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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY—EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1897. First Race to Start at 12 o'Clock.

Tradesmen's Plate Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

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

SECOND DAY—EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1897. First Race to Start at 1 o'Clock.

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

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

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1897. First Race to Start at 1 o'Clock.

Maiden Hurdle Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race exceeding 30 sovs in value at time of entry. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each to go to the funds. One mile and a half.

Grandstand Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

Tradesmen's Plate Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1897, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS. Easter Handicap ... 1 sov Autumn Handicap ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1897 (GENERAL ENTRY NIGHT), by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES. Easter Handicap ... 3 sovs Autumn Steeple ... 2 sovs

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1897, by 9 p.m. Tradesmen's Plate ... 1 sov Onslow Stakes ... 1 sov

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1897, at the post. Champagne Stakes 7 sovs Easter Handicap ... 3 sovs

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1897, by 12 noon at Racecourse. ACCEPTANCES. Stewards' Handicap ... 1 sov Flying Handicap ... 2 sovs

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1897, at the post. ACCEPTANCES. Autumn Handicap 3 sovs Autumn Steeple ... 2 sovs

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1897, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES. Maiden Hurdles ... 1 sov Criterion Handicap ... 1 sov

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1897, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS. Northern Champagne Stakes, 1898.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR. THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1897, by 9 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1897, by 9 p.m. Tradesmen's Handicap Onslow Stakes Handicap

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1897, Morning Paper. Stewards' Handicap Autumn Handicap

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1897, by 9 p.m. Maiden Hurdle Handicap Criterion Handicap

St George's Handicap Handicap Steeplechase Grandstand Handicap

Pony Hurdle Handicap Victoria Handicap WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary, A.R.C.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.

TO BE HELD ON THE HUTT PARK RACECOURSE, ON THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 29 AND MAY 1.

Judge: Mr G. H. Scales. Treasurer: Mr F. Franklyn. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evett. Starter: Mr H. Piper.

PROGRAMME. FIRST DAY. Waiwetu Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake.

Maiden Hack Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won a race of any description at the time of starting.

The Thompson Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stake.

First Hurdle Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.

Welter Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight in handicap, 8st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.

First Hack Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile.

Railway Handicap of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. The winner of the Waiwetu Handicap to carry 7lb extra; the winner of the Thompson Handicap, 10lb extra. Penalties not accumulative. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY. Hutt Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile.

Hack Welter Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight in handicap, 8st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a furlong.

Autumn Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of the Hutt Handicap to carry 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 4 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Second Hurdle Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. About one mile and a half.

Suburban Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of the Hutt Handicap to carry 7lb extra; of the Autumn Handicap 10lb extra. Penalties not accumulative. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Seven furlongs.

Hack Flying Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of the Hack Welter Handicap to carry 10lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

Farewell Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of any previous race the same day to carry 10lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31.

NOMINATIONS for all events, except Maiden Hack Race. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

WEIGHTS declared for all handicaps on the First Day. TUESDAY, APRIL 27.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day's handicaps, and ENTRIES for the Maiden Hack Race. FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

WEIGHTS for the Second Day declared about noon and ACCEPTANCES close the same night at 9 o'clock. N.B.—All events close at 9 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS. All nominations, entries, acceptances, &c., accompanied by the necessary amount payable, close at the Club Hotel, Wellington, not later than 9 p.m.—unless stated to the contrary—on the advertised dates of closing.

The Rules of Racing, as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs of New Zealand, will be strictly adhered to. Five per cent. will be deducted from the gross amount of all stakes. Horses walking over will receive 50 per cent of the stakes.

In all cases where penalties have to be carried for winning, it shall be the duty of the owner, trainer, or jockey to notify the same to the secretary as soon as possible after the penalty is incurred. Any person neglecting to comply with this rule shall pay a fine, to be imposed by the Stewards, not exceeding 5 sovs, to the race fund.

DEFINITION OF A HACK.—A hack is a horse that has never won an advertised race at any time—hack and hunter races accepted—and is not, or has not been, nominated in any race—other than hack or hunter races—at the same meeting. H. M. LYON, Secretary.

Club Hotel, Wellington. EGMONT RACING CLUB. WINTER MEETING.

President: R. H. Nolan, Esq. Vice-President: R. E. McRae, Esq. Stewards: Messrs W. Adamson, John Heslop, W. C. Symes, R. Hirschberg, A. S. Tonks, H. E. Good, F. Riddiford, Dr. Westman. Starter: Mr M. F. Baird. Clerk of Course: Mr Geo. H. Gibson.

Clerk of Scales: Mr H. W. Sutton. Handicapper: J. E. Henry. Hon. Vet. Surgeon: Mr S. Durham, M.R.C.V.S., L. Hon. Vet. Surgeon: Drs Reid and Westman. Timekeeper: Dr. Reed. Judge: Mr Wm. Brewer. Treasurer: Mr H. W. Suttou. Secretary: Mr Alex. G. Brett.

PROGRAMME. FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, 5TH MAY, 1897. To Start at 11.45 a.m.

First Handicap Hurdles of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over nine flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Two miles and a distance.

Handicap Hack Hurdles of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. One mile and a half.

Hawera Stakes Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. One mile and three furlongs.

Egmont Handicap Steeplechase of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Winner of any handicap steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs, after declaration of weights, to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 4 sovs. About three miles.

First Handicap Hack Flat of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

Stewards' Stakes Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, 6TH MAY, 1897. Second Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and three-quarters.

Mania Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. No nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a distance.

Hawera Handicap Steeplechase of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. About two miles and a half.

Second Handicap Hack Flat Race of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a quarter.

High-weight Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 8st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a quarter.

Final Handicap Steeplechase of 45 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About two miles.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES, AND AMOUNTS TO BE FORWARDED. NOMINATIONS close on MONDAY, 12th April, 1897, at 9 p.m.

First Hurdles ... 1 sov Second Hurdles ... 1 sov Hack Hurdles ... 1 sov Mania Handicap ... 1 sov

Hawera Stakes ... 1 sov Hawera Steeple ... 1 sov First Hack Flat ... 1 sov Second Hack Flat ... 1 sov

Egmont Steeple ... 2 sovs High-weight Handcp ... 1 sov Stewards' Stakes ... 1 sov Final Steeplechase ... 1 sov

ACCEPTANCES are due by MONDAY, 26th April, 1897, at 9 p.m., for— Hawera Stakes ... 3 sovs Stewards' Stakes ... 1 sov

Egmont Steeple ... 4 sovs First Hack Flat ... 1 sov First Hurdles ... 1 sov Hack Hurdles ... 1 sov

ACCEPTANCES are due by WEDNESDAY, 5th May, 1897, at 9.30 p.m., for— Second Hurdles ... 1 sov Second Hack Flat ... 1 sov

Mania Handicap ... 1 sov High-weight Handcp ... 1 sov Hawera Steeple ... 2 sovs Final Steeplechase ... 1 sov

(Immediately after running of High-weight Handicap.) WEIGHTS appear on or about 1897 for—

First Hurdles ... First Hack Flat ... Egmont Steeplechase ... Stewards' Stakes ...

Second Hurdles ... Second Hack Flat ... High-weight Handcp ... Hawera Steeplechase ...

(Immediately after running of Hawera Handicap Steeplechase.) NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES will be received at the time and on the dates mentioned, at the office of the Club, Hawera; and by Mr Harry H. Hayr, Tattersall's, Auckland; and Mr Alfred F. Danvers, Napier. Telegraph Office closes at Hawera at 8 p.m. ALEX. G. BRETT, Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, 24TH AND 25TH MAY, 1897. President: Dr Earle. Vice-President: Mr H. N. Harrison. Judge: Dr Earle. Hon. Starter: Mr C. H. Chavannes. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evett. Clerk of the Scales: Mr E. A. Campbell. Clerk of the Course: Mr Donald MacDonald. Time-keeper: Mr R. Higgin. Hon. Surgeon: Dr Connolly. Hon. Vet. Surgeon: Mr J. A. Hawke, M.R.C.V.S., L. Stewards: Dr Connolly, Messrs E. E. Fletcher, Alex. Higgin, A. J. Parsons, Dr Saunders, J. H. Nixon, R. Anderson. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr Freeman E. Jackson.

PROGRAMME. FIRST DAY—MONDAY, 24TH MAY, 1897. (QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY).

Flying Stakes Handicap, on the flat, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 12 noon.

Wanganui Steeplechase Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and the third horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Over the Wanganui Steeplechase course. About three miles. Winner of any handicap steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs, after declaration of weights, to carry a penalty of 7lbs. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 5 sovs.—To start at 1 p.m.

First Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Open to all qualified hunters (vide Definition of Hunters). About three miles, over such course as the Stewards may direct. Gentleman riders. Lowest weight not under 11st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 2 p.m.

First Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles and a distance, over eight flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 2.15 p.m.

First Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide definition of a hack.—To start at 3.30 p.m.

Suburban Steeplechase Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles and a half, over such course as the Stewards shall direct. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, 25TH MAY, 1897. Winter Oats Handicap (on the flat) of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 12 noon.

Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles, over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 1 p.m.

Grandstand Steeplechase Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. About two miles and a half, over such course as the Stewards shall direct. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 2 p.m.
Second Hunters Steeplechase Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Open to all qualified hunters (vide Definition of Hunters). About two miles and a half, over such course as the Stewards shall direct. Gentlemen riders. Lowest weight not under 11st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 2.15 p.m.
Second Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. One mile. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide definition of a hack. To start at 3.30 p.m.
Final Steeplechase Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov, to be made half-an-hour before the race starts. To start at 4.15 p.m.

QUALIFICATION FOR HUNTERS.—Open to all horses qualified during the year 1896, or that have ridden to the hounds twice in the present season, 1897, to the satisfaction of the Master of Hounds, but which have never won an advertised steeplechase or hurdle race (hack and hunter races excepted). Masters certificates to be produced to Clerk of the Scales.
DEFINITION OF A HACK.—A hack is a horse that has never won an advertised race (hack and hunter races excepted), and that is not at the time of starting, and has not been, during the three calendar months previous to the time of starting, nominated for any race (hack and hunter races excepted).

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

And amounts to be forwarded to the Secretary W.J.C. STEEPCLECHASE MEETING, 24TH AND 25TH MAY.
MONDAY, April 5th, 1897, at 9 p.m.—NOMINATIONS for Flying Handicap, 1 sov; Winter Out, 1 sov; Wanganui Steeplechase, 2 sovs; First Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Second Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Suburban Steeplechase, 1 sov; Grandstand Steeplechase, 1 sov.
FRIDAY, April 23rd, 1897, on or about.—WEIGHTS for Flying Handicap, Wanganui Steeplechase, First Hurdles, and Suburban Steeplechase.
TUESDAY, April 27th, 1897, at 9 p.m.—NOMINATIONS for First Hunters Steeplechase, 1 sov; Second Hunters Steeplechase, 1 sov; First Hack Flat, 1 sov; Second Hack Flat, 1 sov; Final Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov. ACCEPTANCES for Flying Handicap, 1 sov; Wanganui Steeplechase, 5 sovs; First Hurdle Handicap, 2 sovs; Suburban Steeplechase, 1 sov.
TUESDAY, May 11th, 1897, on or about.—WEIGHTS for Hunters Steeplechase and First Hack Flat.
TUESDAY, May 18th, 1897, at 9 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES for First Hunters Steeplechase, 1 sov; First Hack Flat, 10s.
MONDAY, May 24th, 1897, at 10 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES for Winter Oats, 2 sovs; Second Hurdle Handicap, 2 sovs; Second Hunters Steeplechase, 1 sov; Grandstand Steeplechase, 2 sovs; Second Hack Flat, 10s.
TUESDAY, May 25, 1897, on the course.—WEIGHTS for Final Steeplechase will be declared after the Second Hunters Steeplechase, and ACCEPTANCES must be made half an hour before the race starts.

NOMINATION OF YEARLINGS.

MONDAY, 5TH APRIL, 1897, AT 9 P.M., NOMINATIONS FOR TWO-YEAR-OLD STAKES, 1898, To be Run in March.
A sweepstake of 10 sovs each for starters, with 150 sovs added; second horse to receive 30 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs. Colts, 8st 7lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 3lb. The winner of any race of the value of 200 sovs to carry 5lb extra; of 300 sovs, 7lb extra; penalties not accumulative. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 4 sovs; and 5 sovs at the post.
AND FOR WANGANUI GUINEAS, 1898 (To be Run in October),
Of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs from the stake. For present yearlings. One mile. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 4 sovs.
[N.B.—The Wanganui Derby, 1898, has been withdrawn, and the Wanganui Guineas inserted in its place.]

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

To which the attention of persons entering horses is particularly directed.
All entries, nominations, etc., will close at the secretary's office, Wanganui, at 9 p.m., except when otherwise specified. All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club, Wanganui, entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at the time of entry, name of owner, pedigree, colours of the rider, and in case of handicaps where horses have not previously started on the Wanganui course, pedigree and performance of the horse. Entries by telegram must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity. In all cases where penalties have to be carried for winning, it shall be the duty of the owner, trainer, or jockey to notify the same to the Secretary, when possible, the evening before the race, or in any case half an hour prior to the start. Any person neglecting to comply with this rule shall pay a fine, to be imposed by the stewards, not exceeding 5 sovs. All races to be run under the New Zealand rules of racing. No entry will be received under any pretence whatever after the hour named.
ALL STAKES WILL BE PAID IN FULL.
N.B.—The stakes in the subjoined programme are subject to revision by the committee prior to closing, as to the dates of entry, acceptance, etc., amount of added money, and conditions. The committee also reserve to themselves the right of altering the date on which the handicaps appear, should they deem fit to do so.

FREEMAN R. JACKSON, Secretary.



HAWKE'S BAY TROTTING CLUB. AUTUMN MEETING, TO BE HELD ON THE HAWKE'S BAY TROTTING CLUB'S COURSE, HASTINGS, ON FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1897.

President: Geo. Ellis, Esq. Vice-President and Treasurer: W. Y. Dennett, Esq. Stewards: Messrs W. C. Madison, J. E. McIvor, R. Gossman, H. Collis, H. O. Caulton, J. T. Blake, Geo. Land, and W. G. Faulkner. Judge: Mr. Alex. C. Lean. Clerk of the Scales: Mr. H. Cook. Timekeeper: Mr. W. Edwards. Handicapper: Mr. A. Elbourne. Starters: Messrs W. Y. Dennett and McIvor. Secretary: Mr. W. D. Ireland.

PROGRAMME.

Maiden Handicap Trot (in Saddle) of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. For horses that have not won an advertised trot, either in saddle or harness, at time of starting. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Two miles.—To start at 12 noon.

Handicap Pony Trot (in Harness) of 20 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Height, 14.2 and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Two miles.—To start at 12.45 p.m.
Hawke's Bay Trotting Club Handicap (in Saddle) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs from the stake; third horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s. Two miles.—To start at 1.30 p.m.
Handicap Pony Trot (in Saddle) of 20 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Height, 14.2 and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. One mile and a half.—To start at 2.15 p.m.
Hastings Cup Handicap (in Harness) of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs, and third horse 3 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s. Two miles and a half.—To start at 3 p.m.
Electric Stakes Handicap Trot (in Saddle) of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. One mile.—To start at 3.45 p.m.
City Stakes Handicap Trot (in Harness) of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Two miles.—To start at 4.30 p.m.
Selling Trot (either in Saddle or Harness) of 10 sovs. 5scc allowed for every 5 sovs reduction of selling price. Winner to be sold for 20 sovs; any surplus to go to the funds of the club. Entrance, 10s. One mile. To start at 5 p.m.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

Nominations close with the Secretary on MONDAY, March 1st, at 8 o'clock p.m., addressed Box 41, Hastings. Handicaps to appear on MONDAY, March 8th. Acceptances and Entries for Selling Trot close on MONDAY, March 16th, at 8 o'clock p.m. All Nominations and Acceptances must be accompanied by the necessary fees. On no account will horses be handicapped whose nomination fees are unpaid.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

To be run under the Rules adopted by the North and the South Island Trotting Associations. Five per cent will be deducted from gross amount of all Stakes.
W.M. D. IRELAND, Secretary, Hastings, N.Z.

NORMANBY TROTTING CLUB FIFTH MEETING, TO BE HELD ON THE CLUB'S COURSE, NORMANBY, ON FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1897.

OFFICERS.—President: A. A. Farnham, Esq., J.P. Vice-Presidents: John Heslop, Esq., J.P., and A. Alexander, Esq. Judge: J. Heslop, Esq., J.P. Handicapper: Robt. Hicks, Esq. Starter: J. Crocker, Esq. Clerk of the Scales: J. Grant, Esq. Clerk of the Course: C. White, Esq. Stewards: Messrs J. Heslop, Williamson, Crocker, A. Alexander, Davidson, Grant, Cockerton, J. and H. Linn, White, D. Green, W. Wales.

PROGRAMME.

Maiden Handicap Trot (saddle) of 10 sovs; second horse 2 sovs from stake. For horses that have never won an advertised trot, either in saddle or harness. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 5s. About two miles.
Maiden Pony Handicap Flat of 8 sovs; second horse 30s from the stake. For ponies 14.2 and under that have never won an advertised race previous to nomination. Nomination, 4s; acceptance, 4s. Five furlongs.
Waihi Handicap Harness Trot of 12 sovs; second horse 2 sovs from stake. Nomination, 6s; acceptance, 6s. About two miles.
Stewards Stakes Handicap Flat of 8 sovs; second horse 30s from stake. For ponies 14.2 and under. Nomination, 4s; acceptance, 4s. Seven furlongs.
Normanby Handicap Trot (in saddle) of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from stake. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 10s. About two miles and a half.
Flying Handicap (flat) of 8 sovs; second horse 30s from stake. For ponies 14.2 and under. Nomination, 4s; acceptance, 4s. Six furlongs.
Farewell Handicap Trot (in saddle or harness) of 10 sovs; second horse 2 sovs from stake. Owners to state whether saddle or harness at time of nomination. Nomination, 5s; acceptance, 5s. About one mile and a half.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, AND ACCEPTANCES. NOMINATIONS close with the Secretary on THURSDAY, March 11th. HANDICAPS declared on or about MONDAY, 15th March. ACCEPTANCES on SATURDAY, March 20th.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

To be run under the rules adopted by the North and South Island Trotting Association. Stakes paid in full. Pneumatic tired sulkies penalised eight seconds. Any winner may be re-handicapped.
JOHN SCOTT, Secretary.
Hastings. Passed by North Island Trotting Association, dated 30th January, 1897. C. C. MILES, Secretary. Palmerston North.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB AUTUMN MEETING. POTTER'S Paddock, EPSOM.

SATURDAY, 10TH APRIL, AND SATURDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1897.

Judge: A. R. Harris, Esq. Treasurer: S. C. Caulton, Esq. Stewards: Messrs F. Lawry, M. I. R., C. E. Abbott, T. McEwin, C. Bailey, S. C. Caulton, J. Hunter, A. R. Harris, J. P., D. B. Tonks, W. Adams, A. Murdoch, J. Rowe, A. Coates. Clerk of Scales: Mr. F. W. Marks. Clerk of Course: Mr. T. Brown. Timekeeper: Mr. F. W. Marks. Pony Measure: Messrs Harris, Hunter, and Adams. Judges of Trotting: Messrs Coates, Hunter, Caulton. Handicapper: Mr. W. Knight. Starter: Mr. Geo. Cutts. Auditors: Messrs Waymouth and Son.

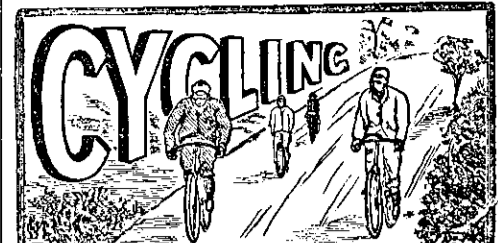
PROGRAMME.

APPROVED BY THE NORTH ISLAND TROTTING ASSOCIATION. FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH, 1897.
Maiden Trot Handicap (in saddle) of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 30 sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.
Handicap Flying Stakes of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, five furlongs.
Stewards Handicap Trot of 50 sovs (saddle); second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any trot, after the handicaps are declared, to receive a penalty of 10 seconds. Nomination, 15 sovs; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, two miles.
Handicap Hurdles of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles.
Harness Trot Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any trotting race, after the declaration of the handicaps, to receive a penalty of 10 seconds; two or more, 15

seconds. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, two miles.
Autumn Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of any race to receive a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs and a half.
Electric Trot Handicap of 35 sovs (in saddle); second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any race, after the declaration of the handicaps, to receive a penalty of 5 seconds; two or more, 10 seconds. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.
SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH, 1897.
Trial Trot Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 30 sovs in value at the time of entry. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a half.
Maiden Pony Race of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stake. For all ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under, that have never won an advertised race exceeding 15 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, five furlongs.
Easter Handicap Trot of 45 sovs (in saddle); second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of the Maiden to receive a penalty of 10sec. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 25s. Distance, two miles and a quarter.
Handicap Steeplechase of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, about two miles and half.
Second Harness Trot Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any race to receive a penalty of 7 seconds; two or more, 12 seconds. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a half.
April Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of the Maiden to receive a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six furlongs and a half.
Class Trot (saddle or harness) of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.52 (or better) to the mile. The winner of any trotting race after the declaration of the handicaps to receive a penalty of 7sec; two or more, 10sec. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and a half.

SECONDAY—SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH, 1897.

