.11 (inc. 31 Mr C. M. Lepper's ch h St. Vincent,
5yrs, 8.10 (inc. 2lb over), Crocker...

Also started—30 Errand Boy, 8.11, McCormick; 35 Australina, 8.10 (inc. 1lb over), James; 21 Silver Sea, 8.0, Gillie; 25 Secrecy, 8.3 (inc. 4lb over), Wilson; 27 Waiongona, 7.13, Russell; 17 Sweet Sleep, 7.9, Williams; 10 Light, 7.9 (inc. 1lb over), Cox: 78 Return 7.8. Raynor: 10 11b over), Cox; 78 Keturn 7.8, Kayne Off Chance, 7.3 (inc. 1lb over), Hansen; 17 Muscatel, 7.2, A. Julian; 4 The Drone, 7.0, Julian; 12 Wild Vixen, 7.3 (inc. 3lb over), Reid; 23 Headford, 7.2 (inc. 2lb over), Donnelly; 7 Klima. 7.0, McLare; 1 Alma, 7.0; 53 Calmarine, 7.3 (inc. 3lb over), Connell; 4 Miss Shot, 7.3 (inc. 2lb over), Jackson; 7 Factory Lass, 7.0, Scarle; 3 Blue Bonnett, 7.0, Wallace.

Won by a head, half a neck between second and third. Time, 1 min 23sec. Dividend, £19 1s. EGMONT HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs second horse 20 sovs from the stake. About three miles.

102 Mr E. Shove's ch g Bootles, aged, by Volunteer — Southern Chief mare, 10.10, E. Williams ... Mr James Reed's b g Lord Lord Vivian, 5yrs, 10.5, Higgins ... Mr J. Green's ch in Narrate, aged, 10.0 (inc. 3lb over), J. Morris ...

Also started—34 Kaiton, 9.12 (inc. 5lb over), McKinnon; 71 Wariti, 9.10, H. Moore; 38 Sir Athol, 9.7, G. Laing.
Sir Athol, Wariti, and Narrate fell, riders not

hurt; Kairon baulked. Bootles and Lord Vivian were together in the second round, but the former drew out and won comfortably at the finish by four lengths. Narrate, who was remounted smartly by Morris, a long distance off, third. Time, 4min 5sec. Dividend, £5:14s.

third. Time, 7min 32sec. Dividend, £3 17s. STEWARDS' STAKES HANDICAP of 50 sovs ; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Seven

Mr F. Watson's ch g Dummy, 5yrs, by The Mute—Maid of the Mountain, 7.3, Gillie ... 85 Mr M. Livingstone's b h Marino, 5yrs,

8.2, Derrett ... ... ... 22 Mr S. H. Baker's b h The Artist, 5yrs, 9.2, Lind

Also started-62 St. Laura, 9.9, Johnston; 72 Sedgebrook, 8.0, Raynor; 53 Donovan, 7.4 (inc. 1lb over), Russell; 45 Bowsbot, 7.1 (inc. 5lb over), Donnelly; 15 Bona Fide, 7.1 (inc. 5lb over),

Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, Imin 36sec. Dividend, £5 13s.

#### SECOND DAY-THURSDAY, 7TH MAY.

Rain fell all day. Attendance, about 1000. Totalisator investments for the day, £1973, making a total of £4,446 for the meeting, as against £2,185 for one day last year, so that considering the wretched weather the club has done fairly well with its first two-day meeting.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr J. Humphries' blk g Napoleon, 5yrs, by Isaac Walton—Patriarch mare, 93, Cox

46 Mr Messene's br g Canard, 5yrs, 10.8, Hall ...

49 Mr R. Kingan's b g Auroa, aged, 10.0,

9.5, P. Johnson.
Won comfortably by two lengths, half a length

between second and third. Time, 3min 39sec. Dividend, £5 4s.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 60 sove; second horse-10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a distance.

61 Mr J. Russell's b h Wainku, 5yrs, by St. Leger - Musket Maid, 8.6, E. Russell
Mr F. Watson's ch g Dummy, 5yrs,

HAWERA HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 80 sovs: second horse 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles and a half. 25 Mr W. H. Keith's ch g Nat, aged, by Natator—Queen Margaret, 10.0, P.

