

Regarding the racing on Oaks Day at the late V.R.C. Spring Meeting, the *Leader* remarks:— Thursday brought with it a renewal of the glorious weather experienced on Cup Day, and the thirty-second anniversary of the "ladies' race," the Oaks, was celebrated with becoming *éclat*. Great disappointment was expressed when it became known that Newhaven would not oppose Hopscoth in the Flying Stakes, and in the absence of the champion the way paved for a comparatively easy victory for Mr Long's horse, with whom different tactics were adopted to those which brought about his discomfiture in the Melbourne Stakes. He was allowed to run in a way which he likes best, namely, a waiting race in front; and the pace at which he took his field along had the effect of settling his three opponents, with whom Hopscoth simply played during the last furlong. The big gelding put up what is, I fancy, a record for Flemington, by running the last five furlongs in 1min 1sec, and the last half mile in 48½sec. "Newhaven would not want to be off his feed to beat that," remarked someone; yet on the Randwick running the little chestnut smasher would have held Hopscoth easily enough. I gathered that Newhaven had not done well in the stable since the Cup race, hence his withdrawal from the Flying Stakes. Mr Dakin sprang two big surprises with Cravat and O'Trigger in the principal handicap events, both winners being quite overlooked by backers; while in the face of the extreme confidence reposed in Patriot nothing else was entrusted with much support for the Nursery Handicap. It seemed as if Huxley held his field much too cheaply, and apparently going to sleep he was caught by Syerla, who snatched the victory from the favourite by half a head. Another slashing finish wound up the day's performance in the Veteran Stakes. Fifty yards from home it looked an open affair between at least five horses, all running wide of each other, the spreading out being caused principally by Canoono deviating from her proper course. Just as it appeared as if the finish rested with Disfigured and Pivot,

and prosperous districts, combined with a Grand Carnival and Fairy Fete. The promoters are confident that they will meet with the support and co-operation that so extensive an undertaking merits, for not only will the project be of a highly educating and interesting character, but will do much to enlighten the community in regard to the phenomenal strides of progress our industries have made during a period of over ten or fifteen years. What better time could be chosen for an exhibition of this kind than at a season when the city and its surrounding districts are enjoying the prosperity which has been brought about by the enterprising pluck and energy of its people, and the natural wealth of its mineral and other resources.

LOCATION.

The spacious Drill Hall has been secured and will be considerably enlarged by the building of several annexes. A large area of ground will also be enclosed for outside performances, exhibits, and as a promenade for visitors. Arrangements are being made for a perfect system of ventilation in the main hall. Portions of the roof will be raised and masked in by netting, thus allowing the hot air to escape, which will be forced by delightful cool draughts from twenty large windows on either side of the hall.

AWARDS AND JUDGING.

Gold and Silver Medals and Certificates will be awarded to successful exhibitors. The Judges will be appointed by the exhibitors themselves.

COMPETITIONS.

Valuable prizes will be given to the winners of a number of competitions, particulars of which will be duly announced in the daily papers.

AMUSEMENTS.

An Entertainment Committee will be appointed to select the best available instrumental, vocal, and specialty talent in Australasia.

DECORATIONS.

The decorations for the main hall, annexes, and promenade will be executed on a lavish scale, and to accomplish this, no expense will be spared.

OPENING.

The Exhibition will be opened on December 24, 1896 (CHRISTMAS EVE), and will be continued day and night during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

CHARGE OF ADMISSION.

Admission to the Main Hall, Annexes, and Promenade will be ONE SHILLING. CHARLES GREY, Hon. Secretary.

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Incidents at the approaching meeting of the Wellington Racing Club.