Close with the secretary on FRIDAY, March 26th, at 10 p.m.
HANDICAPS
For the First Day to appear on MONDAY, March 29th. Handicaps for the Second Day to appear on TUESDAY, April 13th.
ACCEPTANCES
For the First Day close with the secretary on FRIDAY, April 2nd, at 10 p.m.
Acceptances for the Second Day close with the secretary on WEDNESDAY, April 14th, at 10 p.m.
RULES.
Nomination or acceptance to be accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.
All payments to go to the funds of the Club.
In all Trotting handicaps.
All riders to wear colours, boots, and breeches, in accordance with Rule 123.
All weights 10st in saddle trotting races.
Previous performances must be sent in with the nominations in all cases where they have not already been notified to the Club, and the horses or ponies performed at a meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club.
No horse foaled out of the Colony shall run for any race, under the Rules of the Club, until the owner has produced, to the satisfaction of the Stewards, evidence of the identity of the horse, a certificate of some racing club of the country where the horse was foaled, or from a magistrate residing therein, or a statutory declaration from some per on knowing the horse, stating the age, sex, pedigree, colour of the horse, and the marks by which it is distinguished.
On no pretence whatever will nomination or acceptance money be returned through a pony being over height.
Stakes paid less 5 per cent for expenses of course.
Judges of Trotting having been appointed, any horse in their opinion not trotting fairly may be called out from taking any further part in the race. Any jockey refusing to come out of the race when called upon by the said Judge or Judges may be fined or disqualified.
No entry will be received for any race except on this condition—"That all disputes, claims, and objections arising from the carrying out of this programme, shall be decided by a majority of the Stewards present, or whoever they may appoint. Their decision on all points connected with the carrying out of this programme to be final."
All communications to be addressed to the Secretary Durham Street, Auckland.
The Committee or Stewards may call upon any owner to prove to their satisfaction the bona fides of his horse at any time or in any manner they may desire. In the event of their not being satisfied with the identity of any horse, they may refuse to allow him to start or take part in the meeting.
C. F. MARK, Secretary.



[BY RIM.]
AUCKLAND, October 27th, 1896.
To the Proprietors, SPORTING REVIEW, Auckland.
DEAR SIR,—I have pleasure in advising you that the SPORTING REVIEW has been appointed the Official Organ of the Auckland Cycle Club.
Yours faithfully,
J. P. HOWDEN, Sports Secretary.

So the Enfield Challenge Cup has passed out of the hands of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club, and into the hands of E. Reynolds. And he certainly deserved it, for though the handicapper in giving a limit of 500yds tried to place it beyond his possession, he got there in the easiest of fashions, having everything beaten at four miles, and doing the final mile just as he liked. Good boy. "Teddy?"

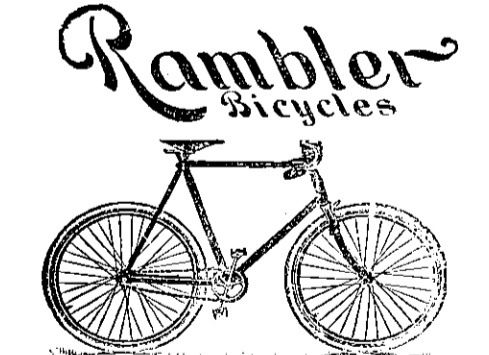
A. C. Edwards and Jack Green, the well-known English riders who recently arrived in Melbourne, ride Simpson machines, fitted with Simpson chains and Dunlop tyres. They go where they are sent, and only had two or three days' notice of their trip to Australia. They think Australia a fine country, and are chiefly struck by the price of grapes.
Definition of a scorcher, according to a policeman:—"Never older than 25, and seldom younger than 18. He is a straight-haired, thin-jawed, wild-eyed idiot, with his back humped like a mad tom-cat's tail, who tears down the path without any regard for the safety of others. He is nearly always long in the legs and thin. Somehow your fat man is not much at scorching."

A. A. Brook gave the handicapper a severe shock in the Three-Mile Handicap, which he won from end to end, never giving his opponents a chance. He is only a young 'un, but gives promise.
Thomson had a soft thing in the Two-Mile Handicap, but thought it was such a "dead-bird" that he eased up in the last round and allowed Graham (who won) and Henning to catch him napping and get there before he could pull himself together again. His face was a study when they flashed past him, and I don't think he understands how it was done yet.

The schoolboys gave the novice riders a shaking up over the mile as regards time, they doing 2min 46sec as against 2min 59sec, which, allowing for the 25yds start Graham (winner of the boys' race) had off Crozier (scr.), would not make much difference in the times.
Regarding the adverse criticisms of Reynolds by a Wellington writer, the Napier Daily Telegraph defends Reynolds and remarks:—"It seems a pity that no athletic victory can ever be gained fairly and squarely by any Aucklander in the Empire City without an accusation of unfairness being thrown at the performer."

The Sportsman thus deals with the present Australian champions:—"Porta 1, Martin 2, Walne 3. Doesn't read well for an Australasian championship. Italy 1, America 2. Where's Australia, anyhow? Ken Lewis beat Martin in the match, and has fancied himself a good deal on the victory. Where is he since? Can it be that we have no native champion anywhere? It looks like it. Parsons ought to get well soon; he seems to be pretty much wanted. Parsons goes into hospital soon to be operated on. When he does perhaps some of his detractors will believe he has been ill."

In describing a recent meet of lady bicyclists in one of the Home counties, a local paper stated—"...and among other fair well-known wheelwomen present we noticed several pretty girls whose charming costumes set off their figures admirably, concealing nothing calculated to please the eye." The last sentence is, I think, interesting, and makes one yearn to be present at one of those "meets."
Lady Henry Somerset is an ardent advocate of cycling as a health-giving pastime. She cycles a great deal herself, and is the president of the Mowbray House Cycling Association.



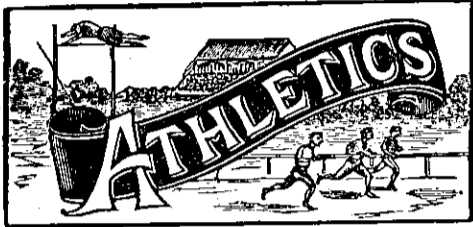
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The Adelaide officials created a precedent by stopping a race while it was proceeding. This was done in a heat of the International Mile, when Ken Lewis, Relph, Granter, and Sampson rode at snail pace for half the distance, when they were suppressed.

Though Lesna, the Frenchman, is a marvel behind pace, it would seem that he lacks the finishing sprint indispensable to the successful racing man. He now holds the following paced Australasian records, established from a standing start: Half mile, 53 4-5sec; one mile, 1min 49 3-5sec; two miles, 4min 8 1-5sec; three miles, 6min 10sec; four miles, 8min 20sec; five miles, 9min 59sec; ten miles, 20min 7sec; twenty-five miles, 54min 3 1-5sec; and one hour, 27 miles 1162 yards.

Frank W. Shortland, the retired long-distance English amateur champion, has joined the Mounted Yeomanry, and now spends his holidays on a real charger, instead of the steel steed on which he has won so many battles.



[BY VIGILANT.]

**AUCKLAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC AND CYCLING CLUB'S CARNIVAL.**

**The Pole Jump Record Broken.**

The Auckland Amateur Athletic and Club held its Autumn carnival at the Domain Cricket Ground last Saturday afternoon, but as the sky was overcast and threatening the attendance was not up to the usual standard, and only numbered at the outside just over 3000. In all other respects the meeting was as successful as could be expected under the circumstances. The previous rainfall of course left the track in a heavy state, and on top of this a strong south-easterly breeze blew across the field, thus putting anything special in the way of time out of the question. The secretary, Mr W. C. Speight, and the committee of management did their utmost to make the gathering a successful one, and their efforts were crowned with success, the events being got off well to time and proving of a most interesting and evenly-contested character. The particulars of the events are as under:—

**One Mile Novice Bicycle Handicap.**—J. Crozier, scr, 1; C. L. Mason, 10yds, 2; T. Russell, 10yds, 3. Other starters: A. Waller, scr; J. Park, 20yds; P. H. Watts, 40yds. Crozier won in the run home by five or six yards. Time, 2min 59sec.

**100yds Handicap.**—H. G. Thompson, 6yds, 1; G. B. Bowser, scr, 2; F. W. Webster, 4yds, 3. First heat: B. Stone, 9yds, 1; A. J. Webber, 6yds, 2; time, 10 4-5sec. Second heat, F. W. Webster, Taranaki, 4yds, 1; W. Foubister, 8yds, 2; time, 10 4-5sec. Third heat: H. M. Smith, 7yds, 1; G. B. Bowser, scr, 2; time, 10 4-5sec. Fourth heat: H. G. Thompson, 6yds, 1; F. J. Wilson, 9yds, 2; time, 11sec. Thomson just lasted long enough to beat Bowser, who came very strongly, by six inches on the tape. Time, 11sec.

**Half-Mile Bicycle Handicap:** J. Crozier, 90yds, 1; A. A. Brook, 85yds, 2; L. W. Graham, 25yds, 3. First heat: C. L. Mason, 80yds, 1; L. W. Graham, 25yds, 2; A. Waller, 90yds, 3; time, 1min 16sec. Second heat: J. Crozier, 90yds, 1; E. Reynolds, scr, 2; A. A. Brook, 85yds, 3; time, 1min 14 4-5sec. Crozier, never allowing himself to be headed, rode in a winner by five or six yards from Brook. Time, 1min 16sec.

**One Mile Walk.**—W. H. Rush, 120yds, 1; J. Lowe, 160yds, 2; J. T. Burrell, 170yds, 3. Other starters: J. Carrigan (110yds), F. W. Dicken (170yds). Rush came with a spurt in the last lap and won as he liked. Time, 6min 47sec.

**Throwing the 16lb Hammer.**—W. C. Motion, 80ft 3in (nett), 1; C. Shaw, 76ft 4in (nett). Motion only threw once.

**Half-Mile Handicap.**—E. W. Payne, 65yds, 1; A. E. George, 32yds, 2; E. Dean, 60yds, 3. Other starters: J. W. Winks, 20yds; D. S. Shaw, 30yds; R. Corlett (Te Awamutu), 35yds; T. Mon-

cur, 35yds; E. R. C. Gilmour (Taranaki), 45yds; G. Mason, 45yds; H. C. M. Ross, 50yds; E. T. Laurie, 50yds; J. McDonald, 50yds; T. P. Kearin (Waikato), 50yds; A. J. Beuth, 55yds; S. P. E. Francis, 55yds; R. Murray, 60yds; J. H. Kelly, 65yds; H. A. D. Anderson, 65yds. Payne won as he liked. Time, 2min 4 4-5sec.

**Two-Mile Bicycle Handicap.**—L. W. Graham, 80yds, 1; G. Henning, 90yds, 2; J. Thomson, 180yds, 3. Other starters: R. A. Dexter, 60yds; W. W. Pilkington, 90yds; J. E. Wheeler, 180yds; A. T. Firth, 200yds; J. Drury (Waikato), 210yds; C. L. Mason, 210yds; A. A. Brook, 210yds; T. Russell, 220yds. Thomson, who looked all over a winner, was caught napping in the last lap, and was beaten before he could get going again by Graham, who came with a great rush in the last half-lap. Time, 5min 39sec.

**120yds Hurdles Handicap.**—W. H. Martin, owes 12yds, 1; R. Oliphant, owes 6yds, 2; T. Roberts, owes 9yds, 3. First heat: C. Motion, owes 7yds, 1; T. Roberts, owes 9yds, 2; W. Foubister, owes 1yd, 3. Time, 19 1-5sec. Second heat: W. H. Martin, owes 12yds, 1; R. Oliphant, owes 6yds, 2; F. Poland, owes 3yds, 3. Time, 18 3-5sec. Martin just squeezed home in the final in front of Oliphant by a few inches. Time, 18 2-5sec.

**One-Mile Bicycle Handicap (school-boys).**—K. M. Graham, 25yds, 1; F. Goldie, 40yds, 2; A. Waller, scr., 3. Other starters: E. Stephenson, 30yds; J. Frater, 50yds; C. George, 60yds. Graham won as he liked. Time, 2min 46sec.

**Five-Mile Bicycle Handicap (Enfield Cup).**—E. Reynolds, scr., 1; J. Crozier, 520yds, 2; R. A. Dexter, 250yds, 3. Other starters: L. W. Graham, 300yds; G. Henning, 350yds; W. W. Pilkington, 350yds; J. E. Wheeler, 500yds; J. Thomson, 500yds. Reynolds, who rode a magnificent race, collared his field at the fourth mile, and from this out the race was his. Time, 14min 53sec.

**300yds Ladies' Bracelet.**—J. McDonald, 18yds, 1; H. G. Thomson, 10yds, 2; E. Dean, 22yds, 3. First heat: H. G. Thomson, 10yds, 1; E. Dean, 22yds, 2; time, 34 1-5sec. Second heat: J. McDonald, 18yds, 1; W. H. Martin, 8yds, 2; time, 33 4-5sec. Third heat: H. J. Webber, 15yds, 1; C. Freeman, 10yds, 2; time, 34sec. Fourth heat: G. B. Bowser, 2yds, 1; F. W. Webster (Taranaki), 9yds, 2; J. McKean, 10yds, 3. McDonald shot up in the straight and just beat Thomson. Time, 32 4-5sec.

**Three Mile Walk.**—W. Steward, 300yds, 1; W. H. Rush, 400yds, 2; J. Carrigan, 390yds, 3. Other starters: D. Wilson, 50yds; J. Lowe, 400yds; J. L. Campbell, 400yds; J. B. Burrell, 430yds. Stewart walked well right through, and won comfortably. Time, 23min 39sec.

**Pole Jump Handicap:** Hori Eruera, scr, 11ft, 1; James Te Paa, scr, 10ft. Jumping was started at 9ft 3in, with a view to a probable record. Hori Eruera, who is a fine athletic young Native, was in good form and soon run cross bar up to 10ft 9in, an inch better than the Australasian record of 10ft 8in, held by Kingsley. It was then run up to 11ft, which he succeeded in negotiating after a couple of attempts.

**One Mile Handicap.**—A. E. George, 60yds, 1; G. Mason, 70yds, 2; E. W. Payne, 100yds, 3. Other starters: J. McKean, scr, J. W. Winks 35yds, C. H. Gordon 40yds, E. Sutherland 50yds, D. S. Shaw 55yds, W. J. North (Te Awamutu) 60yds, T. Moncur 65yds, J. H. Davis 65yds, C. S. Brown (Cambridge) 65yds, J. Cruickshank (Te Awamutu) 65yds, E. H. O'Meara (Gisborne) 70yds, R. Moyle 70yds, H. C. M. Ross 75yds, W. N. Jackson 85yds, A. J. Beuth 90yds, R. Reid 100yds, J. H. Kelly 100yds. George was in the van at about the half mile, and won as he liked from Mason. Time, 4min 42sec.

**220yds Hurdle Handicap.**—R. Oliphant, 4yds, 1; F. Poland, 12yds, 2; W. Foubister, 14yds, 3. Other starters: W. H. Martin, scr; T. Roberts, 1yd; F. W. Webster, 6yds; C. Motion, 7yds; H. M. Smith, 15yds. Roberts won this event the first time it was run, but as Oliphant was interfered with it was run again, and Oliphant won. Time, 31 1-5sec.

**Three-Mile Bicycle Handicap.**—A. A. Brook, 280yds, 1; E. Reynolds, scr., 2; R. A. Dexter, 90yds, 3. Other starters: L. W. Graham, 100yds; G. Henning, 140yds; W. W. Pilkington, 160yds; W. R. Jourdain (Napier), 200yds; J. Thom-

son, 230yds; J. Park, 290yds. Brook was never headed. Time, 8min 38sec.

**Steeplechase Handicap.**—E. Sutherland, 10sec, 1; J. H. Kelly, 50sec, 2; E. Thomas, 35sec, 3. Other starters: C. S. Brown, 16sec; J. Cruickshank, 17sec; R. Moyle, 23sec; W. Jury, 35sec; E. McClusky, 40sec; Bow 40sec; W. H. Rush, 50sec; A. Wright, 50sec. Sutherland won easily.

**440yds President's Handicap.**—G. B. Bowser, 6yds, 1; H. G. Thomson, 9yds, 2; H. J. Webber, 18yds, 3. Twenty-two started. Bowser simply galloped in. Time, 53 2-5sec.

The plum of the meeting, the club's Victor Ludorum, fell to H. G. Thomson, who won the 100yds Handicap, and ran second in the 300yds and 440yds handicaps. A good athlete, a determined runner, and a man with plenty of heart, who can run just as strongly when being beaten as when winning, none will begrudge him the honour he had set his heart on and has won.

That the handicappers had sized Bowser up when they put him back to scratch in the 100yds Handicap Saturday's running did not leave the least shadow of doubt, and now we know what a good one he really is. Second in the 100yds, nowhere in the 300yds (though there are many who think he might have been somewhere), and winner of the 440yds President's Handicap, off 6yds, in 53 3-5 sec on a day like Saturday, is good enough for anything. He is the best sprinter in Auckland, and I never saw anyone that could finish stronger.

The handicappers evidently didn't have the measure of E. W. Payne, the half-mile winner, when they gave him 65yds. He could have won with about half that start, and is undoubtedly the makings of a real good distance man.

In the mile handicap A. E. George, who is improving with every appearance, had an easy victory, and being only a young 'un, should have good things before him.

The 120yds Hurdle Handicap produced a clinking good finish between W. H. Martin and R. Oliphant, and only the judges could divide them, so close was the finish. In the other stick event, the 220yds, Roberts breasted the tape first on the running of the event, but Oliphant was interfered with by one of the competitors, and the event was ordered to be run over again, Oliphant winning. This was unfortunate for Roberts, though perfectly just and proper, as he did 31 1-5sec in the first go, the same time winning the run off, when condition told against him, and Oliphant was all the better for not having a finish out of him. Still, he was in a good position when interfered with, and might have got home on the first occasion.

McDonald ran a very good race in the Ladies' Bracelet (300yds), and quite deserved his win. Who is the fair one who gets the trophy?

The feature of the day was of course the Pole Jump, in which Hori Eruera, the athletic young native from the Parnell School, cleared 11ft, thus establishing a fresh Australasian record for the event, this being 4in better than Kingsley's performance. It is only 7in under the world's record, and as Hori has the world before him, he should come near it by-and-bye.

The walks were not very interesting to spectators, though it might be noted that had Wilson started in the the mile he would have had very little prospect of catching Rush, who got to the end of the journey, off 120yds, in 6min 47sec.

The winner of the Three Mile Walk, Stewart, has a good style, and being a strong lump of a fellow, had it all his own way over the long distance. Wilson started in this event, but being short of training, and in running shoes without heels, he had no chance.

There seems very little prospect, judging by Australian files of a representative colonial team being sent to England for the July championships. Still, New Zealand should, I think, make an effort to send A. H. Holder Home.

A writer in the South African *Licensed Victuallers Gazette* remarks—"I am quite with Kid McCoy in the belief that in a very few years the battleground of the biggest fights of the world will be Johannesburg, that is unless the Government step in. It is quite true that nowhere else can pugilists of various nations or colonies feel so assured they can get as fair a field and no favour as in Johannesburg."

The Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club are taking every precaution to suppress the betting element over which the N.Z.A.A. has been standing on its hind legs, and Saturday was noticeable for the absence of betting and pencilers. Also, they were chasing round after stiff runners, but did not apparently find any.

When the last mail left much interest was evinced in the Transvaal in the approaching fight between the two Australian heavy-weights, Mick Dooley and Joe Goddard. The American boxers in Johannesburg inclined to the opinion that Dooley would win. Later advices are to the effect that Dooley was beaten after five minutes' actual fighting.

The last New York mail advices, just received, publish the following:—"Corbett and Fitzsimmons are matched to meet on March 17, at some place as yet unknown. This match is now the one subject of conversation in the sporting world. Men who follow the doings of the fighters are discussing the conditions of the two would-be champions. Corbett's condition is the most talked about. The "talent" have little confidence in the claims of Corbett's friends that he is as strong to-day as when he fought Sullivan. 'I would bet on Corbett, but he is a wreck.' 'Corbett is but the shell of the Corbett who won the championship.' 'Corbett cannot last; his life has unfitted him for the Ring.' These and like expressions show how many persons feel about the ability of the champion to make a long fight. Judging from this feeling, so freely expressed in sporting circles, Fitzsimmons, unless there is a change in sentiment, will be the favorite in the fight. Effectually to settle all questions as to Corbett's physical condition, *The World* sent to Corbett at Pittsburgh, where he was playing, and had some of his blood taken from him by Drs. Dickinson and Foreman. This blood was handed to Dr. S. Millington Miller, who, assisted by Dr. Watkins, examined it carefully under the microscope, and found it to be the blood of a perfectly healthy man."

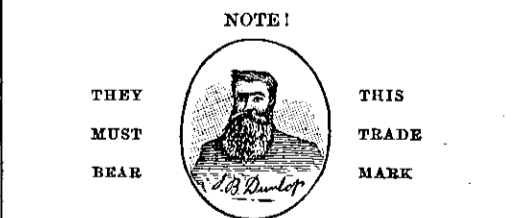
J. McDuff, of the Gisborne Athletic Club, has been transferred to Christchurch. He is a middle-distance performer, and will be a competitor at the autumn meeting of the Canterbury Club.

Since A. H. Holder commenced running (writes "Victor" in the *Wanganui Herald*) he has competed in ninety-seven races, of which number he has won forty-three, while he has scored nineteen seconds, fifteen thirds, and has been unplaced twenty times. He has taken part in twenty-four hurdle races, winning no less than sixteen, while he has been second six times, third once, and unplaced once only. In the last eight stick events the Wanganui crack has competed in he has won the lot, and in most cases has had to concede enormous starts.

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PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY - SATURDAY, MAY 22ND, 1897. Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1/2 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a half. Handicap Maiden Plate of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 50 sovs. Nomination, 1/2 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs. First Pony Handicap of 40 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1/2 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs. Birthday Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50 sovs, after the declaration of the weights, to carry a penalty of 5lb extra; of 100 sovs, 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. One mile and a quarter. First Handicap Hurdle Race of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Two miles. Handicap Maiden Steeplechase of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won a steeplechase of the value of 25 sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About two miles. Royal Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of the Birthday Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 1/2 sovs. Five furlongs. SECOND DAY - MONDAY, MAY 24TH, 1897. Hack Handicap of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10 sovs at the time of entry. Nomination, 1/2 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs. Second Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and three-quarters. Britannia Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile. Second Pony Handicap of 35 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1/2 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs. Victoria Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of Britannia Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs. Handicap Steeplechase of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of Handicap Maiden Steeplechase to carry a penalty of 5lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. About three miles and a half. Welter Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of any race, after the weights are declared, to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1/2 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

Table with columns for race names, nomination amounts, and acceptance amounts. Includes sections for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday races.

WEIGHTS.

FRIDAY, May 7th, by 4 p.m. - First Day's Racing and Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day).

