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PASTIMES.

[By VIGILANT.]

FOOTBALL.**RUGBY UNIONS CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR.**NORTH ISLAND.
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FIRST AND SECOND FIFTEENS.

July 11—Ponsonby v. City, Parnell v. Grafton, Newton v.
Suburbs
July 18—Ponsonby v. Newton—Parnell v. City, North
Shore v. Suburbs
July 25—Ponsonby v. North Shore, Parnell v. Newton,
Grafton v. City
August 1—Ponsonby v. Suburbs, Parnell v. North Shore,
Grafton v. Newton
August 8—Parnell v. Suburbs, Grafton v. North Shore,
City v. Newton.

WELLINGTON.

July 11—Athletic v. Wellington, Athletic Park; Melrose
v. Petone, Petone.
July 18—Melrose v. Ponake, Athletic Park; Petone v.
Wellington, Petone.

OTAGO FOOTBALL TOUR.

August 26—Oamaru
August 29—Canterbury
September 1—Taranaki (at Hawera)
September 6—Auckland
September 9—Hawke's Bay
September 12—Wellington

QUEENSLAND FOOTBALL TOUR.

Saturday, August 8—Auckland.
Tuesday, August 11—Taranaki.
Thursday, August 13—Wellington.
Saturday, August 15—New Zealand match, at Wellington.
Thursday, August 20—Canterbury, at Christchurch
Saturday, August 22—Otago match, at Dunedin.
Tuesday, August 25—Southland, at Bluff.

**Continuation of the Championship
Fixtures.**

The weather on Saturday last was none too promising, and this, combined with the fact that the senior contests had little interest so far as the ultimate result of the championship is concerned, militated greatly against the attendance, which was undoubtedly the smallest we have seen at Potter's Paddock this season. The match on No. 1 Ground—Grafton v. Ponsonby—was quite in keeping with the expectations of the bulk of our Rugby enthusiasts, who evidently thought it not worth the journey. Nor was it. Of course the slippery state of the ground was in a measure responsible for this, but not wholly. Once they found themselves in the van the Grafton forwards commenced to waste; not any individual member, but the pack as a whole, and I should not have been a bit sorry to have seen Ponsonby inflict a whipping on their over-confident opponents. The back division of the winning team worked hard throughout, and to them is due the victory by 8 points to 4. Ponsonby fifteen was somewhat of a scratch lot, including as it did no less than three juniors, a couple of which were thirds. City and Suburbs met on No. 4 Ground, and as the latter included two or three Orakei natives and was by far the strongest the outside district has put in the field this season, the central fifteen had all their work cut out to beat them, no score being made in the first half, while in the second portion of the game there was nothing in it, and things were decidedly interesting, although City managed to do the trick, winning by 6 points to nil. Newton had an easy victory at North Shore, where they lowered the colours of the home team to the tune of 20 points to nil. The particulars are as follows:—

GRAFTON v. PONSONBY.

Kallendar kicked off for Grafton from the eastern end. Val. Masefield returned, and A. Moncur sent the oval out near centre. Loose, open play followed, and long kicks were interchanged by the backs of either team, Grafton ultimately being forced. Reg. Masefield returned the kick-off, the ball going out near midfield. From the ensuing scrum the Graftonites carried the ball into the blue and black's 25. A neat passing run between Fielder, C. Hay, T. Moncur, and Dan Clayton saw the ball in close proximity to Ponsonby's goal line, and a score seemed imminent, but the whistle was blown, Moncur throwing on. Shortly after this, Grafton took the ball within a foot or two of their opponents' goal line, where Dug Hay fell in attempting to pass to Clayton. The Ponsonby vanguard here got on a strong rush, but C. Hay averted danger by a well-judged kick. Ponsonby eventually worked the black and whites to their 25, where a penalty kick for off-side play resulted unsuccessfully. Clayton kicked off and Masefield returned, and play was confined to Grafton's 25, where faulty play by Stevenson lost a score for his side. A Grafton forward headed a rush and transferred play to midfield.

Lively play followed in Ponsonby's 25, and a rush by the Grafton forwards placed the line in danger, Stevenson making a faulty kick in his attempt to save. Clayton shortly afterwards made another opening, but the pass was intercepted, and Ponsonby dribbled down to their opponents' 26, where A. Moncur, picking up cleanly, ran round a couple of players and kicked out near half-way. From the throw-in Langsford came away, and after a strong run kicked out at the Grafton 25. Clayton failing to take a long pass from C. Hay, the ball rebounded from his chest, and R. Masefield taking nicely, sent on to Langsford, who after running to just below the dividing line, with a long kick forced Grafton. Braund made one or two very fair openings while they were at this end of the field, but Stevenson, who was apparently nervous, usually managed to do the "wrong thing at the right time," and no score was obtained. Cucksey and Lusk headed a fine dribble that carried the game to neutral territory, and a passing run, in which C. Hay and Clayton were prominent, saw the latter within a few yards of the line, where he kicked across the line, but Braund, who was handy, averted a score by kicking out of touch. The whistle sounded in a few minutes, no score having been registered in the first half. A few minutes after the opening of the second spell, Grafton worked the Ponsonbyites well down towards their own line, and a passing run, in which Fielder, C. Hay, Clayton, and T. Moncur all had a hand, saw the latter over the coveted line. Clayton took the shot at goal, but failed to add the major points. Grafton 3, Ponsonby 0. Shortly after this, C. Hay had a shot at goal. A loose straggling rush relieved Ponsonby, and a strong run, initiated by Braund, who sent out to Flynn, looked dangerous, but Masefield failing to take a by no means easy one from the latter player, the oval went out near Grafton's 25. Lusk, picking up from a loose scramble, sent out to Clayton, who got to within a dozen yards of the Ponsonby line, where he transferred to C. Hay, who was pushed out at the corner flag. Ponsonby temporarily relieved their line, but a loose scramble in front of the posts saw Lusk away and Grafton scoring another try. The attempt at goal was successful, the score standing—Grafton 8, Ponsonby 0. Stevenson took a shot at goal from a mark by Braund, and after a little loose open play the ball went out in Grafton's 25, and a lot of uninteresting work followed the throw-in. Langsford was again instrumental in forcing Grafton, and play remained in this quarter several minutes after the kick off, Moncur landing a neat goal from the field—Grafton 8, Ponsonby 4. Ponsonby, continuing the attack, had somewhat the best of the last fifteen minutes' play, but no further scores were added, the game ending—Grafton 8, Ponsonby 4.

CITY v. SUBURBS.

This match was fought out on No. 4 ground, Mr Drum acting as referee. As in the case of the No. 1 ground, the going was heavy, though it did not seem to have suffered as much as the latter. City had the best of the play in the first half, but no score was recorded. In the second portion, however, City, by the aid of Thomas and Sid. Brown, scored a couple of tries, the former being the outcome of a passing run amongst the backs. Creagh took both shots, but was unsuccessful. The losing side made a very tight game of it in this spell, the Sutherland's, Orakei Paul, and McPike doing yeoman service for the back division, while Scarboro and Binney were ever prominent amongst the vanguard. The City backs all played well, Smith, Absolum, Surman, and Corles particularly so, and S. Brown grafted in fine style in the forwards. The score ended—City 6, Suburbs nil.

NEWTON v. NORTH SHORE.

These teams met on the Devonport ground, which was in a decidedly sloppy condition, the game being consequently confined to the forwards, and not by any means what one would term a clever exposition of the Rugby game. Newton had all the best of it under the circumstances, their weighty and dashing forwards simply smothering their smaller opponents, who, however, must be credited with good work in the open and some very fair dribbling rushes, and it was only hard luck that prevented a score on more than one occasion. In the

first half Newton scored two tries, Freeman getting the first by a capital run from half-way right through the Shore team and across the line. Murray failed to add the extra points. Clarke scored the second try from a fine dribbling rush headed by Wilson, Murray and Hefferman. Murray again failed to convert. In the second spell Newton increased their score to 20, Shore failing to score. From a forward rush Clarke again picked up and fell over, Hazeman making a poor shot at goal. Shortly afterwards McKenzie got a mark, and kicking on to Newton's forwards the ball bounced back, and Freeman dashing up took it and ran in. Siddle had the shot at goal, but without result. From the kick out Wilson returned, and Cardno, mulling his take, Murray was on him, and ran in unmolested. Wilson failed in his attempt at goal. Almost immediately afterwards Newton's forwards came along again, and Hobson picking up, fell over the line near the corner flag. Murray from near the line kicked a goal, and the score stood—Newton 20, North Shore nil.

The feature of next Saturday's play will be the match between Parnell and Grafton, and a right royal battle it should prove too, with very little in it. I should not be a bit surprised to see last year's champions lower the colours of the maroons, though, if about to place my "pieces" on my fancy, I should stick to Parnell, which means that though I should express no surprise at a win for Grafton, yet I think Parnell will just about get there. If Suburbs put last Saturday's team in against Newton, things will be very lively, while in the City v. Ponsonby match the former should gain the day.

In another column will be found an announcement that the Auckland and Public Schools' Association will play a football match against the Coromandel Schools on the Domain Cricket Ground on Saturday next. The game starts at 3 p.m. Earlier in the day there will be a procession of public schools, headed by a band, drill of school boys, and public school races. Afternoon tea will be provided for ladies, and the admission to the ground has been fixed at one shilling, an extra shilling being charged for use of the pavilion. There should be a large gathering should the weather prove fine.

Suburbs can thank City's line umpire for losing their chance in what looked a moral try. Several of the spectators can bear witness to this.

Ponsonby II. kept up their average, and defeated City II. by 3 points (a try secured by Hill) to nil. The game was very interesting, despite the wet ball. This win gives the Ponsonby II. team the First Junior Cup for the season.

Sutherland played a splendid defensive game for Suburbs. He had a lot of work to do, and a heavy, wet ball to play with, but he came out of the ordeal with flying colours.

Gallagher and Braithwaite were the pick of the Ponsonby pack, and they were ably assisted by Vic. Langsford.

Surman, as usual, was a host in himself for City, but the country boys had him set, and he only managed to break through them once, although he made some grand opening for his backs.

Dan Clayton was safe, and kicked and passed in his usual style. He also converted Dug Hay's try, which ran Grafton's score up to eight points.

Newton scored a fairly easy win against North Shore. The sloppy ground was all in favour of Newton's heavy forwards, and the dark blues' light pack could by no means hold their own with them, Newton winning by 20 points.

P. Flynn and R. Masefield were the best of the Ponsonby three-quarters. The former player, who was hurt last season and only started again a few Saturdays ago, is fast getting into form.

Ponsonby III., by their win on Saturday, secured the Second Junior Cup, and as the seconds also won their deciding match, giving them the Cup, the district has something to be proud of.

The rep. match between Thames and Ohinemuri was decided at Paeroa on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the Thames by 6 points to 3.

At Wellington on Saturday, in the championship matches, Athletics beat Petone by 13 points to 3, and Ponake beat Wellington by 4 points to 3. It looks as if Athletics are going to have an easy win for the 1896 Championship Shield.

CYCLING.

SILK JACKETS OR JERSEYS FOR RACING.

It is simply amusing to read the criticism of different correspondents in some of the Melbourne papers against wearing silk or satin jackets. Some of the riders say it retards their pace. There are very few cycle riders who travel as fast as a jockey on a racehorse, and yet the jockeys do not complain about the inconvenience of the jacket. Of course the jackets are so made that they can be drawn in so as to fit the different jockeys that have to wear a racing jacket, but a cycle rider could have the jacket made to fit himself, whereas a racehorse owner could not afford to purchase three or four different sized jackets to fit the form of the different jockeys—according to weight—that he may have to employ. To see a race without colours is like bread without butter—very dry. The cyclist's jacket should be made with a space at the back left for a number to be affixed to the jacket. The material that the number is fixed on to should be affixed

ber on his back. I have attended a good many cycle meetings, and I know the inconvenience it is to the public in having to pick out the various riders by the numbers, consequently the distinguishing silk-jacket is invaluable to them. I think if a fairly large badge with the number on were attached to the right arm, which would be nearest to the public, that it would be of more convenience to them than the present system. I suppose someone will say, "If three or four riders are riding abreast, only the number on the arm of the rider on the outside would be observable." But they are not likely to be adheled together like that lap after lap.

HANDICAPPING.

A writer in the *New Zealand Wheelman* entertains a fairly high opinion of himself, and somehow or other has come to the conclusion, apparently, that he is the only man in the world that can rectify the present system of handicapping of athletic sports, such as cycling, running, and swimming, but he will not touch upon horse-racing. I shouldn't

present system of handicapping by so many yards start, and the man that tries to keep a record under these circumstances will get bald-headed trying to arrive at any conclusion from the "Ledger" mentioned by "W. B. Eyre," who has really good intentions, but doesn't understand the subject. Oh! I nearly missed this funny item, as I only read as far as the end of the second column when I came to the conclusion that some novice was contributing this nonsense, and was not perusing it further when my eye caught the following:—"It is a mistake to suppose that handicaps are solely for the purpose of bringing the competitors together at the finish of a race!" This is pretty fair, but the verdant one continues:—"There are other considerations besides that. One is to frame the handicaps so that deserving competitors (i.e., those who have assiduously trained and been unfortunate) may have a slightly better chance to win than those who previously annexed prizes, or have been too well treated in former handicaps." Now, when I am asked, "What is the height of absurdity?" I know what to answer—"W. B. Eyre" on Handicapping.

The requisite number of shares having been subscribed, the Wellington Athletic Park Company will proceed with the formation of a cycle track after considering details with the local cycle clubs.

Two hundred and fifty clerks were engaged sorting and indexing the 60,000 applications for shares in the new Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company, representing £9,000,000 sterling.

The Cyclist's Union of Australia is inviting the National Cyclists' Union of England to send one of the best amateurs to race in the colonies, and undertakes to furnish an Australian rep. to go to England.

ATHLETICS.

At a special meeting of the Auckland A.A. Club, it was resolved to forward a resolution to the Wellington body that the committee, while anxious to assist other athletes of Wellington, feel it is not within their province as representatives of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club to delegate the rights of the Club in the matter of the holding of the 1897 New Zealand Championship Meeting without the consent of the Club. A special meeting is to be called. The chairman, referring to the request, thought it was the duty of the local committee as brother sportsmen to endeavour to carry out the wishes of the Wellington Club.

