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SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

Sep. 18, 18, 20A. J. C. Spring Meeting.
 Sept. 20. Waikato Hunt Club Race Meeting.
 Oct. 6, 7. Hawke's Bay J. C. Spring Meeting.
 Oct. 8. Palmerston.
 Oct. 11. Caulfield Guineas.
 Oct. 14, 15. Napier Park.
 Oct. 18. Pakuranga Hunt Club.
 October 19. Caulfield Cup.
 Oct. 20, 21. Wellington R. C. Summer Meeting.
 Oct. 23. Poverty Bay Turf Club.
 Nov. 1. V.B.G. Derby and Marlborough Plate.
 Nov. 4. Melbourne Cup.
 Nov. 4, 5, 8. C. J. C. Spring Meeting.
 Nov. 8, 10. Auckland Racing Club Spring Meeting.
 Nov. 19, 20. Ashburton R. C. Spring Meeting.
 Nov. 22. Pakuranga Racing Club.
 Nov. 28, 29. Dunedin Jockey Club.
 Nov. 29. Takapuna Spring Meeting.
 Dec. 1, 2. Dunedin Jockey Club.
 Dec. 20. South Auckland Spring Meeting.
 Dec. 27. Auckland Trotting Club.
 Jan. 3, '91. Auckland Trotting Club.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

Sept. 20. Dunedin Jockey Club Spring.
 Sept. 26. C. J. C. Spring Hurdles, Steward's Stakes, Juvenile Stakes, Metropolitan Stakes, Jockey Club Stakes, Middle Park Plate and Challenge Stakes.
 Sept. 26. A. R. C. Spring Hurdles, Prince of Wales Handicap and City Handicap.
 Sept. 26. A. R. C. Summer, Auckland Cup, A. R. C. Handicap and Summer Steeplechase.
 Sept. 26. Pakuranga Hunt Club.
 Sept. 29. Poverty Bay Turf Club. General Entries.
 Oct. 4. Napier Park Spring. General Entries.
 Oct. 11. Dunedin J. C. Spring. Handicaps.
 Oct. 31. Pakuranga Racing Club.
 Oct. 31. General Entries A. R. C. Spring.
 Nov. 14. Auckland Guineas, 1892.
 Nov. 15. Dunedin J. C. Spring. General Entries.
 Dec. 12. A. R. C. Summer. General Entries.

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

Oct. 1. Hawke's Bay Spring. Minor Handicaps.
 Oct. 2. Pakuranga Hunt Club.
 Oct. 8. Napier Park Spring. Handicaps.
 Oct. 10. C. J. C. Spring Hurdles and Steward's Stakes.
 Oct. 10. Prince of Wales Handicap, Handicap Hurdles.
 Oct. 18. Poverty Bay Turf Club.
 Nov. 8. A. R. C. Spring. President's & Flying Handicaps.
 Nov. 7. Pakuranga Racing Club.
 Nov. 8. A. R. C. Spring (2nd day).
 Nov. 12. Dunedin J. C. Spring. Otago Cup and Handicaps.
 Dec. 5. A. R. C. Summer. Auckland Cup and Summer Steeplechase.
 Dec. 27. Napier Park Summer. Handicaps.

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

Sept. 30. Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Spring. Minor Handicaps and Hawke's Bay Guineas (Sweepstakes).
 Oct. 4. Hawke's Bay Spring. October and Corinthian Handicaps.
 Oct. 10. Napier Park Spring. Handicaps.
 Oct. 10. Pakuranga Hunt Club.
 Oct. 23. Poverty Bay Turf Club.
 Oct. 31. A. R. C. Spring—Prince of Wales Hicap. and Hurdles.
 Nov. 5. A. R. C. Spring. President's & Flying Handicaps.
 Nov. 7. Auckland Guineas (Forfeit).
 Nov. 14. Pakuranga Racing Club.
 Nov. 20. Dunedin J. C. Spring. Otago Cup and Handicaps.
 Dec. 12. A. R. C. Summer. Auckland Cup and Summer Steeplechase.
 Dec. 27. Napier Park Summer. Handicaps.

HUNTING.

Sept. 20. Green Lane, 2 p.m.
 Sept. 27. New North Road.
 Oct. 4. Harp of Erin.

AQUATICS.

October. Kemp v. Stansbury—2 mile course on the Paramatta.

TROTTING CLUBS.

The following are the names of the Clubs affiliated to the New Zealand Trotting Association:—

Southland Racing Club	Ohoku and Eyreton Jockey Club
Cromwell Racing Club	Club
Lower Heathcote Racing Club	Tinwald Racing Club
New Brighton Racing Club	Hororatu Racing Club
Lancaster Park Trotting Club	Waimate Racing Club
North Canterbury Racing Club	Little River Racing Club
Geraldine Racing Club	Ellersmere Jockey Club
Canterbury Trotting Club	Greymouth Trotting Club
Timaru Trotting Club	Nelson Trotting Club
South Canterbury Jockey Club	Northern Trotting & Pony Club

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TO OWNERS OF ENTIRES.