SATURDAY, May 22nd, by 9 p.m. - Second Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES AND GENERAL ENTRIES.

FRIDAY, May 14th, by 9 p.m. - Handicap Hurdles 2 sovs, Maiden Hurdles 1 sov, Birthday Handicap 3 sovs, Maiden Plate 1 sov, Royal Handicap 1 1/2 sovs, First Pony Handicap 1 sov, Handicap Steeplechase 1 sov, Maiden Steeplechase 1 sov.

SATURDAY, May 22nd, by 10 p.m. (Second Day's Racing) - Second Hurdles 1 sov, Victoria Handicap 1 sov, Hack Handicap 1 sov, Second Pony Handicap 1 sov, Britannia Handicap 2 sovs, Welter Handicap 1 sov.

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"The Sporting Review" has been appointed the Official Calendar for the publication of all programmes in the Provincial District of Auckland, in terms of Rule 17 of the Rules of Racing. Rule 17 reads: "The programme of each meeting in which the added money is £150 or upwards must be advertised in full once at least in the Official Calendar. The advertisement shall show that the programme has been approved by the Jockey Club, shall state the days on which the meeting is to begin and end, and the names of the stewards, judge, starter, clerk of scales, and handicapper."

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

As some doubts have arisen as to whether the recent action of the Racing Conference has interfered with the appointment of the Sporting Review by the Auckland Racing Club as the Official Calendar, we publish the following letter for general information: MEMO. FROM AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. Auckland, 4th December, 1895.

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

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

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

David Swanson having left Thos. Hodson's employ, contrary to rules and agreement, owners, trainers, and others are cautioned against employing him.

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RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND. March 17, Wednesday; 18, Thursday-Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn. March 17, Wednesday; 18, Thursday-Ohinemuri J.C. Annual. March 17, Wednesday; 20, Saturday-Avondale J.C. Autumn. April 19, Monday; 20, Tuesday; 24, Saturday-Auckland Racing Club Autumn. April 29, Thursday; May 1, Saturday-Wellington R.C. Autumn. May 5, Wednesday; 6, Thursday-Egmont Racing Club Winter Meeting. May 22, Saturday; 24, Monday-Takapuna Winter. May 24, Monday; 25, Tuesday-Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase. June 5, Saturday; 7, Monday-North New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase Meeting.

NOMINATIONS. March 31, Wednesday-Wellington R.C. Autumn. April 9, Friday-Auckland R.C. Autumn (general entry). April 5, Monday; 27, Tuesday-Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase. April 12, Monday-Egmont R.C. Winter Meeting. April 23, Friday-Takapuna Winter.

HANDICAPS. April 1, Thursday; 12, Monday; 20, Tuesday; 21, Wednesday-Auckland R.C. Autumn. April 21, Wednesday-Wellington R.C. Autumn. April 23, Friday; May 11, Tuesday, and 25, Tuesday-Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase. May 5, Wednesday-Egmont R.C. Winter Meeting. May 7, Friday; 22, Saturday-Takapuna Winter.

ACCEPTANCES. April 9, Friday; 19, Monday; 20, Tuesday; 22, Thursday, Auckland R.C. Autumn. April 26, Monday-Egmont R.C. Winter Meeting. April 27, Tuesday-Wellington R.C. Autumn. May 5, Wednesday-Egmont R.C. Winter Meeting. May 14, Friday-Takapuna Winter. May 18, Tuesday; 24, Monday-Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase.

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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 14, Forester, 5yrs, 7.3, C.J.C. Flying Handicap, 1886. 6 furlongs-1m 14s, Loyalty, 2yrs, 7.4, C.J.C. Challenge Stakes, 1893. Barnby also made this record in Sept., 1894, at Ashburton. 7 furlongs-1m 27s, Ruby, 4yrs, 7.13, C.J.C. Craven Stakes 1888. 1 mile-1m 41s, Merganser, 4yrs, 8.0, J.C. Handicap, C.J.C. Spring, 1892. 1 1/2 mile-2m 8s, Tit Bit, 4yrs, 7.5, C.J.C. Grandstand, 1887. 1 1/2 mile-2m 35s-Merganser, 4yrs, 9.8, C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap, 1893. 1 1/2 mile-3m 4-5s, Spindrift, 4yrs, 7.8, Wanganui Cup, 1896; 3m 5s, Waitiri, 4yrs, 8.5, A.R.C. Handicap, 1887; St. Katherine, 3yrs, 7.11, Wanganui Cup, 1883. 2 1/2 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 57s, Euroclydon, 3yrs, 7.9, Canterbury Cup, 1895.

AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN.

8 furlongs-36s, 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, Patroness, Randwick, March 26, 1894, Australia. 1m 0s, Waiwa, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 30, 1893, Australia. 5 1/2 furlongs-1m 7s, Wild Rose, Caulfield, Feb., 1891, Australia. 1 mile-1m 9s, Domino, Morris Park, N.Y. (track partly down hill), Sept. 29, 1893, America. 1m 13s, Precaution, Randwick, N.S.W., January 1, Australia. 7 furlongs-1m 23s, Bella B, Monmouth Park, July 8, 1890, America. 1m 27s, Trieste, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 3, 1891, Australia. 1 mile-1m 35s, Salvador, against time, Monmouth Park, N.J., Aug. 8, 1890, America. 1m 40s, Bungebab, Randwick, N.S.W., Sept., 1890; this record has also been made by Boolka, Kingfish, Delaware, and Paris; Australia. 1 mile and 1 furlong-1m 51s, Tristan, Morris Park, N.Y. June 2, 1891, America. 1m 55s, Rosebrook, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1893, Acme, Reconstruction, and Cerise and Blue also made this time; Australia. 1 1/2 mile-2m 3s, Banquet, Monmouth Park, N.J., July 17, 1890, America. 2m 6s, Hova, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 11, 1893, Australia. 1 mile 3 furlongs-2m 22s, Aristocrat and Leichardt, Rosehill; Australia. 1 1/2 mile-2m 32s, Lamplighter, Monmouth Park, N.J., Aug. 9, 1892, America. 2m 35s, Prince Imperial, Hawkesbury, 1885; Megaphone, Hawkesbury, N.S.W., Sept. 6, 1890, and King Olaf, Hawkesbury, N.S.W., April 11, 1891, Australia. 1 mile 5 furlongs-2m 49s, Hopetown, Flemington, Jan., 1893; Australia. 1 1/2 mile-3m 0s, Hotspur, San Francisco, April 30, 1891, America. 3m 3s, Correze, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 8, 1890, Australia. Donation also made this record, Flemington, Nov. 1893. 2 miles-3m 27s, Ten Broeck, against time, Louisville, Kentucky, May 29, 1877, America. 3m 28s, Carbine carrying (10-5), Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1890, Australia. 2 1/2 miles-3m 56s, Preakness and Springbok, dead heat, Saratoga, N.Y., July 29, 1875, America. 3m 59s, Idolator, Flemington, Vic., March 3, 1896, and Dreadnought, Flemington, Victoria, March 4, 1890, Australia. 3 miles-5m 23s, Wallace and Quiver dead heat, Flemington, Vic., March 5, 1896, Australia.

Sporting and Dramatic REVIEW

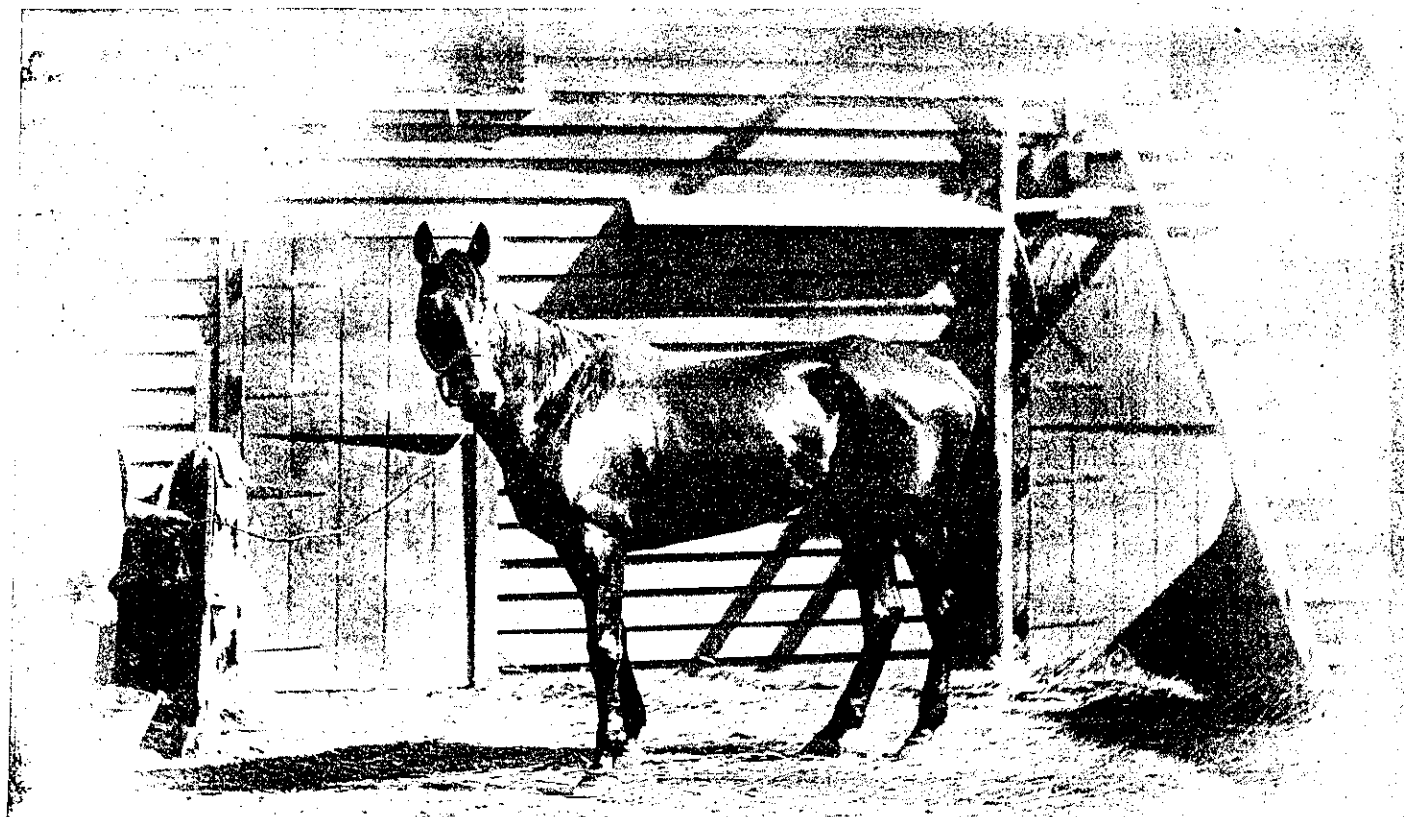
AND LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE. WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1897.

LICENSING JOCKEYS.

THE conduct of jockeys is a subject that has given the governors of racing no end of trouble since racing has been called the Sport of Kings, and the matter has been brought under our notice in consequence of statements freely circulated that the Auckland Racing Club had refused to issue a license to a well-known jockey, and had refrained from stating reasons for withholding the license. It is clearly within the power of any of our metropolitan clubs to do so, and the precedent has been made by the English Jockey Club as well as by those Australian institutions, the Victoria Racing Club and the Australian Jockey Club. In England a few years back the best interests of the Turf were seriously menaced by the dishonest conduct of a combination of jockeys. Public and owners were alike at their mercy, and the combination defied the vigilance of stewards, who although certain that systematic dishonesty was being practised, were unable to sheet home distinct charges. The matter was serious, and so threatened the popularity of the sport that it became necessary to do something effective, and it occurred to the English Jockey Club that they had the power to deal with the difficulty. If they were unable to sheet home distinct charges they had the power to grant licenses to whom they pleased, and to refrain from doing so to any jockey who was not above suspicion, without stating a reason. Undoubtedly that action has done much to purify the Turf, and it is well here in Auckland that our metropolitan club has

a power which, wielded wisely, can only be productive of good. One of the jockeys in England who was astounded at the non-issue of his license was the celebrated Charles Wood. That was nearly nine years ago, but no later than last year his application for a license was again refused. The stewards of the English Jockey Club have, however, at last been induced to temper justice with mercy, and late cable news is to the effect that Woods has at last succeeded in gaining a license. The lesson has been a severe one, for Woods, if not the foremost, was certainly one of the leading jockeys of England, and the withdrawal of the license meant not only an aspersion upon his character, but a loss of thousands of pounds that he would otherwise have earned at his profession. It is to be hoped that the lesson will reach far beyond Woods and England, and that here in New Zealand our jockeys will recognise the fact that it is necessary that they shall be above suspicion. It does not follow that because an offence has not been followed by immediate punishment that they have escaped. Suspicion may hover over the head of the offender until at last his application for a renewal of his license is politely refused. It is not only the jockey's conduct in the saddle that should guide the licensing stewards, but also his character otherwise, for certainly a card sharper or a frequenter of places of evil resort is no fit person to hold a jockey's license. If it is necessary that a jockey should appear in clean raiment on a racecourse it is surely far more desirable that his character should be clean. These are not idle words, and we can say on undoubted authority that our metropolitan club has some jockeys already under surveillance, and should some of them deviate from the ways that are straight they will find their license missing.



MR H. ALEXANDER'S B H ROSSALL (BY VOLUNTEER), WINNER OF THE SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES AT THE WANGANUI AUTUMN MEETING.

### Sporting Topics.

Skirmisher has become the property of H. Lunn.

Tire is reported to have considerably improved on his spring form.

Corollo, the dam of Gold Medallist, will visit Gipsy Grand next season.

The Castor—Sunrise colt is being put through his early facings by Sandy Barron.

The racehorse Atlas is doing well, and will probably be heard of at the A.J.C. Meeting.

Canopus has been in the hands of John Rae lately, and presents an improving appearance.

Galway, the Victorian 'chaser, has been purchased by Mr S. H. Gollan to go to England.

Valiant struck himself while running in the Champion Race, and had to be placed in the hands of a veterinary surgeon.

Scotland has gone to the happy hunting fields. While schooling at Ellerslie last week he burst a blood vessel and bled to death.

When "Sandy" Barron saw the weight of Samoa in the Hurdle Race at Avondale no one could persuade him to smile, and the stalwart owner of Admiral Hawke, when he saw his adjustments, was not in a humorous vein.

Of 22 English yearlings sold in 1895 for over £45,000, or an average of over £2000 each, 18 of them failed to win a shilling last season, and the other four just managed to annex £1000 between them.

Fishmonger, by Isaak Walton—Accident, who has been turned out for several months, has been put into work again at Ellerslie. He is looking hale and hearty, and is in the capable hands of Frank McManamin.

At a sale of hood stock in Melbourne, Carlton, winner of the Newmarket, was passed in at 350 guineas. Others passed in were: Beverley at 165 guineas, Flintlock 270 guineas, Warpaint 240 guineas, and Ascot Vale 495 guineas. O'Trigger and Homespun also failed to find purchasers.

Trenton was the most successful sire at the V.R.C. Autumn Meeting, Aurum, Cinderellen, and Majestic between them putting five wins to his credit. Next on the list comes Newminster, with a score of three, and he is followed by Abercorn, Creswick, and Robinson Crusoe, with two each, while the following sires were represented by a winner apiece:—Malua, Carlyon, Eiridsport, Boolka, Padlock, Braemar, Neckersgat, Commotion, Wizard, and Martini-Henry.

Some infatuated admirers of Aurum in Victoria are reported to have already taken 20 to 1 about him for the double, the next V.R.C. Derby and Cup. That he will win the next Derby if he stops in Australia appears to be pretty well assured, but the handicapper is sure to be very severe upon him for the next Melbourne Cup. Some think that he will be asked to carry more than Newhaven did, and in that case it would be well to remember that we do not produce horses as good as Newhaven every year. Besides, we should not forget that Mr Wilson is going to England, and the thirst for Australian blood there may lead to a tempting offer being made for his purchase.

Sweeps are carried on in Johannesburg without the slightest interference. They are publicly advertised, and the promoters appear to be doing an immense business.

Samoa, by Lord of the Isles out of Louie (a Hawke's Bay Cup winner), arrived from Gisborne by the Waihora on Sunday. He will probably remain in the Auckland district for some time.

A Clareville sportsman has been lucky enough to draw two prizes in one of Tattersall's sweeps with two successive numbers. "It's better to be born lucky than rich."

The Tasmanian Mail arrives at the opinion that Takapuna is a small place, and thinks it wonderful that the sum of £20,198 should have passed through the machine at a three days' meeting. For the information of our contemporaries we may mention that Takapuna is situated closer to the heart of the population of the city of Auckland than is Ellerslie, which is the trysting place of the Auckland club.

The drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's 5s consultation on the Newmarket Handicap were as under:—First, Carlton, Miss M. Belshaw, P.O., Kogarah, N.S.W., £4,500. Second, Wait a-Bit, A. J. Hannigan and Co., care of R. Grierson, Town Hall, Redfern, £1350. Third, Coil, L. Grenside, Mail office, Waipawa, New Zealand, £900. Hanigan, the drawer of the second prize, is the crack batsman of the Redfern electorate team, and he is very popular in the district.

The chief winning owner at the Wanganui Meeting was Mr W. Rathbone, with £400; then followed the Hon. J. D. Ormond, £215; Messrs. J. P. Belcher, £185; D. McKinnon, £130; W. Davies, £95; E. Whakaatu and H. Alexander, £85; J. H. Prosser, £70; J. R. McDonald, £60; H. Peters, £40; T. H. Lowry and E. Kelly, £30; W. J. Crozier, T. Morrin, and G. A. Nicholson, £25; J. O'Driscoll, S. Morrow, and T. S. Bristol, £15; A. Smith, E. Penman, and A. Morse, £10; total, £1,610.

The New Zealand pony Fidget made her first appearance in New South Wales on March 4. She ran in the United Stakes, five furlongs, and finished third to Sunshine and Euclid. She carried 9.0, while her victors, both old performers, carried 6.7 and 6.9 respectively. The Kensington handicapper has evidently a big opinion of New Zealanders, and if he was not quite so severe on horses from this side he might have more of them to handle.

Nominations of yearlings for the Two-year-old Stakes to be run at Wanganui in March, 1898, are due on Monday, April 5. On that day the nominations for the Wanganui Guineas of 1898 also close. Both events are well worth the attention and patronage of owners. The Two-year-old Stakes is a sweepstake of 10 sovs, with 150 sovs added, six furlongs, and the added money in the Guineas, which has been substituted for the Derby, is 200 sovs.

An exchange remarks:—Tai te Tau has Ned Kelly and several other horses in active training in Masterton. The Opaki course presents an animated appearance every morning. Mr H. Nees' Minnie is in the pink of condition. Mr A. W. Cave's team is doing good work. Sea Serpent is reported to be in capital form. Tai te Tau's racers, No Wonder and Lady Gorton, are to be offered for sale by Messrs J. Mowlem and Co. at their special horse sale on March 18th.

Mr Freeman Jackson, the popular secretary for the Wanganui Jockey Club, is in the field with the programme of the Steeplechase meeting to be held on Queen's Birthday and the day following. Six events are set down for decision on each day, quite enough for the winter months, and the added money is £990. The principal event is the Wanganui Steeplechase of 300 sovs, about three miles; the nomination is 2 sovs and the acceptance 5 sovs. On the second day 100 sovs will be given to the Grandstand Steeplechase, distance two miles and a half. Full particulars as to the various events and the time of nomination, etc., are given in our advertising columns.

"Fetlock" supplies the following to the Hawke's Bay Herald:—"While at Te Mahanga I renewed my acquaintance with some of the matrons on the station, but several were sought for in vain. Old Uira had finished her career, after foaling a neat black filly to Torpedo. As this youngster still survives, and is the last of the race of those that founded the Te Mahanga stud, it is more than likely that her name will not be included in the next year's sale list. The filly has found a true patron in Mr W. Hoggard, who takes half a bucket of fresh cow's milk night and morning into her loose box, and should the same not be forthcoming the filly shows the displeasure which she feels by turning her back on her best friend. Old Uira has produced Whaitiri, Hiko, Kapua, Kopeki, and many other good ones. Whaitiri stands out prominently as one of the fastest mares for her inches that ever dressed for a race in the colony. Hiko has proved his worth as a sire, while Kapua could win both flat and hurdle races under heavy penalties. Another old-timer, Phoenix, has passed out. While being a good performer herself, she never threw anything to reach racecourse fame. It is many years ago since the writer of this saw her win at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's meetings, held on the present Borough Council domain property at Meanee. So great was her dislike to the business that she was raced in blinkers. The greatest loss sustained, however, was in the death of Rosefeldt, a young mare that should have proved the gem of the stud. Mr Hoggard secured a bargain last year when Brooklet's and The Brook's sister fell to his bid of 105 sovs. She is still located at Te Mahanga, but will be sent down to receive her first lessons prior to sporting silk. She resembles Brooklet rather than The Brook, both in colour and build. Brooklet is now running among the matrons, and it is questionable whether she will ever sport silk again, as she has been mated with Quilt. Rivulet missed last year. The Quilt—Nymph yearling was sold as a foal last season to Mr W. R. Wilson, of Victoria. The price paid was 100 guineas. The brood mares were all enjoying ease in long grass, with some twenty colts and fillies by their side. They



PARADE OF HORSES BEFORE THE WANGANUI CUP.

Photos. by E. Squire, Hawera.

were all in fine condition, and bid promise for big prices next year. Among the brood mares I noticed Amoureux, Vists, Lady Maxwell, Egyptilla, Nymph, Jezail, Brooklet, Whaitiri, Wai-gongora, Kopeki, and many others."

Claude, the steeplechaser whose leg was experimented on by means of the X Rays, has been turned out for a spell.

Gipsy Grand will do duty at the Elderslie Stud next season, he having been leased for stud purposes to Mr J. F. Reid.

Carnage's first English foal was a chestnut filly out of Blueite. According to Colonial slang, the mare's name ("Blew-it") is not a good one.

According to a good judge who was at Wanganui, Fabulist presented a very weary appearance, and looked more as if a good rest would do him good than a waking-up in a race. Fabulist is either not of much account, or else his attendants do not understand his constitution and fail to get him cherry ripe.