The result of the fight between Peter Maher and Frank Slavin, which was to have taken place on May 29th at Long Island City, was reckoned a good thing for Maher before the last mail left.

AQUATICS.

The cableman at Home must certainly be a bit "dotty." First he sends us word that Jim Stanbury, who is now at 'Ome to row "Wag" Harding for the championship of the world next month, had put on 28lbs of flesh on the trip to England, and then, later on, that Stanbury was drowned. Now we have information from another source, as regards that 28lbs, that Stanbury worked in the stokehole of the steamer on the way Home, and by this means was able to land actually lighter than when he left Australia.

Writing in the London *Licensed Victuallers' Gazette*, a correspondent says he has never seen Jim Stanbury rowing, but he has seen all the big sculling races in England during the last 25 years, and he is confident that the Australian will need to be a better man than anyone who has sculled on either the Thames or Tyne during his time to beat Harding. Harding has been practising at Shoreham, and being in very fair trim, his supporters are very sanguine of success.

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to the inside of the jacket with paper-fasteners, with the points pushed out from the inside of the jacket. This would dispose of the complaint that the number-cloth catches too much wind, etc. But all the number-cloths in the world properly affixed to the back of a cycle rider wouldn't stop him from winning a race if he were a good man. It is generally the inferior riders that complain of any innovation like the silk-jacket. They can't pedal fast enough, and they must ascribe their defeat to something. The semi-agitation against the silk-jacket is all humbug. The public demand that there must be a distinguishing colour, and the public are the chief supporters of cycle-racing, so the executive of the cycle clubs should be careful they do not tolerate any alteration that is likely to alienate the support of the public. I would like to know how any ordinary cycle enthusiast is going to tell one rider from another if they are all wearing white jerseys. It must not be forgotten that thousands of people are not able to get close to the rails to see the rider's face or get a look at the num-

think so; it is not an athletic sport. But our friend gets tangled up before he gets very far, and it is passing strange that the editor of the self-styled "Cycling Authority of the Southern Hemisphere" did not assist "W. B. Eyre" in putting his article together. Here is a delightful but childish remark:—"There can be but little doubt that a handicapper would not take proper pains over his work if he knew that competitors would be penalised." Bosh! I am sorry the *Wheelman* allows such stuff to be published in its columns. "A good plan for a handicapper," writes this novice, "to adopt is to analyse the racing (cycling) directly the meeting is over, drawing up a list of the performances from the most successful downwards, and revising the handicaps then and there for future meetings!" Some people might be inclined to ask, "Why revise a handicap before he has a list of the men he has to handicap?" Of course the *Wheelman's* patent handicapper means that these handicaps should be kept on tap, as it were. These suggestions, anyway, cannot be carried out under the

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

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

MEMO. FROM AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

Auckland, 4th December, 1895.

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

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

The disqualifications have been removed from the following:—V. 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. McHaffey to train their own horses.

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

OWNERS' PERMITS.

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Nelson—Last Wednesday in each month. J. H. Glen, secretary.
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Dunedin—Last Thursday in each month. S. James, secretary.
Greymouth—Last Friday in each month. J. C. Doogan, secretary.

PROGRAMMES PASSED.

Gisborne Park Steeplechase Meeting, July 9.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND.

July 9, Thursday—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club
July 22, Wednesday; 23, Saturday—Wellington R.C. Winter
August 13, Thursday; 15, Saturday—N.Z. Grand National

NOMINATIONS.

July 24—N.Z. Grand National (general entries)
July 28—Hawke's Bay Stakes, 1896

HANDICAPS.

July 15—N.Z. Grand National
July 31—N.Z. Grand National

ACCEPTANCES.

July 17—Wellington Winter
July 24—New Zealand Grand National
August 7—New Zealand Cup
August 10—Final Payments Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase

AUSTRALIA.

July 11—Victoria Racing Club's Grand National

ENGLAND.

July 14, 15, 16—Newmarket Second July Meeting
July 17—The Eclipse Stakes
July 28, 29, 30, 31—Goodwood Meeting**RACING RECORDS.**

NEW ZEALAND.

4 furlongs—47s, Safeguard, 2yrs, 8.3, C.J.C. Spring Meeting, 1894. Golden Fleece, 3yrs, also made this time at the same meeting, carrying 7.11.
5 furlongs—1m 1s, Forester, 5yrs, 7.3, C.J.C. Flying Handicap, 1896.
6 furlongs—1m 14s, Loyalty, 2yrs, 7.4, C.J.C. Challenge Stakes, 1893. Barmby also made this record in Sept., 1894, at Ashburton.
7 furlongs—1m 27s, Ruby, 4yrs, 7.13, C.J.C. Craven Stakes, 1893.
1 mile—1m 41s, Merganser, 4yrs, 8.0, J.C. Handicap, C.J.C. Spring, 1892.
1 1/4 mile—2m 8 1/2s, Tit Bit, 4yrs, 7.5, C.J.C. Grandstand, 1897.
1 1/2 mile—2m 35 1/2s, Merganser, 4yrs, 9.8, C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap, 1893.
1 3/4 mile—3m 4 1/4s, Spindrift, 4yrs, 7.8, Wanganui Cup, 1895; 3m 5s, Waitiri, 4yrs, 8.5, A.R.C. Handicap, 1897; St. Katherine, 3yrs, 7.11, Wanganui Cup, 1893.
2 miles—3m 29s, Rosefeldt, 5yrs, 7.7, N.Z. Cup, 1893.
2 miles and a distance—3m 50s, Occident, 6yrs, 7.10 Dunedin Cup, 1891.
2 1/2 miles—3m 57 1/2s, Euroclydon, 3yrs, 7.9, Canterbury Cup, 1895.

AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN.

3 furlongs—36 1/2s, Cumberland, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 1893, Australia.
1 mile—46s Geraldine, West Chester Course, N.Y. (track partly down hill), August 30, 1893, America.
5 furlongs—57s, Correction, West Chester Course, N.Y. (track partly down hill), Sept. 29, 1893; Dr. Haebrouck also made this record; America.
1m, Patroess, Randwick, March 26, 1894, Australia.
1m 0 1/2s, Walwa, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 30, 1893, Australia.
5 1/2 furlongs—1m 7s, Wild Rose, Caulfield, Feb., 1891, Australia.
1 1/2 mile—1m 38s, Domino, Morris Park, N.Y. (track partly down hill), Sept. 29, 1893, America.
1m 14s, Ascot Vale, Flemington, Vic., Jan. 2, 1893; Volcano, N.S.W., Vanitas, Randwick, and Walwa, Vic., also made this record; Australia.
7 furlongs—1m 23 1/2s, Bella B, Monmouth Park, July 8, 1890, America.
1m 27s Trieste, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 8, 1891, Australia.
1 mile—1m 35 1/2s, Salvador, against time, Monmouth Park, N.J., Aug. 8, 1890, America.
1m 40s, Bungebah, Randwick, N.S.W., Sept., 1890; this record has also been made by Boolka, Kingfish, Delaware, and Paris; Australia.
1 mile and 1 furlong—1m 51 1/2s, Tristan, Morris Park, N.Y. June 2, 1891, America.
1m 55 1/2s, Rosebrook, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1893, Acme, Reconstruction, and Cerise and Blue also made this time; Australia.
1 1/2 mile—2m 33s, Banquet, Monmouth Park, N.J., July 17, 1890, America.
2m 6s, Hova, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 11, 1893, Australia.
1 mile 3 furlongs—2m 23 1/2s, Aristocrat and Leichardt, Rosehill; Australia.
1 1/2 mile—2m 32 1/2s, Lamplighter, Monmouth Park, N.J., Aug. 9, 1892, America.
2m 35 1/2s, Prince Imperial, Hawkesbury, 1885; Megaphone, Hawkesbury, N.S.W., Sept. 6, 1890, and King Olaf, Hawkesbury, N.S.W., April 11, 1891, Australia.
1 mile 5 furlongs—2m 40 1/2s, Hopetoun, Flemington, Jan., 1893; Australia.
1 1/2 mile—3m 0 1/2s, Hotspur, San Francisco, April 30, 1891, America.
3m 3s, Correz, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 8, 1890, Australia. Donation also made this record, Flemington, Nov. 1893.
2 miles—3m 27 1/2s, Ten Brock, against time, Louisville, Kentucky, May 29, 1877, America.
3m 29 1/2s, Carbine carrying (10.5), Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1890, Australia.
2 1/2 miles—3m 56 1/2s, Preakness and Springbok, dead heat, Saratoga, N.Y., July 29, 1875, America.
3m 59 1/2s, Idolator, Flemington, Vic., March 3, 1896, and Dreadnought, Flemington, Victoria, March 4, 1890, Australia.
3 miles—5m 23 1/2s, Wallace and Quiver dead heat, Flemington, Vic., March 5, 1896, Australia.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J.R.F., New Plymouth.—Edith Cureton is a brown filly, coming three years (by Castor—Frailty), and Day Star is a bay colt, coming three years (by Castor—Cissy).

Sporting Review

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1896

SPORTING NEWS.

[BY REVIEWER.]

The late Colonel North's stud realised £340,000. Old Scot Free is to be raced again next season. Vivian has been scratched for the Melbourne Cup.

Morrington Cannon, the crack English jockey, is 23 years of age.

In proportion to its size, the horse has a smaller stomach than any other quadruped. Chaos' handicap, which was omitted from the New Zealand Cup list telegraphed to Auckland, is 7.11.

At the Ballaret Miners' Meeting, L.L., 10.3, by Haere (now at Manaia), won the Flying Handicap.

The famous English mare La Fleche, the property of the late Baron Hirsch, has been sold for 12,600 guineas.

Joi, 11.2 (J. E. Brewer), won the Steeplechase, two miles and a quarter, at the Sandown (Melb.) Park June Meeting.

Gulant, 7.4, by St. Leger—Vivandiere, a half-brother to Three Star, won the Sandown (Melb.) Park Handicap, one mile, on 30th June.

Taranaki (by Albury—Axiom), who was much fancied for the last Melbourne Cup, is to be put over hurdles. That's the way to make these oatgrinders pay.

The Melbourne correspondent of the Sydney Referee says:—"Wallace was the favourite for the Melbourne Cup before the weights appeared, but backers won't look at him now."

Reka, a full brother to Po.teea, is said to be one of the most promising colts at Randwick.

The amount Fabulist was backed for during the week was £2,000. The "Commissioner" got in at a fairly low figure.

The weights for the First Hack Handicap, at the Wellington Steeplechase Meeting, did not come to hand with the handicaps for the other races.

The sire of Emmalea, winner of last year's V.R.C. National Hurdle Race, is twenty-nine years of age, and therefore the oldest stallion in Australia.

The handicaps for the first day's racing at the Wellington Steeplechase Meeting appear in another column, also the nominations for the second day's racing.

On June 30th Buzzi, winner of the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles, beat Black Flag in a two-mile gallop. Yet at Flemington Buzzi starts at 33 to 1 and Black Flag nearly favourite.

Gipsy Grand was scratched for the N.Z. Cup on Tuesday morning. Just what sensible people expected the owners would do. The horse was certainly not handicapped on actual performances.

At the sale of Mr J. B. Haggin's yearlings, the highest-priced youngster was a colt by Sir Modred from Oran, who brought £800, while next to him came a colt by Maxim from Parthenia, who changed hands at £680.

It is reported that a man working on the Auckland wharves drew Black Flag in Tattersall's sweep on the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race. Another starter has also, it is stated, been drawn by an Auckland.

In the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase on Saturday there will probably be three starters from one stable, viz., Dondi, Romance, and Walter. They will be ridden respectively by A. Williams, Barbour, and J. Smith.

The Chinese of Wellington are allowed to carry on lotteries, and boys and girls are employed to sell the tickets. Surely it would be preferable to allow "Tattersall" to run a lottery (i.e., a consultation sweep) in this colony, than permit a lot of Chows to illegally carry on such a business.

Fabulist, it is reported, has been backed for a fair amount during the week for the New Zealand Cup. A major portion has been obtained, I fancy, for "crushing" purposes. Aucklanders always stick to the local horses, consequently it is good business to have parcels of hedging money on hand.

On page 11 this week there are some very important items affecting punters. They will also find the Melbourne Cup handicaps corrected from the Australian papers. Many errors occurred in the transmission of these from Melbourne. The Caulfield Cup handicaps have also been corrected.

The Spring meeting of the Washington Jockey Club ended at Benning, Saturday, May 2, after racing thirteen days. There were 66 races, including a walk over and a dead heat, which was run off. The horses that ran in the 66 races numbered in all 136, they running for 31,150dols.

The first woman to obtain a diploma from the Veterinary College of Toronto, Canada, is Miss Edith Oakey. She is at present practising at Sandeval, Ohio, a rich grazing country, where she has every opportunity of perfecting herself in her special branch, which is the diseases of milch cows. She has been most successful, and has in her employ three men, who relieve her of much of the manual labour.

The Master Horseshoers' Protective Association, of Oregon, U.S.A., has secured the passage of a Bill through the Oregon Legislature making all horseshoers pass an examination of a board composed of three veterinary surgeons and two horseshoers as to their knowledge of the horse's hoof, and to show that they are qualified to be practical horseshoers, i.e., able to take a bar of steel iron and turn it into a shoe, which will show that they are fit to be master horseshoers and run a shop properly.

"Frank Burton, who it 'hustling' round the world minus money and plus any quantity of assurance and outeness, has arrived in Sydney, (says the Sydney Referee). He has to complete the circuit of the globe in a period of eighteen months; has so far put in seven months without spending a copper, and has got as far as Sydney. He next makes for Hongkong. It looks as if he would fulfil his contract." We might add we know a few "young chaps" in New Zealand who travel all the year round, without paying any travelling expenses.

My confere, "Gipsy King," will have something to say about the handicaps for the "Three Cups" in our next issue. The lists cabled across to Auckland for the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups were delightfully mixed up in transmission, but they have since been checked with Australian files. The New Zealand Cup handicaps telegraphed to Auckland, my confere also thinks have been mutilated in transmission, and he prefers to wait and check the list with that published in Christchurch. If the list is correct, some glaring inaccuracies—apart from the error in placing Gipsy Grand topweight—are noticeable in the compilation.

