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A UCKLAND RACING CLUB. NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

> FIRST DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH, 1898.

First Race to Start at 1 o'Clock.

Maiden Steeplechase Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase value 50 sovs at time of entry. Entrance 1 sov, and 1 sov each at the post. About two miles and a half.

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Winter Welter Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight of handicap, 9st. One mile.
Grand National Handicap Hurdle Race of 400

sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, and acceptance 2 sovs each, with a final payment of 4 sovs at the post, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles.

Selling Steeplechase of 100 sovs. Entrance, 2 sovs ing Steepiecoase of 100 sovs. Entrance, 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Four-year-olds to carry 11st 71b; five-year-olds to 12st 3ib. The winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race for 100 sovs. If entered to be sold for 50 sovs, allowed 7lb; if for 40 sovs, 14lb; if for 20 sovs, 21lb; if for nil, to carry 9st 7lb. No other allowance. About three miles.

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Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs;
second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For
all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the
value of 40 sovs at time of starting. Over seven
flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1
sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and threequarters.

Pony Hundicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

SECOND DAY, MONDAY, JUNE 6TH, 1898-

First Race to Start at 1 o'Clock.

Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 says second horse to receive 10 sove out of the stake.

Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to
the funds. For all horses that have never won a
hurdle race of the value of 40 sovs at time of starting.

Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.

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Pony Handicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov; and acceptance 1 sov each, to go, the funds. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a half.
Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap of 600

Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap of 600 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 2 sovs, and acceptance 8 sovs each, with a final payment of 5 sovs at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any steeplechase of the value of 150 sovs, after declaration of weights, to carry 51b penalty. About three miles and a half. Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters

quarters.
Tally-Ho Handicap Steeplechase of 150 sovs;
second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake.
Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sove each, to go to
the funds: About two niles and a half.

Second Winter Welter Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake, Entrancel sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight of handicap, 9st. Seven furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.,

NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE MEETING 1898 With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary, A.R.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1898, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.

Grand National Handicap Hurdles ... 2 sovs Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap ... 2 sovs

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1898, (General Entry Night), by 9 p.m.,
ACCEPTANCES.

Grand National Handicap Hurdles 2 sovs Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 8 sovs NOMINATIONS.

Maidea Hcp Steeples I sov Pony Hcp Hurdles ... I sov Winter Welter Hcp ... I sov Handicap Hurdles ... I sov Selling Steeplechase 2 sovs Tally-Ho Handicap Maiden Hcp Hurdles I sov ... Steeplechase ... I sov Pony Hcp Hurdles ... I sov Second Winter Welter Maiden Hcp Hurdles I sov ... Handicap ... I sov

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1898, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES .

Maiden Hcp Steples 2 sovs Maiden Hcp Hurdles 2 sovs Winter Welter Hcp 2 sovs Pony Hcp Hurdles... 1 sov

SATURDAY, J. NE 4, 1898, at the post. Grand National Hurdle Race 4 sovs

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1898, by 12 noon at Racecourse ACCEPTANCES.

Maiden Her Hurdles 1 sov Tally-Ho Steeples 2 sovs
Pony Hep Hurdles 1 sov Second WinterWelter
Handicap Hurdles 3 sovs Handicap 2 sovs
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1898, at the post.

Great Northern Steeplechase 5 sovs

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DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR. FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1898.

Grand National Hurdles Great Northern Steeplecel THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1898.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles Pony Hurdles Handicap Maiden Steeplechase Hcp Winter Welter Handicap MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1898, Morning Herald. Jony Handicap Hurdles Tally-Ho Steeplechase er Welter. Handicap Hurdles J Second Maiden Hurdles J Second Winter

WM PERCIVAL, Secretary, A.R.C.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB

STEEPLECHASE MEETING, TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MAY 24TH AND 25TH, 1898.

President: Dr Earle. Vice-President: Mr H. N. Harrison. Judge: Dr Earle, Hon. Starter: Mr C. H. Chavannes. Handicapper: Mr J. O. Evett. Clerk of the Scales: Mr E. A. Campbell. Clerk of the Course: Mr Donald MacDonald. Time-keeper: Mr R. Higgie. Hon. Surgeon: Dr Tripe. Hon. Vet. Surgeon: Mr J. A. Hawke, M. R. C. V. S. Stewards: Dr Connolly, Messars E. E. Fletcher, Alex. Higgie, A. J. Parsons, Allen Cameron, J. H. Nixon, R. Anderson. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr Freeman R. Jackson.

PROGRAMME

FIRST DAY-IUESDAY, MAY 24 (QUEEN'S BIBTHDAY)

Flying Stakes Handicap (on the flat) of 60 sovs;

Flying Stakes Handicap (on the flat) of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance. six furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance 2 sovs.—To start at 12 noon.

Wanganui Steeplechase Handicap of 30C sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and the third horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Over the Wanganui Steeplechase Course. Distance, about three miles. Winner of any handicap steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs, after declaration of weights, to carry a penalty of 71bs. Nomination, 2 sovs; acceptance, 5 sovs.—To start at 12 45 p.m.

Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Open

second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Oper to all qualified hunters, vide Definition of Hunters Distance, about three miles, over such course as the Stewards may direct. Gentleman riders. Lowest weight, 11st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 1,45 p.m.

First Handicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. About two miles and a distance over eight flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 2.30 p m.

First Huck Hurdle Handicap of 40 sovs; second

horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. About one mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Vide Definition of a Hack. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s.—To start at 3 p.m.

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Suburban Steeplechase Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles and a half, over such course as the Stewards shall direct. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.—To start at 3.45 p.m.

First Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb.

Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide Definition of a Hack.—To start at 4.30 p.m.

SECOND DAY-WEDNESDAY, MAY 25.

Winter Oats Handican (on the flat) of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes Distance, one mile and a hulf. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 12 noon.

Second Hundicap Hurdle Race of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles, over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs.—To start at 12 45 p.m.

Grandsland Steeple hase Handicap of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles and a half, over such course as the Stewards shall direct Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 ovs.—To start at 145 p.m.

Hunters' Hurdle Race Handicap of 40 sovs;

second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Open to all qualified hunters, vide Definition of Hunters. Distance, about two miles, over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Lowest weight, 10st 7lb Gentlemen riders; professional jockeys to carry 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s.—To start at 2.30 p.m.

Second Hack Hurdle Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 soys from the stakes. About one mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination. I soy: acceptance, 10s. Vide height. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Definition of a Hack—To start at 3 p.m.

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Final Steeplechase Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov, to be made half an hour before the race starts.—To start at 3.45 p m Second Hack Flat Handicap of 40 sovs; second

horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 10s. Vide Definition of a Hack.—

To start at 4.30 p.m.

QUALIFICATION FOR HUNTERS.—Open to all horses qualified during the year 1897, or that have been ridden to the hounds twice in the present season (1898) to the satisfaction of the Master of Hounds, but which have never won an advertised steeplechase or hurdle race—hack and hunter races excepted. Master's certificates to be produced to Clerk of the Scales.

Darinttion of a Hack.—A hack is a horse that has never won an advertised race (hack and hunter races excepted), and that is not at the time of starting, and has not been, during the three calendar months previous to the time of starting, nominated for any race (hack and hunter races excepted).

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DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ENTRIES. AND ACCEPTANCES,

And amounts to be forwarded to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING, MAY 24 AND 25, 1898. MONDAY, 4th April, 1898, at 9 p m., NOMINATIONS
-Flying Handicap and Winter Oats, 1 sov each; Wangaui Steeplechase, 2 sovs; First Handicap Hurdles, Second
landicap Hurdles, Suburban Steeplechase, and Grandtand Steeplechase, 1 sov each.

MONDAY, 2nd May, 1898, on or about, WEIGHTS— Flying Handicap, Wanganui Steeplechase, First Hurdles, and Suburban Steeplechase.

FRIDAY, 22nd April, 1898 (on or about), WEIGHTS
-Flying Handicap, Wanganui Steeplechase, Suburban
steeplechase, and First Hundles.

TUESDAY, 26th April, 1889, at 9 p.m., NOMINATIONS
-Hunters' Steeplechase, Hunters' Hurdle Eace, First
-Hack Hurdles, Second Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat,
Second Hack Flat, Final Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov

TUESDAY, 10th May, 1898 (on or about). WEIGHTS

—For Hunters Steeplechase, First Hack Hurdles, and
First Hack Flat.

TUESDAY, 17th May, 1898, at or about, 8 p.m., AC-CEPTANCES—Flying Handicap, 2 sovs; Wanganui Steeplechase, 5 sovs; First Handicap Hurdles, 2 sovs; Suburban Steeplechase, 1 sov; Hunters Steeplechase, 1 sov; Hunters Steeplechase, 1 sov; First Hack Hurdles and First Hack Flat, 10s each.

TUESDAY, 24th May, 1898 at or about 8 pm., WEIGHTS—Winter Cats, Second Hurdles, Grandstand Steeplechase, Hunters Hurdles, Second Hack Hurdles, and Second Hack Flat.

TUESDAY, 24th May, 1898, at 10 p.m., ACCEPT-ANCES—Winter Oats and Second Hurdle Handicap, 2 sovs; Hunters Hurdle Race and Second Hack Hurdles, 10s each; Grandstand Steeplechase, 3 sovs; Second Hack Flot 108. Flat. 10s.

WEDNESDAY, 25th May, 1898 (on the Course) WEIGHTS—For Final Steeplechase will be declared after the Grandstand Steeplechase, and ACCEPTANCES must be made half an hour before the race starts.

RULES AND REGULATIONS,

To which the attention of persons entering horses is par-ticularly directed.

All entries, nominations, etc., will close at the Secretary's office, Wanganui, at 9 p.m., except when otherwise specified. All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club, Wanganui, entrance money, enclosed, with the name, age at the time of entry, name of owner, pedigree, colours of the rider, and in case of handicaps where horses have not previously started on the Wanganui Course, performances of the horse. Entrance moneys to go to the funds of the Club. Entries by telegram must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity. Stakes are paid in full. All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing. No entry will be received under any pretence whatever after the hour named.

N.B.—The stakes in the above programme are subject to revision by the committee prior to closing, as to the dates of entry, acceptance, etc., amount of added money, and conditions. The committee also reserve to themselves the right of altering the dates on which the handicaps appear, should they deem fit to do so.

FREEMAN R. JACKSON,

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TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB

WINTER MEETING, TO BE HELD ON

SATURDAY AND TUESDAY,

MAY 21 AND 24, 1898.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY-SATURDAY, MAY 21.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 50 sovs; second to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, § sov; acceptance, I sov. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.

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Handicap Maiden Plate of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 50 sovs. Nomination, ½ sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

First Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. For three-year-tids and upwards. Nomination, ½ sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs. Birthday Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race of

receive 16 sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50 sovs, after the declaration of the weights, to carry 516 extra; of 100 sovs, 716 extra, Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one and a quarter miles. ret Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sove; second

horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.

Acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.

Hundicap Maiden Steeplechase of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. For all horse that have not won a steeplechase of the value of 25 sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, about two miles.

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Royal Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Winner of Birthday Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

SECOND DAY-TUESDAY, MAY 24,

Hack Hancicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 10 sovs at the time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, seven furiongs.

Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 60 sovs; second

horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.

Britannia Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to

Britannia Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one mile.

Second Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, § sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs. Victoria Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Britannia Handicap to carry a penalty of 71b extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs. Handicap Steeplechuse of 150 sovs second horse

tion, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs. Handicap Steeplechase of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of stakes. Winner of Handicap. Maiden Steeplechase to carry a penalty of 6lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Distance, about three and a half miles.

Welter Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race, after the weights are declared, to carry a penalty of 7lb. extra. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 2 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, by 9 p.m.

FIRST DAY. sov First Hndep Hurdles 1 sov sov Royal Handicap 1 sov sov Handicap Maiden 1 sov Steeplechase 1 sov Maiden Hurdles Maiden Plate Maiden Flate First Pony Handicap Birthday Handicap SECOND DAY. Hack Handicap 1 sov Victoria Handicap: Second Hndeofirdles 1 sov Handicap Steeple Handicap Steeple Second Pony Hndicap 1 sov Welter Handicap

WEIGHTS. FRIDAY, AFRIL 29, by 4 p.m.

Birthday Handicap First Handicap Hurdles Handicap S Second Day Steeplechase

FRIDAY, MAY 6, by 4 p.m.

FIRST DAY.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles Royal Handicap Handicap Maiden Plate Handicap Maiden Steeple Handicap Maiden Plat First Pony Handicap

SATURDAY, MAY 21, by 9 p.m.

SECOND DAY.

Second Pony Handicap Victoria Handicap Welter Handicap Hack Handicap Second Handicap Hurdles Britannia Handicap

ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, MAY 13, by 9 p.m. FIRST DAY.

Maiden Hurdles ... 1 sov Birthday Handicap 2 sovs Maiden Plate ... 1 sov Handicap Hurdles 2 sovs First Pony Handicap 1 sov Handicap Steeple-Royal Handicap ... 1 sov chase (second day) 3 sovs Maiden Steeplechase 1 sov

SATURDAY, MAY 21, by 0 p.m

Hack Handicap 1 sov Second Pony Handep 1 sov Second Hurdles - ... 1 sov Victoria Handicap ... 1 sov Britannia Handicap 2 sovs Welter Handicap ... 1 sov

SECOND DAY.

CONDITIONS. All Entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Devonport, or at Mr W. Blomfield's Office, Durham Street East, Auckland. The Club reserves the right to alter the programme and

The Chip reserves the right to steer the programme and dates of meeting.

Winners to pay 5 per cent of their gross winnings towards the expenses of the course.

Telegraph Office at Devonport to close at 5 p.m.

Telegraph Office open on Course up to 5 p.m. on race. ROBT. WYNYARD,

Secretary.

TAKI MAORI RACING CLUB HACK MEETING.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 AND 25.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

Trial, Hurdles of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Open to horses that have never won a hurdle race at time of starting. Lowest-weight, 10st. The winner of any handicap flat race to cary 10st 7lb. Entrance, 2 sovs. One mile and a half.

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Maiden Plate of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. Entrance, 2 sovs. Six furlongs.

Otaki Cup' of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. One mile and three furlongs. Birthday Hurdles of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of any hurdle race, after the declaration of weights, to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 13 sovs. One mile and sixty-five chains.

Champion Stakes of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. Entrance, 2 sovs. One mile.

Welter Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8st 10lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs.

Flying Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 11 sovs. Three-quarters of a mile.

SECOND DAY.

Trial Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive
10 sovs from the stake. For horses that have never
won a race exceeding 25 sovs in value at the date of
nomination. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov.
Six furloops. nomination. 141. Six furlongs.

Ranfurly Stakes Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Second Hurdles of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; seceptance, 13 sovs. One mile and a half.

Winter Oats Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov;

acceptance, I sov. One mile.

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Railway Plate of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Welter weight-for-age. Entrance, 2 sovs. Five furlongs.

Stewards' Welter Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8st. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a distance.

Jubilee Handicap of 55 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sovs.

CONDITIONS.

The winner of any flat race, after the declaration of the weights, to carry 7lb penalty; of two or more such races, 14lb extra in all handicap flat events at the meeting. NOMINATIONS close on WEDNESDAY, May 4th. WEIGHTS for the First Day will be declared on or about WEDNESDAY, May 11th.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day and ENTRIES for the Trial Hurdles, Maiden Plate, Champion Stakes, and Railway Plate close at Otaki at 9 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, May 18th.

way Plate close at Otaki at 9 p.m. on which May 18th.

WEIGHTS for the Second Day will be declared at 8 p.m. on MAY 24th, and ACCEPTANCES at 9 p.m. the same eyening.

HACK means a horse that has never won a race exceeding the advertised value of 40 sovs at time of nomination, hack and hunter races excepted.

All races to be run under the N.Z. Rules of Racing.

The Telegraph Office closes at 5 p.m.

Stakes paid in full.

HEMA R. TE AO, Secretary.

Submitted to and approved by the Metropolitan Club January 10th.—H. M. Lyon, Secretary.

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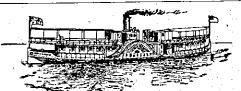
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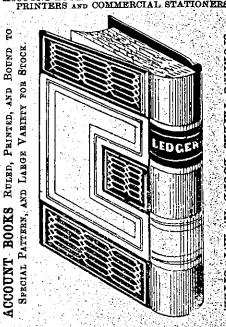
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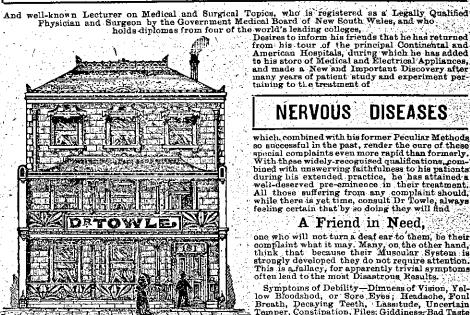
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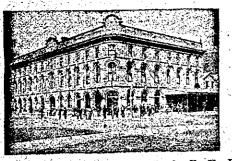
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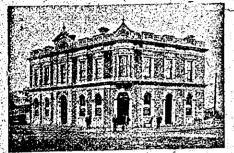
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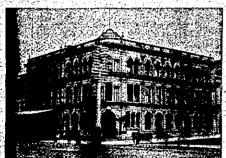
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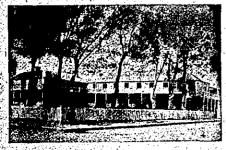
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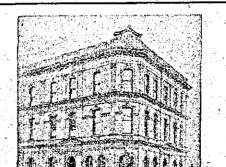
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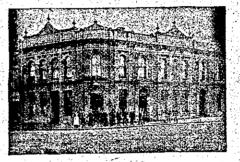


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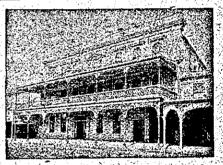
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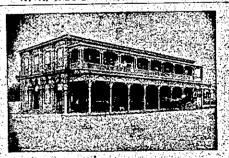
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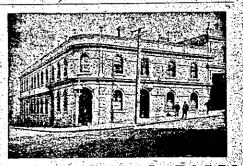


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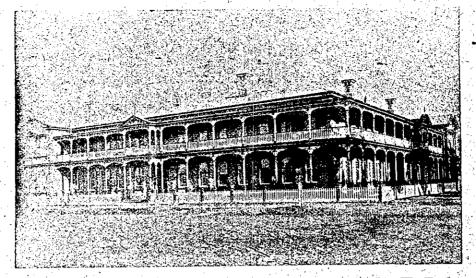
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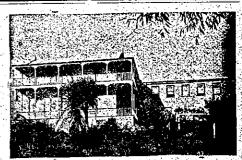
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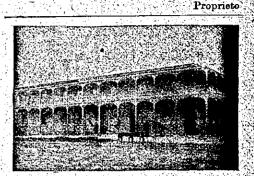


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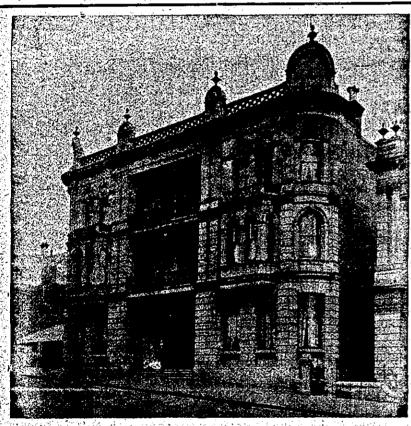
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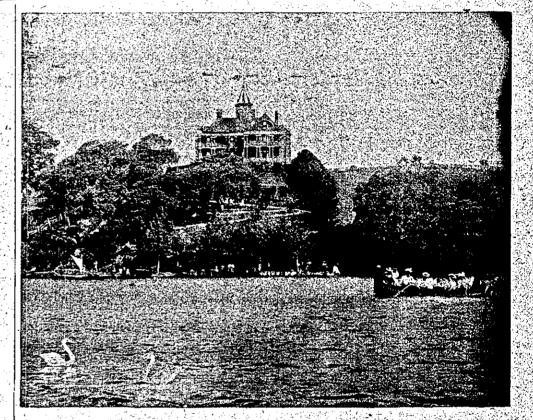
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League of New Zealand Wheelmen's Definition of a Cyclist.

AMATEUR DEFINITION.

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An Amateur is one who is the holder of an amateur licence from this League, and who has—A. Never engaged in, nor assisted in, nor taught any swimming, athletic, or cycling exercise for money or other remuneration. B. Never knowingly competed with or against a person who does not hold a licence under the Amateur Definition of this League for a prize of any description, or in any cycle event in public, except where permission is granted by the League. C. Never made pace for, or been paced by, aperson who does not hold a licence under this League, or, for or by a person under suspension. D. Never sold, realised upon, or otherwise converted into cash, any prize won by him. B. Never accepted, directly or indirectly, any remuneration, compensation, or expenses whatever, from a cycle manufacturer, agent, sport promoter, or other person interested in the trade or sport, for cycle riding, except where special permission is granted by the League.

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A Cash Cyclist is one who is the holder of a licence under this League, and 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. Or competing against any person who does not hold a licence under the Cash Definition of this League, except where permission is granted by the League. c. Making pace for, or being paced by, a person who does not hold a licence under this League, or for or by a person under suspension.