Johnston ... 32 Mr D. Thurston's b g Sir Athol, ôyrs,

9.13 (inc. 6lb over), Shaw ... Mr A. Peter's b g Austral, aged, 10.9, Owner ... 3:
Also started—108 Lord Vivian, 10.10, Higgins;
17 Raupo, 9.10, Cox; 38 Nadjy, 9.7, Stevens.

Austral refused once, but was got over. Raupo-baulked persistently. Lord Vivian and Nadjy fell. Riders not seriously hurt. Nat having no

opposition won as he liked by over half a mile. Time, 6min 11sec. Dividend, £9 7s. SECOND HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE of 30 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One

mile and a quarter.

36 Mr W. Crozier's blk g Kanaka, 4yrs, by

Anstrolian 9.2 Higgins

The Australian, 9.2, Higgins ... 38 Mr F. S. Anthony's br h Errand Boy, 4yrs, by Cap a pie-Midnight, 8.11, Jackson

32 Mr D. Barry's blk m Fish Oh, 4grs, 7.10

Dend heat between Kanaka and Errand Boy,

three lengths between second and third. Dividends—Errand Boy, £5 7s.; Kanaka, £5 13s. Time, 2min 28 2-5sec.

HIGH WEIGHT HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake

 One mile and a quarter.
 Mr James Reed's br g Voltigeur, 6yrs, by Tim Whiffler — Voltarina, 8.11 

P. Johnson ... ... ... 2
50 Mr J. Paul's b g Westmere, 6yrs, 9.7,
Rayner ... ... ... 3
Also started—58 Dante, 9.5, G. Laing; 3
Donovan, 8.11, P. White; 13 Bona Fide, 8.7,

Reid.
Won by a head, two lengths between second and third. Time, 2min 27sec. Dividend, £4 38.

FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 40 SOVE: second horse 5 sovs from the stake.

two miles.

42 Mr J. Caddy's br m Kaitoa, 5yrs, by

The Australian—War Eagle mare,

9.10, E. Williams ... Mr D. McKenzie's b g Wariti, aged,

10.0, Moore ... Mr J. McCarten's ch g Parnell, aged, 10.5, McKinnon

Also started—80 Bradshaw, 10.0, Higgins; 29 Sir Athol, 9.13 (inc. 6lb over), Shaw. Bradshaw and Sir Athol fell, the former when

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## TRADE TRIUMPHS IN 1895.

WE have before us a lengthy and exhaustive retrospect of the triumphs of the trade in Great Britain during the year 1895, which proves conclusively that the Central Board and the defenders of the trade, by perfect organisation and unity of action, secured the great victory (now historical) against the "Veto Bill" of the Salisbury Government. It has been said that the victory indicated was in no small degree due to the vacillating and inconsistent conduct of Sir William Harcourt, who previous to the introduction of the Veto Bill had made a great speech at Oxford, wherein he is reported to have poured the utmost contumely upon the principles underlying the Veto Bill, and likewise the Permissive Bill. This statement was naturally the source of great political capital for the supporters of the trade, and directly it was found that fanatical intrigue had secured for the Bill third place amongst the firstclass measures of the Government, The Licensing World, within a few hours of its introduction, published the tenor of Sir William Harcourt's Oxford speech, and apparently "scattered" thousands of copies of the paper broadcast for public information. The Central Board also published a thirty-page pamphlet on the same and kindred subjects, and as this publication was followed by the circulation of other literature bearing on the interests of the trade, there is no doubt that "the wind was," as the Retrospect states, "taken out of Sir William Harcourt's sails." Then we are further informed that this great effort to educate the public by the dissemination of trade literature was at once followed by a gigantic meeting of retailers, held in the Alambra, at which eloquent addresses were delivered by speakers specially selected for the purpose. The effect of this meeting, according to the reporter, was to simply paralyse Sir William Harcourt's arm, and jointly with previous actions, undoubtedly had a national effect on the fate of the Veto Bill. Not only had the Central Council and its friends during 1895 to fight the ministerial party in parliament against the Veto Bill, but it also had to fight bigotry and tyrannny, as manifested by a majority of members of the London County Council, who were interfering with vested interests, and practically advising a policy of spolia-tion, if not open robbery. Here again the united action of the Central Board, through the aid of judicious literature, and assisted by the united action of the trade, secured a decisive victory, which has proved a salutory lesson to the London county councillors who showed an unrighteous determination to "rob a poor man of his beer." The two great victories achieved over the Local Veto Bill, and the election in the London County Council, were still hot in the mouth of the Central Councillors and members of the trade generally, when by a side issue a dissolution of the English Parliament took place, and the consequent General Election was sprung upon the public as a surprise. Though, to use Mr Balfour's phrase, the Salisbury-Harcourt Government had been "wobbling like an unskilful cyclist" on the liquor question for a long time, no one expected the defeat of the Government at the time it took place. Consequently, to the ordinary mind it may be considered that the Central Council and the trade generally would be unprepared to meet the gigantic