Mr S. B. Kennedy has sent, amongst others the following notice of motion to the secretary of the Australian Jockey Club:—"That in the opinion of this Club it is desirable that a hurdle race and a steeplechase be included in the programme of the A.J.C. to be called the Australian Jockey Club Grand National Hurdle and Steeplechase; that in the opinion of this Club no steeplechase should be included in the programme during December, January, and February months; that in the opinion of this Club it is absolutely necessary that a stipendiary steward be appointed to attend all race meetings, and report to the committee of the A.J.C. any case of suspicious running, foul riding, or malpractices of any kind."

Should Link, who visited Leontine last season, prove not to be in foal, about which there is a doubt, it is her owner's intention to place her under her old trainer, Fred Collins, to be prepared for hurdle racing.

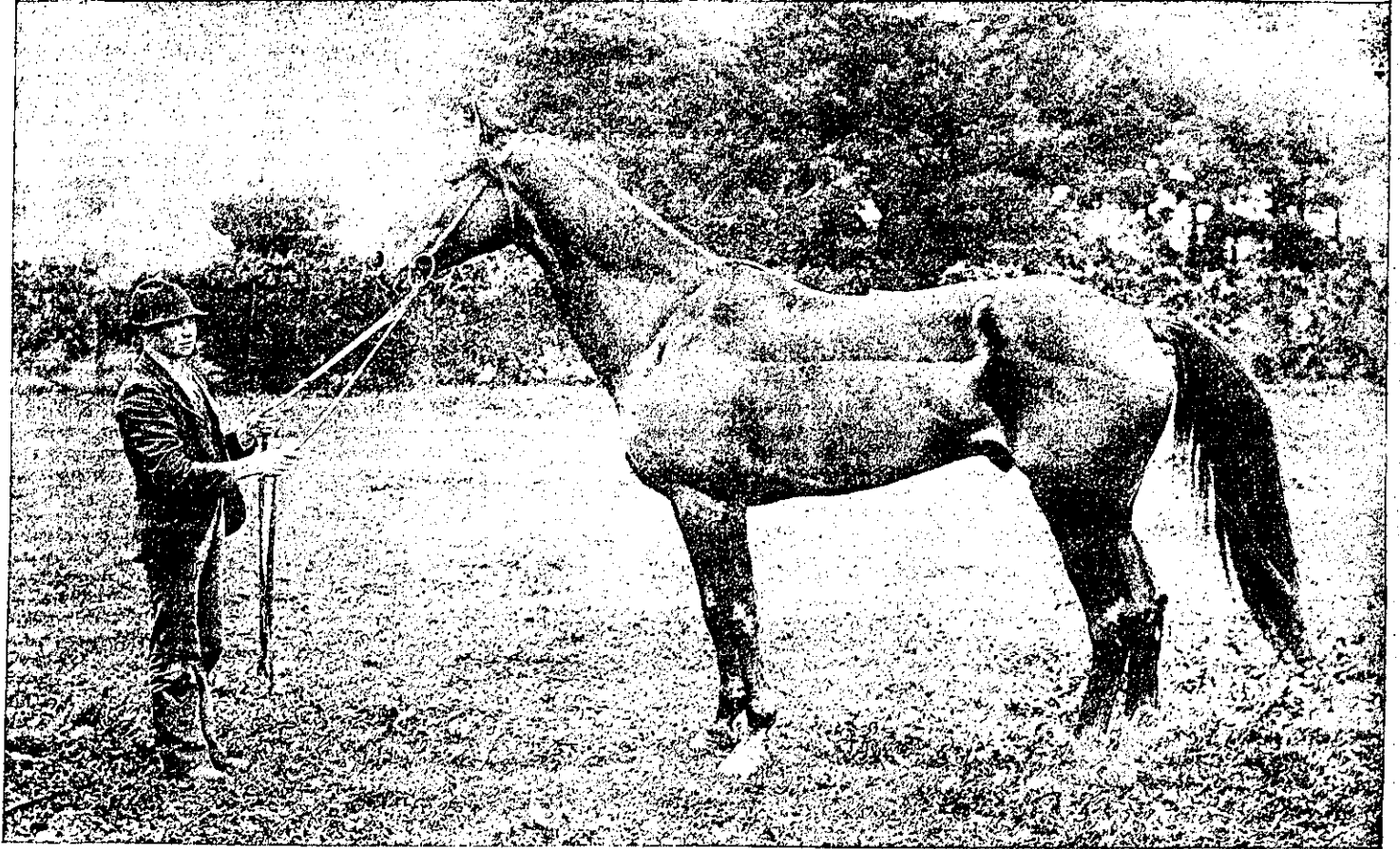
Jockey Mike Bergen (says an American exchange) made his appearance in the saddle on Thursday decidedly under the influence of liquor. The judges promptly took him off and suspended him. Later in the week he was reinstated after signing a pledge to keep sober for one year.

"Carbine," of the *Dunedin Budget*, concludes, because I wrote "down South," with reference to an advertisement "that horses would be broken—not broked—to saddle and harness, and that trotters and racers would be trained," that I referred to Otago. Not quite so far South! This advertisement still appears, but I must be excused from making too pointed a reference to this "Training" advertisement.

The *New York Turf, Field, and Farm* says:—When a racing judge assumes to instruct jockeys how they shall ride a horse in a race, and denies an owner or trainer this immemorial privilege, he is treading on very dangerous ground and interfering with personal liberty to an extent which the rules specifying his duties and powers will not warrant. The following paragraph from an exchange is worthy of comment:—"Col. Jack Chinn didn't like the ride that Willie Ham put up on Nana in the second race at Newport on April 14, and he called him up about it. Ham stated that he had ridden according to the instructions of the owner. Then Crimm, the owner, was sent for. He said that he had told him to lay back and make his run in the stretch. Colonel Chinn told him this wouldn't do. Crimm told him he was a new man in the business, and didn't understand it. 'Send your jockeys to me, and I'll instruct them if you don't know how,' said Colonel Chinn. Then, turning to Ham, he said: 'When you leave the post ride like you're going for a doctor, and when you see me, ride like you hadn't found him, and were still looking for him. Then I'll know you are playing cards. Another thing: When you are behind don't be afraid to pull your whip. When I see the bat playing to and fro I know that you are trying to win. Don't be afraid to use it.'" All this sounds very much like one of the usual concocted Yankee yarns. I hardly think Colonel Chinn would give such idiotic advice.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, which was in session at Richmond, Va., on Wednesday, April 29th, handed down its decision upon the anti-pool-selling law, passed by the last Legislature, declaring the law to be constitutional. The case came up on a writ of *habeas corpus*, sworn out by the counsel of R. M. Lacey, who, in order to make a test case, transmitted bets on races to Wheeling, W. Va. The accused was discharged from the custody of the court, on the grounds that he should have been tried by the Magistrate. In their written decision, the Judge and Vice-President of the Court say:—"We are of opinion that on account of the insufficiency of the title of the act under consideration, pool-selling is the only form of bet or wager that is made punishable; that there is no repeal by implication, but the two acts of March 5th, 1896, are in full force, except as hereinbefore stated, and that the act under which the warrant was issued is not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States." The decision was a great surprise to the race-track men, who felt confident that the law would be declared unconstitutional. Preparations had already been made for the re-opening of the St. Asaph and Alexander Island tracks. That the law has been declared valid will be hailed as good news by all who have the welfare of racing at heart, for the continuous racing at the tracks in question had brought the sport into disrepute, and if it had been allowed to continue would have destroyed all chances of its being placed on a firm footing in the State.—*Spirit of the Times*.

A WELL-KNOWN STEEPLECHASER.



Mr W. Douglas' b g TIRITEA, aged, by Hippocampus—Wairuareka.

Jimmy Cotton has been riding in cross-country events for over twenty-two years.

At the Nashville (Tennessee) Spring Meeting, it rained for six days, still the racing went on merrily, the horses galloping through the mud for a whole week.

Eleusinian, 3yrs (Robinson Crusoe—Eleusis), in the same stable as Auraria, has been backed in Adelaide for £10,000 in doubles with Principle and Broken Hill for the Derby and Melbourne Cup.

The American racehorse owner has his trials and tribulations like owners in other parts of the world, but the latest thing in horse-nobbling has been sprung on the 'Murkan owner recently. "The excitement which attended the gigantic swindle engineered by 'Little Pete' and his associates at the Bay District track, San Francisco (says the *Spirit of the Times*), has hardly had a chance to subside when another attempt to defraud the betting public has come to light. In the last race at Bay District on Tuesday, April 28, Frank Phillips' speedy mare Marjorie was heavily played all over the ring. She was in the pink of condition in the morning, but in taking her warming-up gallop she showed signs of having been 'doped.' The officials in the stand were notified of her condition, all bets were declared off, and Marjorie was scratched. Her owner had a veterinary surgeon examine her, and it was discovered that a fine silken sponge had been skilfully inserted in her nostrils and had seriously interfered with the filly's breathing. It was remembered that Decision, a favourite, who had finished last on Friday, had acted in a similar manner. Decision was brought out, and after much trouble the veterinary succeeded in removing a sponge from that animal's nostrils. The disclosures have created quite a sensation, and doubtless a searching investigation will be made."

Countless are the stories that are being told just now of Colonel North's wealth and munificence, but a large proportion of them are, at the best, probably exaggerations. His steward has made public a very characteristic incident, that occurred on the last morning of his life. A letter arrived addressed to Colonel North from some impecunious artist who had three pictures for sale. He asked the Colonel to give him £5 for them. After reading the letter, Colonel North told his steward to take the pictures. "The fiver may do the poor fellow some good; it won't hurt me." To his native town the Colonel made a gift of Kirkstall Abbey and some adjoining ground, and was rewarded with the freedom of the borough, an honour which he much appreciated.

"Dear 'Reviewer'—Could the totalisator offer a jockey money to pull a horse in a race?" and there the question ends. The inquisitive one, I fancy, is hinting at a certain transaction over the North New Zealand Grand National Meeting. Of course the jockey received more than the owner would have given him, even had the latter been as liberal minded as the late Baron Hirsch or Colonel North, but I may say the "machine" could not, under similar circumstances, offer anything. The belief is common that there are more owners "taken down" by jockeys in New Zealand than in any other country in the world, but some of the stories one hears, from those who profess to know, are too improbable to be true. To the best of my knowledge, any mokes I have raced have always been honestly ridden, so that I have no cause to complain, although, at the same time, I could prove in several instances where other owners have been victimised. People who go racing don't know they are alive till they invest in a couple of alleged racehorses. With this sport it is not the onlooker that sees all the game.

The Gisborne Park Steeplechase meeting takes place to-day. Acceptances will be found in another column.

St. Kilda will be taken to Wellington next week—at least, that is the intention of his trainer at present.

The cases for breaches of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, which were set down for hearing at Auckland on Monday, have by consent been adjourned until next Monday, 13th inst., owing to counsel for defendants being engaged at the Supreme Court.

I have to draw the attention of owners and breeders to a nice prize of 500 sovs, to be run for at the Hawke's Bay Autumn Meeting next year. The prize, or race, is the Hawke's Bay Stakes of six and a half furlongs for two and three-year-olds—at present yearlings and two-year-olds. The nominations for this important event close on Tuesday, the 28th July.

The death was announced, on Saturday, 27th June, of Mr William Blackier, of Fulham Park, Adelaide, the home of the famous stallion Richmond (by Maribyrnong), and where The Admiral, Broken Hill, Port Admiral, Thunder Queen, and several other noted winners first saw the light. Thunderbolt (Musket—Locket) has been at Fulham Park for many years. Mr Blackier was much esteemed in business and sporting circles in South Australia and Victoria (to which colony he used frequently to pay a visit). Tom Hales, the well-known jockey, is a son-in-law of the late Mr Blackier.

According to "Sentinel's" Hack Racing Statistics, up to date, for the Taranaki Metropolitan district—including the Waverley-Waitotara meeting, which belongs to the Wanganui Metropolitan district—Crimson Streak is at the top of the list with £137, Dummy coming next with £135. The pony Clayton was at the head of the Taranaki list last season with £207 against his name. "Sentinel" has also compiled a lot of other racing statistics, giving particulars of the totalisator investments, &c., in the district. I have to remind friend "Sentinel" that the racing season 1896-7 does not commence until the 1st September, not 1st August.

Mr D. H. Hill, who purchased Escutcheon from Mr Frank Bell, who took the sire of Westmere to Australia, and was owner of Sheet Anchor when the latter was doing stud duty, is about to dispose of his stud by auction, Escutcheon being amongst the number to be catalogued. When Westmere was a two-year-old efforts were made (as usual with Wanganui breeders) to buy him back again for the district, but the price asked was prohibitive. But I don't think the son of Musket and Rosette would take so well there now, as with one or two exceptions his stock are too small for all-round North Island racing, especially in the southern part of the island.

The handicaps for the first day's racing at the Wellington Steeplechase Meeting have made their appearance, but, from a casual glance, the production does not appear to be the correct thing. Kulnine should not be asked to give weight to Tiritea, who has in the past won more of recent years than any other horse important steeplechases in New Zealand, while Kulnine has yet to earn distinction in that line. For a first appearance over big country, 12.6 is not a fair weight. If Hopeful has been handicapped at 11.0 on his hurdle performances, surely The Plug (10.10) is entitled to give Glengarry more than 2lb; Glengarry is as slow as an old man when competing out of his class, and, both standing up, he hasn't the ghost of a show of beating The Plug. Then again Austral (10.3) is not within 2lbs of Timothy, who has a Wellington Steeplechase to his credit, and also recent form, which would permit of Austral going into the 9st division. Dromedary (10.0) is nicely handicapped, so is Canard at 9.11, but why should the latter have to concede 4lbs to Narrate (9.7), who has better performances over hurdles, and as neither have done anything over big country, there should be no difference in the handicap between these two.

FRANK BAKER'S KENNELS AT MORNINGSID, AUCKLAND.



Photos by J. A. Black

Fuppy, Best Bower, Trilby, Stormfiend, Port Bow, Newport, (Unna ned) The Fiend, Ajax, The Vicar, Fuppy, Rosedale, Dora B, Snowdonia, Erina, Eagle

Geo. Fowlds sells rowing sweaters from 5s 6d each

Sydney Truth says "the handicaps for the Melbourne Cup would disgrace a Chinaman."

