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ONE SPAN OF 200 FEET AND SIX SPANS OF 40 FEET.

**TENDERS** will be received at this Office till Noon on **FRIDAY**, the 22nd July, 1898, for the above Contract, in accordance with plans, specifications, and conditions, to be seen at the Post-offices of Whangarei, of Hamilton (from 20th June to 5th July), of Dargaville (from 8th to the 20th July), and at this Office.  
Tenders to be addressed to the Chief Surveyor, Auckland, and marked "Tender for Mangakahia Bridge, Contract No. 14." The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

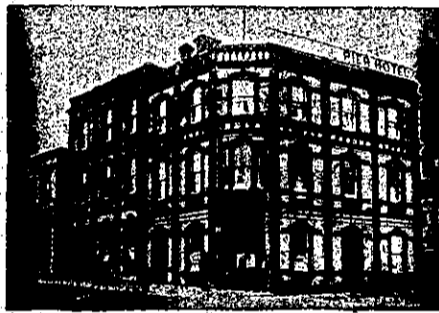
**GERHARD MUELLER,**  
Chief Surveyor.  
Lands and Survey Department,  
Auckland, 1898.



District Land and Survey Office,  
Auckland, June 18, 1898.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the following Lots will be submitted for sale by public auction at this Office on **FRIDAY**, July 22, 1898, at 11 a.m.:-  
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12 MAGNIFICENT SILVER CUPS,  
VALUE £100.  
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**A**T the request of several of several Sub-  
scribers to the **SPORTING REVIEW**, we have  
decided to undertake wiring the results of races  
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know the result of any race please forward One  
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Forelock"**



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no time  
in trying  
**Vanity Fair  
Cigarettes.**

**RACING CALENDAR.**

**NEW ZEALAND.**

**FIXTURES.**

June 24, Fri.—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter.  
June 29, Wed; 30, Thurs.—Napier Park R.C. Steeplechase  
July 5, Tues; 7, Thurs.—Gisborne Park Steeplechase  
July 14, Thurs; 16, Sat.—Wellington R.C. Steeplechase  
August 11, Thurs; 13, Sat.—N.Z. Grand National  
October 10, Mon; 11, Tues.—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring

**NOMINATIONS**

June 27—Wellington R.C. Wellesley Stakes and Wellington Stakes  
July 8—Wellington R.C. Winter  
July 25—N.Z. Grand National

**HANDICAPS.**

June 25—Gisborne Park Steeplechase  
June 25—Napier Park R.C. Winter  
June 27—Wellington R.C. Winter  
July 1—New Zealand Cup  
July 18—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles  
August 1—N.Z. Grand National

**ACCEPTANCES.**

June 27—Napier Park R.C. Winter  
July 1—Gisborne Park Steeplechase  
July 8—Wellington R.C. Winter  
July 25—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles  
August 5—New Zealand Cup  
August 8—N.Z. Grand National  
December 31—Taranaki Hack Guineas

**FINAL PAYMENT.**

August 8—N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdles

**FIRST FORFEIT.**

August 1—Third Marlborough Hack Challenge Stakes

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

M. J. BURKE, Opitouni.—Randwick was bred by Mr Jno. Lee, in New South Wales, in 1873, and got by Barbarian (brother to The Barb) out of Gipsy Girl, by Kingston (imp) out of Black Bess, by Little John.

**Sporting and Dramatic  
REVIEW**

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1898.

**THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB  
AND ITS TOTALISATOR.**

WHATEVER may be the cause, whether it be the good management of the Auckland Racing Club's officials or a sign of increased prosperity, the speculation through the agency of the totalisator at Ellerslie during the past year has been greater than during any year in the history of our Metropolitan Club. No matter what may be the cause, the result is a subject upon which the Club is surely entitled to congratulation, notwithstanding the evident desire of a southern writer to adversely criticise and to discover mistakes in the time for final payments, the arrangements for the casualty room, and above all, in the tote. We cannot imagine, however, that there can be much wrong in the management of this important source of revenue, and the figures justify us in saying so. Here are the results for the past year:—

SPRING MEETING.		
First Day	...	£5,393
Second Day	...	8,262
Third Day	...	5,217
		£18,872
SUMMER MEETING.		
First Day	...	£13,544
Second Day	...	14,078
Third Day	...	14,678
		42,300
AUTUMN MEETING.		
First Day	...	£10,203
Second Day	...	6,282
Third Day	...	8,363
		24,848
WINTER MEETING.		
First Day	...	£8,498
Second Day	...	7,408
		15,906
Grand total	...	£101,926

