

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 25 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.
 Mr H. C. Greenwood's b m Cupid, aged, 8.10, Sharp .. 1
 Mr S. Murphy's r m Partan Jeannie, 4yrs, 8.7, Quinton .. 2
 Mr R. Moore's ch m Kit, aged, 8.2, Wright .. 3
 Other starters—Little Wonder, 6.12; Sweetheart, 6.7.
 Won by a length and a half from Partan Jeannie and Kit, who dead-heat for second place. Time, 1min 6 3/4sec. Dividend, £2 10s.

HARNESS TROT HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a-half.
 Mr A. Hughes' ch m Rosebud, aged, 3sec, owner .. 1
 Mr J. W. Greenwood's b h La Rue, aged, scr, owner .. 2
 Mr W. Douglas Henry's ch h Bellman, aged, 10sec, Henry .. 3
 Other starters—Little Ben, 10sec; Woodbine, 13sec; Sanddy, 25sec; Eric, 25sec.
 Won easily. Time, 4min 16sec. Dividend, £1 10s.

HANDICAP STEEPCHASE of 30 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. About two and a-half miles.
 Mr J. Lindsay's b g Little Tom, aged, 9.10, Johnston .. 1
 Mr T. Brain's b g Little Raven, aged, 10.12, Dixon .. 2
 Mr T. J. Greenwood's b r Fauntleroy, aged, 12.2, owner .. 3
 Other starters—Butterfly, 9.8; The Dove, 9.8; Effie, 9.7.
 Won easily. Time, 5min 51sec. Dividend, £3 5.

ELECTRIC TROT HANDICAP (in saddle) of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.
 Mr J. W. Martin's ch g Charlie, aged, scr, owner .. 1
 Mr J. R. Corrigan's br g Mihangi, aged, 20sec, 2 Murfit .. 3
 Mr Herd's br g Pioke, aged, 14sec, owner .. 3
 Other starters—Old Judge, 3sec; Claret, 9sec; The Judge, 11sec; Ingar, 14sec; Minnie, 15sec; Eric, 15sec; Miss Graham, 20sec.
 Won by ten lengths from Mihangi, Pioke being third. Time, 2min 36sec. Dividend, £9 15s. A protest entered against Charlie by the owner of Mihangi, for inconsistent running, was dismissed.

EPSON HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs and a-half.
 Mr L. Coleman's br m Certain, 5yrs, 7.0, Simpson .. 1
 Mr S. Murphy's br m Partan Jeannie, 4yrs, 7.9, Quinton .. 2
 Mr H. C. Greenwood's ch m Norma, 6yrs, 9.9, Sharp .. 3
 Other starters—Pororua, 9.10; Silkworm, 8.10; Red Rose, 8.0; New Boy, 7.6; Sweetheart, 6.7.
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 28 3/4sec. Dividend, £21 9s.

LIGHTNING HANDICAP TROT (in harness) of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.
 Mr R. S. Henry's b g Golden King, aged, 10sec, owner .. 1
 Mr W. J. Greenwood's ch g Lord Harold, aged, 22sec, 2 owner .. 2
 Other starters—Cleveland, 9sec; Alice, 9sec; Lusitania, 11sec; Mihangi, 25sec.
 Breaking every few strides, Lusitania was the first to show into the straight, and eventually won by half a length from Golden King; Lord Harold third. A protest was entered by the owner of Golden King against the stake going to the first horse, on the grounds of gaining an undue advantage by galloping, and was sustained. The time of the first horse past the post was 2min 45sec, and that of the declared winner 2min 52sec. Dividend, £1 1s.



IN THE SADDLING PADDOCK.

Photos by J. A. Stack, Auckland.

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TROTTING IN WELLINGTON.

A Good Suggestion.

[By Fritz.]

There is no disguising the fact that trotting in Wellington is far from the standard of excellence that should be expected in the Empire City. There have been two clubs in existence for several years, the Wellington Trotting Club, which has two totalisator permits a year, and the Johnsonville and Hutt County Trotting Club, who have only one machine permit. The track of the former club is situated at Miramar, surrounded by sand hills, and a trotting meeting at Miramar when a sou'westerly is blowing is a thing even to be remembered. At the last meeting of the Club, on Nov. 25, with liberal stakes of £240, the wretched sum of £996 was put through the machine, which simply means the meeting must have shown a balance on the wrong side of the ledger. The Johnsonville Club, with only one tote permit, cannot possibly be placed on a sound financial footing. The suggestion in the following letter to the *New Zealand Times* to the effect that both the above mentioned clubs amalgamate and lay down an up to date track at Petone, would quickly raise the fine and useful sport of trotting in the Empire City from its present low ebb to one of credit and standard of excellence, that would soon meet with support at the hands of men of good social standing, with-

