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WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

WINTER, STEEPLECHASE, AND HUNT CLUB MEETING.

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 7TH AND 10TH, 1897.

NOMINATIONS for all events (except the Maiden Hack Race) close on Friday, June 18th. WEIGHTS for the first day's handicaps, and for the Wellington Steeplechase Handicap, will be declared on June 26th. ACCEPTANCES for first day's handicaps and the Wellington Steeplechase Handicap close on July 2nd.

NOTE.—All events close at 9 p.m.

H. M. LYON,
Secretary.

Club Hotel, Wellington.

N.B.—For complete programme see *N. Z. Referee*.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB

FUTURE EVENTS.

1898 AND 1899.

SUMMER MEETING, 1898.

The Wellesley Stakes of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds (present yearlings)—colts, 8st 7lb; geldings, 8st 4lb; fillies, 8st 2lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows, viz., 1 sov if struck out before the first Monday in December, 1898. All horses remaining in after that date must pay the subscription of 5 sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race. Four furlongs.

ENTRIES close on MONDAY, June 29th, 1897.

N.B.—No money is required at time of entry.

SUMMER MEETING, 1899.

The Wellesley Stakes of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds (present foals)—colts, 8st 7lb; geldings, 8st 4lb; fillies, 8st 2lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows, viz., 1 sov if struck out before the first Monday in December, 1898. All horses remaining in after that date must pay the subscription of 5 sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race. Four furlongs.

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SUMMER MEETING, 1899.

The Wellington Stakes of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and the third horse 10 sovs from the stake. For two and three-year-olds (present foals and yearlings). Two-year-olds, 7st; three-year-olds, 8st 7lb. Fillies and geldings allowed 3lb. Winners after August 1st, 1898, of any race or races collectively of the value of 200 sovs, 5lb extra; 300 sovs, 7lb extra; 400 sovs, 10lb extra; 500 sovs, 12lb extra. Maiden two-year-olds allowed 4lb, three-year-olds 7lb. By subscription of 6 sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, viz., 1 sov if struck out before the first Monday in July, 1898, or 3 sovs if struck out on the first Monday in December, 1898, all horses remaining in after the latter date, must pay the subscription of 6 sovs, on a day to be named shortly before the race. Five furlongs.

ENTRIES close on MONDAY, June 29th, 1897.

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AUTUMN MEETING, 1899.

New Zealand St. Leger Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 70 sovs, and the third horse 30 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds (present yearlings)—colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings 8st 7lb. By subscription of 10 sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, viz., 2 sovs, if struck out before the first Monday in August, 1899, or 5 sovs if struck out before the first Monday in March, 1899. All horses remaining in after the latter date must pay the subscription of 10 sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race. One mile and three-quarters.

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AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB

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PROGRAMME.

Handicap Hurdle Race 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 quarter.
Benefit Trot Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and a half.
Hawke's Bay Stakes Handicap 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, six furlongs and a half.
June Trot Handicap of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of the Benefit Trot to receive a penalty of 7secs behind its original start. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and a half.
Handicap Steeplechase of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2in and under. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, about two miles and a half.
Napier Trot Handicap of 30 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 5sec behind its original start for each handicap won. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.
Benevolent Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of the H.B. Stakes to receive a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, five furlongs.

NOMINATIONS close with the Secretary on FRIDAY, June 11th, at 10 p.m.
HANDICAPS to appear on June 15th.
ACCEPTANCES close with the Secretary on FRIDAY, June 18th, at 10 p.m.
Stakes paid less 5 per cent. for expenses of course.

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NOMINATIONS (owner's name only), £1 each, on or before SATURDAY, 31st July, 1897; and a FURTHER PAYMENT of £1 each nomination on FRIDAY, 1st October, 1897, when horses must be named, with colour, sex, age, and breeding (if known).

HANDICAPS will be declared in JANUARY, 1898.
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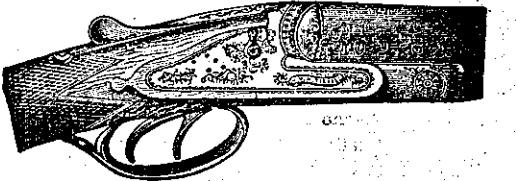
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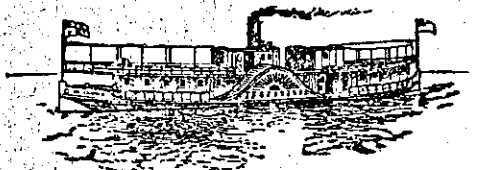
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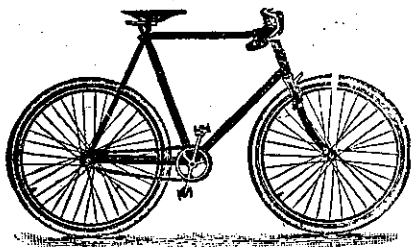
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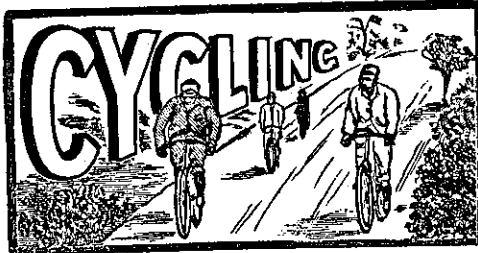
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New Zealand League of Wheelmen's Definition of a Cyclist.

A wheelman ceases to be eligible by—(a) Engaging in cycle racing, or training or coaching any person therein as a means of obtaining a livelihood. (b) Accepting directly, or indirectly, any remuneration, compensation or expenses whatever from a cycle manufacturer, agent, sports promoter or other person interested in the trade or sport, for cycle riding, except where special permission is granted by the League.

NOTE.—A wheelman does not become ineligible by teaching the elements of wheeling solely for the purpose of effecting the sale of the machine.

As the above constitutes the New Zealand League of Wheelmen's definition of eligibility to race under its rules, we have decided to publish it in each issue of the REVIEW, and express the hope that the same will be strictly enforced, especially Rule A, which, we venture to assert, has been broken by two well-known cyclists in this colony, of whom it will suffice to say, after having done little or nothing else but cycle racing during the past six months, have just left for the other side to follow up racing there. The success of the League of Wheelmen in this colony depends upon the strict enforcement of Rule A perhaps more than anything else, for once we get an army of competitors travelling from one end of the country to the other, the sport would quickly degenerate and cease to obtain the support of that class of people without which no branch of sport can prosper.

In a recent issue of the *New Zealand Cyclist*, under "From our Auckland Correspondent," appears an intimation that the "The Auckland Cycling Club has the utmost confidence in the present management of the New Zealand League of Wheelmen, and has no sympathy with the suggestion to form a separate association for the North Island."

With reference to the above, I do not know of any definite action having so far been taken with regard to two controlling bodies for the League of New Zealand Wheelmen, but I understand that several of the leading secretaries in the North Island are strongly of opinion that two executives, one for each Island, would give far better results than as at present, when the whole of the North

Island clubs have to be represented by proxy, which is not always a reliable source for the expression of a club's opinion on matters of importance to their individual welfare.

Personally, I consider distinct executives, working under exactly the same rules, endorsing disqualifications imposed by either, with an appeal board, would work more smoothly than the present constitution.

The Auckland Club has signified its disapproval of such a change, their argument being that Christchurch is the home of the new cash organisation, and no place in the colony has such a right to be the headquarters of the League as the southern city, and that so far as they are concerned, that wherever in the North Island the delegates to a North Island Executive (if formed) met, they would still have to be represented by proxy.

Just to see how it would work, take the centrally situated town of Wanganui, where one of the finest cycling tracks in the Australasian colonies and appointments, costing £1000, is nearing completion, as the headquarters for a North Island Executive. How many affiliated clubs in the North Island could send delegates to attend important meetings in that town.

The following could always be thus represented:—Manawatu, Woodville, Feilding, Rangitikei, Wanganui, Hawera, and New Plymouth, whilst in all likelihood next season will see several new cycling clubs formed on the West Coast, Patea and Waverley having already discussed the inauguration of clubs. I shall have more to say on this subject later on.

In South Africa a ten shilling tax has been imposed upon cyclists.

The Ameer of Afghanistan has had a machine built for him by a London firm on which he can ride in comfort, while two attendants work the pedals, he being averse to using the energy required to propel a bicycle.

One of the latest inventions is a saddle made of paper. It is stated as an advantage that it can be manufactured in any colour to match the enamel of the bicycle. The papier mache is susceptible of receiving a very high enamel finish, which can be renewed at a slight expense, making the saddle at all times appear like new. It is fitted with an ordinary spring support.

An enterprising American has invented a bicycle ambulance, which consists of two tandems, joined together by a light tubing as a framework. Between them a stretcher is placed, which can be detached at will, so that a wounded man can be lifted from the ambulance and carried into the hospital comfortably. A canvas top, shaped like a tent, affords a perfect protection from the sun, wind, and rain. The weight of the ambulance is 115lb, and it can easily be managed by two men. It is also intended to act as a police ambulance in cities.

Ladies are now taking up the making of bicycle covers as a new art. These covers look very neat and cost very little, being fashioned after the style of a tea cosy, except that one side is made to open and fall over the machine, being secured at the bottom by a row of buttons. Such covers are very useful in keeping the machine from dust when stowed away, and also in preventing it from being scratched.

A man on a tandem, with his wife or sweetheart on the front seat, always has something pleasant to look forward to.

Don't fail to note the number of your bicycle. It may come in handy in identifying the machine at the police station.

The average man is (says *Bearings*) the cyclists' enemy until he becomes a rider himself. Then he changes his spectacles.

A Bill has been introduced in the Canadian House to compel railway companies to carry bicycles free as personal luggage.

The first Humber bicycle was made twenty-nine years ago by Mr Thomas Humber, founder of the famous Beeston firm.

A return prepared by the Registrar-General shows the development of the cycle industry in New Zealand. There are now 125 persons employed in 19 works, and the value of manufactures and repairs increased from £5655 in 1890 to £18,817 in 1895, when 734 cycles were made at those manufactories. The land, buildings and plant in use in 1895-96 were estimated to be worth about £24,000, as against about £6000 in 1891.

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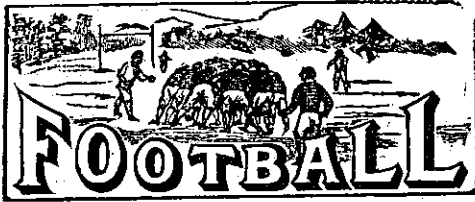
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The N.S.W. League of Wheelmen will probably include an intercolonial team race in their programme for the June Carnival. In the event of the race being decided upon New Zealand, New South Wales, and Victoria will be represented.

Now that cycling has become so popular with all classes (says the *Wheeler*), the next most intelligent animals to human beings themselves seem to be taking it up. A firm have had an order from Mr Sam Lockhart, of Leamington, the world-famed elephant trainer, for a tricycle for his elephant Trilby. This sweet little thing weighs a little over half a ton, and Trilby's feet in this case necessitate the use of pedals somewhat on the style of frying-pans. The machine is to be of the front-driver type, as Trilby is quite a child, and wants a tricycle on the juvenile style. When she has quite mastered this machine, the makers are going to build her a rear-driving tricycle of the most up-to-date type. The tricycle is to have pneumatic tyres, but the make of the tyre is not yet decided on. The managers of the firm have been busy working out the designs for this novel machine, so that Trilby may have her machine in good time to practice for jubilee processions, etc.



[BY VIGILANT.]

THE CUP MATCHES.

The curtain was rung down on the first round of the championship matches, under the Rugby Union, last Saturday, when Parnell met and defeated Grafton by 4 points to nil, Ponsonby beat Newton by 9 points to nil—(both these matches being played at Potter's Paddock)—and City were defeated by North Shore, on the latter's ground, by 12 points to nil. The Parnell-Grafton match occupied the No. 1 Ground, and, considering the unfavourable state of the field, was of a most interesting character. That Parnell won is due solely to a smart goal from the field by Jervois, as the play on the whole was slightly in favour of Grafton, and certainly they had very bad luck in not scoring on one or two occasions, the most notable of these being when Douglas Hay failed to pass out to his brother backs, Fielder and Tait, who were with him, and only had Hedges to pass. This club has been somewhat unfortunate as far as results are concerned this season, and have deserved a better fate, as they have played consistently and well through the first round, and if not quite as "old in the head," so to speak, are a willing lot of young players who give plenty of promise, and should give the best of the clubs no end of difficulty in the course of a season or two. Newton are evidently becoming careless of their prospects through the result, no doubt, of their many defeats, and only placed ten men in the field against Ponsonby, the game, therefore, being a "frost." The surprise of the day was that at the Devonport Domain, where North Shore inflicted a defeat, to the tune of 12 points to nil, on the City team, the match having been looked upon in most quarters as a fairly good thing for the town players. The defeat is in a measure attributable to the weak play of the City front rank, while the back division did not, on the whole, show themselves as brilliant as usual. North Shore, on the other hand, played for all they were worth and deserved their win. Ponsonby and Parnell are now leading for the championship, the position of the clubs at the completion of the first round being as under:—

District	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For.	Agst.	Points
Parnell	5	4	1	0	47	10	23
Ponsonby	5	4	1	0	42	23	23
North Shore	5	2	2	1	33	44	14
City	5	2	3	0	24	37	10
Grafton	5	1	2	2	16	18	6
Newton	5	0	4	1	6	38	0

Hedges, at full back for Parnell, acquitted himself very well, his kicking being really good considering the state of the ground.

Jervois was the pick of the three-quarters, and seems to have got right back to his old form again. His kicking was a treat, the drop-kick that won the game for the maroons being very neat and smart. He used the touch-line when kicking, and gained lots of ground for his side, besides taking part in several passing runs and showing sound defence.

Brody was never seen to better advantage, and if he goes on improving as he has done of late he will turn out a sterling three-quarter, while of Richards nothing unfavourable can be said. He is undoubtedly of more use to his club at three-quarters than at five-eighths, and a feature of his play is his sound tackling.

D'Arcy was again playing at five-eighths, where his weight stands him in great stead. When he gets going he takes considerable stopping, and the beauty of his play is that he goes straight through his opposing backs instead of trying to get round them, so that an opening once made by him is always dangerous. For his kicking alone he is worth a place in any team. Up to the present time opposing teams have taken so much care of him that we have not seen him get away with a decent run.

Edmonds played a fine defensive game, and was kept pretty busy in stopping the forward rushes of the Grafton vanguard. His passing was clean.

The front rank worked well together, F. and P. Murray, R. Handcock, and Gordon being about the best. They heeled out very cleverly, but their tactics in screwing the scrums did not always come off as intended, the ball being left behind occasionally.

Smith played as sound a game as usual at full-back for Grafton, but once or twice failed to get rid of the ball in time.

The Graftonites played four three-quarters, and a very good quartette they were, both as offensive and defensive players, the latter department, perhaps, being their forte, as they tackled in splendid style. Moncur was perhaps the best, but Tait, Fielder, and Douglas Hay all deserve praise, though the latter would do well to rid himself of the habit he seems to be falling into of hanging to the ball too long. In the second half Grafton would very probably have scored a try if he had not erred in this direction, as Fielder and Tait were on his heels, and only had Hedges to beat to score.

Carlton Hay played unselfishly at five-eighths, and got in a great amount of work, while Purvis Hay, behind the pack, was in his place, and is the makings of a really good man. A pity he has not a few pounds more weight.