The Thames Cycling Club hold their inaugural sports gathering on the 24th inst. (Queen's Birth-The club's champion, Tierney, will then endeavor to lower Teddy Reynolds mile record for the Parawai track.

Sutherland, the League champion of New

Zealand, passed through Auckland on Sunday, last en route to Australia, where he will try conclusions against the crack riders of the other side. If Don. Walker's estimate of him proves correct, he should render a good account of himself in the land of the kangaroo.

The ex-New Zealand riders, Body and Hunt, who have for some time past been riding in Australia, are expected to arrive in Wellington in the course of a few days. They will compete at meetings in various parts of the colony.

The annual road race under the auspices of the

Auckland Amateur Athletic and Cycle Club will take place on May 24 (Queen's Birthday).

Speaking of the reciprocity agreement between the Australasian leagues, the Sydney Referee says: — "New Zealand and Queensland will" shortly complete the federation, but ought to hurry up," If I am not mistaken, the New Zealand League has already "chipped in."

A. R. Barker's three mile record for New Zealand of 6min 48sec was last week demolished by J. Grant, whose time for the journey was 6min 43 3-5sec-4 4-5sec better than Barker's

figures.
"Grimaldi," who has charge of the column in the Australian Cyclist devoted to the doings of the amateurs, says it is reported that "many of our best riders are engaged by firms to ride special machines, and that for their services they receive payment in an 'indirect' manner.' It is the old, old story (says the N.Z. Cyclist). The man does not live, nor does the institution exist, that is able to keep amateurism clean in cycling. The open order, and the allowing of a maker's employee to race as an amateur, are the chief causes of the mischief.

The Cyclists' Touring Club of New Zealand has decided to pay a reward of £2 2s to persons, not being the principals, who shall give infor mation leading to the conviction of anybody wilfully or maliciously placing tacks, broken glass,

heaps of road metal, etc., on the public roads. Mdlle. Serpolette, the famous French racing woman, is on her way to Sydney. She is one of the best racing women of France, and has recently won a six days' race in England, besides many races in which she has competed. - Her object in visiting Australia is for the purpose of giving exhibitions and breaking records (if she is so able) upon "Gladiator" wheels, and an effort is to be made to get a race meeting up, at which she is to appear.

Tom Clarkson is said to be going to throw up racing, but will have another shot at the N.Z. mile record recently wrested from him by the Australian rider, Don. Walker, before so doing. Dunedin's amateur champion, J. White, has

been transferred to Canterbury. Two hundred and thirty miles have been ridden on a bicycle without dismounting.

Geo. Fowlds sells straw hats, cool, stylish, and cheap.

THE PURCHASE OF BILL OF PORTLAND.

Some few years ago (writes the "Special Commissioner" of the London Sportsman) Mr W. R. Wilson, the well-known Australian breeder and owner, did me the honour of consulting me as to the purchase of a St. Simon stallion in country. Banks were breaking just then in Australia with utmost recurrence, and no one felt like spending much money, since he never knew how soon his available balances might be locked up in reconstruction schemes, so it was to be no fancy price for a horse, nothing touching even the border line of the sensational. I thought of Dunure, whom Mr Houldsworth was willing to sell for 3,000 guineas, and whom, when offered by me for that sum, the Austrian Government refused as not good enough, and then within a fortnight gave 6,000 guineas for him to another seller. Verily, the ways of these Governments are inscrutable! Dunure, however, had not done enough for Mr Wilson, and then came the idea, which has always been a leading one so far ides, which has always been a leading one so far as I am concerned, that it is better to get a really first-class horse with a "crab" about him than a mere bourgeois commoner whose chief merit is that he is undeniably sound. So it was that I fixed upon Bill of Portland, whom most of us remember as creating a tremendous sensation the first time he came out and won. The least estimate of his value at that time was 10,000 guiness, and writing at this distance of time, I unhesitatively that he is the first house aver sixed by ingly say that he is the finest horse ever sired by St. Simon, always excepting Persimmon—and Bill of Portland surpassed Persimmon in one way, viz., that big-boned and powerful as he was, he was not in the slightest degree gross or bulky. A trouble in the respiratory organs had suddenly run down his value. Of all the follies of the British breeder and owner there is none greater than their fear of this things which to my mind is the least important, and the least hereditary of all the least important, and the least nereunary of all the infirmities which horseflesh is liable to be troubled with. Be that as it may, Mr Combe gave the refusal of Bill of Portland for a month at a reasonable price—at tenth of his value but for that trouble—and it is so happened that the month expired a day or two before the tardy vessel bringing. Mr Wilson to these shores arrived. His first act on landing, however, was to make tracks for Newmarket, and the first horse he saw in the paddock there was Bill of Portland, and though Mr Combe cavilled a bit at the extension of time, he ultimately sold the horse to Mr



NORTH ISLAND TROTTING ASSO-CIATION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Affiliated Clubs to the North Island Trotting Association.

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TROTTING CALENDAR.

> FIXTURES.

May 14—Mangere and Suburban T.C. (inaugural meeting).
May 19 and 24—Canterbury T.C. Winter
May 24—Recfton T.C.
May 24—Westport T.C. Autumn
May 23 and 28—Tahuna Park T. and R.C. May
June 23—Hawke's Bay T.C. Winter

NOMINATIONS.

June 4-Hawke's Bay T.C. Winter

HANDICAPS.

May 2—Tahuna Park T. and R.C. May May 6—Canterbury T.C. Winter May 21—Canterbury T.C. Winter May 25—Tahuna Park T. and R.C. May June 11—Hawke's Bay T.C. Winter

ACCEPTANCES.

May 12—Westport T.C. Autumn May 13—Canterbury T.C. Winter May 14—Tahuna Fark T. and R.C. May May 21—Canterbury T.C. Winter May 26—Tahuna Park T. and R.C. May June 18—Hawke's Bay T.C. Winter

HANDICAPS.

MANGERE AND SUBURBAN TROTTING CLUB'S INAUGURAL MEETING.

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AS OTHERS SEE US.

Walter Bagsby, well-known here as a horseman, is back from Auckland, N.Z., where he has been for several months handling a stable of trotters. Bagsby went down to the colony for a trip, without any idea of getting into business. He had done some clipping here, but found there would be very little in it in New Zealand. After a time he made the acquaintance of a number of horse trainers and owners, and being given a trial, secured a good position. There is only about a month more of racing down there. Mr Bagsby intends to return in time for the campaign of next season. He says it is a great place for sporting of all kidds, and that contrary to general report, the liveliest interest is taken in trotting stock. All the saddle horses are trotters, and many of them are gaited wonder-The runners are of course the fafully easy. vourites, but the trotters always attract crowds, and there are large sums of money invested in the standard-bred horses.

All the trotters there are under saddle. Bagsby says he had a good laugh at himself the first time he went aboard of a trotter after getting into top boots and tights. The contestants are not so particular about breaking, and say nothing if a horse breaks and runs a hundred yards or so, provided it is apparent that the rider is trying to get his mount down. Bagsby says after all he prefers the sulky.

The racing in New Zealand that most interested the Honolulu man was the steeple chase. He says it is the most exciting sport that horses can be used in, but at times seems cruel. He tells of one event of three miles and a half of a course with thirty-three jumps. Six of the best horses in the country started, but only two of them were able to finish. T the others were hurt by falls and two became

so exhausted that they were unable to even attempt the last mile. The jumps are of all sorts. There are stone fences, hedges, open ditches, and ditches with water. Sometimes it is a fence and then water and again the water first. The colonials are very partial to this sport.—Honolulu Colonial Advertiser.

[We are afraid that Mr Bagsby's imagination has been "jumping."—Ed, S.R.]

NOTES.

Adbel, 2.23, the champion yearling trotter of the world, brought the highest price at the Palo Alto Stock Farm sale in New York City in March. The Suburban Stock Farm of Glenn Falls, New York, secured him for 3,000dol.

The entries received for the autumn meeting The entries received for the autumn meeting of the Canterbury Trotting Club must be exceedingly gratifying (states the Canterbury Times) to all concerned, more especially when the short limits imposed all round are taken into consideration. The result shows conclusively that the number of fast horses is decidedly on the increase. Three hundred and eighteen is the total number of entries, and this does not include those for the Juvenile Stakes. The entries too those for the Juvenile Stakes. The entries, too, are splendidly representative, for there is scarcely a performer of note in Canterbuay but has been been nominated for one or more of the races on the programme, in addition to which there is, of course, the speedy contingent brought by Mr Buckland from Sydney. Given fine weather, the club should reap the reward of its energetic policy by achieving a record success in point of attendance, and providing the best sport yet witnessed in New Zealand.

In Russia laying up of heats in harvess races is not practised, for each horse is timed separately and in a dash race the horse making the fastest time gets first money, while in a race of heats the horse making the fastest average time is declared the winner. American racing managers (states the Breeder and Sportsman) could evidently taken the selection of the states of the sta dently take a lesson from the Russians in more ways than one. For instance, a Russian racing association taxes the betting man 10 per cent. of the money handled, and charges an entrance fee of 2 per cent. of the purse from members of the association, and 4 per cent. from non-members. This is exactly opposite to the way business is done in this country.

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Trotting appears to be booming again in the South Island. Splendid entries have been received, and the New Zealanders appear to be genuinely intent in preventing Mr Buckland's Acstralian horses having all their own way. An analysis of the nominations received by the Canterbury and the Tahuna Park Clubs (writes "Director"), respectively for their meetings to be held this month, affords an approximate estimate of the number of trotting horses at present in Canterbury and Otago. By trotting horses, of course, is meant horses which are considered by their owners to be fast enough to compete in races. For the southern meeting 113 horses have races. For the southern meeting 113 horses have been nominated, and for the Canterbury Club's meeting 171, bringing up the very respectable total of 284.

Turf Records.

EGMONT R.C. HACK WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY-WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

The weather was fine and the ateendance good Results:-

MAIDEN PLATE of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

155½ Mr L. Fitzmaurioe's bg Taplow, by Puriri—Gipsy King mare, 8.11, Thomas 1

3 Mr H. Hakaki's bg Puanga, 8.12, H. Julian 2

44 Mr J. P. Belcher's bt Amazon, 8.8, Price 3

Other starter—37½ Banshee, 8.12; 11½ Intrepid, 8.11; 3 Pairawata, 8.11; ½ Weguard, 8.11; 22½ Wilson, 8.7; 12

Capture, 8.8: 42 Onutae, 8.8; 12 New Venu, 8.8

Won cassily by two lengths. Time, 1min 18 3-5960 Dividends, £1 18s and £1 2s.

MAIDEN HURDLESiot 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

93½ Mr E. Barnes' b m Klima, by Vanguard—Creeper,
10.0, Jackson
193 Mr C. Tate's br g St. Hiko, 10.0. Johnson
2 28 Mr-R. Christie's br g Star King. Attwood
3 Cther starters—6½ Dandy, 10.0; 19 Black Rose, 10.0; 22½
Glennore, 10.0.
Won by a length, third horse six lengths away. Time,
2min 53 3-5sec. Dividends, £3 17s and £1 13s.

2min 63 3-5sec. Dividends, £3 17s and £1 13s.

HAWERA CUP of 150 sovs; second horse 20 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

67\frac{1}{2} Mr L. Fitzmaurice's chig Rubin, by Tasman—
Rubina, 9.2, Thomas.

144 Mr A. Ferguson's b g Stockade, 8.13, McTaggart.

1222\frac{1}{2} Mr W. Davies' br g Ruby Twist, 9.3, Matthews ... 3

Other starters—120\frac{1}{2} Uhlan, 8.13; 34 Daphne, 8.5; 70\frac{1}{2}

St. Vincent, 8 2; 49 Kohai, 8.2; 58 Tommy Atkins, 7.4; 37

Queen's Guard, 7.2; 48 Calmarine, 7.0; 79\frac{1}{2} Tupuhi, 6.7.

Won by a length, third same distance away. Time 2min 39 3-5sec. Dividends £11 5s and £9 16s.

2min 39 3-5sec. Dividends £11 5s and £9 15s.

Mokola Plate of 30 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.

14 Dr. T. L. Paget's b m Wai-Iti, The Australian—Elleen, 8.12, Dunlop

75 Mr G. Williams' blk g Royal Guard, 8.6, Pagen 2.

31 Mr J. D. Mitchell's bg Riverdale. 8.11, Searle 3.6

Other starters—4 Black Rose, 8.12; 23 Discord, 8.11; 36

Faugh-a-Baliagh, (8.12; 37 Wavelet, 8.7; 14 Battleaxe, 8.6, Won by a length. Time, lmin 35sec. Dividends, £2113s and £17 11s.

WAIHI HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.

73 Mr George's blk g The Don, by Vanguard—Volta-rina, 7.12, Price 2 73 Mr J. Goodwin's b g The Major 7.9, Russeil 2 84 Mr G. A. Niebolson's blk g Guardfish, 8.11, Birkett 3 Uther starters—60 Lady Helena, 8.9; 17 Onutae, 6.10; 8 Capture, 6.7.

Won easily by two lengths. Time, Imin 14 2-5sec. Dividends, £3 13s and £1 16s.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 60 sovs; second horse 10 sov from the stake. One mile and a half.

117½ Mr P. Keith's br g Sinner, by Foulshot—Joss, 8.11,
A. Hall
32 Mr R. Barnes' b m Klima, 10.6, Jackson... 2
20 Mr T. Blake's b g Great Britain, 9.2, Whith
Other starters—35½ Riot, 11.27, 51 Nayborn, 10.7 (fell);
76 King of the Downs, 12.10.
Won comfortably by a length. Time, 3min-33 3-5sec.;
Dividends, £2 8s and £1 7s.

TELEGRAPH HANDIGAP of 50 sove; second borse 5 sove from the stake. Six furlongs.

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78\(\) Miss Bhoddy's br 'g Splinter' by Natator—Don Juan mare, 8.12, G. Laing

14t Mr V. H. Collelo's ch m The Hempie, by Natator—
Romp. 8.4, G. Price

41 Mr J. Paul's blk g Vibration, 7.5, Wilson
Other starters—116\(\) First Shot, 8.5; 80 May Day, 8.3.

16\(\) Disrael, 8.0; 35 Single Shot, 7.10.
Dead heat. The Hempie getting up to Splinter on the post; Vibration close up. Time, 1min 19sec. Dividends—The Hempie, £1 10s and 16s; Splinter, £2 19s and £18s.

SECOND DAY-THURSDAY, MAY 5.

The weather and attendance was again good, and the racing interesting throughout. Results:—

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TRIAL HANDIOAP of 25 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.

129½ Mr V. H. Collelo's cl.f. The Hempie, by Natator—Romp, 3yrs, 8.13, Price

38½ Mr F. Marsh's b g Flying Jib, 7.0, A. Julian

5 Mr S. Morrow's br f Capture, 7.7, Klley

Others starters—34 Wavelet, 7.7; 7½ Discord, 7.0; 6.

Intrepid, 7.0.

Won comfortably by two lengths, third four lengths Intropid, 7.0.

Won comfortably by two lengths, third four lengths away. Dividends, £1 10s and 15s. Time, 1min 31 3-5sec.

HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.

52 Mr L. Fitzmaurice's b g Taplow, by Furiri—Gipsy King mare, 10.5, Thomas 17 Mr A. G. Bishop's br m Black Rose, 8.11, G. George 2 196 Mr D. Sullivan's br h Tupuhi, 9.5, McCormick 3. Other starters—17½ Disraeli, 100; 91 The Major, 9.5; 99 Rivordale, 8.10; 6½ Woodman, 8.7. Won by half a length a neck between second and third. Time, 2min 47 2-5sec. Dividend, 28 5s.

Manaia Handicap of 100 soys; second horse 15 soys, and third horse 5 soys from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

quarter.

21 Mr C. Tate's b m Lady Helens, by Cap.a-pie—Barbare, 7.9, Barlow.

13 Mr C. E. Major's b g Tommy Atkins, 7.7, Price.

1424 Mr A. Perguson s b g Stockade, 9.3, McTaggart.

3 Other starters—123 Rubin, 9.13; 333 JUhlan, 8.2; 584 The Don, 7.9; 382 Calmarine, 7.3; 147 Tupuhi, 6.10.

Won by a length, same distance between second and third. Time, 2min 13 3-5sec. Dividend, £24 165.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 50 sovs; second horse of sovs from the stake. One mile and a half. 173 Mr P. Keith's br g Sinner, by Foulshot Jess,

10.13, A. Hall 1.2 Mr J. T. Blake's bg Great Britain, 9.9, D. Watt. 2.2 Mr J. T. Blake's bg Great Britain, 9.9, D. Watt. 2.2 Glid Mr G. Tate's br g St Hiko, 10.2, P. Johnston 3.3 Other stariers—43 Riot, 11.0; 492 Nayborn, 10.7. Won comfortably by a length, six lengths between second and third. Time, 2min 53 2-5sec. Dividends, £1 16s and £1.

OPEKE HANDICAP of 45 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Six furiongs.

92½ Mr V. H. Collelo's ch.f. The Hempie, by Natator—1. Homp, 86, Price

76½ Mr C. E. Major's b g Tommy Atkins, 8.4, Searle 2.71 Mr P. Coffey's b m May Day, 8.3, Wallace. 3. Other starters—82½ Splinter, 9.10; 37 Kahoi, 8.2; 30 The Major, 7.10; 16 Singleshot, 7.5; 47½ Vibration, 7.4.

Won easily by two lengths, a head between second andthird. Time, 1min 17 2-5sec. Dividends, £4 and £2 13s.

third. Time, 1min if 2-5sec. Dividends, £4 and £2 13s.

BOROUGH PLATE of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. One mile.

141 Mr A. Ferguson's b g Stookade, by Flintlock— Ada, 10.11, Mc Faggart

31½ Dr T. P. Paget's b m wai-iti, 10.12, Dr Paget _____2

29 Mr D. Teed's b g Fondroyant, 10.11, Greenwood. £3

Other starter—14 Faugh-aballagh, 10.11.

Won very easily by two lengths, a head between second and third. Time, 1min 50 4-5sec. Dividends, £1-5s and 14s.

NGAMATU HANDICAP of 30 sovs; set ond horse a sevs from the stake. Five furlongs.

71 Mr J. Paul's b g Vibration, by Wapiti—Reho,
7.13, Wilson
1213 Mr T. Goddard's blk g The Scout, 7.13, A. Julian
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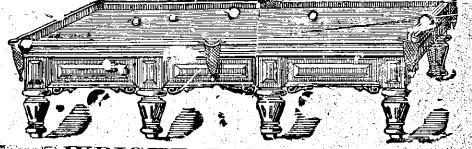
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Who that has been racing for any length of time does not remember little "Bobby" Radon, the famous Epsom light-weight?

His personality was sufficiently remarkable to dwell in the memory for a longer period than has elapsed since he took his leave of the stable, for assuredly few even of the "jockey" tribe—and some of them are built on anything but orthodox lines-had so many peculiarities as the hero of

this perfectly true story.

Standing not an inch over four feet, the first thing which struck Bobby's observers was the inordinate size of his head, while his jolly red face—evidence too certain of his bibulous propeneities—would have done no discredit to a brewer's drayman. Legs he had none at all to speak of—in fact, it was a marvel sometimes how they managed to span the saddle—and in this particular "Tommy" Loates, of present day particular "Tominy" Loates, of present-day celebrity, who is not altogether remarkable for the length of his extremities, could have given him a very considerable start and a beating

I first became personally acquainted with Bobby in a somewhat peculiar manner. It occurred at Stockton one levely afternoon in July, and Radon had the mount on Mammon, favorite for the chief two-year-old race of the meeting. According to my reckoning, the colt was pounds superior to anything else in the race, but I was in doubt as to whether the price would suit his owner, a North-country bookmaker of not particularly good reputation.

I had just seen the horses saddled, and was walking from the paddock to Tattersall's ring, when I heard my name, and, turning, saw Bobby who was walking his horse down to the post, beckening to me. As I drew closer to him he bent in the saddle, and said-

"Captain, I want you to do me a favor. Will you put me 'fifty' on my mount?"
"Cortainly, Bobby—with pleasure. He'll win,

"Yes, I guess he will. The rogues have asked me to stop him, and think I'm going to, confound their impudence! I don't mind sometimes lying behind with one of our own horses when he's out for an airing, but I ain't going to pull one that all the public have got their money on, and perhaps get hauled up before the stewards

"And a good judge, too, Bobby."
Now, if I know anything, Mammon will go back two or three points in the betting before the start, so don't be in a hurry to get on, and I'll meas em about as long as I can at the post, so as to give the beggars plenty of time to lay against

Assurring him that I would carry out his instructions to the letter, we parted, Bobby ambling his mount leisurely to the starting post, while I made my way into the Ring, where I found that already considerable opposition was manifested to Mammon, who had gradually receded until, from being a 6 to 4 chance, he stood at 3 to 1.

True to his promise, Master Bobby "messed" them about at the post to a pretty good tune, and before the flag fell I was enabled to obtain a bet of 8600 to \$100 anin't Manuary baldian of £600 to £100 again t Mammon—half for my-self and half for the jockey. Nor was 1 at any time in apprehension as to the result, for Radon jumped the chestnut off in front, and, keeping him there throughout, won in a canter by a

I did not deem it policy to watch the weighing-in process, but met the little man during the next race, in which he was standing down. He

greeted me with a grin.