THE breeding season being now close at hand, we beg to bring under the notice of owners of stallions the many advantages which the SPORTING REVIEW possesses of making the various merits of their horses known to the owners of brood mares. The SPORTING REVIEW, being the only newspaper published in the North Island exclusively given over to sporting subjects, makes it the best medium for advertising the pedigrees of their entires. All horses advertised in the SPORTING REVIEW will be specially reported on by "Old Turfite," and a full tabulated pedigree published, and every means taken to fully bring the particular merits of the entire well before the owners of breeding mares.

also of chess, lawn tennis, or anything that might interest a large portion of our readers.

We at the same time will use our best endeavours to please everyone, which, however, is rather a difficult matter, and make the SPORTING REVIEW the most reliable and interesting paper in the North Island.

THE floating of the Company to purchase the Sylvia Park Stud is not meeting with great success. We greatly fear that Col. Carré will not be successful, though at present he is in the Waikato seeing what support he can get there,



Sporting Review.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1890.

THIS week we have again made an improvement in the SPORTING REVIEW. Many of our subscribers are aware that we have for some time been making efforts to secure the means of producing an illustrated journal, provided with photo-engraved plates of all the latest subjects interesting to the general and sporting public, we are pleased to be able to state that we have at last been successful, and trust that the paper will receive support commensurate with the efforts the management have made to secure so desirable a result. The Electrograph Co., whose card will be found upon another page, purely an Auckland enterprise—has entered into an agreement with us to supply all illustrations required of notable horses, persons and things of interest to the general public. At the same time they have placed the agency of their business in the hands of the Scott Printing Co., and hope to obtain the patronage of the general public, as without that the proprietors will be obliged to carry this most useful and elegant industry to another place. We have no fear of this, as necessary steps have been taken by the Scott Printing Co. to quote to the printing trade at large, the sporting men and the public in general, who require illustrations of such accuracy, that everyone will be attracted by them. For ourselves we may say it is our intention to take full advantage of the position and illustrate anything which we may consider interesting to our readers. This week we have a portrait of Gunner C. P. Taylor, A.B. and also of the celebrated stallion, Nordenfeldt, the property of the New Zealand Stud Company, Sylvia Park, who promises to be the most celebrated sire south of the line. In trying to keep pace with the times we must ask the support of our readers to give us occasionally some news of what is going on in the musical world,

but from what we hear it is very doubtful indeed if there is sufficient people in the Waikato with capital that could take up the number of shares required to float the Company; as far as it has gone the support given to it by the Auckland people has been very lukewarm, but this is not to be wondered at considering the great mess that was made of the late Company. Few people know anything of Col. Carré, and, coming here as a stranger he is not conversant with the Auckland public, especially as every Company that has been floated in Auckland has turned out a failure either through mismanagement or want of capital. It will be not only a disgrace to Auckland but also a great misfortune if the Sylvia Park Company is allowed to be entirely disposed of, and still more if Nordenfeldt is allowed to leave this colony, as each race meeting proves that he will be the most successful of sires, and quite likely to equal his grandsire on the dam's side, Stockwell. If Col. Carré would adopt our suggestion, that is to withdraw his present Prospectus and bring out another with a strong directorate for the purpose of purchasing Nordenfeldt and the best of the mares and foals at the January sale, thus forming the nucleus of a small stud, securing the services of George Cutts and allowing him to select the mares that he liked, then when firmly established adding fresh young mares and another sire or two. A Company formed on this basis would meet with a good deal of support and in all probability prove successful, as we know of several who would like shares in it for the purpose of keeping Nordenfeldt in the Colony who would hesitate taking shares in a Company that desired to purchase the stud as a whole for to carry that on successfully it would require at least a capital of £30,000.

ONE of our illustrations this week represents the celebrated old mare SYLVIA, with Martini-Henri at foot. Sylvia is one of the most celebrated mares in the Southern hemisphere. She was bred by Mr. H. Fisher in 1884, there-

fore is very old. Sylvia is by Fisherman out of Juliet, by Touchstone out of Lancashire Witch, by Tom Boy out of Kate. Fisherman by Heron out of Mainbrace by Sheet Anchor. Sylvia has been a great success at the stud as regards her sons, but her daughters have done but little on the turf. She went to the stud in 1870, her first foal being the celebrated bay horse Goldsborough by Fireworks, who has made a name for himself both on the turf and at the stud. Amongst Goldsborough's many sons may be mentioned Arsenal and Melos. In 1872 Sylvia produced the brown colt Robin Hood by Fireworks, and in 1873 a brown colt by the Marquis, both of which were unfortunately drowned on board the "City of Melbourne" in the fearful gale of 1876, while on their way to take part in the V.R.C. meeting at Flemington. In 1878 she had the brown colt Gloucester by Fireworks. That year she was purchased, together with Onyx, by the Auckland Stud Company for the sum of £3,000 from Mr. Wentworth of New South Wales. In 1880 the brown colt Martini-Henri was the result of her union with Musket. When six months old he was sold to the late Hon. James White for 1,200 guineas, and not only made a name on the turf by winning the double (V.R.C. Derby and Melbourne Cup), but has also for a young sire been very successful at the stud. In 1883 Sylvia dropped the chestnut colt Silver Prince by Anteros. This is the only one of her sons that turned out a failure. He was a shelly, flat-sided, washy chestnut. How the directors of the Stud Company could have made such a mistake as to put this grand old matron to such a brute as Anteros had proved himself is hard to understand, especially as Martini-Henri had brought such a long figure. In 1886 and 1887 Sylvia missed, and in 1888 and 1889 slipped foals. This season she has a filly foal by Ingomar. Sylvia, however, since foaling, shows her age greatly, and it is doubtful if she will breed again.

