

dent and St. James, and beat the pair. If he can be thoroughly trained I consider he has a good outside show, and evidently from the support they are according him the Dunedin people think the same. Mr. Turnbull has also the three-year-old Wayland engaged. From private information of which I am in possession, I am pretty well satisfied that in Crackshot Mr. Butler has a colt of very great promise, and if Medallion should happen to go to Australia I fancy he will be about the hardest horse in the race to beat. The colt has been given plenty of time to mature, and as he is reported to be doing excellent work there is every reason to suppose that he will run very forward. Mr. D. O'Brien is represented with Freedom and Hazel, and probably the filly will turn out the better of the pair. She is a half-sister to Hilda and Artillery, being by Nordenfeldt out of Ouida. Strephon, 6st, 9lb., is, I think, more at home over a shorter course. Moraine, 6st, 9lb., is in the dangerous Yaldhurst stable, but I have already said that I consider the stable hold a mortgage on the event with Medallion, and I therefore pass him by, although he is very nicely weighted. For the same reason I do not favour the chances of Liquidation, Carronade, or Carolla—three fillies also owned by Mr. Stead. Queen of Trumps, 6st, 7lb., is a half-sister to Scots Grey, and has been backed, whether by the right people or not I am not aware, but as she has not yet raced it is improbable that the public have supported her. She is in the same stable as St. Andrew, and may prove the better of the pair. Catamount is not likely to prove dangerous, but St. James, as a Dunedin Cup winner, is thrown into the handicap with 6st, 7lb. He has been running out on his owner's farm until quite recently, and therefore cannot be in any condition. Apart from this he is a most unreliable animal. Katinka is well used at 6st, 5lb., having shown her ability to stay by winning the Tauranga Stakes of a mile and three quarters last January. It is true that the company opposed to her was only moderate, but still she is entitled to a few pounds more. She is, however, held quite safe by Kotuku. Pique on the same mark finds no favour in my eyes. Reprisal, 6st, 4lb., is the only Auckland engaged, and it would indeed be gratifying if he succeeded in bringing the rich stake to Auckland. The colt is a promising one, and with such a handy impost has an outside show, should his owner elect to send him down. Lenore is an aged Musket mare in the same stable as Cynisca and Whisper, either of which will be found her superior. Fitzjames has won several races in the Hawkes Bay district, and might have had a few pounds more than the minimum, and the same remark applies to Kotuku, a full sister to Scots Grey, who is fairly pitchforked into the handicap. She won the Hawkes Bay Summer Handicap, one mile and a half, last December, carrying 7st, 5lb. in 2 min. 40 2/5 secs.—not at all a bad performance! With an additional year in age, and only 6st. to carry she should make things interesting. In the above event she gave Katinka a stone and an easy beating, yet the C.J.C. handicapping committee have come to the conclusion that Katinka will have a chance of reversing positions when meeting her previous conqueror on 18lbs. worse terms. Richlake has a victory to his credit, but Bay King has not, and therefore they might have been placed a few pounds apart. Emmason won a couple of events last season, and is another that is entitled to more than the minimum. Mariner is an inmate of the dangerous "Occident" stable, and as someone has been "nibbling," it is probable that he is better at the weights than the Exhibition Cup winner. However, his performances so far have been very indifferent. To sum up my remarks, and select half-a-dozen to supply the winner at this early stage, I shall name:—MEDALLION, CRACKSHOT, MERRIE ENGLAND, JET D'EAU, WOLVERINE and HAZEL, and I prefer their chances in that order. Two good outsiders I take to be Reprisal and Kotuku.

Sporting gentlemen and others on a visit to town could not do better than put up at the Central Hotel, which, as its name implies, is situated in the centre of the city. We have been through the hotel, and can say without exaggeration that it is most elaborately fitted up, money having been lavishly spent to make it replete with every modern convenience. The billiard room is the best we have seen in the Colony. The popular proprietor—MR. S. C. CAULTON is so well known as an owner of race-horses and a thorough sport generally, that we have particular pleasure in recommending his house through our columns.

THE A.R.C. PROGRAMMES.

The Auckland Racing Club have passed their programmes for the coming season as submitted by the Programme Committee. Several alterations have been made, and it is our intention to compare the programme with that issued last season. The Club will give away in stakes to four meetings a total sum of £7,305, being an increase on the four similar meetings last season of £365. The idea of holding an extra meeting, as suggested in the Annual Report, has been abandoned. The date of the Spring Meeting has been fixed for November 8th and 10th.

In the race for the Auckland Plate at the Summer Meeting, formerly run at weight-for-age, the conditions provide that the winner of the Canterbury Derby, Canterbury Cup or Auckland Derby shall carry a 7lb. penalty, or the winner of any two of these races, 10lb. extra; and the winner of any weight-for-age race of the value of 200 sovs., 5lb. extra.

SPRING MEETING.