Tenby broke down badly while working at Napier Park on Saturday morning. Mr G. E. G. Richardson has purchased the Mute mare Link, and she has been mated with Robinson Crasoe. Dare Devil's victory in the Farewell Handicap at Riccarton on Saturday brought joy and shekels to Napier backers. Although they were not cognisant of the weight allotted to Dreadnought's lop-eared son, they planked down their bit as if it was all over, and it was but a matter of collect. They didn't make any mistake, either. The starting-price layers got a rude shock they won't get over for a day or two. As I have before remarked, the allegiance of local punters to district horses when competing away from home is loyal in the extreme, and the starting-price layers wish at times they were not so faithful to the local prads. Of course that's when they win. Pinrose, the half-brother to Primula, who did yeoman service for the sport racing under the nom de course of Mr Portland, is now the property of Mr J. R. McDonald, and has again been put in commission. He has a very unsightly foreleg, but it does not seem to interfere with him in his work. Glengarry, the grey steeplechaser, has been blistered and turned out.

THE AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

The Auckland Provincial Agricultural Association are undoubtedly entitled to hearty congratulation for having succeeded in making the Agricultural Show of 1896 the greatest success yet achieved. In previous years the society has frequently been handicapped by adverse weather, but in the face of difficulties it has struggled on, and has now the satisfaction of knowing that the vast crowds of people who assembled at Potter's Paddock on Friday and Saturday last pronounced the Show a credit to New Zealand. The horticultural show as well as the exhibition of machinery had its interests for particular classes. The fair sex congregated where the roses, pansies, etc., were to be seen, while the hard and horny-handed tillers of the soil were deeply interested in the newest designs of farming implements. It is, however, more with the live stock that we have to deal. There was a splendid display of cattle, but it was in the exhibition of horses of all classes that the show excelled. In blood stock the show was not very strong, but all the exhibits were full of quality. There is a lot of risk attached to the exhibition of a high-spirited thoroughbred, and owners do not as a rule care to undertake the risk. The paltry money prize is no inducement, the honour of victory being the greatest encouragement to owners of blood stock who exhibit, and those who did exhibit at the late show are entitled to commendation, for they were conferring a favour on the public that they could not expect to be properly rewarded for. In class 1 for entire three years old and upwards there were four exhibits, all of high quality, namely, Leolantis (by Leolinus—Atlantis), Lochinvar (by Envoy—Yellowstone), Fabulous (by Leolinus—Atlantis), and Orestes (by Nordenfeldt—Clytemnestra). The handsome chestnut Leolantis was exhibited in beautiful condition by Mr L. D. Nathan. He is a horse most attractive to look at, having size, substance, and quality to commend him, and, like his half-brother St. Leger, he should be capable of getting anything from a hunter to a flat racer. The judge awarded him first prize, and Mr Nathan therefore won the prize donated by himself, but that of course is of no consideration to him, his best reward being the expressed opinion of properly constituted judges. Lochinvar is a very nice-looking horse, and the judges awarded him second place. Old Fabulous, Leolantis's full brother, had a host of admirers, and looked as sensible as a Minister of the Crown, but Orestes did not seem to relish the presence of so many curious people, and was, perhaps, not seen to the best advantage. He is well bred, being by the defunct Nordenfeldt, and

