tributed from the automatic machine over Straybird's success. Several Maoris and Chinamen were to be seen at the pay out window collecting. One Napier punter had a couple of tickets on

Straybird, the price taking his fancy.

The concluding item of the day's bill of fare, the Final Steeplechase, saw that wonderful pony, Alpine, succeed, Morag, the favorite, being unable to beat her, although she gave him a great chance by running down the last jump, which allowed him to head her momentarily. Quickly straighthim to head her momentarily. Quickly straight-ening up the little mare buried him for pace in the rush for the turn from the last femce. Spreydon, who had been accepted with for both hurdles and who was scratched on the ground, was whispered about as a good thing, but the informants were bad judges, as all he could get was a moderate third.

The machine put through for the two days \$29,294, as against £8,965, which was the amount taken at the winter meeting in 1897.

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### CANTERBURY.

The ages of the Cup horses - The balance-sheet of the Canterbury Trotting Club - Martin Taylar's appeal-Sale of Middle Park and dispersal of Sefton's string - Riccarton horses at work - Dunedin Stakes and Champagne Stakes en-

CHRISTOHURCH, June 27. The nominations for the N.Z. Cup are made up of eight aged horses, three six-year-olds, fifteen five-year-olds, thirteen four-year-olds, and eleven three-year-olds. Waiuku, Boreas, Zanella, and North Atlantic are the pick of the aged division, and Bob Ray stands ahead of the other six-year-olds. The five-year-old section consists of some of the best horses in the race, The five-year-old section among the number being St. Paul, Swordfish, Nestor, Cour de Lion, Daystar, and Starshot. Among the four-year-olds Multi-orm, Defiant, Nansen, and Gold Leaf are perhaps the best, while Altair, Dundas, and Nihilist have proved themselves a cut above the three-year olds they

At the annual meeting of the Canterbury Trotting Club the balance-sheet showed that re ceipts had been £5,808 and the expenditure £5203. The receipts included a credit balance £5203. The receipts included a credit balance of £540 with which the year had begun, and at the close of that period the amount had been increased to £604. The principal sources of revenue were: Totalisator receipts, £2413 11s 8d; gate receipts, £928 12s 6d; nominations, £723 12s 6d; acceptances, £522 10s; privileges, £290 19s 6d; cards, £159 11s 6d; Juvenile Stakes, 1899 (£3 stakes), £86 10s; Juvenile Stakes, 1599 £50. The principal items of expenditure 1899, £50. The principal items of expenditure were: Stakes, £3620; totalisator tax, £397 0s 7d; rent to Agricultural and Pastoral Association, £110. During the previous year the sum of £3,310 was given in stakes, and last year the amount was increased to £3,620. At present the amount was increased to £3,620. At present the club holds its meetings on the Canterbury Agri-cultural Association's grounds, but representa-tives from Canterbury and Lancaster Park Clubs have met to consider the question of purchasing ground to be used solely for trotting purposes. Suitable grounds have not been selected yet.

The hearing of the appeal by Martin Taylor against his conviction in the Christchurch Magistrate's Court, when he was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for having kept a shop for betting purposes, was resumed before Justice Denniston on Friday. Drs. Ovenden and Anderson, called on behalf of appellant, deposed that he was in such a weak state of health that sending him to gaol might produce serious or even fatal consequences. Dr Symes, called by the Crown, stated that Taylor was in very bad health, and that to send him to gaol in the ordinary way might produce serious consequences. His Honor took time to consider the power of the Court to order mitigation of punishment, remarking that the point was a very important one, and would affect other cases.

A. Sefton, in consequence of his having sold his well-known racing quarters, Middle Park, will offer his horses for sale by public auction on July 9. The lot includes Marino, Quiltiri, Art Jewel, ten youngsters by Son-of-a-Gun, and the trotting stallion Imperious.

June 28. Matters in the sporting world are very quiet just now, but the appearance of the weights

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Grand National events should give sports plenty to interest them for the next month or two. The main topic of conversation in sporting circles is in reference to the way Mr Henry is going to handicap horses in the N.Z. Cup. Numerous handicats have been framed by persons who can always tell the handicapper how an important race should be handicapped. When the official list is published and reviewed these

private lists are quickly scanned and cast into oblivion. For next week's issue 1 expect to be able to give you my opinion of Mr Henry's handicap, and shall endeavor to pick the winner in twelve out of the fifty horses engaged. Whether I will succeed in doing so remains to be seen.

Heavy rain fell in Christchurch at the end of

last week, and the Riccarton tracks were thoroughly soaked. We are now having a suc-cession of severe frosts, and trainers have been working their horses regularly, and some of the latter look really well for this time of the year.