The new photograph, or electrophotography, as it has been proposed to call it, is not, as we have already remarked (says the Live Stock Journal) without some promise in regard to the diseases of live stock.

Without exaggeration, if anyone had known, or was prepared to back his opinion or judgment, or whatever one may like to term it, that Gipsy Grand would be top weight in the N.Z. Cup, he could have lifted £500 from the local bookmakers and others...

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following ruling prices:—

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

Table listing betting odds for the New Zealand Cup, including Euroclydon, Lady Zetland, Fabulist, etc.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE AND HURDLES.

From 500 to 7 to 500 to 8 is now on offer.

Messrs McLeod and Cleland report fair business on the New Zealand Cup, Caulfield and Melbourne Cups, and Christchurch double.

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

Table listing betting odds for the New Zealand Cup, including Fabulist, Euroclydon, Lady Zetland, etc.

C.J.C. GRAND NATIONAL HURDLES AND STEEPLECHASE.

Table listing betting odds for C.J.C. Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase, including Barnardo and St. Kilda, etc.

CAULFIELD AND MELBOURNE CUPS.

1000 to 2 to 1000 to 1 any way not gone.

MELBOURNE AND N.Z. CUPS.

500 to 2 to 500 to 1.

Inter-Provincial.

CANTERBURY.

Euroclydon doing well—Brief review of Cup weights—An opposite opinion to Aucklanders—Death of Whakawatea's dam—Barnardo and Kulnine standing up to their work.

As you will probably deal at length with the handicaps for the New Zealand Cup, I will content myself with a short review of Mr Henry's work.

The scratching of Gipsy Grand at 9.30 on Tuesday morning was scarcely expected—at any rate, so early. It is a thousand pities this great colt has retired from the contest.

Fabulist is also given a show, and he should beat a good many of those below him. Whether he is equal to Euroclydon, as many suppose, I am unable to say, but if as good next November as when he won the Great Northern Derby he should take a lot of beating.

Lady Zetland apparently went off a little in her most recent display, but all the same, I believe she is as well treated as any animal in the race.

Brooklet is surely fairly well anchored. She may prove, perhaps, that the handicapper is right and the critics wrong, but personally I think she might very well have had a few pounds less to carry.

Saracen and The Possible are not the best of stayers, and Mahaki is unsound. I prefer Lady Zetland, on Wanganui form, to Ngatuere.

Searchlight may be able to stay, and so may Irish Twist [they have both won at one and three-quarter miles.—ED. S.R.], but Bessie McCarthy is not quite sound.

I like the look of Lorelei and Culverin, also that of Quiltiri, but do not fancy Casket or Chaos, both of whom are unsound.

The Shrew and Pompon may have a chance (I like the latter best), and Lotion is just the sort of horse to effect a surprise.

Bellcent should be beaten by Culverin, and Bombshell may probably make way for his stable companions.

Anita has been well treated; indeed, she is as nicely handicapped as anything in the race.

Defiance, Dauntless, and Epaulet are three fine colts, either of whom might run well. I prefer the latter's prospects. Curassow is another of Mr Stead's who must be reckoned with if he trains on.

Of the others lower down, the colts Lord Rosslyn and Brigand strike me as likely ones, while old Captive may give trouble if the going is heavy.

At present I like the following:—Euroclydon, Fabulist, Lady Zetland, Lorelei, Culverin, Quiltiri, Lotion, Defiance, Epaulet, Curassow, Pompon, Searchlight, and Brigand.

Since the publication of the weights Mr M. Barnett has laid the following:—400 to 8 Lord Rosslyn, 500 to 10 Esau, 500 to 5 Marino, 760 to 6 Brigand, 500 to 6 Marquis of Zetland, 250 to 7 Anita, 500 to 4 Bonnie Scotland, 250 to 12 Lady Zetland, and smaller lines.

The old mare Becky sharp, dam of Whakawatea, has been destroyed.

All the local horses have been doing good work, especially Barnardo and Kulnine. The latter has not been forgotten at Wellington. If he jumps he has a chance, but he is none too fond of the big fences.

WELLINGTON.

Dromedary in good nick—Violence in work again—Whalebone's sister being trained at The Hutt—Bootles and Conscript at The Hutt—Safe arrival of two thoroughbred stallions from England—Gold Reef (by Bend Or) and Soult (by St. Simon)—Both in quarantine for the present.

The appearance of the New Zealand Cup weights, due on or about 1st July, were anxiously looked for here. There was some speculation as to which of the colts would receive post of honour.

Silent Friend still shows signs of soreness. He hurt one of his knees about twelve months back, and still shows a slight weakness.

Dromedary ran a real good race in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, jumping the last hurdle with the leaders, and finishing a good fourth.

W. Galbraith has joined J. Taggart at The Hutt. Galbraith has done a lot of hurdle riding, principally on the West Coast.

Mr Freeth has got the chestnut mare Violence in work for the Hunters' Hurdles.

The owners of Man-o'-War have sent Spermaceti (sister to Whalebone) down to J. Taggart to be prepared for The Hutt meeting.

Bootless and Conscript arrived from Napier on Wednesday night (1st inst.) in charge of Mr E. Shove and E. Williams, the rider.

In the Hurdles at Hastings Revolt struck his knee, which necessitated his withdrawal on the second day.

J. Taggart informs me he has leased Smart's old stables, and that the boxes are all engaged.

Evidently there will be large fields for the local meeting.

Mr J. O. Hayward returned on Sunday from England, per s.s. Tokomaru, bringing with him the stallions Gold Reef (whose tabulated pedigree and performances appeared in last week's SPORTING REVIEW) and Soult, a five-year-old brown stallion by St. Simon—Beauharnais, by See Saw—Josephine, by Birdcatcher—Inheritas, by The Saddler. The horses were landed in fair condition, and I was enabled to have a look at them on Some's Island, where they will remain in quarantine a fortnight.

Gold Reef is a bay or brown horse standing about 16 hands. He has plenty of size, is a good boned horse, and when built into stallion estate will make a fine horse. He stood up during the whole journey, and having just landed, was seen at a disadvantage. Gold Reef was only purchased two days before being shipped. It has not yet been finally decided, but in all probability Gold Reef will go to the Manawatu district.

Soult was purchased a month before being shipped. During the trip Soult took advantage of his box by lying down, and consequently landed pretty fresh. He is a brown, ticked with grey hairs, with small, white star, and stands about 15.3. He is a very handsome horse, and shows a lot of quality; just what anyone would expect from such a well bred one.

Soult has some fair performances to his credit. His grand-dam was a good mare, and won about fifty races, including several Queen's Plates (three miles). Mr Hayward informs me that he would be agreeable to lease Soult. This would be a capital opportunity for Mr Walters to fill the vacancy caused by Blairgowrie's death.

As a two-year-old Soult started on no fewer than ten occasions. He ran third to Bill of Portland (also a St. Simon colt, imported by Mr "St. Albans" Wilson) in the Bedford Stakes at the Newmarket Spring Meeting, and at the Doncaster September Meeting he was beaten by a length in the Glasgow Plate, there being fourteen starters; at the Lancaster meeting, in the same month, he ran fourth in the Nursery Handicap, sixteen starters; at the Newmarket Houghton Meeting, he won a £200 match; at the Leicester November Meeting he ran third in the Aylesford Foa Plate, five starters; at the Manchester November Meeting he won the Nursery Handicap, fifteen starters.

At three years he ran fourth in the Prince of Wales Plate, at Leicester. At four years he started thirteen times, being beaten by a head in the Glasgow Plate, at Epsom, thirteen starters; second in Patcham Stakes, over T.Y.C. course, at Brighton, five starters; at the same meeting, won the Pavilion Plate of six furlongs, seven starters; won the mile Handicap at the Leicester October Meeting, six starters; at the Liverpool November Meeting he won the Stewards' Cup of six furlongs, thirteen starters.

At five years, he started ten times, running third in the Leicester Spring Handicap, eight starters; third in Holmwood Plate (at Epsom), six starters, and third in the Tadworth Plate, thirteen starters, at the same meeting; second in the Walsall Plate, Birmingham Meeting, five starters; second in the Prince of Wales Plate, at Leicester, eight starters; won the Oringden Stakes, at Brighton, eight starters. His winnings amount to £1,340.

Mr Hayward had a good time at Home, inspecting the various stud farms, etc. He was lucky enough to back Victor Wild, the winner of the Great Jubilee Stakes.

Gold Reef, I may mention, is half-brother to Gold Leaf, a recent winner at Newmarket; also to Sorcerer, who is standing at the Cobham Stud at a fee of twenty guineas.

DUNEDIN.

More thoroughbred stock from Australia for Dunedin—Beadonwell's sister goes to the stud—Victim a probable non-starter at Christchurch—The N.Z. Cup handicap started too high—Strange proceedings by D.J.C.—Dunedin betting market.

A few days ago there arrived in Dunedin a couple of youngsters by Trident. They are at present located at Mr McEwen's stable near the racecourse. One is a brown or black colt, rising two years, from Eleanor, and the other is a chestnut filly, rising three years, from Ruth. Nothing is known about them further than that they are in charge of Mr Geo. Smith, late owner of Johnny Faa, Clarissa, and Co.—It is hoped they may remain here, as they would be a valuable addition to our racing stock.

Clarissa, sister to Beadonwell, has been purchased by Mr Crossan, and will be used for breeding purposes. Clarissa is only three years old, but her legs proved too troublesome to allow proper training.

Victim has left James Cotton's stable, which may be taken as an indication that the son of Betrayer will not start at this year's Christchurch Grand National Meeting.

The report is rife in Dunedin to night (Tuesday) that Gipsy Grand has been scratched for the New Zealand Cup. [Gipsy Grand was scratched on Tuesday morning.—ED. S.R.]

The general impression here is that Mr Henry commenced his handicap a few pounds too high for this year's New Zealand Cup, and started with the wrong horse. Seven pounds over weight-for-age for four-year-olds is considered too much.

The action of the Dunedin Jockey Club, at their meeting on Thursday night, in black-balling half a dozen respectable citizens who were proposed for membership, is being adversely criticised in the city. Two of those proposed were Dr Jeffrey and Mr K. S. Begg. The former is president of the Tahuna Park Trotting Club, and has for some time past acted as hon. surgeon to the D.J.C., and rendered many a good service. Mr Begg has for many years been associated with the turf here as an owner, and both gentlemen are very popular residents. It is impossible to realise why they, at any rate, should have been slighted in such a manner.

Mr Abe Moss reports the following business:—New Zealand and Melbourne Cup double—All at 300 to 1—Pinrose and Wallace, Jane Eyre and Loyalty, Curassow and Newman, Vandylke and Newhaven, Chaos and Warpaint, Dauntless and Devon.

Mr Moss has also written the following items for the C.J.C. Grand National double:—200 to 4 Hopeful and Chris, 150 to 3 Donald McKinnon and St. Kilda, 100 to 3 Liberator and Liberator, 200 to 4 The Plug and Liberator, 150 to 3 Zaccho and Rangipunehu. Mr Moss has also done the following straight-out New Zealand Cup business:—300 to 3 Searchlight, 500 to 4 Vandylke, 200 to 4 Lord Zetland, 200 to 12 Lady Zetland, 300 to 9 Penrose, 200 to 10 Dauntless, 200 to 8 Curassow.

HAWKES BAY.

Mr Donnelly secures a capable trainer for his horses—Mr "Portland" removing to Palmerston North—Harry Alexander ("Fordham") takes charge of Mr "Portland's" team—T Rose fancied for her Gisborne engagements—Death of a promising colt.

Alf. Ellingham has relinquished his position as trainer for Mr "Portland," and in future will have charge of Mr G. P. Donnelly's team.

The two-year-old Forest Rose, the property of Mr Richardson, will also be under Ellingham's supervision, Fred Collins still acting as mentor to the jumping horses Zaccho and Morag.

Mr "Portland" is, I believe, going to take his residence at Palmerston North. Harry Alexander who used to train and ride Roscine, will take charge of Mr "Portland's" horses.

T Rose's connections are very sanguine about her chance for the big steeplechase at Gisborne. She did not shine very much at Hastings the other day, although I am told that in the Final Steeple, in which she ran third, she had the bad luck to get one of her plates twisted. Certainly, she will have no Morag or Donald McKinnon to meet at Gisborne, which, of course, will be a point in her favour.

The St. Andrew—Vision colt, the property of the Moeller syndicate, while being put through his facings at Hastings this (Tuesday) morning slipped and fell, thereby breaking his shoulder, and consequently had to be destroyed. This is hard luck for the Bird's Eye Blue confederacy as the colt gave promise of being a fair horse.

MESSRS MILLER BROS.' STABLE.

THE HOME OF REDLEAP AND DART.

Many people imagine that the Messrs Miller are coining money at racing (says the Age). It is true that the red and white livery is more frequently borne to the front throughout the year than any other, but when one has inspected the extensive establishment which they keep up, it is easy to believe the statement of Mr S. Miller, chairman of the V.R.C., that the year's revenue does not cover the expenditure. The immense estate consists of between 800 and 1,000 acres, every inch of which seems to be judiciously handled by the keen business men who own the valuable territory. Mr S. Miller occupies about 200 acres, which include the Redleap stable, where the horses ready to race are kept; elaborate accommodation for the boys and the trainer (Mr H. Bellamy), and the racecourse (a mile and a quarter round), which is one of the finest training tracks to be found in Australia. Much constructive skill has been brought into play in the formation of the course. The drainage is perfect. There are three distinct kinds of going—to suit the variations of the weather and the requirements of a horse's condition—and besides a hurdle and steeplechase course, over which horses have to perform the most exacting duties before they are permitted to appear in public, the explanation without doubt of why the horses of the Messrs Miller, whatever else they may be, are always good jumpers. The Messrs Miller have a very conspicuous dread of fire, as the stables, the boys' quarters and, in fact, every building on the Redleap Estate, have been erected with as much brick and as little inflammable material as could be utilised. The accommodation provided for the boys is of the most considerate character, and there are evidences on all sides of the anxiety of the proprietors to make their employes comfortable. The stables are called the Redleap stables because that sterling jumper paid for their building, and Mr S. Miller, who owns them, hopes to extend the accommodation when another Redleap brings the requisite grist to Mill Park. The Messrs Miller are not too sanguine that the opportunity will arrive this year, but as they affectionately gaze at Dart it is easy to believe that they have not abandoned the idea of winning this year's Steeplechase, while, if Lealie should fail to prove as good as is expected, there is Mr T. Wilson's cast-off, Artist, and one or two others who are not to be passed over lightly, but on the contrary may help to account for some important events before long.