The St. Leger—Antelope yearling half-brother to Brown Mantle is to be called Blue Jacket. Mr W. R. Wilson, when visiting Auckland, formed a good opinion of this colt, and had it not been for his sudden return to Australia it is probable he would have purchased him.

Hukatere has not quite recovered from the affection of the throat from which he was suffering at the Takapuna meeting. Nevertheless, he looks fairly well.

It was generally thought in Auckland last week that St. Paul would be taken to Napier, but he was brought back to Ellerslie on Wednesday evening. Mr George Wright left for Napier on Friday to look after the interests of Daystar.

The one-time owner of Bluefire and Bloodshot stated, when being toasted at Dunedin, "that the Press had done much in placing the sport in the position it had attained in New Zealand." Mr Stead can speak from experience.

The following are the names bestowed by Sir George Clifford on his youngsters:—Ch f by Stonyhurst—Alsace, Francesca; ch c by Stonyhurst—Toredo, Tanglewood; br f by Stonyhurst—Blackcloud, Raindrop; b c by Stonyhurst—Weather Eye, Crow's Nest; b f by Perkin Warbeck II.—Blythside, Fireside.

The delay in the publication of the weights for the first day of the Avondale Races were caused by the rough and extended passage by the steamer bringing back our handicapper. The turbulent wave gave Mr Evett all he could do to maintain his own equilibrium, without bothering about adjusting weights for turbulent Auckland horse-owners.

The horse market in Calcutta is glutted stagnant (says the *Planters' Gazette*). It is a sign of the bad times when shippers are seriously discussing the advisability of taking their horses back to Australia, or of shipping them on to the Cape to save a total loss. A species of *saucy gai* has set in since Government has ceased buying, and with such a large number of horses still unsold and no market to get them off, the prospects of the large majority of the shippers look gloomy in the extreme.

Sporting men will agree with "Silverspur" in the *Mail* that the inauguration of a St. Leger Stakes in 1899 is an excellent idea, and it is to be hoped that the enterprise of the Wellington Racing Club will meet with its due reward. A classic race is not only a great feature in itself, but it attracts the best cattle in the colony, who will in all likelihood take part in other events at the meeting. The prize of 500 sovs for the St. Leger is an attractive purse, and should entice a large number of nominations.

The late Mr Davis, the biggest bookmaker of his time in England, probably laid the biggest bet ever recorded when he wagered £100,000 to £1000 against three horses owned by a Mr Clark and entered in the Derby of 1856. There is also a bet recorded of £99,000 and £30,000, the big amount being laid by Lord Glasgow and the smaller by Lord George Bertinck, who lost. In 1885 a young lordling bet £3000 to £30 that St. Simon, a very celebrated racehorse, would win a race in which but one other animal was to start. St. Simon was so hot a favourite that 100 to 1 was laid on his chance; such odds, of course, being very unusual, and meaning that there was no betting being done. That lord, however, actually bet his £3,000 against a bookmaker's £30 as coolly as if he had been accepting and not laying the tremendous odds. St. Simon won in a canter.

Since he won the Newmarket Handicap with Carlton, as well as about £4000 in cash and a portion of the sweep money, the newspapers who once familiarly called him Tommy now respectfully refer to him as Mr Hales. Thus the *Sportsman*:—"Although Mr Hales, on Cranbrook, beat the time of his own horse, Carlton, by a quarter of a second, I reckon that the last Newmarket record is really the best. In '88 the Newmarket Handicap was started by flag; Saturday the horses were despatched from behind the barrier, which certainly would mean a difference of, say, half a second."

The glorious uncertainty of the turf was well exemplified at the polo sports on Saturday, when several hot favourites were badly beaten. The most noticeable failure was that of First Whisper in the Polo Cup. The mare had done a trial with Chance It, and the latter was of no use to First Whisper in the gallop. The result was that the Chance It people put their dollars on First Whisper, whose party supported their own, and so great was the support accorded to the mare that bookmakers asked for 2 to 1 on, and Chance It was a neglected outsider. The mare completely failed, much to the disgust of her supporters, and Chance It, to the delight of the fielders, romped home. One punter in the depth of his misery spoke in a melancholy strain. He said it was better to chance it than back the first whisper. Frank Macmanemin, who had charge of Chance It, was probably more surprised than anyone else with the result.

Excellent entries were received by Mr Percival for the Easter Handicap, the Autumn Handicap, and the Easter Steeplechase, and if Mr Evett is only happy in his adjustments, we should have three tip-top races at the autumn gathering. The entries appear elsewhere. We shall see the handicaps for the Steeplechase and Easter Handicap on April 1.

Although the name did not appear in the cabled list of horses entered for the Sydney Gold Cup, Nestor, it appears, was entered after all. He has been handicapped at 8.4, and as he is asked to give weight to such three-year-olds as Resolute and Charge, to say nothing of such performers as Fadladeen, Sam, Rackarock, Tom, and a host of others, it is not likely that he will go over the water this time.

Regan, an accomplished and well-known Australian jockey, arrived in Auckland on Monday last. Regan has accepted an engagement to ride Mr Douglas' horses.

The programme prepared for the winter meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club, to be held on May 22 and 24, appears in our advertising columns. The added money for the seven events amounts to £825. The leading item on the first day is the Birthday Handicap of 100 sovs, one and a quarter miles, and on the second day the richest stake is the Steeplechase of 125 sovs, three and a half miles. Nominations are due on Friday, April 23, and weights for the first day are promised for May 7. The obliging secretary of the club, Mr Wynyard, has recently been suffering from a severe cold, but he is in harness again, and that means a big entry for the winter re-union.

The Sydney *Referee* remarks with reference to Gold Medallist:—"It is generally admitted that the Medallion colt is one of the best of his age ever seen in his own colony, and it is a pity that he and the Victorian colt, Aurum, cannot meet just now when both are in such great trim.

Bloodshot was one of the biggest disappointments at the V.R.C. Autumn meeting. The touts gave glowing accounts of the New Zealander before the meeting, and after his failure in the Champion Stakes it was said that he had injured himself internally. That may be perfectly true, but if Bloodshot was as good as the touts made him out to be the stable did not appear to think so, otherwise why did they back his stable companion, Warpaint, in preference to him in the Essendon Stakes.

Carbine was the sire selected by the judges in the London *Sportsman's* competition as the most fitting mate in England for Thais, and only six competitors dropped upon the Musket horse, among them being the Marchioness of Londonderry. The following is the result of the poll among the horses most favoured:—Isinglass 39, Orme 27, Carnegie 19, Melton 18, Ayrshire 15, Trenton 15, Kendal 11, Sir Hugo 10, Royal Hampton 10, Common 10, Best Man 7, Donovan 7, and with 6 or less votes—Bend Or, Blue-green, Sheen, Baliol, Love Wisely, Ravensbury, Hazel-hatch, Friar Rush, Rusticus, Glenwood, Petronel, Ragimunde, Wiseman, Satiety, Ladas, Goldfinch, Bona Vista, Chainshot, Sorcerer, Freemason, Amphion, Mousquetaire, Hagioscope, Sempronius, Martagon, Morion, Chittabob, Surefoot, Tyrant, Breadknife, Crowberry, and Minting.

On the turf many wonderful secrets are revealed which help to show how a horse has either won or lost a race. The latest secret is that Ted Power won the Newmarket Handicap because he had quite recently learned to ride a bike. He, it is alleged—profiting by his experiences in the face of a head-wind on the bike—crouched down monkey-like, and minimising the effect of the wind, which, by the way, wasn't blowing on Saturday, (time, 1min 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec) won the Newmarket Handicap, mainly as a result of his Boreas-dodging bicycling business. I ("T.T." in the *Melbourne Sportsman*) didn't notice Power crouch down on either Carlton or Warpaint. Perhaps the breeze (which wasn't breezing) veered round during the afternoon; but, judged by the times of the two races—1min 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec the first, and 2min 42sec the second (good at w.f.a.)—one would imagine that the "balmy" breeze would be behind rather than in front of the horses. Surely the humorous man of the morning must, as usual, have been joking when he penned that par. If he had said that Power had won the Newmarket Handicap because he could play a hundred up at billiards in less than one hour, or as a result of his prowess as a pigeon shot, he might have been nearer the mark. Jockeys now, of course, will discard riding work on the Flemington and Caulfield tracks, and perform and perfect themselves with the cycling stoop on their machines of a morning.

The handicaps for the Doncaster Handicap and the Sydney Gold Cup were issued on Monday, and appear elsewhere. In the mile race a commencement is made with Hopsotch, whose good deeds up to a mile entitle him to every respect, but the flying chestnut will need to be at his best to beat such a field with 9.13 on his back. Cremorne, who has been ruralising at Tabletop station since the Caulfield Cup meeting, has been asked to carry 9.9, and he, too, will have to be up to his best form to have a chance. Among other top weights who have been absent from the training track for some time are Atlas, Delaware, and Mahee, and all of them have been fairly treated. Atlas is asked to carry 9.9, but weight should not make much difference to such a big horse. He is reported to be very well just now, and good judges prophesied that he would greatly improve with age. The two-year-old Aurum has been burdened with 8.6, and should be an absentee. Indeed, the field is sure to be very materially reduced when the acceptances are declared. In the Sydney Gold Cup True Blue is in the pride of place, and is asked to concede Newhaven 2lbs. Mr Thompson evidently thinks that Newhaven is a 5lb better horse than Carbine, but it seems natural for some people to think that the idol of the hour is the best bit of horseflesh ever bred. If he is any good the New Zealand representative Sabretache should have something to say in the race with 7.0 on his back.

## Our Illustrations.

We present our readers this week with a supplement devoted to scenes taken at Flemington during the late Autumn Meeting. The interest evinced in New Zealand in the Autumn Meeting is always great, and this year the strange reversal of form shown by some of the Australian cracks is calculated to cause us to look with wonder on some of the pictures, more particularly that representing the finish of the St. Leger, in which The Officer is giving a tremendous beating to the mighty Newhaven. Yet that horse on the succeeding days of the meeting made a show of all opponents. Truly, when people look at the inglorious position of Australia's 1897 idol floundering in the rear of The Officer, who could not beat Coil in the Australian Cup, or even get a place, they will shake their puzzled heads and give the conundrum up. The picture of Aurum, the victorious two-year-old who won everything he started for, is given, and he is evidently a well put together colt, a trifle low, perhaps, but with great quarters. A glimpse is given of the colt winning the Sires' Produce Stakes. The other instantaneous photographs are those of the finish of the Newmarket Handicap and the Hopeful Stakes, in which Mr W. Redfean's colt, Waraka, is seen finishing first. The pictures of the horses in addition to that of Aurum are those of Coil, the winner of the Essendon Stakes and Australian Cup, Carlton, winner of the Newmarket, and the New Zealander, Bloodshot, from whom big things were expected, but who performed rather disappointingly at the meeting. Our ordinary illustrations bring us nearer home, for they consist of scenes at the late Wanganui Meeting. The pretty view of the grounds near the fountain will be recognised by those who have been there, and the picture of the grandstand, when the parade of the Cup candidates is taking place, is animated. Three heroes of the meeting depicted are The Miser (by Puriri—Germaine), winner of the Autumn Handicap, the well-known hurdler, Rossall, winner of the Second Hurdles, and the wonderfully successful Headford, by Foul Shot—Norah.

## WORK AT ELLERSLIE.

THERE has been a transformation scene at Ellerslie. It is only a few weeks since the country was as brown as a berry, while the racing and training tracks threatened destruction to the feet of the thoroughbred. The recent rains, however, have altered all that, and Ellerslie is covered with a luxuriant coat of green, while the tracks are almost too soft. The following are the names of the horses now in work, together with the names of the trainers:—

G. WRIGHT.—Armillia, Woodstock, Miss Emmie, Miss Rose, Janet, and four yearlings.  
F. MACMANEMIN.—Archduke, Cuiralba, Napoleon, Volcano, Panopy, Doris, Lady Marion, St. Crispin.  
J. CHAFFE.—St. Paul, Electra, Duke of Athol, Pirate, Purvoke, Markinch.  
J. B. WILLIAMSON.—Ditto, St. Owen, Tamaki, La Roi, Oruba, Coronet, Eton, Nora, War Whoop, Aughadowney.  
J. RAE.—Levanter, Kingwood, Dentist, Nation.  
C. COLEMAN.—Awatuna, Leolantis—Coryphee colt.  
A. BYERS.—Miss Nelson, St. Kilda, Blair Carrig, St. Regal, Nestor.  
J. THORPE.—Webley, Lillie, Flying Fish.  
D. M. TAYLOR.—The Owl.  
A. WILLIAMS.—Outlaw, Beggarman.  
KOSS HEATON.—Quickfire.  
W. WILMOT.—Luira, Arquebus, Haria.  
J. C. BOOTH.—Reflection, Mozel, Polite, Done-raille, Curiass, Admiral Hawk, Rex, Muldoon, and two yearling colts.  
F. STENNINGS.—Decoration, St. Ada, Claude.  
W. MOBBELKEY.—St. Gordon and a yearling colt.  
H. LENNELL.—St. Simon, Pansy, Gipsy Prince, Miss Ledger.  
D. MORRIGAN.—Korowai, Reform, Retaliation.  
S. BARRON.—Hukatere, Samoa.  
T. HODSON.—Perform, Emerald, Pororua, Hairy Legs, Pinfire.  
R. THORP.—Webley's sister.  
H. HARRISON.—Anniversary, The Master, Gowrey, Cleopatra.  
A. S. CAULTON.—The Sharper, Porangi Potae, Canopus.  
F. TOZER.—Royal Conqueror, Lady Cuisine, Leo, Fair Nell.

Mr Quinlivan has added another prad to his team, a nice level-made three-year-old bay colt by Hiko—Brown Duchess now occupying a box at his training quarters.

## Anticipations.

[By ATLAS.]

### THE NAPIER PARK AUTUMN MEETING.

On next Tuesday and Wednesday the Napier Park Racing Club's Autumn Meeting will be held, and from present prospects the meeting, if only favoured with fine weather, should be a pronounced success. The fields in each event will be large, but the handicaps for the minor events are not yet out. My anticipations in the leading events are:—

Napier Cup.—TIRE 1, NEW FOREST 2, LOTION 3. I hear that Tire is well, and the little fellow, on his Melbourne Cup running, should have a lot to say.

Flying Handicap.—NEW FOREST 1, SIX LAUNCELOT 2, THE SREW 3.

## Inter-Provincial.

### CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, March 16.

The Oxford Jockey Club held their annual races on Saturday last. The principal event (the Oxford Cup, one mile and a quarter) was won by Zola (10.0), a chestnut gelding by St. Within.

The programme committee of the Canterbury Jockey Club decided to recommend that the only alterations in the New Zealand Grand National programme will be the increasing of the added money for the Grand National Steeplechase to £650 and Grand National Hurdle Race to £500. The entrance in each case will be £1, while the total payment will be £9.

Maremma and Lord Roslyn is the favourite double here for the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps. The two Dunedin horses have been well backed by Christchurch punters. The handicaps for these races are due on the 19th March.

Mannlicher, who has been backed to win several hundreds in the Great Autumn Handicap, is said to be showing good form at Yaldhurst.

Salvo Shot, who won the double at Akaroa last week, is improving fast and should run forward in what she starts in at the Canterbury Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting.

H. Lunn, who has trained Skirmisher for some time past, now owns the son of Vanguard—Bisley.

Taipari, in charge of Free Holmes, has left for the West Coast to fulfil engagements there.

Marquis of Zetland, who pulled up lame at the Dunedin meeting, is all right again and doing sound work.

At Riccarton, Salvo was submitted for sale by public auction the other day, and was bought for £6 10s.

Quiltiri, who has been turned out, will not race again for some months.

### WELLINGTON.

#### Strathbraan—Boreas sold—The Masterton meeting—Wellington classic events

WELLINGTON, March 16.

Strathbraan was sent through to Napier on Saturday in charge of his owner, Mr J. Jorgenson, and Ted Higgs, who used to ride the horse. Dad Kingan will have the mount in the Hawke's Bay Cup.

The sensational gelding, Boreas, changed hands on Saturday. It is the intention of his new owner, a local sport, to race him at Nelson and other forthcoming meetings. The horse will remain in the charge of W. H. Keith, who has abandoned his present trip to Australia.

Local sports will assist at the Masterton meeting on Wednesday next.

Fred Tilley leaves for the Coast to-day with Voltigeur and Surrem, who are engaged at Grey-mouth.

The classic races which the Wellington Racing Club has introduced are as follows:—The Wellesley Stakes of 250 sovs, four furlongs, for two-year-olds, to be run at the Summer Meeting, 1898; the Wellesley Stakes of 200 sovs, four furlongs, for two-year-olds, to be run at the Summer Meeting, 1899; the Wellington Stakes of 300 sovs, for two and three-year-olds, five furlongs, to be run at the Summer Meeting, 1899; the New Zealand St. Leger Stakes of 500 sovs, for three-year-olds, one mile and three-quarters, to be run at the Autumn Meeting, 1899. Nominations for each of the above will close on Monday, June 29th, next. Entries for all the Autumn Meeting close on Wednesday, 31st inst., at 9 p.m.

### OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, March 16.

Gipsy Grand has been leased to Mr Reid, of Elderslie, for stud purposes, but only to cover a limited number of twenty mares, so it is most likely he will be tried for racing again next season.

Britomarte is in work again. Blazer is not going north, as he is to get a spell for the remainder of the season, with a view of giving him every chance of a good three-year-old development.

H. Goodman has sold the two-year-old Finella (by Artillery—Titonia) to a patron of McGuinness' stable, into whose hands she has gone for training.

Kuroclydon is progressing favourably, and will shortly be put into work again.

**HAWKES BAY.**

**Orion's Belt—The Hawke's Bay sick and infirm list—Stable, training, and track notes—Napier Park Meeting.**

NAPIER, March 15.

Orion's Belt is now suffering from an enlarged fetlock-joint, which, in conjunction with his split hoof, must give his trainer anything but a rosy time. He was absent from the track this morning, and I believe he will not face the music at the Hawke's Bay Meeting this week.

The two-year-old, Mousquet, in Percy Martin's stable, has broken down, and the Florence McCarthy colt, in the same quarter, is also in queer street. Lord Raven and Douglas are another couple that are on the sick list. The former's trouble is located in his fetlock-joint.

The Trenton filly, Girofla, has been turned out in the paddock attached to her trainer's stable, an affection of the jaw, which seems to puzzle veterinary skill, being the complaint from which she is suffering; so it will be observed that the sick and infirm list in Hawke's Bay is pretty strong just now.

Bloodshot's sister, Searchlight, made her reappearance on the track last week, and Maxim's daughter worked and moved apparently sound.

Next Saturday at Stortford Lodge the "Bird's-eye blue and scarlet cap" confederacy team, consisting of The Shrew, Torpina, Trilby, Little Billee, Wikitoria, Middle Park, Lady Clara (with foal by Dreadnought), Clarice, and Twilight will be submitted to public auction. As they are for positive sale without reserve, intending purchasers will no doubt be able to obtain some bargains.

At Napier Park this morning some good work was got through. Drury Lane cantered once round, and then put in another circuit at top, finishing strongly. Maid Marion and Nukurau did a mile at top. Leontini and Gorse galloped a mile, the former having all the best of the "go." Moonraker, who racked himself the other morning, was not on the course. King's Bowman's half-sister spun over a half-mile in a nice, taking manner. Prairie Grass and Outlaw got through half-pace work.

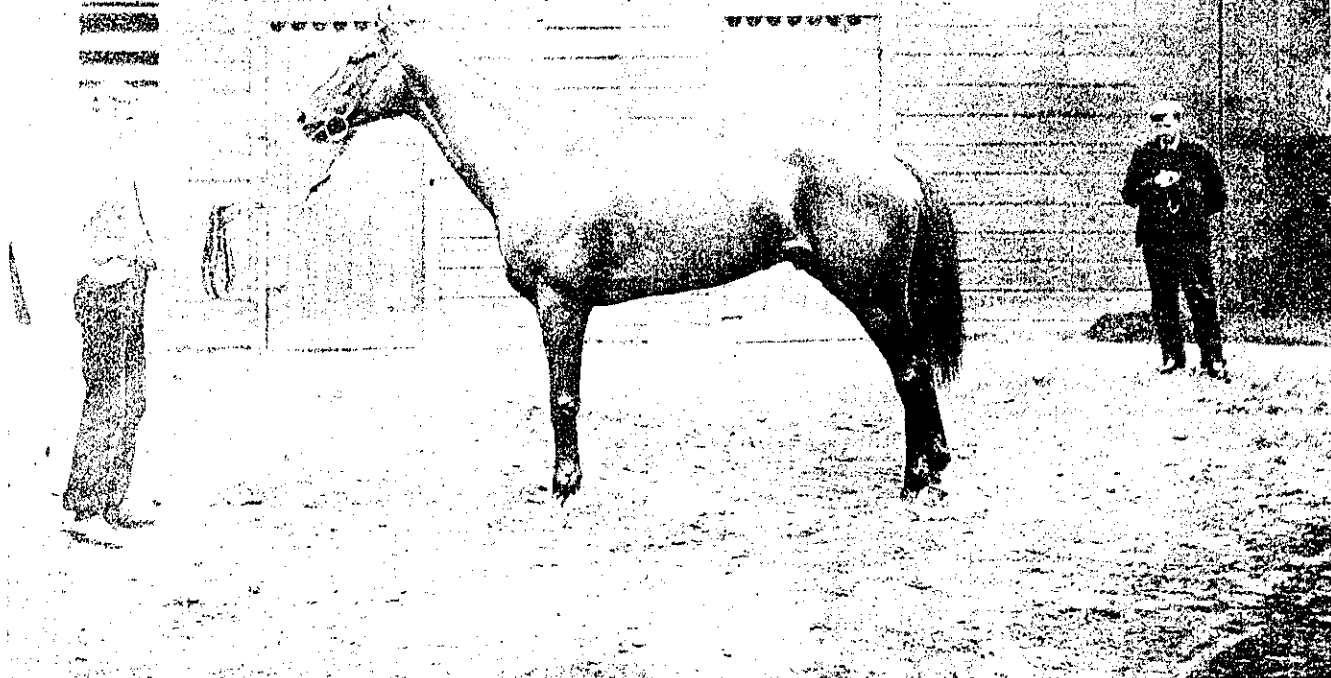
Some good track gallops were registered at Hastings this morning. Mr Lowry's brace, St. Conon and Bijou, were the first to make an appearance, getting through a five-furlong flutter in a good, taking style. The colt was in possession at the termination of the go. The gallop of the morning was done by New Forest, Daystar, Lotion, and Haria, a mile and a quarter being their allotment. Jumping off well together they made the pace both hot and strong, New Forest, who was served by a light impost, coming out on top, Lotion and Haria close up, with Daystar three lengths away. Brennan and Dotterell got through a good half-mile gallop, both finishing well together. Multiform trotted and cantered. The Hawke's Bay Stakes candidate looks the picture of health. Golden Plover got through a couple of rounds at a strong half-pace, moving in nice, even style. Forest Rose and Popgun did a circuit at their top, and Nightingale, the Somnus—Plover filly, was sent six furlongs on the grass, getting through her task in a satisfactory manner. Huna did twice round, and Zolus a fair working gallop. Picklock (Haria's brother) slipped over five furlongs in a nice, swinging manner. Pinrose and Libretto were associated in half-pace work, doing three circuits in good style, both finishing strongly. The Plug got through a couple of rounds at half-pace, and Primula accomplished a similar task. The Shrew, with Bob Derrett in the saddle, was sent for a brace of circuits, the first time round at a steady bat, and the concluding round at her top. The mare acquitted herself well. Torpina swung along at a steady, even gait for once round, finishing in a determined manner. Rhino did twice round at half-pace. Petrolina, Prince Charlie, Straybird, Tiritea, Tally-Ho, Toriki, Tire, and a few others were on the ground, but did nothing startling.