In Class 12 (filly or gelding, two years old), a good-looking son of Paddy's Land, exhibited by Mr E. H. Kelly, was awarded first prize, while Mr K. Morrison's Pinkere (by Pinkfink) secured second honours. The same pair took first and second in the next class for two-year-olds, suitable for roadster or harness. Ellerslie (by Pleasanton), exhibited by Mr G. Hunter, took the first prize for yearlings. There was an excellent exhibition of hacks, and the task set the judges was not an easy one. For hacks up to 11st Playboy (a handsome hack exhibited by Mr William Lisk) was awarded the pride of place, with Bar None (exhibited by Mr T. Hamilton) second, Squire (exhibited by Mr J. A. Motion) third, and Charlie (exhibited by Ambury, English, and Co.) highly commended. There were twenty-six exhibits in this class. In Class 15 (mare or gelding up to 14st) Mr Skipworth's gained first honours, with Mr P. Quinlan's Miss Sheridan a creditable second, and Mr Arthur Selby's Albion third. In the competition for ladies' horses there were eight exhibits, all being good. The judges took some time over their decision in this class, and finally awarded the prize to Mr J. R. Martin's Gladiator (by Fair Helen). It must have been a near thing even in their estimation. Gladiator looked all over a lady's horse, but so also did Roy, another black, who obtained second prize, while Atlanta, who was only awarded third place, captivated a lot of horse fanciers. In ponies the show was also strong, and the judges did well in awarding Mr John Abbott's Nimrod first prize for pony entire under 14 hands; Mr T. C. Tighe's Sir Hercules second. Mr E. D. O'Rorke's Matai was adjudged the best pony mare under 14 hands. Mr L. E. Bradbury's Bantam carried off the prize in the 14 hands 2 inches class, and in class 20, for boys ponies, the red ribbon was put round the neck of Stanley Pilkington's Tommy, A. Cunningham's Little Dick second, and J. Taylor's Kelpie third. Jas. S. Dickey's Don secured the first prize in the class for ponies 12 hands. There were some very nice polo ponies, the first and second prizes falling to the exhibits of Mr E. D. O'Rorke, one being by Bryan O'Lynn and the other by Australian; the third prize in this class was awarded to Mr C. E. Purchas' Chance It (by Retort). There was a good show of cavalry horses, and the hunters were a good useful lot. The judges had no hesitation in awarding the first prize to Mr Arthur Selby's Albion, a chestnut by Australian, who lost nothing by having the veteran huntsman in the saddle. The other prizes were awarded to Mr E. D. O'Rorke's Saxon, Mr R. H. Skipworth's Dad, and Mr Arthur Selby's Defiance. Molly Riley, a very nice bay by Rifleman, exhibited by Mr A. Wallace, won the first prize for the class for three or four-year-olds suitable for hunting and bred and owned by a farmer over whose land the Hunt Club have permission to run during the season. The second prize was awarded to Mr W. Pullan's Ashby (by Balderdash). There were eleven competitors in the leaping match, and although the horses were a good-looking lot, the exhibition of jumping was a failure, a result probably due to the schooling of some of the riders and horses having been neglected. Although the bar was only a little over 4ft for the first jump, only two horses (Muscatelle and Dad) got over, and when raised to 4ft 9in only one (Muscatelle) got over and was awarded first prize. The winner was very nicely ridden by Miss L. Walker, who was the only lady in the contest, and the hearty cheers showed that her victory was popular. Dad was awarded second prize. On the second day the attendance was tremendous and chief interest centred in the hunting competition. The exhibition of jumping was much better than on the first day, and most of the horses seemed to revel in their work. There was very little baulking, and the work right through was most creditable, and only one harmless fall occurred. In the hunting competition there were twenty-three competitors, and first prize was most deservedly awarded to Mr E. D. O'Rorke, who, on Saxon, gave a most finished exhibition, and the applause when Saxon was decorated with the red ribbon

Our Illustrations.

We had expected this week to have been in a position to give our readers pictures taken in connection with the V.R.C. Spring Carnival, but inordinate delay somewhere in the Post Office has disappointed us, and the pleasure of presenting Flemington scenes must be postponed until next week, when a specially-prepared picture of Newhaven will be given. However, the pictures of five very fine New Zealand thoroughbreds are given, three of them hailing from the celebrated Wellington Park Stud. These three are Hotchkiss (by Musket—Petroleuse), Cuirassier (by Musket—Frailty), and St. Leger (by Doncaster—Atlantis). Leolantis (the half-brother of St. Leger) is also the subject of a picture; he secured first prize at the Auckland Show among the thoroughbred stallions. The picture of Messrs Alison Brothers Regel yearling colt (another prize taker) is also given.

FOALINGS.

Our Napier correspondent writes:—Mr F. D. Carrington, who manages the Hon. J. D. Ormond's breeding establishment at Karamu, has kindly sent me the following particulars, which I have no doubt will prove of interest to REVIEW readers. Foalings up to date: Dryad, b colt; Fame, c colt; Gabble, c colt; Queen of Hearts, c colt; Lyrebird, c colt; Norsemaid, b colt, Mahuri, c colt; Mount Ida, c colt; Spinnaker, c colt; Total Eclipse, c filly; Waterbaby, br filly; Queen of Trumps, c filly; Legacy, c filly; Sister Association of New Zealand.

