

OFFICIAL CALENDAR.

NORTH ISLAND TROTTING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Affiliated Clubs to the North Island Trotting Association.

NAME OF CLUB.	SECRETARY.	TOTAL PERMITS.
*Auckland T.C.	C. F. Mark	3
Hawke's Bay T.C.	W. D. Ireland	2
*Palmerston North T.C.	C. C. Miles	2
Wellington T.C.	Geo. McDonald	2
*Johnsonville and Hutt County T.C.	Geo. Bennett	1
Hawera T.C.	W. H. Tristram	2
*Otahuhu T.C.	W. Lockhart	1
New Plymouth T.C.	A. A. Ambridge	1
Normanby T.C.	J. Scott	0
Total Permits		14

*Includes pony racing.
C. C. MILES, Secretary,
Palmerston North.

FIXTURES.

Feb. 19 and 23—Otahuhu Trotting Club.

NOTES.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club's Summer Meeting will be held at Potter's Paddock on Saturday and Wednesday, 19th and 23rd February, and the programme, which is published elsewhere, is sure to meet with support. Eight events are provided for on each day, and the sum of £530 will be given away, and of that total £310 will be devoted to the trotting and £220 to the ponies. Nominations close with the secretary, Mr W. L. Lockhart, at the Metropolitan Hotel, Auckland, and at Otahuhu, on Friday, 4th February, at 10 p.m.

The Canterbury Trotting Club (writes our Christchurch correspondent) has received forty-nine nominations for the third Juvenile Stakes of 280 sovs, to be decided in May, 1899. Mr J. A. Buckland, of N.S.W., has entered four colts, three by Vavlers and one by St Louis; Mr H. Mace has six fillies by Brookholm. Other sires whose progeny have been nominated are Imperious and Rothachild four, Viking six, Wildwood six, General Tracey four, Kremlin two, Electioneer two, Specification, Brooklyn, Haha, and Pleasanton one each. * * * * * The South Island Trotting Association met last week over the appeal of Linda in the Bed of Stone case; the Linda case was dismissed. F. Holmes' appeal

against the decision of the Canterbury Trotting Club in disqualifying Stonewall Jackson for starting before his time in a race on January 1 was upheld. The appeal by Kirtton against the decision of the Tahuna Park Club, which upheld the protest of McEwen, owner of Leo, for inconsistent running of Rex, was dismissed. The appeal of J. Munro, rider of August, against the decision of the Canterbury Trotting Club in dismissing his protest against the horse Sterling, laid for inconsistent running, was dismissed. The association, which has been kept busy lately considering appeals, sat from 7.30 p.m. until 1.45 a.m., not at all a bad night's work.

Peter C. Kellogg, the well-known American trotting horse auctioneer, is in London and will conclude arrangements for establishing a mart for the disposal of American trotters in Europe. There is an increasing demand for them and no doubt buyers from France, Germany, Austria and Russia, will be glad to attend sales in England.

The best lot of horses ever shipped to Honolulu left San Francisco last month on the barque Archer. These were consigned to J. A. McDonald. Besides being fine looking, many of them have shown their ability to trot and pace below 2.30. There were eighteen head in all and were selected with great care.

The export of fine trotting stock to Europe during the past few months has been quiet though it bids fair to have an immediate revival. Several important purchases have been made recently and a number of foreign buyers are here while more may be expected as soon as the great winter sales commence. But the year's business promises, for all classes of horses, to far exceed any previous season. Up to September 1, or for eight months of the present year, we exported 30,628 valued at 3,728,192dol, as against a valuation for the same period last year of 2,476,828dol. If we assume that the last third of the year will be as prosperous in proportions as the other two-thirds in the value and number of the exports the total exports for the year will be worth close to 5,000,000dols.—Breeder and Sportsman