HENRY FUNCKE, whose likeness appears in another column, stood his trial last week, as no doubt our readers are aware, for the terrible crime of murder, but was acquitted on the ground of insanity. There can be no doubt that Funcke has been of unsound mind for years, and it is to be regretted that he was not secured and taken care of in an asylum long before he was given an opportunity of committing the fearful crime for which he was placed in the dock last week. The photographer who took the likeness which we represent to our readers informs us that Funcke shaved off his beard for the express purpose of having his photograph taken, and also borrowed the watch and chain which he is seen to be wearing from a Maori "for the occasion." Funcke now wears a long flowing beard, but in other particulars the likeness we represent is strikingly like the man by whose hands poor Constable McLeod met his death.

NORDENFELDT, the subject of our illustration, was bred by the New Zealand Stud Company and as a yearling was sold to the late Hon. James White for 1,200 guineas, and after his racing career was repurchased for 2,000 guineas. Nordenfeldt, foaled 1882, is by Musket out of Onyx by Angler out of Chrysolite, by Stockwell out of Juliet, dam of Sylvia. Angler by Fisherman out of Marchioness, by Melbourne out of Cinizelli; Musket by Toxophilite, dam of West Australian, out of Brown Bess. Nordenfeldt was a good racehorse and thoroughly game. He won the A.J.C. and V.R.C. Derbies, also the Craven Plate, Spring Maiden Stakes, and Randwick Plate at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting, and if it had not been for several interferences he would have won the Melbourne Cup, but we cannot do better than quote the following from "Augur" of the *Australasian*:—"With thousands of others, I have fancied that the best animal Mr. Fennelley (trainer to the Hon. J. White) had under his care was Trident, but in an interview with that gentleman recently, he, without the slightest hesitation, pronounced Nordenfeldt the greatest horse he ever put through a preparation. Mr. Fennelley considered his Melbourne Cup performance, when Sheet Anchor won, as the greatest ever achieved by a three-year-old, for had he not been badly interfered with no less than three times he would most assuredly have won. The brilliancy attaching to this performance cannot be gain-

said, for, considered from a weight-for-age standpoint, Nordenfeldt had to concede heaps of weight to three such good horses as Sheet Anchor, Grace Darling and Trenton, and was then only beaten half a length in the splendid time of 3min. 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs. With something to make a desperate pace for him over a distance, Mr. Fennelley considers that there was nothing able to cope with Nordenfeldt."

Nordenfeldt has already made his mark at the Stud, being the sire of such good horses as Gatling, Medallion and others. Nordenfeldt is a brown colt standing about 15 hands 3in., and may be described as a little big one; he has fine sloping shoulders, deep through the heart, with good back and tremendous quarters; so it does not take you long to discover where he gets his speed, as his quarters are very strong and his gaskins are about the most powerful that can be seen in a horse of his size. It would be a thousand pities if he left the Colony, but it is to be feared that a man will not be found to put his hand deep enough into his pocket, as the Americans are very anxious to get him.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

Horseowners are reminded that nominations for the following important events to be held at the Dunedin Jockey Club's Spring Meeting close with the Secretary, Mr. Sydney James, at 10 p.m. to-day (Saturday):—

- Otago Cup, 500 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- Federal Handicap, 200 sovs., 6 furlongs.
- President's Handicap, 300 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- St. Andrew's Handicap, 250 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

Entries close with Mr. Percival, Secretary of the Auckland Racing Club, at 8 p.m. on Friday, next, 26th inst., for the following events:—

- SPRING MEETING—
- Prince of Wales Handicap, 150 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
 - Handicap Hurdles, 70 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
 - City Handicap, 100 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- SUMMER MEETING—
- Auckland Cup, 600 sovs., 2 miles.
 - A.R.C. Handicap, 400 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
 - Auckland Steeplechase Handicap, 300 sovs., 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

On Friday next, 26th inst., entries must be made by 4 p.m. with Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, the Secretary of the Canterbury Jockey Club, for the following events:—

- Spring Hurdle Race, 150 sovs.
- Steward's Stakes, 200 sovs.
- Juvenile Stakes, 200 sovs.
- Metropolitan Stakes, 400 sovs.
- Jockey Club Stakes, 250 sovs.
- Middle Park Plate (Summer Meeting), 200 sovs.
- Challenge Stakes (Autumn Meeting), 300 sovs.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

Mr. H. H. Hayr, Secretary of the Pakuranga Hunt Club, will be prepared to receive nominations at the office of this paper, City Chambers, Vulcan Lane, by 8 p.m. on Friday next, the 26th inst., for the following events:—

- Open Hurdle Race, 35 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- Farmer's Plate, 20 sovs., once round Steeplechase course.
- Hunt Club Steeplechase, 45 sovs., 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- Members Hurdle Race, 35 sovs., 2 miles.
- Open Flying Stakes, 30 sovs., 6 furlongs.
- Maiden Plate Handicap, 20 sovs., 1 mile.