"I manged that all right, captain, eh? You ought to have heard 'em carry on when I dismounted, but I soon shut 'em up by telling 'em I'd inform the stewards if they didn't hold their row. What price did you get?"

He was more than satisfied with the bet I had taken for him, and from that time Bobby and I became, if not exactly fast friends, at any rate on excellent terms with each other, and many's the good thing he afterwards put me on, especially when hailing from the Epsom stables.

At the back end of the following season w

both found ourselves at Shrewsbury. Those of my readers who have not been a racing at the "town of cakes" will now have no opportunity of doing so, as the meeting has for some years past been expunged from the Calendar; but they may take my word for it that a worse hole under unfavorable conditions—and the Clerk of the Weather was generally in a villainous mood when Shrewsbury races came on—it would be difficult to find

This particular November it was dirtier than usual. There were none of your thick, pea-soupy fogs to which we are accustomed in London, but ght was so had that there could be no doubt one existed somewhere between us and the sun, and, to add to the discomfort, rain pelted down in torrente.

Endeavoring to make the best of a bad job, I had hired a so called brougham to drive me to the course, and resolved to spend the afternoon therein, except when tempted to the betting-ring. This somewhat ramshackle old vehicle had scarely been brought to an anchor when I espied Bobby Radon walking my way, with such a lugubrious expression on his countenance that I could scarcely forbear from laughing.
"Why, Bobby, what's the matter? You look

as if you were attending a funeral."

"And sin't such weather as this enough to

make a body look glum? I'd rather be up in a balloon than ridin osses such a day as this." "Here, step in out of the rain and have a drink

to keep the cold out. This will put fresh go into you," and, taking up a bottle of Hennessy's best, I poured him out a pretty stiff glass.
"Ah, that's decent stuff, that is," said said Bobby,

smacking his lips appreciatively; and then, as I offered to replenish the glass, "Well, I don't offered to replenish the glass, mind if I do, captain, it won't hurt such weather

"What are you going to ride in the Cup,

"Why, that wretched old brute, Wynyard; and a nice chance I've got, I suppose."

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"Maybe a better one than you think, Bobby." "Why, what do you know about him?

"Don't you remember he used to belong to me, and that I sold him to Lord Holton two years ago? You know he has very big feet, and this is the weather of all others to suit him. He'll stay for ever at his own pace, and if you send him in front at the start and throw the mud in the others' faces he'll take a lot of beating, I can

tell you."

"Well I can keep him in front, of course, at ffrst, bet I don't see that'll help much. He's always run a rank bad 'un."

"That's because he hasn't been ridden properly. I didn't find it out while I had him, but I know now he won't try in a waiting race. Do as I tell you, Bobby, and I'll put you on a hundred to nothing. I'm going to back him for a good stake, if the price suits."

"Right you are, sir, and we'll just have another glass to drink good luck to him. By Jove! captain, this is prime; I feel a good deal more like riding the winner of the Cup than I did

before meeting you."

With that he departed, having an engagement
the onening event. I did not come to ride in the opening event. I did not come across him again until just before the race for the Cup, when I ventured into the paddock, though the rain was still descending like a gigantic shower-bath. Bobby was in earnest confab with Lord Holton (Wynyard's owner), and, without appearing to be listening, I managed to get near enough to overhear their conversation. His lordship, who promised his jockey a fifty-pound note in the event of victory, was tying him down with the strictest waiting orders. This would not suit my book at all, so I seized the distribution of drawing Radon aside.

was pushing him along with his hands.

he was carrying out my instructions to the letter. It was quite impossible to see the horses on the far side of the course, but as they came round the bend for home I was delighted to notice the blue jacket still in front, and with his opponents one by one dropping back. after a futile attempt to get on terms, Wynyard passed the post amidst the yells of the fielders, to most of whom he had done a real good turn, the easiest of winners by eix lengthe.

After he had passed the scale Master Robert Radon spent a mauvais quart d'heure with Lord Holton. His lordship's face was very red, and and he could scarcely enunciate clearly, so great was his rage. Approaching the jockey he pulled out his note-case, and handing him a "flimsy" said, controlling his voice as well as he was able-

"Here's your 'fifty' Radon. You managed to win the race, but remember under no circumstances will you ever ride another horse for me. I expect my jockeys to obey orders, whether they win or lose, and you may think yourself lucky I don't report the matter to the Stewards of the Jockey Club. Why, I believe you're drunk man!" drunk, man!

And, sooth to say, what with excitement and the effects of the brandy, Master Bobby did manage to evince most of the symptoms of intoxication. However, he made no attempt to argue the point with his lordship, and though he lost the letter's riding in the future my winnings. lost the latter's riding in the future, my winnings on the race had been so considerable that I was enabled to give him a handsome solatium as a reward for, on this occasion, not "riding to orders." - Captain Armstrong in Sporting Sketches.



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horse to receive 1 sov from the stakes. For ponies
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H. B. MASSEY,

Secretary.



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Puppy Stakes. For an unlimited number of puppies at £1 10s each. Nomination, 10s (6s to ex-

puppies at £1 10s each. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses), on FRIDAY, May 20th, by 9 p.m.; Balance of Sweep, 20s, on THURSDAY, May 26th, by 8 p.m.

JUNE MEETING,

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, AND SATURDAY, JULY 2. New Lynn Mailen Stakes. For an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at 30s each. Open to all dogs that have not won any advertised money. Nomination, 10s (5s to expenses), on FRIDAY, June 24th, at 9 p.m., Balance of Sweep, £1. on MONDAY, June 27th, by 8 p.m.

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AUGUST MEETING,

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 AND 27. Champion Collar Stakes. For an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at £3 each. Nomination, £1 (10s to expenses), on FRIDAY, August 19th, by 9 p m.; Balance of Sweep, £2, on MONDAY, August 22nd, by 8 p.m.

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Don't forget, Bobby," I said ; " go right away when the flag falls, and send him along for all he's worth. DISTRICT ORDERS

"Yes, that's all very well, captain," was the but his lordship's given me strict instrucreply, "but his lordship's given me strict instruc-tions to ride a waiting race, and I must obey orders, you know.'

"Orders be hanged! Lord Holton's a young fool, and knows no more about horses than a babe unborn. The only chance of Wynyard's winning is for you to do as I tell you. I've got a good bet, and I'll make it a couple of hundred if you

That and a pull at the brandy flask with which I had provided myself settled the matter, and making for the ring, I entered a second wager of £2500 to £100 for Wynyard, who was handicapped at the ridiculous weight, for a six-year old, of 6st 4lb, was regarded as an old "crock," and slighted accordingly.

With Wynyard, Lord Holton had had rather worse luck than myself, and here was the horse, at the close of the fifth season on the turf, with only one pair of winning brackets to his name.

The more I thought of old Wynyard's large flat teet-they greatly resembled those of Prodigal, who was such a renowned "mudlarker"greater my confidence in the result became, and when the flag fell I was in the seventh beaven of anticipation.

The start took place just below the stand, and bad as was the light, I could see that Lord Holton's mazarine blue jacket was in front and making the running.

As they passed the stand for the first time

Wynyard held a lead of six lengths, and Radon

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THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1898.

OUR JUMPERS-A COMPARISON.

The victory of the New Zealand bred horse Ditto in the First Steeplechase at the recent Australian Jockey Club's meeting at Randwick, affords food for thought for both racing men and breeders, and let those thoughts be those of interested or disinterested persons there can be but one conclusion to be drawn, and that is that the horses now called in Australia, by courtesy, jumpers, have lost cast to an alarming extent, as compared with those of some half-score years ago. Prior to the period stated the son of The Dauphin and Fair Lilian, or one of his class, would have had no more chance of winning a steeplechase at one of the head-quarter meetings of the Australian Turf world than would the writer of this article have of becoming the ruler of the Empire. The question naturally crops "How do you account for the in-

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and that is not saying much. If Australian studmasters who bred jumpers up to ten or twelve years ago have suffered through breeding weedy animals to keep up with the public craze, the breeders of New Zealanders have most decidedly been the gainers thereby. Have they not within the time mentioned found purchasers for such horses as Peter Osbeck, Chemist, Titikowaru, Orangeman, Donald, Rob Roy, Audacity, Recruit, The Don, The Secretary, The Artist, Guy Fawkes, etc., and have they not won races in their own interests with almost the whole of these, as well as Mutiny, Satyr, Ballyhooley, and Co. Now these horses won when the Australian horses were of a better class than at present, for with those horses on their feet no such horse as Ditto could hope for victory. Ye Gods! it makes us laugh to think of J.B.W.'s smiles when he received the news of Ditto's recent win. Such horses as Levanter, Plain Bill, Toriki, Missfire, Opai, Ned Kelly, and Donald McKinnon, and others will keep the New Zealand jumpers before the world, but we must impress upon our breeders the necessity of breeding horses up to the old standard, horses fit to carry a man a proper day's journey, to stand fatigue, and, in short, go through such troubles as horses of the olden time. The downfall of the fine upstanding thoroughbred of Australia as we once knew them, cannot be put down to other causes than those mentioned above. The craze of both race clubs (proprietary and otherwise) and the public, was for short races, whereby big fields were assured, and the chance of gamb-ling extended. Many other evils have accrued from this craze for short races, such as children (more fit to be at school) being brought into the arena as jockeys before their proper time, etc., but of these more anon. These lines are in-tended to impress upon New Zealand breeders the necessity of keeping up the good old standard of horses, and if this is done, we may depend upon this part of the world, to occupy the leading position of Australasia, for good, sound, upstandstanding horses for exportation to England and India as well as to Australia.

Sporting Topics.

The racehorse Judge Denny is credited with having lowered the world's record for two miles in February last at San Francisco. The record held jointly by Ten Broeck and Newton (3min 27½sec) was reduced to 3min 26½sec.

The death of the brood mare Sanda is reported in latest English files. Sanda was tha dam of Sainfoin, a winner of the Derby. Sanda was by Wenlock from Sandal, by Stockwell; therefore she was a half-sister to the Fulham Park mare Instep, the dam of Sainfoin, Lord Wilton, Footstep, and Aura. Aura is the dam of Aurum and Auraria, and Footstep is the dam of Royal Admiral, The Admiral, Port Admiral, and Fleet Admiral.

The stock of the defunct Maxim (by Musket from Realisation) appear to be upholding the prestige of their sire on the Californian (U.S.A.) tracks. In February last the four-year-old bay mare Fleur-de-lis, by Maxim from Fleurette, who is handicapped at 7.5 in the two great Spring, handicaps of the East—the Brooklyn Handicap and the Suburban Handicap—equalled the coast record over a mile and one-sixteenth. She was ridden by "Tod" Sloan, the other contestants being Traverser with Clawson up, Ostler Joe with Turbiville in the saddle, and Libertine in Conley's hands. Traverser cut out the pace at a terrific clip; the first six and a half furlongs being run in Imin 20sec. Fleur-de-lis began to close up the gap of three lengths round the far turn, and when they turned into the stretch was only a length behind. She soon had Traverser's measure, and won easily in Imin 464sec, which could have been reduced a good half-second. The official time for the first mile was given as Imin 39sec. Fleur-de-lis is by imported Maxim out of Fleurette, sister to the immortal mare Firenzi, and the dam of Flurry and Silver II. As a two-year-old Fleur-de-lis started 13 times, winning five races and running second on-four occasions. Ailing in the early part of 1897 she did not run till late in the year, winning three out of six races, and running second once. This year she has started six times, winning four times, second once, and once unplaced. At the same meeting Napamax, another Maxim filly, won the Flirtation Stakes, six and a half furlongs, in Imin 21sec.

Writing of Australian racehorses in England the Special Commissioner of the Sportsman says:

"On my way to the scene of action I noticed F. W. Day's string, all looking big and well, Bicorniger and Airs and Graces supplementing the Australian-bred division. Of these latter, Acmena has evidently thriven throughout the winter, but handleappers are far too hard on her, being as she is such a small, light mare, and her owner, from what I know of him, is likely to send her to the stud."

The winnings last season of a leading Northcountry (English) bookmaker are computed by an English writer at £90,000.



RESULTS OF RACES.

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prove the breed of horses? It is hard to think so, and we will always be hard to convince upon this head. The foremost of Australian studmasters, such as Henry Phillips, of Warnambool fame, Robertson Bros, of Turretfield, and Jno. Coldham, of Western Victoria, all of whom were noted breeders of jumpers, found they had to give way to breeders of the lighter and faster horses, and rather than be left in the lurch they, too, had to go in for the "squib" breeding business. Tasmania, too, had, after producing such champions over timber as Ringwood (Malua also belonged to their studs), Denmark, Kangaroo, Flashlight, and many others, to give way to the short distance craze, and latterly we find Victoria and Tasmania only cropping up occasionally with a good one. At the present time in big timber jumpers, if we take Whernside, Hayseed, and Songster from the Victorian steeplechase ranks, where could we find another with decent credentials. In Sydney Whitefoot II. stands out the best of the lot,

lian jumper showed signs of giving way to the aforesaid "squibs." It was about

this time too that the leading clubs of Australia began to insert numerous sprint races into their programmes, and struck

out many long distance races. Did they

(the clubs) do this with a view to im-

It will be remember that when La Fleche was knocked down to Sir Tatton Sykes for 12,600 guineas at the sale of Baron Hirsch's stud, he repudiated the bid and left for the Continent. It now transpires, according to a London paper, that it was Lady Sykes who instructed Lord Beresford to make the purchase, and Sir Tatton afterwards took the mare for the sake of peace. The same paper, commenting on the Sykes affair, which was so well aired in the English courts, winds up with a few remarks about female gamblers:—"It must not be supposed that the gamblers:—"It must not be supposed that the Tranby Croft disclosures killed this class of scandal, for they did not. The curious part of this business with some of these ladies is that they have their own private card tables, which accompany them in their travels as their bonnet boxes do. The betting and gambling woman is, of course, by no means a modern creation. It was the late Sir Joseph Hawley who used to speak with such scorn of those "betting duchesses."

The women make the finest touts in the world, as they ask questions a man would not dream of asking, and their pertinacity is something wonderful. I recollect some time ago the very beautiful wife of a noble lord, who was a large owner of racehorses, whom it was found absolutely necessary to mislead, as she gave the whole stable away. I have, too, in my mind, another countess who betted very heavily. My lord one day with great secrecy gave his commissioner certain instructions about backing a horse for him. The commissioner smiled at the mystery that was being observed, and said, My lord, my lady's commission has been in the market for the last two hours. This is most certainly not as it should be."

Or Earle, of Wanganui, Mr G. Hunter, M.H.R., of Hawke's Bay, and Mr R. H. Nolan, of Hawera, have been appointed a Court of Appeal to deal with the appeal of Mr. J. R. Sewell against the disqualification by the Dunedin Jockey Club of himself, his horse Lobo, together with the rider and trainer. In a letter to the Dunedin Jockey Club on the subject, the chairman of the Racing Conference states that "he feels compelled to dissent from the resolution of the club's committee to the effect that no appeal lies to it or to the Racing Conference under Rule 117 on the question of Mr Sewell's disqualification. He rules, and will continue to do so, until a vote of the conference rules otherwise, that an appeal lies with regard to all penalties and disqualifica-tions, even when arising from a decision as to a question of fact. It will be in such cases for the Court of Appeal to review the evidence and decision previously given, and to determine whether substantial justice has been done, which was the chief purchase for which Rule 117 was framed."

Our Canterbury correspondent wires:—At a meeting of the North Canterbury Jockey Glub committee held last night, it was decided that the evidence was not sufficient to warrant the Seabrook case being reopened. The club made a profit of £44 over the last meeting. It was resolved that a circular be sent to all clubs under the control of the Canterbury Jockey Club asking them if they will favour the following proposition: "That the commuttee of the Canterbury Jockey Club be asked to act as stipendiary steward when present at meetings held under any programme approved of by them.

Racegoers will regret to hear that last week that fine upstanding horse. St. Simon, broke down at Ellerslie, and was so lame after an exercise gallop that it is extremely improbable that he will be raced again. Mr Skipwith is to be sympathised with on his severe loss for such persons hadden as the history and the severe loss for such persons hadden as the history and the severe loss for such persons hadden as the history and the severe loss for such persons hadden as the history and the severe loss for such persons the severe lo feet hurdlers as the big son of St. Leger are very

The enquiry into the running of Crescent at the recent Ashburton meeting, which our Can-terbury correspondent refers to, has terminated in the disqualification of Crescent, the owner, Victor Harris, the trainer, Free Holmes, and the jockey, Jackson, for two years for inconsistent

To morrow (Friday) Messrs Churton and Co wall sell by auction the privileges for the gates. booths, cards, and refreshment stalls for the forthcoming Winter Meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club. The North Shore gatherings are always popular with racing folk, so that good attendances are assured for the meeting to be held on May 21 and 24, and it is safe to say that the sale of the privileges will bring good prices.

The severe sentence imposed upon Martin Taylor, John Higgins, and James Randall formed the subject of conversation in the city yesterday, and it is no exaggeration to say that sympathy for the accused bookmakers was general and pronounced. Our courts rule that the keeping of a shop for the purpose of making bets is a viola-tion of the Gaming Act, the interpretation of which has been a source of much profit to the lawyers. However, Mr Taylor and his com-panions have, no doubt, broken the law, but all excepting the anti-gambling humbugs will refuse to look upon them as criminals deserving of being sent to gaol to consort with the burglar, and it may be the assassin. The sympathies of the Christchurgh Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr Beetham are evidently entirely with the fanatics, who have been raking up ancient law to carry on their crusade entirely against the bookmakers, whom he has consigned to gaol for, having done that which has been tolerated for years. Sydney magistrates, it may be pointed out, in dealing with cases that have occurred there, have meted out fines, not imprisonment.

A pactor in one of the South-Eastern suburbs, on his way to the evening service recently (writes "Javelin" in the Melbourne Leader), and when near his little church overtook three local trainers near me inthe church overtook three local trainers and five jockeys sauntering slowly along. Although the good man had never seen any of them amongst his congregation, he knew them all, and as he drew up level, determining if joesible to improve the occasion, he said, "Well, and we have planty of room, you cannot do." now, we have plenty of room, you cannot do better than all come to church." To his intense surprise and satisfaction, one of the horsey men

informed him that was their "dart." naturally curious to discover the peculiar influence which had induced eight of them simultaneously to become devotionally disposed, he sought enlightenment on the subject, when the man who had previously spoken said, "Well, Jimmy 'ere, read out o' the paper that you wus goin' ter preach about ther Unjust Stooard, so we thought we'd come an' see who you wus goin' ter rub it into."

Training operations at Ellerslie are livening up considerably, and during the next week we may expect to see the candidates for Takapuna coin and glory brushed along in business-like style Jumpers have been schooled a lot, and among others that an attempt has been made to educate in the art of getting over the sticks is Antares. He certainly never turns his head at anything, but the manner in which he rattles into the obstacles makes his trainer, Franks, scratch his head. On Tuesday he showed marked improve-A horse that is improving in Frank McManin an's hands is the grey gelding Voltigeur II, while Miss Nelson and Magpie are reported to be well. The rain which fell during the week was very welcome, and the tracks are now in excellent condition.

Throughout the week Rowley's Waxworks, at the Agricultural Hall, have been well patronised, and right away from 2 o'clock to 10 the people have steadily crowded the hall to gaze upon the numerous life-size figures on view. In addition to the wax effigies of living and dead celebrities, there are many attractions and novelties, such as the Grand Cosmoramic Views and Professor Antonio's Royal Punch and Judy Show. A variety entertainment is also provided for the amusement of visitors, some of the principal turns" being the Japanese wire-walkers, the marvellous juvenile contortionist, the lightning sketch artist, and the various conjurers, jugglers, and dancers. The Waxworks Exhibition will only be with us for a short season, so advantage should be taken to see a real good show at a very moderate tariff.

MADAME AMY SHERWIN'S CONCERT COMPANY.