Mr J. A. Berggren, we are sorry to say, died at the local hospital on Sunday, June 21st. Mr Berggren was at one time proprietor of the City Hotel, Kaipara Hotel at Helensville, and the Lady Bowen Hotel at the Thames. In each of these well-known hostleries, Mr Berggren made himself very popular. After giving up the hotel business, he appears to have met with nothing but bad luck, and his capital soon ran out, but he was fortunate, some time prior to his death, in meeting a good friend such as Mr Thos. Foley, of the Shakespeare Hotel, who, with great generosity, extended to Mr Berggren the comforts of a home, and the latter remained with Mr Foley as his guest up to the time he was taken to the hospital.

THE RANDWICK AND FLEMINGTON YEARLINGS.

When the weather is favourable (says the *Sydney Mail*) an interesting time can be spent at Randwick in witnessing the yearlings at exercise. As yet the youngsters have not been moved along at their top, but some have gone fast enough to show that they are in possession of a good turn of speed, and are speedily learning to develop it. As usual, Payten holds a strong hand, but his string is not so formidable as in the days of the late Hon. James White, when the sons and daughters of the famous Chester were in evidence. His two cracks, Metford (by Carbine from Marchesa) and Mecca (by Abercorn from Moonstone—dam of Carlyon and Uralla), are a pair of gems. Having gone through the breaking-in process, Metford has thrown off the stiltiness which was noticeable when paraded at the yearling sales. In character he takes after Stockwell, two strains of whose famous blood course through his veins. Mecca is Moonstone's last foal, and, as his dam died when he was a little fellow, he was hand-reared by Henry Bellingham. He looks much lighter than he did before he was broken in, and he bids fair to be a galloper. Not by any means the worst of Payten's lot is the dark filly Valence, by the flying Autonomy from La Valette. This young lady has already shown the way to a couple of her stable mates over about a furlong. Colonel Campbell has entrusted Payten with the tuition of four very nice yearlings, and perhaps the best of the quartette is the low-set, strongly-built bay colt elected, by Trenton from Rejected. War God, by Carbine from Hera, is no disgrace to his illustrious sire, and there is no nicer filly in the land than Sweet Marie, by Trenton from Marie Louise (dam of The Captain). Zitella, by Trenton from Waiting Maid, who, by the way, is a full sister to the mighty First King, promises to be a galloper, and to come early. The last of Payten's youngsters, but not by any means the least, is The Tola, by Gozo (imp.), from Morepork, and, consequently, full brother to the defunct galloway, May M'Key, who was in the front rank of performers among the small horses. Gozo is also represented by a very fine colt from Mr H. Oxenham's famous mare, Cerise and Blue, and who, on being extended a few days ago, showed splendid action. Mr D. O'Brien has two very nice colts in Heretas (by Goldsborough from Ta'fa) and Patriot (by Autonomy from Bangle). It is worthy of note that Bangle is by that most successful sire and racehorse Barcaldine. So far, Patriot shows most promise, and has a fair turn of speed. An English visitor, who is well acquainted with the conformation of Barcaldine, saw the youngster a few weeks ago, and was much impressed with the likeness he bears to his famous grandsire.

We have not many youngsters this year (writes the Flemington correspondent of the *Australasian*), but there are some good-looking ones amongst the few we have. As neat a bit a horse-flesh as a man ever saw is Mr W. Pridham's bay filly by Newmaster out of Litigant, by Martini-Henry. She is absurdly like The Marquis, her great grandsire, but without his diabolical temper. A colt in the same stable is very shapely, and splendidly bred, by Newmaster from Corvete, by Martini-Henry from Lady Vivian (imp.). He has, however, developed a propensity for whistling which may be prejudicial to his racing career. Both these youngsters were bred by Tom Hales, who is also represented by a very nice chestnut colt, by Newmaster out of Retired, by Albury out of My Lady, by The Marquis. A beautifully-bred fellow this, and a sure galloper. He is in Frank Macnamara's stable, and has been appropriately named Independent. Walter Hickenbotham has only two yearlings at present. Chokebore (by Carbine out of Ethel) is a nicely-balanced brown colt, with plenty of strength and substance, a nice mover, too. The Elder is a big bay fellow, by Neckersgat out of Pamela, by Darrivell from Tyropean's dam, La Naine. He ought to gallop. Joe Munro has a smart, early-coming looking brown filly, by Newmaster from The Skiff, which he has called The Burge. The Escutcheon—Agatha filly in Mr Purches's stable looks more forward than anything here. She is a nice filly, and can go fast. Emblazon, by Escutcheon from Emblazonic (Paramatta's dam), is a sturdily-built little fellow, with great ribs and back. He is trained by Tom Sanders. W. Cashin has a very nice colt, called Wild Raven, by Carbine out of Ravenwing (by Apremont—Idalia), who looks like galloping.

AMERICAN V. ENGLISH HORSES.

MR LORILLARD'S OPINION.

The American owner, Mr Lorillard, who has been fairly successful on the English Turf so far this season, made the following remarks to a scribe who was congratulating him on his victories:—"I haven't a really good horse in the place. They are all of second, and even third, class order, and I really think that if we Americans were to bring over some superior animals we could hold our own against the English stables. One must remember, however, that training at Newmarket is expensive, for not only have we to pay 7 guineas per horse per annum for Heath fees, but have to expend no small amount of money for trials and to pay jockey fees, &c., immediately a horse weighs in. There is very little difference in training here and on the other side of the Atlantic, excepting that here, owing to the arrangement of the gallops, we cannot use the watch, and this we Americans consider not only useful, but highly necessary. When your horse starts a mile away from you, how can you clock him? Of course, you might have signalmen placed at certain points, but that system would be inaccurate and inconvenient. Under the English system I don't think it possible to prepare horses with as much certainty as we do. There must be always guesswork."

HUNTING.

CALENDAR.

PAKURANGA HUNT.

Saturday, July 11—Panmure
Saturday, July 18—Mangere Pound
Saturday, July 25—Pakuranga (Blacksmith's Shop)
Saturday, August 1—Mount Albert
Saturday, August 8—Penrose
Saturday, August 15—Thumata
Saturday, August 22—Sylvia Park
Saturday, August 29—St. John's College

RANGITIKEI HUNT.

Saturday, July 11—Marton
Wednesday, July 15—
Saturday, July 19—Gower's Hill, Turakina Road
Wednesday, July 22—
Saturday, July 25—Clydesdale, Carnarvon
Wednesday, July 29—Kilkern
Saturday, August 1—Overton Gate

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

On Saturday last, the hounds met at "The Pah," the residence of Mr E. D. O'Rorke. The day was wet and cold, with occasional hailstorms. As a consequence the scent was bad, and we witnessed the worst day's sport of the present season. A hare was found in the spinney at the back of "The Pah," and she led us over some very stiff country in the direction of the Three Kings, and, then doubling, took us back to where found. Here the pack were at fault, and, owing to the bad scenting, the dogs were unable to pick up the line again. A move was then made towards Mount Albert, where the hounds again found, and, after a smart run of some minutes, again lost their quarry.

FULL CRY.

HAWKES BAY HOUNDS.

Over a hundred and fifty sports, variously mounted, met at Ngatariraha, Mr Donnelly's residence, last Wednesday, to take part in one of the enjoyable runs with the Hawke's Bay Hounds. As usual, Mr and Mrs Donnelly provided a splendid luncheon, which was done ample justice to by the assembled hungry hunters, after which the hounds were laid on to a good strong scent, and a splendid afternoon's sport resulted. Amongst the great crowd I noticed Messrs Jackson (huntsman) on Revenge, G. P. Donnelly on The Master, Frank Ormond on The Shearer, Lowry on Puketoi, Langley Shaw on a fair-looking bay, Wooten on Fleetwood, Williams on Monsieur, Nelson on Satanella, P. Neagle on Black Bess, and McLean on Sailor. The professional horsemen mustered in great force, the most prominent being W. Edwards on Clever, and afterwards on Troup de Loup, Wooley on Capon Rouge, Alf. Ellingham on Totorua, George Hope on Wariti, Collole on The Joker, Harry Moore on Forty Winks, Reeves on Liberal, George Fuzard on Kaika (winner of the late steeplechase), and Donovan on Khalifa. The leading lights amongst the fair sex were Mrs Sunderland on Zulu, Miss Douglas on Ben B., Miss M. Douglas on Sir Tatton, Miss I. Douglas on Montrose, Miss Donnelly on Velocity II., and Miss Ormond on Olaieri. Several other ladies viewed the proceedings from carriages.

In recognition of the many pleasurable days His Excellency Lord Glasgow and daughters had in connection with the Pakuranga Hunt Club meets, the Club has received five guineas from His Excellency, and Captain Preston, A.D.C., also contributed one guinea to the funds of the Club.

SCRATCHINGS.

N.Z. CUP.—Gipsy Grand (Tuesday morning).
MELBOURNE CUP.—Vivian, Motto.
CAULFIELD CUP.—Screech.

"We will not do business on meetings where there is no totalisator (except by special arrangement), and if we should accept commissions by mistake, through having no knowledge that there was no machine, the commission will be null and void, and we will not pay or receive." Such is the addition to Messrs Barnett and Grant's advertisement this week, which appears on page 11.

"Deleware," of *Sydney Truth*, has given us some tallish stories about bush race meetings, but a friend sends him one now with plenty of fiction in it. Here it is—"Twenty years ago a race meeting at Burrova was a race meeting. The day before the races a representative of one of the leading families would cart a load or two of blue metal on to the course for the use of the boys if a row started. All fights in Burrova were free in those days, and anyone could take a hand without having to be formally introduced to any of the principals. The O'Neil's, O'Dwyers, O'Regan's, &c., were the leaders of fashion a score of years ago. Then there were Jimmy the Boar and Peg-legged Jerry, two leading lights at every meeting. A jockey's life would not be worth much if he rode in an orange or yellow jacket, and on one occasion a stranger came here with a grey horse named Hard Times, and a very hard and wild time he had of it. His horse started in the Maiden Plate against Limerick Lass, a horse belonging to Lambing Flat Mick, Jerry Scanlon's Erin's Isle, Paddy McGuire's Jackey Morgan, and Matty Murtie's Shamrock. The race was won by Hard Times, and his jockey wore a dark yellow jacket. This was sufficient, as Limerick Lass ran second, and the crowd went for the winning jockey, tore his colours off, and kicked seven bells out of him before Moriari, the judge, had time to weigh him in."

That good trainer and driver, Frank Starr (brother to the Christchurch trainer)—says a New York exchange—who has made Terre Haute, Ind., his headquarters, has signed a contract to go to Russia and train Orloff trotters in the land of the Czar. His many friends will wish him success in his new venture.

TROTTING.

OFFICIAL CALENDAR.

NORTH ISLAND TROTTING ASSOCIATION OF N.Z.

PALMERSTON NORTH, March 24th, 1896.

To the Editor *SPORTING REVIEW*.

Auckland.

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

Yours faithfully,

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

CALENDAR.

July 16—New Brighton Winter
July 23—Johnsonville Winter
August 17—Canterbury T.C. National

TROTTING RECORDS.

NEW ZEALAND.

1 mile—Saddle, Yum Yum, 2min 27sec, Canterbury T.C., May, 1894; harness, Rita, 2min 30sec, Lancaster Park, April, 1895.
1½ miles—Saddle, Commotion, 3min 57sec, Timaru, September, 1895.
2 miles—Saddle, Rita, 4min 58sec, Lancaster Park, November, 1895; harness, Rita, 5min 7sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895.
2½ miles—Wizard, 6min 38 3/5sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; harness, Berlin Abdallah, 6min 37sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895.
3 miles—Saddle, Spider, 7min 59sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; harness, Specification, 7min 35sec, Canterbury T.C., May, 1894.
4 miles—Harness, Specification, 10min 47sec, Lancaster Park, July, 1894.

AUSTRALIAN.

1 mile—Harness, Fritz, 2min 14 4/5sec, March 4, Moonee Valley, in Inter-Colonial Free-for-all Trot.
2 miles—Harness, Mystery, 4min 56sec, in match against Osterley.
3 miles—Harness, Osterley, 7min 30sec.

AMERICAN (IN HARNESS).

1 mile—Alix, 2min 33sec, September 19, 1894.
2 miles—Greenlander, 4min 32sec, October, 1893.
3 miles—Nightingale, 6min 55sec, October, 1893.

AMERICAN PACING.

1 mile—John R. Gentry, 2min 33sec.
2 miles—Debaunce, 4min 47sec, September, 1872.
3 miles—Joe Jefferson, 7min 33sec, November, 1891.

NOTES.

BY FRITZ.

Henry Graves, one of the oldest trotting-horse men in Chicago, will erect in that city an equestrian statue and drinking fountain. A bronze life-size figure of the old-time trotter Frank Forrester, 2.30, will stand on a pedestal over an elaborately-ornamented fountain, the whole to cost 50,000 dol.

The mile records for America, Australia, and Europe respectively are as follows:—America: Alix, 2min 24sec; Australia: Fritz, 2min 14 1/5 sec; Austria: Spoford, 2min 15 9/10sec; Russia: Milyi, 2min 15 1/2sec (10yds short); Italy: Valkyr, 2min 17 2/5sec; France: Kepi, 2min 20sec; England: Rowley, 2min 24 1/2sec; Norway: Alf, 2min 44 2/5sec.

It is said that trotting racing in Scotland is "as crooked as the proverbial ram's horn," and that "if any man goes there to win with a horse that can trot in 2min 25sec, he will run up against one that can trot in 2min 15sec, and do it easy." This sounds bad for the country of silent Sundays and Presbyterianism, but it is a fact that when the American owner, Robert Kneeb, raced Bethel there, and got beat in a race that was won at the rate of 2min 40sec per mile, he was giving away 180yds start to a mare that had a record of 2min 18sec and a fraction, and was being raced as a green one. Here is verily the worst ringing-in story that ever was told, and yet it is correct, and, what is more, in that very race, though not a move was made by any of the fast horses, there was yet a third trotter in it that had a record of better than 2min 17sec. Three American horses with records better than 2min 19sec, two of them better than 2min 17sec, and yet the race was won in time equal to about 2min 40sec per mile. How much of a show would a man that tried to race his horses honestly have among the Scots?