The pack all grafted in fine style, and for comparatively young players—as a whole—acquitted themselves remarkably well. They got away with several fine dribbling rushes, and were strong in defence, a point the team excels in all round. Brady, on the wing, was perhaps the most noticeable, playing a dashing game.

D'Arcy (Parnell) is rapidly getting into form, and in consequence his play is improving every Saturday.

The Ponsonby v. Newton match calls for no comment as to individual play, as the game was as a whole a farce. It might, however, be mentioned that Masefield on one occasion appealed to one of the opposing players not to throw him and soil his "panta," which had evidently been washed.

Dacre played his usual hard forward game for the Shore. This player (who last season represented Southland on several occasions), although not always conspicuous, does a lot of solid graft in the scrum.

Murray Bros. (F. and P.) grafted like Trojans for Parnell. It was a surprise to many to find the name of the former missing from the list of chosen ones for the Australian trip.

Olipant was an absentee from the City ranks on Saturday in consequence of a bad cold.

Corles played an extremely plucky game behind the beaten forwards, and several times the North Shore pack simply walked over him.

W. Clark passed well and made several serviceable runs. That goal he potted was a beauty.

Nicholson played a sturdy game at five-eighth for the Shore, and with a little coaching this player should be heard of later on.

Clark was perhaps the most conspicuous of the North Shore backs on Saturday, and played a slashing game. The Gerrard Bros. also played well, and Nicholson at half did good work for his team, his defence being good, while he always fed his backs in good style. Cardno also deserves mention, his tackling being particularly strong.

Francis had hard luck on one or two occasions in not scoring, and fully deserved figures on the game he played.

Thomas played a fine defensive game for City at full-back, and looked after his line like a tradesman. Of the other backs, G. Smith was undoubtedly the best, and no better game was witnessed on the ground. He got away with several dashing runs, but was poorly supported, otherwise City would not have been defeated by 12 points to nil.

The City front rank were decidedly off, their scrum work being at times very indifferent. Hyland was about the best of them, and was always on the ball, while S. Browne and McConnell also did good service.

At the time of writing I do not know the intentions of the Auckland Rugby Union as to Saturday next. The first round being completed, the question is whether they will go on with the second round or hold a practice match in view of the fixture with Wairoa on the 19th.

It is not to be wondered at that the Auckland Referees' Association finds some difficulty in getting gentlemen to act as referees, if the treatment received by Mr Katterns, who refereed in the Parnell v. Grafton match, at the hands of a section of the spectators is any criterion of what one is to look forward to after gratuitously lending his services in the interests of football, to run up and down the field of play for an hour and a half, wet or dry. The section referred to were mostly occupants of the grandstand—what might be called the respectably attired hoodlums—and supporters of the Grafton team, not necessarily residents of the Grafton district, but rather the "clique" antagonistic to Parnell, though why there should be those amongst the followers of the game who feel so bitterly towards the maroons I know not, for no unbiased individual follower of the game can deny the fact that Parnell deserves, and always has deserved, the success that has attended the club. They lay themselves out to win by consistent training, and any team that does this deserves the success that may attend their efforts, and it is undoubtedly that success that has caused the disgraceful display of feeling on Saturday. As it was of no use jeering or hooting at the Parnell players themselves these "hoodlums" turned their attention to the referee, and every time Mr Katterns gave a decision that was not in favour of Grafton he was assailed with hoots and groans, and held to be favouring Parnell. To suggest that Mr Katterns would lend himself to such an action is ridiculous, and to say that he frequently erred in his decisions would be equally wrong. I might say, for the information of those who participated in the unseemly display, that Mr Katterns treated it for what it was worth—as beneath contempt. However, be this as it may, the Rugby Union will, in the interests of their patrons and of football, be compelled to make an example of one or two of these well-dressed hoodlums, by expelling them from the ground if this state of affairs continues.

"Punter," of the *New Zealand Mail* (Wellington), sums up the New Zealand as under:—"In Orchard, who, of course, will go as full-back, the team have a very safe man, who is also a magnificent kicker. Of the other backs Glennie is a splendid all-round back player. He is a dashing runner, a fair kick, and good taker. His best position is at five-eighths. He has been picked as half back. Smith (three-quarter) is a dashing wing player, very fast, kicks well with both feet, and is very good on the defence. Armit is a good all-round man, fast and sure. Though not a brilliant player he can always be relied on. Humphries is a good half, looks well after his three-quarters, and is good on the defence. Bayly, though not quite the Alf. Bayly of old, is still a very reliable man. Allen, on his form playing for New Zealand against Queensland last year, is one of the best three-quarters in the colony. Duncan is reputed to be the best five-eighth player in the colony, though on his form when playing for Otago against Wellington last year he did not prove it. He was, however, not seen at his best then. Of the forwards Blair is a front rank man, and a sturdy one at that. Kerr is especially good on the line-out. He plays in the centre, and is clever with his feet. He is also good in the open. Harris is a player of Calnan's stamp. Hancock is a front rank man, and an honest worker in the scrum. Wilson is said to be the best forward in Auckland. He is very fast in the loose. Plays in the back of the pack, and is a good worker. Watson is a strong scrummaging forward, and O'Dowda is a clever man at foot work. He is an old Blackheath player. Young is a front rank player, who never

shirks his work and goes all the way. Pauling will play in the centre. He is a hard worker in the scrum, clever, and is dashing in the loose. Calnan has earned his place in the team by his fine play with the Wellington representative team last year and on his form this year. He should give a good account of himself. McKenzie, as a wing player, is one of the best in New Zealand. A good general. Mills, the other wing man, is a young player and very brilliant. A good kick, but inclined to be a little erratic in his play at times."

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Wellington Rugby Union Football Annual, edited and compiled by Mr W. C. Marter, the hon. secretary of the Wellington Union. The work contains a lot of useful information to footballers and referees.

Our Napier correspondent wires:—"The Caledonians v. Pirates was the senior fixture last Saturday afternoon at the Recreation Ground. To say that a good exposition of the game was given would be miles away from the truth, both contesting parties being far from fit, as after playing about a quarter of an hour, "dead beat" was the term that could well be used to both teams. The spectators who paid their shilling a head for the afternoon's sport (save the mark) must have considered themselves very badly used, and if more energy and training is not gone in for in the future by football teams the long-suffering public will be conspicuous by their absence on future Saturday afternoons. The Pirates scored 7 points to nil.

Sandy Kerr, Canterbury's crack forward (writes our correspondent), will not be able to accompany the New Zealand football team to Australia, and Wells, of Taranaki, will go instead. Kerr is a first-class forward, brilliant in open, and his services will be missed. The selection of the team has been freely criticised here, and the general opinion seems to be that the three selectors have chosen a really good team. So far as I can see, and I have seen most men play, the team is about the best that could have been got together. The southern footballers have complained about being poorly represented. Southland has gone so far as not to take any part in the North v. South Island match. I certainly think that the selection committee should have given one of the Southland forwards a place, especially after the fine form they showed while on tour last year. The three Canterbury representatives are members of the Linwood Club. Orchard (full-back) stands alone in that position. Glennie will be general utility man of the team. He can play a good game anywhere his captain wishes to place him—from forward to full-back. Kerr is our best forward, but cannot get away. The Linwood and Merivale teams are leading for the senior cup. They hold an unbeaten record this year. When they met a fortnight ago the game ended in a draw.

HAWKE'S BAY RELIEF SPORTS.

NAPIER, June 5.

The Relief Sports held at Stotford Lodge, Hastings, last Wednesday were an unqualified success, and the fund will benefit to the tune of about £70 by the undertaking. Mr Stock and the Trotting Club generously gave the use of the grounds free of charge, and the prizes were also donations. The following are the results of the principal events:—

LADIES' BRACELET, for horses that have never raced.—Mrs Archibald's Donald Deronda, 1; Mrs Jackson's Whakapora, 2. Mr S. Cottle piloted the winner.

FIVE-MILE BICYCLE RACE (amateur).—W. Garnett, 280yds, 1; A. J. Pocock, scr., 2.

TROTTERING RACE, one mile and a half.—Mr A. McDonald's Violet, 1; Mr W. Jones' Mollie, 2.

220YDS HANDICAP (amateur).—J. Hodd, Syds, 1; J. Fritchley, Syds, 2. Hodd also won the Open Handicap.

ONE-MILE BICYCLE HANDICAP (open).—R. Catherall, 100yds, 1; H. Symonds, scr., 2.

VETERANS' BICYCLE RACE.—Wilson, 1; S. Charlton, 2.

FIRE BRIGADE COMPETITION (five men).—Foreman Keith's team, Hastings, 1. H. Symonds, Keith, Anderson, Leipst, and List.

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DISTRICT ORDERS

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

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

MEMO. FROM AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.
Auckland, 4th December, 1896.

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.

JOCKEYS' LICENSES.

John Rae, H. Harrison, John Keane, Michael Moore, Wm. Davidson, Frank Burns, Dennis Morrison, Adam E. Byers, Wm. Perry, D. Creamer, M. Jones, Thos. Hall, Ernest Haigh, John Carey, Thos. Morrison, Thos. McGuire, Fred. Power, Fred. Benson, Alf. Williams, Charles W. Turner, Howard Jones, George Banks, Thos. Sharp, David Wright, Joseph Griffiths.

TRAINERS' LICENSES.

John Rae, Dennis Morrison, J. B. Williamson, H. Linnell, Martin H. Harrison, Ross Heaton, A. E. Byers, Wm. Croll, M. Moore, Joseph Griffiths, J. Carey, Alfred Williams, John R. Jones.

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Taranaki—Last Friday in each month. E. G. Bauchope, secretary.
Wanganui—First Friday in each month. F. R. Jackson, secretary.
Wellington—First Monday in each month. H. M. Lyon, secretary.
Hawke's Bay—First Friday in each month. F. D. Luckie, secretary.
Nelson—Last Wednesday in each month. J. H. Glen, secretary.
Marlborough—As arranged. C. J. W. Griffiths, secretary.
Canterbury—First Tuesday in each month. W. H. E. Wanklyn, secretary.
Dunedin—Last Thursday in each month. S. James, secretary.
Greymouth—Last Friday in each month. J. C. Doogan, secretary.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

RACING CALENDAR.

NEW ZEALAND.

June 23, Wed.; 25, Fri.—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 23, Wed.—Nelson J.C. Winter
July 6, Tues.; 8, Thurs.—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club Annual
July 7, Wed.; 10, Sat.—Wellington R.C. Winter
August 12, Thurs.; 14, Sat.—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase

NOMINATIONS.

June 12—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club Annual
June 15—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 18—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase
June 18—Wellington R.C. Winter
June 29—The Wellesley Stakes 1898 and 1899, the Wellington Stakes 1899, and New Zealand St. Leger 1899
July 2—Wellington R.C. Winter
July 26—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase

HANDICAPS.

June 10—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 18—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 26—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club Annual
June 26—Wellington R.C. Winter
July 19—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase
August 2—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase

ACCEPTANCES.

June 15—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 21—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
July 1—Gisborne Park Steeplechase Club Annual
July 2—Wellington R.C. Winter
July 26—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase
Aug. 9—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase
Dec. 31—Taranaki Hack Derby

FINAL PAYMENTS.

Aug. 9—New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase
Dec. 3—Taranaki Hack Derby

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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, 1893.
2 1/2 miles—3m 29s, Rosefeldt, 5yrs, 7.7, N.Z. Cup, 1898.
2 1/2 miles and a distance—3m 50s, Occident, 6yrs, 7.10, Dunedin Cup, 1891.
2 1/2 miles—3min 57 1/2 sec, Euroclydon, 3yrs, 7.9, Canterbury Cup, 1895.

AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN.

3 furlongs—36s, Cumberland, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 1898, Australia.
1/2 mile—46s Geraldine, West Chester Course, N.Y. (track partly down hill), August 30, 1899, America.
5 furlongs—57s, Correction, West Chester Course, N.Y. (track partly down hill), Sept. 29, 1893; Dr. Hasbrouck also made this record; America.
1m, Patroness, Randwick, March 26, 1894, Australia.
1m 0s, Waiwa, Maribyrnong (Vic.), Sept. 30, 1893, Australia.
5 1/2 furlongs—1m 7s, Wild Rose, Caulfield, Feb., 1891, Australia.
1/2 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, 1894, 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 36s, Salvador, against time, Monmouth Park, N.J., Aug. 8, 1890, America.
1m 40s, Bungebah, Randwick, N.S.W., Sept., 1890; this record has also been made by Boolka, Kingfish, Delaware, and Paris; Australia.
1 mile and 1 furlong—1m 51s, Tristan, Morris Park, N.Y. June 2, 1891, America.
1m 55s, Rosebrook, Flemington, Vic., Nov. 4, 1893, A.C.M. 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 40s, Hopetoun, Flemington, Jan., 1893; Australia.

Sporting and Dramatic REVIEW

AND
LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1897.

CASH BETTING.

It is evident from the fact that a police-officer has been recently engaged in taking down the names of bookmakers engaged in betting on the Ellerslie race-course that in Auckland there are faddists who want to be in the fashion by joining in a crusade against cash betting, but before the authorities take a decided step it would be well to gravely consider the question if it is the will or the wish of the people to stamp out a system that has so long prevailed. The decision of the English judges that a race-course is a place in which cash betting is prohibited by the Betting Houses Suppression Act has evidently caused more stir in New South Wales than in England. In the Mother Country only a few bookmakers have been convicted, and only small fines followed, it evidently being the opinion of the bench and the police that these prosecutions were against the wish and will of the people, and that the Act which had been raked up by the anti-gamblers had been framed and used in the first years of its existence as an instrument for suppressing the low and undesirable list houses that had sprung into existence in London. In Sydney, however, the police have not been so moderate in their actions as those of England, and the anti-gambling hysteria of Sydney promises to bring about the defeat of the fanatics who have aroused the hubbub by setting in motion a law that was never intended to apply to bookmakers. In England the prosecutions appear to have been forced on by the society of anti-gambling fanatics, who a few years ago made fools of themselves and the police, who they had converted into tools for the occasion, by making a raid on one of the leading and most respectable clubs in the big city of London. Their vindictive and intolerant spirit had probably caused them to hope that members of the club would be caught with cards or dice in their hands so that they might have the pleasure of hounding down any who happened to come within their clutches, but their charitable hopes were crushed,

the raid ending in a fiasco. The police of course had to bear their share of the odium that followed, and probably to that fact is attributable their disinclination to become the tools of an intolerant and narrow-minded section of the community. In Sydney, however, the police are carrying on the crusade against bookmakers and cash betting with extraordinary zeal, and in their work they appear to be backed up by the bench, the members of which threaten to visit the sin of cash betting with heavy fines, and if fines will not do imprisonment will follow. This new born zeal on the part of bench and "bobby" may be attributable to the pricking of conscience engendered by a sense of a gross neglect of duty in the past, a neglect which resulted in the establishment, in almost every street in Sydney, of cheap and dishonest tote shops, just the sort of places to which the Betting Houses Suppression Act was intended to apply when it was framed. The city was disgraced by the existence of these places, and for a long time they enjoyed such an immunity from prosecution and punishment that the public began to be suspicious, and these suspicions if formulated in words would not flatter either the bench or the police. These shops were as much the enemies of the respectable bookmaker as the general community, and now that many of them have been closed in consequence of the force of public opinion we find a new born zeal directed against the bookmakers who were the actual sufferers during the tolerated tote shop time, and are to be made the sufferers again, and that, too, by the aid of a law which is grossly anomalous, because while it makes it an offence to indulge in cash betting, wagering on the "nod" or on the credit system may be indulged in to further orders. In this respect the resuscitated law of the anti gamblers is, to quote the words of Mr Bumble, "a hass," because no one who has an ounce of experience on the Turf will attempt to argue that the credit system of betting is better or more healthy in tone than cash betting. It is certainly the credit system that makes men plungers. After losing his cash the punter generally stops, but unfortunately the man betting on credit very frequently does not know when to stop, until he becomes hopelessly involved, and that is what the effect of the crusade against cash betting will have. If cash betting is illegal, then the amendment of the law should be demanded, such as has been done by Mr Leven in the New South Wales Assembly, where he has introduced a Bill to make race-course betting permissible under certain restrictions, and from present appearances there is every prospect of the Bill passing.