Always a warm favorite in Auckland the "Tasmanian Nightingale" once more returns in better form than ever, and bringing with her a compact and well-balanced concert company. No larger hall being available, Madame Sherwin's opening concerts are being given at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, the limited space detracting somewhat from the effect of both voices and instruments. This week I am compelled to condense my notice of the first two concerts into little more than the bare mention of the many exquisite morceaux admirably rendered, merely remarking that one notable feature is the absence of the pernicious tremolo from the method of every one of the singers-a rare treat in these times. Madame Sherwin's pure and flexible soprano, enhanced by artistic and sympathetic management, has revelled "Gound's "O! Divine Redeemer," G. B. Allen's
"Little Bird," Gound's "Serenade," Ombra
Mai Fu" (from Handel's "Xerxes"), Dvorak'.
"Songs my Mother Taught Me," and Cowens'
"The Swallows," besides numerous encores, including "Within a Mile of Edinbro' Town," etc. Miss Kitty Grindlay, gifted with a very fine voice with contralto and mezzo-soprano range and with contralto and mezzo-soprano range and quality combined, has won high praise with "The Promise of Life," "I'm Owr'e Young to Marry," "In Sweet September," "Ben Bolt," "All Souls," "Come Lasses and Lads," etc., etc., besides duets with Mr Arthur Deane, well rendered by both artists. The last-named contlement's raise is a resenant nurs and true gentleman's voice is a resonant pure and true baritone, and his style a striking example of the best English school. He is excellent all round, whether in operatic selections, ballads, humorous songs, or concerted morceaux. Mr Arthur Deane is a brother of Sydney Deane, of operatic fame. The violinist, Herr Alberto Zelman, is a sound and brilliant performer, using the closed shake with commendable moderation. His breadth of tone, intonation, command of bow, double-stops, and harmonics, place him on a high-pedestal as as violinist. Mr. Herbert Stoneham, as a flautist, merits similar praise, his double-tongueing being especially effective. Both gentlemen play obbligatos with refined taste and discretion. Herr Szczepanowski, besides being a splendid accompanist, is remarkable as a piano soloist for a wonderfully delicate and elasstic touch, his legato playing being exquisite. This afternoon (Thursday) a matinee performance takes place at the Choral Hall, where the talented company will find better acoustic conditions. All lovers of really artistic music should make a point of being

Notes for Owners and Trainers

Friday, May 20, is the date of general entry for the Auckland Racing Club's Sceeplechase Meet On the same date acceptances for the Grand National Hurdles and Great Northern Steeplechase are due. The weights for these two events are promised to morrow.

Wanganui acceptances are due on Tuesday

May 17. Mr Robert Wynyard will receive acceptances to-morrow (Friday) for the following events, to be run at the Takapuna Jockey Club's Winter Meeting:—Maiden Hardles, Maiden Plate, First Pony Handicap, Royal Handicap, Maiden Steeplechase, Birthday Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, and Handicap Steeplechase.

The secretary of the Otaki Club notifies that acceptances for the first day and entries for the

Trial Hurdles, Maiden Plate, Champion Stakes, and Railway Plate close at Otaki at 9 p.m. on Wednesday March 18.

Anticipations.

THE MANGERE AND SUBURBAN T.C. INAUGURAL MEETING.

[BY ATLAS.]

The newly-formed Mangere and Suburban Trotting Club will hold its inaugural meeting on the old Otahuhu Racecourse on Saturday next. The course is naturally a good one, and has, I understand, been considerably improved of late. It is situated at an easy distance from the Railway Station, and, as the fields are large, a good crowd of racegoers is anticipated. Concerning the chances of the horses engaged in the various events, I like the following :-

Maiden Trot.—Bugler 1, Wild Rose 2, Old

'Maiden Pony Handicap.—Sweetheart 1, La Rose 2, Vera 3.

Mangere Trot.-Miss Huon 1, Pioke 2, LADY

RETFORD 3. Suburban Handicap.—Dick 1, UNENOWN 2,

BIT OFFASHION 3. Electric Trot.—CLARET 1, LAWYER BELL 2,

Flying Handicap.—LENA 1, DICK 2, TOPSAIL 3.

After the Races.

EGMONT RACING CLUB'S HACK MEETING.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The Maiden Plate, weight-for-age, six furlongs, served to introduce the Winter Meeting of the Egmont Racing Club. Amongst the candidates was a full sister to Ruby Twist and Richmond Gem (Gipsy Bing—Torori), New Venus, appropriately called so, the dam's name being Maori for fragrant weed, and New Venus, that of a well-known brand of tobacco. Her chances of success, however, were practically nil, for she was as lame as a cat, and Jim McTaggart had difficulty in getting her out of a trot in her preliminary. The Wanganui owned Taplow, by Puriri out of a Gipsy King mare, on the strength of his go at Wellington, when the Petroleum horse Rochester just defeated him, was installed a very warm favorite 155½ out of 346½ on the machine being against his name. Onutae, Amazon, and Banshee being next in demand at even figures. The start was a terribly bad one, the field of eleven moving off in a long line, Guntae last to leave, being over two chains to the sad. Banshee was quickest away and led from Amazon till rounding the turn, when Amazon displaced her, and led into the straight, with the favorite, Taplow, rapidly closing up. Half way up the straight Taplow ran past Amazon, whilst a rank ousider in Puanga did likewise, Taplow winning comfortably by two lengths, Puanga half a length in advance of Amazon. Mr P. E. Dover was fined £3 3s for failing to scratch Gowrie.

Mahoe was the only absentee from the Maiden Hack Hurdles, in which the little Vanguard-Creeper mare, Klima, made her first appearance over the small sticks. St. Hiko was served up a warm favorite, whilst Klima was the only other one decently supported. St. Hiko, as usual, took command when they went away. Dandy being next, and Klima third, and they came past the stand in that order. Star King nearly came down at the jump below the lawn, but Attwood made a clever recovery. In the back straight Klima moved up alongside St. Hiko, and the two lates of the page of let out for home, quickly putting daylight be-tween themselves, and the rest of the field. A good finish between Klima and St. Hiko saw the former win by a length and a half, Star King six

lengths away third. Next came the piece de resistance in the Hawera Hack Cup, one and a half miles, with the good stake of 150 sovs attached to it. When the numbers went up Mainboom 7.11, and Kasses 7.9, were not amongst them, leaving a good field of eleven for punters to worry over. Needless to say, Ruby Twist was most sought after, but the big son of Gipsy King and Torori hardly looked at his best Stockade stripped very fit, and with Jim McTaggart in the saddle, had many friends, whilst the Cuirassier horse, Uhian, on the strength of good track work was also soundly backed. Nothing though had such a thoroughly wound up appearance as the exceptionally well bred Tasman—Rubina gelding, Rubin, and had it been anywhere but Hawera, where, before going into Fitzmaurice's stables at Wanganui, he had so often failed after such good working gallops on the same track, he would have been better supported, only carrying $67\frac{1}{2}$ out of a total of $931\frac{1}{2}$ on the machine, in fact, the practically untried Wapiti colt, Tupuhi, in Holmes' stable had a better following. The result went to show that my statement in my last week's Wanganui notes, that Rubin was a vastly improved horse since his change of quarters was fully borne out by his running. When the barrier went up, Tupuhi shot to the front and led down the straight past the stand, with Queen's Quard and Calmarine his nearest attendants. Rounding the turn Tupuhi still led from Queen's Guard, whilst Calmarine made a forward move, but quickly fell back again. Tupuhi continued to take the field along at a merry bat round the home bend, the Twist all being handy. Entering the convencing straight Tupuhi had had enough, and Stockade took up the running, and looked all over like a winner, but Rubin came with a great rush, and despite McTaggart's vigorous riding of Stockade, former came away and won fairly comfortably by a clear length, Ruby Twist also put in his claim, but had to be content with third place, a similar distance behind Stockade.

The Mokoia Plate, seven furlongs, came next, from which Navigator (Lady Spec's half brother by Cruiser), Intrepid, Pairawats, New Venus, and Taplow were withdrawn. Punters quickly pounced on Battleaxe, doubtless being attracted by seeing that Hotchkiss and Queen Cole were responsible for his existence, but he grieviously disappointed his numerous followers by never being prominent; the only others decently sup-ported were Royal Guard and Wavelet. After the barrier had been broken the field got well away together, Wai-iti being first to show in front, though she quickly gave way to Royal Guard and Faugh a ballah, who carried on the running till half way round the bend, when Wai-iti again took command and was never afterwards headed, win-ning comfortably by a length from Royal Guard, Riverdale filling third place. Wai-iti, who is the property of a well-known Stratford sporting medico (Dr. Paget), rewarded her fourteen sup-porters with handsome prices—£21 13s per £1 inside and £17 11s for 10s outside.

The Waihi Handicap, one mile, was reduced to the somewhat small field of six by the scratching of Kaenea, Tommy Atkins, Taplow, and Tupuhi. Betting on four out of the six was exceptionally even, the figures on The Major and Don being respectively 73½ and 73, Guardish 64½, and Lady Helena 60, Onutae and Capture being almost neglected. The Don was quickest away, followed by Lady Helena, The Major, and Onutae, the latter three racing abreast. The Don made every post a winning one and got to the box without ever being troubled a good three lengths ahead of The Major. Guardfish came with a late run-

and got into third place.

The only one to decline the First Handicap Hurdles was The Friar's full brother, St. Hiko. The most casual observer could not fail to notice the great improvement in the ex Rangitikei hunter, Sinner, and as his jumping abilities have been clearly demonstrated before, it was no matter for surprise to find him sent out a warm favorite, King of the Downs (with 12.10) coming next in demand. Sinner was rushed to the front and took a strong lead. Nayborn fell at the first fence, Tom O'Brien getting off without a scratch. Passing the stand Sinner still led, and it could be easily noticed he made a lot of ground by his extra proficiency at every jump. Riot and Great Britain lay next. Turning into the back stretch the positions were the same. At the home turn Sinner still held a strong lead, but Klima was not going to let him go unchallenged, and though she made up a lot of ground she failed to get further than Sinner's quarters. Great Britain filled third place four lengths behind Klima. King of the Downs broke down, finishing a long way behind, and it will probably be some time before he will again see the post.

Owners were busy with the scratching pen for the concluding event (the Telegraph, six furlongs), The Major, Wavelet, Amazon, Navigator, Tupuhi, and We Guard all going out. Punters had evidently heard of the quality of Norton's half sister, The Hempie, and when they saw her stripped no one could deny that she is a handsome looking mare, and she was sent out a considerably better favorite than First Shot. he top weight, Splinter, looked particularly well, and with a good horseman (George Laing) on his back his charces were considerably underestimated. Splinter was quickest off the mark, old Disraeli being next, and the first mentioned led into the straight, with First Shot, Vibration, and The Hempie moving up. A slash ing "go" saw The Hempie and Splinter dash past the post locked together, and the judge was unable to separate them. Vibration filled third place. First Shot, who finished fourth, walked back to the paddock very dottily.

SECOND DAY-THURSDAY, MAY 5.

Racing was recommenced the second day with the Trial Handicap, seven furlongs, in which the well-bred and handsome-looking daughter of Natutor and Romp, The Hempie, met very weak opposition. Needless to say, she was sent out at a very short price, as out of the small total of 219½ on the machine 129½ were on her number. Discount was the first to move, followed by Intrepid and Wavelet. Flying Jib quickly got on terms with the leading trio, and the quartette raced together till half-way round the bend, when The Hempie moved past them, and the result was never in doubt, Norton's half-sister winning very comfortably by two lengths from Flying Jib, who was four lengths in advance of

On the strength of having carried the field On the strength of having carned the new along at a merry bat for a mile and a quarter in the Cup Tupuhi (9.5) was quickly dropped on by punters as the good thing for the High-Weight Handicap, one mile, Riversdale and The Major, who were next in the betting, having only half as many investments against them. Taplow and Black Rose were the first to move, Tupuhi getting a bad position amongst the rack. Black Rose shot out on entering the back stretch, Tupuhi being several lengths behind; but McCormick gave him his head, and he dashed past the field as if they were standing still. Tupuhi held a decided advantage rounding the home turn and looked all over like getting home, but both Taplow and Black Rose had yet to assert themselves Thomas bringing the former up on the outside with a particularly brilliant run, winning by half a length, whilst Black Rose defeated Tupuhi for

third place by a bare neck.

Next came the principal event, the Manais Handicap, one mile and a quarter, from which Ruby Twist (9.3), Daphne (7.11), and Amazon (6.10) were withdrawn. Stockade was made only a slightly better favorite than Rubin, who had the big impost of 9.13 to carry, the figures respectively being 1421 and 128, whilst the Nanguard gelding, Tommy Atkins, was soundly supported on account of the prominent position he held up to the distance in the race for the Cup on the previous day. The way the race was run leaves little room for description.
Tommy Atkins hopped off the mark the quickest,
and galloping in resolute style took command of
field, Ullian being his nearest attendant passing the stand. Going down the back Torhmy was still striding away in front, handling George Price out of the saddle, and it looked as if nothin

would get to him. At the turn little Lady Helena came away from the ruck, and gave chase to Tommy Atkins. When heads were chase to Tommy Atkins. When heads were turned for home Lady Helena came on full of running and out the leader down, winning an exciting race by just a length. Stockade also made up a lot of ground in the straight, and finished close up third. Protests were entered against both Lady Helena and Tommy Atkins for inconsistent running as compared with the first day. A lengthy enquiry was held by the stewards, and an adjournment made for further hearing after the Hurdles were run. Both protests were dismissed, and the thirteen backers of Lady Helena inside drew the nice dividend of £24 15s and the eight outside £12 9s.

All the five acceptors faced the music for the Second Handicap Hurdles, Riot being top weight with 11.0. The easy manner in which that wonderfully improved horse Sinner disposed of all opposition yesterday, resulted in his being sent out a hot favorite despite his rise of a stone and 2lbs. Sinner adopted similar tactics by going to the front, but this time he had a companion in St. Hiko. Nayborn would not gallop a yard, probably feeling the effects of the fall the first day, and when Sinner and St. Hiko went down the back stretch, Nayborn was hopelessly out of it. As the leaders neared the bottom turn Percy Johnson had to use the whip on St. Hiko to keep alongside of Sinner. Before the home run was reached, however, Sinner had drawn right away from St. Hiko who fell away beaten. Dug Watt managed, by all free use of the flail, to drive Great Britain up to within a length of Sinner, who strode past the post a winner by that distance, with Alick Hall sitting still on him. St. Hiko was fully six lengths

All the eight acceptors had a go in the Opeke Handicap, six furlongs. Though The Hempie was sent out favorite there was no great difference in the figures against her, Splinter, Tommy Atkins, and May Day. Splinter got badly left, turning round wrong way when the barrier went up. The Hempie and Tommy Atkins rushed to the front and were several lengths clear of the the front, and were several lengths clear of the rest at the railway bend. The Hempie gradually drew away from Tommy Atkins, and won very comfortably at the finish by two lengths. Tommy Atkins and May Day filled the other places, with

only a head between them.

The presence of Stockade in the Borough Plate (welter-weight-for-age), one mile, accounted for numerous defections, the pen going through the names of Mahoe, Lady Helena, Black Rose, Ruby Twist, Pairawhatu, Intrepid, and Taplow, whilst Foudroyant was added to the list of acceptors on the card. Faugh a Ballagh, a rank outsider, flattered his few supporters in the early part of the race by rushing to the front and going down the back with eight clear lengths' lead of any. thing else. Foudroyant and Stockade, however, closed up a good bit of the gap before heads were turned for home, and at the finish it was only an exercise canter for Slockade, who won anyhow by two lengths. Wai 1ti came with a very fast late run, defeating Foudroyant by a neck for second place. The popular sporting medico of Stratford, Dr. Paget, rode his own horse (Wai-Iti) in this event, and was the subject of a little good natured "chaff" from the boys, which the doctor took in good part. On his returning to scale he was lustily cheered. He certainly rode an excellent finish to get the position he occupied

at the judge's box. Punters evidently thought The Scout must be a second Telephone, the way they piled it on to him for the final flutter, five furlongs, as out of 4711 no less than 213 tickets were entrusted to Vanguard's representative. May Day and Amazon were very evenly backed, with only a difference of 1½ between them, whilst Vibration had a respectable following. Of the all-important dispatch Vibration got a good two lengths advantage of The Scout, and the well known black body and red cap of Mr Joe Paul (of Foxton, Boulanger, and Company associations) were safely borne to the front to the end of the short journey by the son of Wapiti and Echo. May Day, who got away badly, made up a lot of lost ground in the straight; finishing close up on The Scout's

ASHBURTON RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

[BY OUR CANTERBURY CORRESPONDENT.]

The Ashburton Racing Club's Autumn Meeting was carried to a successful issue on Thursday and Friday last. There was some good racing, death of H. McNiel the jockey, marred the pleasure of the sport.

Racing on the first day commenced with the Netherby High-Weight Handicap, seven furlongs. Marino (9.9) was at once installed favorite, but although he shaped well he could not catch Alcestis (8.3), who jumped off the mark very smartly, and holding her own to the finish won by a neck from Marino, who was two lengths in front of Crescent (8.12). Dividend, £6 9s.

There were only four starters in the principal race, the Autumn Handicap, one mile and a quarter. The winner turned up in Bi-metallist (6.12), she outsider of the field, who, in company with Rangefinder (7.5), made the running from the start and just beat the latter by a nose after a splendid struggle. Epaulet (9.5) was close up third, while Skirmisher, who ran badly, finished several lengths behind Epaulet. Dividend, £9 1s. Rangefinder was favorite.

Topsy (7,10), by Perkin Warbeck 11., won the Melrose Pony Handicap, four furlongs, defeating Dot (8.13), Bot fly (9.7), and two others. Dividend. £5 8s.

The Novel Race, five furlongs, was won by Cherrystone, The Orphan second, and Miss

Lochiel third. The winner, who was favorite, was bought by Goodman for £25.

A field of five started in the Grove Handicap,

seven furlongs. Seabrook (87) led from start to finish, and won easily by three lengths from Marino (8.8), Belligerent (7.6) being third. Double Event (9.5) and Mount Clair (8.12) were the other starters. Dividend, £416s. A protest vas entered against Scabrook on the ground that his running at North Canterbury was still under consideration. The stewards decided that as they had not received any official information on the subject the dividend on Seabrook should be paid, but in the meantime they would withhold

Shooting Star won the Hurry Scurry, paying a dividend of £5; and the Flying Handicap was won easily by Bracelet (9.3), First Venture (7.5) being second, and Paladin (7.13) third. Dividend, £1 16s.

Racing on the second day commenced with the Wakanui Handicap, six furlongs. Crescent (8.12), despite his poor running on the first day, was made favorite, and won in the end by a length and a half from Belligerent (8.2), who was two lengths in front of Liberty (77). Dividend, After the race the stewards met and considered the running of Crescent on the first day, but no decision was arrived at. Further weetings were held in the evening and also on Saturday, but the stewards were unable to come to any decision. Another meeting will be held to-morrow night.

The Ashburton Handicap, one mile, brought out five starters; Seabrook was most in demand. Bi-metallist (7.3) and Double Event (8.3) made the running for half a mile, when the others drew level, and just below the distance Rangefinder (7.3) came away and won by two tengths from Seabrook (8.8), who was just in front of Quiltiri (7.2). When weighing in, T. Buddicombe, who declared 2lb over-weight, had drawn the scale at 7.7, now drew. 7.8. The stewards held a meeting to consider whether this invalidated Rangefinder's claim to the stake, and it was resolved to refer the matter to the Canterbury Jockey Club.

Dot, who got second in the Pony Race on the first day, won the similar event on the second day, defeating Bot-fly by a neck, and paying a dividend of £4 2s. The winner was protested against on the ground that she was over the standard height, but the protest was dismissed. At the South Cauterbury meeting Dot was not allowed to start. She is a five-year-old mare by

Apremont. The Disposal Stakes, five furlongs, was won by The Orphan, who defeated Rudstone, Quiltiri and three others, and paid a dividend of £2 18s.

and three others, and paid a dividend of £2 18s. Speculator (9.4), who has just returned from the West Coast, won the Winchmore Welter, seven furlongs, beating Marino (9.13), Epaulet (10.12), and Mount Clair (8.0), who finished in the order named. Dividend, £4 15s.

The Allanton Handicap, five furlongs, was won Living 19.5 for seven all horses by Artile

by Liberty (7.8), a five year-old horse by Artillery — Fanny Purnell. Belligerent (7.9) was second and Alcestis (8.3) third. Dividend, £9 8s. Rudstone (by Stonyhurst — Manza) won the Hurry Scurry, paying a dividend of £2 17s.

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[Own Correspondents.]

CANTERBURY.

Quiltiri - Warrington - Double Event-Epaulet-Marino-Bracelet-The death of McNeill-Sale of Golden Legend and Sequin.

CHRISTOHURCH, May 10. Last week I mentioned that Quiltiri had lost all the pace he possessed as a three year old. At North Canterbury he could not win the Novel Race in second-class back company, while at Ashburton last week he started in three races, getting third place in two. In the Novel Race, in a field of six, he failed to gain a place.

Warrington, who a couple of years ago could generally manage to win a race at any meeting he started at, ran in the Novel Race at Ashburton. The old son of Gorton failed to gain a place, and would probably be less expensive to his owner if he were allowed the run of the paddock.

At the Ashburton meeting Double Event did not run up to the form he showed at Timaru. He started twice, and failed to run into a place.

Epaulet, who ran well at Timaru and North Canterbury, was unable to win a race at Ashbur-

Marino, who was sore at the Canterbury Autumn Meeting, is regaining his best form, and had hard luck in not winning at Ashburton. He ran into second place three times.

only starte easily won her race. She carried 9.3 in the five furlong race. With 7.10 in the Tradesmen's Handicap at Dunedin, she should nearly win. Skirmisher, in his present form, cannot have much chance of beating the speedy daughter of Medallion, while Firefly and Cannonshot should, on recent running, be held safe by Bracelet I think either Vanilla or Bracelet will win the race referred to.

Miss Lochiel, Quiltiri, The Orphan, and Cherrystone, who ran in the Selling Races at Asbburton, have been nominated for similar races at the

Dunedin meeting.