1889-90.	FIRST DAY.	1890-91.
President's Hncp 60	President's Hncp 60	President's Hncp 60
Welcome Stakes 100	Welcome Stakes 150	Welcome Stakes 150
Auckland Guineas... 200	Auckland Guineas... 150	Auckland Guineas... 150
Hncp Hurdle Race .. 70	Hncp Hurdle Race .. 80	Hncp Hurdle Race .. 80
Selling Race 30	Selling Race 40	Selling Race 40
Prince Wales Hncp .. 126	Prince Wales Hncp .. 150	Prince Wales Hncp .. 150
Selling Steeplechase.. 50	Selling Steeplechase.. 50	Selling Steeplechase.. 50
Flying Hncp 50	Flying Hncp 60	Flying Hncp 60
SECOND DAY.		
Spring Hncp 60	Spring Hncp 60	Spring Hncp 60
Nursery Hncp 60	Hncp Hurdle Race .. 70	Hncp Hurdle Race .. 70
Hncp Hurdle Race .. 60	Nursery Hncp 75	Nursery Hncp 75
City Hncp 100	City Hncp 100	City Hncp 100
Selling Hurdle Race.. 30	Hncp Steeplechase .. 100	Hncp Steeplechase .. 100
Hunters' Welter Sks.. 40	Hunters' Welter Sks.. 40	Hunters' Welter Sks.. 40
Maiden Plate Hncp .. 50	Maiden Plate Hncp .. 50	Maiden Plate Hncp .. 50

SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.		
Trial Stakes 60	Trial Stakes 80	Trial Stakes 80
Gt. Northern Foal Sks 300	Gt. Northern Foal Sks 300	Gt. Northern Foal Sks 300
Auckland Cup 500	Auckland Cup 600	Auckland Cup 600
Hncp Hurdle Race .. 100	Hncp Hurdle Race .. 100	Hncp Hurdle Race .. 100
Railway Handicap... 70	Railway Handicap... 70	Railway Handicap... 70
Selling Race 30	Nursery Hncp 60	Nursery Hncp 60
Maiden Steeplechase 100	Maiden Steeplechase 100	Maiden Steeplechase 100
Christmas Hncp 100	Christmas Hncp 100	Christmas Hncp 100
SECOND DAY.		
New Year's Hurdles.. 100	New Year's Hurdles.. 100	New Year's Hurdles.. 100
Newmarket Hncp 100	Newmarket Hncp 100	Newmarket Hncp 100
Midsummer Hncp.... 150	Midsummer Hncp.... 150	Midsummer Hncp.... 150
Gt. Northern Derby .. 750	Gt. Northern Derby .. 500	Gt. Northern Derby .. 500
Selling Stakes 50	Selling Stakes 50	Selling Stakes 50
A.R.C. Hncp 300	A.R.C. Hncp 400	A.R.C. Hncp 400
Maiden Hncp 70	Maiden Hncp 70	Maiden Hncp 70
Post Stakes 30	Welter Hncp 50	Welter Hncp 50
THIRD DAY.		
Grandstand Hncp 100	Grandstand Hncp 100	Grandstand Hncp 100
Nursery Hncp 100	Sylvia Park Hncp.... 100	Sylvia Park Hncp.... 100
Auckland Plate 150	Auckland Plate 150	Auckland Plate 150
Auckland Steeple.... 250	Auckland Steeple.... 300	Auckland Steeple.... 300
Selling Stakes 50	Selling Stakes 50	Selling Stakes 50
Musket Stakes 150	Musket Stakes 150	Musket Stakes 150
Victoria Hncp 100	Victoria Hncp 100	Victoria Hncp 100

AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.		
Tradesmen's Plate Hncp 80	Tradesmen's Plate Hncp 80	Tradesmen's Plate Hncp 80
Nthn. Champagne Sks 200	Nthn. Champagne Sks 200	Nthn. Champagne Sks 200
Easter Hncp 200	Easter Hncp 300	Easter Hncp 300
Hurdle Race Hncp ... 100	Hurdle Race Hncp ... 100	Hurdle Race Hncp ... 100
Selling Race 50	Selling Race 50	Selling Race 50
St. Leger Stakes ... 200	Eden Hncp 100	Eden Hncp 100
Two-Year-Old Sks ... 50	Onslow Sks Hncp... 80	Onslow Sks Hncp... 80
SECOND DAY.		
Steward's Hncp 80	Steward's Hncp 80	Steward's Hncp 80
Ellerslie Hncp 100	Ellerslie Hncp 100	Ellerslie Hncp 100
Autumn Hncp 150	Autumn Hncp 200	Autumn Hncp 200
Autumn Steeple 130	Autumn Steeple 150	Autumn Steeple 150
Flying Stakes 60	Flying Stakes 60	Flying Stakes 60
Welter Hncp 50	Welter Hncp 50	Welter Hncp 50
Short's Hncp 80	Short's Hncp 80	Short's Hncp 80

The Winter Meeting is similar in every respect to that held last season.

THE PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

[BY NORDENFELDT.]