I am told that Mason has Mr Stead's two

Cup horses, Altair and St. Cyr, in capital nick, while M. Hobbs is pleased with the present condition of Starshot, Dundas, and Marquis of Zetland, who has, however, not been galloping as well as he might.

Reay is pushing Sequin along. This filly ould pay her way next season.

Other horses which have early engagements and are in daily work include Epaulet, Seabrook, Skirmisher, Strathbraan, Magazine, and Powder

Monkey, all of whom a e looking well. In scanning the list of nominations for the Dunedin Stakes (1898) and the Dunedin Champagne Stakes (1899) one cannot help noticing the large entry of Canterbury-owned youngsters in the two races. Mr Stead has nominated seven wo year-olds and Sir Geo. Clifford six. O'Brien's Sweet William colt, Aroma, has been entered for both races. The sires represented are St. Leger, Perkin Warbeck II., Stonyhurst, Stepniak, Hotchkiss, Lake Shell, Clanranald, Richlack, and Photos Richlake, and Phreton.

### OTAGO.

Abercrombie-Victim-Proposaland Zephyr-No Hunt Ctub Mecting this year-Possible racing at Mosgiel.

DUNEDIN, June 28. I do not think Abercrombie will remain long in the New Zealand Cup list, as, from his appearance, I have great doubt about his being racing this year. He is certainly a big colt, but it would be a pity to rush him along too quickly. Our local bookmakers are offering 100 to 1 against

him.

Victim is in work again, probably with a view to some of the minor jumping or flat races at the Grand National Meeting at Riccarton. He is at

his best in heavy going.

Mr Curtis's horses, Proposal and Zephyr, are in steady work, the latter's big leg now being reduced to about its normal state. I reckon both these bears will be ready for anyly syving recing these horses will be ready for early spring racing.

There is to be no Hunt Club Meeting in Dun-edin this year, which will be felt by our local trainers, as it was of late years a gathering confined to Forbury stables, hence winter oats for the lucky ones.

There has been some talk about trying to get up a day's racing on the Mosgiel course.

#### WELLINGTON.

F. H. Laing-Entries for the Wellington and Wellesley Stakes-The Taratahi - Carterton Racing Club The Taratahi Guineas -Lynch - Toss-up and Kohoi - The Restraint of Wagering Bill - A new clerk of the course wanted at Wellington - Opae for the Grand National Steeples-R. C. Hungerford-Conference of trotting clubs.

WELLINGTON, June 27.

F. H. Laing, late owner of The Guardsman and Lady Somnus, who has been on a visit to Sydney, where he gave his impressions on trotting in this colony, and on his return to Auckland appeared as a buyer, returned to Dunedin

last week.

Very satisfactory entries have been received for the Wellesley and Wellington Stakes, which closed to-day. They will be sent in time for

A meeting of the committee of the Taratahi-Carterton Racing Club was held on the 18th inst., Mr Jas. Lodder in the chair. In reply to an inquiry from Mr W. O. Williams, one of the delegates to the Racing Conference, the secretary was instructed to write that the club would apply for one permit for the ensuing season. It was decided to get a number of willows planted in the saddling paddock, and the matter of a water supply was left in the hands of Mr Ray and the Accounts amounting to £100 in connection with the improvements just completed on the course were passed for payment. Several youngsters are in training for the Tara-

tabi Guineas. Jim Cress has a filly by Ascot—Bangor, Topham a filly by Ascot—Donkey, and Jim Reed a colt by Rebellion—Queenie.

The weights for the N.Z. Cup are due on Friday next. I understand several horses will

not be weighted, as the nomination money has not been sent. The Canterbury Jockey Club is thus setting other clubs a good example.

Alf. I ynch, who owned and rode Raven, the steeplechaser, returned here last week after an extended tour of Australia.

Toss-up, who is entered at the Wellington Meeting as late Kohoi, should not have been so entered, as the pair are different horses.

George Humphries, the popular representative not b Hutt next month, having returned to Cable Bay

Mr George Hutcheson is introducing a bill this season named the "Restraint of Wagering Bill." There is no likelihood of the bill becom-

ing law.

H. M. Lyon, secretary of the Wellington Racing Club, returned from Christchurch to day. H. Solomon, the Wanganui bookmaker, left last week on a trip to Sydney by the Waikari.

Adam McMorran, who was recently re instated the Wellington Racing Club, made his reappearance in the saddle at Hastings.

The Wellington Racing Club wants a new

clerk of the course.

I hear The Artist has had to be eased in his work, and from the same source I learn that Opae may be a starter over the big jumps at Riccarton.