After the Races.

[BY ATLAS.]

THE NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

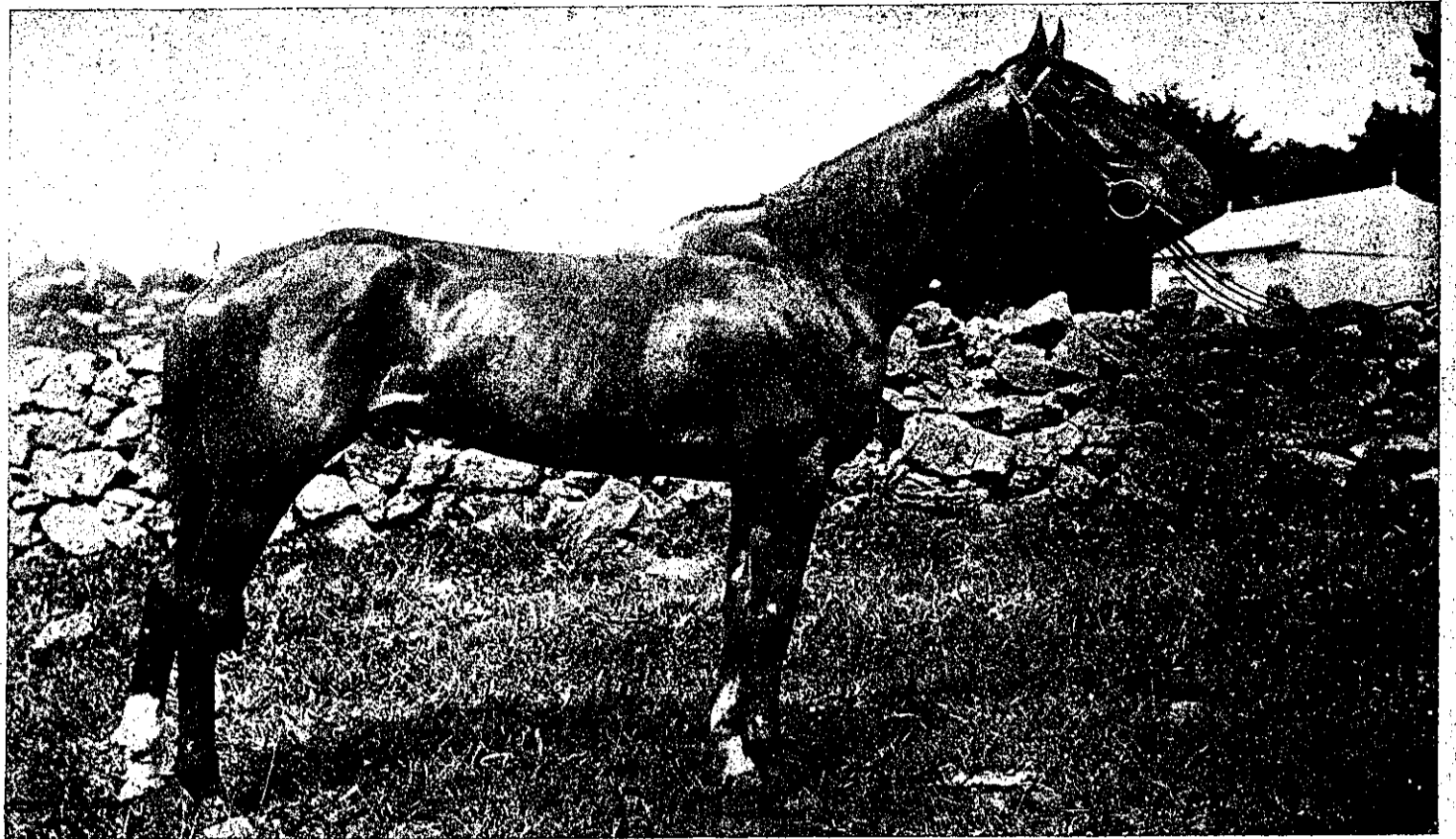
THIS has been a record year in the history of the Turf in New Zealand. The Canterbury Club claim to have achieved an unprecedented success, but that pleasing result has not been confined to Canterbury—it has been enjoyed, possibly, to a greater extent in Auckland, where the officials and stewards of the metropolitan club can look back with pleasure at the successful result of their efforts for the year. Ellerslie is naturally a pretty place, and the stewards have done much to improve it, and the fact that the club was able to race in the moist weather of Saturday last is testimony to the sound nature of the tracks, both on the flat and across the country. It was wretched weather for racing, but it was plain from the excellent attendance that the Auckland public are too enthusiastic supporters of the sport to permit of the discomfit of a wet coat to prevent their attendance at Ellerslie, especially when a Grand National has to be decided. It was wet overhead and sloppy under foot on Saturday, but the trains and the busses from the city were well patronised, and the spacious grandstand afforded an excellent shelter. The ladies, of course, did not turn out in such numbers as usual, and the few who were present were to an extent prisoners on the grandstand, for the usual pleasure of a stroll on the nice green, but now mud-besmeared, lawn could not be thought of. The sterner sex, however, ploughed through it regardless of consequence in their eagerness to get the latest tip, so that before the last race had been disposed of the vicinity of the totalisator presented a stirred-up appearance, but all things considered the meeting, so far as the first day was concerned, went off splendidly, and it is a fact worthy of recording that notwithstanding that the course was heavy, and in places was probably slippery, not a single accident occurred to mar the pleasure of some really interesting racing. That the bad weather did not damp the ardour or confidence of backers is evidenced by the amount of money passed through the machine—

For everything which gentlemen wear Geo. Fowlds is cheapest.

£5,498. This brings the total passed through the machine at Ellerslie for the year up to something approaching £90,000, upon which the club gets seven and a half per cent. to assist in the promotion of racing and a consequent encouragement to the breeder to produce high-class thoroughbreds. The bookmakers, too, during the year have not played an unimportant part, and I have reason to believe that a sum not very far short of £1000 has been given by them for licensing fees. The licensing of respectable men only to bet will be conceded, I think, to be a protection to the general public, but it has been the fashion in other parts of the world of late to go for the bookie, and I regret to hear that a desire has been evinced by officials in Auckland to be in the fashion. On Saturday, I understand, that Chief Detective Grace took the names of all the bookmakers who were plying their calling at Ellerslie, and, of course, it is highly probable that the metallicians will be the recipients of bits of blue paper, charging them with outraging a law that was never intended to be made applicable to racecourse betting. It is not Chief Detective Grace who is to be blamed. Left to themselves the police would probably never attempt to disturb the custom of a century, but behind the scenes there are wire-pullers at work as intolerant as that wretched English clergyman who recently turned Mr Dunn's son out of school because he was the son of a bookmaker. This beautiful specimen of the sky pilot subsequently had to express his regret for the slanderous language he had used, and I think it is just possible that the libelled bookmaker holds a higher position in the estimation of the public than the white-chokered anti-gambler. Betting on racecourses is legalised by the machine, and if it is not sinful in the eyes of the law to bet by means of machinery, why should it be regarded as an outrage on the law to bet with the licensed bookmaker? The club on Saturday announced publicly that all persons of questionable character would be excluded from the course, but I understand that there were several undesirable persons present, but the police were unable to turn them out because they were unable to obtain the attendance of any of the stewards to authorise their expulsion. Of course it should be remembered that the stewards have other and probably more pleasant duties to perform than attending to blacklegs. In all other respects the management was excellent, and the various officers of the club discharged their duties to the satisfaction of all present. Major Banks, as usual, officiated in the judge's box, while Mr G. Cutts was as successful as ever in getting his fields away on even terms. The totalisator, as usual, was under the capable management of Mr Blomfield. An excellent luncheon was provided by Mr T. McEwin, and as the atmosphere was just keen enough to provoke an appetite the good things were enjoyed. Impey's band was present, and although no fault could be found with their selections, music and wet weather do not seem to blend.

The field in the first race, the Maiden Handicap Steeplechase, was just ten minutes late in lining up. Of the eight starters, Tim, Rhino, and Perform were the best backed. North Shore form showed that there was not much between Tim and Perform, while Rhino had yet to make an Ellerslie reputation. When I saw him on Saturday I had an idea that he was on the big side, but he is unquestionably a good looking gelding and a beautiful jumper. Very early in the race Rhino appeared as pilot, Ditto, Forella, Sam, Tally-ho, and Perform all being close up. The field kept on good terms with the leader, who always seemed to gain a decided advantage at the jumps. Going up the hill for the last time, Forella was close on Rhino, who made an effort to shake off his opponent coming down the hill, but it was of no avail, and the pair were together at the foot of the hill. Perform was just in front of Rhino at the last jump, and, fairly wearing his opponent down, won by two lengths, while Rhino was about the same distance in front of Ditto, with Sam fourth, and Forella fifth. Tim was never prominent and evidently did not relish the soft going.

The whole of the fourteen on the card for the Winter Welter Handicap started, which must be



MR R. H. SKIPWITH'S B G ST. SIMON (BY ST. LEGER—WINNIE), WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL HURDLES AT THE NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

accepted as flattering to Mr Evett's adjustment of the weights. The popular selections were Regal, Retaliation, and Pyroxylin, but not one of the trio troubled the judge at the finish. Pyroxylin, however, showed a bold front from the start, and was first away, attended by St. Gordon and Panoply. That order was maintained right round to the home bend, when St. Gordon began to creep up on the leader, while Panoply also moved forward and Regal was going better than anything else behind, with Donovan and Cleopatra just in front of him. When once fairly in the straight, St. Gordon shot past Pyroxylin, who at once shut up, and the top weight (Panoply) made a gallant effort to get on terms with St. Gordon, but failed, the latter winning by two lengths and a half. Cleopatra was only beaten by a head for second place, but that was owing to Panoply momentarily taking matters a little too easy. Donovan was fourth, Seabreeze fifth, and Pyroxylin sixth. St. Gordon paid the acceptable dividend of £10. It will be remembered that he was one of my fancies for the leading event at North Shore, but on that occasion he performed very indifferently.

The event of the day, the Grand National Hurdle Race, created a lot of interest, and every one of the nine starters received substantial support, with perhaps the exception of The Friar. Even the ex-hack, Hairy Legs, had a following which mustered up £157 in his favor, but the best backed horses in the race were the North Shore mare, Annabelle, and the West Coast gelding, Dummy. When the horses came out for their preliminary, the interest in the event which this year has been the medium of a considerable amount of betting began to intensify. The top weight (St. Simon) moved with both freedom and determination, but although the public are good judges and thoroughly believed that St. Simon is a great horse, they doubted his ability as a four-year-old to carry such a load as 12st 12lb to victory over a heavy course, more especially when they remembered his sorry display at North Shore only twelve days before. To that may be attri-

buted the fact that only 112 out of the 1428 on the machine voted in favor of New Zealand's champion hurdler. Annabelle, the popular pick, appeared to be in great fig, and her respected owners made no secret of the fact that they expected her to run a great mare. Had it been her good fortune to win, her victory would have been a most popular one with every one except the "books," who, as a rule I think, had laid her in doubles with everything else in the Steeplechase. Everything in the race bore the appearance of having undergone a thorough preparation. Our Dunedin friends swore by Ilex, who certainly looked well; and, regarding Troubadour, I was told that if the pace was sound from the start he was certain to hop in, while of Hairy Legs it was murmured that he had smashed all the watches that had been put on him in his trials. With eight horses so well fancied it was no wonder that the spectators forgot all about the rain and had only consideration for the equine heroes who were ranging themselves into line in front of Mr Cutts to do battle for the Grand National of 1897. And it is a battle that will live long in the memories of those that saw it, because it brought to light the extraordinary quality of the greatest hurdler of the day, St. Simon. They jumped away in splendid line, St. Simon, Dummy, Annabelle, and Miss Nelson being all together, with the rest in a bush, but it was not St. Simon's mission to make the pace, and his cool-headed rider (Fergus) steadied the brilliant son of St. Leger, while Dummy, Annabelle, and Hairy Legs went on together. As they swept round the bend out of the straight there was just time for the thought that Hairy Legs, with his light weight, was quite right in making the pace, but was it wise for Annabelle and Dummy to race him for the lead thus early, but they did, and in doing so they were escaping the flying muck which was smothering horses and jockeys in the ruck. St. Simon during this time was hugging the rails, the watchful Fergus saving every inch of ground and keeping his horse to-

gether for the final struggle in the end, while by his side, ploughing along with determination, were Ilex and Troubadour, with the light blue colours of Miss Nelson on their girths, The Friar by this time having fallen back the cause being the bursting of a blood vessel in the head. Along the back the order was very much the same. The pace began to tell on Hairy Legs and he dropped back, while Ilex closed on the leaders, and St. Simon doggedly kept on in their wake while the whole field fenced magnificently. Annabelle was always in the lead or very close to it, and in the back stretch she seemed to have Dummy's measure, and then at the bend for home it seemed as if the North Shore mare had the race in hand as she made a gap between herself and followers. Ilex was incapable of the task of catching her, but at the last jump the black and red hoops of Fergus on St. Simon came to the front like a flash. Morrigan on Annabelle made one last effort, but although she was game enough she was not equal to the task, and St. Simon won the Grand National of 1897 by a length and a half, while the Dunedin representative was third five lengths away, Troubadour, Miss Nelson, Prince Charlie, and Dummy following in the order named. Although the majority of the public were not winners over the event a mighty cheer went up for St. Simon and his jockey when the horse returned to the scale. It was a flattering and generous testimony of the public to the great deed of a splendid horse. They had forgotten his failure at North Shore. All that had been wiped out and St. Simon was the hero of the hour. Annabelle performed splendidly, and all her connections had reason to be pleased with the run they had for their money.

The Selling Steeplechase did not create much interest, it being generally looked upon as a foregone conclusion for Mozel; and so it proved. Soon after the start he went to the front and left his opponents hopelessly in the rear, and won pulling up. His stable companion, Reflection, ran very creditably for her first attempt over big country.