THE weather on Saturday, with the exception of a cold wind that was blowing, was all that could be desired for a 'hunting day.' The result was that one of the largest fields seen out this season assembled at the Monument at Otahuhu in the hope of enjoying a good run. Fully fifty persons were present, amongst whom I noticed—Mr. W. Percival, master, on Jim; Mr. R. Garrett on Guadalquiver; Colonel Dawson on Ike; Colonel Shepherd on Day-break; Colonel Carre on Whero; Mr. W. McLaughlin on Cardinal; Mr. Digby Tonks on Odd Trick; Mr. H. C. Tonks on Nap; Mr. T. Craig on Hurricane; Mr. Laxon on Trafalgar; Mr. Dunnett on Roger; Mr. Board on Fragrance; Mr. Kettelwell on Don; Mr. Colegrove

on Fly; Mr. Prince on Minnie; Mr. Lockhart on Fisherman; Mr. Armitage on Kairuna; Mr. J. B. Williamson on Leofric; Mr. Pullan on Sparrow; Mr. E. Pollock on Tawhiao; Mr. McMiniman on a Foul Play colt; Mr. A. Young on a Woolbroker colt; Mr. Greenwood on Rover; Mr. Bell on an Anteros colt; Mr. Baker on a bay; Miss Percival on Prestissimo; Miss McLaughlan on a bay; Mr. England on a bay. Hares were very scarce and only now and again did the hounds manage to pick up the scent. Several obstacles were negotiated and one or two spills occurred, Miss Percival coming down without being hurt, and Messrs. Greenwood and Paul each kissing mother earth. Mr. Greenwood's horse came a nasty cropper into a ditch, breaking his back, but his rider escaped without damage. Mr. Paul selected a nice soft spot on which to lie down, much to the amusement of the onlookers—some of whom assisted to 'scrape down' himself and steed. Altogether a very pleasant afternoon was spent. To-day the hounds meet at Panmure Bridge.

ENGLISH SPORTING NOTES.

A TESTIMONIAL was recently presented by a number of well-known sportsmen to Lord Durham, in recognition of his efforts to purify the turf.

As a result of his recent accident Donovan has been taken out of training, and will forthwith retire to the stud, where he will lord it in company with St. Simon, Ayrshire and St. Gatien, a goodly quartette.

The weather at Derby improved after the Derby Day, and so did the sport. The Grand Prize brought out seven runners. St. Serf was made favourite, and, by a clever piece of riding on the part of T. Loates, was enabled to justify expectations, and win the race for the Duke of Portland. His Grace was again in luck next day, when Memoir won for him his first Oaks. The Duke, who made no declaration, was also represented by Semolina, and she made the pace so hot that the race was run in the best time on record. Signorina was second. Other events to be noted were the Great Surrey Breeders' Foal Stakes, secured by Baron Rothschild's Mahadi Gras; the Acorn Stakes, won by Baron de Hirsch's Romanée; and the Glasgow Plate, which Lady Yarmouth placed to the credit of Colonel North—his fifth victory during the week. The gallant Colonel's luck was not yet exhausted, however, for at Brighton he carried off the Sussex Plate, again by the aid of Lady Yarmouth, and the Bevendean Two-Year-Old Stakes with Nitrate Queen. At Auteil Lord Dudley's Royal Meath carried off the Grand Steeplechase de Paris, much to the disgust of the Frenchmen.

The first day at Ascot was a good deal spoiled by the frequent showers which fell. However, the Royal Procession was held as usual, and the sport was quite up to the average. Backers, indeed, thought it most satisfactory, for favourites were successful all through the day, with two exceptions. One of these was rather an important exception. Surefoot was made favourite for the Prince of Wales' Stakes, but ran nowhere. Mr. Houldsworth's Alloway was first, and the Duke of Westminster's Blue Green second. After this, Surefoot, who had been backed at as little as 3 to 1 for the St. Leger, beat a hasty retreat to double those odds. The Coventry Stakes, a new race for two-year-olds, attracted nineteen runners. Mr. J. B. Leigh's The Deemster was made favourite, with justice, as it proved. Lord Lorne, as last year, secured the Ascot stakes. Simonian won the Thirty-Third Biennial, and the ever-victorious Tyrant landed the Gold Vase for Mr. Singer, beating L'Abbesse de Jouarre and the Labyrinth filly. Next day Surefoot took the Thirty-Second Biennial from a weak field.

Another "crack" disappointed expectation at Sandown in the person of Signorina. She was strongly backed to win the Electric Stakes, and so recover her reputation, but got beaten by Mr. L. de Rothschild's Lactantius. It is now stated that Signorina will not run again till the Autumn. Of the remaining races at Sandown we may note the victories of King of Diamonds in the Robert de Witville Handicap, and of Mr. A. Taylor's filly by Exile II—Lady Charlie in the British Dominion Two-Year-Old Stakes. The Lewes meeting was chiefly remarkable for the success of that old deceiver, The Baron, and the death by lightning-stroke of a man on the course. Le Nord was made a