This total is £1600 more than that of last year, which was the previous best on record, but, notwithstanding this obvious increase in popularity, "Augur" is condemnatory of the Ellerslie tote, but the extreme nature of his allegations deprives the criticism of value and makes one wonder what is the real cause. The following extract will serve to show the spirit of the criticism:—

The tote arrangements were bad, very bad. The machines themselves are most indistinct, tiny little numbers making it impossible for anyone to tell what price a horse is paying until you get right to the head of the race. In the two days I consider fully £1000 was shut out by the terribly slow style of the money takers. Frequently two minutes would elapse between the issue of tickets to two backers. The system of calling is different from everywhere else in the colony, and leads to constant trouble with southern visitors. Instead of, if one wants to invest two tickets on No. 5, calling in that order it is reversed, the number on the machine being taken first, number of ticket required after.

With all due respect to Mr Hayr, whose staff I am referring to, I might say I frequently heard visitors from the West Coast remark the difference with Messrs Spriggins and Neylon at the head of affairs; it being generally agreed that for smartness and clean work they could run rings round those in charge of the machine at Ellerslie.

The portion of the allegation marked in italics demonstrates the extremity of the writer's views, but those who have visited Ellerslie can judge for themselves as to whether it is "impossible" to see the "tiny" numbers, but, no doubt, it is pretty nearly impossible to reckon the odds against any one horse during the progress of speculation, because the totals in each machine would have to be calculated, and as there are six machines, three inside and three outside of the paddock, this would indeed be very nearly an impossibility. There are always people late in their investments, and are consequently shut out chiefly through their own fault, but the writer is as extreme in his estimate of the loss in this respect as he is in his other allegations. If "Augur's" estimate of the loss caused by "terribly slow money takers" is correct, then, striking an average, the loss for the year must have been £5,500. No one can charge the proprietor of the Ellerslie tote with such an utter disregard of filthy lucre as he is charged with, and we fancy if such a loss had been going on we would have found long before this that both he and the secretary of the club would have supplanted the "terribly slow men," and electrified the wise visitor from Wanganui by the manner in which they raked in the shekels. It is manifestly absurd to say that "frequently fully two minutes would elapse between the issue of two tickets to two backers," because the tote figures emphatically contradict the assertion. The time available for speculating on each race is not more than half an hour, and if we take the first day at the Winter Meeting we find that £8498 passed through the machine in 180 minutes. Surely that is a better average than a ticket a minute. Then what difference does it make, except to the hypercritical, whether the number on the card or the amount of money invested should be called first. The tail-end of the criticism is an excellent advertisement for Messrs Spriggins and Neylon, who, by-the-way, are themselves tote conductors, but, if we remember correctly, the money which passed through their machine at the Wanganui Winter Meeting was not much more than half of that registered at Ellerslie.

**WORK TO DO.**

THE deliberations of the delegates at the approaching Racing Conference should result in material benefit to the New Zealand racing world, and the meeting must be of benefit to the Turf if the various delegates "are of the same opinion still" as regards necessary improvements when they arrive at the place where the big "korero" will be held. The road to a certain place is said to be paved with good intentions, and it certainly seems to us that the track to the Racing Conference is covered pretty thickly with the good intentions of delegates who, once having secured the billet, have lagged fainthearted on the journey, tailed off at the finish, and, upon arrival at the scene of action, have been as silent even as the quietest of Mr Seddon's "dumb dogs." It may be that the smaller men have been overawed by the majesty of the mighty in former Conferences, and have thus allowed right to be wrongly shelved. At the present juncture of affairs it is certainly the duty of the delegates to unhesitatingly carry out the duties they are sent to perform, and even now, at the eleventh hour, if there is a weak man amongst the chosen delegates he should make way for someone more fitted to fight to a finish. There are many momentous questions to come up for discussion during the session of the Conference, and, in our opinion, there are none more important than those concerning the purity of the "Sport of Kings." Crooked running, the presence of welters and spicers on racecourses, and payment of nominations fees at the time of entry, are matters which may perhaps escape attention during discussion on seemingly bigger affairs. Let the delegates attend carefully to these matters, and we are sure that the Racing Conference of 1898 will be remembered by the sportsmen of the colony with charity and loving kindness.