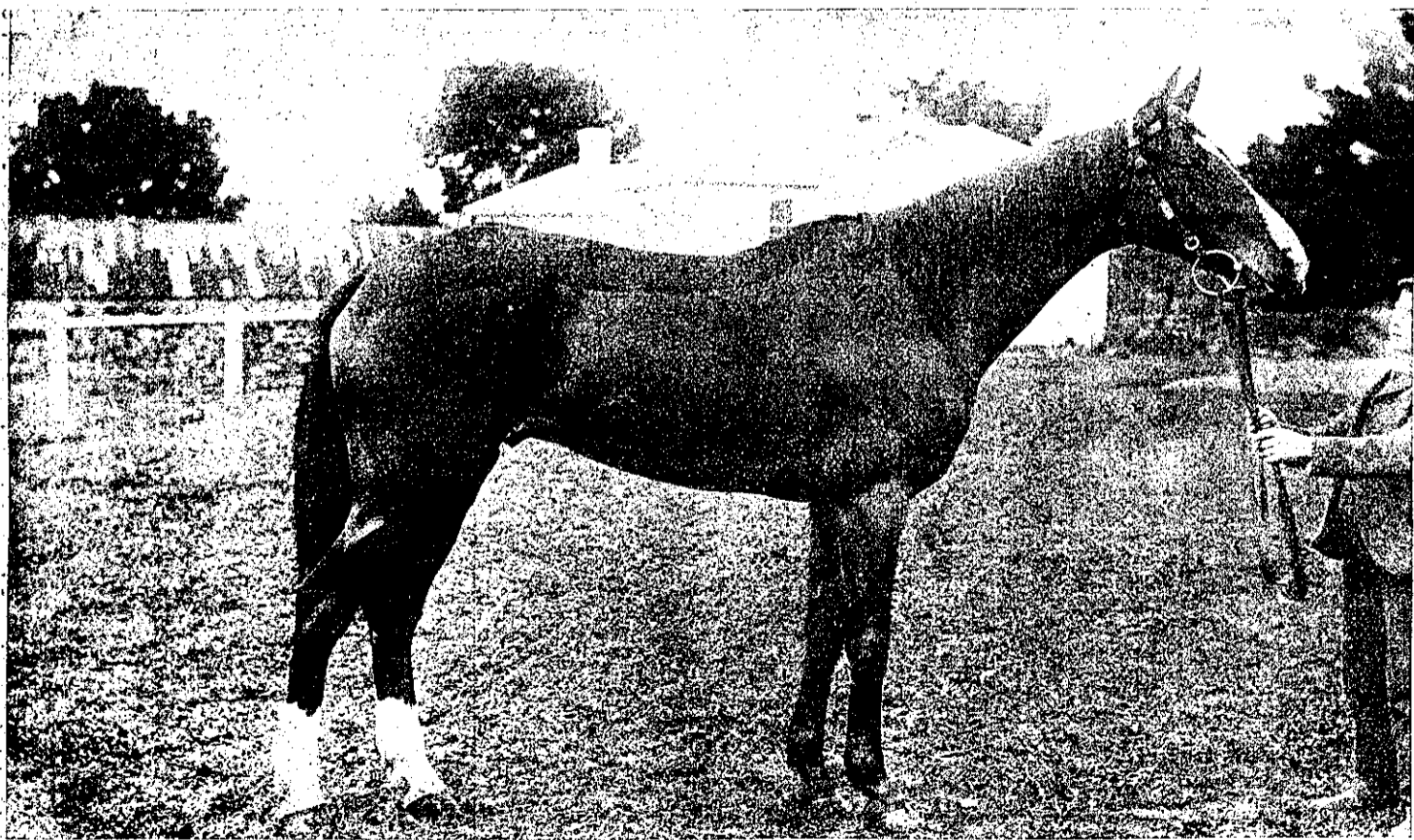
The Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race brought out a field of six, and an exceedingly interesting race between Muscatel and Dentist resulted in favour of the visitor, who finished very gamely.

The Pony Handicap Hurdle Race brought the day's sport to a close. Libeller cut out most of the running, and rounding the bend into the straight looked like the winner, but here Bob came with a wet sail and won by a couple of lengths at the finish. Recruit was third, Pororus fourth, and Clayton fifth.

SECOND DAY.

Beautiful weather on Monday, the second day of the Great Northern Steeplechase Meeting, made it a pronounced success. There must have been nearly 4000 people present, and they were rewarded with an excellent afternoon's sport. The secretary of the club is certainly to be entitled to praise for the excellence of the management all through. Speculation was brisk, the sum of £7,248 passing through the machine, making a total for the two days of £12,746, or £967 more than last year. A couple of accidents occurred during the day, but neither of them were of a very serious nature. Daisy Bell fell in the Pony Hurdle Race, and gave her rider, T. Waldron, a nasty toss. When picked up he was insensible, and was evidently suffering from concussion of the brain, but subsequently I was glad to hear that he had considerably recovered. The other accident happened to the unlucky Bombardier in the Tally-Ho Steeplechase. This time it was not over a fence he came to grief, but while racing on the flat. He evidently slipped and crossed his legs, and came down very heavily, Denny Morrigan in consequence sustaining a fracture of the collar-bone.

The afternoon's sport was commenced at one o'clock with the Maiden Hurdle Race, eleven, or just half the field entered, being content with Mr Evett's adjustment of the weights. Dentist, Glauvena, and Hairy Legs were all well backed, but punters were astray in their calculations, as the formidable North Shore stable supplied the winner in Lady Agnes. The start was an excel-



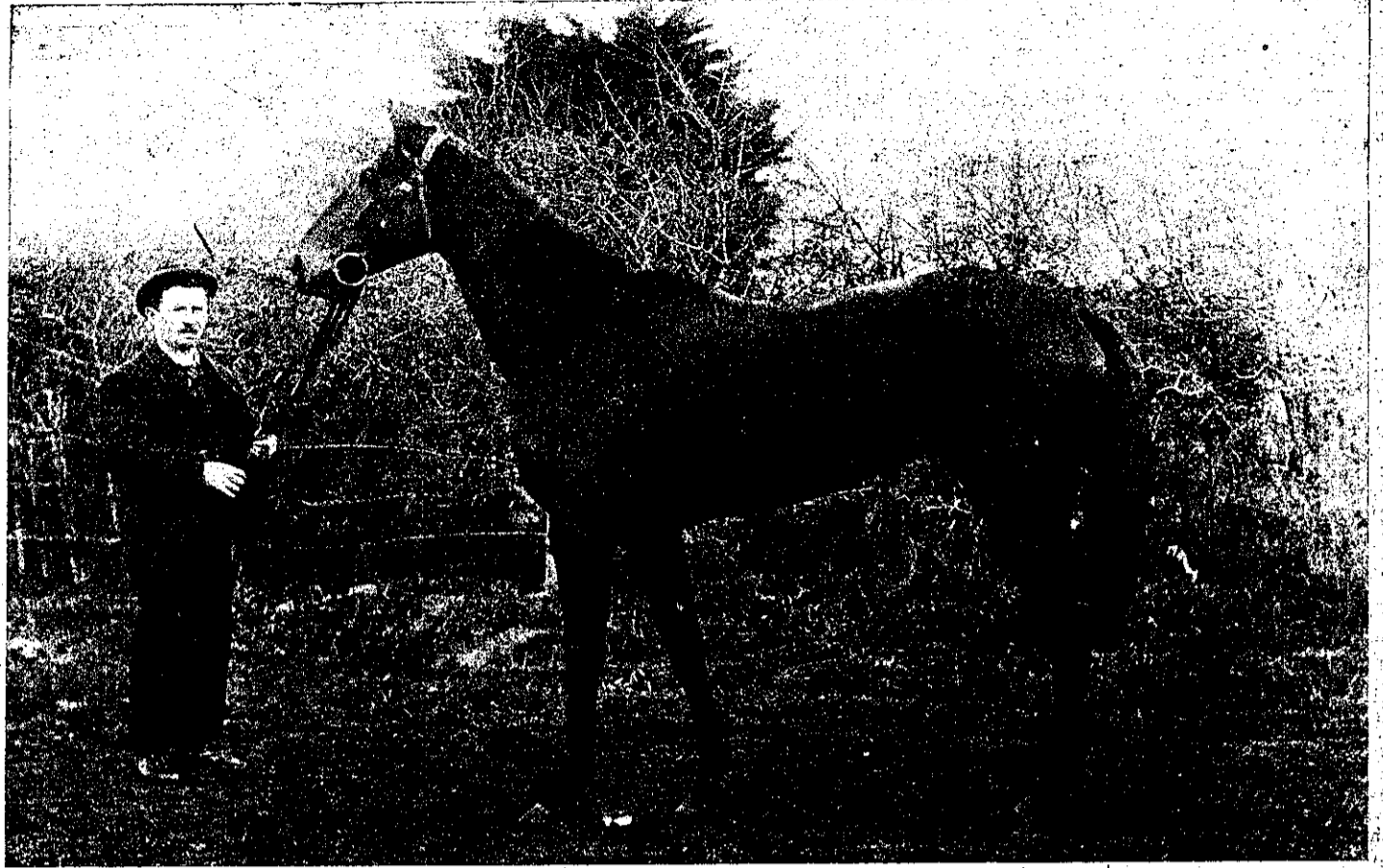
MR C. ARCHIBALD'S B G LEVANTER (BY CAPTIVATOR—STEEL ALL), WINNER OF THE GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLCHASE AT THE NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

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lent one, and Lady Agnes, Glauvena, and Hairy Legs showed the way over the first hurdle, but soon afterwards Glauvena led the others by a length, Atlantic already being a long last. Going round the bend Lady Agnes and Glauvena were racing together, Dentist laying third, with the rest of the field in trouble. At the back Lady Agnes drew away from Glauvena and was never afterwards troubled, winning very easily by five lengths, while Dentist was an indifferent fourth. Redfection was fifth, and Muriwai sixth.

Seven saddled up for the Pony Handicap, and although Clayton was the absolute favourite a commission in favour of the good looking Recruit, effected almost at the last moment, made him second favourite on the machine. Clayton never flattered his supporters, but the race, particularly between Recruit and Bob, was a splendid one. These two with Libeller formed the front division during the whole of the journey, but when the straight was reached the contest was virtually between Bob and Recruit. The latter, when heads were turned for home, had a short lead of Bob and a ding-dong battle all the way down the straight ensued, both ponies finishing very gamely. Recruit, however, lasted long enough to win by a neck. The winner, I believe, comes from the Paeroa district, and is by Tetford out of Virginia. He is a splendidly made little fellow and this should not be his last victory, as I fancy he can carry weight as well as gallop. Napoleon, when running well forward, fell, and Daisy Bell also came to grief. The private reputation of this pony is certainly in advance of her public form.

When the numbers went up for the Great Northern Steeplechase the only absentees were found to be Bombardier, Sepoy, and Repeat. After his performance in the Grand National Hurdle Race, it was not surprising to find that St. Simon was made a strong favourite, but it certainly did take a few by surprise to notice the hearty support that was accorded to Levanter. His failure with eight pounds less in the saddle at Wanganui did not appear to be a recommendation, and during the past fortnight he had been but little mentioned in the betting until Saturday night, when a representative of the stable showed that the choice was Levanter, not Kingswood, as some people had imagined. Public form, as usual, was knocked sideways, because the hero of the Grand National Hurdles was ignominiously beaten, while the defeated of Wanganui romped home at Ellerslie, and second and third to him were Tally-Ho and Miss Nelson, whose performances on the first day of the meeting certainly did not flatter their prospects in the Great Northern Steeplechase; but all this, of course, is what constitutes the glorious uncertainty of the sport, and also demonstrates to a certain degree that the ability of a steeplechaser cannot very safely be gauged by his performances over hurdles. When the field for the Great Northern was despatched by Mr Cutts, Mozel and The Friar were momentarily in front, but Rhino soon took up the running, and going up the hill was from ten to fifteen lengths in front of the others, Mozel, The Friar, and Kingswood being at the head of the main body. That was the order right round and over the water jump, where Rhino still had an advantage of fifteen lengths, the order then being Mozel, Kingswood, Tally-Ho, The Friar, Miss Nelson, St. Simon, Levanter, Dromedary, Ditto, and Glenlora. At the jump near the cutting Rhino blundered and lost ground, but he still led up the hill. In the plantation Tally-Ho ran into second position, the order along the crest of the hill being Rhino, ten lengths in front of Tally-Ho, who was a length in front of Mozel, and five lengths further away were Kingswood, Levanter, Miss Nelson, and St. Simon. Going down the hill Rhino commenced to come back to his field, and at the double was only three lengths in front of Tally-Ho, who was going strong and well, and then came Mozel, Miss Nelson, Kingswood, Levanter, and St. Simon, the latter evidently having had enough of the cross-country work, and Fergus had to shake him up. Rhino led to the bend, but he had now had enough and resigned the lead to Tally-Ho, who was going so well that her backers already became jubilant.



MR. W. PINE'S BR G GOLDSBUR (BY RUBEZAH--ROSESPUR), NEW ZEALAND'S CHAMPION SPRINTER.

The mare led up the back, her nearest attendant being Rhino, who in turn was followed by Mozel, Miss Nelson and Levanter, the others, and particularly St. Simon, being out of it. Rhino fell at the post and rail, while Mozel slipped and came down. The race now looked a good thing for Tally-Ho, who was nearly a dozen lengths in front of Levanter, but Jack Rae in the latter end with his usual patience bided his time. There can be no doubt that he is a grand general, and it was soon evident that he had nursed his favourite, who was now full of running, for the bitter end of the long journey. Tally-Ho was still going strong down the hill, but the shout "here comes Jack Rae" denoted the fact that Levanter was at last in hot pursuit and would fight out the battle for the Great Northern Steeplechase for the honour of the North and the dollars of his owner and rider. Gradually the gallant old son of Captivator drew on the leader, and when Tally-Ho faltered, although only slightly, at the stone wall the black and cream hoops on the Auckland horse were only a little behind the black jacket and gold sash on Tally-Ho. The latter had gamely fought out the battle, but the Auckland was not to be denied, and rushing to the front he had the race in hand at the last hurdle and finally won by nearly half a dozen lengths, while Miss Nelson was ten lengths away third, and Dromedary a dozen lengths further away fourth, the rest being nowhere. St. Simon, who was so enthusiastically cheered on Saturday, walked in almost unobserved. His display over the big fences was certainly disappointing and calculated to make one think that more has been said of his North Shore failure than was wise or just, his running in the North Shore Steeplechase and the Great Northern being on all fours.

The Handicap Hurdles brought out a field of seven, nearly all being good performers, and after her creditable display on the first day it was not surprising to find that Annabelle was made the favourite, although she had gone up considerably in the weights. Dummy, Tim, and Annabelle

formed the front division for most part of the way, and the trio entered the straight almost on terms, but Annabelle was the first over the last hurdle and she raced home a comfortable winner by three lengths from Tim, who would have paid a remarkably good dividend had anything happened to the North Shore mare.

Eight faced the starter in the Tally-Ho Steeplechase, and as just half that number had competed in the Great Northern Steeplechase it could not have been expected that they had much chance with the fresh horses, and the consequence was the bulk of the public money went on Perform and Bombardier, but Kingswood was also well supported. Rhino for the second time during the afternoon acted as pacemaker, and he made matters pretty lively for once round when he ran off at the double. Perform then took charge and led up the hill, followed by Tally-Ho and Bombardier. At the jump on the top of the hill Bombardier blundered and soon afterwards fell. Perform was never afterwards headed and won very comfortably by three lengths, while Tally-Ho just beat Sam for second place, and whatever honour is attached to fourth place fell to Mozel, the rest being nowhere.

The last race of the day, the second Winter Welter Handicap, brought out the biggest field of the meeting, namely twenty, and it was unfortunate that the light was getting a little uncertain when the competitors ranged up in front of Mr Cutts. In such a field the advantage of the start is a big consideration, and Mr Cutts had a little difficulty in restraining the boys. He succeeded fairly well, however, but from what could be seen in the dim light Swordfish and The Sharper were the slowest to move. Pyroxilin, Lady Anna, and Lady Marion, formed the front division, and it looked anybody's race coming down the straight, but just opposite the stand Tommy Taylor brought Bonnie Blue to the front with a brilliant dash and flashed past the post a good neck in front of Pyroxilin, while Donovan was close up third, Lady Anna fourth, and St. Gordon fifth.