THE TURF.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

THE accounts to hand of the racing of the Australian Jockey Club at Randwick are at present very meagre. The defeat of Titan for whom the extraordinary long price (for a gelding) of 4,600 guineas was given at the late Hon. James White's sale, was a sore blow to his backers, as they thought the two Derbies were at his mercy. My readers will remember that I have never been a believer in Titan for this reason—that geldings which have proved themselves brilliant two-year-olds seldom retain their form at three, though they may regain it when they get older. Some weeks ago I said that in Gatling he had a most dangerous opponent. Last Saturday, from information I had received, I wrote that Gibraltar would certainly beat Titan in the A.J.C. Derby. The race resulted in the defeat of Titan, he being fourth, and was won by Gibraltar, Gatling second, and Whimberel third, he being a neck from the second, who was beaten only by a head. The running of Whimberel rather surprised me, as, though I knew he was a good

colt, I did not think that this would be his "outing." His form in the Derby has proved him to be better than was expected, as he evidently cut out the work for Gibraltar, and when his jockey found that Gatling was coming he tried to win himself. If the race had been run differently he would, in all probability, have won, and upset all calculations. It will, therefore, be interesting to watch the future progress of these three, as they will be sure (if all goes well) to meet in the V.R.C. Derby. This event this year is of great interest, as from all accounts there are some other good three-year-olds engaged. In the Spring Stakes Carbine defeated Melos as I expected, Gresford being the only three-year-old that could get near the pair, running a dead heat with Sir William for third place. Gresford is engaged in the Melbourne Cup with 7st. Gibraltar was one of the 6st. 7lb. division, but his weight now is raised to 7st. 6lb. After his performance it would not be surprising if the winner of the Melbourne Cup turned up among the light division. The Epsom Handicap produced the large field I expected, and resulted in an easy win for the favourite Bungebah, who had been well tried at home with some first-rate tackle. His previous running did not point to him as likely to be returned the winner, thus again proving the folly of backing horses at a distance for a handicap of this description.

THE second day's racing of the A. J. C. at Randwick was, with the exception of the Metropolitan Stakes, of little interest to my readers, as it does not throw any light on forthcoming events. In my remarks last week on the Metropolitan Stakes I said, "Marvel I did not expect to see left in as he has been talked about in connection with the Melbourne Cup, if this should be his journey he will take a great deal of beating (he did not start). The Queen is greatly fancied by some of the knowing ones. Frisco and Little Bernie are also talked about. Megaphone from his running at Hawkesbury is made the favourite, but he will find the distance a little too far for him (he was scratched, but came out later in the day and won the Squatter's Handicap, a mile and a quarter, with 8st. 12lb. up, beating a field of nineteen, thus confirming my opinion that he cannot stay). I fancy one of the older horses, The Queen, Marvel or Frisco." The race resulted in a win for Little Bernie, Papua being second and The Queen third, with Frisco close up. This shows that it is easy to point out those that are not likely to win but it is very difficult to pick the winner at such a distance away and when you have to rely on your correspondents. At the time of writing my article Little Bernie had done nothing this season to justify one in thinking that he had a chance for the race until the first day of the meeting when he won the Trial Stakes easily with 8st. 8lb. on his back from a field of thirteen horses. This running naturally gave him a great show for the Metropolitan with only 6st. 11lb. on his back. If mine had been a daily paper I should certainly have taken him as one of my trio, possibly in the place of Marvel. Papua who was second was a regular outsider. He has been going to pull off a good thing for some years, but he has never done so, and after this exposure most likely never will. As long as my readers will back horses on the other side I must do what I can for them by giving them the best information obtainable, but I strongly recommend them to lay against a favourite if I say he has no chance, than to back a horse I may select. The only other race that calls for any attention is the Australian Jockey Club Oaks, in which Prelude just managed to get home in front of Emmie and Wilga. This running greatly discounts her previous performances. Little Bernie's weight for the Melbourne Cup is now 7st. 8lb. and The Queen's 8st.; she is therefore meeting him on 17lbs. better terms, which should put his chance out.

THE third day's racing at Randwick is of the most interesting character, as it throws considerable light on future events. The first to call one's attention is the Craven Plate, w.f.a., one and quarter miles. For this event only four started, Carbine winning by a length after a desperate struggle with Megaphone, Cuirassier being beaten by twenty lengths. This is a great performance of Megaphone, as he was only receiving one stone seven pounds for the two years. Last week I mentioned that the race

looked a good thing for Carbine, though one of the three-year-olds might beat him. The Second Foal Stakes proved what a good horse Gibraltar is, as he gave Gatling 7lb. and after running a dead heat beat him a length. It will take a real good three-year-old to beat Gibraltar in future engagements, if he has not been thoroughly wound up for this meeting. It also shows how even a clever handicapper may be deceived, as Mr. Barnard let him in the Melbourne Cup with only 6st. 7lb., and there is another in the same division that requires watching. Whimberel won the Wycombe Stakes, beating Master Grand, Tantallon and seven others, but until full particulars are to hand we cannot judge of the performance. The Sydney Handicap, won by Little Bernie, 8st. 2lb., Claremont 6st. 2lb. second, Papua 6st. 10lb. running third, shows what a good thing the stable had in the Metropolitan and how well it was kept, as none of the sporting writers had any fancy for him. Little Bernie is engaged in the Caulfield Cup with 7st. 8lb., but at present it is no certainty for him. The Randwick Plate, 3 miles, to be run to-day, has twenty entries. The principal ones are Carbine, Melos, Gatling, Gibraltar, Gresford, and Whimberel. I think it doubtful if either Gibraltar or Gatling will run after the gruelling they got in the Second Foal Stakes. Gresford and Whimberel are the only other three-year-olds that are worthy of respect, and I expect to see the finish fought out between Carbine and Melos. It is hard to choose between these two over this distance of ground, as in the Champion Stakes Melos won, and in the A.J.C. Plate Carbine. However, I will stick to my last week's fancy, Melos.