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

Programmes Passed by the North Island Trotting Association.
November 24—Wellington

CALENDAR.

November 24, Tuesday—Wellington
December 19, Saturday; 28, Monday; 30, Wednesday—Auckland T.C. Summer
NOMINATIONS.
December 4—Auckland T.C. Summer
HANDICAPS.
December 9—Auckland T.C. Summer
December 22—Auckland T.C. Summer
December 28—Auckland T.C. Summer
ACCEPTANCES.
November 21—Wellington Spring
December 11—Auckland T.C. Summer
December 24—Auckland T.C. Summer
December 29—Auckland T.C. Summer

TROTTING RECORDS.

NEW ZEALAND.
1 mile—Saddle, Yum Yum, 2min 27½sec, 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 58½sec, 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 35½sec, 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 36½sec, in match against Osterley.
3 miles—Harness, Osterley, 7min 30½sec.
AMERICAN (IN HARNESS).
1 mile—Robert R. Gentry, 2min ½sec, September 24, 1896.
2 miles—Greenlander, 4min 52sec, October, 1893.
3 miles—Nightingale, 6min 35½sec, October, 1893.
AMERICAN PACING.
1 mile—Joe Patchen, 2min 3sec, Aug. 21; John R. Gentry 2min 3½sec.
2 miles—Defiance, 4min 47½sec, September, 1872.
3 miles—Joe Jefferson, 7min 33½sec, November, 1891.

JOHN R. GENTRY MAKES A WORLD'S RECORD.

A MILE IN 2MIN. ½SEC.
On September 24 John R. Gentry succeeded in lowering his record of 2min 1½sec, accomplished a fortnight previous, cutting the figures down to 2min ½sec. An American exchange gives the following account of this wonderful performance:—"To-day was an eventful day for Rigby, because the world's pacing record was broken by John R. Gentry, the magnificent horse pacing the fastest mile ever made in harness and placing the world's record at only half a second over two minutes, or 2min ½sec. Gentry was roundly applauded when he appeared on the track for his great trial of speed. The air was chilly, and a light north-westerly breeze blew up the home stretch. His record before starting was 2min 1½sec, which he made on September 8 at Glen Falls, N.Y., in the second heat of a race with Star Pointer. Andrews had given Gentry two warming-up miles, and it was nearly sunset when he was ready to start for the eventful mile. Andrews rode his sulky easily, with an air of confidence, but among the spectators there were very few who believed that the record would be lowered so near the two-minute mark.

A runner appeared with Gentry to pace him. After scoring twice Andrews came down to the wire to begin the fastest mile ever accomplished by a horse in harness. The crowd cheered as he approached the starting point.

"Go!" shouted Starter Culbertson, and hundreds of watches caught the pacer at the start. The runner's nose was within 2ft of Gentry's as they made the first turn. In the stretch Gentry was going gracefully and steadily, getting over the ground in good shape, and the runner had to work hard to keep up. The first quarter was given by the judges as made in 29½sec. People began to wonder when the half-mile was finished in 59½sec, and to look for a two-minute pace. At this point the runner's driver was using the whip and making a great effort, and succeeded in keeping at the wheel of Gentry's sulky. The third quarter was reeled off in 30½sec, making the time at the three-quarter post 1min 30½sec. This was great going, and now came the last quarter and home stretch. As the horses turned into the home stretch, and caught the wind in their teeth, the crowd began to shout and hurrah, and Andrews shouted encouragingly to his horse. The runner's driver also urged his horse, and used the whip. All this nerved the pacer to a supreme effort, and he made the last quarter quicker than the third quarter, doing it in 30½sec, thus covering his mile in 2min 0½sec. This was a whole second less than his former record, which had never been surpassed by any horse, and only equalled by Robert J. (2min 1½sec) in 1895, at Terre Haute.

TROTting RESULTS.