The sad fatal accident which occurred at Ashburton cast quite a gloom over the meeting, while young McNeill's friends at Riccarton are deeply touched over his death. McNeill was riding Navigator in a preliminary before the Flying Handicap, the last race of the first day. The horse attempted to rush off the course, and, fall ing, crushed his rider against a gate-post. It was at once seen that McNeill was very badly injured and he died shortly after his removal to the hospital. He was a promising lad in his profession, and earlier in the day had the mount on Rangefinder in the principal race, when the latter was

beaten by Bimetallist by a nose.

Golden Legend, by St. Leger—Bangle, was offered for sale by public auction on Saturday, and bought by Mr C. G. Dalgetty for 95 guineas. The horse will go to Dunedin on Saturday. Mr R. Ray bought Sequin for 250 guineas.

WANGANUI.

Sale of Voltigeur—Disqualifications endorsed - Cheque - The Wanga nui Steeplechase-Success of tocal horses at Egmont-The late meeting-The Otaki nominations.

WANGANUI, May 10.

That useful horse Voltigeur (Tim Whiffler Voltarina) has just changed hands, Jerry O'Driscoll, a well-known ex-Hawera boniface and owner of Indian Shot, being the purchaser. The price is reported to be £150. Voltigeur's mission will Fred Tilley doubtless be the illegitimate game. Fred Tilley prepared him for the last Grand National Hur-The result will perhaps be best remembered by Alick Hall, who got knocked a few days pre-vious to the race when schooling Tilley's cast-off at Riccarton. Voltigeur appears amongst the entries for the North Grand National Hurdles.

The committe of the Wanganui Metropolitan Club endorsed, last Wednesday night, the disqualification passed by the Feilding club on Fred Tilley, young Woods, and the horse Return. The entries of Bona Fide and Voltigeur for the Wanganui meeting, being in Tilley's name, will now be informal. The disqualification of Return at Feilding when heavily supported by the general public, upon whom racing clubs rely for support, gives a fresh opportunity for urging upon stewards the necessity of protecting those from whom they derive their revenue. I am quite confident that individually almost every steward of the Feilding club was satis fied in his own mind that if Return won on the second day it would be a reversal of form, and the proper course for the stewards to have adopted would have been to have held an enquiry into Return's running on the first day, immediately after the Winter Oats, but having refrained from doing so they should certainly have returned the 600 to the have returned the £235 to the investors on the Prodigal gelding when he was sent up. Punters would then have been satisfied instead of being disgusted at losing their money. There is no gainsaying the fact that stewards of clubs at times show great want of discretion. It was freely rumored at Feilding that one or two of the stewards had advised their friends not to back Return, as he would be sure to go up. Needless to say that the action of these stewards met with the severe disapproval of the stewards of the club as a whole. Stewards would be wise if when friends ask their advice as to the probable result of an event they were plead entire ignorance as

Sam Fergus has arrived with old Cheque, who claims engagements at the local meeting on May 24, in the Suburban and Final Steeplechases.

Jimmy Retter brings the 'chaser Tangaroa in this week to put the finishing touches on him for the Wanganui Steeplechase. Tangaroa has given ample evidence of both his jumping and galloping abilities, and with 9.11 must be given a chance.

Locally-trained neddies had a real good innings at Hawera last week. The Hempie had three wins, Taplowtwo, and Rubin, Splinter, and Vibration one each, making a total of eight out of fourteen events; whilst the local horremen, Geo. Price and W. Thomas, headed the list of winning mounts, scoring three apiece.

Stockade was a stronger order down this way for the Egmont Cup than Kuby Twist, for whom on Feilding running, it looked a really good thing. Ruby Twist was not himself by a long way, but at Otaki may probably tell a different tale.

The local owner of Splinter had very bad luck at Egmont with the useful Natator gelding. Many were of opinion that The Hempie failed to reach Splinter in the Telegraph Handicap, when the judge's verdict was a dead heat, but of course the man in the box is alone in a proper position to decide. George Laing got badly left at the post with Splinter on the second day, when his owner went for a good win.

First Shot had a bad time of it in the Tele graph Handicap at Egmont, getting jammed on lame, being to the rails, and pulling up very barely able to get back to the paddock. Sheehy had the horse very well, and it was hard luck getting him knocked out. First Shot will not be seen out again till the Spring.

One of the most improved houses seen out at the Egmont meeting was undoubtedly the ex Rangitikei owned hunter, Sinner, whom Peter Keith sent to the post in real good nick. Sinner's jumping was greatly admired, and as he gave several good exhibitions over country when very green last season I fully expect, if the handicapper gives satisfaction, to see him saddled up at Ellerslie, on June 6, for the Great Northern Steeplechase.

Tommy Atkins was a very strong order down this coast for the Manaia Handicap on the second day at Egmont, and several well-known punters went for a good win, on the strength of informa-tion received. Had George Price been able to keep hold of Vanguard's military representative for the first part of the journey he would probably

Little Klima made a very respectable first ap-pearance over small sticks at the Egmont meeting. She won the Maiden Hurdles after a good go with St. Hiko, and beat everything but Sinner in the big hurdles. The same day Mr George Gibson's raking big horse, King of the Downs, broke down badly in the Handicap Hurdles, and it is doubtful if he will see the post again for some time. Jimmy Peachey has had charge of Mr Gibson's hurdler of late, and had considerably improved him.
It is generally considered the handicapper has

treated Toriki (9.11) leniently in the Wanganui Steeplechase, as he has been over country and showed he was a vastly-improved horse at Napier. Toriki is the popular fancy locally for the big steeplechase.

The holders of the twenty-one chances of £24 15s and £12 9s dividends on Lady Helena at Hawera felt none too confident about their chance when the lengthy discussion of the protest for inconsistency was being held. On the first day Lady Helena had no earthly show with,

The Don, The Major, and Guardfish in a mile run in 1min 47 2-5sec, but with a stone off her back she cut out a mile and a quarter in 2min

13 3-5sec, and The Don was not in it.

A full-fledged medico appeared at Egmont as a knight of the pigskin in Dr Paget. The boys tried to take a rise out of the doctor, but he took it all in good part, and was lustily cheered on returning to scale.

The well-bred Battleaxe (Hotchkiss — Queen Cole) was heavily backed for the Mokoia Plate, but was never prominent.

Puanga, who ran second to Taplow in the Maiden Plate at Hawera, would have paid a thumping dividend. Out of a total of 3462 only three were on Puanga; whilst on the second day in the Hight Weight Handicap, Taplow's nearest attendant, Black Rose, was also at a long price, and would have paid close on £60.

Nayborn, who was looking very well when she left for Egmont, ran below expectations. She fell at the first jump on the first day, and couldn't gallop a yard on the second day, the fall evidently having affected her. She, however, dently having affected her. She, however, would have had no chance with The Sinner, who won very easily on both days.

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The morning work on the local tracks is now beginning to be a bit interesting.

Taranaki district is strongly represented in the Otaki nominations by Wilson, Tommy Atkins, thlan, Guardfish, Kahoi, Royal Guard, Riversdale. Scout, Mayday, Intrepid, Puanga, etc., totalling 28 entries in all. Everyone of the above were seen out at Export. above were seen out at Egmont. I consider the most likely to score at Otaki are Tommy Atkins, Mayday, and Scout.

Homes had an unsuccessful mission to Egmont with the Wapiti colt Tupuhi.

WELLINGTON.

The fair sex and the Turf-Bob Campbell and Violence - Campbell's string-Alf. Rose at Wanganui-Hillstone-Ruby Twist-First Result - Opai and Toriki - The Wellington R.C.—The Wairarapa R.C.-A new stand proposed.

WELLINGTON, May 9. Miss Carrie Banks, the fair owner of Hunting don, is at present hacking Miniature, by Medal-

Miss Lucy Isaac Armstrong, of Flaxville, Wairarapa, offers liberal terms for a good man to lease for twelve months the racehorse Saltatorial, a three-year-old chestnut gelding by Master Agnes—Prima Donna, and a chestnut filly by Master Agnes-Primn Donna. The latter is

engaged in the next Taranaki Guineas.

Mr R. N. Campbell, of Wainuiomata, recently showed me a receipt from Mr Isaac Freeth for the chestnut mare Violence, dated October, 1896. Bob has a gelding by Rebellion—Alma (by Remington) engaged in the Wairarapa Hack Guineas. Violence may have a run at the Hawke's Bay Winter Meeting. She would have again been in Bob Kingan's hands had he not been under the har. been under the ban.

Alf. Rore has gone up to Wanganui with a

view to purchasing some young horses.

Hillstone is at present being being spelled, but may be across at the Hutt in the winter meetings. Two mares belonging to Mr Rore, by Mangle and Sir Tatton, were served by Hillstone, their progeny being now two and one year old. The two-year-old from the Sir Tatton mare was started at the Marlborough meeting, but got left at the post.

Bob Campbell has Montacute (Apremont—Dudu), and intends putting him to the jumping businéss this winter.

Although Ruby Twist is said to have broken down at Egmont, he is entered for several events at the Otaki meeting, the nominations for which are very satisfactory.

First Result is entered for the Hurdles at

Otaki.

Alick Hall will probably be at Wanganui with

Opai and Toriki. The monthly meeting of stewards of the Wel-

lington Racing Club was held to-day, Mr T. Macarthy (vice-president) occupying the char-The accounts in connection with the recent Autumn Meeting were passed for payment. Record nominations have been received for the

Hospital Sports, to be held on the Moros course, Greytown, on Queen's Birthday. For the Kempton Park Handicap there are 35, for the Hospital Stakes 20, and for the Trot 18.

The stewards of the Wairarapa Racing Club

held their monthly meeting on Saturda treasurer reported a credit balance of £270 15s Plans for a new stewards' stand were submitted. The matter was held over till the next meeting to allow the chairman to obtain further particulars from Mr Chatfield, the architect.

OTAGO.

Sale of Sequin and Plotter-Prospects of the May Meeting-Sympathy for the imprisoned bookmakers-Coursing.

DUNEDIN, May 10. Sequin was purchased last week by R. Reay, junr., the former owner of Starshot, the price paid for her being 250 guineas, and I reckon she is cheap especially in view of our Birthday Handicap, failing which she is is almost sure to win another event at our coming meeting. There is some doubt about Starshot coming here for the meeting. Young Ray has arrived, having taken possession of Sequin, and is staying at the St. Kilda Hotel.

The principal events at our big meeting are not likely to furnish very good fields judging by the acceptances on Saturday, but this is to a considerable extent made up by the very large entries for the minor events, especially the selling

Plotter, who ran second in the Derby won by Uniform, was bought by Mr J. Ellis to day for thirty guineas from Mesers Stephenson and

There is nothing doing in doubles on the Birthday and Tradesmen Handicap, only small books being open. Sequin and Starshot are most in demand for the former, and Arline, Bracelet, and Hippomenes for the short race. I notice there is a lot more money for Starshot than Sequin, which looks ominous. Hippomenes is doing work and getting a lot more of it than line been customary with him, prior to his going into-Loughlon's hands. The latter evidently intends to make him race or crack him up.

The severe sentence of two months' imprison-

ment passed on Martin Taylor, W. J. Randell, and J. Higgins at Christchurch was quite a surprise here, and a lot of sympathy is felt for them.

It is now definitely understood that the Dune-din Jockey Club will hold their races next season on their new course at Wingatui, and I know that the overtures have been made to get a list of names of influential sports and others with a view of forming a new club to race at the Forbury, the result of which will be anxiously awaited. I do not believe that our pretty little course, with its valuable buildings, will be allowed to remain idle for long.

Coursing appears to have died a natural death.

An effort was made to revive it, but failed.

HAWKES BAY.

Breaking in youngsters - Maid Marion-Wairarapa R.C. Meeting Rangi Nokoia-A surprise-Tapirua-Beauharnais - Mairua and Harmony for sale-Death of Mr W. Pebble-Waipawa Meeting on Queen's Birthday-The Waipuku-rvu Racecourse - The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Meeting - Te Hapuku and Pistol Grip for Otaki -Football.

NAPIER, May 5. Mr H. Gaisford, of Oringi Station, is having a number of his youngsters broken in by Alick Mitchell, who rede Kauri Gum to most of his victories when running in the nomination of W. Carr, and who more recently had the mount on Gold Cup.

The owner of Maid Marion is having her educated for the jumping business under the capable tuition of Ted Cuneen. She made her first essay over the obstacles last Monday morning at Napier Park and shaped none too badly for a beginner at the game.

In consequence of the Wairarapa Racing Club's new track not being sufficiently matured, the club has decided to hold their meeting on the 24th of this month upon the Waipukurau course, which has been kindly lent for the occasion.

Rangi Nokoia, who is trained by Horace Reeves at Hastings, figures in error in the list of nominations for the Hack Race at the Waipawa County Club's Queen's Birthday Meeting, his entry being intended for the Stewards' Hack Handicap instead.

Rubin's success in the Hawera Cup yesterday was received here with a great deal of surprise, as those that ought to know never backed him, their investment being on another contestant, so that evidently something must have gone wrong with the works. The old Scotch saw that tells us that "The best laid schemes of men and mice gang aft agley" is never better exemplified than in matters pertaining to the sport of kings.

Tapirua, a gelding by Armament from a Ravens-worth mare, owned by D. Munn, is being spelled at Te Aute. He was for some time in Connop's stable undergoing a preparation for obstacle events. A strange thing thing about him is that his name gets mutilated in print, as I have seen it spelt every way but properly. He derives his name from having two white patches upon him, and as "tapi" in Maori means patch and "rua" two/his appelation may be deemed very apropos. Now that I have put his cognomen as it should be, and explained the reason why, I hope those who in the past have mangled his name so much will take the "office" to err no more; if they do they will have no excuse for so doing.

The Australian-bred Beauharnais (by Gang Forward—Josephine) has been added to the list. Previously his many followers have had no occasion to collect. Perchance, the change in him may effect improvement in his powers, and the bread cast upon the waters by his backers in

added in the future.

Opai's full-brother, Mairua, and the Forerunner—Forest Queen gelding Harmony were up for public sale on Saturday, but the bidding did not reach the owner's reserve, and they were not

quitted.
Yesterday morning Mr W. Proffitt's partner in the totalisator used at Napier Park, Mr W. Probble, passed away. For a number of years he has been a great sufferer, and a few weeks ago he was operated upon for his complaint, cancer, but his condition was of such a serious nature that nothing could be done for him.

Trainers who intend to visit the Waipukurau course on Queen's Birthday (the locale decided upon by the Waipawa Olub in consequence of their new course not being sufficiently advanced to race upon) will find that the course has been greatly improved since the Easter Monday gathering of the Waipukurau Club. In all faith, it was lumpy and bumpy enough then, features which will be found wanting to-day fortnight.

. The monthly committee meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club was held yesterday at the Criterion Hotel, Napier. Present—Hon. J. D. Or-mond, M.L.C. (chairman), Messrs G. L. Sunder-land, F. Logan, Geo. Hunter, M.H.R., W. Shrimpton, T. H. Lowry, and J. H. Coleman.

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Leave was given the Waipawa County Racing Club to hold their Queen's Birthday meeting on the Waipukurau raceeourse. A request for the removal of the disqualification of Daisy for having run at Kopua, an unregistered meeting, was refused. Several transfers were agreed to. Gentleman riders' certificates were granted to Messrs H. H. Jackson and G. W. Heslop; jockeys' licenses to G. S. Chase and Con. Boyle; and apprentice's to W. Pringle. It was resolved that the Spring meeting be held on Monday and

Tuesday, 10th and 11th October.

The weights being suitable, W. Robinsou's pair, Te Hapuku (who has now quite recovered from his severe attack of influenza) and Pistol Grip, will journey to assist at the gathering of the Maori club on Her Majesty's natal day and

the day following.

A draw, neither side scoring, was the verdict in the match played between the Pirates and Napier Clubs on the Recreation Ground last Saturday. High class, scientific football was absent from the exposition that the spectators were treated to. The rough element greatly pre-dominated, which is not the spirit in which this "Off-side" was in the ascendant, the whistle having a very busy time of it. For the "crossbones" Jack Strickland, Malcolm, Tankard, Staines, and Weir in the forwards, and Mellor and T. Tankard amount the heals "crossbones". Tankard amongst the backs, were the most noticeable. The "black and whites" most worthy of mention were Kelly, Flint, and Fraser among the backs, and Halloran and Munroe in the forwards. At Farndon Park the Clive proved victorious over the Te Aute team by one point, the scores being 4 to 3. The contest was provocative of some good play, though the native lads hardly appeared as brilliant as they did on the preceding Saturday.

"TERLINGA" IN NEW ZEALAND.

(From The Australasian.)

Mr Morrin lives about seven miles out of Auckland, and his place takes its name from Mount Wellington, the homestead being built on the side of the mountain, which, save for the terraces marking the Maori fortifications in the old fighting days, reminds one very much of Mt. Pisgah. On the way out to Mr Morrin showed me Sylvia Park away to the right, and to the left the property where in the days of the Stud Company, and before he secured his present place, Mr Morrin bred Trenton, Tetford, and Mr Morrin had these three in training with John Chaafe, and when they were tried Trenton, who looked very backward, was adjudged to be the worst of the three. With the colours up, however, it was quite a different matter Trenton, with a stable boy up, beat his more fancied stable companions and won his race. Still the trainer could not believe that the home trial was wrong, and Krupp was his choice as against Trenton when the pair met again at the next meeting. This time Trenton won even e decisively, and then Mr Morrin sold him to Mr Stead for 300 guineas. Being a difficult horse to train, Mr Stead was deceived as to Trenton's real merits, just as Chanfe was, and, after getting a race out of him, the future champion stallion was passed on to D. O'Brien for 900 guineas. When next he was sold Trenton realised 3,000 guineas, the buyer being Mr W. Cooper. After he finished racing, Trenton was sold to Messrs Long and Hill for about 1,000 guineas, and they, in turn, let Mr W. R. Wilson have him for 3,000 guineas. After a few brilliant years at St. Albans, Trenton was bought for 5,000 guineas by the Messrs Wilson, of Ercil-doune, and sent to England. Probably Mr W. R. Wilson has never let a horse slip through his hands he regrets more than Trenton. No more consistent begetter of high-class racehorses ever stood in Victoria. At the time he bred Trenton Mr Morrin was a director of the New Zealand Stud Combany, and only bred on a small scale himself. He secured Wellington Park in 1890, and it has only taken him eight years to bring the stud to the present pitch of perfection. property consists of 500 acres, subdivided into 40 small paddocks, all fenced with those scoria walls which are seen all round Auckland.

It is grand country for horse-breeding, well sheltered, free from frosts, and the weather is

mild even in the depth of winter. There is a reservoir at the back of the house, from which every paddock is supplied with water, and whenever you go the stock look in the best of health and condition. All these natural advantages would have never gained Wellington Park its world-wide reputation if the management had not been in the hands of a thoroughly practical men. Not only does Mr Morrin practice the maxim that "if you want a thing well done do it in paying close attention to the management of his horses, but he is an exceedingly shrewd man, with very common sense ideas as to how a good horse should be bred. No "chance! bred horses or mares are allowed at Wellington Nearly every mare on the place is a winner-producer herself, or is a close descendant of a mere that has bred good winners. Mr Morrin is thoroughly aware of the folly of breeding from cheap mares. A man who has only himself to please may experiment in this way, but Mr Morrin has to cater for the taste of buyers, and he must give them yearlings about which there is not much chance. That he has succeeded in doing this results show. Wellington Park bred ones have pretty well farmed the stake races in New Zealand for the last few years and they have taken their shape of the good things in Australia At the present time no studmaster in Australia can command such prices as Mr Morio. The 1,000 guineas given by I asc Foulsham for Frailty's colt last January more than doubles the price given for any Australian youngster this autumn, and he looks worth every shilling of the money.