Next week it is my intention to review the Caulfield Cup and give a few notes on V.R.C. Derby and the Melbourne Cup.

THE A.J.C. MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

THE HURDLE RACE, a handicap sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, with 200 sovs. added. About two miles and a half.

The Mason, 9st 5lb	1
Fog, 10st 7lb	2
Bushman, 9st 9lb	3

Eleven horses started. Time, 5m. 12s.

THE TRIAL STAKES, a sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, with 200 sovs. added. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. J. Abraham's b h Little Bernie, 4 yrs., by Cheviot—Myrtle, 8st 8lbs	1
Clonard, 8st 8lb.	2
Plaudit, 7st 9lb	3

Thirteen horses started. Time, 2m. 1½s.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB DERBY, a sweepstake of 30 sovs. each, with 500 sovs. added. For three-year-olds. Colts 8st 10lb and fillies 8st 7lb; geldings allowed 5lb. The owner of the second horse to receive 100 sovs. from the prize, and the owner of the third to save his stake. One mile and a half; 66 subscribers, of whom 59 declared forfeit.

Hon. H. C. Dangar's ch c Gibraltar, by Grandmaster—Algeria (Neriker)	1
Mr. W. Gannon's ch c Gatling, by Nordenfeldt—Petroleuse (Harris)	2
Mr. D. O'Brien's b c Whimberel, by St. Albans—Curlew (Vanderwarden)	3
Mr. E. G. Brodrick's ch g Titan, by Chester—Tempe	0
Mr. H. C. White's b g Paris, by Grandmaster—Eone	0
Mr. W. Kelso's g c Victor Hugo, by Chester—Kathleen	0
Mr. Hatton's b c Bradley, by Goldsborough—Queen's Head	0

The betting at the post was even money against Titan, 4 to 1 against Gibraltar, 8 to 1 Paris, 10 to 1 the others. Won by a short head, a neck between second and third, Titan fourth, then Victor Hugo, Bradley, Paris. Time, 2m. 39s.

THE SPRING STAKES, a sweepstake of 10 sovs. each, with 500 sovs. added. One mile and a half. Weight for age.

Hon. D. S. Wallace's b h Carbine, 5 yrs., by Musket—Mersey, 9st 5lb	1
Mr. W. Gannon's br h Melos, 5 yrs., by Goldsborough—Melody, 9st 5lb	2
Mr. E. Key's b h Sir William, 4 yrs., 9st	7
Mr. T. Lamond's ch c Gresford, 3 yrs., 7st 5lb	7

Nine horses started. Won easily. Time, 2m. 44½s.

THE EPSOM HANDICAP, a sweepstake of 10 sovs. each, with 1000 sovs. added. One mile.

Bungebah, 7st 10lb (Gainsforth)	1
Megaphone, 8st 4lb (Ryan)	2
Amina, 7st 6lb (Ellis)	3

Twenty-nine horses started. Bungebah romped home the easiest of winners by six lengths. Time, 1m. 40s.

THE KENSINGTON HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, 1 ft., with 200 sovs. added. One mile.

Mr. W. Forrester's br h Pugilist, by Maribymong—Gipsy Girl, 5 yrs.	1
Mr. T. Lamond's br m Pretty Kate	2
Mr. T. Ivory's b g Lancer	3

Fourteen horses started. Time, 1m. 43s.

SECOND DAY.

THE SHORTS, a handicap sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, with 200 sovs. added. Six furlongs.

Mr. W. E. Royd's br h Alchemist, 4 yrs., by Sardonyx—Rosedale, 7st 8lb	1
Mr. J. B. Clark's ch h Crown Jewel, 4 yrs., 7st 2lb	2
Mr. W. Brennan ns br g Messenger, 5 yrs., 8st 10lb	3

Twenty-nine horses started. Time, 1m. 15½s.

GRANDSTAND PLATE of 400 sovs. One mile.

Ernest	1
Retort	2
Pugilist	3

Thirteen started. Time, 1m. 43s.

THE SPRING MAIDEN STAKES, a sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, with 200 sovs. added. One mile and a half.

Mr. W. Gannon's b c Ethelbert, 3 yrs., by Goldsborough—Ethel, 7st 9lb	1
Mr. J. Mayo's bl c Master Grand, 3 yrs., 7st 9lb	2
Mr. J. McLaughlin's b c Norbert, 3 yrs., 7st 6lb	3

There were seven starters. Time, 2m. 47½s.

THE GREAT METROPOLITAN STAKES, a handicap sweepstake of 20 sovs. each, with 1000 sovs. added. The owner of the second horse to receive 200 sovs. and the owner of the third 100 sovs. from the prize. Two miles.