The secretary of the Johnsonville Trotting Club has issued a letter on the subject of bringing the "ostracised" Trotting Clubs in the North Island together. The clubs affiliated to the North Island Trotting Association are the ostracised clubs, if you please. This is distinctly rich. Our friend has started at the wrong end of the ladder when he makes reference to respectable clubs in that manner. The N.I.T.A. are quite satisfied with their position, and are quite determined that there must be one governing association for the North Island. The executive cannot admit that trotting affairs in the North Island can be managed by a South Island association any more than a North Island association can manage trotting affairs in the South Island. A very sensible decision too. Of course the N.I.T.A. are only too pleased to work in unison with the other associations in New Zealand, and are even agreeable to meet in conference on trotting matters, but like anyone else who has studied the position, apart from the geographical difficulties, they think an association is required to manage the affairs in the North Island, and the N.I.T.A., after having established themselves, do not intend to deviate from the course they have taken, except in the manner indicated above.

Bookmakers are to be charged a fee of 3 guineas to bet at the Johnsonville Trotting Meeting.

The Nancy Hanks foal by Arion traces direct to Messenger ten times; to Hambletonian, four; Mambrino Chief, Pilot, Jun., and imported Bell-founder, two each; and one to Henry Clay and American Star. Her pedigree contains the names of the seven great brood mares, Manette, Green Mountain Maid, Belle, Miss Russell, Young Portia, Nancy Lee, and Clara, to say nothing of Shanghai Mary, the Chas, Kerr mare, Princess, and Sophie. Altogether, the producing and performing blood, shown in a tabulation of the youngster's pedigree, is positively startling, combining that which has given to the turf Sunol, 2.08½; Maud S., 2.08½; Dexter, 2.17½; as well as the sire and dam of the filly, all champions, not by a mere scratch, but acknowledged kings and queens of the turf in their day.

In listing a horse for one of the large number of blood and trotting stock sales, held in America about this time of the year, a writer and an owner thus declaims about the "unluckiest horse" down that way:—"A horse holding the distinction of being the 'unluckiest horse on earth' is entitled to a little more catalogue space than a plain everyday animal. Musket (trotter) came from Iowa to our Cleveland 1895 sale, to be sold for the benefit of his owner—and the country at large, barring the purchaser. Soon after his arrival he showed faster speed than any horse on the track had done last year up to that date, and everybody here predicted great things for the blaze-faced son of Red Baron (son of Baron Wilkes, dam by Red Wilkes). His owner was so infatuated that he paid the catalogue fee—and that's the only income I've ever got out from the horse, but there's been a lot of outgoes—and withdrew him from the sale. The horse immediately took sick, I suppose from chagrin that he had ever made a cent for anyone, came near dying, but, unfortunately for me, recovered sufficiently to be shipped back to the prairies of his native State. Somehow he kept haunting me, that blaze face and beautiful gait, and I bought him for 600 dol., on the assurance that he had recovered from his sickness. He was sick when he arrived back here, and continued that way. When he began getting better he was kicked on the arm of his left front leg by Sunland Clay. His hind legs remained slightly 'stocked' from the effects of the distemper, and in my absence the stable boy blistered them with caustic balsam with the intention of reducing them, but the effect was inverse ratio, and the legs swelled clear to his body, as big as a beer keg. He is too unlucky for me; there may be horse diseases he hasn't had, but I don't know their names. I had a touch of everything I can find in the doctors' books, including hiccoughs and worms, and now that he has run the gamut of diseases possibly his luck will have turned. It would just be my luck, but I don't want to chance it. I'll agree to pray for the man who buys him—he'll need it. I will say in conclusion that he is the best-gaited horse I ever sat behind, and I think I have ridden faster behind him than I ever did behind Eloise or Rifle. There are a number of horsemen in Northern Ohio just waiting to bid on Musket. I hope they won't get him, because it would be my luck to have him beat something I had in the first race, besides I never want to see him again."

CANTERBURY NOTES.

The nominations for the New Brighton Trotting Meeting are very fair. I hear that a new trotting training track is to be laid out at Middle Park. The Geraldine Trotting Club held a lengthy and stormy meeting on Wednesday last. It was resolved that Messrs. Voyce, Hammond, Rae, and Bull, and the horse Sultan, *alias* Moody, be disqualified for life. Mr Pearpoint (chairman) and those members who assisted him deserve the thanks of all trotting men and good sportsmen, for the firm stand taken by them.



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POLO.

THE TRAINING OF POLO PONIES

If I were asked by a novice at polo how best to train a polo pony, I should be inclined to answer in the words of Punch's celebrated advice to those about to marry—don't! For it is a difficult task, and one for which but few have either patience or aptitude. But it is for another class of men for whom I write. There are some who wish to take the front rank in the game, who are good horsemen, have seats, hands, and patience. Such men will undoubtedly be better carried by ponies which they have trained themselves, and which have never been ridden by anyone else, than by animals, however good, which have passed through many hands and have learned from their previous owners some of those faults and failings which so often mar the character of a polo pony. For, putting aside vicious ponies and those disliking the game, and are thus useless, there can be no doubt that the faults of ponies are really only the faults of their riders in an equine form. The pony pulls because the man who is an uncertain horseman steadies himself amid the trials of the game by his pony's mouth, and perhaps at a hard gallop he literally holds himself in the saddle in the same way. To this pony his knees and legs convey no intimation, inasmuch as his own control over them is uncertain; so his wishes have to be conveyed by tugs, often ungentle enough, at the long enduring animal's mouth. Thus the pony learns to pull. In the same way he learns to stop over the ball, because the player who is a poor horseman insensibly catches tight hold of the reins when he hits the ball, and thus the pony dreads the pain, or, if his mouth be callous, he answers to what he thinks is a signal to stop, and acts accordingly. The fine player, such, for example, as Mr "Johnny" Peat, sits with a loose rein. There was no tightening as each stroke, sure and certain, from Mr Peat fell on the flying ball, and the pony (says "Dynamite") never stretched, swerved, or faltered in his stride as it came. That was a perfect polo partnership. It was the pony's business to gallop, to follow the twisting ball, to obey the least possible touch on the rein, to avoid collisions, and to make the rider's aim surer. It was the man's duty to hit the ball. Each knew his part and performed it to perfection. Now that perfection arose from the fact that the Messrs Peat, like many other fine players, such as Lord Harrington and Mr A. Rawlinson, trained their own ponies, on motives of economy, but because it is only that you can reach the front rank of polo players.

How, then, shall I set about doing this is the natural question of the man who feels that he has the horsemanship, the eye, and above all the patience for the task. The following hints are made only for those who would attain the highest place in the game, and hope to play in a free-booter team for the open championship, or help to win the county cup against—shall we say?—the Rugby team. Make up your mind then in the first place that your ponies shall do nothing else. They should—I am speaking of first-class match ponies—neither be ridden as hacks, driven in your cart, or above all hunted. If you choose to use them for anything, then to drive one as leader in a tandem will do no harm. But it is better not to do so. The horse is not without intelligence as some people say, but he has a limited intelligence, and whereas in polo or hunting you need his brain as well as his muscle, it is better to keep the animal for the one thing only. In training ponies most people begin at the wrong end. Naturally they think that the thing the pony will fear most is the stick swinging round his head. Nothing of the kind. Nearly every pony ceases to mind the stick after about two or three lessons. But what takes them so much longer to learn, and is far more important, is to teach them to use their own limbs and to have a proper control over their legs. To stop, to turn, to start, to twist and bend, and these are the things a pony can do by nature. The young or unschooled animal sprawls about, crosses his legs, and falls. Yet what is required to cure this is a very simple process. The figure of eight done for many days in large and small circles, slowly and fast, is the chief, one might almost say the only important, part of a pony's training. There is, however, one thing more that is needful, and that is to accustom your pony to the ball, and to make him look on it as, so to speak, a natural incident in life. One brilliant player, whose ponies are wonderful, tells me his secret is that his ponies are trained young, and that the ball is always with them. In their stables is a white polo ball, and they never stir out for exercise without it. The man who rides them in their daily work is armed with a stick, to which is attached, by a string, a ball, and this from time to time he throws out and draws back again. Thus the pony learns that he bears the relationship of Mary's little lamb to the ball, and wherever the ball goes he is sure to follow. And when he comes to play he does not forget the lesson. Everyone who has played the game knows the advantage of a pony that keeps his eye on the ball and follows and turns as swiftly almost as the ball itself.

In the two methods I have given lies the whole secret of training ponies. Easy enough and very simple, but you will find in practice that to carry them out requires time, money, and patience, and a good deal of all these. How many ponies you will buy, how many years will elapse before you get the four first-class ponies of every player's dream, it is difficult to say; but this at least is certain—your boxes will be filled and emptied many a time, and you will be a few years older before it happens. But if you mean to succeed, you can and will.—T.F.D. in the Sporting and Dramatic News.

In conformity with a motion at the last New Zealand Polo Association's Meeting as to where the headquarters of the Association should be, ten clubs recorded their votes, the majority being in favour of Wellington as the headquarters. Only two clubs voted for Palmerston North. Auckland voted for Wellington.

Coursing Notes.

[BY SLIP.]

A New South Wales National Coursing Club has been formed.

The National Coursing Club (Dunedin) holds a smoke concert on Saturday evening, 11th inst.

A private wire was received in town on Wednesday evening that Shylock was beaten during the day's coursing. This will probably be in the first round of the Waterloo Cup.

About fifteen years ago there used to be some rare fun and sport at Whittlesea meetings, England, and at that time the gathering was strongly patronised by the merry boys from Newmarket—and no mistake, in those days, there were some boys daring enough for anything. A certain judge, who used to hold office on these occasions, had a voice that he himself thought was most majestic and awe-inspiring, and, above all, he fancied himself when shouting "brindle"; and it is a fact that if, by any chance, he could give a course to a dog of that colour, he invariably did so. No one who had ever heard him shout "brindle" was ever likely to forget it. As to the merits of his voice, listeners by no means generally concurred in his opinion of it, and poor old Vic Haines, who was remarkable for his originality in creating similes, declared it was "like a handsaw." This judge was one day following a course contested by a blue dog and a brindled bitch. The dog led, and had done everything, whilst the bitch had not scored a point, nor, in

A move was made to back Lord Roseberry (a Victorian dog) for the Waterloo Cup, but the price could not be agreed upon. Bar him and those mentioned above, the prices offered varied from 100 to 8 to 100 to 5.

The introduction of the foot races has, so far, been a great success, very large entries having been received.

Racing Results.

AUSTRALIAN.

The V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race.

Weather inclement. Course heavy.

THE GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE, a handicap of 10 sovs each, with 600 sovs added; second, 100 sovs; third, 50 sovs. Three miles.

- Buzzie, 6yrs or aged, 9.0, Laverty... 1
Zouroff, aged, 9.0, Underwood ... 2
Morago, 6yrs, 10.13, Morris ... 3

Betting—3 to 1 against Dungan, 7 to 2 Morago, 5 to 1 Artist, 33 to 1 Buzzie and Zouroff.

Thirteen started.

Won easily by two lengths. Artist fell. Time, 5min 59 1/2sec.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION BILLIARD PLAYER.



Photo by J. A. Stack.

MR FRED. WEISS.

fact, did she do so throughout the course; but, before its completion, the judge's horse blundered at a huge dyke, and soused its rider flop into the middle of it. It was so full of water that, on regaining his feet, his head only just showed above the level. "Nobbie" Dennis was standing close to the dyke, and had backed the brindle. Quick as thought he exclaimed, "Why, the brindle has got in, and won the course all ends up!" at the same time pretending to be intently following it. The next moment he turned to the judge, shouting, "Give your decision, sir; they are waiting for you to call it." Blowing the muddy water from between his lips, the judge roared at the top of his voice, "Bri-i-i-ndle!" There was a fine row about it, of course, but the decision was adhered to all the same.

DUNEDIN NOTES.

The draw for the Waterloo Cup took place on Tuesday night, and resulted as follows:—Shylock meets Lynn Regis, Wallace meets Nightingale, Easter and Easter meets Legerkeeper, King Lear meets Duckwing, Castorina meets Hazeldean, Lord Roseberry meets Deceit.

There are thirty-six dogs in the Bracelet and eleven in the St. Leger.

After the draw for the Waterloo Cup, there was some straight-out wagering, and quotations closed as follows:—100 to 20 Shylock, 100 to 16 Easter and Easter, 100 to 16 Lynn Regis, 100 to 2 Duckwing, 100 to 10 Deceit, 100 to 10 Hazeldean. All the foregoing were backed to win the stake.

BILLIARDS.

At North Shore, on Friday evening, 3rd inst., a match was played between Mr Tom Oliver, a local player of some repute, and Mr F. Weiss, the Australian champion (spot in), the latter, who conceded 600 in 1,000 to his opponent, won by 68 points. Mr Oliver's largest break was 30 odd, while the Australian excelled himself by knocking up 281 in one break. Of course it must not be forgotten this was spot allowed, at which the visitor is "very much all right." When Mr Oliver was at 800, Mr Weiss was only 280 odd, so that he must have knocked up the scores pretty quickly to win by 68 at the finish.

John Roberts, champion spot-barred player of England, speaking recently of the pending Clearwater De Oro pool match, said—"I should like to get on a match at continuous pool on an English table with the victor, and would be glad to put him on 1,000 dols to nothing if he would come and play him next season." Thus Roberts offers the American champion a present of 1,000 dols should the latter win. Of course, the American would be out his expenses should he be defeated. Roberts also said—"It is a pity that our game is so different from the American game as to practically put international play out of the question; and if the American game has at any future time to be remodelled, it would be a good opportunity for us to reconsider our game at the same time, with a view to fixing, if possible, upon a game which would be adopted by and become common to both countries."

Nominations.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB WINTER MEETING.

Second Day.