struggle they would inevitably have to engage in. This view of the question, however, serves to bring out in greater prominence the perfect organisation of the able men who had, as it were, a moment previously achieved the two greatest victories ever obtained by the liquor party. But the result proved that their lines were still unbroken; that the general was equal to the occasion; that every officer knew his work and faithfully accomplished his task; and as a final ending, the expression of the great Nelson could have been appropriately varied to de-clare that "this day every man has faithfully and efficiently done his duty.' Of course some bitterness was imported into this great contest, but, so far as we can gather, most of this originated with the fanatical party, who were not satisfied with the Veto Bill, and wished to go much further in the direction of national prohibition than the Bill itself provided We shall conclude this part of our article by quoting one paragraph of the concluding portion of the Retrospect, which states-"The great moral lesson which these facts ought to impress on all licensed traders may be summed up in a few words. The trade stood to loose one hundred millions, and the majority of traders ran the risk of being reduced to poverty. That danger has passed away for ever, we believe, so far as the veto is concerned. Instead of this loss, we have actually gained many millions in solid cash by the appreciation of trade property consequent upon our victory at the polls." We have gone somewhat into details on this matter, for the purpose pointing out to the trade in New Zealand what was done by perfect organisation in the Old World, and how the victory was obtained. It is true that in this colony we have not the hundred millions at stake in the trade, but in accordance with the number of persons engaged in it, we believe the amount at issue is proportionately greater here than in England. Hence, there is no difference in nature and little, if any, in degree. In our next issue we shall point out as forcibly as possible the necessity there is for the trade in this colony to copy the example thus set them. We shall endeavour to assign strong reasons why this should be done, and may venture to offer suggestions as to how it can be best accomplished.

## ENGLISH "PURE BEER BILL."

The following reasons are excellently given in a circular, issued by the Country Browers' Association (England), why the "Pure Beer Bill" should be opposed, from which we give these extracts:—

"The Bill, if it becomes law, unless accompanied by a protective duty, must tend to increase the use of foreign barley, rather than the produce of the constituents of the members who support the Bill.

"If these proposals were given effect to, the whole system of taxation would have to be revised at great cost to the country. Espionage in the brewery would be re-introduced in the worst form, and one more injurious to the manufacturer than ever existed before.

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"It was urged in the memorial issued by the National Agricultural Union that such a measure might probably benefit 'both the public health and the cause of temperance.' Brewers in this country are frequently told that 'in the cause of public health and of temperance' they should imitate the high quality of foreign lager beers. These beers are often made from a large proportion of material other than barley malt, especially rice. Does Mr Quilter's Bill exact any declaration of that fact from the foreigner?

"Foreign beers, as sent into this country, are brewed from materials other than barley malt. The Pilsener and other lager beers noted for their purity are brewed from rice, maize, and other grain products. These beers would come into this country comparatively unfettered, and the English brewers would be unable to compete against them, inasmuch as pale and light beers, for which there is a growing public taste, cannot be produced from dark-coloured British barley without the addition of foreign barley or other adjuncts.