Mr. J. Abraham's b h Little Bernie, 4 yrs., by Cheviot—Myrtle, 6st 11lb, including 5lb penalty (Chafe)	1
Mr. J. Allsopp's ch h Papua, 6 yrs., 7st 2lb	2
Mr. J. Mayo's b m The Queen, aged, 8st 6lb	3

Won by a length and a half, a length between second and third. Time, 3m. 31s.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB OAKS of 20 sovs. each, 5 ft., with 300 sovs. added. One mile and a half.

Mr. Dowling's b f Prelude, by Martini-Henri—Phyllina	1
Mr. T. Lamond's b f Emmie, by Robinson Crusoe—Olga	2
Hon. D. S. Wallace's br f Wilga, by Epigram—Nellie	3

Won by a length.

THE SQUATTERS' HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, with 500 sovs. added. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. W. Brown's b c Megaphone, 3 yrs., by Newbold—Sound, 8st 12lb	1
May Queen, 7st 8lb	2
Amina, 7st 12lb	3

Nineteen horses started. Time, 2m. 10s.

THIRD DAY.

THE SECOND HURDLE RACE, a handicap sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, with 200 sovs. added. About two miles.

Mr. S. R. Kennedy's b g The Pilot, aged, by Priam, 11st 9lb	1
The Mason, 9st 9lb	2
Mr. J. C. Brewer's b g Sybarite, 5 yrs., 11st 3lb	3

Eight horses started. Time, 4m. 4s.

THE CRAVEN PLATE, a sweepstake of 10 sovs. each, with 500 sovs. added. One mile and a quarter. Weight for age.

Hon. D. S. Wallace's b h Carbine, 5 yrs., by Musket—Mersey, 9st 4lb (Ramage)	1
Mr. W. Brown's b c Megaphone, 3 yrs., by Newbold—Sound, 7st 11lb (Ryan)	2
Mr. R. Burke's b h Cuirassier, by Musket—Frauity, 9st 4lb (Kean)	3

Mr. J. Mayo's ch h Cardigan, aged, by Goldsborough—Signora, 9st 4lb

Won by a length, Cuirassier twenty lengths off. Time, 2m. 7s.

THE SUBURBAN HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, with 200 sovs. added. Seven furlongs.

Mr. W. Merthyr's b h Hurrah, 4 yrs., by Marvellous—Queen Bee, 8st 4lb	1
Mr. E. Chippendale's b m Ellerstone, 4 yrs., 7st 8lb	2
Mr. W. Royd's br c Alchemist, 4 yrs., 8st 10lb	3

Twenty-six horses started. Time, 1m. 29s.

THE SECOND FOAL STAKES, of 20 sovs. each, with 400 sovs. added. One mile and a quarter.

Hon. H. C. Dangar's ch c Gibraltar, by Grandmaster—Algeria, 9st 3lb, including 7lb penalty	1
Mr. W. Gannon's ch c Gatling, by Nordenfeldt—Petroleuse, 8st 10lb	2
Mr. Vincent Dowling's b f Prelude, by Martini-Henri—Phyllina, 8st 5lb	3

There were six starters. There was a great race between Gatling and Gibraltar, the colts running a dead heat. Time, 2m. 11s. In the run off Gibraltar won by a length in 2m. 16s.

THE WYCOMBE STAKES, a sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, with 350 sovs. added. One mile and three furlongs.

Mr. D. O'Brien's b c Whimberel, 3 yrs., 7st 9lb	1
Mr. J. Mayo's b c Master Grand, 3 yrs., 7st 9lb	2
Mr. J. Turner's br h Tantallon, 6 yrs., 9st 4lb	3

Ten horses started. Won easily. Time, 2m. 26½s.

THE SYDNEY HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstake of 5 sovs. each, with 500 sovs. added. One mile and a half.

Mr. J. Abraham's b c Little Bernie, 4 yrs., 8st 2lb	1
Mr. J. Burton ns b c Claremont, 5 yrs., 6st 12lb	2
Mr. J. Allsopp's ch h Papua, 6 yrs., 6st 10lb	3

There were fifteen starters. Time, 2m. 38s.

THE BETTING MARKET.

CAULFIELD CUP.

100 to 4 agst Bothwell (off)
100 — 4 — Dunkeld (off)
100 — 4 — Churchill (off)
100 — 4 — Vengeance (off)
100 — 4 — Chaldean (off)
100 — 4 — Sultan (off)
100 — 4 — Chintz (off)
100 — 4 — Meltonian (off)
100 — 4 — Dreadnought
100 — 4 — Leopold
100 — 4 — Marvel
100 — 4 — Sinecure
100 — 4 — Tarcoola
100 — 4 — Promised Land
100 — 4 — Umslopogaas
100 — 4 — Granite
100 — 4 — Little Bernie
100 — 4 — Highborn
100 — 3 — Others (off)

V. R. C. DERBY.

5 to 2 agst Titan (tk and off)
6 — 1 — Gibraltar (tk and off)
8 — 1 — The Admiral (off)
10 — 1 — Gatling (off)
12 — 1 — Others (off)

MELBOURNE CUP.