HUNT FLYING, six furlongs.—Solitaire, Magazine, Marino, Voltaire, Kent, Crawley, Bowshot, Strowan, Revolution, Cheque, St. Kilda, Slaiden, Dummy, Swordfish, Bona Fide, Crimson Streak, Haeata, Moonraker, Flying Shot, Porepo, Waiuku, Prince Charlie, King Wai.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP, one mile.—Rainbow, Scabreeze, Moonraker, Haeata, Crawley, Bona Fide, Kent, Voltaire, Dummy, Slaiden, The Plug, Solitaire, Porepo, Flying Shot, Strowan, Crimson Streak, Silver Spec, Westmere, Swordfish, The Miser, Marino, St. Kilda, Sylvanus, Lotion, Waiuku, King Wai.

TRIAL STEEPLECHASE, two miles.—Tenby, Canard, Tippler, Scissors, Narrate, Rossall, Byron, Consript, Laitere, Sir Athol, The Plug, Hopeful, Otaieri, Chris, Kulline, Revolt, Violence, Rangipunchu, Bird.

HUNT CLUB LADIES' BRACELET, two miles.—Dainty, Cyrus II., Makomako, Ben Lomond, Spermaceti, Laitiere, Silent Friend, Glengarry, Coastguard, Flirt, Milford, Committee, Venture, Piscador, Forty Winks, Toprail, Natatrix, Daisy Bell, How's That.

HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE, three miles and a quarter.—Tippler, Pastime, Coastguard, Flirt, Black Dust, Pescador, Souvenir, Rambler, Toprail, How's That, Halicore.

Handicaps.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP. Three miles (run on Second Day).

Table with columns for horse names, st lb, and odds. Includes names like Kulline, Tiritea, Bootles, Hopeful, The Plug, Glengarry, Kaika, The Joker, Timothy, Austral, New Year.

First Day.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, one mile.—Lotion 11.10, Waiuku 11.6, Moonraker 11.2, The Miser 10.10, Prince Charlie 10.9, Slaiden 10.9, Marino 10.7, Cheque 10.7, Revolution 10.5, Haeata 10.5, Sylvanus 10.5, Bowshot 10.4, Kent 10.4, Dummy 10.2, Swordfish 9.12, Scabreeze 9.12, Voltaire 9.12, Rainbow 9.11, Strowan 9.8, Porepo 9.5, Crawley 9.2, King Wai 9.0.

WINTER HURDLE HANDICAP, two miles.—Kulline 12.11, Hopeful 12.3, Tiritea 11.10, Kapua 11.8, St. Kilda 11.4, The Plug 10.10, Chris 10.6, Magazine 10.5, Tenby 10.5, Solitaire 10.4, Steel King 10.4, Revolt 10.2, Napoleon 10.2, Rangipunchu 9.12, Canard 9.12, Austral 9.11, Kauri Gum 9.8, Nat 9.3, Tippler 9.2, Narrate 9.0.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, two miles and a quarter.—Pescador 11.11, Silent Friend 11.5, Sir Athol 10.12, Natatrix 10.5, Houpla 10.4, Otaieri 10.0, How's That 10.0, Pastime 9.9, Black Dust 9.7, Souvenir 9.7, Coast Guard 9.7, Violence 9.7, Sweet William 9.7, Toprail 9.7.

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter.—St. Kilda 11.12, Lotion 11.7, Waiuku 11.4, The Plug 11.0, Moonraker 11.0, The Miser 10.8, Solitaire 10.8, Slaiden 10.7, Flying Shot 10.5, Marino 10.5, Westmere 10.3, Sylvanus 10.2, Crimson Streak 10.2, Haeata 10.2, Silver Spec 10.2, Dummy 10.0, Kent 10.0, Voltaire 9.12, Swordfish 9.11, Rainbow 9.10, Strowan 9.6, Porepo 9.3, Crawley 9.0, Bona Fide 9.0.

HUNTER HURDLES HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Makomako 11.12, The Joker 11.11, Glengarry 11.10, Rossall 11.6, Pescador 10.11, Cyrus II. 10.11, Forty Winks 10.10, Silent Friend 10.7, Venture 10.0, Gladstone 10.0, Sir Athol 10.0, Tippler 10.0, Bird 9.10, Houpla 9.9, Natatrix 9.9, Scissors 9.7, Ben Lomond 9.7, Toprail 9.3, Violence 9.0, Milford 9.0, Byron 9.0, Daisy Bell 9.0, Flirt 9.0, Spermaceti 9.0.

C.J.C. SPRING MEETING.

NEW ZEALAND CUP of 1,500 sovs. Two miles.

Table with columns for horse names, st lb, and odds. Includes names like Gipsy Grand, Euroclydon, Fabulist, Lady Zetland, Brooklet, Savacoe, The Possible, Mahaki, Ngatueru, Culverin, Searchlight, Bessie McCarthy, Irish Twist, Lorelei, Bonnie Scotland, Quiltiri, Casket, Chaos, The Shrew, Golden Plover, Lotion, Pompon, Bellicent, Man-o'-War, Pinrose, Bombshell, Penrose, Maximus, Marino, Dauntless, Anita, Aldershot.

* Scratched

V.A.T.C. SPRING MEETING.

Table listing race results for the Caulfield Cup of 2500 sovs. One mile and a half. Includes names like Te Whiti, Liliath, The Sketch, Rector, etc.

V.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

Table listing race results for the Melbourne Cup of 3000 sovs. Two miles. Includes names like Wallace, Havoc, The Harvester, Warpaint, etc.

Acceptances.

GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE MEETING. HUNTERS' FLAT.—New Year 12.8, Cynosure 12.0, Rifle 11.8, Jim 11.7, Oaklands 11.0. HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE.—Maccaroni 13.0, Cynosure 12.2, Jim 11.12, Rifle 11.10, Kate 11.4, Cloth of Gold 11.0, Oaklands 10.10, Paddy 10.10. PARK STEEPLECHASE.—New Year 11.0, T Rose 10.8, Disturbance 10.7, The Bishop 10.3, Sam 10.0, Forella 10.0, Lignite 9.12, The Saint 9.7. HURDLES.—Hop Garden 11.8, T Rose 10.12, Zanzibar 10.11, Lord Raven 10.4, Glenora 10.2.

Sam 9.12, Lignite 9.8, Deceiver 9.0, Miss Bevan 9.0.

WINTER OATS.—Three Star 11.9, The Sharper 11.2, Glauvena 10.11, Perkin 10.11, Strowan 10.11, Hopparden 10.2, Zillah 9.8, Samoa 9.6, Dangar 9.0.

FINAL HANDICAP.—Three Star 11.9, The Sharper 11.0, Strowan 11.0, Perkin 11.0, King Cannibal 10.12, Glauvena 10.8, Hukatere 10.0, Hop Garden 10.0, Zanzibar 10.0, Lord Raven 9.10, Zillah 9.5, Samoa 9.5, Goodshot 9.0.

OUR TREBLE COUPON.

THE following coupons were received up to Tuesday, the 7th inst., for the Caulfield Cup, Melbourne Cup, and New Zealand Cup treble:—

Large table listing various race coupons for the Caulfield Cup, Melbourne Cup, and N.Z. Cup. Includes names like A.N., J.O.B., J.I.A., A.G.H., etc.

Licensed Victuallers.

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WELCOME TO THE REV. L. M. ISITT.

A WELCOME this reverend gentleman was held on the evening of June 24th. The welcome was given by the members attending the prohibition convention sitting in Wellington. Judging by the reports of the meeting which appear in the local papers, Mr Isitt, in the matter of slang, scurrility, and all uncharitableness, cast his notorious Bradford speech into an impenetrable darkness. The burlesque was intensified by the flattery ladled out to the guest of the evening by some of the speakers, and made more ridiculous by Mr Isitt's assertion relative to the absence of the Mayor of Wellington, which was not only in the worst possible taste, but also extremely unfair to an absent man, who, had he been present, would have given the rev. gentleman such a castigation for his malevolent remarks as Mr George Fisher alone can administer. To outsiders the farce was made all the more "screaming" by Mr Isitt saying that he was surprised at the "cordial and sympathetic manner in which he had been received by the people of Wellington." Just as if every person, including the rev. gentleman himself, was not fully aware that the meeting would be cordial and enthusiastic. Spurious as the cordiality may be, and fictitious as the burst of enthusiasm in all probability was, we do not consider it was any honour to have a direct reference made to our journal, but judging from the report which refers to us, the rev. gentleman appeared to feel keenly our remarks relative to the hope that he would enjoy his visit to England, and remain there. We regret exceedingly that our expressed hope did not obtain realisation, and we say without the slightest hesitation that if it cost this colony one thousand pounds per annum to contribute to that enjoyment and keep him in the Mother Country the best interest of economy would be conserved, and a large contribution to the peace and tranquility of the colony would be assured by such a national monetary contribution to such a slang-using agitator. We wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not fear the rev. gentleman as a power capable of upsetting the rights of vested interests which have been firmly established under the existing law. We only desire his absence from this colony because we admit that his presence is a disturbing element, and capable of being extremely mischievous, and mischievous only; and as it would pay the country to get rid of the stoats and weasels by voting a large sum for their total extermination, so it would be profitable in the interest of peace, truth, and justice, to vote a large sum to get rid of the gentleman to whom we are making such pointed allusion. In the course of his speech Mr Isitt compared himself inferentially to Mr Gladstone, by saying, like that great statesman, he would be "as harsh and uncompromising as truth." We have heard a comparison between a roaring lion and a crawling insect, but as comparisons are odious we shall pursue them no further, except to say that during his whole life, as a great statesman, Mr Gladstone denounced any policy which went in the direction of robbery or spoliation, and surely nothing could possibly show the line of demarcation more clearly which divides a statesman from an agitator who, in our opinion, abrogates the fine principles of justice and righteousness in his every utterance, and in daily life and conduct. In choice

and elegant diction Mr Isitt goes on to say that the prohibitionists were going to land "their five knuckles" on the very bridge of the nose of the liquor traffic, and then desired to have a "leg of mutton fist" to drive it home. This is metaphorical with a vengeance, a simile Isittian in its originality—not only clever, but capable of arousing the risibilities of an audience easily made mirthful. We were not surprised to find that the rev. gentleman traduced his fellow "clergy" in the Old Country, and was it not again an exemplification of Mr Isitt's nature to refer to English ministers who differed with him in their line of thought and of action as "knock-kneed, swivel eyed parsons," and further on to say that the English parsons had to be "continually tickled up." We have heard the rev. gentleman spoken of as an eloquent speaker, and perhaps he merits this testimony to a certain extent. We are certain, however, of one thing; that is of his ability to write a new slang dictionary, which would be instructive as showing the rev. gentleman's ability in one certain direction, but whether it would be literature that would be accepted as affording readers an intellectual entertainment of a high order is another phase of the question. We are in doubt as to whether or not we are doing the rev. gentleman too much honour by thus alluding to his public utterances. It was once said in the House that a certain member was not worth a righteous man's anger, and did not deserve his pity. We cannot positively assert that Mr Isitt comes under this category. In our next issue we shall refer to an interview which took place between the convention and the Premier.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LIQUOR ACT.

We have always contended that it was not in many cases the quantity of alcoholic liquors consumed in this colony responsible for the evils attendant upon its injurious use, and we have no doubt but many of the fatal accidents which have resulted from intoxication, or the suicides which have taken place under the influence of delirium tremens or some other "phase of alcoholic insanity," can find its cause in the vile compounds which the unfortunates in the respective cases have imbibed, and not from having consumed good and pure alcohol. For these reasons we hail with satisfaction the appointment of experts whose duty it is to visit hotels with power to take samples of whatever liquor is exposed for sale, and we declare it to be a matter for equal gratification to realise that the present law has made provision for the imposition of a heavy penalty when a conviction is obtained against a publican who exposes or has in his possession poisonous compounds, instead of pure unadulterated liquors. We are quite willing to admit that in our large centres those engaged in the Trade are much more "faithful to trust" than those who vend liquors a few years ago, and we have just been informed by a gentleman occupying a high position that, in the Borough of Invercargill, the liquors vended are so good as not only to give universal satisfaction, but also to obviate the disasters which have resulted from the use of baneful liquors in many parts of the colony. For these reasons it is almost unnecessary now for the inspector to devote much of his time and attention to the first-class hotels in our large centres. Another reason why this is so can be obtained from the fact that Trade competition at the present time is so keen in the hotel business in our towns as to render it imperative to keep good liquor. We are given to understand that in each of our four cities it costs a large sum of money—which the country has to pay—for the purchase of samples for analysis. In fact, we have been credibly informed that, in one of the cities, the cost of obtaining these samples amounted in one month to over £100. If this is so, the public conclude we are paying too much for our whistle. Speaking of the character of our hotels to which we have alluded in this article, we are led to briefly consider the serious charge made against the management and control of the hotels in Wanganui. We have ourselves been many times in Wanganui, and have taken particular notice of the character of the hotels in that nice little town, and we certainly came to the conclusion that the hotels then were admirably conducted, and were a credit to the "trade" of the colony. It was, therefore, a surprise to us to learn from the report of a prohibition convention, held recently in Wellington, that a Mr Carson (the proprietor or manager of a local paper) declared that there were not more than three hotels in the whole of Wanganui that are properly conducted. We trust the whole of the trade will combine to wipe out this "outrage," and if Mr Carson again contests the Wanganui seat for the General Assembly, the hotel-keepers of Wanganui will take effective steps to be represented in Parliament by one not capable of such an outrageous statement. It is probable that before the next issue of our paper the new Government Licensing Bill will be before the House for consideration, and we shall watch the course of legislation and inform our readers of its progress.

OFFICES TO LET, City Chambers, Vulcan Lane.—Apply Arthur Cleave & Co.

A SINGULAR ACCIDENT.

City Club Hotel (Auckland) Flooded and Damaged.