The dividend, £22 15s, was the best paid at the meeting. The winner is an importation from New South Wales, and is by Clan Stuart out of that really good mare The Gift. The victory of Bonnie Blue brought a most successful meeting to a close.

Sporting Topics.

Carlton, the Newmarket Handicap winner, has sailed for India.

The disqualification of three years imposed by the Waikata Hack Racing Club on John Black and the mare Ike, for ringing in, has been endorsed by the Dunedin Jockey Club.

Few in this district, states the *Hawera Star*, gave Bradshaw any more than an outside show in the Wanganui Steeplechase, and Mr M. J. Goodson's win was a popular one when the game little black ran home in front of his field. Bradshaw's win is all the more meritorious when his inches are considered.

Whilst the popular owner and trainer of the chaser Levanter was in Wanganui he was subjected to a lot of good-natured chaff *re* a telegram which was published announcing the capture of the Auckland levanter at Inglewood. "Jack" was relating the incident to one of Auckland's most popular hostesses, and also in the presence of a well-known Auckland man. The latter exclaimed, "You did not train that Levanter, or, when he bolted, he would have gone clean off the New Zealand track on to the course known as the 'Pacific slope.'"

Sweeps conducted on the same principle as Tattersall's have become quite the rage in the Transvaal. No restriction whatever is placed upon them. They are publicly advertised, and are drawn in the theatres in the presence of the subscribers. Referring to these, the *Transvaal Licensed Victuallers' Gazette and Sporting Review* remarks:—"The great danger that I see in these very big sweeps is the temptation which it gives to owners to run their horses according to the results of the sweeps. It is easy to comprehend that in the case where there is (in an extra special sweep) a prize of £5,000 offered for the winning horse ticket, there is a strong inducement for an owner to tout with the drawer of the ticket, and to threaten him that, if he does not give him a share, he will scratch his horse. This, I learn on good authority, was actually done at a recent meeting. If sweepstakes are to lead to this state of things, the sooner they are done away with the better for horse racing and all matters connected with the Turf."

The Association of Mines has joined with the anti-gamblers in the Transvaal in an agitation against sweeps. The wrath of the *Transvaal Sporting Review* has been aroused, and it remarks:—"None of these people, many of whom are monied men, can be said to have made their money out of legitimate mining, that is to say, none of them have looked to the dividends paid by the mines as their source of income. Some few have gambled in mining shares, but more have arranged the gamble for the public, rigging the market to the ruin of small men, well knowing how they were picking the pockets of those not 'in the know,' and all with perfect equanimity. And these are the people who set themselves up to teach us morality!"

Stock breeding in Victoria is a funny game, (states "Javelin"). At the present time a good fat bullock is worth about a tenner, while thoroughbred horses with all the blood of the equine Howards in them frequently realise no more than a guinea in open competition. If the masses in this colony had cultivated a Persian taste for horse flesh as an edible instead of only utilising it for gambling purposes, Mr Archie Yuille would have no cause to complain of business being dull. Fancy what fun it would be to hear Archie drop, "You never saw one shaped like him that couldn't gallop," for "How would a bit of that fellow go with a few mushrooms? Now then, you gourmands, speak up if I don't see you!"



THE START FOR THE PROVINCIAL HANDICAP AND VIEW OF THE GRANDSTAND FROM THE STEWARDS' STAND AT THE MAY MEETING OF THE DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

The Sydney two-year-old Kilt has been sold to go to West Australia.

"Randwick" thinks Burleigh is about the best of the Sydney two-year-olds.

The much-improved Paul Pry carried 9st. 9lb., and won the Birthday Cup at Perth on May 24.

Luster is the first two-year-old winner that Mr. S. Miller's stable has turned out this season.

The stallion Launceston, by Tasman—Rubina, has been selected to do stud duty at Currawong station, New South Wales.

Mr. Tom Hales intends taking a lengthy sea trip to recuperate his health. His racing stock and residence at Moonee Ponds will shortly be brought under the hammer.

£500 to £1 was laid the double, Thunderer and Eleusinian, for the City Handicap and Birthday Cup in Adelaide. And the man who laid still won £80 on the book.

Prime Minister, by Westminster—Stockdove, cost Mr. Proudfoot £1800 when he purchased him out of Watty Blacklock's stable. A couple of weeks ago this stallion was sold at auction for 42 guineas to Mr. D. Duff, of Tamworth, New South Wales.

Melbourne news is to the effect that the entries for the rich Maribyrnong Plate are sixteen more than last year, but the V.R.C. Derby and the Champion Stakes entries show a falling off, there being a score less in the Derby and half a dozen less in the Champion. As a set off, however, there is an increase in the St. Leger of seventeen, while in the Spring Stakes there are thirty-two more than last year. Taken all round the entries show a total increase of fifty-one.

At the Sydney Central Police Court last week, Mr. Addison, S.M., the chairman of the Metropolitan Bench, announced that in order to check the evil of betting the magistrates had decided, after June 1, to fine any person convicted of carrying on a tote-shop £50 for the first offence, and inflict a sentence of six months' imprisonment for a second offence, while persons convicted of laying doubles would be fined twice the amount it had hitherto been the custom to make the penalty.

After racing very successfully in New South Wales, the Queensland horse Battalion has gone back to Brisbane, where on Queen's Birthday he won the Brisbane Cup with 10.3 in the saddle, cutting out the two miles in 3min 35³/₄sec. It is not often they turn out anything above the common in Bananaland, but when they do it is generally a good one, Le Grand, Megaphone, and Ben Bolt to wit. Battalion will probably have a cut in for some of the good things in the south of Australia in the Spring of the year. The Queensland St. Leger was won by a gelding called Brazenface.

The real triumph of the Faddists in the Dunn case, writes "Vigilant," was that from the decision of the five judges there was no appeal. Even so, the resources of civilisation were not exhausted, nor the ingenuity of lawyers blunted. Rather were they more set on finding a loophole of escape, and that is what such eminent council as Sir F. Lockwood and Mr. Stutfield think they have discovered. A friendly action by way of testing a legal point is never a hard matter to arrange. Accordingly the Kempton Park Racecourse Company are to be sued in a civil court for a penalty on account of doing certain things which they believe they have the right to do—namely, set apart an enclosure for the accommodation of bookmakers and others caring to pay the price charged for admission. Let this contention be established—and the question will be fought out right up to the House of Lords—and such judgment, in direct conflict with the implication in that delivered in Hawke v. Dunn, will, as being more authoritative, overbear it. Thus the common sense principle, so long acted on, will be affirmed and established that a racecourse is not a betting house, and, in the Act directed against those houses, was never in the remotest degree intended to be regarded as one.



THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT.—TWO WELL-KNOWN DUNEDIN SPORTS: T. KETT AND J. LOUGHLIN.

The crusade against English bookmakers continues, C. Hibbert, R. S. Fry, and John Edge had their names taken at Kempton Park on Easter Monday, and summonses were to be issued against them for betting in the reserved enclosure. These are three of the biggest bookmakers in England. Hibbert is the owner of Rory O'More, the steeplechaser, and recommended the owners of the Australian mare Emmalea to send her to England.

Another injustice to Ireland! At the Sydney Turf Club's meeting recently the Steeplechase was won by Gladstone, while Parnell, a well backed favorite, could get no nearer than third. Pat, however, had won the Hurdle Race, so backers of Hibernian alliteration would have been on velvet if Parnell had got home.

Although it has been said that the quality of the jumpers in Australia is not of a high order, it is very evident that there are plenty of them, 81 having entered for the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles and 46 for the Steeplechase. Among the entrants for both races are Tiritea, Donald McKinnon, Mutiny, and St. Simon. New Zealanders would like to see the last-named fairly handicapped and measuring strides with the Victorians over the little sticks.

The Caulfield Cup winner, Cremorne, has been thrown out of work. Although he is eight years of age, his trainer, J. Allsop, states that he is as sound as ever he was in his life. After a short spell he will be prepared for the Spring.

The entries for the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups, which are published elsewhere, must be regarded as highly satisfactory by the great Victorian institution. It will be observed that there are two Battalions entered for the Melbourne Cup, the one being by Trenton out of See-saw, while the other is the winner of the Brisbane Cup, in which he cantered home with the heavy impost of 10st. 3lb. This Battalion, who will probably come into notice for the Spring Handicap, is by Battalious out of Nancy Till.

M. Ridgway, the Franco-American sportsman, sold off his horses just before the mail left for £16,000. Chief price—£3240—was paid by M. Jacques Lebaudy for Canvas Back, a 3-year-old colt, who has shown fine form.

The death is announced of the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase winner, Eaglet, who, in conjunction with Redleap, assisted to secure the memorable double for Mr S. Miller in 1889.

Larrikin, by his victory in the Steeplechase, at the V.R.C. Queen's Birthday meeting, exposed the fallacy of having a maximum of 13st. 7lb. in such races.

The English Derby, run at the Epsom Meeting on June 2nd, resulted, as most people had recently expected, in the victory of the Irish bred colt Galtee More, by Kendal—Morganette. The places were occupied by Lord Roseberry's Velasquez (Donovan—Vita) and Mr J. S. Harrison's History (Hampton—Isabelle). His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales' colt Oakdean finished fourth. A field of eleven started, and the cable informs us that Galtee, who was an odds on favorite, won in a canter by two lengths, the official time being 2min. 44sec. Although not the winter favourite Galtee More's two-year-old form stamped him as a great colt. He won the Hurstburne Stakes at Stockbridge, but in the Great Lancashire Breeders' Plate he suffered defeat by a head at the hands of Mr L. de Rothschild's Brigg. After that he won the Malcomb Stakes at Goodwood, the Rous Plate at Doncaster, and the Middle Park Plate at Newcastle, defeating in the last named Velasquez, who was the winter favourite for the Derby. However, in the Two Thousand Guineas this year he again defeated Lord Roseberry's colt. That success he followed up by winning the rich Newmarket Stakes. After that he was an odds on favourite for the Derby, and if all goes well with him he should earn the triple crown, namely, the Two Thousand Guineas, the Derby, and the St. Leger.

We have been fortunate this time in escaping the prophetic skill of our 643 subscribers, who, by coupon, attempted to pick the winners of the treble, the Grand National Hurdles, the Great Northern Steeplechase, and the Handicap Hurdle Race, at our late meeting at Ellerslie. Some of them, however, were near it, and although St. Simon paid a good dividend on the totalisator, no less than 63 of our prophets got a leg in with him. However, out of the 63 only five included Levanter in their combination, and in turn not one of these five had selected Annabelle.

Next week we will start our £50 coupon on the treble, the Caulfield, Melbourne, and New Zealand Cups. Subscribers will find the benefit of ordering the SPORTING REVIEW regularly, as during the past few weeks there has been such an unprecedented run on the paper that the supply became exhausted, and many intending readers were disappointed.

Honours were pretty evenly distributed among the sires at the Great Northern Meeting. The progeny of St. Leger and Natator are each credited with two wins, St. Simon and St. Gordon having won for the former, while the consistent Perform put two races to the credit of Natator. The progeny of the following sires won one race each—Turquoise (Mozel in the Selling Steeplechase), Foul Play (Muscatel in the Maiden Handicap), The Dauphin (Bob in the Pony Handicap Hurdle Race), Nelson (Lady Agnes in the Second Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race), Telford (Recruit in the Second Pony Handicap Hurdle Race), Captivator (Levanter in the Great Northern Steeplechase), Lionel (Annabelle in the Handicap Hurdle Race), and Clan Stuart (Bonnie Blue in the Second Winter Welter Handicap).

The North New Zealand Grand National Meeting was responsible for a good deal of speculation, and there can be no doubt that the operations of the books who were laying the double for some weeks before the meeting had a lot to do with the success achieved. All last week we were unusually strong in the bookmaking element, because the strength of the Auckland forces had been augmented by the presence of such substantial and genial wielders of the pencil as Mr Barnett (of Barnett and Grant), Mr Ryan (of W. Ryan and Co.), Mr W. Proffitt (of Proffitt and Wilson), Mr Martin Taylor, Mr Livingstone, and other gentlemen whose names escape us at the moment of writing. The presence of so many bookmakers in town at one time was calculated to frighten those who watch over the totalisator with fond and jealous care, but after all it will be seen that the totalisator earned a considerable sum more than last year, when there were not so many prominent bookmakers present. Those who had the good fortune to meet the visitors will be glad to welcome them back next year.

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IN THE SHELTER.—WELL-KNOWN FACES AT THE MAY MEETING OF THE DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

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CANTERBURY.

The New Zealand Cup nominations—Salvo Shot—The Melbourne Cup nominations—The Auckland Grand National Meeting—Quiltiri—Schooling work.

CHRISTCHURCH, June 8.

The nominations for the New Zealand Cup, the great event of the racing year, closed on Friday last. The nominations number fifty-nine, or five less than last year. In looking down the list one cannot help but think that all the horses now in training in the colony, who have a chance of winning the big prize or getting two miles have been nominated. I was surprised, however, not to see Gold Medallist and Multiform in the list. These two colts are undoubtedly the best in the colony, and have already been well backed. Their absence goes to show the foolhardiness of backing horses for a race before even nominations had closed. Other horses I thought would probably be among the entries are Quiltiri, Lorelei, The Shrew Arquebus, Mannlicher, Nestor and Lotion. Mr Ormond heads the list with five nominations, all chestnuts, Mr Murray Hobbs has four, Mr W. Douglas three, G. Hunter, R. Burke, S. H. Gollan, H. Goodman, J. A. McGuinness, D. McKinnon, A. Davis, G. G. Stead, and E. H. Hankins two each. The four-year-old division is represented by eighteen, there are fifteen three-year-olds, eleven five-year-olds, eight six year-olds, and seven aged horses. Euroclydon, Defiance, Fabulist, Culverin, and Epaullet are the only horses nominated who ran in the race last year.

Salvo Shot has been nominated for the flat races of the Nelson Jockey Club Record Reign Meeting.

Euroclydon is the only New Zealand horse nominated for next Melbourne Cup. A rumour was circulated that Gold Medallist and Multiform would be nominated, but their names do not appear in the list.

Considerable interest was shown here over the Auckland National Meeting. Dummy and Ilex were well supported. St. Simon's victory stamps him as the most brilliant horse over hurdles in the colony. Levanter, whom I wired you last week as my selection for the Steeplechase, was well backed here, as also were St. Simon, Miss Nelson, and Kingswood. Pyroxylin was wired down as a really good thing for the Second Welter, the result being that he was heavily supported. It is hard lines, when you have a good thing to be beaten by a neck.

Quiltiri is shaping exceedingly well over hurdles. He is a constant attendant at the race-course and will be among the nominations for the hurdle events at our National Meeting.

Chaos, Token, Cactus, Arquebus, and Lord of Misrule have also been doing work over hurdles this week.

Highlander has been jumping remarkably well over big fences lately. He will be a candidate for the Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase. Cactus also jumps well, and he should make a good hurdler.

WELLINGTON.

Clarke's string—Violence—Austral—Sea Serpent—A departure for England—Auckland winners backed in Wellington.

WELLINGTON, June 4.

T. Clarke has gone up to Hastings with Sea Serpent and Umslopogass. The reason for taking them there so early is that the tracks there are considered better, and there are schooling fences there. R. Kingan has gone up to ride the horses.

Violence had bad luck at Wanganui, and that was probably the reason of his not being sent to Auckland.

Bob Kingan rode Huntingdon at Otaki on Queen's Birthday, and was up on Violence the following day.

Peter Keith returned here last week, having sold Carrick after his win at Maribyrnong. Keith is after something in the Taranaki district, which I consider a bit better than Carrick.