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"Again, the essential ingredients of good uniform beer are maltose and deartrin. The variation in English barleys, due to want of sun and heavy manuring, will not allow of this ratio being maintained in successive brewings. This deficiency is supplied by the use of brewing sugars, so that the continued employment of English barleys is rendered practicable.

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"If both sugar and corn melts were prohibited, the farmer would not be a penny the richer. The amount would be made up by the use of foreign barleys, which are better ripened, grown on lighter soils, and contain more sugar when malted.

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"The price of English barleys is governed by the price of foreign barleys, and the only way to benefit the English farmer in this direction is to put a protective duty on foreign barley, which one is given to understand, is not the policy of the Government or of the Agricultural Union.

"On the question of purity of beer there is considerable misconception—e.g., the addition of sugar is supposed to render beer impure. Even if it were the case, and of this there is no proof, gingerbeer and many other teetotal beverages must be ranked as detrimental to the public health. Furthermore, special emphasis should be placed upon this practical point, that without the use of some preparation of sugar, much of the home-grown barley would often be useless for malt for brewing purposes."

## A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC-HOUSE.

The result of an experiment which has been watched with considerable interest at Home, has just been made known. The Corporation of Birmingham are following the example of other large cities in England, and are getting in a water supply from the Welsh hills. An enormous reservoir is being constructed by the damning up of two rivers meeting in the valley of the Elan, and at the village of the same name Mr Lees, the secretary of the Water Department, acting under instructions from the Corporation, opened, some eighteen months ago, a public house to supply the wants of several hundred workmen and their families. The rules of management of this inn are very strict. It is open daily between the hours of 12 and 2 p.m., and from 5.30 to 9 p.m. On Sundays it remains closed all day, but on Saturday it is open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. There are stringent regulations as to the admission of women and youths to the public-house, and no one may be supplied with more than a quart of liquor at midday, while two quarts is the limit of any one person's consumption on the premises at night. Only villiage inhabitants are allowed to freely enter the public-house, but strangers may do so with a written order. It is claimed that the municipal public house was started at a great disadvantage, there being an ordinary establishment conducted on the usual lines a few hundred yards off. A qualified publichouse manager was appointed to conduct the business on behalf of the Corporation, and he was made to understand that he would be thought no more highly of if his sales were high than if they were low, whereas, should there be any drunkenness or disturbance, he would be held responsible for it. There has, however, we are assured, been no difficulty at all of this description. "The trade of the other publichouse has fallen off very considerably since the establishment of the municipal publichouse. The profits are devoted to the mainte-nance of a reading and recreation room, which is distinct from the public-house, and this has been proved to minimise the drinking—one of the principal objects of the experiment." This publichouse, we are told, is being conducted on lines similar to those advocated by the Bishop of Chester, and is the only one of its kind. In concluding his report on the result of the experiment, Mr Lees says: — "Individually I am a total abstainer, but I am perfectly certain that we are serving the interests of temperance far better in providing wholesome liquor, under proper regulations, than we should be did we attempt to prohibit the traffic altogether or leave it to be conducted in the usual way."

## TRADE TOPICS.

The trade of Glasgow have presented 200 guineas, to be expended in cups for competition by the local agricultural society.

Mrs Cranmer, licensee of the Criterion Hotel at Bulls, Rangitikei district, has been fined £1 for allowing a game of billiards to be played in the hotel after hours.

Mr R. Crabb, the New Zealand lecturer for the Grand Lodge, I.O.G.T., has resigned his appointment, which has been offered to and accepted by Mr Thomas Walker, of Sydney.

Mr Crossey, licensee of the Terminus Hotel, Wellington, has issued a writ for libel, claiming £500 damages against Mr Crabb, temperance lecturer, for alleged slanderous statements in an address on Sunday, 3rd inst.

At a political meeting, held in a Scottish town recently, a Scotch shoemaker, with a local reputation for humour, asked one of the candidates for parliamentary honours the followig poser:

—"Is Maister Wulson in favour of spending thairty-six millions on the army and navy an' only twelve millions on education; that is to say twelve millions for pittin' brains in and thirty-six millions for blawin' brains oot."