One thing surprised me at Wellington Park It was the number of mares in the stud. I had no idea that Mr Morrin had as many as fiftyforty-five were put to the horse last season. This seems rather an unwieldy number, but there is so much racing in New Zealand, and so few breeders for sale, that even the lesser lights command a ready sale, and in a matter of this kind Mr Morrin may be backed to be the best judge of what pays him. However, as I have said before, no mare is countenanced at Wellington Park that is not bred in the purple, and it would never do for Mr Morrin to let the daughters of Frailty, Ouida, and Necklace leave the stud. In the first paddock we entered were several young mares in foal for the first time. The first pointed out was Forma, a sister to Multiform, who won some good races during the two seasons she was on the turf. She is now in foal to St. Leger. Edith Cureton, by Castor from Frailty, is not a mare to gush over from the appearance point of view, but what a bred one she is! I am not an admirer of Castor as a sire of racehorses, but he may get brood mares just as Gang Forward did. He possesses the blood and the quality. All that is wanted with his mares is stoutness on the side of the sire, and Hotchkiss should supply this. Janet, by Castor from Cissy (daughter of Frailty), another highly-bred mare, who has been to Hotchkiss, and so has St. Evelyn, a daughter of St. Leger and Lady Evelyn, the dam of Hermosa, the crack two year old of the North Island. These are four beautifully bred young mares. In the next paddock was Rose of Wellington, the dam of True Blue and Screw Gun. This mare is by St. Leger-Flenrette, by Robinson Crusoe Rose of Denmark, by Stockwell-Marchioness, by Melbourne—Cinizelli, by Touchstone. It is a pretty pedigree, and her first foal was True Blue, while her third was Screw Gun, the 770guinea colt I saw at Mr Stead's place. Like Tinfinder, The Fawn, Ada, and many other famous brood mares, Rose of Wellington is not a big mare, but she is thick set with rare quality, and having seen both, I can say that the yearling Screw Gun is wonderfully like her. In Rose of Wellington's pedigree Touchstone occurs seven times, Stockwell three times, and grand old Fisherman three times. Hazel, a full sister to Strathmore, is a fine mure, and so is Bangle, a daughter of Locket, one of the most successful brood mares ever imported into New Zealand. Agnes, by St. Leger from Lovebird, by Marcaroni, is a young mare whose first foal, by Cuirassier, was sold at the last sale. Lady Wellington, by Musket from Rosalie, by Patriarch from Flying Doe, by The Premier, is a good-looking mare, who has not yet had much luck at the stud, but her last yearling was by St. Leger, and Mr. Morrin expects her to do well with this horse. Aida, by Leolinus from L'Orient, by Knight of the Crescent, is one of the oldest mares in the

stud, and she is beginning to dip. dam of Impulse and a half-sister to L'Orientale, the dam of Daunt, who has thrice beaten Gold Medallist. I was rather anxious to see Branca, as I have taken a fancy to her chestnut daughter which Foulsham bought in January. She is a blood-like mare, with length and room, going back to Ragpicker, by Fisherman from Juliet. This filly of Foulsham's is Bianca's first produce to St. Leger, and his Stockwell blood on Yatten don and Fisherman should just suit her. Brown Alice, by Nordenfeldt from Ouida, has hardly started her stud career. Yattaghan, by Nordenfeldt from Yattacy, by Yattendon, is a fine mare, and she was the last we saw in this paddock.

Most of the foals had been weaned about, a

week before my visit. They were all housed in

the boxes adjoining the saleyard, and some of them had not yet reconciled themselves to the loss of their mothers. Apparently Mr Morrin has had a good season, many of his crack mares being represented, and there will be about twentyfive yearlings for the sale in January. Rose of Wellington's filly, an all-chestnut sister to Screw Gun, promises to grow into a good likeness of her brother. The sister to Multiform is a very fine foal, and should be one of the cracks of the sale. The filly by St. Leger from Bangle was pointed out as Mr John Crozier's pick. I doubt if the will be a higher the but the like like being if she will be a big one, but she looks like being very fast. Sapphire, the dam of Bluefire, has a well grown bay, with white heels, by St. Leger, and there is a big, raking chestnut colt by Hotchkiss from Weasel, whose great-grandam is Waimea, by Sir Hercules from Flora Melvor, by Rous Emigrant. The beautifully turned little chestnut by St. Leger from Lady Evelyn is full sister to the flying Hermosa, and there is a big; raking, blaze-faced chestnut by St. Leger from A big black by Cuirassier from Valentinia comes from the same family as Euroclydon, a very fine horse, and one of the best performers in New Zealand during the last few years.

Turning to the colts, there was a smart-looking brown by St. Leger from Bianca. A chestnut, with a blaze and two hind stockings, by St. Leger from Lady Emily, by Castor from Lady Welling-ton, looks promising, but in the next box there was a better one. This was a bay, with a star and a half-stocking on the near hind leg, by St. Leger from Necklace. This is a very fine foal. A big chestnut by St. Leger from Forme should make a crack yearling, and another that took my fancy was a brown by Hotchkiss from Queen Cole, by King Cole. Then came a true Cuirassier in a gigantic black colt, with great knees and hocks, out of Rubina, the cam of Florrie and Leaving these fouls, we made for the boxes where the stallions are housed, and on the way saw a remarkably nice young mare in Armille, a sister to Crayat and very like him. Armilla's character on the turf is better than Cravat's. She begins stud life next season, and is very likely to come to Australia on a visit to

Bill of Portland. The stallions are lodged in a substantial stone

building. The boxes are very roomy, and there are windows back and front, so that the horse can see what is going on outside. The first led out was St. Leger, by Doncaster from Atlantis. St. Leger, who is now 16 years old, was bred by the late Lord Falmouth, and came out with his dam to the Stud Company. I had always pic-tured St. Leger as a small horse, but he stands just on 16 hands, and coversa lot of ground. He is a dappled chestnut, with the Stockwell mark firmly printed on the near quarter. His head is of the Stockwell type, and indeed there is a deal of Stockwell character about him all through For a horse of his age, St. Leger is more "dipped" than one would expect. When you get behind him his quarters and thighs are very muscular, but he is rather narrow on top. Altogether a nice horse, and his deeds speak for themselves. If he had never done more than get St. Hippo (who ought to succeed him some day) he would have been credited with one of the best horses New Zealand has known, but he has Waiuku, St. Paul, and a host of lesser lights to his credit. St Leger is the joint property of Mr Morrin and Mr. Nathan, who gave 400 guineas for him at the Stud Company's sale. The next led out was the neat little Castor, a bay, with black points, and all quality. Directly I saw him I knew where Astronomer and Cravat got their heads from. Castor has been the subject of many a discussion among New Zealand sporting men, and he has more enemies than friends. Mr W. R. Wilson brought out Castor and Eiridspord at the same time, and Mr Morrin, who was in Australia look ing for a sire when they arrived, liked Castor, and gave £900 for him. Amongst his first crop of yearlings were Astronomer, who brought 1,500 guineas, and Cravat, 1,050 guineas. As Mr Morriu says, Castor has paid him well enough His stock have won any number of races, and I have an idea that his mares will do well at the stud, but there is no denying the fact that with his opportunities Castor should have done better.

Then came Hotchkiss, a magnificent rich brown horse, standing 17 hands, and I think the most evenly made big horse I ever saw. He girths 7ft, measures 54in round the thigh (8in more than Musket), and Sim under the knee. He has a splendid forehand, very short back, and rare quarters, and it was a treat to see him move round the yard. He is as light on his feet as a pony. A better proportioned big one cannot be imagined. And with all his size Hotchkiss gets nice sizeable stock of the wear-and-tear sort. The history of Hotchkiss is worth relating. When Musket died the Stud Company wanted to keep one of his yearlings as a sire, and in their paddocks they had at that time Carbine, Manton, Chainshot, and Hotchkies. The directors deputed the late Major Walmsley (how fond all Aucklanders seem to have been of Major Walmsley) and Mr Morrin to make a choice from among the four. The decision came to was that whichever of the colts failed to reach 600 guineas should be retained. Hotchkiss's size frightened buyers. and he failed to reach 600 guiness. The company sent Hotchkiss to be trained, but he never raced. The danger of such a big fellow injuring his legs did not seem worth risking, and after he

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had been broken in he was brought home. Mr Morrin bought him against his will, as it were. At the sale he bid 4,000 guineas for Nordenfeldt, At the sale he bid 4,000 guineas for Nordenfeldt, but, seeing that it was no use opposing Mr Hordern, he left off bidding and then got Hotchkiss for 355 guineas! From that day Nordenfeldt got nothing in the same class as Strathmore, Zalinski, Carnage, and Havoc, whilst Hotchkiss has already sired Multiform, Uniform, True Blue, and Osculator. Mr Morrin was in luck's way when he missed Nordenfeldt and got Hotchkiss. In a paddock near the stallions were some choice mares, among them Frailty, who is

choice mares, among them Frailty, who is as celebrated in New Zealand—and Australia—as even Mersey or Sylvia. Frailty has undoubtedly been the chief factor—as far as any horse has been the chief factor—as far as any horse has been a factor—in making the Wellington Park stud. I need not go through the list of her progeny. She began in 1881 with Trenton, and her last foal was the 1,000-guina colt, by Hotchkiss, now in Foulsham's stable. Frailty is a nice sized brown mare, full of quality, and, although the is 20 years of age the certainly might her sized brown mare, tuil of quality, and, atthough the is 20 years of age, she certainly might be taken for eight or ten. Of a verity, this grand old dame is beautifully preserved, and she looks as good as she has proved herself. Mr Morrin got Frailty for 95 guineas. A friend was going to Sydney at the time of the sales, and Mr Morrin marked two of Mr Frank Reynold's fillies, and asked him to go to a certain price for him. One of them went be ond the reserve, but Frailty was a little lame, and racing men did not want her. Frailty never raced, and was only four years old when she foaled Trenton. Some people think 1,000 guiness was a stiff price to give for a colt out of such an old mare, but, after seeing the mare, and taking the youth and reputation of the sire into account, I think the risk Foulsham took was justified. Lady Cureton, like Frailty, is by Goldsbrough whose mares have been wonderfully asked him to go to a certain price for him. One Goldsbrough, whose mares have been wonderfully successful at the stud and she is out of Mingera, by Yattendon from The Fly, by Fisherman from Marchioness, by Melbourne from Cinizelli, by Touchstone. I think she is one of the most highly-prized mares in the stud. Necklace, a deep, roomy, brown mare, with some white about her, is another of the gems, and her colt foal by St. Leger may be the pick of next year's yearlings. Formo, the dam of Multiform, is a very bloodlike little chestnut mare. Bruce Lowe, in his book, states that the 12 family, above all others, atands inbreeding to itself, and the mating of Hotehkiss and Formo has borne out this of Hotehkiss and Formo has borne out this theory. Mr Morrin could not have read Bruce Lowe when he put Formo to Hotchkiss, but he calculated that the pair should be put together for the sake of blending their Oxford blood, and Forma, Uniform, and Multiform have been the result. Lady Walmsley, a big plain sister to Carbine, bears no likeness to any other member of the Margay family and so far she has not of the Mersey family, and, so far, she has not done much good.

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Then in a box with her fosl, I saw another celebrity in Ouida, a deep shouldered blood like black mare, with a splendid four-months' old colt by St. Leger. Judging by his hocks and knees, this fellow is going to make up into a big one, and already the stud groom talks of his likeness to Strathmore, his half-brother. Hilda, a daughter of Ouida, by Musket, was in the next box I should judge her to be the biggest mare in avery way I saw, and small wonder she won in every way I saw, and small wonder she won up to 10.5. She has a colt by St. Leger that looks good; and Cissy, another slashing great mare, was attended by a grand-looking bay filly by Castor. This was the biggest foal of the lot, by Castor. This was the biggest foal of the lot, and evidently takes after its dam. On our way back to the house, Mr Morrin pointed out Sapphire, Pungawerewere, and Lady Evelyn. Sapphire and Pungawerewere look very old, especially "Punga," but both are believed to be in foal this year. I did not see Onyx, for the simple reason that she had died some little time before my visit. Mr Morrin has two invaluable stud grooms in Jerry Keneally and Andrew Cochrane. One has been in his service 21 years, Cochrane. One has been in his service 21 years, and the other 18 years. Wellington Park is a very compact place, and it does not take long to see that it is scrupulously managed.

THE CANTERBURY BOOKMAKERS' CASE.

Our Christchurch correspondent, under date of Tuesday, May 8, writes:—The sentences passed on three well-known bookmakers by the Stipendiary Magistrate this morning has been the chief topic in sporting circles. The following is a copy of the judgment given this morning in reference to the charges against Martin Taylor, John Higgins, and James Randall, for keeping shops for the purpose of betting:—"These are prosecutions under the 11th section of "The Gaming and Taylor and Randall plead Lotteries Act, 1891." guilty; Higgins pleads not guilty. I entertain no doubt whatever that Higgins is occupier, with Randall, of a common gaming house, and is a partner with him in these gambling transactions. He is, therefore, convicted. It is not my purpose to enter into any lengthy dissertation upon the evils of gambling, except to say that it is an evil which is assuming in this community gigantic proportions and is rapidly demoralising the youth of this colony. That the Legislature regards gambling in this light is evident from the drastic provisions in various Acts passed from time to time in view of its suppression. Dealing recently with offences of this description, I found it necessary to inflict severe punishment, as experience showed me that fines were useless, but that when Lused the powers of imprisonment given by Acts the evil was at once checked . The nefarious and surreptitious practices carried on by defendants in the cases now before me are of a much more serious nature than those I recently dealt with. These 'tote shops" (so called) are simply nets spread in defiance of law to ensuare the youths of the colony in vicious practices of gambling to gain profit by those engaged in the traffic. In one of the books seized I find bets registered to the number of 1400, extending over the whole colony, of amounts varying from 40s to 2s 6d. Defend-ants have pursued their illegal calling with a full

knowledge of the risks they ran in so doing, with the fates of recent convictions before them, and they must take the consequences of their actions Penalties under 11th section of the Act are alter native fines of £100 or six months imprisonment with hard labor, at the option of the magistrate They are each sentenced to two months imprison ment, with hard labor, and ordered to pay th costs of the prosecution.

The Supreme Court in Sydney last week up held—on appeal—the convictions against certain bookmakers for keeping gaming shops, but there the punishment was fine, not imprisonment. The Evening News, of May 5, reports:—The verdict given yesterday in the case of Potter v. Thomas which was in favor of the former, means the which was in favor of the former, means the closing of the whole of the betting shops in the City of Sydney. Whether the verdict will be respected by the people doing business in the shops remains to be seen, but it is generally expected that the police will see to this. Many think that the battle in the betting world is not yet over, and that we may yet see a trial in which the question as to a racecourse being a place will be tested. The decision occasioned some consternation amongst the betting men in the city sternation amongst the betting men in the city Its immediate effect was the closing of nearly all the shops in Pitt Street and other localities where the practice is carried on to any extent. During the afternoon argumentative groups of racing men gathered at various points and reviewed the street of the process of a private being the street of the process of a private being the street of the process of a private being the process of the p men gathered at various points and reviewed the state of affairs, the concensus of opinion being the effect that "the game was done." The question of prosecuting a further appeal was considered, but received very little favor. The present attitude of the leading shops is that of stric compliance with the law. As soon as the decision was made known the usual notice-boards display ing the "odds" were withdrawn, the doors wer closed, and cards bearing the intimation the "No betting was carried on in these premises met the eye of the passer-by. Mr Rose, whe seen with reference to Mr Humphrey Oxenham business, said that the verdict had been given, and they must abide by it. He for one did not intend to prosecute any appeal. The shops which had hitherto conducted a "cash" business had done so conscientiously, believing that the decisions were bad in law, and that the Full Court would allow the appeals. "The decision now given," said he "has settled a vexed question of forty years standing. It practically says that anywhere may be a place within the meaning of the Act, provided it is used in a manner prohibited by the business, said that the verdict had been given, an vided it is used in a manner prohibited by the Act, that is, if cash or value consideration I taken, and if the taker has some exclusive right to the place as against the world. It is also man to the place as against the world. It is also made apparent that owners or occupiers of shops, offices, racecourses, etc., cannot absolve themselves from their liability." Mr Oxenham's premises were closed immediately the decision was given, "and the employes given a holiday," said Mr Rose, with grim humor. Following the lead, most of the other establishments closed also. Wood's, Dalveen's, and many others wore a Sunday appearance. Mr M. J. Moloney said that he had practically ceased to take cash bets many months ago, so that the decision did not affect him in the least. In common with Messrs Oxenham, Wood, least. In common with Messrs Oxenham, Wood, and others, Mr Moloney is a member of Tattersull's, and can confine himself to the legitimate business. Some smaller establishments are keeping open until they have "had time to consider the situation." One or two of them are awaiting instructions from proprietors who are away.

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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 300 sovs; second horse 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

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Mr E. J. Watts' ch c St. Mark, by St. Leger—Leorina
Mr T. H. Lowry's br f Lady Helen, by St. Leger—Ouida
Mr D. O'Brien's b c Aroma, by Sweet William—Recuerdo
Mr Merrick's b c, by Castor—Valentina
Mr L. D. Nathan's b f, by Seaton Delaval—Miss Letty
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Mr W. Paul's b c, by Seaton Delaval—Lady Leger
Mr D. McLeod's b f, by Seaton Delaval—Campania
Mr J. Chaafe's b c St. Peter, by St. Leger—Batanella
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Mr T. Wood's b f, by Orestes—Nelson mare

Mr T. Wood's b c, by Retrenchment—Queen Rose

Mr C. Gordon's ch c, by St. Leger—La Dauphine

Messirs R. and R. Duder's br f, by St. Hippo—Anna

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Messirs R. and R. Duder's br f, by Chirassier—Miss Stead

Mr W. F. Massey's ch c, by Fabulous—Acacia

Mrs Lennard's c, by Scaton Delaval—Vieux Rose

Mr Sandy's c St. Falmouth, by St. Leger—Musket Maid

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Mr T. B. Bell's br c, by Hotchkiss—Anadora
Mr G. G. Stead's br c, by St. Loger—Ich Dien
Mr C. Hewett's b f, by H. Leger—Statanella
Mr C. Hewett's b f, by Hotchkiss—Prestissimo
Messrs Alison Bros.'s ch c, by Scaton Delaval—Phantom
Mr W. Walter's br c, by Soult—Fishgirl
Mr W. Walter's br c, by Soult—Cressina
Mr W. Walter's br f, by Soult—Lady Emmeline
Mr W. Walter's br f, by Soult—Muskerina
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Mr W. Paul's ch c, by St. Hippo—Lottie
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OTAKI MAORI R.C. HACK MEETING.

MAY 24 AND 25.

Welter Handicap.—The Dude, Swordfish, Master Jack, Master Hume, Tokatea, Rimlock, Pistol Grip, Thrush, Shylock, Derringcotte, Rodara, Laitiere, Russley Belle, Rochester, The Chat, Wilson, Cavendish, Honorable George, Off Chance, Taplow, Tupuhi, Awatere, Rata, Riverdale, Kapanga, Totia, Jim Campbell, Tainui, Royal Guard, Volta.

Trial Handicap.—Esperonza, Redoubt, The Doe, Rimlock, Aome, Marionette, The Chat, Honorable George, Scout, Lauristine, Puanga, Tommy Atkins, Awatere, Miss Beattie, Totia, Sassafras, Taplow, Royal Guard, Cornea, Compulsion, Rescue, Shylock, Derringcotte, Sir Novice, Misguard, The Charlaton, Constable, Wavelet, Riverdale, Alionora, Te Taiaha, Rata, Grace, Rebounding Lock, The Masher (late Comedy), Dormant.

Ranychly Strakes Handicap.—Ruby Twist, Master Hume, Tokatea, Pistol Grip, Thrush, Laitiere, Wilson, Tupuhi, Splinter, Kahoi, Bush Rose, Sing Song, Volley, Oracle, Whario, Stockade, Calmarine, First Shot, Rubin, Rochester, Cavendish, Tommy Atkins, Uhlan, Nukurau, Trask, Tekapuku.

Second Hurdles,—Master Jack, Robin Hood, Lady Dor, Nayborn, Intrepid, Steel King, Raupo II, Volta, Kawea, Persimmon, Come Again, Huntingdon, First Result, Whaiapo, Marina, Pyrites.

Winter Oars Handicap.—In the Swim, Redoubt, Calmarine, Russley Belle, Iota, Tommy Atkins, Sing Song, Sassafras, Tekapuku, Master Hume, Tokatea, Cavendish, Thrush, Tupuhi, Awatere, Trask, Volley, Jim Campbell.

Stewards' Walter Handicap.—Swordfish, Shylock, Pistol Grip, Rodara, The Chat, Cavendish, Huntingdon, Gobo, Riverdale, Kapanga, Rata, Royal Guard, Thrush, Dorringcotte, Laitiere, Wilson, Pometuri, Rubin, The

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JAMES' HALL

TO NIGHT! TO NIGHT!

THIS (Thursday) EVENING, 12TH INST. AMY SHERWIN.

SUPPORTED BY HER TALENTED COMPANY

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FAREWELL CONCERTS, Y.M.C.A. HALL, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NEXT.

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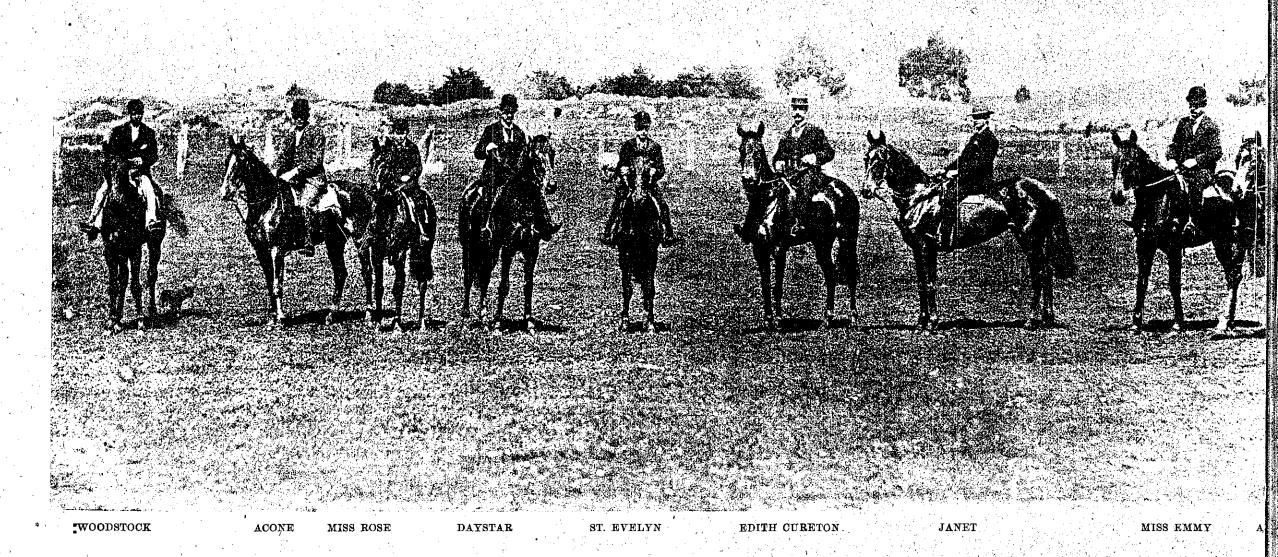


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BY ORPHBUS.