Mr and Mrs W. Davis have not yet returned from Dunedin. Strathbraan returned from Dunedin last week, and the team are in charge of J. Hunter. Most of this team are turned out at present.

A. Peters has Loveshot, Raupo II, Mizpah, Austral, and a couple of colts in hand. The Catesby's are likely looking youngsters.

Ike James has a colt by Catesby—Amy (purchased from Mr Alfred Ward) in hand here.

Austral is going all right at the Hunt, and will have another try at the Wellington steeplechase. The reason he was not taken to Auckland was because it was decided not to take his stable companion.

There was a shortness of horse boxes at Otaki and cattle trucks had to be used, and in being shipped Roseleaf got one of her legs badly injured, and Mr H. Clay, the owner, this week interviewed the directors of the Manawatu Railway Company in reference to damages. It will be remembered that Bona Fide sustained similar injuries.

Sea Serpent is now exercised in the clothing and gear formerly used on Mr F. Martin's horses, and it is surmised the latter owns Sea Serpent.

June 7.

Mr J. O'Driscoll, formerly well-known here as owner of Reputation and Jacob, and now well-known on the west coast as owner of Secrecy and Off Chance, leaves for England to-morrow via Sydney and Melbourne on a holiday trip.

A local sporting solicitor picked the Auckland jumping double with a local book for a century. The commissioner for the North Shore stable was abroad to-day, and the stable must have had a fair win over Lady Agnes and Annabelle.

OTAGO.

Dullness in sporting matters—Missfire—Hippomenes and Plotter—Ulster—Euroclydon—New Zealand Cup candidates.

DUNEDIN, June 8.

Sporting matters are very dull here, and there is nothing of much importance to report.

Missfire was tried over hurdles last week, and acquitted himself satisfactorily. He appeared to like it.

Hippomenes and Plotter are to be given preliminaries at the same game this week. Should the former take kindly to it he should ultimately be a top-notch.

Ulster, the double Hurdles winner at our late meeting, is to be nominated for the C.J.C. Grand National.

Euroclydon, the Dunedin champion, is the only New Zealand horse nominated for the Melbourne Cup.

The entries for the New Zealand Cup are looked on here as a very poor lot, and no interest has been taken in the list published. I have not heard of a single wager of importance being booked. Goldspur being an absentee from the list caused some surprise, as he had been previously backed at 100 to 2 and 3 for a good sum.

Local pencilers did well over your National Meeting. St. Simon was almost friendless for the Hurdles, while Ilex was accorded big support.

HAWKES BAY.

Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's committee meeting—The hurdler Lord Raven—The Auckland meeting.

NAPIER, June 5.

The monthly committee meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club was held yesterday at the Criterion Hotel. Present—Captain Russell, M.H.R. (chairman), Messrs. G. P. Donnelly, T. H. Lowry, S. L. Sunderland, F. Logan, A. Reid, and Hon. J. D. Ormond, M.L.C. A letter from the secretary to the C.J.C., stating that he was unable to collect amount due from Mr Butler, as he had no horses engaged at the meeting. W. S. Page's application for assistance from the Disabled Jockeys' Fund, was deferred for further information. A letter was received from Mr James Billise, concerning a dividend he considers he should have received at the autumn meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club. The secretary was instructed to reply that, being in the nature of a contingent advice, the Napier Park Club had acted in accordance with the usual conditions.

Mr Shrimpton wrote resigning his position as treasurer to the club, and it was resolved that the committee desires to express their sincere regret at Mr Shrimpton's resignation, and beg to record their appreciation of his services to the club. The Wanganui Jockey Club enquired how it was that the jockey George Delaney had been allowed to work in Connop's stable after his license had been suspended by them. The secretary reported that Delaney was only residing at Connop's place, and was not engaged by him to work. It was resolved that a reply to that effect be sent to the Wanganui Club. An application was received from Mr Cashion to exhibit his patent hurdle on the racecourse, and it was agreed to allow him this privilege so long as it did not interfere with training or any other work upon the track. Mr H. Piper wrote reporting that Mr T. Quinlivan (senr.) had used bad language to him at the Kaiti Meeting on May 24, and requested that the Jockey Club committee would take steps to protect him from this sort of thing in the future. Mr Quinlivan denied this and other accusations, and it was resolved to defer the matter for the purpose of taking evidence upon the subject.

The Bracelet, to be competed for on the 22nd June, was received and handed to Mr F. Collins (jeweller) for completion, when it will be duly exhibited prior to the meeting. The jumps for the steeplechase course, on the same lines as last year, were agreed to, subject to the possibility of erecting a log fence, which matter was left in the hands of Messrs. Reid, Donnelly, and the secretary to arrange. Capt. Russell and Mr G. Hunter, M.H.R., were appointed to represent the club at the Conference, to be held at Wellington on July 5th. Mr T. H. Lowry reported that his horse Riater had been nominated and run at Woodthorpe Races as Riater, such being a printer's error in the spelling of the horse's name, and desired that he might nominate the horse in its original name. It was resolved, under Rule 27, that the chestnut gelding Riater, being, by a clerical error, twice nominated at the Woodthorpe Meeting as Riater, the owner be instructed that for the future he could nominate him as Riater. The programme for a meeting at Wairoa, on July 14th, was not approved. The following applications for licenses were granted:—Trainer's: R. Marshall. Jockey's: J. Marshall. Owners' permits: Henry Voice, P. Connolly, John Groome, T. Cottle, J. McNiven, and G. T. Sunderland. Gentleman rider's certificates: J. B. A'Deane, Percy Neafe, W. S. Marshall, B. Crombie, and Ireland.

Mr T. Hone, the well-known local dog fancier, had the bad luck yesterday to lose by distemper his seven-month-old English setter dog puppy, which he had lately imported from Victoria. He was a beautifully-bred dog, being by the English champion, Richmond, who swept the board in his class for several seasons past in England. His mother is Ripplet, who was got in England by Ripplet Shot. Mr Hone is to be sympathized with in his loss, and his dog showed signs of being a splendid animal. In fact, his former owner stated that he looked every bit as good a dog at his age as Woodrake, who is the acknowledged champion of his class in the Australian Colonies at the present time.

June 8.

Ben. Nicholls shipped the hurdler Lord Raven to Gisborne by the Tarawera on Saturday night.

He belongs to Mr Hepburn of that place, but Nicholls has had him in hand for some time, and I suppose his repeated breakdowns have been such a source of annoyance to him that he was glad to get rid of him.

The non-success of the local-owned trio, Rhino, Prince Charlie, and Tallv-Ho, at the Auckland National Meeting gave Napier backers a severe facing. They always, as a rule, right royally support the district noddies, and upon this occasion they are left lamenting.

Our Illustrations.

MISS ALICE LEAMAR is our theatrical illustration this week. With the original of this charming portrait "Orpheus" enjoyed a pleasant chat the other day at the Grand Hotel. Miss Leamar is a bright and unaffected lady without an atom of "side" or vanity. She was born at Clapham, and regards herself as a true Cockney. She is half English and half Welsh in blood, and is the younger sister of the famous Leamar sisters, who in their day were quite at the top of the tree in pantomime, burlesque, extravaganza, and variety work. One of these ladies married into a titled family. Miss Leamar made her first appearance when only nine winters had passed over her blonde head. This was in pantomime at a Birmingham theatre, and under the wing of her sisters. Her parents thinking her too young then put a stop to further performances, and little Alice was kept at home until her thirteenth year. The sisters then begged for another appearance, as a manager friend was producing the "Babes in the Wood," and wanted a second babe. She was got up for inspection in one of her sisters' dresses, and the manager pronounced her too big for a babe, but gave her a much better part in the piece, in which she succeeded very well. She was shortly after promoted to one of the best roles. After some hard study under Madam Robina in dancing, singing, and stage-craft, Miss Leamar made her real start, and from that date has enjoyed a career of uninterrupted successes. She is a great favourite in London, and can always secure the best engagements; indeed, her difficulty is to appease the wrath of English managers during the colonial tours. The late Sir Augustus Harris was much nettled on one occasion when Miss Leamar had to "beg off" from an engagement to appear in his pantomime, but wished to accept an offer to tour South Africa. However, he ultimately forgave her. Space compels the omission of many other most interesting particulars.

Portraits of the two equine heroes of the late meeting at Ellerslie are given, they being St. Simon (St. Leger—Winnie), winner of the Grand National Hurdle Race, and Levanter (Captiveur—Steel All), winner of the Great Northern Steeplechase. Allusion to these fine performers is made in our sporting notes of the meeting. Room is also found for the champion New Zealand sprinter, Goldspur (Rubezahl—Rosepur). The view of the front of the grandstand at Forbury, just when the start of the Provincial Handicap at the May meeting is about to be effected, is interesting, and there is fun in the picture of the two well-known Dunedin sportsmen, which our artist has entitled "The long and the short of it." In the picture entitled "In the shelter" several well-known Dunedin faces will be recognised. The portrait of Mr J. Endean is dealt with in the licensed victuallers' columns.

In connection with our illustrations we may remark that next week our artist, Mr J. Slack, will present a picture of the interior of the Opera House.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following quotations on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP.	
1000 to 20 Antares	1000 to 15 Matarawa
1000 to 20 Addington	1000 to 40 Marquis of Zetland
1000 to 10 Blackpool	1000 to 20 Miss Anna
1000 to 20 Belligerent	1000 to 20 Mouser
1000 to 25 Bloomer	1000 to 8 Monte Carlo
1000 to 20 Britomart	1000 to 15 Mountebank
1000 to 30 Blarney	1000 to 25 Mars
1000 to 20 Colt, Gorton-Fairy	1000 to 25 New Forest
1300 to 25 Chaos	1000 to 10 Oma
1000 to 50 Culverin	1000 to 20 Picklock
1000 to 20 Chasseur	1000 to 20 Pirimula
1000 to 30 Cannonshot	1000 to 40 Skirmisher
1000 to 40 Daystar	1000 to 30 St. Ouida
1000 to 30 Douglas	1000 to 40 St. Cyr
1000 to 40 Defiance	1000 to 20 Sardi
1000 to 40 Dauntless	1000 to 40 St. Conon
1000 to 30 Defiant	1000 to 40 Sir Launcelot
1000 to 40 Epaullet	1000 to 25 Strathbraan
1000 to 60 Euroclydon	1000 to 40 St. Paul
1000 to 40 Fabulist	1000 to 30 Searchlight
1000 to 30 Fulmen	1000 to 40 Telemeter
1000 to 25 Girofla	1000 to 20 Toxa
1000 to 10 General Wolfe	1000 to 30 Tire
1000 to 25 Harvia	1000 to 20 The Brook
1000 to 30 Huna	1000 to 20 Tasmanian
1000 to 30 Leda	1000 to 30 Woodstock
1000 to 30 Lady Anna	1000 to 15 Wakelyn
1000 to 20 Lord Zetland	1000 to 50 Waiuku
1000 to 30 Lord Rosslyn	1000 to 10 Waterstone
1000 to 15 Linkshot	

Mr Ryan, of the Wellington firm of W. Ryan and Co., has been enjoying a holiday in Auckland during last week, and reports the following business done here.

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AUCKLAND COURSING CLUB'S JUNE MEETING.

The Challenge Stakes Meeting of the Auckland Coursing Club was brought to a close yesterday at the Avondale Plumpton. Although the weather was showery there was a fairly good attendance. Several policemen were present, and they warned the bookmakers and the general public that no betting would be permitted, and therefore no attempt to wager was indulged in. The following are the results:—

CHALLENGE STAKES.

THIRD ROUND.—Wisdom beat Alice Hawthorne, Favonius beat Master Razzle after an undecided.

FOURTH ROUND.—Blackthorn beat Wisdom, Favonius a bye.

FINAL ROUND.—Blackthorn beat Favonius and won.

PLUMPTON STAKES.

THIRD ROUND.—Seal Packet beat Waterfall, Blue Girl a bye.

FINAL.—Seal Packet beat Blue Girl and won.

OCCIDENTAL STAKES.

FIRST ROUND.—Guy Fawkes beat Ajax, Keiller beat Soft Goods, Luck's All beat Sequah.

SECOND ROUND.—Keiller beat Guy Fawkes, Keiller and Luck's All divided.

SUPPLEMENTARY STAKES.

FIRST ROUND.—Sweet Alice beat Mahaki Perform beat Rose R., after a no course, Jubilee beat Tom.

SECOND ROUND.—Sweet Alice beat Perfume, after a no course.

Sweet Alice and Jubilee divided.



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NORTH ISLAND TROTTER ASSOCIATION OF N.Z.

PALMERSTON NORTH, March 24th, 1896.

To the Editor SPORTING REVIEW, Auckland.

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

Yours faithfully,

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

FIXTURES.

June 19, Sat.; 22, Tues.—Tahuna Park T.C. Winter
June 22, Tues.—Auckland T.C. Charity

NOMINATIONS.

June 11, Fri.—Auckland T.C. Charity
July 31, Sat.—Tahuna Park Cup

HANDICAPS.

June 5, Sat.—Tahuna Park T.C. Winter
June 15, Tues.—Auckland T.C. Charity

ACCEPTANCES.

June 12, Sat.—Tahuna Park T.C. Winter
June 18, Fri.—Auckland T.C. Charity

TROTTER RECORDS.

NEW ZEALAND.

- 1 mile—Saddle, Yum Yum, 2min 27½sec, Canterbury T.C., May, 1894; harness, Rita, 2min 30sec, Lancaster Park, April, 1895.
- 1½ miles—Saddle, Commotion, 3min 57sec, Timaru, September, 1895.
- 2 miles—Saddle, Rita, 4min 58½sec, Lancaster Park, November, 1895; harness, Rita, 5min 7sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895.
- 2½ miles—Wizard, 6min 38 3/5sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; harness, Berlin Abdallah, 6min 37sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895.
- 3 miles—Saddle, Spider, 7min 59sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; harness, Specification, 7min 35½sec, Canterbury T.C., May, 1894.
- 4 miles—Harness, Specification, 10min 47sec, Lancaster Park, July, 1894.

AUSTRALIAN.

- 1 mile—Harness, Fritz, 2min 14 4/5sec, March 4, Moonee Valley, in Inter-Colonial Free-for-all Trot.
- 2 miles—Harness, Mystery, 4min 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 8½sec.
- 2 miles—Defiance, 4min 47½sec, September, 1872.
- 3 miles—Joe Jefferson, 7min 33½sec, November, 1891.

NOTES.

Our Wellington correspondent writes:—Previous to being sent to Christchurch, Ned Kelly showed J. Taggart a 5.20 trial on the private track at the Hutt used by the latter, and in the race proper did 5.16. He has been sent to his owner at the Upper Hutt, as it was considered his form had been exposed. He gets his trotting from his dam (Kate Kelly) a well-known performer in this colony. His sire is Hepo (Cado-gan—Awatea). Other sons of Kate Kelly's are Steve Hart and Dan Kelly.

Our Canterbury correspondent writes:—The balance-sheet in connection with the Canterbury Trotting Club's Queen's Birthday Meeting shows a surplus of over £200. This must be considered highly satisfactory. The club's next meeting will be held during the Grand National week. The programme, as usual, will be up-to-date.

A trotting match between General Tracey and Sam Slick, for a stake of 100 sovs, has been definitely fixed (writes our Canterbury correspondent). It will take place on the Canterbury Show Grounds track on Thursday, June 17. The distance will be three miles. The match is creating a good deal of interest in trotting circles. General Tracey is favourite.