R. C. Hungerford, the handicapper to the Greymouth, Ohaurs, and Nelson Trotting Clubs, also secretary and time-keeper at Greymouth leaves next month for Sydney, where he will permanently reside. It is a great pity we have not such a capable man as Mr Hungerford in this district to put trotting on a more satisfactory

## "A Winter's Fog Would Freeze a Dog"

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The annual conference of trotting clubs will be held here about the middle of next month. I want some delegate to bring in a rule prevent-ing any club which has not paid it's stakes receiving a totalisator permit or being represented at the conference; also a rule disqualifying any club found incapable of dealing with cases of

### THE BREEDING OF SOME N.Z. HORSES.

(BY "MILROY.")

Since Medallion left New Zealand and took up his quarters at Tocal his stock have been winning along the line, while his three-quarter brother, Thunderbolt, has been busy over in South Australia begetting all sorts of winners. A brother to Medallion, Crackshot, has also been keeping up the family charter well in his native Maoriland. Mr Frank Reynolds has been generally accounted by those who know little of him to be a particularly fortunate man to buy such a stallion as Medallion on the very eve of the horse's success: but those who know the unassuming squire of Tocal best must be aware that it was owing more to his sound judgment and knowledge of breeding than luck that led to the purchase of Medallion

A friend just returned from Adelaide tells me A triend just returned from Adelance tens me that Thunderbolt's stock are chiefly chestnuts, with plenty of white on their legs, broad blazed heads, and are well ticked with grey hairs. This is how Medallion gets them. There is no misheads, and are well ticked with there is no mis-is how Medallion gets them. There is no mis-taking them in the paddock by their colour or by That both these their abundance of bone. That both these splendid sons of Loeket should get their stock quite different from the typical Musket mould and colour may appear strange to those who know something of Musket and Touchstone, to whom he is inbred. Touchstone never got a chestnut, and it is said Musket never got one. his sons and grandsons have, especially those that are out of Locket.
"The Druid," who lived in the days of Comus,

describes that horse as a very grand chestnut, who filled the paddocks of Sir Tatton Sykes with white-faced, white-legged chestnuts, who in their days were a great power on the racecourse. his first season he got 16 colts and one filly. All the colts were winners, and among them were Ranter and Reveller. Comus went on begetting white-legged chestnuts until his 28th year, and the king of them all was Humphrey Clinker, who begat Melbourne, whose line lives to-day in the descendants of West Australian, the sire of Musket's dam. As everybody knows, Medallion is by Nordenfeldt, a son of Musket. Nordenfeldt's maternal grandsire (Angler) was out of Marchioness, by Melbourne, the before mentioned sire of West Australian, therefore Medallion's sire had two crosses of the only existing line direct from Comus. Medallion's dam was out of Keepsake, by Daniel O'Rourke, whose dam Forget-me-not, was by Hetman Platoff, a grandson of Comus. However, Keepsake's dam overshadows the rest of Medallion's ancestors with the blood of Comus, as her sire, Hampton, by Sultan, had a double cross of him in three removes, and her dam was by Comus himself. A strong corrective to this very large amount of inbreeding is there, however, in the shape of three strains of Sir Peter (3) in Keepsake's dam.

With the exception of Melbourne (1), by Humphrey Clicker (8), the Comus line died out in spite of his own wonderful potency. How-ever, it is now apparent that the blood is coming to life again after lying dormant for over 60 years, and the old time virulence of Comus has again come to the surface in Thunderbolt and Medallion, more especially so in the latter. There in the Tocal paddocks are the white-faced, white-legged chestnuts that "The Druid" wrote so graphically of 60 years ago, and there on the racecourses are these Comus marked chestnuts, by both Medallion and Thunderbolt, winning all before them. This may be a coincidence, "faucy," the unthinking will have it, but it is a "coincidence" that should spur breeders and students to hustle up and forage out facts that may be of

the greatest assistance to them in breeding race-horses on the same kind of blood that Sir Tatton Sykes bred from Comus over 60 years ago.

Comus got his createst son, Humphrey Clinker out of a mare belonging to the 8 family, and that horse got Melbourne out of a 1 mare. Medallion's dam belongs to the 8 family, and he has got his best horse (Gold Medallist) out of a 1 mare. These "resurrections" have occurred before, as witness Musket, the very counterpart of Touch-Barcaldine, another West Australian; Gibraltar is Gladiateur over again; Autonomy is a typical Partisan; Gozo a Wild Dayrell pure and simple; Jeweller is Vedette in the life again, and where is it possible on this earth to get a better picture of Herring'e painting of Sultan than Abercorn is to-day?

