THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

THE Trotting Club races came off last Saturday at Potter's Paddock, Epsom. The day was all in its favour, being the first bright sunny day we have had for some time, and the sun having now some power made a day in the country most enjoyable, consequently the attendance was very good. Mr. A. Harris was judge, Messrs. Halstead and Wattie starters, and Mr. C. F. Mark secretary. There were no disputes or objections and everything passed off quietly and pleasantly, and the committee and secretary might have been highly commended had they not committed the unpardonable sin of un-punctuality in starting, which so delayed matters that the last race had to be postponed on account of the darkness, and the last two which were run were no pleasure to witness on account of the dim light and coldness at sunset. This is a failing which most young clubs are guilty of, and shows a great want of business capacity and that courtesy which is due to the public. See the position the club would in this instance have been placed had a dead heat, a protest, or anything occurred which would have caused an unavoidable delay. As it was, by negligence, they could not carry out their programme in its integrity, and a dead heat would have made the postponement of more races requisite. As I said before this unpunctuality is a common failing in young clubs, and the cause of much dissatisfaction and shows a want of firmness in the powers that be in carrying out their own rules, as the jockey or trainer renders himself liable to a fine not exceeding £10 for not being at the post at the appointed time. Fining; and starting without those causing the delay, would speedily teach trainers and owners the necessity of punctuality.

Everything must have a beginning and so I

suppose must trotting races. The class of horses here engaged were very much below par, it would be flattery to call any animal engaged a trotter. The shining light, Mount, who was the winner of the two principal events might be called a good dog cart horse, as he certainly is not within 30 secs. of trotting form.

At the same time trotting races should encourage the breeding of trotters, and the finding out of any natural trotters we may possess, and it is to be hoped that the extra training and special attention now directed to them may result in finding and breeding a superior class of animal to that which we at present

possess. The following are the results:— Mr. W. Burnside's g m Mary Jane, 45 sec.
Mr. R. Henwood's b m The Maid, 45 sec.
Mr. W. Greenwood's b m Jessie, 25 sec. Dividend, £11 17s.

half.

Mr. W. S. Evans' b g Reuben, aged, 7st 9lb I

Mr. W. Greenwood's br g Pica, aged, 9st 2

Mr. Forth's b g Gameock, aged, 7st 9lb 3

Dividend, £3 8s. A protest has been entered against Mount, the winner of the Maiden and Handicap

HANDICAP PONY HURDLES of 30 sovs. One mile and a half.

Trotting races.

On Tuesday afternoon the Forced Handicap Trot of 15 sovs., two miles and a half, post-poned at the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting on Saturday took place at Potter's Paddock, Epsom. Between 200 and 300 people were present. The race was won easily by Hard Times (15 secs) Comet (25 secs) being second Times (15 secs) Comet (25 secs) being second. Twelve horses started. The totalisator dividend was £1 14s. for 10s. tickets.

The sum of £1,110 was passed through the

totalisator.

VICTORIAN CLUB RACES.

By this Mail we have full particulars of the above races which were run on the 23rd August, in beautiful weather to a large attendance. The Governor, Lord Hopetoun, was present and had the pleasure of seeing a colt named after him win the 2 year old Handicap. The Victorian Club Handicap was won by the Auckland bred Precedence, by Musket from Maid of Honour. The race was won easily by a length and a half. The betting was to to a against her. Mr. F. T. Dakin who owned Precedence some time ago always had a good opinion of her, and this performance shows she only wanted time to improve into a good mare.

The Steeplechase of 2 miles was won by Mr. S. Miller's Studley, 12st. 4lb,, Mr. R. Goodison's Beetroot, 10st. second, Mr. Clark's Eaglet, 12st 10lb. third, Mr. J. Rae's Guy Fawkes, 11st. 4lb. fourth; time, 4m. 72sec., our readers will be sorry to hear the old Auckland favorite, Guy

Fawkes, broke down.

WAIKATO HUNT CLUB RACES.

The following weights have been declared for the Waikato Hunt Club Races which are to be held on Allwill's Course, Cambridge, on the

HURDLES.		
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	Glencoe 10 10	
	Bob 10 10	
	10 4	
Begorra 11 7	Leadury	
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Costley 10 12	All Fours 10 4	
LADIES' BRACELET.		
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HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE.		
Grace Darling 9 0	Contempt 8 0	
Helena 8 7	Helen Macgregor 7 12	
Bob 8 7	Ilms 7 12	
	Valentine 7 10	
Dick Turping	Patch 7 10	
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STEEPLES.		
Hurricane 18 7	Bob 10 4	
Poten 11 7	Glencoe 10 4	
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	Garnecock A 10 0	
	Marmion 10 0	
	Muscatelle 10 0	
Odeno,		
Acceptances are due on the 13th inst.		

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WEIGHTS.		
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The entries for the English Derby are to hand. Mr. D. Cooper, of Australia, has five entered, and the Darebin colt purchased in America by Mr. L. de Rothschild is also among the entries. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has four to his name, including a sister to Sanfoin. Altogether there are 265 entries. The Oaks has closed with 194 entries; the Prince of Wales has one and Mr. D. Cooper three nominations. The spine may be also as a

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

On Saturday last, 6th Sept., the hounds met at Green Lane, where there was a good muster, consisting of the Master and Miss Percival, Mr. and Miss McLaughlin, Col. Dawson, Messrs. Dunnett, Lockhart, Garrett, Wallace, Boord, Tonks, Hanna, Kettlewell, Butler, O'Neill and

There was an excellent drag laid by C. Warren and George Hope over the One Tree Hill estate (by kind permission). The start was made from a point on the South road close to the late Mr. Scarrott's property, crossing the Onehunga road and then right to the top of the hill and across the road from the Harp of Erin to Onehunga, where there was a good double jump, then right up to the Onehunga Waterworks then a turn to the right where the drag made straight for the Royal Oak at Onehunga. The fences right through were good bold jumps with fine going at them, and was the cleanest bit of country that the club have had a chance of riding over this season. There were a few falls, prominent amongst them being the trainer of Hurricane, the old horse proving too quick round corners for his rider. The hounds proved very fast and ran in a cluster. The forward division was lead by Colonel Dawson on Ike, Mr. Lockhart on Fisherman, whilst close up came Mr. Hanna on Tawhiao, Mr. Boord on a chesnut, Mr. Garrett on Guadalquiver, Tom Brown on Gay Lad, and Cydil Tonge on his pony. This was the fastest affair of the season. It was short, sharp, and sweet, all expressed their satisfaction at the run and com-plimented those that laid the drag.

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