The Napier Park executive received extraordinary good nominations for the various events on their programme, and should Mr Danks be happy in his efforts in the adjustment of poundage some very interesting racing may be looked forward to next week. It is to be hoped that proverbial Park weather will be conspicuous by its absence. Thirteen have cried content with their weight for the Cup, but as the racing at Hawke's Bay this week will make a lot of difference to the contestants, there is no good hazarding a prophecy as regards winners for that or the Flying Handicap, for which eight have accepted.

March 16.

The majority of the horses were eased in their work this morning in view of the meeting tomorrow, and no gallops of a sensational order were registered. Te Ngasha went once round alone. Lotion, New Forest, and Haria covered a mile at their top, being well together at the finish. Nightingale and Picklock were sent along half a mile, the former finishing in front. Daystar and Huna galloped once round, the mare having all the best of the go. Strathbraan ran six furlongs in a nice, easy style, and the others did light work.

The *Argus* says that Mr W. R. Wilson, with true sportsmanlike spirit, was anxious for a meeting between his colt, Aurum, and Newhaven in the All-Aged Stakes, feeling confident that the champion would strike his flag; but the managers of Newhaven deemed discretion the better part of valour, and withdrew from the contest. Baulked of an anticipated pleasure, the disappointment of the public was very keen, and Newhaven's managers did not escape being taunted with showing the white feather. The excuse was that Newhaven was not at his best, and, fearing defeat in such circumstances, he was held in reserve for a lighter task later in the day.



MR J. H. PROSSER'S CH G THE MISER (BY PURIRI—GERMAINE), WINNER OF THE AUTUMN HANDICAP AT THE WANGANUI AUTUMN MEETING.

**THE BETTING MARKET.**

Messrs Barnett and Grant, Christchurch, report the following business for the week on the **EASTER AND AUTUMN HANDICAPS.**

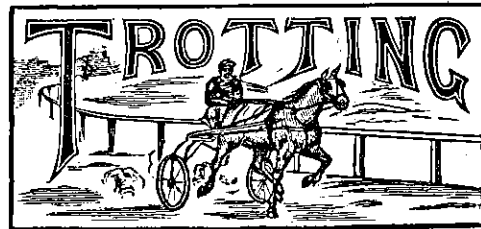
- 500 to 5 Vanilla and Goldspur
- 500 to 7 Firefly and Dauntless
- 500 to 5 Barshot and Bellicent
- 300 to 4 Maremma and Mannlicher
- 250 to 4 Goldspur and Lord Rosslyn
- 250 to 4 Goldspur and Marquis of Zetland
- 250 to 2½ Remorse II. and Lord Rosslyn
- 250 to 2½ Vanilla and Lord Rosslyn
- 300 to 4½ Maremma and Euroclydon
- 250 to 3 Dauntless and Bellicent
- 100 to 1½ Mannlicher and Bellicent
- 100 to 1½ Maremma and Defiance
- 100 to 1½ Vanilla and Defiance

**OUR COUPON.**

Our invitation to those who are in a prophetic vein is to pick the winners of the treble to be run at the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting, namely, the Easter Handicap, the Autumn Handicap, and the Steeplechase. The prize money offered is £10.

An Australian paper states that Charlie Samuels, the once famous aboriginal sprinter, who was generally regarded as a complete wreck, is likely to be seen on the running track at an early date.

Our Christchurch correspondent writes:—A. R. Barker, Christchurch cash rider, has reduced the half-mile cycling record to 1min 24½sec, and the one mile to 2min 2secs.



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To the Editor SPORTING REVIEW.  
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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.**

March 19, Friday—Hawke's Bay Autumn  
March 26, Friday—Normanby Trotting Club's Fifth  
April 10, Saturday; 17, Saturday—Auckland Autumn

**NOMINATIONS.**

March 26, Friday—Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn  
March 29, Monday—Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn

**HANDICAPS.**

March 29, Monday—Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn

**ACCEPTANCES.**

March 15, Monday—Hawke's Bay Autumn  
March 20, Saturday—Normanby Trotting Club  
April 2, Friday—Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn

**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 36 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 56½sec, in match against Osterley.
- 3 miles—Harness, Osterley, 7min 30½sec.

**AMERICAN (IN HARNESS).**

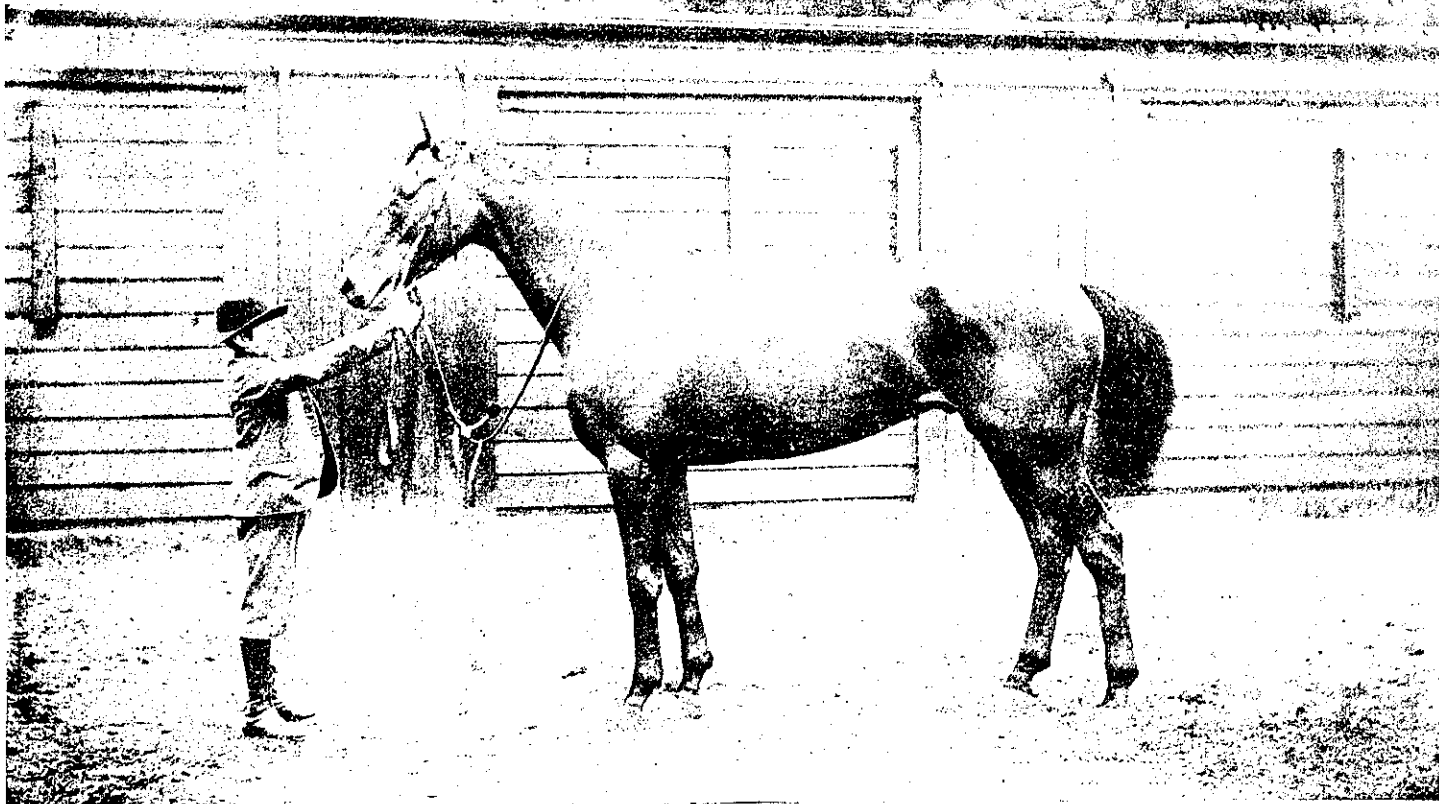
- 1 mile—Robert R. Gentry, 2min ½sec, September 24, 1896
- 2 miles—Greenlander, 4min 32sec, October, 1893.
- 3 miles—Nightingale, 6min 55½sec, October, 1893.

**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.

**NOTES.**

Our Dunedin correspondent wires:—The Tahuna Trotting Club have initiated a £200 trotting event for their autumn meeting next season. The same club intend holding a day's meeting on Record-Reign Day (22nd June). Proceedings have been taken by the stewards of the Tahuna Club against several bookmakers for trespass. The cases are to come off this week.



MR J. R. McDONALD'S B G HEADFORD (BY FOUL SHOT—NORAH), WINNER OF THE FIRST AND SECOND HACK HURDLES AT THE WANGANUI AUTUMN MEETING.

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THE PLUMPTON PARK T.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

The Plumpton Park Trotting Club held its autumn race meeting on Saturday. The weather was delightful, and the attendance numbered about 2000. The sum of £2719 passed through the totalisator. Results:—

MAIDEN TROT (saddle). Two miles. Glenilia, scr. ... 1 Farewell II., 9sec ... 2 Won by seventy yards. Time, 5min 49sec. Dividend, £2.

PONY TROT HARNESS. Two miles. Auld Scottie, 31sec ... 1 Ruby II., 15sec ... 2 Won by a length. Time, 6min 14½sec. Dividend, £1 14s.

STOCKBURN TROT (saddle) of 55 sovs. Two miles. The Duchess (by Berlin), 6sec ... 1 Maggie, 19sec ... 2 Won by twelve lengths. Time, 5min 9½sec.

MAIDEN TROT (harness). Two miles. Imogene, 10sec ... 1 Jack, 6sec ... 2 Monte Christo, 6sec ... 3 Won by twelve lengths. Time, 6min 5½sec. Dividend, £41 18s.

TROT (harness). One mile. Mias Bell, 7sec ... 1 Honest Jock, 5sec ... 2 Won by ten lengths. Time, 3min 4½sec. Dividend, £4 8s.

PLUMPTON TROT (harness) of 55 sovs. Two miles. Little Willie, 16sec ... 1 Sam Slick, 9sec ... 2 Won by twelve lengths. Time, 5min 9sec. Dividend, £9 2s.

ELECTRIC TROT (saddle). One mile. Danby, 24sec ... 1 Starlight, 24sec ... 2 Won easily. Time, 2min 4½sec. Dividend, £2 6s.

DASH HANDICAP TROT (harness). One mile. Ruby II., 23sec ... 1 Jack, 24sec ... 2 Won by nine lengths. Time, 2min 56 2-5sec. Dividend, £6.

HAWERA TROTting CLUB'S MEETING.

The second meeting of the above club was brought off on the Egmont Racing Club's course last Friday. The attendance was only fair, and the sum of £664 was passed through the machine. The following are the results:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP TROT (Saddle) of 15 sovs; second horse 3 sovs from the stake. Two miles. 12 Mr J. McCarty's br g Scamp, aged, 4sec bhd, owner ... 1 7 Mr W. Duffill's ch m Kate, 6sec bhd ... 2 3 Mr J. Love's gr m Caroline, 10sec bhd ... 3

PONY HANDICAP TROT (Harness) of 15 sovs; second pony 3 sovs from the stake. Two miles. 19 Mr G. B. Murfitt's b g Day Star, 4yrs, 6sec bhd ... 1 24 Mr A. Pritchard's b g Dandy Dick, 8sec bhd ... 2 17 Mr A. Campbell's b g Grasshopper, 12sec bhd ... 3

ELECTRIC STAKES HANDICAP TROT (saddle) of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile. 28 Mr S. Corrigan's b m Messenger Maid, aged, 4sec bhd ... 1 35 Mr M. Edwards' g h Dictator, 22sec bhd ... 2 3 Mr O. Honeyfield's Texas, limit ... 3

AUTUMN HANDICAP TROT (harness) of 50 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Three miles. 23 Mr G. Murfitt's ch h Jersey, aged 35sec bhd ... 1 Other starters—1 New Year, 6sec bhd; 23 Maud V., 44sec bhd. Won very easily. Time, 9min 19 1-5sec. Dividend, £1 16s.

HANDICAP SELLING TROT (saddle) of 20 sovs. One mile and a half. 18 Mr H. Harley's g g Charlie II., aged, 5sec bhd ... 1 60 Mr J. McCarty's br g Scamp, 12sec bhd (inc. 5sec penalty) ... 2 0 Mr F. Marsh's g m Bar Two, 7sec bhd ... 3

HAWERA HANDICAP TROT (saddle) of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Two miles and a half. 15 Mr H. Harley's g g Hard Case, 9sec bhd ... 1 12 Mr J. B. Corrigan's b m Maud V., 46sec bhd ... 2 29 Mr G. B. Murfitt's ch h Jersey, 28sec bhd ... 3

Other starters—19 Charlie II., limit; 3 First Chance, 6sec bhd; 0 Gilbert III., 9sec bhd; 3 Golden King, 14sec bhd; 26 Kapai, 22sec bhd; 38 Dictator, 53sec bhd.

Won easily. Dividend, £8 14s.

EGMONT HANDICAP TROT (Harness) of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Two miles. 30 Mr J. R. Corrigan's b m Maud V., 34sec bhd ... 1 21 Mr Woodfield's ch g Sonny ... 2

Other starters—2 Grasshopper, limit; 1 Koneke, 2sec bhd; 1 Dandy Dick, 4sec bhd. Won by two lengths. Time, 5min 50 1-5sec. Dividend, £1 13s.

NORMANBY TROTting CLUB'S MEETING.

Nominations.

MAIDEN HANDICAP TROT (saddle), about two miles.—Eira, Nancy Till, Dynamite, Policy, Black Bees, Matapu, Tieborne, Kate, Gilbert III., Koneke, Gift, Cobweb, Elsie, Dandy Dick, Caroline, Barber.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Dinah, Certain, Fly, Kaharoa, Black Brooklet, Exes, Foreman, Reserve, The Flower, Little Belle, Pansy, Commodore, Dot, Cutty Sark, Ten Up, Tukua, Governess.

FAREWELL HANDICAP TROT, about one mile and a half.—Nancy Till, Jersey, Thunderbolt, Bit o' Blue, Tieborne, Grasshopper, Messenger Maid, Roseleaf, Dandy Dick, Caroline.

MAIDEN PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Venus, Dina, Maori Lass, Captain, Fly, Exes, Bellman, Little Belle, Pansy, Commodore, Dot, Brooklet, Cutty Sark, Governess.

WAHAI HANDICAP HARNESS TROT, about two miles.—Golden King, Dynamite, Jersey, Thunderbolt, Kate, Koneke, Rose, Dandy Dick.

STEWARDS' STAKES, seven furlongs.—Kaharoa, Brown Dove, Exes, Foreman, Reserve, The Flower, Little Belle, Pansy, Commodore, Dot, Ten Up, Tukua.

NORMANBY HANDICAP TROT (in saddle) of 25 sovs, about two miles and a half.—Golden King, Jersey, Thunderbolt, Grasshopper, Messenger Maid, Elsie, Roseleaf, Daisy, Dandy Dick, Caroline, Otakeho, Barber.

Racing Results.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile. New Forest, 6.11 ... 1 Golden Plover, 7.11 ... 2 Martyrdom, 7.3 ... 3

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. About one mile and three-quarters. Secrecy, 10.10 ... 1 Tenby, 10.0 ... 2 Tally-Ho, 10.12 ... 3

HAWKE'S BAY CUP HANDICAP of 400 sovs; second horse 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half. Day Star, 7.13 ... 1 Haria, 7.8 ... 2 The Shrew, 7.13 ... 3

HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Once round. New Forest, 9.2 ... 1 Leontini, 8.0 ... 2 Huna, 9.12 ... 3

NURSERY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs and a half. St. Conon, 8.3 ... 1 Picklock, 7.7 ... 2 Daunt, 8.10 ... 3

TRIAL HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Once round. Belford, 7.12 ... 1 Popgun, 8.7 ... 2 Straybird, 7.0 ... 3

RAILWAY STAKES HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs. Torpina, 8.5 ... 1 Forest Rose, 6.9 ... 2 Sedgbrook, 8.2 ... 3

Other starters—The Shrew 9.1, Barshot 8.2, Bijou 7.3, Maid Marion 6.11, Target 6.11, Waterstone 6.10. Dividend, £17 14s.

Turf Records.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH.

The first day of the Avondale Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting was favoured by splendid weather, and the attendance was fairly good. The fields were small and speculation on the machine was not so good as usual. The following are the results:—

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Seven furlongs. 37 Mr T. B. Bell's br m Korowai, by Hotch-Mantilla, aged, 8.4, Creamer ... 1 35 Mr G. S. Budge's b c Canopus, 2yrs, 6.11, Barlow ... 2

Other starters—17 Polite, 7.10, Judd; 19 The Drone, 7.8, Satman. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 34sec. Dividend, £2 18s.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Two miles. 54 Mr H. Lennell's blk g Gipsy Prince, by Gipsy King—Gipsy, 5yrs, 10.9, R. Wright ... 1 38 Mr J. Rae's b g Levanter, aged, 11.6, J. Rae ... 2 22 Mrs L. E. Barron's br h Ilukater, aged, 9.10, R. Collins ... 3

ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP of 75 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter. 130 Mr J. Lennard's b h Fabulist, by Fabulous—Inisthona, 4yrs, 9.0, Raynor ... 1 85 Mr Jas. Beckett's ch m Lady Marion, by Malua—Wanda, 5yrs, 7.3, Sceates ... 1 32 Mr D. McKinnon's br m Lufra, by Flintlock—Brown Rose, 5yrs, 6.12, Barlow ... 1

Other starters—21 Panoply, 7.7, Walker; 40 Quickfire, 7.0, Satman. A great race, the judge being unable to separate the first three. Dividends—Fabulist, 14s; Lady Marion, £1 1s; Lufra, £2 17s. Time, 2min 14½sec. The dead-heaters agreed to divide.

PONY HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Seven furlongs. 205 Mr J. Chaafe's ch m Provoke, by Puriri—Revoke, 5yrs, 8.2, Sceates ... 1 91 Mr D. McKinnon's b g Arquebus, 5yrs, 7.0, Barlow ... 2 72 Mr H. H. Hayr's br g Napoleon, 3yrs, 8.0, W. Smith ... 3

Other starters—24 Norina, 8.12; 95 Fair Nell, 8.9; 60 St. Owen 7.0; 58 Repeat, 6.12. Won in a canter. Time, 1min 33½sec. Dividend, £1 6s (10s tickets).

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. About three miles. 6 Mr H. T. Gorrie's blk g Mozel, by Torquoise, aged, 9.8, Woodfield ... 1 5 Mr B. Anderson's b g Forella, aged, 9.11, Collins ... 2

WELTER HANDICAP of 25 sovs. One mile. 162 Mr W. Thorpe's br m Flying Fish, by Foulshot—Fish Lass, aged, 9.2, Stewart ... 1 254 Mr W. Moberley's b c St. Gordon, 3yrs, 9.12, Moberly ... 2 40 Mr J. E. Thorpe's br h Webley, 5yrs, 10.12, Creamer ... 3

Other starters—15 Samoa, 10.0; 99 Admiral Hawke, 9.10; 20 Pirate, 9.4; 14 Playboy, 9.0. Won by two lengths. No time taken. Dividend, £1 13s (10s tickets).

HACK HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Once round. 105 Mr J. Rae's b g Natation, by Natator—Bessemer, 5yrs, 7.0, Barlow ... 1 50 Mr J. Sutton's b c Tamaki, 3yrs, 7.0, Coulthard ... 2 73 Mr J. C. Booth's ch m Reflection, 5yrs, 7.5, Judd ... 3

Other starters—72 Miss Leger, 8.6; 21 Ramadan, 6.10. Won easily by five lengths. Time, 1min 5½sec. Dividend, £1 7s (10s tickets).

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs. 147 Mr J. E. Thorpe's b m Lillie, by Ingomar—Ladybird, 5yrs, 8.1, Satman ... 1 85 Mr J. Livingstone's b m Lady Cuisine, 3yrs, 8.3, Stewart ... 2 44 Mr J. Chaafe's ch m Provoke, 5yrs, 7.2, Sceates ... 3

Other starters—111 Rex, 8.1, Judd; 31 Miss Rose, 7.10, Satman; 89 Lufra, 5yrs, 7.9, Barlow; 42 Electra, 2yrs, 6.7, Burdett. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 7½sec. Dividend, £1 13s (10s tickets).

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH, 1897.