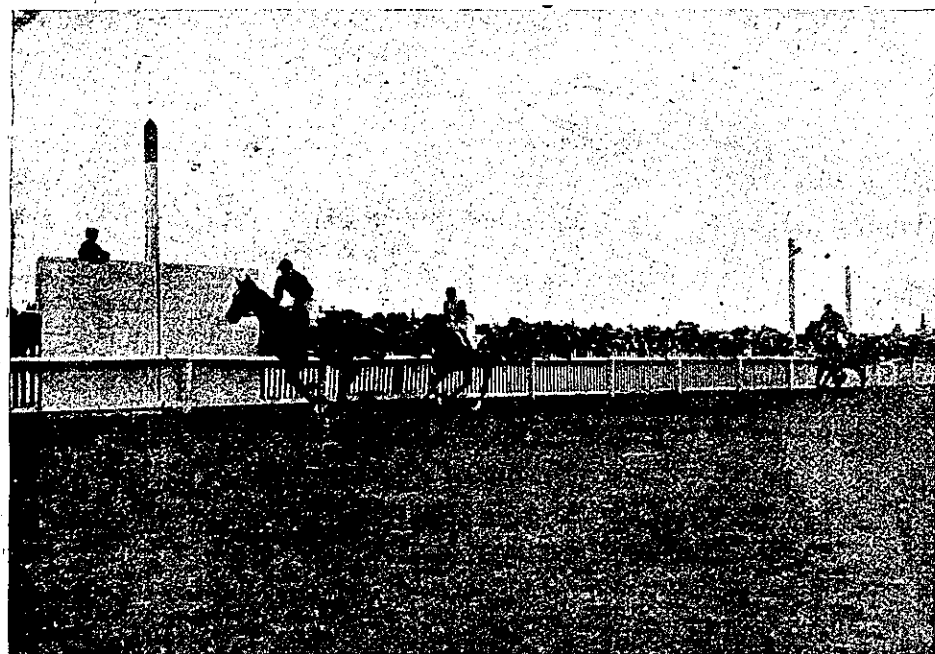
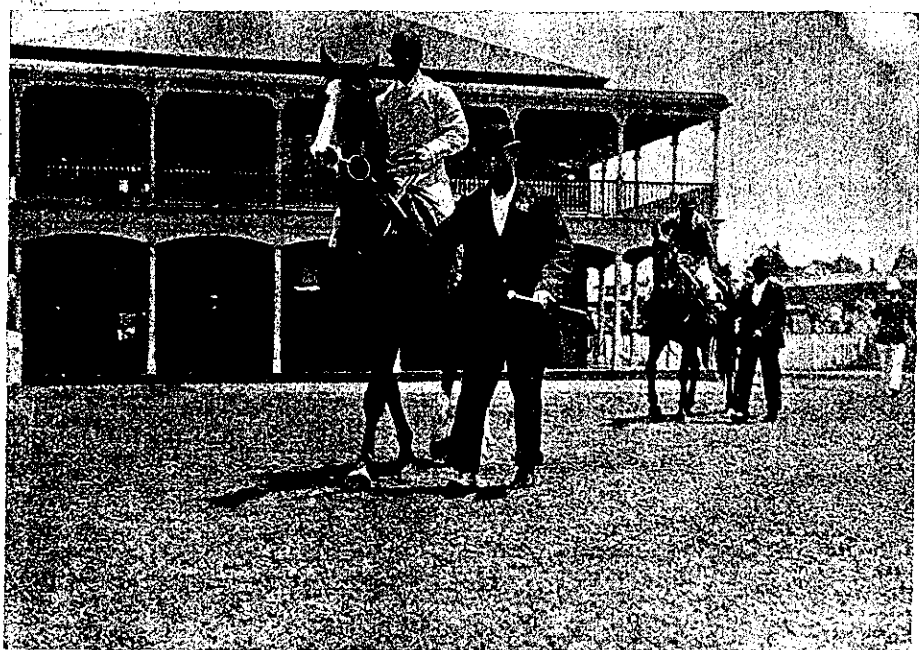
Since July 4th Star Pointer has travelled over 8,006 miles, has paced twenty-six heats below 2.05 and nine in 2.02½ or better.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

The following are the winning payments in connection with the above meeting:—

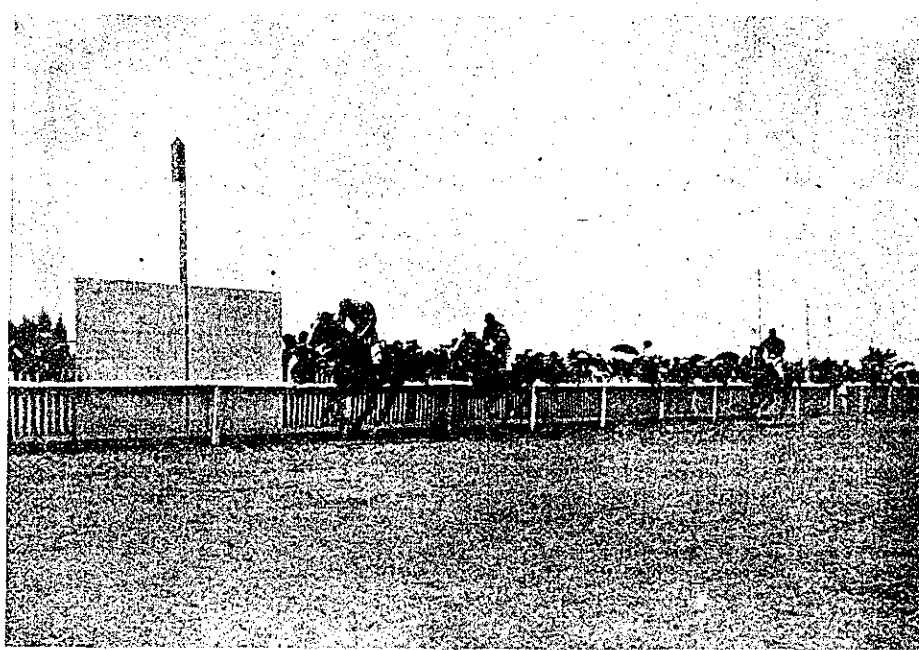
Name	Amount (£ s.)
Mr G. G. Stead—1st and 3rd Foal Stakes, 2nd Great Northern Derby, 3rd Midsummer Handicap, 1st Royal Stakes	888 5
Mr J. G. Groen—1st Auckland Cup	760 0
Mr J. Chaffe—2nd Auckland Cup, 1st Racing Club Handicap	560 10
Mr D. Stewart—1st Great Northern Derby, 2nd Royal Stakes	451 5
Mr S. Bradley 1st Christmas Handicap, 3rd Auckland Racing Club Handicap, 1st Grandstand Handicap	308 15