To-morrow at noon Mr T. C. Beale will submit to public auction the privileges in connection with the Hawke's Bay Benefit Meeting, to be held under the auspices of the Auckland Trotting Club in aid of the funds of the Hawke's Bay Floods Relief Fund. The meeting will be held on June 22, and is sure to be a success, so that the prices realised for the right of selling booths, cards, etc., should be satisfactory.

Entries for the events in connection with the Auckland Trotting Club's Hawke's Bay Floods Relief Fund Meeting close to-morrow at 10 p.m.

Mr Donald McIntosh has been doing wonders this year in England with the gun. Both in England and on the Continent he has won a considerable sum in prizes, and a late cable is to the effect that he has won the Challenge Cup value £165 at the Wormwood Scrubs meeting when he secured twenty-eight successive kills.

After their recent match at Manchester, Diggle and Dawson met in a game of 1000 up, spot barred, at Putney, and the Yorkshireman ran clean away from Diggle, scoring 1000 to his 461.



[BY ORPHEUS.]

THE FREDO FAMILY AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

—On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings very fair audiences witnessed the clever performances of an athletic and acrobatic combination which could hold its own in any part of the world. The two youngsters, "Bubbles" and "Lar," not only accomplish the most marvellous feats of bending, tumbling, somersault throwing, dancing, etc., etc., but appear to thoroughly enjoy themselves all the time. A novelty in the shape of skirt-dancing on the slack-wire, executed by "Estrella," was a marvellous bit of balancing work, but presently the young lady discarded her flowing robe, and appeared in true personality as Mr James Dristell, and an extremely accomplished Blondin. Kodama, the wonderful young Jap., again astonished everyone with his extraordinary feats. He is a veritable human eel, twisting himself through the bars of an ordinary chair, and doing the most perilous feats on a pyramid of cigar boxes. James Hayes, on stilts, is not only comic but wonderfully agile. Mr Fleetwood Donnelly, with a mouth organ, played a number of popular airs with tremendous success, winning a triple encore. Madame Fredo and Little Lar, on the double trapeze, perform feats equal to

his grotesque dancing, with ingenious bye-play, exorcising contortions, and quaint songs must be seen and heard, they beggar description. Tosser, Mr Frank Lawton, is another immense comedian, his imitation of a railway train, with whistle, steam, etc., on the bones is nothing less than fine art. The way in which he drops a bone and, tip-cat like, recovers it by jumping on one end, is marvellously ingenious. The duets and trios, with such material, are something tremendous, especially the posturing and dancing elements. Mr Ernest Fitts, who played Walker Chalks, not only shines in his comic role, but is gifted with a magnificent baritone voice, most artistically controlled. His singing of "Love's Serenade" was a rare treat. The Delavines and Winterton Sisters are a splendid quintette of mandolin players, pantomimists, dancers, and singers. They found instant favour with the audience. Mr Ernest Fitts won further honours with the impassioned ballad, "I love but thee," displaying great sympathy, power, and exquisite taste, combined with perfect enunciation and intonation. The vibrato is used, but not too liberally. Mr Frank Lawton's whistling is clear, facile, and artistic. The "Canary Polka," with variations, cadenzas, and *fiorture*, is a marvellous feat, and the same criticism applies to the "Virginia Skedaddle," a lively breakdown, admirably whistled and danced. "Ben Bolt" was sympathetically rendered, but the intonation was scarcely so perfect as in the other *morceaux*. Mr Lawton's trills are superb. "Little Gulliver," a tiny character vocalist and dancer, made a tremendous hit with two songs—"Home, Sweet Home," being parodied with ludicrous effect. Miss Alice Learmar's songs in character. "The American Millionaire," "Looking for a coon like me," and "All through sticking to a soldier"

pussies give a boxing exhibition of two rounds between Corbett and Fitzsimmons, ending after some scientific punching in an even draw. One cockatoo rolls a globe along a wire, while another executes acrobatic feats on a trapeze depending from the globe. A splendid marble-grey cat climbs a rope to a basket hung from the ceiling, tucks himself comfortably into the basket, which is attached to a parachute, and therein floats safely to the stage. A miniature train, with engine and carriages, placed on a circular railway, is invaded by a crowd of white rats and mice, evidently in a hurry to secure the best seats. The engine gets up steam, and as the train runs round at a great rate a most amusing accident occurs, derailing the carriages and mixing up the passengers in a ludicrous *meles*. The entertainment is quite the strongest of its kind ever seen in New Zealand, containing as it does all sorts of attractions for all sorts and conditions of men, women, and children. The season ends next Monday night. Do not fail to go.

Auckland appears to be gaining in popularity with the profession, and the next attraction is a short season, commencing at the Opera House on June 16, by the St. John and Hayman Dramatic Company, the members of which are now on the road from Sydney. The leading lady is Mrs. Harrie Marshall, and the company also includes Miss Dora Mostyn, Miss Madge Corcoran, Miss Blanch Wilmott, Mr E. Bailey, Mr J. Bruce, Mr Joe Telano (an old Sydney favourite), Mr Fred. Patey, Mr C. R. Field, Mr Donohue, Mr E. Franks, and Mr Hayman. The season will be opened with one of the latest London successes, "The Vagabond," after which will be produced "Parson Thorn," "True Till Death," "Queen's Evidence," etc.

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OPERA HOUSE: WILLIAMSON AND MUS-GROVE'S "MATSA" VAUDEVILLE COMPANY.—A bumper house on Monday night revelled in the splendid work of this array of talent, which is bound to make a triumphant tour throughout New Zealand. To begin with, there is the firm's exquisite orchestra, among whom "Orpheus" was pleased to recognise many familiar faces, including that of Mr Carl Reidle, the talented conductor; then Miss Alice Learmar, with all her wonted sprightly dash, verve, and fascination. The time-honoured "Area Belle," worked up to date, was played with refreshing go by the funniest possible cast, under the new title of "Fun in the Kitchen. Miss Alice Learmar as Penelope played delightfully, introducing songs and dances with inimitable *chic* and perfect enunciation. "Always bring your opera glasses" and "The Area Belle," with their terpsichorean illustrations, created a furore. Pitcher (Mr John Coleman) completely wipes out all other Pitchers—

(especially the last) so delighted the audience that she was compelled to make a neat little speech to escape further encores. Mr John Coleman's "Saucy Kate, the Flower Girl" is a gem of ludicrous sham simplicity, while his "Scarecrow" song and dance even surpassed all expectations, so quaintly grotesque are his facial expressions and contortions of limbs and body. Like Miss Learmar, he made his little speech—not without a *souppcon* of (m)alice! Perhaps one of the most novel and attractive features in the programme, the acrobatic antics of the three Delavines in striking Mephisto costumes held the audience spell-bound. Wonderful contortion feats, pantomimic humour, kicking hats at highest range and in novel fashion, etc., etc., thoroughly justified the title of Satanic gambols on the programme. Once more Mr Ernest Fitts won enthusiastic applause with a splendid delivery of "Thou art my life," greatly enhanced, as all his songs were, by fine orchestration, beautifully played by Mr Carl Reidle's band of artists. Last but not least on this programme of marvels comes Mr Leoni Clarke, like Tybalt, a veritable "King of Cats," with his wonderful docile menagerie of cats, rats, mice, monkeys, canaries, cockatoos, etc. Their feats, wonderful and delightful as they are, bespeak much time and patience bestowed to attain such docility and perfection. Mr Clarke makes a model ring-master. His patter and humorous touches greatly enhance the clever performances of his pets. An apparently interminable procession of sleek and handsome pussies jump a series of hurdles like St. Simon, Annabelle, and Co., followed by agile monkeys, white rats, etc. They next walk a narrow plank, carefully stepping over a crowd of rats and mice. The cats and monkeys then jump through a series of burning hoops. Two fine

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THE LIQUOR QUESTION IN THE KING COUNTRY.

The above question has recently been brought prominently before the public of New Zealand mainly through three causes. First, by a lengthy report which has been published as a request made by a number of ministers of religion to the Hon. Mr Thompson, Minister of Justice, secondly, by a resolution passed at a meeting in Christchurch, and thirdly, and more especially, by the comment of Mr Justice Connelly when dealing with the alleged Te Kuiti stabbing case, which has been decided by an acquittal of the accused men. It is not necessary to repeat the statements made by the parsons who waited on the Minister of Justice, and we need only say that they asked for an impossibility when requesting the minister to absolutely prevent the "introduction" of alcoholic liquors into what is known as the King Country. This request proved how little the black-clothed gentlemen knew about the subject, and only tended to show the absurdity of propounding a theory without first considering whether or not it can be reduced to practice. The Hon. Mr Thompson showed some tact and ingenuity in dealing with the deputation, but in our opinion his replies would have been much more satisfactory if he had, figuratively speaking, struck out as straight from the shoulder on this particular matter as he did when replying to their preposterous and presumptuous demands for an enquiry by Royal Commission into the whole case associated with the police force of New Zealand. Mr Thompson said he was taking vigorous action to suppress the sale of intoxicants in the King Country, and instanced one or two recent convictions as proof of his statement, and he rightly declined to give any information as to the methods he was adopting. If the Hon. Minister had been half as familiar with the whole circumstances of the case as we are, he would have told the "pump party" that they might as well ask him to stay the flow of the great Waikato River as to request him to prevent the introduction of alcoholic liquor into the country unless the party could show him how, at the present time, to prevent the introduction of alcoholic liquor into this country, or its manufacture here. If the hon. gentleman had known the configuration of the country as we know it, and had been half as familiar as we are with the settlers who visit Te Kuiti and Otorohonga, together with the best class of half-castes and Maoris who frequent those places, he would have said it was just as possible to stop the rev. gentlemen from persistently agitating as to prevent these people from having a little grog when they, like Sairy Gamp, are "disposed" to take it. The hon. gentleman could, had he the local knowledge, have informed the deputation that the so-called King Country is practically surrounded by European settlements, and that nearly every settlement has one or more hotels established in it, and neither the Hon. Mr Thompson nor all the law in New Zealand can prevent any settler or any male Maori from buying liquor at any of those hotels, and taking the same to their homesteads, their whares or hapus, as the case may be. The Minister could also have said the people in the King Country can, from the various localities, ride into Cambridge, Kihikih,

Te Awamutu, Alexandra, or Raglan, and in spite of everything (except the absence of money) buy any quantity of liquor for consumption in the prohibited district, and the only way we can see to satisfactorily solve the difficulty is to authorise the establishment of two first-class hotels in the King Country, one at Otorohonga and the other at Te Kuiti, with perhaps an accommodation licensed house at some place above the Porotorua tunnel. The Hon. Minister could have pointed out that at the present time it is an extremely difficult matter to obtain a conviction for sly-grog selling, even when the cases are apparently flagrant, and perhaps for this reason: In sly-grog selling there is practically no rivalry, and one man who carries on the illicit trade cannot inform on another, who is equally guilty of vio-

TRADE TOPICS.

A very peculiar case recently occupied the attention of the court at Danvirke. The following is a newspaper clipping forwarded to us by a friend for publication:—"C. Lewis v. C. Baddeley, claim £65 13s 6d. Mr Patterson for plaintiff, Mr Bamford for defendant. The evidence in this case was taken at the previous sitting, when His Worship reserved his decision in order to consider a point raised as to the application of the Truck Act. His Worship, in giving judgment, said he had reluctantly come to the conclusion that the plaintiff must succeed on that portion of the claim referring to the hotel account. Under section 5 of the Truck Act any wages not paid in money could be recovered, and section 6 provided that an employer could not set up any counter-claim or set-off as regarded any amount of wages that had not been paid. He quoted a case heard in England, in which the Judge pointed out that the statute requires that the entire amount of wages must be paid in coin, and that consequently deductions made by an employer, whether authorised by the workman or not, were not, and could not be, payment. Another Judge said that the mischief to be remedied by the Act was that where goods were given instead of, or in payment of, wages to a person employed, the employer, besides obtaining a benefit from the work done by the servant, obtained a second benefit by the supply of goods in the sale of which he was interested, and there was thus a double benefit to him. The provisions of the Act were intended to prohibit payment in goods and the advantage thus gained by an employer. His Worship said that both these elements were present in this case, and he must, therefore, give judgment for £27 10s 6d, the amount of wages not paid in money. He would, however, grant no costs to plaintiff, as he found there had been

In the opinion of certain of the magistrates of Couper Angus the possession of a wife is a necessary qualification for holding a hotel license. At all events, Mr William Ross was recently very nearly refused the transfer of the license of the Market Hotel, Zoar, Forfar, because he was a bachelor. Fortunately, his solicitor was able to state that, in addition to having a long and varied experience in the trade and an excellent record, his client intended at no distant date to enter into the Benedictine state. "With that explanation," as the Provost put it, the bench granted the transfer.

A very interesting case to publicans recently came before the Queen's Bench. It was an appeal from the lower court against the conviction of Dowding, the licensee of the Brandy Cask Hotel, on the charge of refusing admission to the police. It appears that on the night of April 23rd the police heard singing in the hotel, and entered, but were not allowed to enter the room in which the singing was going on. They were informed that it was a meeting of a secret society, the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. The police prosecuted, and Dowding was convicted, and appealed. In delivering judgment in the appeal, Mr Justice Cave said that the power of entry of licensed premises for the enforcement of the Licensing Acts included the right of admission to any room which was part of the premises covered by the license, at any time and under all circumstances, was a great deal more than he was prepared to hold. There was a power given by the 16th section of the Act to demand to be admitted to licensed premises for certain purposes, and there must be evidence which would lead to the conclusion that the state of things alleged to exist did in all probability exist, or was about to exist. It would be rather a strong thing to say that a licensee-holder could be convicted for refusing to admit persons into a private room when he no longer had control of it, and it might be he was prevented from using it himself. There was nothing to prevent a constable going over the public part of licensed premises, but he should not hold that he was at liberty to go all over the house, including rooms not actually in the occupation of the landlord, but of guests, solely because he chose to say he was there for the purpose of detecting or preventing some offence against the law. He did not desire that this decision should be taken as at all giving colour to the proposition that parties might indulge in excessive drinking in public-houses; but that was not the case here, and the Court accordingly considered that the conviction ought to be reversed. The conviction was accordingly quashed.

The following appeared in the death notices of the *Morning Post* whereat tectotallers screamed with delight and claimed a victory by thirty-eight years:—**DEINCOBIER.**—On the 1st inst, Cassandra, wife of Ernest Drincobier, Snar-gate Street, Dover, and daughter of the late Thomas Bridges Rouse, Trinity Pilot, aged forty. **DRINKWATER.**—On the 2nd inst, at Kirby, Isle of Man, Elinor Drinkwater, wife of The Deemster, Sir William L. Drinkwater, aged seventy-eight.

It is not generally acknowledged, or indeed thought probable that, conscience in any business counts for much, more especially in the wine and spirit trade; yet we hear that a grocer in Pen-zance has given up his wine and spirit licenses because of the frequency with which he was asked to put down intoxicating liquors as groceries. This came out in the evidence that was given before the Royal Commission on Licensing. The chairman of the Watch Committee of Pen-zance stated in the course of his evidence that there had been a marked increase in private drinking among women. He attributed this to the facilities licensed grocers offered them of having liquors charged as groceries, and then, having acquired the taste for drink, they resorted to the side doors of public-houses.

From a return of brewers' licenses (states the *London Caterer*) which has been issued, it appears that during 1896 the license duty paid was £13,064, and the beer duty charged was £11,001,654. The number of brewers licensed was 8,728.