The Annual Meeting of the Te Aroha Jockey Club was held on Saturday last, but not under favourable conditions so far as the weather was concerned, because in the morning it rained heavily; but at about eight o'clock the down-pour ceased. The attendance was good, and Auckland and Paeroa were well represented.

The recent rains had made the course heavy, and the racing as a whole was not exciting, but for that circumstance the management, which was good, could not be held responsible. However, those present, enjoyed themselves, and it is to be hoped that the next Te Aroha meeting will be favoured with better weather conditions. The following are the results:—

MAIDEN PLATE.

Mr W. K. Carter's b m Atalanta, 7.0, Buchanan ... 1 Mr Rutene Kana's cr m Retrenched, 6.7, Dufty ... 2 Mr J. Clements' b m Mangakawa, 7.6, Stewart ... 3 Other starters—Syren, The Pirate, Rebel, Waimarie, Glenswilly. Won by four lengths. Dividend, £1 10s.

HANDICAP HURDLES.

Mr J. Kenneally's b g The Saint, aged, 9.10, Page ... 1 Mr G. Scarborough's ch m Discord, age 1, Windsor ... 2 Mr S. Tooman's br g Hairylegs, aged, 12.0, G. Paul ... 3 Other starters—Sepoy and Jeanette. Won by a couple of lengths, after a good race, two lengths between second and third. Dividend, £2 5s.

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP.

Mr T. C. Bell's br m Retaliation, by St. Leger—Reproach, 5yrs, 8.3, D. Morrison ... 1 Mr J. Clements' ch m Mavourneen, aged, 7.12, Stewart ... 2 Mr R. Hannon's ch h Cast-Ashore, 4yrs, 7.10, J. Stewart ... 3 Other starters—Merry Maid, Yattenfeldt, and Porangi Potae. Won by four lengths. Dividend, £2 12s.

PONY RACE.

Mr R. Hannon's ch m Winnie, 3yrs, 7.2, J. Stewart ... 1 Mr J. McGeehan's ch m Glenswilly, aged, 6.7 ... 2 Mr Rutene Kana's ch m Retrenched, aged, 6.7, Dufty ... 3 Won by three lengths.

MINERS' PURSE.

Mr A. S. Caulton's blk g The Sharper, by Kalo—Lady Florence, 5yrs, 8.0, T. Taylor ... 1 Mr G. Absolum's b m Dorothy, aged, 6.12, Whitehouse ... 2 Mr T. Dufty's ch g Yattenfeldt, aged, 7.12, Dufty ... 3 Other starters—Commodore, Merry Maid, and Waimarie. Won by three lengths. Dividend, 19s.

HACK RACE.

Mr H. Beeson's b g Taihoa, Quinton ... 1 Dr Forbes' br m Syren, Teddy ... 2 Mr J. Clements' br m Jeanette, Pennell ... 3 Other starters—Skylark, The Pirate, Rubenite, Wally, Black Hawk, Billy, Hermione. Won in a canter. Dividend, £4 5s.

RAILWAY PLATE.

Mr A. S. Caulton's blk g The Sharper, 5yrs, 8.6, T. Taylor ... 1 Mr R. Teddy's b m Orena, aged, 7.0, Buchanan ... 2 Mr R. Hannon's ch h Cast Ashore, 4yrs, 8.0, J. Stewart ... 3 Others starters—Anniversary and Heart of Oak. Won by three-parts of a length. Dividend, 19s.

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**POLO.**

**THE TOURNAMENT.**

THE tournament under the auspices of the New Zealand Polo Association was commenced on Wednesday, March 10th, at Potter's Paddock. The game is popular in New Zealand, and certainly not more so than it deserves, for the successful exposition of polo requires on the part of the players the exhibition of skill, not only in playing the ball, but in riding and handling the ponies, which play such a prominent part in the game. Unfortunately, it is not within the means of the ordinary member of the community to become a polo player. Good ponies, as well as leisure time, are required, and good ponies are not kept and properly groomed without the expenditure of a considerable sum of money, and thus it is that the game is very much confined to what the hard citizen would describe the "upper ten." The weather this year was not favourable to the tournament, but nevertheless it was the means of bringing together a splendid lot of ponies, as well as dashing riders, who displayed both courage and skill. On Wednesday the weather was threatening, and had the effect of causing the attendance at Potter's Paddock to be small, and this was especially noticeable with regard to the fair sex, who usually, by their presence, show how much they like to watch the movements of daring and graceful horsemen. And the latter, too, probably keenly relish the idea of the admiring eyes being upon them, and consequently become more daring and possibly less graceful. In the contest for the Saville Cup on Wednesday, Auckland was opposed by Oroua. Both teams were well mounted, and the exciting play which was witnessed showed how well they were matched. The aspect of the game changed frequently, now one side having the advantage and then the other, but eventually Oroua pre-

tween Auckland and Oroua on the first day, except that not so many goals were scored. The play from the start was very exciting, and the Christchurch team showed a lot of pace, and this enabled them to get their opponents into difficulties many times, but the Oroua representatives played gallantly, and they not only repelled the onslaughts made, but they frequently assailed their opponents' citadel. The game was very fast, but neither side succeeded in scoring in the first twenty minutes. After an interval of five minutes play was resumed, and then through the combined play of Lane and S. Bennett the latter scored the first goal for Christchurch. Oroua played up after this, and McLennan scored for them, making the game once more equal. On resuming the game was still made very fast, and while all were playing well the Hon. Parker and Lane for Christchurch and the brothers Strang and McLennan for Oroua were the most conspicuous. It was a great battle, however, and the Hon. Parker scored second goal for Christchurch by a very fine hit. The Oroua side showed undeniable courage, and time after time they pressed Christchurch hard, and eventually they were rewarded, McLennan once more making the game even. A ding-dong battle for supremacy now ensued, but when time was sounded the scores were still equal. The teams, therefore, had to play on, and Christchurch getting the ball from the throw in rapidly forced it to the Oroua end, where Lane by a fine hit scored the third and victorious goal for Christchurch. The respective teams were as follows:—Christchurch: George Gould 1, S. Bennett 2, B. Lowe 3, Hon. E. W. Parker back. Oroua: O. Robinson 1, J. Strang 2, A. Strang 3, R. McLennan back. Manawatu and Rangitikei then met, but the first-named team soon took a strong lead, and within five minutes from the start of play they had scored two goals, the first being hit by Snow and the second by Baker. After this Rangitikei rallied and occasionally got the ball into the Manawatu quarters, but the latter showed much

continued to prevail, but Christchurch's defence was very stubborn, and brilliant play frequently averted danger. Manawatu, however, were not to be denied, and the fourth and fifth goals (the latter cleverly made by Baker) were scored. Christchurch now rallied and played a plucky up-hill game, and doing all they could to avert the defeat that was stirring them in the face. After a spirited onset the efforts of Christchurch were rewarded by Bennett securing the third goal for them. From this out Manawatu had Christchurch in pretty constant trouble, but the latter played with great spirit. When time was called the scores were—Manawatu, 6; Christchurch, 3. The game was a thoroughly enjoyable one. The teams were the same as those which had previously represented the respective sides. The Saville Cup competitions were initiated in 1890 at Auckland, when Christchurch won. In the two following years Christchurch again won, the tournament on each occasion taking place at Christchurch. In 1893, at Auckland, Christchurch was again victorious, but in the following year, at Wanganui, Rangitikei at last scored a victory. In 1895, at Christchurch, Manawatu put in a successful and undeniable claim for the Cup, and have held it for three years in succession. After the Manawatu match there was a pleasant re-union of polo players, who said pleasant things of one another. Mrs Dawson handed over the Saville Cup to Captain Baker, of the Manawatu team, and Captain Baker, on his part, spoke of the hospitality of Aucklanders, whereat everybody cheered. Then Captain Bennett, of the Wharerangi team, was made the recipient of the Junior Cup, and, as the lawyers would say, he corroborated the evidence of Captain Baker as to the hospitality of Aucklanders, and everybody cheered more than before. Then there was more cheering when Mr Morrin presented the very elegant cup to Mr Purchas, the owner of Chance It, the winner of the Polo Cup on Saturday, after which everybody gave cheers for everybody, and the tournament of 1897 was at an end.

materially assisted in maintaining interest in the various events of the afternoon.

**BENDING COMPETITION.**

Mr A. S. Baker's b m Daisy ... 1  
Mr E. D. O'Rourke's ch g Ratan ... 2  
Mr A. S. Baker's Lady Polo ... 3  
There were twelve competitors, and they raced in three heats, the winners competing in the final, Daisy being if anything the favourite in the small amount of betting done. The final was won by Daisy by a length.

**POLO BALL RACE.**

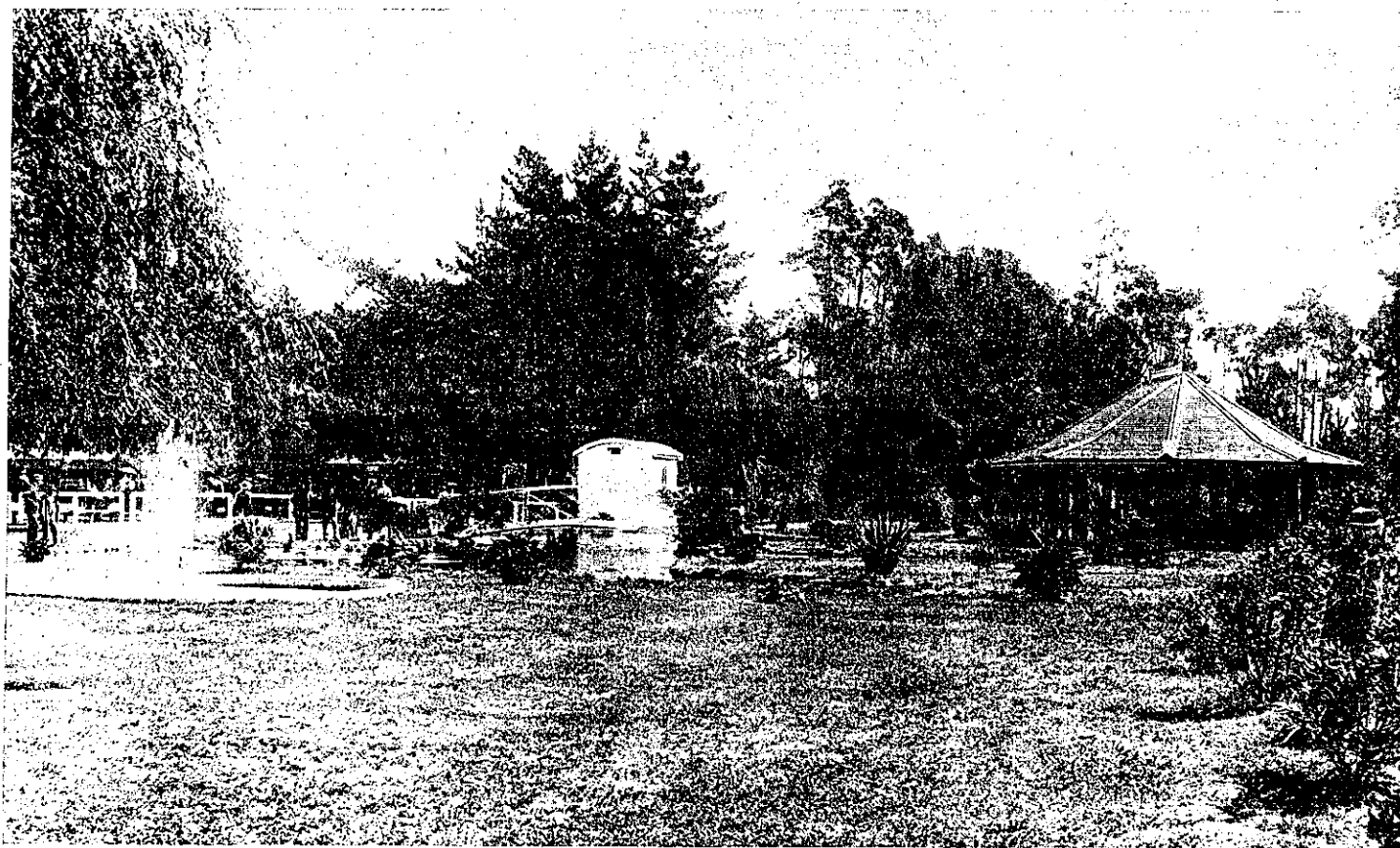
Mr A. S. Baker's b m Daisy, owner ... 1  
Mr E. Keiller's b m Mildred, Wilson ... 2  
Mr E. Keiller's b m Wild Rose, owner ... 3  
The competitors were required to hit a ball from the starting-post round a flag 150 yards away, and back to the post. The several heats were won by: First, Mr W. D. Lloyd's Musket; second, Mr F. P. Snow's Dolly (walk over); third, Mr E. Keiller's Wild Rose; fourth, Mr E. Keiller's Mildred (walk over); fifth, Mr A. S. Baker's Daisy; a bye, Mr A. S. Baker's Lady Polo. The final was won comfortably.

**HURDLE RACE, six furlongs.**

Mr H. C. Tonks' g g Maxim, 11.10, owner ... 1  
Mr S. Bennett's ch g Ewi, 12.2, owner ... 2  
Mr W. B. Lloyd's b m Vanity, 12.2, owner... 3  
Other starters—Mr E. D. O'Rourke's Gisborne, 12.2, Gordon; Mr P. Dolbel's Racket, 12.2, owner; Mr P. Dolbel's Marino, 11.4, C. Bennett.  
Betting—Evens Maxim, 2 to 1 against Vanity, 5 to 1 bar two.  
The favourite lead from start to finish, and won comfortably from Ewi, who beat Vanity for second place. Time, 1min 37 2-5sec.

**LADIES' BRACKET.**

Mrs A. S. Baker's Lady Polo, Baker... 1  
Mrs H. C. Tonks' Lucy Grey, Tonks... 2  
Miss Esme Elliott's Junkett, Gordon ... 3



VIEW OF THE WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S GROUNDS.

Photo. by E. Squire, Hawera

vailed, scoring first goal, the honour of scoring being with Strang. On resuming, the play was very even, but eventually, through the agency of O'Rourke, Auckland scored. After the change of ponies Auckland became aggressive, but Oroua maintained a stout defence, and frequently placed the Aucklanders on the defensive, and eventually Robinson, who had been showing very fine play, scored the second goal for Oroua. The Aucklanders played with great heart, Tonks in particular doing good work, and finally, through the help of Gordon, Auckland's second goal was registered, making the game once again level. Immediately afterwards Auckland very nearly scored again, but Oroua returned to the attack, and Strang scored the third goal for them. In this way the game continued, the teams getting goal about until the scores were 7 all. It was then nearly time, and although both sides strained every nerve to score they failed. This necessitated the sides playing on, and with a sudden dash the ball was carried forward and Strang scored the eighth and winning goal for Oroua. Every man on each side played well, and we give the names:—Oroua (maroon sash and cap): O. Robinson 1, J. Strang 2, A. Strang 3, B. J. McLennan back. Auckland (crimson cap, chocolate olive green and crimson sash): R. H. Wynyard 1, E. D. O'Rourke 2, H. C. Tonks 3, W. Gordon back.

In the match for the Junior Cup Auckland II. were badly beaten by Wharerangi, the scores being—Wharerangi, 9 goals, Auckland II., 2. The following were the teams:—Wharerangi: P. Dobbell 1, S. Bennett 2, C. Bennett 3, S. J. Bennett captain. Auckland: J. A. Hanna 1, C. Purchas 2, Elliott 3, J. Wynyard captain. Elliott was relieved by W. R. Bloomfield during the second spell.

On the second day the weather was gloriously fine, and the ladies showed their appreciation of the fact by turning out in large numbers. The game between Christchurch and Oroua for the Saville Cup was in a measure similar to that be-

better form than their opponents and eventually scored the third goal through the agency of Baker. In the second spell Rangitikei struggled hard, but the combination against them was too strong, and the fourth goal for Manawatu was credited to Snow. The fifth goal was scored by Baker (who plays a brilliant game), the sixth by Snow, the seventh by McRae, and the eighth by Snow. Just before time Rangitikei scored a goal, and the game terminated in favour of Manawatu by eight goals to one. The respective teams were as under:—Manawatu: F. S. Macrae 1, A. S. Baker 2, Snow 3, W. Lloyd back. Rangitikei: W. Keeler 1, E. Keeler 2, V. Dalrymple 3, H. Wilson back.

Rain fell on Friday so constantly that the final for the Saville Cup between Christchurch and Manawatu could not be played, but on Monday the teams met at Potter's Paddock, when fine weather was experienced for the final game, and those who were present in the expectation that there would be a good exhibition of polo were not disappointed. Christchurch were the first to assume the aggressive and served a goal, chiefly through the good play of Lane. The game was spiritedly contested, and Baker, by fine play, initiated an attack on the Christchurch goal, which ended in Snow scoring, and the game was 1 all. No further scores were recorded in the first ten minutes. On resuming Manawatu had the better of the play, but the Christchurch men played an excellent game, and frequently repulsed the attackers and drove them out of their territory, but, after a lot of give and take play, Christchurch once more got the lead by securing a second goal. Play was now pretty fast, but Manawatu, after being stopped several times, got the ball forward and Lloyd secured the goal, making the scores once more even, and this was not altered when half-time was called. On resuming Manawatu at once went away with the ball, but although they maintained a slight advantage, it was some time before Snow scored the third goal in their favour. After this Manawatu

**THE SPORTS.**

The fact that it rained all Friday night and up to five o'clock on Saturday morning, was by no means favourable to the prospects of the Polo Sports to be held on Saturday afternoon on the Ellerslie racecourse. However, it cleared up during the morning, and the afternoon was beautifully fine, and when the counter attraction at the Domain is considered, the attendance was excellent, the ladies appearing in force. Ellerslie and its surroundings presented a beautifully green appearance, but the going was a trifle heavy, especially for ponies carrying welter weights. The management was good if we except the fact that the events were not despatched according to time, and thus led to the inconvenience of the general public who waited to see the last race. The special train had by that time left with but few passengers, and several hundred passengers assembled on the racecourse platform, where, after waiting for some time, the truth dawned upon them that there would be no train until 7 o'clock, and that even then the iron horse would not stop at the racecourse platform. Under such circumstances it is not surprising that many of the disappointed ones vowed in favour of lumbering 'busses in future as the surest mode of transit between Ellerslie and the city. The officials, more especially Major Banks, in the judge's box, and Mr G. Cutts, with the red flag, gave every satisfaction, and pleasant music was discoursed by Impey's band. Notwithstanding the aristocratic nature of the gathering, the bookmakers were permitted to ply their calling in a corner of the lawn, and their presence did not appear to shock any of those present, not even when they announced in the Polo Cup they would "take 2 to 1 on the field," and that field consisted of eight. The favourite was beaten, and altogether the pencil wielders had occasion to rejoice, for they carried away aristocratic money in their bags. There can be no doubt that their presence

The conditions were—"Ponies to be nominated by ladies. Competitors to stand each with a man to hold his pony, one chain distant from the ladies, and at the given word to run to the latter, and when needle threaded, run back to ponies, mount, and gallop round post one furlong distant, finishing at starting-point with needle threaded."

Upon the dexterity of the ladies much depended, and Lady Polo, being well served in that respect, won comfortably.

**AUCKLAND POLO CUP, four furlongs.**

Mr C. E. Purchas' ch g Chance It, 12.2, Lloyd 1  
Mr H. C. Tonks' g g Maxim, 11.10, owner ... 2  
Mr A. Hanna's b m Nellie, 12.2, Whewell ... 3  
Other starters—Mr E. D. O'Rourke's Nimble, owner; Mr T. Crosse's First Whisper, S. Bennett; Mr W. G. Keiller's Sweetheart, Wilson; Mr R. H. Rhodes' Stella, Dalrymple; Mr R. S. Abraham's Princess May, Shearman.

Betting—2 to 1 on First Whisper, 6 to 1 against Nellie, Princess May, and Stella, 10 to 1 the others.

The favourite was quickest on her legs and led until turning into the straight, when Chance It shot out and won easily from Maxim and Nellie. Time, 55 1-5sec.

**TANDEM RACE.**

Mr E. D. O'Rourke's ch g Ratan and br g Salvator ... 1  
Mr R. H. Wynyard's ch g Saint and b m Maggie ... 2  
Mr A. S. Baker's b m Dinah and b m Irene 3  
Other starters—Mr A. Keiller's b m Sweetheart and b m Qui Vive.

Betting—Evens Mr O'Rourke's pair, 2 to 1 the others.  
Mr O'Rourke soon assumed the lead and won easily.

**STEEPLECHASE.**

Mr H. C. Tonks' br g General Mite, 10.3, owner ... 1

Mr E. G. Elliott's ch m Ikaora, 12.2, Gordon 2
Mr W. B. Lloyd's Vanity, 12.2, owner 3
Other starters—Mr S. Bennett's Ewi, Mr R. W. Dalrymple's Cocky, and Mr G. H. Wilson's Bay Rum.
Betting—5 to 4 General Mite, 4 to 1 Ikaora, 5 to 1 Vanity and Cocky, 8 to 1 Ewi.
The favourite led all the way, but Ikaora and Vanity were always pretty handy. The little pony, however, won comfortably at the finish. Time, 3min 38 3-5sec.

CONSOLATION RACE.

Mr M. Herrold's Ginger, E. Bennett 1
Mr E. W. Dalrymple's Cocky... 2
Mr A. Hanna's Nellie ... 3
There were ten starters.

Betting—Even money Nellie, 5 to 1 Stella and Princess May, 6 to 1 Ratan, 10 to 1 Ginger and others.

The favourite flattered her supporters for a time, and then died away, Ginger winning easily.

COSTUME RACE.