POLLARD'S OPERA COMPANY.—"La Fille de Madame Angot"—called "Madame Angot" for short, on the lucus a non lucando principle—was successfully produced on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in last week. Being genuine comic opera, the contract was a big one, but the company passed through the ordeal with great credit. Special interest was taken in Miss Maud Beatty's first assumption of a female role, and I am pleased to have my own favorable opinion supported by Miss Fanny Wentworth, who spoke in terms of unqualified praise of Miss Beatty's fine imperunqualified praise of Miss Beatty's one impersonation and excellent singing as Mademoiselle Lange. Miss May Beatty's Pomponnet also merits high praise, her singing of the lovely "She Is So Innocent" being remarkable for exquisite taste and sympathy. As Clairette, Miss Marion Mitchell looked piquante, acted with spirit, and won encores for several songs. Miss Amy Curtis made a successful debut as a principal in the role of Aramanthe, a vigorous and determined woman of the people. The Misses Lily Stephens and W. Karkeek capably filled minor parts. Mr Alf. Stephens, as Ange Pitou, the lampooning poet, sang and acted very well indeed. Mr W. Percy, as Lavaridiere, Mr H. Quealey, as Trenitz, the piroueting dancing master, and Mr E. Nable, as Louchard, the monocular spy, were all mirth-provoking, while Messrs. G. Young, Albert, and A. Stevens completed a good cast. The many charming mor-ceaux, such as the "Tournez Valse," the "Con-spirators' Chorus," the ensembles "Yes You Are, Lavaridiere," "Happy Days," "O, Ne'er Be-fore," "We'll All be Revenged," the "Letter and Quarrel" duets, etc., etc., were, without exception, encored. Cnorus, ballet, and orchestra did good work, the modified can can being capitally danced. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights "Djin-Djin" again drew immense audiences. Mr Pollard has enjoyed quite a record season, "Djin-Djin" running through fifteen performances, including two matinees. The company left on Monday for New Plymouth and return visits through New Zealand. They re-appear in Auckland about Christmas-time, so we must now say-

"Farewell to sweet Falka, to Angot addio!
Good-bye to 'In Town' and to gay Boccaccio.
Adieu and au revoir, bold buccaneer Paul,
Chin chin to Djin-Djin, and good luck to you all!
Your magic makes life seem all skittles and beer,
Come! Brighten our Christmas and gild the New Year!"

OPERA HOUSE: FRANK THORNTON COMEDY COMPANY .- "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," a cleverly constructed and brightly, written farcical comedy by Messrs Robert Buchanan and Charles Marlowe, kept a crowded house in a continuous roar of laughter on Monday night. Owing to a bad passage and late arrival the performers were severely Handicapped, but



MISS CLARE MANIFIELD AS "SWEET LAVENDER" FRANK THORNTON COMPANY.



MISS FLORENCE POOLE, FRANK THORNTON COMPANY.

which were so gallantly faced and overcome. To condense the plot:—Angela Brightwell (Miss Clare Manfield), a ward in Chancery, has run away from school to marry Captain Courtney (Mr Frank Thornton). Major O'Gallagher (Mr Fred Shepherd) and Julia, his wife (Miss Meta Pelham), assist the pair, and the knot is tied. Miss Romney (Miss Elsie Carew) and her solicitor Hibertson (Mr E. Haygarth), arrive too late to stop the wedding, and Sergeant Tanner, a detective (Mr George Carej), appears with a warrant to arrest Captain Courtney for the heinous crime of marrying a ward in Chancery. The captain assumes ferrale attire and is introduced as Miss Brown, niece of the Gallaghers, when the detective searches the house—the curtain falling on a funny situation. Act II. opens with Herr Von Moser (Mr A. Cochrane) giving a music lesson to Angela in Miss Romney's school, and making hot love to her. Gallagher brings the hunted Miss Brown to Miss Romney and instals her as a new pupil, and after this point to the end the fun is fast and furious. One curious touch of nature bring the instinctive attractions to girls of a mans although successfully disguised in petticoats, Miss Brown is introduced to her fellow boarders, and is tremendously spooned by Euphemia (Miss Madge Corcoran), a decidedly rapid West Indian young lady, who smokes, etc., etc. She finds Miss Brown very different to English girls, to which Miss B. naively replies "I am!" Angels coming Angela coming the piece nevertheless hummed along, and few in is, of course, jealous, smacks Miss B's face among the large audience realised the difficulties and the fat is in the fire. The detective arrives

in pursuit and cross-questions Angela. He shocks Miss Romney by insisting on stopping the night to watch for the suspected Courtney. While on guard Miss Brown endeavors to escape through the conservatory. The detective suspects her of a wish to keep a rendezvous with the music master. He flirts with the girl and wonders what his old woman would think if she knew the sort of job he was on. The music master comes to give information, but is kicked out. Miss Brown consumes all the detective's brandy and water. Assisted by Angela, Miss B. strategically handouffs Tanner with his own darbies and the pair escape, the confusion arousing the whole school, who troup in clad in their robes de nuit. Curtain on splendid situation. Act III. opens with Miss Romney and her solicitor discussing matters. Herr Von Moser enters in a Killaloe conditionalterations and repairs being compulsory after Miss Brown's violence. He is snubbed and dismissed, and ejaculates, "I shake my feet off your dust!" Tanner enters with further personal traces of Miss B.'s prowess, whom he presently brings in handcuffed. |Miss Romney plaintively rings in handcured. It is noticely plaintively suggests that "she is only a helpless girl!" Tanner feelingly retorts, "Ask the German!" Miss Romney, to Miss B.'s horror, declares that she will give her a warm bath. Miss B. mutters that she will be found out—no chance of a shave for a whole day! Euphemia (like Byron's Dudu) begs to have Miss B. as a bedfellow. Gallagher brings in Angela, Countess of Fulborough, Courtney having succeeded to the title. Miss

B.'s boxes are found to contain only masculine paraphernalia. In spite of the solicitor's growls and the detective's threats it is apparent that the Lord Chancellor must approve of the marriage, and all ends happily. While Mr Frank Thorn-ton's Miss Brown is immense, the farce is much more than a one-character piece. All the parts are strong and capitally played—notably, the Misses Carew, Clare Manfield, and Meta Pelham, Madge Corcoran, among the ladies, are shining lights, and Messrs Fred Shepherd, A. Cochrane, B. Haygarth, and George Carey among the gentlemen. Smaller parts are excellently played by Misses Iza Millet, Florence Poole, Merton, and Mr W. J. Townsend. To night (Thursday) is the last chance of seeing "Miss Brown," whose acquaintance everybody should make. On Friday and Saturday evenings "The Private Secretary holds sway, to be followed in due course by "Charley's Aunt" and "Sweet Lavender."

CONTRASTS.

HIGH HOPES. HIGH HOPE
Muritai,
Lots of kai!
Pollard's girls:
Fair as pearls,
Gay young sparks,
Jolly larks;
Clair de lune,
High old spoon.
Land, perchance:
Lovely dance: Lovely dance: Song and rhyme,
Real good time.
Fa, la, la! Fa, la, la!!
Fa, la, la!!! DEEP DESPAIR.
Stormy blow,
Spoilt the show;
Couldn't go,
Awful woe! Condn't go,
Awful woe!
What a damper;
Wasted hamper;
Pommery greno,
All in vain, oh!
Pretty dears,
All in tears.
Lungskidgree. Jeunesse!doree. Glum and sore, eh?
Damital! Damital!! Damital !!!



"STRANGE ADVENTURES OF MISS BROWN"-Frank Thornton Company.

On Wednesday week A. Dalgleish, of Dunedin, reduced his own Oamaru-Dunedin record from 5hr 20in to 5hr 20min. He was 13min behind his time on reaching Palmerston, but he made up his loss during the latter part of the journey, when he was paced by H. Gunthorpe and E. Crawford.

The New Zealand Athletic Association is like unto the man referred to in that choice ditty, "'E Dunno Where 'E Are," which was pretty extensely warbled some little time since (says the cycling writer of the Canterbury Times). Last week's meeting disclosed its muddlesome condition and coronal of the delevates are offering. dition, and several of the delegates are offering up fervent prayers that something will turn up soon to enable the association to retrieve its position. Signs are not wanting to show that the Alliance is acting on the association much as eczema does on the human body; it is becoming a source of irritation. The Alliance is not a very savoury body even now; no sports organisation can be that winks at years of dirty work Therefore the association needs to be careful, and should beware of evil associations, otherwise it may be drawn into a conflict, the outcome of which no one can foretell. Undoubtedly much the best course for the Athletic Association to adopt is to cancel its agreement with the Alliance; the plea of loyalty, if much longer adhered to, is calculated to place the association in an awkward position.

The New South Wales Cyclist hints that there is a prospect of one body taking up the govern-ment of both branches of the sport, which every sensible and unbiassed person must admit is the

proper thing to do.

At Lancaster Park, Christchurch, on Saturday week, E. A. Wall, on a New Zealand bicycle, lowered the ten miles cash record to 22min 28sec, and the twenty-five miles N.Z. record for any class of rider to 57min 22sec; also the one hour's N.Z. record, covering 26 miles within the hour. The Melbourne Sportsman suggests that Walne should be sent to the next world's championship

meeting to represent Australia.

Does cycling tend to increase or decrease weight? That is the question. Stout women are deploring the fact that it has the former effect, thin women declare that it makes them even thinner. Probably it is a matter of consti-tution, and therefore one law cannot apply to all Neither the stout nor the thin women must rely wholly on bicycling to bring about the desired effect; a judicious dose of the exercise should be compled with strict rules as to diet and general treatment, and then paradoxical as it sound, the bioycle will probably please both.



BY VIGILANT.

Geo. Smith, Auckland's crack hurdler and sprinter, who last week gave it out as his intention to give football best, in view of a sound preparation in stick jumping, has found the attraction of the Rugby game too strong for him and was out for City District last Saturday.

Hardingham, who will be remembered as having won the sprint double at the recent Domain Pavilion sports, plays football for the Grafton senior fifteen.

J. McKean, the well-known half-mile cham pion, is also an adept in the game of football, and last week donned the jersey for City.

Dick Neagle, who came to Auckland sometime since, in company with Jack Ryan, of long jump fame, to take part in one of our amateur athletic gatherings, is talking of paying us another visit He is at present at his home in Taradale, just outside of Napier.

G. B. Bowser, who came to light as one of the surprises at one of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club's gatherings of last year, and is subsequently credited with having scooped the pool at one of our up-country districts, under an assumed name, is competing in professional ranks in Victoria.

The Thames Cycling Clubs inaugural meeting of Queen's Birthday, embraces several attractive pedestrian events, and I understand that several Auckland runners will go down to Quartzopolis.

In future the N.S. Wales A.A.A. will run all races on circular tracks left side in, this direction being in vogue in all the eister cold

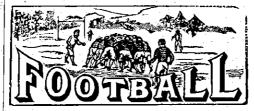
The records passed by the N.S. Wales A.A.A. for last year, are as under:—May 24, Throwing 16lb hammer, 108ft 0½in, by J. Milward. October 2, 100yds flat, 10sec, by S. Rowley; one mile walk, 6min 41½sec, by D. Wilson (N.Z.); 120yds hurdles, 16 1-5th see, by J. Laidlaw; putting 16lb shot, 37ft 9in, by J. English. October 4, vault, 10ft 6in, by Hori Eruera (N.Z.); three mile walk, 22min 37 1.5th sec, by D. Wilson (N.Z.); 440rds hurdles, 62sec, by A. H. Holder (N.Z.). October 9th, high jump, 5ft 111in, by J. English.

Prodigal" of the Sydney Referee in review ing a communication from our Auckland correspondent anent the fine performance recorded by George Smith in the 120yds hurdles at the recent Domain Pavilion sports here, in which the latter says : Smith would make matters very interesting for the ex Irishman Roseingrave. "Prodigal" admits that Smith must be a good man, but states that he would be inclined to have a few cigars on Roseingrave against all-comers in the Australasian colonies over the jumps, including Smith.

The cunning of the professional ped is proverbial, and to be as cunning as a professional ped is to be cunning indeed, but there is one ped, in New Zesland who has been kicking himself for a month, and who is still kicking (says a Sydney exchange). I shall call him Blank. He is a champion distance runner of a sister colony, who | think a try would have resulted had he handed

went to Maoriland, called himself, say, Dash, nominated for the Half and One Mile Handicaps as a maiden, got 40yds in the Half and 60yds in the Mile, and then smiled in anticipation. He we won the Half easily, so easily to cause suspicion. He therefore made a dead heat in the Mile. A protest was entered, but the protestors could not prove anything; they only thought his name was Blank, and that Dash was assumed-Blank—or, as he called himself, Dash—was brought in, swore his name was Dash, did not know anyone named Blank, never ran under the name of Blank, was a maiden runner. The committee having no proof otherwise were about to award the races to him, and asked him to sign an affidavit He did so, but in his anxiety signed his proper name, J. Blank. Tableau! We received recently the following telegram

from our Nowra correspondent (says a Sydney paper of April 19th): A man, who says he says he is walking round the world for a wager, arrived at Nowra lately on his way from Mel-bourne. He lunched at the Prince of Wales Hotel, the proprietor entertaining him gratuitous ly. The traveller states that he has completed over 50,000 miles. He goes to Cooktown (Q.) and thence to Singapore across India and back to England. In conversation, he said he was engaged in a dual contest: he was racing a man round the world to decide a wager of £40,000 made by the Earl of Dudley with another English gentleman, and was also to receive £4000 if he did the journey in a certain time. He has, he alleges, now virtually won the wager for the Earl of Dudley, as he as left his opponent in the Melbourne Hospital suffering from typhoid fever. He was offered money by a citizen, and refused it, as it was against his agreement. He also refused to take some food with him, as this was also contrary to agreement. The traveller, who has not revealed his name, said the worst part of his journey was from Westralia to Adelaide, where, for 600 miles, he never saw a living soul, and he would't do that journey again for any-thing. A gentleman, thinking he was a Yankee, remarked to him that he out to be in America now that war was pending. "What have I got to do with America?" he replied. I'm an Irish-He only remained in Nowra a short space, and left again for Sydney.



[BY VIGILANT.]

OPENING OF THE SEASON.

Cup matches commenced last Saturday.

A drizzling rain, which kept up during the whole afternoon, interfered somewhat with the play; yet, despite the greasy ball and adverse circumstances, the play was interesting for a first

That the Winter game has a strong hold on the Auckland public is amply evidenced in the fact that though the meteoroligical conditions were anything but favorable, over 2,000 onlookers attended at Potter's Paddock to witness the opening fixtures of season 1898.

Parnell and City met on No. 1 ground in front

of the grandstand, and last year's runners up proved victors to the tune of 11 points, they scoring 14 points as against the 3 recorded by the opposing side. This was a great surprise to many, who anticipated the downfall of the maroons, and not without some reason, as the City Club have a great set of backs this year, and by no means a bad lot of forwards. The winners, however, must be credited with the best condition, which told its tale as the game wore on, added to which City had all the bad luck, and should certainly have scored on two or three

Though defeated, City struck me as likely to show themselves one of the most dangerous teams in the cup matches this season, and given fine weather I should not fear to pit them against any other district in the competition, so strong are they in the back division.

The "daddy" of the winning side was undoubtedly the ex-Wellington player, Laws, at three-quartor. He played a brilliant game right through, kicked well, tacked in good style, and the greasy ball as no other man on the ground did.

The remainder of the backs showed nothing that calls for special mention, and appeared on the whole a moderate lot, though it is early in the day to sit in judgment on them. The old Christchurch player, Thomson, was tried at fullback, and appeared fairly safe in the position, though he frequently erred in kicking the oval down the field when the use of the touch-line would have gained more ground.

Whitley, on the wing, was very smart in his work, while in the forwards Murray, Handcock, Sampson, and Gordon (who should have had his cap last year) all stood out prominently, though it may be said that there was not a mun in this division but did his share of good honest toil.

City have unearthed a good back in Donovan, and taking a line on his initial appearance I should certainly say that he will win his spurs ere long if he continues as at present. He was cool throughout and safe as that oft quoted institution, the Bank of England.

George Smith made every use of his pace, and is going to be as brilliant as ever, though I should say on Saturday's play that he is suffering from an attack of what is known in vulgar par-lance as "swelled head," i.e., a weakness for No. 1. I think he might have passed to his confreres to advantage, and on one occasion in particular I

the ball along to his mates. Another thing that I did not appreciate was his decided inclination to call into question the decision of the referee. It won't do, George; you must get rid of the idea that "Smithy" is the only man on the field, and as Paddy said, "the sooner, the

The speedy Surman, who skippered the black and reds, gave a very good account of himself individually, but did not exercise particularly s and judgment in the handling of his team.

Siddle is still the Siddle of yore, his defensive play on Saturday being remarkably good, while "Cocky" Corles made few errors behind the "Cocky" Cories made tew errors behind the pack, and looked after his backs. Another man who favourably impressed onlookers was Moros, a recent addition. He is sound all round and tackles particularly well. When the rough edges have worn off, City will find him one of the useful sort.

Ponsonby, last year's cracks, met Suburbs on No. 2 ground, and found the outside district a decidedly harder nut to crack than they had anticipated. Though they ultimately prevailed by 6 points to 4—2 tries to a goal from the field they did not find it all beer and skittles, and the game and stubborn manner in which the "hay seeders" contested every inch of the grounds, showed that, with their best side in the field and an opportunity for collective practice, they would make matters decidedly interesting for any of the other sides engaged. They certainly have the material, but as it appears hopeless to expect to see them get together during the week in such a scattered district in order to bring about better combination, they cannot be expected to do much.

"Mase" (otherwise R. Masefield) played fullback for Ponsonby, and although, as everyone knows it is a pity he is not a little faster, there are a few more safe men to be picked up for the position. His great point, to my idea, is the fact that you can't bustle him.

Harrison, the well-known ex Wairoa threequarters, who gained his "rep" cap for the province last year had all his warpaint on, and waded in like a tradesman, a remark that might also safely be applied to Galloway and S. Riley, the latter a promoted junior, who is well worth a

place in any senior team—a lad full of promise.

The forwards all did sound work, and while there is no occasion to individualise, among the old members a word of encouragement may be meted out to Wilson and Barker, both new men, who were always in the thick of the fight-scrum, open, and line, the first mentioned in particular, giving me a most favorable impression. The only weakness, and perhaps a somewhat excus-able one for a first day was the tendency to kick too hard in the forward rushes.

Sutherland, Suburbs' full-back, filled the bill most creditably, and brought his side out of more

than one awkward corner.

McPike, who will be remembered as having played for Suburbs a couple of years back, and Absolum were the best of the remaining backs, and both upheld their reputation. mentioned is very dangerous with his feet when anywhere handy to the opposing goal, as Ponsonby learnt to their sorrow in the first spell when he put a very neat one over the cross-bar.

The front division all worked with a will, and Charley Speight with two wills. If only Jack Gillet and "Rab" McKenzie had been there they would have made matters particularly interesting, while Davey Gage, at five-eights, would have proved a tower of strength to the back division.

Newton defeated Grafton by 9 points (three points) to nil, but the victory was not attained without hard work, and when Grafton get their two or three maimed men back, Smith and Ren-wick in particular, they will be considerably strengthened. strengthened.

Tommy Roberts, of hurdle fame, was the hero of the match, his two tries being the outcome of sterling play, while there was an entire absence throughout of that "funk" of which he has been so frequently accused.

Heath shaped in promising style at full back, and Woods has evidently quality in him. Freeman did well.

The pack are a pretty powerful lot, and with a little more work together should do their district credit.

Walker at full-back for Grafton was only moderate, and at times got a bit mixed. I am, not, however, going to condemn the man on first sight. Hardingham shows promise, and hes lots

of pace to recommend him.

D. Hay was undoubtedly the pick of the backs. Tne Bradys (2), Hedley, and Cucksey were always prominent in the forwards.

The match of next Saturday will be that between Parnell and Ponsonby. Both districts are confident of victory, and although, peahaps, I say it as should not, I hear a little wager of £50 hangs in the balance.

D. Gage was to have applied to the management committee of the Auckland Rugby Union last night (Wednesday) for permission to play for Suburbs, and will, no doubt, be seen out for that district next Saturday.

The Wellington Rugby Union has agreed to meet the representatives of the Wairarapa Rugby Union on August 20th, provided that the visits of the Southern Unions do not clash with the

Despite the unfavorable weather the Auckland Rugby Union gate of last Saturday was over

Jack Gillet and Rab McKenzie did not roll up for Suburbs on Saturday, but will probably give the district the benefit of their services in future matches.