NORTH-WEST LEAVING THE SADDLING Paddock.



CONQUEROR WINNING THE GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES.

SNAPSHOTS AT A.R.C. SUMMER-MEETING. DERBY FINISH—ST. CRISPIN WINNING.



ST. CRISPIN DECORATED WITH THE BLUE RIBAND.

THE NEW ZEALAND CHESS TOURNAMENT.

The looked-for reunion of the New Zealand Chess players was brought to a successful conclusion on Friday last. Throughout, the play has been of an interesting character, and the tourney has been watched daily by many chess-loving spectators. Mr R. G. Barnes, of Wellington, is again the Champion of New Zealand. His win this year is the third he has secured in Championship Congress. Mr Barnes is a popular man in chess circles, and his victory was greeted with enthusiasm. Mr Howe played many good games in the tournament and earned the second place by careful and steady play. Mr L. P. Smith, of Glenvar, third on the list, is a young player of very great promise. He was the one successful man against Mr Barnes, and his victory over the Champion is a great feather in his cap. While admitting that Mr Barnes made a mistake in the game, Mr Smith is to be congratulated upon a thoroughly deserved victory. His score shows that he played a consistent game through out. Mr Jowett had to leave off playing as duty's call had to be obeyed. The following is the complete score list:—

Name	Wins	Losses
Barnes	10½	1½
Howe	9½	2½
L. P. Smith	8½	3½
James	8	4
Mellor	7½	4½
Edwards	6½	5½
Pleasants	6½	5½
Wood	5½	6½
Lelievre	5	7
Grierson	4	8
H. H. Smith	2½	9½
Jowett	2	10
F. Smith	2	10

WRESTLING.

It is stated in athletic circles that D. Leahy, of Coromandel, is very anxious to meet J. W. Sutherland in a Græco-Roman match. We have no doubt that the latter is ready to accommodate Leahy, who, no doubt, will win plenty of Karangahake gold if he manages to beat Sutherland. We believe Sutherland is ready and willing to wrestle any man of his weight in Græco-Roman and Catch-as-catch-can styles. Leahy, of course, he would have to meet at catch weights. If both men are really anxious for a "go," there seems to be nothing in the way to prevent the match coming off.

THE WELLINGTON RACING CLUB

The monthly meeting of the stewards of the Wellington Racing Club was held on Monday afternoon. Mr Franklyn, vice-president, in the chair. The following programmes were submitted for approval and passed:—Otaki Maori Hack Racing Club Autumn Meeting, May 24 and 25, stakes £855, Shannon Hack Racing Club, April 13, stakes £41. The following jockeys were voted a donation from the Relief Fund: J. Hercock £5, for injuries sustained at the Hutt Spring Meeting while riding Roseleaf in the hack race; James Russell £3, for injuries received at the Tara-ahi-Carterton Meeting on November 9. An appeal by W. Corlett against the decision of the Taratahi-Carterton Racing Club, depriving him of the stakes in the Prince of Wales Handicap on the 9th November, was considered, but it only being a question of fact, the decision of the local stewards was final, and therefore the Metropolitan Club could not interfere. A letter was read from Sir George Clifford in reference to the congested state of the unpaid forfeit list; it was decided that the matter was one which should be dealt with by the next conference. It was resolved to invite His Excellency the Governor to the Summer Meeting of the Club, and should he accept the invitation the stewards will entertain him at luncheon. The consideration of the question of licensing bookmakers at the coming Summer Meeting was postponed till the special meeting to be held on Thursday next.