Mr E. D. O'Rorke's Nimble, owner ... 1
Mr H. C. Tonk's Lucy Grey, owner ... 2
Mr A. S. Baker's Lady Polo, owner ... 3

Much amusement was caused by the odd costumes donned by the riders. Mr O'Rorke appeared as a country yokel, Mr Tonks as a clown, and Mr Baker as a very life-like celestial. Nimble won easily. There was no betting worth recording on this race.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday evening the annual meeting of the New Zealand Polo Association was held at the offices of the Auckland Racing Club, and the large attendance must have been encouraging to lovers of the game. The president of the association, Colonel F. Charlton Dawson, occupied the chair. After the usual formal business had been disposed of, Mr E. D. O'Rorke, who was acting for Mr Baldwin, the secretary, stated that the balance-sheet and report were not to hand. He could, however, say, roughly speaking, that the receipts would be £36 and the expenditure £14. It was decided to defer the consideration of the balance-sheet until the next meeting, to be held at Wellington. In connection with the Tournament and Sports Meeting votes of thanks were afforded to the timekeeper, the official scorer, Mr J. S. Kidd, the Auckland Racing Club, and the umpires. It was decided that in future, one month before the annual meeting, a notice paper of the business to come before the meeting should be sent to all affiliated clubs. A lengthy discussion took place as to the measurement of ponies, and it was decided not to interfere with the existing arrangements. On the subject of the appointment of tournament umpire, and in order to conform to the Hurlingham rules, it was resolved "that the respective clubs request the association to appoint umpires on their behalf." It was decided that the next tournament should be held at Hawke's Bay. The delegates resolved to request the incoming Governor to accept the position of president, and the following officers were elected:—Vice-president, Captain Russell; committee of management (5), Messrs. Heaton Rhodes, Crosse, E. D. O'Rorke, A. S. Baker, and Alan Strang; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr Baldwin. The following were appointed a committee to bring up a report on the subject of revising and reprinting the rules:—Messrs. Baker, Lane, Gould, and the secretary. Mr Haker, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Auckland Club for the reception that had been given to the visiting polo players, and a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.



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TRIAL HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters. Velocity, Toriki, Rainbow, Rhino, Progress, Flirt, Gorse, Troubadour, St. Anthony, Billy, Outlaw. SAPLING STAKES, five furlongs.—St. Conon, Dottrell, Picklock, Nightingale, Alionora, Wake-lyn, Nansen, Daunt, Bulrush.

HANDICAP HURDLES, two miles.—Tiritea, Lord Raven, Tally-Ho, Kalmea, Britannia, Secrecy, Prince Charlie, Tangarua, Headford, Rossall, Dante, Prairie Grass, Tenby, Hopeful, Flying Shot.

REDCLIFFE STAKES, one mile.—Te Ngaehc, Forfarshire, Primula, Forest Rose, Poppun, Fore- cast, Nukurau, Martyrdom, Daphne.

WELTER HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter.—Huna, Erana, Waterstone, Rainbow, Lotion, Maid Marion, Flirt, Poppun, The Miser, Sabreur, Leontini.

SECOND TRIAL HURDLES, one mile and a half.—Velocity, Toriki, Rainbow, Rhino, Progress, Fleet, Gorse, Erana, Billy, Outlaw, St. Anthony, Ngaohineokuku.

HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP, once round.—Huna, Waterstone, Rainbow, New Forest, Maid Marion, Lotion, Flirt, Poppun, Primula, Sabreur, Leontini.

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP, six furlongs.—St. Conon, Dottrell, Picklock, Nightingale, Alionora, Wakelyn, Nansen, Valiant, Torpina, Drury Lane.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Lord Raven, Tally-Ho, Kalmea, Britannia, Secrecy, Prince Charlie, Tangarua, Rhino, Rangipai, Headford, Billy, Rossall, Dante, Troubadour, Velocity, Prairie Grass, Tenby, Hopeful, Flying Shot, Tiritea.

HURRY SCURRY, seven furlongs.—Te Ngaehc, Straybird, Forfarshire, Marchioness, Nukurau, Undine, Progress, Forecass, Forest Rose, Poppun, Primula, Martyrdom, The Israelite, Daphne.

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NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

NAPIER CUP HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Blarney 9.0, Strathbraan 8.13, Lorelei 8.12, The Miser 8.6, The Shrew 8.3, Daystar 8.3, Lotion 7.13, Tire 7.12, Haria 7.6, Golden Plover 7.5, Drury Lane 7.0, Petroline 7.0, New Forest 7.0.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—The Shrew 9.0, Torpina 8.0, Barshot 7.12, Moonraker 7.11, Undine 7.10, Target 7.0, New Forrest 6.13, Sir Launcelot 6.7.



[BY ORPHEUS.]

POLLARD'S OPERA COMPANY: NELL GWYNNE.—On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings in last week, Planquette's delicious and dainty music, set to a most amusing, if somewhat too subtle, plot, drew very large audiences and, as a production, quite reached the lofty standard attained by its popular predecessor, Bocaccio. Charles II., being displeased with Buckingham and Rochester—the first for refusing to give Nell Gwynne the leading part in his new play, which he has promised to marry Lady Clare, the King's ward—dismisses both noblemen from court. In disgrace they retire to the Dragon Inn, in the village of Wantley, where they masquerade as landlord and waiter on alternate days. Nell Gwynne and Lady Clare, neither of whom is personally known to Buckingham and Rochester, plot revenge for the spreta injuria formae. They recommend two servant maids to the aristocratic bonifaces, and afterwards, disguised as such, come to fulfil their engagements. The noblemen are struck with the charms of Jessamine, niece of Weasel the pawnbroker, who lives opposite the inn. Jessamine is in love with Falcon (a strolling player). The parish beadle is in love with Marjorie, Weasel's maid of all work. In the second act Rat Castle, the pawnbroker's house, becomes the scene of most ludicrous confusion, owing to the disguised doubles of three characters. Both Beadle and Pawnbroker lose their wits under the strain of seeing the same persons in two places at once. In the third act, a most lovely sylvan scene, the two lunatics, turned shepherds, give a delightful burlesque of pastoral felicity, with penny whistles, old pipes, and pet lambs from the toy-shop. Nell Gwynne, as a milk-maid, gives Buckingham proofs so strong of her mimic powers that he undertakes to launch her on a theatrical career in opposition to herself, and promises to marry her. Lady Clare has also completely hoodwinked Rochester. The King appears with his hunting party, and the ladies reveal themselves and triumph over the discomfited noblemen. Miss Maud Beatty's Buckingham adds another leaf to the laurel wreath that talented young lady wears. Miss Maud Hewson, as Rochester, displays the great strides she has made in her profession; gifted with a voice of rich and rare quality, which she never forces, her singing is most sympathetic and artistic, while her charming presence enhances her bright and subtle stage-craft. Elle ira loin! Miss Marion Mitchell's Nell Gwynne, an exacting and difficult role, proved a veritable triumph; in spite of the severe tax upon her physical powers, the plucky and talented young lady played brilliantly for three consecutive nights with unabated spirit. Mr W. S. Percy again scored in a splendidly comic part as the Beadle. Mr E. Nable's Weasel is a character sketch of exceptional merit and humorous finesse. Miss Emily Metcalfe's Jessamine is a charming and sprightly impersonation, and Miss Lily Stevens' Lady Clare deserves similar praise. As Peregrine Miss Lily Everett was lively and arch as usual. Miss May Beatty made no end of fun as Marjorie, a role built upon the lines of Awdrey in "As You Like It." Two very promising debutantes as principals scored distinct successes. Miss Rosie Stevens, as Falcon, displayed a true and telling soprano voice, and acted with wonderful aplomb, while Miss Marie Metcalfe's "Talbot" left nothing to be desired. "Nell Gwynne sparkles with musical gems, which space will not permit me to notice. A warm word of praise is due to Mr Harrison and the compact and capable band which so well obeys his baton. Mr G. Cleaver, the double-bass player, frequently lays down the larger instrument to play exquisite obbligatos on the cello, while Mrs Landeshut at the pianoforte displays wonderful readiness and precision in any emergency. On Saturday evening "Falka" was to have replaced "Nell Gwynne," but with scene set and performers dressed came the abrupt announcement that Miss Marion Mitchell's vocal chords had given way, and that she could only speak in a whisper. Mr Pollard brought the young lady before the house and explained matters, undertaking to produce any other opera which could be given without her. "The Gondoliers" being asked for was started fifteen minutes later, and splendidly performed and received. Not one per cent of the immense audience accepted Mr Pollard's offer of money back or seats for another night. The sudden change necessitated Miss Emily Metcalfe's assumption of the part of Marco, in which she was fairly successful. Miss Edith Ziegler took the Duchess of Plaza-Toro's role with brilliant success, looking the part better than any one I have hitherto seen in the character, and proved letter-perfect, besides singing and acting capitally. Altogether, what

threatened to be a sad disaster turned into a veritable triumph. "Rip Van Winkle" was played on Monday evening to a crowded house, and "Falka" was billed for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. To-morrow night Mr Grattan Riggs, the veteran and popular Irish comedian, takes a benefit, playing the title role in "Handy Andy." Those who have not seen Mr Riggs in his inimitable character should not miss this chance; those who have seen him will need no persuasion. "Pinafore," by the Pollards, precedes "Handy Andy," forming a most attractive double bill to wind up a brilliant season.

In Shakespeare's "Henry V.," which Mr George Rignold produces on Saturday night, the much-vexed line "And a babbled o' green fields" occurs, a reading which has exercised the minds of commentators for a century, and ad hoc sub judice lis est. Mr Rignold brings with him a huge quantity of splendid scenery and paraphernalia with which to maintain the reputation he holds for magnificent mounting. His company is both powerful and select, including as leading lady Miss Emily Hughes, a young English actress who has won golden opinions at home and abroad. In Henry V. Aucklanders will see one of Shakespeare's most finished historical plays which to students should be (to quote the play itself) "familiar in his mouth as household words." Mr George Rignold's impersonation of the title role is a magnificent performance. The Battle of Agincourt, the humours of Flewellyn, Pistol, Bardolph, and Nym, and the quaint love-making between Henry and Katherine in broken French and English will come as a fresh and delicious treat.

MONDAY POPS AT THE CITY HALL.—Mr P. R. Dix opened his third annual series with brilliant success on Monday evening. There was a packed house, and a splendid programme was thoroughly appreciated. A nice little band—violin, cornet, and cello, with Mr Alf Bartlett at the piano—gave excellent renderings of "The Village Festival" and "Flowers of Australia." Mr Archdale Taylor (in splendid form) won encores for "Jack's the Boy," a character Japanese song from the opera "Geisha," and McCabe's laughable sketch, "The Fascinating Fellow," the latter prefaced by some very witty patter. Miss Katie Fitzpatrick sang "The Dear Little Shamrock," and was encored, also taking part with Miss E. L. Featon in the favourite duet, "Oh That We Two Were Maying." Mr Alex. Smith's recitations, as usual, won enthusiastic applause. Will Carleton's "Irish Letter," with its many and marvellous "bulls" provoked shouts of laughter; the encore was Robert Leighton's witty lines on the Rat versus Mouse question, as argued between John and Tibbie (his wife). Miss E. L. Featon won encores for both her songs—"Don't Tell Mother" and "The Toilers," giving "Ben Bolt" in response. Mr Abel Rowe (in splendid form) sang "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes" and, as an encore, "Last Night I Had a Dream." Later on "Dinah" with hidden chorus and mandolin accompaniment, won him a double encore, and still the audience wanted more. The entertainment concluded with a really capital one-act farce, Ayton's "The Rendezvous," well played by the "My Sweetheart" Company, including the Misses Louise Aylett, Minnie Lye, Kate Fitzpatrick, and Messrs Slyfield, Morrin, Vince, Fort, and Robinson. The concerts will continue every Monday, and Mr Dix has no end of novelties to come.

In connection with the recent show at Omaha a very successful concert was given, to which Auckland talent contributed. The Native band played wonderfully well, and songs and recitations were given as follows:—"The Stowaway," Mr H. Brown; "I Trust You Still," Miss Edith Harding (enthusiastically received), with encore "There's No One Like Mother to Me;" "Jealous Peterkin," Miss Gill, an excellent recitation which scored tremendously; "The Colonel's Command," Mr Lees (encored); "Life's Dream is O'er," duet by the Misses Fordham; "Molly Riley," Mr Stevenson; "Curfew Must Not Ring" (recitation), Miss Niccol; "That Was Enough For Me," Mr H. Brown; "To the Front," a stirring patriotic song, dashing rendered by Miss Edith Harding, and rewarded with a lovely bouquet; "The Suicide" (recitation), Miss Gill; "The Valley by the Sea," Mr Lees; "Carissima," Miss C. Fordham; "The Sailor Boy," Mr Willie Brown; "The Lifeboat" (recitation), Miss Niccol; "Father O'Flynn" (by special request), Mr Lees.

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## THE WESLEYAN CHURCH AND THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

THE Press Association telegraphed to the principal newspapers of New Zealand a summary of what took place at the Wesleyan Conference on Saturday last. As most of our readers are aware, the New Zealand Wesleyan Conference is sitting in Wellington at the present time, and notwithstanding the fact that its chief business is confined to matters affecting the Wesleyan church and the administration of church affairs pure and simple, a section of the conference representatives, comprising clergymen and laity, have dragged in by a sort of side issue the question of prohibition and the relation of their church to the liquor traffic of the colony generally. If we were at all vindictive, or had any desire whatever to gloat over what transpired at the conference in connection with the liquor traffic, and also what took place *re* the debate on the late elections, we should rejoice exceedingly over the manifest fact that the conference was widely divided in its opinions, and was fully illustrative of the proverb that "a house divided against itself cannot stand." We are, however, imbued with a charity more characteristic of toleration and moderation than anything perceivable by a microscopic investigation of what was advanced by the Isitt section of the conference, and therefore we have decided to publish what took place, and in a brief commentary on the proceedings place before our readers what in our opinion is the most charitable construction that can be placed upon the conference deliberation by a journal which claims to be absolutely independent in its criticisms on any questions affecting the social well-being of the community at large. The following is the full text of the Press message as to what took place at the conference:—

At the Wesleyan Conference, Mr J. T. Smith (Christchurch) read the temperance report, and referred to the unsatisfactory mode of conducting the last general election. He urged that a Band of Hope be associated with every Sunday-school, and pointed out that during the year there had been an increase of 32 of these institutions, with 2261 members. He said there was special need for instruction in temperance principles to bands of hope, and complained that too many experienced members of the Church held aloof from this work.

The Rev. W. Morley moved to strike out the sentence in the report that it was expedient that prohibition be carried by a bare majority, and said in the interests of temperance itself he took this step.

The Rev. F. W. Isitt seconded this motion, and said he did not think the Conference should commit itself to such a statement.

The motion was then carried, and the old committee was re-appointed.

The Rev. F. W. Isitt then moved, "That this Conference, while it regrets that the vote for no licenses was not accepted in any district, yet desires to place on record its satisfaction that so far as they can be relied on, the returns show that the vote for no-license in 1886 was more than doubled by the vote obtained in 1895; it urges the Methodists of the colony to a renewal of activity in their attacks upon the existence of the traffic, which is subversive of all the best interests of humanity, and the chief hindrance to the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth; it affectionately and earnestly advises that the consistency of the Church, with its rules and resolutions, be maintained, and that the support which any evil obtains when the Church seems to countenance it may be avoided in future by the non-election to any office in Methodism of any man prominently identified with the liquor traffic, or with the promotion of the twin evil of gambling. It further urges that all possible endeavours be made to

remove from such office any that are identified with either of these evils."

Mr Moxham said that if he had his way every drink-shop would be closed, but that he thought the motion was too drastic. It would exclude chemists who sold alcohol for medicinal purposes, and the manufacturer.

Mr Parker, of Auckland, gave the motion his hearty support.

The Rev. J. Simmonds thought that the growing sentiment would abolish abuses without legislation.

The Rev. H. Bull referred to one instance he knew where a church had been captured to influence an election because of a resolution on the minutes. He advocated caution in phraseology. The resolution made a gross reflection on certain circuits, and was an attempt to reprimand them.

The Rev. T. Fee wished the church to have its hands clear of the traffic altogether.

it re-affirms the principle that has actuated the Church in the past, and that no person prominently connected with the drink traffic or the gambling evil should be elected to office in this church."

After some brief remarks by Mr Morley, the amendment moved by him was negatived by 44 to 28, and Mr Isitt's amendment carried.

It will be observed that Mr J. T. Smith of Christchurch (we take the report, but we are of opinion that it should be Mr J. G. Smith, M.H.R.) read the temperance report, and without making any reference to the sentence which deals with the General Election, we entirely agree with Mr Smith in his contention, which inferentially declares that more temperance reforms can be effected through the medium of Band of Hope organisations than can be accomplished by all the proposed legislation which Stout, Isitt and Co. can possibly devise, to say nothing of the impossibility of obtaining legislative effect for their Utopian theories. It is entirely the fault of the fanatical section of the Wesleyan Church that Mr Smith has to complain that "too many of experienced members of the church held aloof from the work." We venture to suggest that it is because of their experience that they hold aloof from a course of action which has a ten-

## TRADE TOPICS.

In this issue we publish the portrait of Mr Lindsay Cooke, the well-known and popular host of the Albert Hotel, Queen Street, Auckland. Mr Cooke came to Auckland about twenty-two years ago, and during his residence in the colony he has experienced all the many and varied phases of colonial life. For this reason, coupled with great natural geniality and good sound common sense, he is universally recognised as an entertaining host of a high order. Though he is wise enough to avoid obtrusiveness, Mr Cooke was borne in the County of Tyrone, North of Ireland, where he served a three years' apprenticeship to the grocery and general provision trade, but subsequently he left Ireland for Glasgow, Scotland, where he became employed in an engineering works and remained there for about three years. At the expiration of that time he returned to Ireland and obtained employment in a large wholesale grocery and tobacco manufactory concern. About the year '75 he determined to leave his home and settle in this colony. For the first twelve months in New Zealand he took out for himself a sort of roving commission, during which time he gained experience of colonial men and colonial matters which has served him in good stead in his subsequent undertakings. At the expiration of this time he was engaged for a short period at Gisborne. After leaving Gisborne he became imbued with a strong desire for seafaring life, and in the gratification of his desire he joined the Union S.S. Co.'s ship Hawea as steward, where he remained for four years. Leaving this vessel he joined the Tairua, in the same service, in which vessel he was chief steward under Captain T. McGee. Leaving this ship he joined the Albion (Capt. Garrett), and was present when she ran down the schooner, Isabella Pratt, at Cape Colville. Leaving this ship he joined the Rotorua (Captain Tozer), and was subsequently four years in the Wakatipu, and, on leaving her to join the Tarawera, he was the recipient of valuable presents from the officers and crew of the vessel, together with testimonials of the highest character. After serving five years in the Tarawera he resolved to leave the sea and enter into business for himself. On leaving this ship he was again the recipient of valuable presents and testimonials, presented by the officers, engineers, and those of his own staff. It in no way discounts or detracts from the merits of any chief steward in the Union Company's service to say that Mr Cooke was accepted by the travelling public as one of the most courteous and proficient stewards on the high seas, a testimony which has found its practical fruition in the host of travellers who visit his present hostelry for the sake of old associations, and with the full knowledge that all the appointments about the hotel will be as perfect in their way as were those arranged and controlled by Mr Cooke on board the respective vessels we have named. It is eight years since Mr Cooke left the Tarawera to become the proprietor of the Albert Hotel, and it is safe to say that the hotel has been constantly increasing in popularity, and it ranks at the present time as one of the first-class hotels of this colony. It is generally full of visitors, who bear eloquent testimony to everything connected with the house. Mr Cooke has recently purchased a good little farm, situated about thirteen miles from the city, which is in a high state of cultivation and will soon be on a par with the hotel as an up-to-date institution or concern. The Albert Hotel is now so well known as to need no further reference, but we feel assured that if any new visitors bestow their patronage on it and its proprietor, they will be able to fully endorse all that has been said and written in reference to both.

A New York man recently laid a wager of 500dols. that he'd woo, win, and marry, within the hour, a young lady who had just arrived at the hotel where he was stopping, and who was a total stranger to him. The marriage-laws of the Great Republic were built to accommodate the hasty wooer. This hasty wooer lost no time in "popping," was accepted, and a parson being sent for, those twain became one flesh in exactly 53 minutes 7½ seconds. Consequently the wagger scooped the dollars and, with his blushing bride, left for the honeymoon. After they were gone it was discovered that the happy pair were made man and wife years before, and that they were touring the country playing the wagering game at every stopping-place.

The brothers Morell, the respective licensees of the Orient and Bull and Mouth hotels, Melbourne (states the *Sportsman*), have recently been distinguishing themselves as amateur athletes. Mr Steve Morell has for some years rowed bow in the senior Mercantile crew, and his younger brother, Mr James Morell, captured the two miles Charity Handicap at the Victorian Amateur Cycling Association's meeting on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The bar is evidently no bar to the success of a boniface, either as bow in a boat or as a scorcher on a bike.

There is no better authority in the matter of the licensed victuallers trade in Victoria than Mr G. D. Carter, an ex-Victorian Treasurer. The trade has not prospered of late years, and some of his remarks, when acting as chairman of the half-yearly meeting of the Carlton Brewery, may help in steering clear of shoals in New Zealand. Mr Carter is reported to have said:—"In referring to the condition of the brewing trade, in his opinion, the depression had arisen from different causes than the competition in price. In the year 1888-89 the brewing business here had reached its zenith; after that period employment for the workers began to flag, and the beer output consequently lessened. In 1890-91 matters became worse, and when in 1892 the Shields Government put a duty on beer of 12s 6d per hogshead—a loss to the company of £25,000 per year—trade fell off enormously, debtors and tenants became more and more embarrassed, and when in 1893 the disasters culminated in the financial crisis it became difficult, and in many cases impossible, to collect either rent, interest, or payment. The output fell off about one half,



MR LINDSAY COOKE, PROPRIETOR OF THE ALBERT HOTEL, QUEEN STREET, AUCKLAND.

Mr Jones spoke in the same strain.

The Rev. W. Baumber wanted the latter part of the motion withdrawn, as it aimed at certain churches.

The Rev. J. S. Smalley did not think it was aimed at any particular individuals.

Mr Harding maintained that the motion was in accordance with their principles.

The Rev. J. Hounsell wished the motion was less drastic. It would do more harm than good.

Mr Hodson spoke in favour of an amendment. He referred to the rapid growth of public opinion, and the last part of Mr Isitt's proposition was unnecessary.