The Auckland Football Association inaugurate the season next Saturday, when a series of matches in both grades of the socker game will be played at the Domain Cricket Ground and the North Shore Domain.

It is just possible that after all "Tabby" Wynyard will be persuaded to take up the cudgels on behalf of the North Shore senior fifteens.

With the several English players of note that have been added to the Association Clubs here during the past four or five months, this game will be considerably stronger than before.

The recently formed Auckland Rugby League, with which some ten or a dozen outside olubs have affiliated, open their season on Saturday next, a series of inter-club matches having been

I hear that the new stand the Rugby Union are talking of putting up at Potter's Paddock would not be protected with a roof. If this is so, I am afraid they would not get a great many on it during the bleak wet winter months.

Phelan does not appear to have arrived in town yet, but a supporter of the Ponsonby District Club informs me that he will be here in the course of a few days.

The well-known "rep" forward, Sack Swindley.

is at the Thames.

There is an idea of tending a New Zealand football team to England in 1899, the tour to be carried out under the auspices of the New Zea. land Union (writes a correspondent in Wellington, to a Sydney paper). The difficulty to be faced is, that the Union rules as to professionalism debar players from receiving more payment than is required for actual expenses, so that, in effect, if such a team were formed, it would have to be composed of members of the leisured classes, from which, as you know, we do not get the best footballers. According to the present state of things, therefore, it is improbable that a team, if one should be selected, would adequately represent New Zealand's full strength in the winter game.



The cable announces that Charles Dawson and P. Mannock are to leave England by the Ormuz for a tour through Australia. Dawson has been battling for some time with Diggle for the position of runner up to John Roberts at the spot barred game, but Diggle has more than once proved his superiority. The visit of the two proved his superiority. The visit of the two crack players should arouse an interest in billiard circles, and it is to be hoped that Dawson will be able to arrange a visit to Maoriland.

BOXING.

A South African paper reports the death of the noted Australian boxer, Bill S'avin.

An American exchange says:-"That the ex-New Zealander, Dan Creeden, recently defeated by kid McCoy in a boxing bout, is suffering from paralysis of one of his arms.

Billy Murphy, the old Auckland lad, is said to have left England immediately after his defeat by Curley. Though the little New Zealander thinks he is as good as ever, his recent performances clearly show that his fighting days are over as far as first class men are concerned.

AN INDIAN SPORTSMAN.

According to Mr Arnold Ferry, who recently returned to Adelaide after a trip to India, the Sultan of Jahore does things on a gigantic scale. His two palaces are truly Eastern in the gorgeousness. One is in Singapore, and the second is in his own dominion, Johore. His racing establishment is in Singapore, where he has a string of twenty horses always in work, including Disfigured, Culzean, and Parthenopæus. Archie Campbell, the Victorian light-weight, and Alick Pierbux do the riding and training respectively. I was weatly impressed with the magnificence of the palace, the grounds, the stables, all being illuminated with electricity. The Sultan has sets of harness with solid gold and silver mountings. Every description of vehicle is found in his coach house, including hansoms, broughams, carriages, drags, dog carts, and light waggonettes. The Sultan is a thorough sportsman and an openhanded gentleman, only too pleased to receive visitors and provide them with tiger-shooting, aper chasing, or vachting. On his estate at Johore he has a licensed gambling saloon on the same principle as that at Monte Carlo, where anyone may gamble in unlimited amounts. The Sultan is very anxious to pay Australia a visit. He is fond of Australians, and thinks they are better horsemen than Englishmen. In all probability he will get down to Australia about next Melbourne Cup time.

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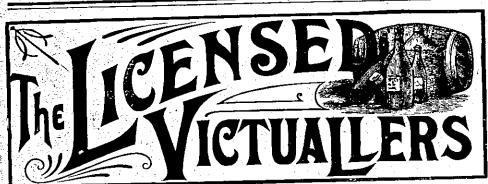
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TIME, GENTLEMEN, PLEASE!

THE question whether it would be advisable for the Auckland Licensing Committee to alter the hour of closing hotels and public-houses from ten o'clock to eleven o clock is one that does not require much consideration from a Trade point of view. The members of the Trade would hail with satisfaction such an alteration, not on account of the amount of business which would accrue, but because they individually and collectively recognise that ten o'clock is too early for the requirements of the public. We suppose there is not one hotel eeper in the Auckland district who is not asked every night, in the week to serve liquor after ten o'clock, and we dare say that very few publicans refuse to supply the thirsty souls, for each knows that, though he may be perfectly willing to close at the correct hour, his fellow tradesmen are taking the risk of a raid. Ten o'clock is altogether too early for the vast majority of citizens, and the consequence is that we have this after-hours business If the hour of closing could be extended to eleven o'clock we believe this surreptitious trading would be put a stop to, for at the present time there is very little business after eleven o'clock even in the known "late" houses. At eleven o'clock most men are ready for home, and the publican would be ready to rigorously shut down at that hour. Eleven o'clock would give the people coming from places of amusement a chance to quench their thirst without any fear of being charged with being on licensed premises after closing time. Eleven o'clock would also suit railway and other travellers; in fact, it would suit the community all round far better than the ridiculously early hour of ten o'clock. If we turn to the cities and big towns of Australia we find eleven and half-past eleven to be the closing times. If we look at Wellington we see that the hotels are shut to non-residents at eleven o'clock. In the Old Country there is not much chance of the police making a successful raid after hours, because in London the houses shut at half-past twelve on every night except Saturday, when they are closed half an hour earlier. In all the big cities and towns the time is eleven or later, and in the rural districts it is eleven o'clock or earlier, at the option of the licensee. Why Auckland, the city with the largest population in the North Island, should be restricted to ten o'clock we fail to see. The hour is too early for the convenience of the inhabitants, who, if they want anything stronger than tea after ten, must creep round to a back door, enter stealthily, and in fear and trembling drink the modest half-pint or nip of whisky—that is, if they can get in. This sort of thing is degrading in the extreme, both to the public and the publican, and it partakes somewhat of an interference with the liberty of the subject to say, "Thou shalt not drink after ten o'clock, unless you take it home in a bottle.' How is the change from ten o'clock to eleven to be compassed? If we had a real live Licensed Victuallers' Association in Auckland the question would be an easy one to answer. We believe there is an invertebrate body, with a nominal head and tail, which claims the title, but we want an association whose motto shall be "Deeds, not Words." Let the brewers and the publicans unite in demanding this necessary reform from the Licensing Committee; let the public lend willing aid to the efforts of the former,

and this extension of time will become an accomplished fact. Supineness and shilly-shally will obtain nothing, but a vigorous and united policy will prevail upon the Licensing Magistrates, who will see that the extension is in the best interests of the citizens. Ten o'clock is an unreasonable hour; eleven is a right and proper one. It will suit the public and it will suit the publican, and as the present is the occasion for a forward move, we say to the public and to the Trade, "Time, gentlemen, please!"

THE PREMIER'S TOUR IN WAIRARAPA

The Right Hon. the Premier has, during the past week, visited the Wairarapa district, and has obtained a "right royal reception" in every part of this large and important section of the colony. He has met the settlers in the various centres of population, he has received deputations representing the local bodies, and has satisfied all parties that he and his Government are imbued with an honest desire to aid the struggling settlers in the bush districts, and generally to aid the pioneer in their efforts to establish homes in the wilderness, recognising that the property of the colony largely depends on the efforts of those who are succeeding in turning a bush wilderness into happy homesteads, now largely "dotting the landscape."

The Premier has addressed a meeting attended by the most influential chiefs of the Wairarapa, he has propounded to them the policy of the Government concerning the dealing with native lands, and the proposed legislation affecting those lands, and his reception by the Natives has been not only cordial but enthusiastic in its nature. At the settlement of Hamua he was presented with an address which must have satisfied him that his proposed legislation was, in the opinion of the Natives, calculated to promote the best interests of the genuine European settlers and and the Maoris alike. He and the party which accompanied him to Hamua were entertained at a sumptious banquet, and the whole proceedings showed the great desire of the Natives to more closely cement the friendly relationship which exists in that part of the colony between the pakeha and the aboriginal owners of the soil. The school children of the place were all assembled in the reception hall, and in addressing them the Hon. Mr Walker (Minister of Education) expressed the great pleasure he experienced in seeing the children of both races congregated together in one school, embracing the opportunities offered by our national system of education

During his visit the Premier addressed a large audience at Masterton, and in propounding the policy of the Government and in defending the administration thereof, he found his statements endorsed by an overwhelming majority of his vast audience. As a matter of fact he convinced his hearers that his Government did not believe in class legislation; that the legislation of his party was, and would be, broad enough to embrace all sections of the community, irrespective of creed, nationality, or social distinction; and in his declaration of these principles he was loudly and enthusiastically applauded. It was to be expected that representations would be made relative to the necessity for roads and bridges, and in reply to the requests the Premier said that it did not increase the general indebtedness of the colony if money was expended in such works as those indicated, because every bridge erected and every road made by the expenditure of public money was an asset to the colony more than sufficient to cover the cost of the respective constructions.

In the thriving district of Ekatahuna a farmers' club has been established, and is doing good work in advaucing the best interests of the agricultural and pastoral work of this fertile bush district. During the Premier's visit the annual dinner of the club took place, and as a matter of course, the Premier and his party were invited to attend. The members of the club are mixed in their politics, but it appears all political feelings were put on one side at the function, and Government supporters and Opposition alike gave their guests a true colonial reception. In his address the Premier gave the settlers sound advice respecting their future course of action, and virtually told them not to rely on Providence or Government, but to trust to themselves. A little of the prohi-tion element was introduced at the meeting, as we understand the president of the club and some of his colleagues had resolved that all the toasts of his contengues in the state of the after gathering were to be proposed in cold water. Wiser councils, however, prevailed, and as a result there was a fair supply of the "universal happifier" available at the function. The member of the district, Mr A. W. Hogg, in proposing one of the togeth showed his true man posing one of the toasts, showed his true man-liness when he said, "Charge your glasses; I charge mine in beer, which I have been drinking all the evening." This manly statement was loudly applauded by the party of freedom, but cansed a dark visage to appear on those who apparently have no belief in the "freewill agency

of man.' The member for Masterton was at one time supposed to be hovering on the defined precipice which divides liberty and fanaticism, but if ever he sat on the edge he has to all appearance made a plunge, and has successfully landed on the firm ground of freedom.

Taken altogether, the Premier's visit to Wairarapa has been a success, and the settlers are satisfied that country as well as town is engaging the practical attention of his Government.

TRADE TOPICS.

Messrs Dwan Bros., hotel brokers, Willis St. Wellington, report the following sales: Mount Egn ont Hotel, Midhirst, to Mr J. G. Colville, late of Carterton; Bunnythorpe Hotel, Bunnythorpe, to Mr Symon Glogoskie; Tenui Hotel, Tenui, to Mr P. D. Thompson, late of the Empire Hotel, Masterton; Taueru Hotel, Taueru, to Mr K. McIntosh; Makakahi Hotel, Makakahi, to Captain North, late of the s.s. Waihi; Marine Parade Hotel, Whakataki, to Messrs Parsons and Williamson, late of the Wairarapa; Grand National Hotel, Petone, to Mr W. Biggs, contractor, Wellington; Pahautanui Hotel, Pahautanui, Wellington; Pahautanui Hotel, Pahautanui, to Mr R. Saunders, late of Rangitikei; and the Royal Hotel, Thorndon Quay, Wellington, to Mr E. J. Searl, well-known in the Wairarapa.

The old White Hart Hotel, corner of Spring and Bourke-streets, Melbourne, was the scene of a little contretemps one Saturday night, or early Sunday morning last month. It appears that Sunday morning last month. It appears that Constable Hallet, on special Sunday trading duty, in plain clothes, knocked at the door, which was opened by a barman, who would not allow the constable to enter, as his orders from the landlo d were to allow no strangers in. At the same time the barman slammed the door, and jammed a link on the constables watch chain. This constituted an assault in the eyes of the law, and the barman was brought before the District Court and fined £6, the bench regretting they could not inflict imprisonment. So much for doing your duty to your employer—a little more, and probably this barman would have been hanged, drawn, and quartered.

The Municipal Association of Victoria is taking teps to get what it calls a more equitable distribution of license fees amongst the municipalities. The Treasurer also contemplates taking £10,000 from the licensing fund to make provision for the aged destitute. This fund is vision for the aged destitute. This fund is formed from the fees, and is solely intended to be used as compensation to publicans and others for the closing of their houses through a local option vote. The fund now stands at £60,000. The Trade will not object in the least to thus providing for the aged poor, but should not the teetotal bodies also contribute in the same direc-

Near Gundagai, in N.S.W., there is a com-Near Gundagai, in N.S.W., there is a company working to develop a mineral field. A considerable number of men are employed, and to stop sly-grog selling a "Workingmen's Club" has been formed. One of the miners conceived the idea of buying the drink wholesale by pooling their cash and retailing to each other at first-cost. The plan caught on. A Hessian tent was erected; the lounges are kerosene cases, and pannikins take the place of tumblers and wine glasses. The entrance fee to the club is £1. and. The entrance fee to the club is £1, and, though socialistic in its idea, it has degenerated into a species of capitalism. Every night the place is crowded with drinkers, and now the manager of the company is trying to have it suppressed. He says it is doing more harm than would sly grog shauties. A licensed house, he says, would be a boon. In such a place prohibition is is a hypocritical farce, and no better plan exists than the licensing of a hotel according to law. Even the club system fails.

The South Australian Customs receipts for the nine months ending on 31st March last show a decrease of £32,000. In contrast to this, the beer tax gives a heavy increase. What on earth would civilised Government do for revenue were it not for the liquor trade? Great Britain maintains her vast navy and expensive army entirely from that revenue. The people who drink—alcohol, that is—pay for our ironclads and our bayonets, for our bluejackets and our red coats. They keep guard and extend the empire. What does the tectotaller do in that direction, who boasts that alcoholic liquors never pass his lips?

A vote will shortly be taken in Mildura, the Victorian prohibition settlement, to decide whether or not the district should come under the Licensing Act. If so, it is proposed to establish hotels on the Gothenburg system. This means that the municipality will "run" the hotels, and take the profits.

A witness before the Police Commission was asked the question, "Are you a prohibitionist?" His reply should be a motto for the testotallers, for he answered, "No, I am a total abstainer,

A blatant lecturer on the evils of drink, a man who oscillates between too much and too little, was seen lately in a leading hotel drinking one of the much advertised tonics, many a time and oft. At the time a huge bundle of MSS for a teetotal lecture bulged out his breast pocket. Considering the that some of these tonics are stronger far than Colonial or British beer, what is to be said of the consistency of such a man? Like most of the prophets of cold water, he and many others of the fraternity bow a frequent knee to Baal.

Sometimes justice is not altogether blind when licensed victuallers are concerned (states the Melbourne Sportsman). On a Sunday early last month the police entered the Colac Hotel and found a man there with a glass of shandygaff in his hand. The licensee told the constables that the man had represented himself as a bona fide traveller, and, in compliance with the Act, she served him with a drink. This statement the alleged traveller repeated to the police. The latter soon found that the man, though a newcomer to the district, actually resided next door to the hotel. Then, instead of charging the licensee with Sunday trading, the man was proceeded against for representing himself to be a bona fide traveller. The case came before the

local police court recently, and has been adjourned until May 13th in order to get a necessary witness.

At the Magistrate's Court, Coromandel, on Thursday last, three charges were laid against a storekeeper named Vetter, of sly grog selling at Opitonui. The case was surrounded with a considerable degree of interest, owing to the fact that an unfortunate man McDevitt had, according to the evidence given at the inquest, partaken of several glasses of whisky on Vetter's premises on the night of his last being seen alive, his body having been picked up several days afterwards in the adjacent Opitonui River. A large amount of evidence was taken. Vetter acknowledged to having dispensed the liquor, the line of defence taken up by Mr McGregor, his solicitor, being that, having opened a general store a few days previously, he was merely entertaining his friends. Vetter, however, admitted that one of the men present on that occasion had paid 2s. This, he supposed, the man had done so as not to appear to be "sponging." The magistrate fined defendant £10, and costs amounting to £3 14s, or in default 14 days' imprisonment. Defendant's solicitor asked for a month's grace. Mr. Bush would grant no grace whatever. He had on a previous occasion fined a man £5 for an offence, and had given time, but that defendant had not vet turned up. He did not intend to be had a second time. The money was paid into Court at a later

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THE KENNEL.

The dogs at the Sydney Agricultural Show were a good collection. The best of the winners were Mr H. F. Marr's Laird of Petersham and Petersham Belle in the two open classes of collies, Lord Clifton in St. Bernards, Recklaw (by Champion Jonathan) in Mastiffs, and Champion Philgarlic in Bull terriers. Most of the leading Fox terrier fanciers did not exhibit, and Medlow Monarch was the best shown.

"Sir Tatton," writing of Dog Shows in the

"Sir Tatton," writing of Dog Shows in the Melbourne Sportsman, says:—From what I can gather, the prospects for the coming season shows are not very encouraging. The general feeling appears to be that there will be a great falling off in entries in nearly all classes, more particularly in young stock. This will not be very cheerful news to show promoters, but should put them on the qui vive when preparing their schedules. It is simply folly to play the game of the ostrich and to trust to luck, particulary when careful enquires can throw light upon the subject. I flatter myself that I am in touch with ject. I flatter myself that I am in touch with most of the leading kennels and know how mat-ters stand, and I regret to say that I am compelled to take a very gloomy aspect of affairs.

The Feathered World.

Mr Johnny Walker's Poultry and Bird Estab-lishment in Queen Street, with its constantly-changing stock, is quite a small poultry show. which is an education for the would be poultry fancier. On almost any day in the week one may see a dozen or more varieties exhibited in the pens and show baskets which crowd the

place.
The fourteenth annual meeting of the Wellington Society has been held. The balance-sheet is as follows:—Assets: Plant, pens, cages, etc., £224; amount of deposit with the Postetc., £224; amount of deposit with the Post-Office Savings Bank and interest, £103; sundry amounts due and subscriptions, £10 14s; Auckland Society, hire of pens, £5; total, £342 14s.
Liabilities: Bank of New Zealand, overdraft, £10 1s 3d; treasurer, 6s; balance, £332 6s 9d; total, £342 14s. The various offices have been filled, thus—President, the Mayor (Mr J. R. Blair); hon treasurer, Mr W. L. Curtis; secretary, Mr J. Speek, with a remuneration of 10 guineas per annum; committee, Messrs D. Murphy, A. H. Fullford, T. Erskine, W. Lowcay, H. Ross, J. Iremonger, E. Faller, F. Cooper, and H. Pitcher. It will be noticed that the name of Mr Bot Bannister is missing from the list. The Wellington fanciers must have turned right round if they will not elect "Brahma" Bannister as one of their officials.

This year's show of the Sydenham Poultry

This year's show of the Sydenham Poultry Society is to be held in the fine wool stores of Messrs Dalgety and Co. The committee has been very fortunate in securing such a commodious building, without doubt the best in the colony for an exhibition, and, being situated immediately alongside the Christchurch Railway Station, it is particularly convenient for outside fanciers. The committee has arranged with several local dog fanciers to place their dogs on show, and as the display will include several of the most noted dogs in the colony it will be an attractive feature, Messrs Dacre, Wilson, and Deal will judge the poultry, Messrs E. D. Rees and Dacre the pigeons, and Messrs J. Stapleton and R. Evans the canaries. The committee still offers the usual prize money, which is amongst the best in the colony. Altogether the society is the best in the colony. Altogether the society is endeavoring to encourage the fancy in a praiseworthy manner.

The following from the Birmingham Post will be of interest to all exhibitors and show committees. H. Russell sued C. J. Hands for £5 damages for non-delivery of a Game cock which plaintiff said he purchased at the Learnington Show in October last, in accordance with the rules, which said—"Exhibitors may state on rules, which said—"Exhibitors may state on their entry form the price at which they are prepared to sell the exhibits, and the sale must take place at the offer thus made to the purchaser." Plaintiff found, on reference to the printed catalogue, that the price of the bird in question was 10s, and he deposited that sum with the secretary, but it was returned with the explanation that the price given in the catalogue was wrongly that the price given in the catalogue was wrongly stated as the result of a printer's error. He conas he had complied with the conditions in the catalogue. His Honor, Judge Ingham, asked for the production of the entry form, and found the price entered on that was £2 10s. He said it was clear the price of sale was that entered on the entry form, and not in the printed catalogue. He non-suited plaintiff with costs.

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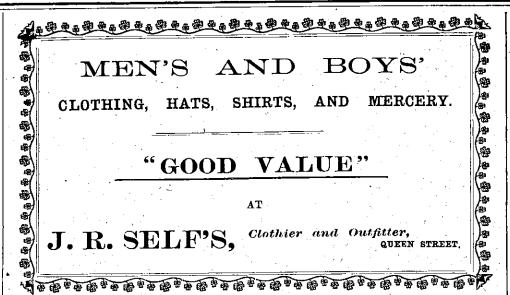
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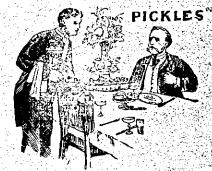
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