That these horses throw to their ancestors in looks goes for nothing, but if they get their stock in the same style and likeness as did some great ancestor to whom they were inbred, it behoves the breeder to look up the kind of blood to which that great ancestor was partial and procure it for his stallion. What son of Yattendon ever got his stock in the same style—colour and type—as only horses I know of that have given us any-hing like the Yattendon type back again are his ons. Sweet William and Clieveden—the latter, was given away to the Americans. Perhaps in another 30 years or so another Yattendon will prize in a horse that is inbred to him as imported arise in a horse that is inbred to him, as imported Kingston arose and reproduced Partisan almost every time, but nobody knew he was doing so. Let anybody take a picture of Wild Dayrell and compare it to any typical Gozo and they will see Wild Dayrell there every time. But to return to Comus. The best of the Comus horses were Humphrey Clinker (8), Grey Momus (2), Reveller (19), Confederate (5), and Matilda (5). Humphrey Clinker got his two best horses, Melbourne and Rockingham, out of mares belonging to the 1 family, and Reveller got his best out of Luss (2). Sir Tatton Sykes (8), a great racehorse, who to-day appears in many first-class pedigrees, was by Melherman of Adversary (2). by Melbourne out of a daughter of Margrave (2), from Patty Primrose, by Confederate (5). The latter, like Humphrey Clinker, was by Comus out of a Cervantes mare, and Cervantes belonged to the 8 family.

The foregoing shows us that the blood of Comus the prombers of the S

de in Aledallion.

argument by putting a few of his Uranbrook fillies—out of low numbered mares—to Medallion, because Cranbrook has a double cross of Melbourne, and his dam is by Cathedral (8), a son of Newminster (8); in fact, Cathedral comes from the dam of Sir Tatton Sykes, whom he reached in three removes. There is just one more "cointhree removes. There is just one more "concidence" to touch upon before I leave Medallion. The sporting world all know the value of his son Gold Medallist, who is out of Corolla by St. Albans, a son of Blair Athol The dam of the last-named is by Melbourne (1). Corolla is out of Water Lily (1), by Rapid Bay (2), whose second dam is by Melbourne. Water Lily is out second dam is by Melbourne. Water any is our of White and Blue (imp.) who is by Monseigneur (2)—a son of Orphelin (1), by Fitz Gladiator, a grandson of Reveller, while Orphelin was a grandson of Slane, a half-brother of Comus. If my conjecture is correct-and I have all the evidence on my side—there is a big Comus revival ahead with Medallion, and if the writers of the days of our grandfathers knew a horse from a handsaw, the resurrection of the blood of Comus will add considerably to the pace and value of our race-

### THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant (Christchurch) report the following latest business:-NEW ZEALAND CUF

1200 to 30 Explosion 1200 to 30 Explosion 1000 to 20 Firearm 1000 to 5 Golden Legend 1000 to 60 Daystar 600 to 36 Tirant d'Eau -300 to 21 Multiform 300 to 12 Goldleaf

200 to 6 Nestor 200 to 5 Tire 200 to 5 Tire 200 to 6 Nihilist 200 to 16 St. Paul 100 to 4 Malatua 100 to 4 Veritas 100 to 3 Sylvia Park NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLES

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600 to 9\frac{1}{2} Dummy and Muscatel
500 to 6 Dummy and Ilex
500 to 7\frac{1}{2} Dummy and The Sinner
500 to 7\frac{1}{2} The Sinner and South Pacific
500 to 5 Toriki and Izul
400 to 6 Muscatel and Dummy
400 to 6 Dummy and Opae
100 to 1\frac{1}{2} The Friar and Torpina
100 to 1\frac{1}{2} Dummy and Nor'-West
100 to 1\frac{1}{2} Dummy and Nor'-West
100 to 1\frac{1}{2} Dummy and The Artist

Mr A. Moss (Dunedin) reports the following NEW ZEALAND CUP.

500 to 40 Swordfish 400 to 31 St. Paul 400 to 10 Tire 50 to 2\frac{1}{2} Tirant d'Eau 100 to 4 Epaulet 500 to 10 Explosion

600 to 24 St. Cyr 100 to 3} Malatua 200 to 14 Multiform 100 to 3 Heritas 200 to 6 Goldleaf 300 to 12 Douglas

MELBOURNE AND NEW ZEALAND CUPS.

250 to 2 Bobadil and Dundas 500 to 3 Bobadil and Epaulet 500 to 3 Bobadil and Cour de Lion 125 to 1 Bobadil and Altair 500 to 4 Battalion and St. Paul 500 to 3 Merloolas and Multiform

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLES AND HURDLES.

250 to 5 Plain Bill and Dummy 250 to 5 Muscatel and Dummy 500 to 10 The Sinner and Opae 250 to 7 Dummy and Opae 200 to 4 Toriki and Opae

Mr Tom Foley opened his new establishment yesterday, Wednesday. The new Shukespeare Hotel is situated at the corner of Wyndham and Albert Streets. The new hotel is a handsome structure, and internally the arrangements are beautifully complete. A full description of the new premises will appear in next week's issue of the Sporting Review.