Perhaps one of the best-known hotels on the Wellington-Taranaki Coast is Mrs Hastie's Feilding Hotel. So familiar has the proprietress name become among the large number of people who have put up at the hotel, not to mention the hundreds of commercial travellers, that it is more frequently called Hastie's Hotel than the Feilding Hotel. Mrs Hastie has resided in Feilding for many years now, and, having conducted her house in first-class style, she has become deservedly popular. The Feilding Club have rooms at the hotel, and everything is kept up to date. The stabling accommodation attached to the hotel is always acknowledged as being about the best in the district.

Miss McCallum has held the license of the Railway Hotel, at Hawera, for the last few years, and during that time she has altered all the interior downstairs portion of the house, so as to give greater comfort to her many patrons. The outside of the house also shows improvement, and old residents in the Egmont district would hardly know the house. As Miss McCallum's house adjoins the Hawera Railway Station, one can understand its convenience for travellers, especially by

The Hon. Mr Hall-Jones, speaking on the prohibition question, said he was a prohibitionist, but confessed to his not being a total abstainer from alcoholic liquor. He made that statement, as he did not want to sail under false colours. Says the North Otago Times, prohibitionists generally will not tolerate liquor at all; and we have to admit that the prohibition of Mr Hall-Jones and kindred prohibitionists is a very accommodating creed. When a man can profess prohibition and take a "nip" there is no inconvenience about the acceptance of this doctrine by the veriest toper.

Mr George E. Rhodes is the new landlord of the United Service Hotel, adjoining the Opera We are glad to welcome Mr Rhodes amongst the licensed victuallers, and we are also pleased to see he has selected such a first-class hotel, and feel sure that this well-known hostelry will lose none of its popularity while in his name. The "hot counter luncheon" from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, is quite a speciality, and the appetising little things that are daintily spread out, take away all one's appetite for lunch at 13 p.m. or 1 p.m. The Cafe lunch" is on from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., and is a great spread for the money. Families and visitors to the house will receive every attention, and will feel just the same as if they were at home. When there is any performance on at the Opera House adjoining, an electric bell will ring in the hotel two minutes before the rise of the curtain at the interval, so that those who have to leave the Opera House at the interval, to "see a man about a dog," will find this arrangement ery handy.

Nottingham (England) magistrates recently had Charles Marshall, landlord of the Jolly Anglers' Inn, Plumptree Street, before them for permitting gaming on the 28th February, and also for keeping his house open during prohibited hours on the same date. Five other men were also summoned for being on the premises during prohibited hours. On the morning of the 28th Februry, at a quarter to one, the attention of a policeman was attracted to the premises, and looking through a window he saw several persons in a room playing cards. He saw money pass, and heard calls for drinks. The men were playing There was money and a card-board and glasses on the table. The proprietor said that they had all been shooting, and he had invited his friends to supper. The defendant said he had carried on business as a licensed victualler in Nottingham for a period of sixteen years to the satisfaction of his landlady, and, he believed, to the satisfaction of the police. These men were really his private friends, and their evidence sup-ported this statement. After retirement, Ald. Pullman said the magistrates had given the case very careful consideration, and they had come to the conclusion that the party was a private party, at the invitation of the landlord, and there was nothing against the defendants, who were charged with being on the premises. But they felt that the landlord had permitted card playing for money, and on that charge a fine of £5 would be imposed on Marshall, but the license would not be endorsed. The other defendants would be discharged. The decision of the Bench was re-ceived in court with some applause, which was promptly suppressed.

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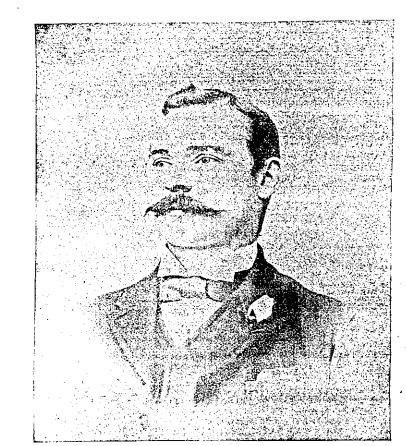
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