100 to 8 agst Carbine (off)
100 — 6 — Melos (off)
100 — 6 — Cuirassier (off)
100 — 5 — Tantallon (tk and off)
100 — 4 — Titan (tk and off)
100 — 4 — Dreadnought
100 — 4 — Marvel, Oakleigh, Tarcoola, The Lawyer, The Admiral, Lamond, Correze, Camden, Umslopogaas

100 — 3 to 100 1 against others.

Owing to the poor form shown by Cuirassier in the Craven Plate he has receded in price for the Melbourne Cup, and is now quoted at 100 to 4. Carbine has hardened, and remains first favourite at 8 to 1. Whimberel is nibbled at at 100 to 4.

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP.

[BY NORDENFELDT.]

SOME of the New Zealand Cup candidates have already sported silk this season with success. At the Geraldine Racing Club's Spring Meeting on Sept. 9th and 10th, a three-year-old figured very prominently. I refer to Mr. P. Butler's colt Bay King, by Cadogan out of Major Mair's Corcyra. The colt started in the Geraldine Cup of a mile and a half, in which he was weighted at 6st 7lb, but was unable to get closer than second, within half a length of Prime Warden, a three-year-old full brother to Sultan, that carried 7st. Bay King beat four others, including the Cup candidate Catamount, weighted at 7st 12lb. The race was run in the good time of 2min. 40secs. The Auckland bred colt was more successful later in the afternoon, when he took the Flying Handicap of six furlongs, in which he was handicapped at 6st 12lb, from nine others. On the following day he followed up this victory by another in the Geraldine Racing Club Handicap of a mile, beating three others. He carried 7st 2lb. and won in a canter by four lengths, in 1min. 46½secs. Bay King has the featherweight of 6st. to carry in the New Zealand Cup. Another horse whose recent running would point to his being a very dangerous candidate in the race under consideration is the five-year-old horse Wolverine. He won the double at the Dunedin Hunt Club's Meeting, Kensington Handicap and Telegraph Handicap. In the former event he carried 8st 12lb, and ran the ten furlongs in 2min. 12½sec., and in the latter he put up 9st 8lb, and won just as easily. The course on this occasion was a mile and a distance, and Wolverine got over it in 2min. 3½secs. Among the seven horses that finished behind him was the three-year-old Cup candidate Pique, who did not run prominently. Wolverine is weighted in the N.Z. Cup at 6st. 11lb.—undoubtedly a stone less than he was entitled to—and Pique has 6st. 5lb. Another Cup candidate proved victorious at the same meeting, for Mr. Stevenson's three-year-old Mariner, by Creswick—Nancy Lee, won the Welter Handicap of a mile, beating ten others. Mariner carried 8st. 5lb., and got over the mile in 1min. 49½secs. He is in the dangerous "Occident" stable, and is handicapped in the Cup at 6st.

ENGLISH SPORTING NOTES.

MUCH interest is always taken in the July Sales at Newmarket, when numbers of fashionably-bred yearlings are usually brought to the hammer. Seldom can Mr. Tattersall have enjoyed such brisk bidding as has this year been the order of the day. The "boom" began with the sale of Her Majesty's Hampton Court yearlings, when one, an own sister to Memoir, the winner of the Oaks, brought the highest price ever reached in the country, namely, 5,500 guineas; but it continued at Newmarket, when several youngsters fetched large sums. Mr. Douglas Baird gave 2,000 guineas for a chestnut colt by Sterling—Geologist, and two or three others brought amounts which ran into four figures—next day, however, these prices were cast in the shade. Thirteen yearlings—let us hope the number does not bode ill for their turf-careers—brought sums varying from one to three thousand guineas. Lord Dudley paid the last-mentioned sum twice for a bay colt by Barcaldine—Junket and for a sister to Heresy by Hermit—Controversy mare, and Mr. Hamar Bass gave the same amount for a brother to Energy, by Sterling—Cherry Duchess. But the highest individual price of the week was brought when a brown filly by St. Simon—Josyan fell to Colonel North's bid of 3,200 guineas. Counting the Hampton Court Sale, twenty-seven yearlings fetched rather more than 50,000 guineas. Business can hardly be bad when owners are found ready to give such enormous amounts one the chance that they may be obtaining an Ormonde, a Donovan, or a Memoir.

The racing at Newmarket early in July was very interesting. Baron Rothschild, who is having a very good year, won the July Stakes with Beauharnais, and Mr. J. H. Houldsworth the Zetland Plate with Ponza; while L'Abbesse de Jouarre, Morion, and Iddesleigh were among the other winners. Bumptious failed to win the Bottisham Plate, in which Mephisto turned the tables on him, but he added the Plantation Stakes to his credit.

An unfortunate *contretemps* took place in the Cumberland Plate at Carlisle. Tyrant was made favourite, and justified expectations by securing an exciting race from Mr. Burton's Barneside. It was immediately discovered, however, that the race had not been properly started, and it had to be run over again. This time Tyrant was nowhere, and Barneside won at his ease.

At Kempton Park we may note the victories of Sir F. Johnstone's Fuse in the Grand Two-Year-Old Stakes, of Deuce of Clubs in the Princess of Wales's Stakes, and of St. Cyr in the International Two-Year-Old Race.

The Zetland Plate at Leicester fell to Coreza, who, by the way, was disqualified for the Hurstbourne Stakes at Stockbridge, owing to her having carried wrong weight. The Midland Derby fell to Hartfleur, and the Portland Plate to Mr. Houldsworth's Orvieto, the favourite, Peter Flower, being second.