The Rev. Mr Morley would not give a silent vote. In the minds of some there was a feeling that he was not in sympathy with this work, and indeed within the last few days a notice had been sent to him in the tone of a threat. He was a total abstainer, and was horrified at the ravages of strong drink, and he believed in the use of all lawful means to put an end to the drink traffic. He did not want to hinder Mr Isitt's work, but it was exceedingly unwise to be often talking as if their church was a hindrance to his work. It was a pity that there should be an implication that they had been in the habit of electing to office men who were engaged in the traffic. It was untrue. Their church was conspicuous by the fact that a large majority of their members were prohibitionists. He moved that all the words after "establishment of God's Kingdom on earth" be deleted.

The Rev. F. W. Isitt was given permission to alter his original motion by the insertion, after the words above mentioned, "It congratulates our people on the noble stand taken by them generally in relation to evils of intemperance, and in order to emphasise its rules and past resolutions,

dency to destroy the cause they desire to foster and support. It appears that the question of prohibition by a bare majority was embodied in the report, as it will be seen that this was eliminated on the motion of the Rev. Morley, seconded by the Rev. F. W. Isitt. Surely this means a recognition of the trend of public opinion, and it appears to us that the reverend gentlemen named will have to reckon with such politicians as Sir Robert Stout, J. G. Smith, T. T. Taylor and others who will have bare majorities for prohibition, and nothing but bare majorities. There is an old proverb which says, "the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of Light." This appears to be entirely reversed, for discerning the signs of the times Morley, Isitt and Co., who are ostensibly the children of Light, are wiser in their generation than Stout and Co., who are supposed to represent the offsprings of murky, agnostic darkness—according to orthodoxy as black as that Egyptian darkness which "might be felt." There are many other matters referred to in the report which we are unable to deal with in this issue; but we hope in our next issue to deal with every phase of it, together with other questions which are closely associated therewith.

property in some instances became unlettable, and in all cases unsaleable. Those were the gigantic causes that injured brewing undertakings far more than any competition in prices between different breweries. If a uniform price could be agreed on and adhered to they would be glad, but cohesion was at all times difficult. When the duty was put on, the brewers agreed that their customers should pay it. Publicans held meetings and agreed that their customers should pay it, and both agreements were broken almost as soon as they were made. As to the present and the future, the position was a simple one. Trade was reviving and material was reasonable in price, but almost all the brewery companies owed money, some of which had been lost, but they were still asked to pay interest. That was the trouble, and not the competition between the companies."

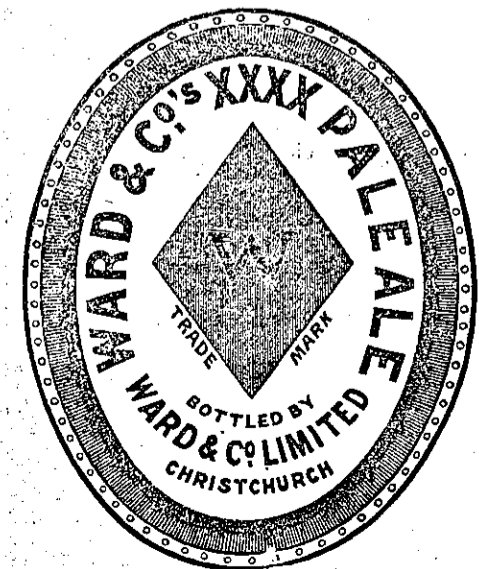
Some years ago a well-known judge, noted as a temperance advocate, was trying a case about a right-of-way. Amongst the witnesses were two brothers named Elm, very old residents. Robert Elm, aged eighty-five, a remarkably well-preserved old man, was questioned by the judge. "Are you a total abstainer?" "I am, my lord. I never tasted liquor in my life." "Well," said the judge, "you are a splendid illustration of the virtues of sobriety." His brother, John Elm, being called, the judge asked his age. "Eighty-seven, my lord." "Why, you look ten years younger than your brother. I need not ask if you are a temperate man. Your appearance proves it." "I am not quite sure as to that, my lord! My wife told me the other day that I hadn't gone to bed sober these last twenty years." "Well! well!" said the judge, abstractedly. "Elm is a good wood, wet or dry."

A very good story is told of the Archbishop elect of Canterbury. When Bishop of London at his Palace of Fulham, he yearly had a gathering of young curates of his diocese, desiring to make their better acquaintance, and give them some fatherly instructions as to their coming duties. On one occasion the matter in consideration was the visitation of the sick. The Bishop proposed by way of rehearsal that he would be the invalid for the nonce, and he went and laid down on a sofa in an adjoining room, telling them to come in singly to see him. Of course, there was considerable hesitation as to who should go first, and the Bishop had to ask them if they were going to keep him all day. With that a young Irishman volunteered to go, and approaching Dr Temple, whose name is Frederick, as he lay on the sofa giving an occasional groan, he exclaimed, "Ah Frederick! It's the drink again, I suppose, the drink again!" Tableau! Explosion of the good Bishop! No more rehearsing of this business!!

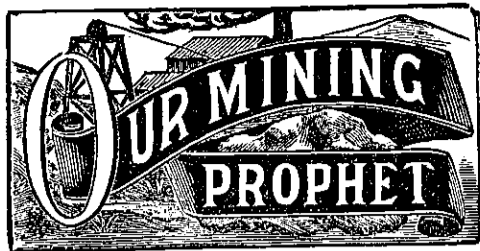
What this paper (the Spectator) chiefly admires about the pump people is their extraordinary tolerance and the temperate way in which they invariably refer from the platform, and in the Press, to those who have the presumption to differ from them. These pleasing characteristics of the members of the aforesaid Pump Party were never, perhaps, more prominently brought out than on Monday evening, March 1, when, at the convention of the T.C.T.U., at the Art Gallery, the Rev. P. R. Munro was candid enough to admit 'he believed in red-hot fanaticism in temperance work,' and certainly no unbiased person can read the report in the dailies of Mr Munro's speech without coming to the conclusion that he meant what he said.

Brother Taylor's speech was several degrees hotter than Mr Munro's. "The average newspaper editor," declared Mr Taylor, "said that the prohibition movement was dead, but editors knew that the movement was never more alive than it was to-day. But nobody lied more easily than the average newspaper editor." At a recent meeting of the Prohibition League the committee appointed to draw up suggestions for the consideration of the league, recommended that temperance orators should employ "temperance language," and it is quite evident to the Spectator that Mr Taylor has read, marked, learned, and inwardly digested that recommendation—and his temperate utterances on Monday night are the result. But Mr Taylor's energetic language is partly excusable on the score of the terrible disappointment of the Pump Party. For prohibition, if not dead, is dying. Hence these tears.

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COMSTOCK.—The Anglo-Continental Company has relinquished the option of the Comstock property, and shares have in consequence suffered a decline. The same syndicate still holds an option over the Broken Hill property, which so far as I can hear, is likely to end in the same manner as the Comstock. No doubt a fresh option over both properties will shortly be taken.

NEW ALBURNIA.—Considerable business has been done in this stock at 4s 6d to 4s 9d, at which prices I would strongly advise buying.

NONPARIEL.—Of the Thames stocks Nonpariels are likely to be the first to move, the prospects of the mine being very bright at the present time.

KURANUI CALEDONIAN.—A good investment at 5s.

KARAKA QUEEN.—Sales during the week at 3d and 3½d. A rise is predicted by those in the know. Personally I do not fancy the stock.

FOUR-IN-HAND.—Shares remain steady at 2s and 2s 1d, after payment of 3d dividend.

BUNKER'S HILL.—A fair amount of business has been done at 3s 6d and 3s 8d. In the event of a further fall, I would counsel my readers to buy a few.

ROYAL.—Buyers at 1s, but sellers ask for 1s 4d, which they will get by waiting a little.

KAISER.—The parcels of ore treated at the School of Mines, Thames, and also at Messrs Fraser and Sons, Stanley Street, averaged about £8 per ton, which is considered very satisfactory.

MONOWAI.—The low price at which these shares are offered incline to the fact that the process of treating the ore is hardly a success. Shares were offered as low as 3s 6d during the past week.

NEW ZEALAND CROWN MINES.—The return for the month of February, from 1161 tons ore, was valued at £2873.

NEW WHAU.—Buyers offer 7d, at which price they should be worth a shot.

WAIHI PINNACLES.—I always looked upon this property, in common with many others, as being of little value. This week no less than 120,000 shares were auctioned, and for the most part did not realise more than from 1s to 2s 6d per thousand.

WELCOME FIND.—Plenty of buyers at 2s 3d, but no sellers at that figure.

AOTEA.—If you can sell at a fair profit do so.

TALISMAN EXTENDED.—Buy at anything under 1s. The property adjoins the New Zealand Talisman, and its prospects are highly thought of by those most competent to judge.

RISING SUN AND STANLEY.—Of the Upper Thames stocks the two mentioned are worth holding at the present prices.

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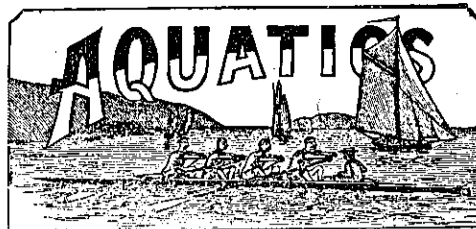
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A Melbourne lady on the seamy side of fifty has taken to the wheel and drives it like a saucy minx of seventeen. She tilts her eyebrows and says, "Cycling is a delightful pastime." But she is charmingly tangled over the mechanical names. "How do you mend a puncture of the sprockett?" and "Can you alter the gear of that tyre?" These are her simple little questions, put to a dutiful young man who hopes to be her son-in-law. Like a Briton he explains it all, and is in a dreadful frame of mind lest somebody with less tact should prescribe treatment different from his.

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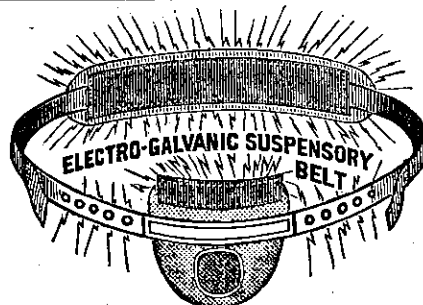
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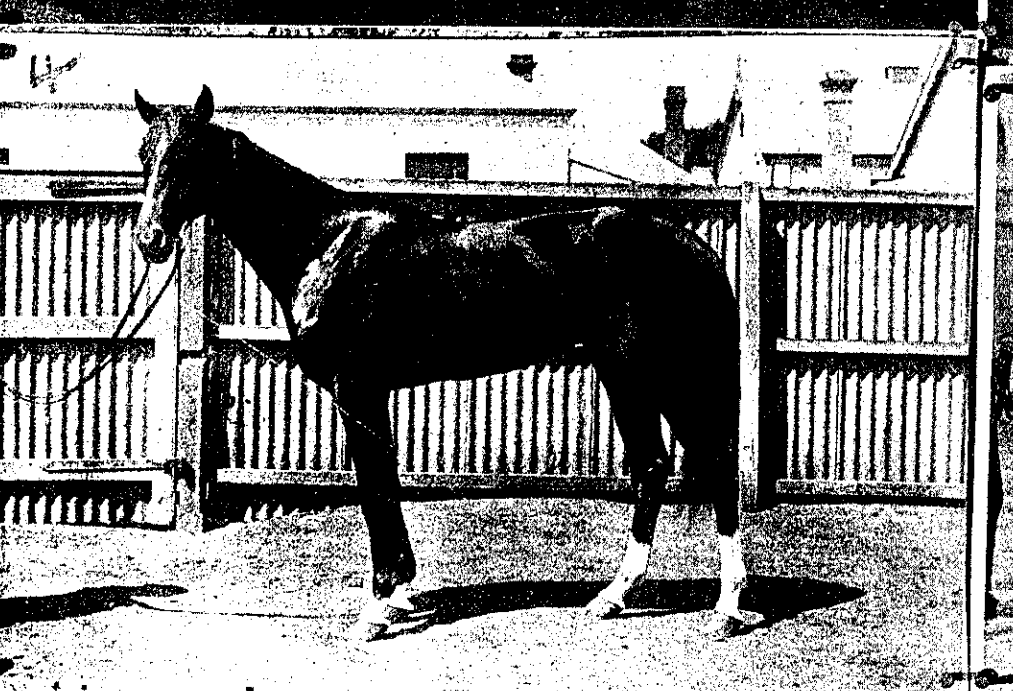
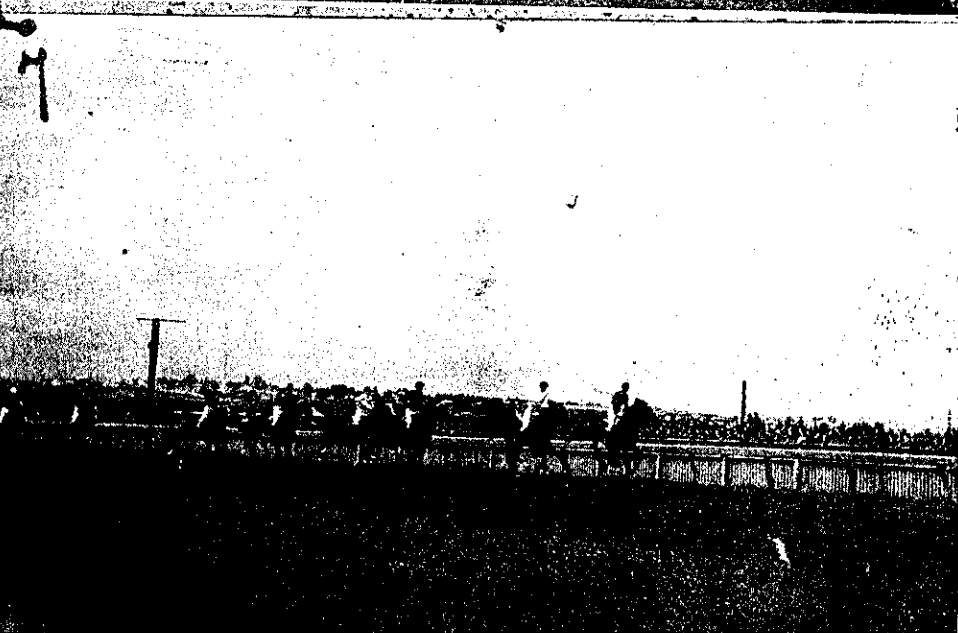
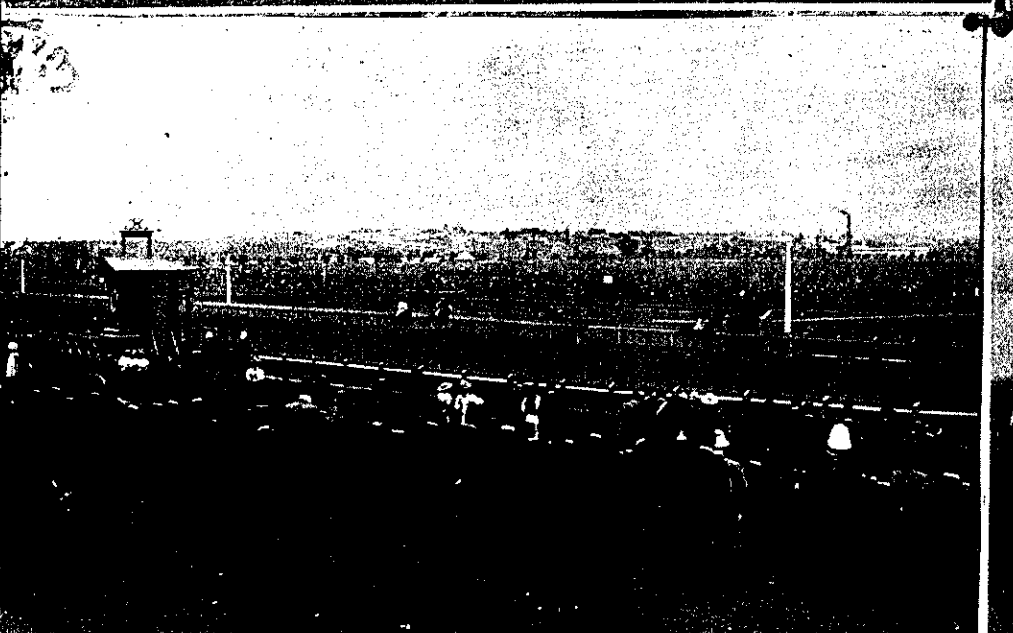
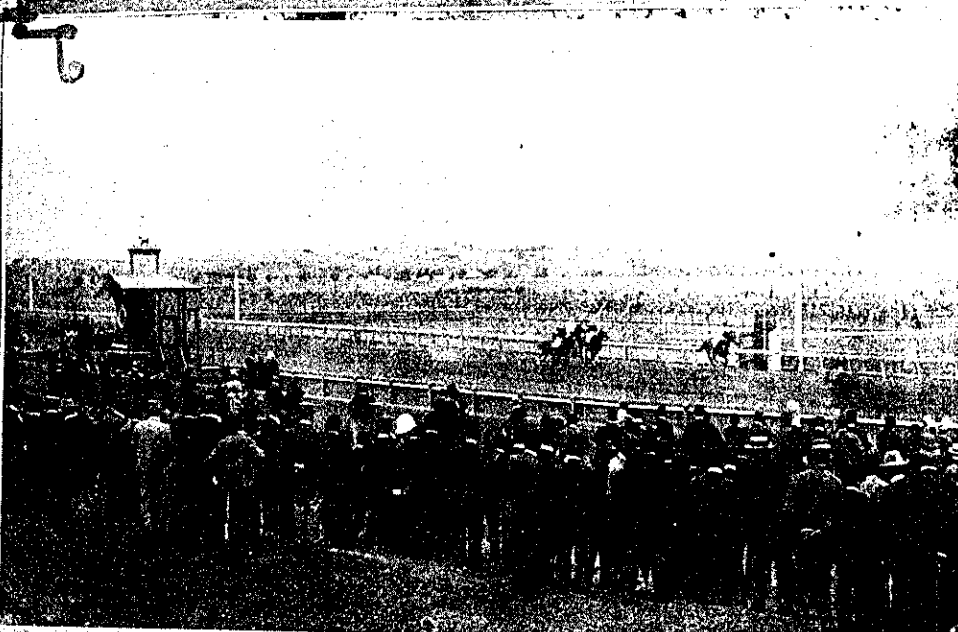
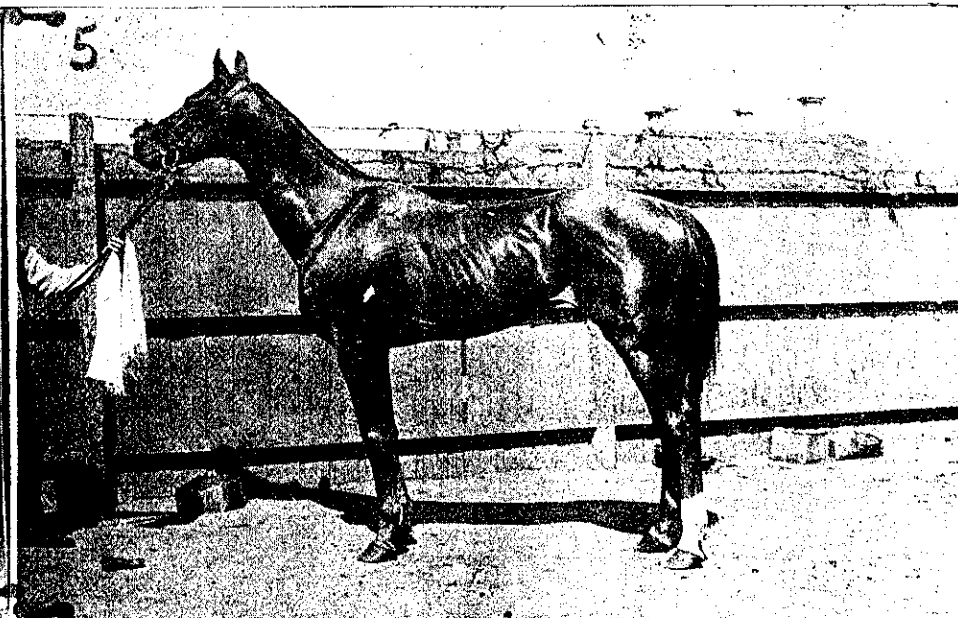
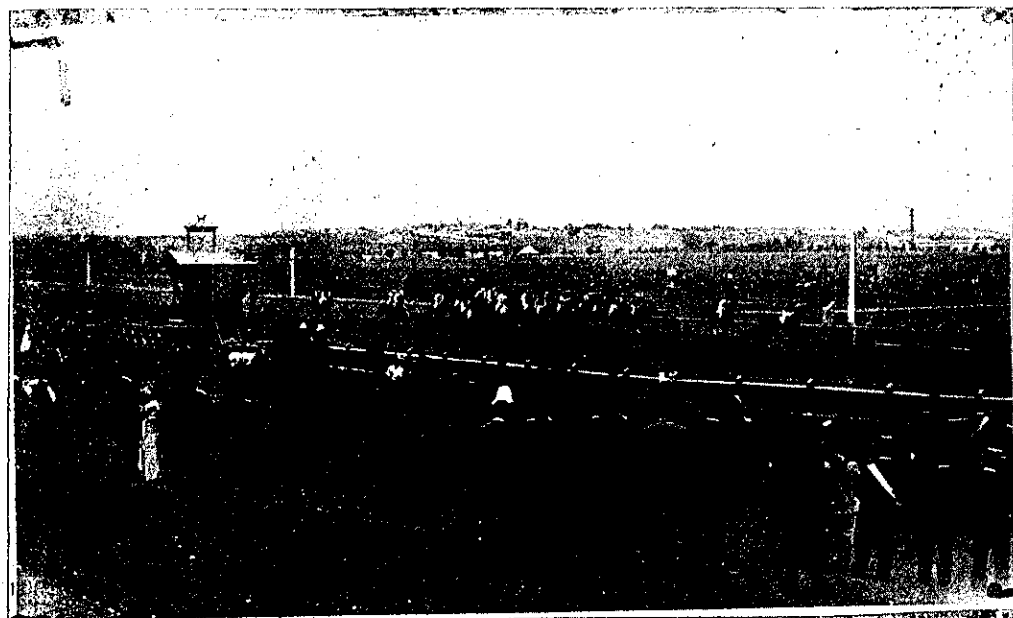
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