out whom no sport can prosper. I trust to see the Colonial Secretary and the North Island Trotting Association, which (the latter) sadly needs rousing from its present state of positive dormancy, take some action. The following is the letter alluded to:—"Sir, I agree with your correspondent 'A Non-member' that trotting in Wellington is on the decline, and also that he has made the only suggestion that will save the life of the good old sport in this district. The amalgamation of the Wellington and Johnsonville Clubs, with the assistance of the many enthusiastic sports in the Hutt and Petone districts, would infuse new life into and ensure the future success of what will otherwise soon prove a miserable failure. I am convinced, Sir, that a trotting track second to none in New Zealand could be made at Petone for a very small outlay, and being the most centrally-situated should be the most popular. Perhaps the Petone Borough Council could be induced to permit a track to be made on its newly-acquired grounds, which are sheltered on all sides and eminently suited for a trotting track. If not, then the show grounds might be secured, and failing that, we could fall back on private property, which could be secured in abundance. I would suggest that a public meeting be called by the two clubs in existence, with a view to thorough and sound combination, after which new members would rally round the trotting standard and place the sport in the position it deserves.—I am, &c.,

INTENDING MEMBER.

December 8, 1897."

Turf Records.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY—DECEMBER 27.

The weather was fair and the attendance large. The sum of £13,544 was passed through the machines. Results:—

TRIAL HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.
 329 Mr E. J. Evans' b c Eton, by Castor—Lady Walmesley, 3yrs, 7.5 Creamer .. 1
 19 Messrs Blaikie and Philip's b m Lufra, 6yrs, 6.11, Stewart .. 2
 194 Mr S. Bradley's br h Swordfish, 4yrs, 8.6, McTaggart .. 3
 Other starters—90, Waiorongomai, 8.0, Taylor; 56 Gordon, 7.12, Moberley; 32 Rex, 7.11, Dunlop; 21 Woodstock, 7.8, Gallagher; 20 The Sharper, 7.6, Satman; 173 Miss Anna, 7.0, Waldron; 4 Tamaki, 6.7, Jellings; 12 Castoria, 6.7, Tate.
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 30sec. Dividend, £2 15s.

THE GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 500 sovs; second horse 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.
 Mr G. G. Stead's b c Conqueror, by Medallion—Siesta, 8.10, Derrett .. 1
 Mr G. G. Stead's b c Aitair, by Castor—Clissy, 8.10, Holmes .. 3
 87 Mr W. F. Inder's ch f Hermosa, by St. Leger—Lady Evelyn, 8.5, Sceats .. 2
 Other starters—29 Blue Jacket, 8.10, Dennis Morrison; 151 Hyas, 8.10, T. Taylor.
 Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 19sec. Dividend, £1 4s.

THE AUCKLAND CUP (HANDICAP) of 1000 sovs; second horse 150 sovs, and third horse 50 sovs from the stake. Two miles.
 179 Mr J. G. Green's b h Antares, by Castor—Hilda, 4yrs, 7.11 J Skeates .. 1
 743 Mr J. Chaafe's b h St. Paul, by St. Leger—Satauella, 4yrs, 9.0, J. Chaafe, jun. .. 2
 345 Mr A. K. Byers' Nestor, by St. Leger—Tamora, 4yrs, 9.0 T Taylor .. 3
 Other starters—540 Waiuku, 8.7, E. Russell; 557 Daystar, 8.10, Gallagher; 91 Panoply, 7.2, Holmes; 290 Coronet, 6.12, Coulthard; 182 Favona, 6.9, Whitehouse; 60 Canop, 6.7, Higgett; 88 Pyroxylin, 6.7, Tate; 102 Anta, 6.7, Waldron.
 Won by half a length, two and a half lengths between second and third, Daystar fourth, Waiuku fifth, Panoply sixth, with Pyroxylin and Coronet last. Time, 3min 36sec. Dividend, £16 3s.

AUCKLAND CUP, 2 MILES.