On Tuesday morning, 7th inst., a water main in front of the above hotel (nearly opposite the Post Office) burst, and as there was full pressure on in the water-pipe—owing to the fire bells ringing at the time—the water spouted up as high as the fourth storey of the building, the force of the water throwing up stones and other road material. These missiles broke nearly all the windows in the front portion of the building, and the water which was being forced against the face of the building quickly went through the broken windows, and the different floors were submerged in water, the billiard-room and tables being much damaged. Of course, the inmates of the hotel had an anxious time of it, as everything apparently was saturated with the great stream of water, and consequently matches were not of much value, and those who left the hotel, groped their way out in the darkness, assisted by those who knew the run of the house. Mr E. J. Smith, the popular landlord, was struck on the head with one of the stones thrown up by the force of the water. The floors of each of the four storeys were covered with water, while the walls of the different rooms were more or less damaged. A lot of the stock in the cellar was floating about. The front portion in the third storey was occupied as a bedroom by Mr and Mrs Smith and infant. On the floor of the bedroom was a large quantity of metal, dust, and scoria ash, as well as a large number of stones. The servants and some boarders slept on the fourth floor. Mr Smith states that he was awakened between five and six o'clock by stones coming through the window and the smashing of glass and a deluge of water. He was almost paralysed for the time, as it was impossible to either light a candle or the gas. Mr and Mrs Smith, with their infant, four weeks old, got out of the hotel in darkness in the best manner they could, covered only in their night apparel. The servants and lodgers were sleeping on the top floor, and they also had great difficulty in getting out of the hotel in the darkness. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr Smith; as roughly estimated, his loss cannot be much less than £400 or £500. The premises next door were also badly damaged. If the water main had burst further round the street, where a boarding-house was on fire at the time (an old man being suffocated to death), there would have been no complaint to make, but such is the irony of this life.

PROHIBITION IS ITT OPPOSED TO MODERATE DRINKERS.

There is some hope for Mr Isitt yet. He went to England a strong advocate of Bible-reading in schools; he returned, he admits, a most uncompromising opponent of the agitation. Who knows but that an equally unexpected access of common sense may not yet lead him to see the error of his ways on another question, to wit, that of prohibition, and that he may return to sanity and true moderation. The possibilities are, I fear, somewhat remote, for at present the virulence of his opposition to the Moderates is, as he confesses himself, more decided than ever. From one of his Wellington speeches I learn that "his travels had furnished him with some new epithets, which he would use on occasion." I hope the said "epithets" were not gathered from our old friend, Mr Tennyson Smith, who is now very much in evidence in temperance circles at Home, and is, so a correspondent tells me, more sleek and oily of face and hair than ever. Mr Tennyson Smith, of course you will remember, a gentleman who was christened plain Thomas Smith, but who blossomed full into "Tennyson" because his shrewd business perception told him it "looked better on the bills!" Somehow or other I don't think Mr Isitt 'cottoned' much to Mr Tennyson (Thomas) Smith. With all his faults, there is nothing of the humbug about Mr Isitt. "I will do him that credit."—*Scrutator, N.Z. Mail.*

TRADE TOPICS.

The latest addition to the list of licensed victuallers is Mr H. Harrison (formerly private trainer to Major George's racehorses), a very popular man with the residents of Ellerslie, and as he has taken the Harp of Erin Hotel there, he will, we feel sure, make this well-known hostelry a comfortable resort for the homeless and thirsty ones.

The Manawatu Hotel, at Foxton, is perhaps one of the oldest established hotels in the Manawatu district, and, even during the many years that it has been in existence, it has maintained its respectable position amongst the licensed houses of the district. Mr T. P. Williams, a former proprietor, made the house a favourite resort, and the present landlord (Mr C. H. Harrison) has proved a worthy successor to any of the former landlords. If Mr Harrison, jun., is not well known, his father must be well known to old identities, as Mr Harrison, sen., was editor of the *Wellington Independent*—now the *N.Z. Times*—many years ago, and at one time represented Grey-mouth in the House of Representatives, defeating the late Sir Patrick Buckley at the election for the seat. We do not know whether Mr C. H. Harrison has any political ambition, but we think that his present desire is to keep the accommodation of the Manawatu Hotel right up to date, so that patrons to the house may depend upon receiving every comfort. There is good stabling accommodation in connection with the hotel.

In answer to a question in the House, the Premier stated that the inspectors appointed under the "Alcoholic Liquor Sales Control Act" are supposed to see to the conditions of the hotels, get samples of liquor for analysis, prosecute if necessary, and assist the police generally in the carrying out of the licensing law.

Many years ago, no matter how well a man was doing in business, the same old building would do for the transacting of such business, irrespective of the discomfort to customers, but that old-fashioned way is much changed, and if a man wants to do well in business now-a-days he must have presentable premises, and then have them furnished in such a manner that even the most fastidious cannot raise a complaint. When Mr George Ross determined to re-build the Royal Hotel, close to the Government Railway Station, Wellington, he made up his mind not only to put up a building with some pretensions to architectural effect, but also decided to furnish the building after the continental custom, so as to afford luxurious comfort and all the modern hotel conveniences. The building is three storeys high, with a due proportion of sitting and smoking rooms to each floor. The hotel is lighted throughout by the electric light, which reduces to a minimum any chance of a fire, and should this occur each floor is supplied with fire escapes. The furnishing of the house has evidently been undertaken by someone gifted with good taste. The close proximity of the Royal Hotel to the two railway stations in Wellington also make it invaluable to passengers who are desirous of catching early morning trains.

A lady philosopher has arrived at the conclusion that, although woman is justly blamed with having tempted man to eat forbidden things, he took to drinking of his own accord.

For some time past it has been the habit at the meetings of the Masterton Licensing Bench to require every person who takes the oath to contribute the sum of one shilling to the exchequer. Every formality in connection with the Act is required to be proved on oath, and matters which any other body of people would take official cognizance of have to be sworn to, and the person taking the oath has to contribute the sum of one shilling. A local paper has gone to some trouble to ascertain under what legislative enactment this charge is made, and finds that under an Act passed some years ago a charge may be made.

Quoting from the *New Zealand Year Book*, Mr Sievwright, in his lecture at Oamaru (says the *North Otago Times*), showed that, while drunkenness had decreased, there had been an increase in crime and insanity; and (quoting from Mulhall) he showed that whereas the amount spent in drink by England had more than doubled, the poverty had been reduced by half within the same time. It was therefore fallacious to assert, as Prohibitionists did, that a decrease of drunkenness meant a decrease of crime, poverty, and insanity, or *vice versa*.

At Rangiora a youth of eighteen took a prohibition order out against his father. The latter appeared in court half-an-hour later to oppose the application, but as the injunction had already been granted, he was informed that he was "too late." He then threatened to go home and "break the neck" of his promising offspring, whereupon the S.M. suggested that the son should bind the father over to keep the peace.

The *Wanganui Herald* takes Mr Gilbert Carson, editor of the *Wanganui Chronicle*, to task for his statement at the Prohibition Convention, that there were only three hotels in Wanganui properly conducted. Of course this is one of the "faddy screeches." The *Herald* forms its own conclusion, but ours is that the Sunday-school-teaching Gilbert is trying to get even on the majority of the licensed victuallers in Wanganui for having kept him out of parliament so long; and if his latest effort, or screech, does not urge them to renew their efforts to keep him out a little longer we shall be much mistaken.

In the District Court at Masterton last week, Judge Kettle dismissed the appeal of D. Johnston, hotelkeeper, of Martinborough (Wairarapa), against a conviction by Mr Hutchinson, S.M., under which he was fined £20 for allowing drunkenness on his premises. Costs were given against Mr Johnston.

Gent, after the banquet: "Policeman, shay can you show me w'ere I live?" Policeman: "But I don't know you." Gent: "That's aw'ri my wife will introdoosh you!"

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st lb	st lb	st lb
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EUROCLYDON ... 9 5	BLACK AND RED ... 7 2	
FABULIST ... 8 12	EPAULET ... 7 1	
LADY ZETLAND ... 8 9	DEFIANCE ... 7 1	
BROOKLET ... 8 8	NEW FOREST ... 7 1	
SARACEN ... 8 6	ARMILLA ... 7 0	
THE POSSIBLE ... 8 5	CAPTIVE ... 6 13	
MAHAKI ... 8 3	BELLIGERENT ... 6 13	
NGATUERE ... 8 2	CURASSOW ... 6 12	
CULVERIN ... 8 0	JANE EYRE ... 6 12	
SEARCHLIGHT ... 8 0	CEUR DE LION ... 6 12	
BESSIE MCCARTHY ... 8 0	MARQUIS OF ZETLAND ... 6 12	
IRISH TWIST ... 8 0	WAIHAU ... 6 12	
LORELEI ... 8 0	NICCOLO ... 6 12	
BONNIE SCOTLAND ... 7 13	WEHIKORE ... 6 11	
QUILTIBI ... 7 13	FALSE IMPRESSION ... 6 11	
CASKET... 7 12	ANTARES ... 6 11	
CHAOS ... 7 11	DAY STAR ... 6 10	
THE SHREW ... 7 10	LORD OF MISRULE ... 6 10	
GOLDEN PLOVER ... 7 10	LORD ROSLYN ... 6 10	
LOTION ... 7 9	HIPPODROME ... 6 9	
POMPOM ... 7 9	SABREUR ... 6 9	
BELLICENT ... 7 9	POPGUN ... 6 9	
MAN-O'-WAR ... 7 8	VANDYKE ... 6 9	
PINROSE ... 7 8	BRIGAND ... 6 9	
BOMBSHELL ... 7 7	KOREMATUKU ... 6 7	
PENROSE ... 7 6	ESAU ... 6 7	
MAXIMUS ... 7 6	OSMANIE ... 6 7	
MARINO ... 7 6	CRIMSON STREAK ... 6 7	
DAUNTLESS ... 7 5	EDITH CURETON ... 6 7	
ANITA ... 7 3	VOLTIGEUR ... 6 7	
ALDRSHOT ... 7 3	OMAH ... 6 7	

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MELBOURNE CUP.

Two Miles.	3000 sovs.	Run Nov. 3, 1896
st lb	st lb	st lb
WALLACE... 10 0	RIGHT HON'ABLE ... 7 10	PRINCIPLE ... 6 13
HOVA ... 9 11	ZODIAC ... 7 10	SWIVEL ... 6 13
*HAVOC ... 9 6	LORD GRENVILLE ... 7 9	GOZOCZAR ... 6 12
THE HARVESTER ... 9 5	TRENTHAM ... 7 9	LIGHTNING ... 6 12
WARPAINT ... 9 5	CANOONA ... 7 9	FUCILE ... 6 12
TRUE BLUE ... 9 4	PIVOT ... 7 9	RESOLUTE ... 6 12
JEWELLER ... 9 3	NADA ... 7 9	DEVERE ... 6 12
WATERFALL ... 9 2	CRAVAT ... 7 9	BLOODWOOD ... 6 12
PRESTON ... 9 2	SNAPSHOT ... 7 9	TOMMY ... 6 12
BOB RAY ... 9 0	REMINDER ... 7 9	CHARGE ... 6 12
BLOODSHOT ... 8 12	ST. DAVID ... 7 8	KOHA ... 6 12
DISFIGURED ... 8 12	SUPERB ... 7 8	CONCUSSION ... 6 12
MAREE ... 8 10	RONDA ... 7 7	SORTIE ... 6 12
DELAWARE ... 8 9	GAULUS ... 7 6	WAIT-A-BIT ... 6 12
*VIVIAN ... 8 9	FORM ... 7 6	LORD BRASSEY ... 6 12
MARUSA ... 8 8	LORD RICHMOND ... 7 6	SIR ELDER ... 6 12
HOPSCOTCH ... 8 7	CARLTON ... 7 6	STRATHSPRY ... 6 12
RUENALF ... 8 7	SKETCH ... 7 6	SADDLE-UP ... 6 11
DEVON ... 8 7	WAIHINE ... 7 5	TAURUS ... 6 11
VALIANT ... 8 6	HORTENSUS ... 7 4	MY LADY ... 6 11
LOYALTY ... 8 5	EREHWON ... 7 4	AROKA ... 6 10
O'TRIGGER ... 8 4	VERONICA ... 7 4	BOSTON ... 6 10
AYRESHIRE ... 8 3	DUHALLOW ... 7 4	ROSELLA ... 6 10
THE MERRY BOY ... 8 2	DAMIEN ... 7 4	REKA ... 6 10
DREAMLAND ... 8 2	BIRINGI ... 7 4	PRINCE CARBINE ... 6 10
NEWMAN ... 8 0	THE OFFICER ... 7 4	BLACK SQUALL ... 6 10
AQUARIUS ... 8 0	CYNDUS ... 7 3	SAILOR BOY ... 6 10
TORRADOR ... 8 0	STEWART ... 7 3	SHODDY ... 6 10
THE SKIPPER ... 8 0	RED INDIAN ... 7 3	LONELY ... 6 10
MIRACULUM ... 8 0	DUKE RICHMOND ... 7 2	ALBACULLIA ... 6 9
RACKABOCK ... 7 13	KOBOLD ... 7 2	VIGILANCE ... 6 9
FORT ... 7 13	TAMINO ... 7 2	LUCULLUS ... 6 9
ACTON ... 7 13	TIRE ... 7 1	HASSAN ... 6 8
NEWHAVEN ... 7 13	MULLAEBAA ... 7 0	SCRECH ... 6 8
BRADFORD ... 7 13	CAPTAIN SWIFT ... 7 0	INTERLUDE ... 6 8
DESTINY ... 7 12	LILITH ... 7 0	*MOTTO ... 6 8
BROKEN HILL ... 7 12	LEEWAY ... 7 0	TRENTMOOR ... 6 8
REWI ... 7 12	TRENTSIDE ... 7 0	BAYONET ... 6 8
THE CHEVALIER ... 7 12	AURATUS ... 7 0	EMBASSAGE ... 6 7
ELSWICK ... 7 11	BEAU BEVYS ... 7 0	ALONE ... 6 7
LEONIDAS ... 7 11	MALTA ... 7 0	CONTEMPT ... 6 7
SENESGAL ... 7 11	WARSAW ... 7 0	COHORT ... 6 7
COIL ... 7 11	THUNDER QUEEN ... 6 13	TREADLE ... 6 7
DISPARITY ... 7 10	UPSHOT ... 6 13	BARLEY CORN ... 6 7
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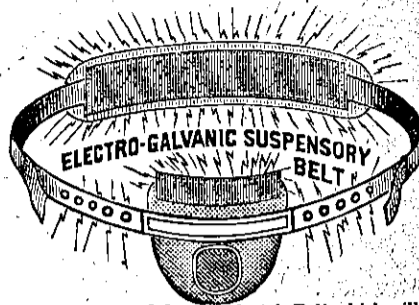
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