The prohibitionists of the King Country are indignant because the law has failed, and on Friday last they passed the following resolution:—"That this meeting learns with sorrow of the terrible evils inflicted on the natives of the King Country by the illicit sale of liquor, and enters a protest against the apathetic administration by the Government of the law prohibiting the sale of intoxicants in the country referred to, and demands that the Minister for Defence take such steps immediately as shall remove this reproach from the colony."

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lating the law, and in this respect there is apparently an "unhallowed" freemasonry established for mutual confidence and protection. If respectable, well-controlled hotels were established this compact must necessarily cease to exist at once. The hotel-keepers, in the legitimate trade, would aid the authorities to bring to justice those who not only broke the law, but also interfered with their business. The sale of poisonous compounds would cease, or the evil would be minimised, and the cause of true temperance and the good of humanity would be advanced. In a word, if the Minister had done this he would have had public sympathy with him, if he did not silence his interlocutors. We intend to deal with another phase of this question in a future issue.

THE L.V. PORTRAIT GALLERY.

In this week's issue we publish the portrait of Mr John Endean, the well-known and popular proprietor of the Waitemata Hotel, corner of Queen and Custom Streets, City of Auckland. In addition to his extensive business in the hotel line, Mr Endean is very largely interested in the mining industry in Auckland, and has always taken a practical interest in the Thames Goldfields. At the present time he is a director in several mining companies, and it is safe to say he has the full confidence of those associated with him in mining enterprises.

a settlement between the parties, and on account of plaintiff re-opening the matter after allowing five or six months to elapse. He hoped that others in the district would take warning by the case, and if they had business with plaintiff, get a proper settlement, and not be taken advantage of by him as he had very ungratefully done in this case." Lewis, it appears, had been porter at Baddeley's hotel for ten years, and six months after he had left he sued Baddeley for moneys deducted from his wages for drinks.

Mr J. O'Driscoll, for some years past proprietor of the Royal Hotel, Hawera, and a well-known sporting man, being owner of the successful hurdle mare Secrecy, has just left on a trip to Ireland. Mr Driscoll proceeds to Sydney, where he will catch the P. and O. Company's steamer China for Frisco, from whence he intends crossing over the Pacific Railway to New York, seeing the principal places en route, and on via London. Mr O'Driscoll expects to return to Hawera in about six months' time.

The Colonial Office in London has secured sixty rooms in the Hotel Cecil in connection with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The King of Siam was expected to take several suites, while Prince Yamagata, of Japan, had booked forty rooms.

The Diamond Jubilee "boom" has had the effect of appreciating London hotel shares, which are being quietly picked up by investors, in anticipation of large numbers of visitors to London during the approaching celebration. Those particularly favoured are Cecils, Savoys, and Gordons, while Palace Hotels have come in for a share of notice.



An interesting match at billiards was played in the billiard-room of the Old Colonists' Club, Ballarat, on May 21, between Charles Memmott and F. Weiss. The game was 750 up (all in). Memmott won in the end by 236 points. Several good breaks were made by the players, the most notable of which were—Memmott, 164, 54, 48 (twice), 45, 42, and 41; Weiss, 82, 67, 66, 58, 53, and 31. The play was most highly appreciated and loudly applauded by a very numerous audience, consisting of many of the best billiard players and others interested in the game. It was admitted the finest game ever witnessed in Ballarat.

The spot-in champion, W. J. Peall, and C. Dawson have been playing a series of matches 500 up all-in, and 500 spot-barred, in London, with varying success. On the first afternoon Dawson won the spot-barred by 322, and Peall the all-in by 181. In the evening they reversed the order of things, Peall winning at spot-barred by 89, and Dawson the all-in by 488. The Briton only scored 12 on this occasion, Dawson making breaks of 111 and 378 unfinished, in which were 34 and 125 spots.

A company is being formed in London to be called the "John Roberts Billiard Co., Limited." It is being formed for the purpose of acquiring and developing the business of John Roberts and Co., billiard table makers to the Prince of Wales, billiard saloon keepers, and proprietors of the "Billiard Review," together with the leasehold premises at 99 Regent-street W., 37 Cumberland Market, N.W., and the drawing-room, Egyptian Hall, Picadilly W. The company will, according to the prospectus, also take all profits arising from Mr John Roberts' match play at home and abroad, and any other professional income he may derive in the United Kingdom from his position as "Champion of Billiards." Messrs John Roberts and F. M. Hotine, the vendors, will act as joint managing directors for a period of at least five years from the date of the incorporation of the Company without remuneration other than the dividend arising from their shares. The capital of the Company is £70,000 divided into 35,000 6 per cent. cumulative preference shares of £1 each, and 35,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, the preference shares to rank first both as to capital and dividend. The whole of the ordinary shares will be taken by the vendors as fully paid in part payment of the purchase money.

On the final evening of their second match of 24,000 up, spot-barred, between Peall and Roberts the scores were, Peall (to play): 23,466, and Roberts 22,272. So the champion had to score 1728 to win—an almost impossible task. Peall did not play too well, and Roberts put together 1001 to his 544.

NOMINATIONS.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

NEW ZEALAND CUP OF 1500 SOVS. Two miles.

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting, including entries like Antares, Addington, Blackpool, etc.

VICTORIAN RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

MELBOURNE CUP OF 3000 SOVS. Two miles.

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the Victorian Racing Club's Spring Meeting, including entries like Action, Admirer, Alabacuna, etc.

VICTORIAN AMATEUR TURF CLUB SPRING MEETING.

CAULFIELD CUP OF 2000 SOVS. One mile and a half.

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the Victorian Amateur Turf Club Spring Meeting, including entries like Euroclydon, Paul Pry, Acton, etc.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1898.

THE GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES OF 300 SOVS; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8.10; fillies, 8.8; geldings, 8.5. Six furlongs.

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the Auckland Racing Club Autumn Meeting, including entries like Mr L. D. Nathan's br c, by Cuirassier—Jadestone, etc.

SUMMER MEETING, 1898-99.

THE ROYAL STAKES OF 500 SOVS; the owner of the second horse to receive 10 per cent, and the owner of the third horse 5 per cent. from the stake. For two and three-year-olds. Weight-for-age, with penalties and allowances. Six furlongs.

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the Auckland Racing Club Summer Meeting, including entries like Messrs Alison Bros.' br c, by Seaton Delaval—Phantom, etc.

OUR TREBLE COUPON.

The following selections have been sent in for prizes offered to the selectors of the winners of the Grand National Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase, and Handicap Hurdle Race:—

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the Treble Coupon, including entries like 327 G.W.B.—Muscatel—Mozel—Dummy, etc.

Table listing horse names and jockeys for the Treble Coupon, continuing from the previous table, including entries like 498 E.McC.—St Simon—Kingswood—Troubadour, etc.

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All because subscribers linger
And won't pay up what is due.
Then let all be up and doing;
Send in your mite be it so small,
Or when the snow of winter strikes us
We shall have no pants at all.
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After their recent match at Manchester, Diggle and Dawson met in a game of 1000 up, spot barred, at Putney, and the Yorkshireman ran clean away from Diggle, scoring 1000 to his 451.

Turf Records.

A.R.C. NORTH N.Z. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, JUNE 5.

The weather was showery and the course heavy, but the attendance under the adverse circumstances was good. The sum of £5,498 was passed through the machine, that being £173 more than last year. Results:—

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. About two miles and a half. 98 Mr T. Hodson's br g Perform, by Nator, aged, 10.2, Burns ... 1

Other starters—59 Tully-Ho, 11.12, Mitchell; 119 Tim, 10.10, Katterns; 77 Sam, 10.5, Atkins; 50 Forella, 10.0, A. Williams; 9 Kia Ora, 9.7, Woodfield.

Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 5min 35sec. Dividend, £5 2s.

WINTER WELTER HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile. 84 Mr W. Moberley's b c St. Gordon, by St. Leger—Brigela, 3yrs, 9.7, owner ... 1

Other starters—56 Sabretache, 10.10, Williams; 57 Swordfish, 10.5, Absolum; 208 Regel, 10.0, Katterns; 148 Retaliation, 9.10, Morrigan; 15 Bonnie Blue, 9.10, Taylor; 44 Donovan, 9.0, Buchanan; 147 Pyroxylin, 9.0, Creamer; 31 The Drone, 9.0, Lang; 25 Wai-iti, 9.0, Russell; 25 Seabreeze, 9.0, Bird; 25 Samoa, 9.0, Watkins.

Won by two lengths and a half, a head between second and third. Time, 1min 54½sec. Dividend, £10.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE of 300 sovs; second horse 25 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. Two miles.

112 Mr R. H. Skipwith's b g St. Simon, by St. Leger—Winnie, 4yrs, 12.12, S. Fergus ... 1

Other starters—113 Ilex, 11.7, Robinson; 77 Pansy, 10.3, Fergus; 67 Prince Charlie, 10.0, Delaney; 16 Dentist, 9.6, R. Morrigan.

Won by four lengths, a neck between second and third. Time, 3min 47sec. Dividend, £3 3s.

TALLY-HO HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; second horse 15 sovs from the stake. About two miles and a half.

354 Mr T. Hodson's br g Perform, by Nator, aged, 10.3, Burns ... 1

Other starters—265 Kingwood, 11.3, Rae; 292 Bombardier, 10.11, Morrigan (fell); 94 Mozel, 10.5, Collins; 59 Rhino, 9.7, Delaney; 10 Flukem, 9.7, Olive.

Won easily by three lengths, a neck between second and third. Time, 5min 41sec. Dividend, £3 4s.

SECOND WINTER WELTER HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.

55 Mr R. H. Skipwith's ch h Bonnie Blue, by Clan Stuart—The Gift, aged, 9.5, Taylor ... 1

Other starters—55 St. Kilda, 11.12, Byers; 71 Panopy, 11.6, Smith; 31 Sabretache, 10.9, Williams; 347 Lady Anna, 10.7, Collins; 103 Doris, 10.7, Russell; 183 St. Gordon, 10.4, Moberley; 45 Lady Marion, 10.4, Delaney; 50 Swordfish, 10.3, Absolum; 170 Regel, 9.12, Katterns; 30 Cleopatra, 9.10, Parker; 25 Retaliation, 9.4, Morrigan; 21 The Sharper, 9.4, Tucker; 4 Taihoa, 9.0, Burns; 0 Ramadon, 9.0, Judd; 1 Samoa, 9.0, Watkins; 3 Recruit, 9.0, A. Collins; 13 Seabreeze, 9.0, Bird.

Won by a neck. Time, 1min 39sec. Dividend, £22 15s.

SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 80 sovs. About three miles.

302 Mr H. T. Gorrice's blk g Mozel, by Torquise, aged, 9.7, R. Collins ... 1

Other starters—46 Flukem, 9.7, Olive; 75 Fishmonger, 9.7, Fergus; 61 Magpie, 9.7, Comer.

Won, pulling up, by four lengths, ten lengths between second and third. Time, 7min 2sec. Dividend, £1 17s.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and three-quarters.

234 Mr F. Watson's b m Muscatel, by Foul Play—Dauphin mare, 5yrs, 9.12, Johnston ... 1

Other starters—183 Clayton, 11.0, Russell; 161 Pororua, 10.2, Burns; 160 Napoleon, 10.0, Olive; 156 Daisy Bell, 9.0, Waldron; 11 Epaulet, 9.0, Cox; 41 Nora, 9.0, Phillips; 7 Maria, 9.0, Bowden.

Won comfortably by two lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time, 3min 8½sec. Dividend, £4 19s.

SECOND DAY—MONDAY, JUNE 7TH. The weather was fine, but the course was heavy. The attendance was good, and the sum of £7,428 was passed through the machine, making the total for the meeting £12,746, or £967 more than last year. Results:—

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half. 136 Mr R. Burke's ch m Lady Agnes, by Nelson—Sister Agnes, 4yrs, 10.9, Morrigan ... 1

Other starters—183 Clayton, 11.0, Russell; 161 Pororua, 10.2, Burns; 160 Napoleon, 10.0, Olive; 156 Daisy Bell, 9.0, Waldron; 11 Epaulet, 9.0, Cox; 41 Nora, 9.0, Phillips; 7 Maria, 9.0, Bowden.

Won comfortably by two lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time, 3min 8½sec. Dividend, £4 19s.

Other starters—224 Hairylegs, 9.11, Burns; 63 Reflection, 9.11, A. Collins; 1 Atlantic, 9.3, Sharp; 19 Sam, 9.3, Atkins; 7 Taihou, 9.0, Sinton; 9 Kia Ora, 9.0; 14 Maid of Honour, 9.0, Hughes; 39 Murewai, 9.0, Hall.

Won by five lengths. Time, 3min 10½sec. Dividend, £6 17s.

PONY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs; second pony 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

236 Mr N. Dickey's b g Recruit, by Tetford—Virginia, 4yrs, 10.0, A. Collins ... 1

Other starters—258 Clayton, 10.11, Russell; 112 Pororua, 10.0, Burns; 87 Napoleon, 9.8, Olive; 78 Daisy Bell, 9.0, Waldron.

Won by a neck, three lengths between second and third. Time, 3min 12sec. Dividend, £3 18s.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE of 500 sovs; second horse 50 sovs, and third horse 30 sovs from the stake. About three miles and a half.

376 Mr C. Archibald's b g Levanter, by Captivator—Steel All, aged, 12.1, J. Rae ... 1

Other starters—127 Mr R. Connop's br m Tally-Ho, by Forerunner, 6yrs, 10.7, Mitchell ... 2

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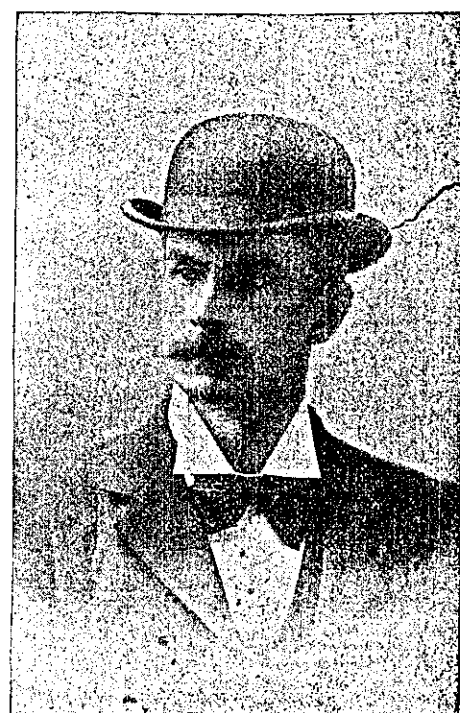
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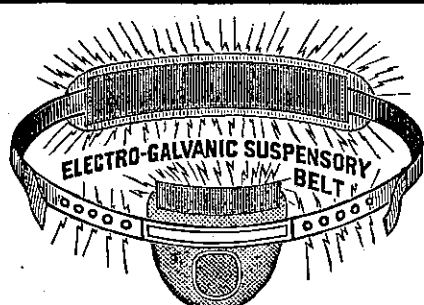
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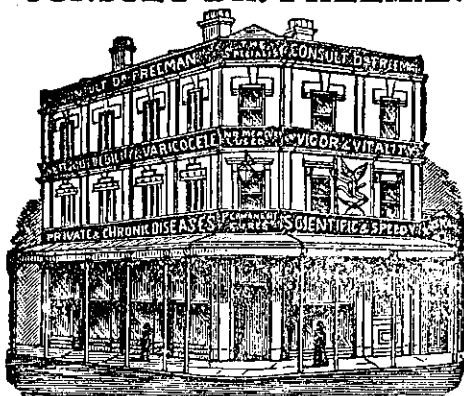
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