Year	Horse	Pedigree	A.	Wt.	Time
1875	Templeton	Truducer—Belle Isle	4	9 11	3 5 1/2
1876	Kingfisher	Dainty Ariel—P. Fisher	5	6 10	
1877	Ariel	Dainty Ariel—Una	4	8 2	3 5 1/2
1877	Lara	Towton—Fairy	5	7 7	4 2 1/2
1878	Ariel	Dainty Ariel—Una	6	8 13	1 2 1/2
1879	Ariel	Dainty Ariel—Una	6	8 10	1 2 1/2
1880	Foul Play	Truducer—Fancy	6	8 12	4 10
1881	King Quail	Yattendon—Quail	6	7 4	4 8
1882	Wel Jack	Truducer—Miss Flat	3	7 2	4 8 1/2
1883	Salvage	Castaway—Mist	5	8 8	4 1 1/2
1884	The Foot	Anteros—Fancy	6	7 0	4 1 1/2
1885	Nelson	King Cole—My Idea	5	7 8	4 0
1886	Nelson	King Cole—My Idea	6	9 8	4 3 1/2
1888	Nelson	King Cole—My Idea	6	12	4 3 1/2
1889	Lochiel	P. Clautie—N. Moore	6	10	3 8 1/2
1889	Leopold	Neolinus—Lovebird	4	7 4	3 3 1/2
1890	Creeksheet	N.feldt—Punga were	3	8 3	3 3 1/2
1891	Pinfire	Turpedo—Yatterina	5	6 10	3 3 1/2
1892	St. Hippo	St. Leger—Hippona	3	8 9	3 3 1/2
1893	Pegasus	Nelson—Tenabara	3	7 5	3 3 1/2
1894	Lottie	Muskapeer—Ladybird	5	6 0	3 3 1/2
1895	Amata	King Quail—Anna	4	6 7	3 3 1/2
1896	Nestor	St. Leger—Tamora	3	6 12	3 3 1/2
1897	Antares	Castor—Hilda	4	7 12	3 3 1/2

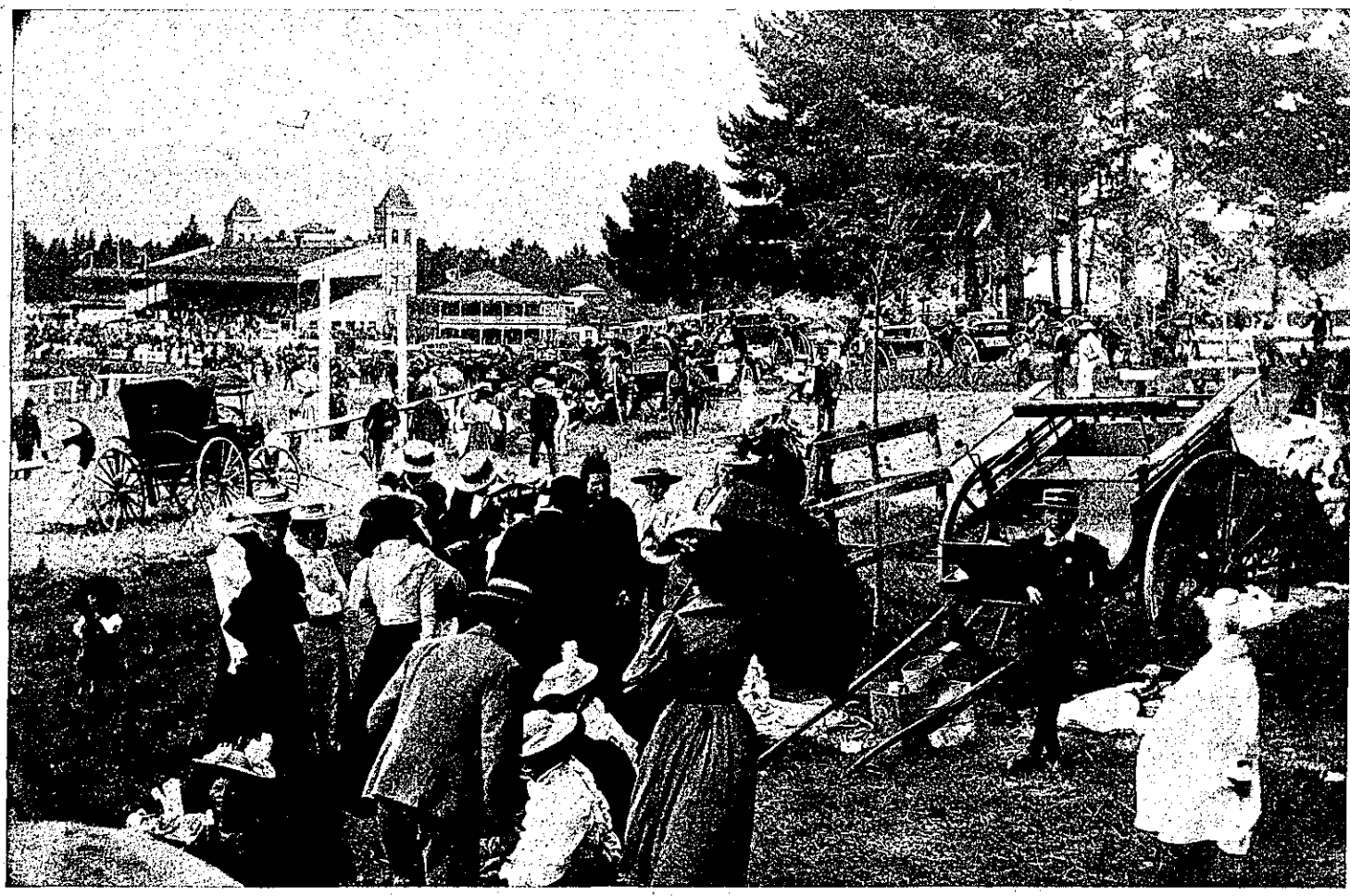
HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs; second horse 15 sovs from the stake. Two miles.
 279 Mr A. E. Byer's ch m Miss Nelson, by Nelson—Tamara, 6yrs, 10 12, Katterns .. 1
 184 Mr J. T. Blake's b m Tally-ho, by Forerunner, aged, 11.8, Mitchell .. 2
 605 Mr C. Gordon's b g Nor-west, by Nor-wester—Betty, 5yrs, 11.7, B. Hall .. 3
 Won by eight lengths. Time, 3min 58sec. Dividend, £3 8s.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.
 714 Mr E. J. Evans' b c Eton, by Castor—Lady Walmesley, 3yrs, 7.1C, Creamer .. 1
 416 Mr G. Wright's b h St. Elmo, by Castor—Welcome Katie, 4yrs, 7.7, Satman .. 2
 185 Mr E. J. L. Rae's b h Bowshot, by Maxim—Rainbow, 6yrs, 7.2, Holmes .. 3
 Other starters—99 Picklock, 8.9, Gall; 85 Miss Emmy, 8.8, Gallagher; 30 St. Gordon, 8.0, Moberley; 106 Cuiraba, 7.10, Sceats; 69 Lady Cuisine, 7.0, Higgett; 123 Record Reign, 6.11, Whitehouse; 61 Reaction, 6.11, Jellings.
 Won by two lengths, with Bowshot a good third. Time, 1min 17 3/4sec. Dividend, £2 7s.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.
 116 Hon. Hugh Mossman's ch f Lady Harriet, by Hotchkiss—Pungawerewere, 7.4, Satman .. 1
 607 Mr J. Taylor's gr c Dayntree, by Castor—Vivandiere, 7.0, Coulthard .. 2
 151 Mrs J. Lennard's br f Roxana, by Cuirassier—Vieux Rose, 6.10, Whitehouse .. 3
 Other starters—38 Swiftfoot, 7.5, Creamer; 187 Kettle-drum, 7.5, Gallagher; 502 St. Innis, 7.2, Jellings; 18 St. Lawrence, 7.0, Howard; 47 Bluejacket, 7.0, Holmes; 10 Lord Devon, 6.7, Tate; 19 Aurega, 6.7, Waldron; 20 Regulus, 6.5, Heaps; 16 Panacea, 6.7, Stewart.
 Won by a neck from Dayntree, who was just in front of Roxana. Time, 1min. 6sec. Dividend £13 13s.