Plumpton Park Racing and Trotting Club's Meeting.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 1896.
The attendance was large and the sum of £5,674 passed through the machine. Results:—
MAIDEN SADDLE of 30 sovs, two miles.—Budd Doble, 14sec, 1. Twelve others started. Time, 5min 30sec. Dividend, £2 2s.
PONY HARNESS of 25 sovs, two miles.—Worthington, 14sec, 1; Sambo, 19sec, 2; Ruby II., 27sec, 3. Nine others started. Time, 5min 49sec. Dividend, £2 10s.
SOCKBURN HANDICAP (saddle) of 80 sovs, two miles.—Maggie M., 38sec, 1; Sandy, 31sec, 2; Maud V., 17sec, 3. Seven others started. Won by 60 yards. Time, 5min 30½sec. Dividend, £1 10s.
MAIDEN HARNESS of 30 sovs, one mile.—Annie Rooney, 17sec, 1; May B., 12sec, 2. Ten others started. Time, 3min 5½sec. Dividend, £38 14s.
SELLING HARNESS of 40 sovs, two miles.—Ladybird II., 26sec, 1; Energy, 30sec, 2. Nine others started. Time, 6min 3sec. Dividend, £11 8s.
PLUMPTON HANDICAP HARNESS of 80 sovs, two miles.—Little Willie, 40sec, 1; Ham, 42sec, 2. Ten others started. Won by two lengths. Time, 5min 24sec. Dividend, £6 6s. The owner of the second horse has given notice, asking the club to withhold the stakes pending an inquiry into the identity of the winner.
ELECTRIC SADDLE of 40 sovs, one mile.—Perseverance, 22sec, 1; Rawakiri, 22sec, 2; Maggie M., 14sec, 3. Nine others started. Time, 2min 57sec. Dividend, £4 10s.
DASH HANDICAP of 40 sovs, one mile.—Jane, 13sec, 1; Ruby II., 28sec, 2. Seven others started. Time, 2min 41sec. Dividend, £9 12s.

Lancaster Park Trotting Club's Races.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13.
The attendance was large, and the sum of £7541 passed through the machine, making a total for the two days of £14,316. Results:—
MAIDEN HARNESS of 40 sovs, two miles.—Firefly, 16secs, 1; Minnie May, 16secs, 2. Four started. Time, 6min 25½secs. Dividend, £6 13s.
PONY (saddle) HANDICAP of 40 sovs, two miles.—Ruby II., 11secs, 1; Sambo, 13secs, 2. Ten started. Time, 5min 52½secs. Dividend, £5 17s.
PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP (saddle) of 115 sovs, two miles.—Redmire, 9secs, 1; Peggy, 5secs, 2. Eight started. Won easily by 70yds. Time, 5min 9secs. Dividend, £5 18s.
SYDENHAM HANDICAP (harness) of 75 sovs, two miles.—Zealandia, 14secs, 1; Pansy B., scr, 2; Ham, 9secs, 3. Six started. Won easily. Time, 5min 17secs. Dividend, £18 15s.
LIMIT HANDICAP (harness or saddle) of 110 sovs, two miles.—Economy, 15secs, 1; Monte Carlo, 9secs, 2; Kentucky Wilkes, 13secs, 3. Five started. Won very easily. Time, 5min 17secs. Dividend, £7 7s.
LINWOOD HANDICAP of 60 sovs, two miles.—Virginia, 37secs, 1. Twelve started. Won very easily. Time, 5min 37secs. Dividend, £1 12s.
FINAL (harness) of 55 sovs, one mile.—Spec, 18secs, 1; Miss Tracy, 18secs, 2; Mambrino Addallah, 11secs, 3. Eight started. Won by a neck. Time, 2min 48secs. Dividend, £15 18s.
TELEGRAPH (saddle) of 55 sovs, one mile.—Glengarry, 17secs, 1; Caribbean, 14secs, 2; Peggy, 4secs, 3. Nine started. Won by eight lengths. Time, 2min 45secs. Dividend, £3 1s.

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