PONY CUP HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second pony 10 sovs, and third pony 5 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.
 425 Mr L. Harris' b m Ranglura, by Cap-a-pie—Duchess, 4yrs, 6.10, Howard .. 1
 62 Mr E. J. L. Rae's ch m Mavourneen, by Anteros, aged, 9.3, Taylor .. 2
 284 Mrs J. Hand's br g Napoleon by Brigadier—Ma Petite Elle, 4yrs, 9.0, Sceats .. 3
 Other starters—65 Miss Rose, 9.9, Gallagher; 35 Pororua, 8.9, Creamer; 659 Fair Neil, 8.7, Dunlop; 71 Bob, 7.0, Satman; 6 Shamrock, 6.9, Maine; 61 Nora, 6.8, Coulthard; 15 Topsy, 6.7, Tate.
 Won by a length from Mavourneen, with Napoleon close up third. Time, 1min. 33sec. Dividend, £3 10s.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse 15 sovs from the stake. One mile.
 389 Mr Sam Bradley's br h Swordfish, by Hotchkiss—Fishgirl, 4yrs, 8.4, McTaggart .. 1
 227 Mr D. McNicol's b u Waiorongomai, 4yrs, 7.12, Holmes .. 2
 625 Mr D. Stewart's ch c St. Crispin, 3yrs, 8.12, Smith .. 3
 Other starters—449 Porangi Potae, 7.9, Smith; 100 Miss Anna, 3yrs, 7.0, Waldron.
 Won by two lengths from Waiorongomai, with St. Crispin close up third. Time, 1min 43sec. Dividend, £4 2s.



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