The only event of importance at the Leicester meeting was the Prince of Wales's Stakes for three-year-olds, in which Surefoot, caught in a good humour, recovered his lost reputation. Memoir was second and Alloway third. At Sandown Park the threatening weather frightened many away, and the attendance was but small, but the racing was good. On the first day the principal race was the Royal Handicap. In this the favourite, Miss Dollar, justified expectations by winning in a canter. Public form was again upheld on the second day, when Day Dawn won the Surbiton Handicap.

The second July meeting, which has become quite a fashionable event, opened at Newmarket in very fine weather. The Prince of Wales was present, but brought no luck to his colours, for his Nandine could only get second to Lord Gerald's Sweet Vernal in the Maiden Plate; and his Pierrette occupied the same position in the Soltkyoff Stakes, Lord Ellesmere's Belvidera II. beating her by a neck.

The summer meeting at Liverpool is always interesting, and the Liverpool Cup, as usual, has been the medium of considerable speculation. The next race in importance to the Cup was the St. George's Stakes, in which were seen the two well-known three-year-olds Le Nord and Alloway, both of whom had to give considerable weight to Hebrides, who won by half a length, and was promptly promoted to the post of favourite for the Cup, run on the

following day, and which resulted in Father Confessor being first, L'Abbesse de Jouarre second, and Shall We Remember third. Lord Durham's Peter Flower continued his victorious course by winning the Mersey Stakes (value £1,000), and Dog Rose, who made his first appearance this season, took the Molyneux Cup, to the surprise of the backers of Day Dawn, Ostrogoth, and others more fancied than the winner.

The annual meeting in the Duke of Richmond's park always occupies the minds of all racing men, and also a very large number of the fashionable world, who look upon Goodwood races as the break-up of the season, and the last place to meet each other *en bloc* for some time to come. The long and tedious journey has always been the great drawback to this otherwise most charming meeting, but even this has been much improved of late, as the railway companies run some very fast trains. However, a vast number got there somehow, and society was excellently well represented. As usual, the Prince and Princess of Wales were among the Duke of Richmond's numerous guests; and, as the weather was fine, the show may be considered a success in every way, except that Lottie Smith, the favourite for the Steward's Cup sadly disappointed her backers, only getting about sixth place to Lord Hartington's Marvel. Two unfortunate things happened in connection with the race. Mr. Coombes heard that his handsome horse Maxim had met with an accident, and at once scratched him, but as matters turned out, the injury was so slight that he could have run and given his backers a chance, and a good one; the other case being that of Upstart, who was supposed to have a good chance, but unfortunately through some accident in the morning, he was too much injured to take part in the race.

The Goodwood meeting of 1890 is now over, and very little light was thrown upon the great Doncaster three-year-old race by the events decided at the meeting. The only prominent candidate seen out was Memoir, and she had little difficulty in defeating her opponents, but the easy manner in which she did what was asked of her at once brought her back to her former position of favourite for the St. Leger. Father Confessor won the Chesterfield Cup, after running a dead heat with Edgardo, thus proving himself a really good horse, for he carried 9st. 6lbs., giving his three-year-old opponent 44lbs. Everyone was glad to see the Rothschild colours to the fore this season, but they have met with some severe rebuffs of late, not the least being the defeat of Beauharnais by Sir James Duke's Matenhurst. There were others besides the Baron who felt the defeat of the colt, for odds of 3 to 1 were laid on him.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

[This letter reached us last week too late for publication.—Ed. S.R.]

STRIKE and strike! nothing but strike; the whole place is in a perfect ferment, but one would have thought that sport and sportsmen could hardly have been drawn into the vortex. Such, however, is the case, the latest edict from the "Union" Committee being that owing to the attitude taken by prominent members of the Canterbury Jockey Club in giving countenance to free labour, the Club should be boycotted. The Club, I daresay, will survive, even should the directions have any effect on Unionists, which is open to doubt. To leave generalities and come to particulars, nearly the whole of the employees at Yaldhurst have for the nonce turned free labourers at Lytleton, and I am informed the training of Mr. Stead's powerful team has been practically suspended, hands only being left sufficient to attend to the feeding of the horses. Many racing men and erstwhile jockeys, etc., may be seen among the gangs employed on the wharves at port. From this you will see that the "strike" has an influence even over sport.

Mr. W. H. Wanklyn, of Hawera, was this week appointed secretary of the Canterbury Jockey Club. You will know as well or better than your correspondent as to his fitness for the office, and I may say that the appointment has given rise to some bitter heart-burning, it being thought that several Christchurch gentlemen's claims should not have been overlooked. There were, I know, more than one highly

eligible candidate in the field, so that the appointment of the Egmont Racing Club's secretary is complimentary to that gentleman, who, I hear, owes his getting the office to his contributions in regard to the formation of the New Zealand Metropolitan Racing Club.

The Geraldine Racing Club's meeting—the opening race meeting of the season—takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday. The former glory of the gathering has departed, but still some interesting racing may be expected next week. It is thought that most of the prizes will come to Riccarton.

Messrs. Hobbs and Goodwin, the Canterbury totalisator people, are at present in Australia, their visit being not unconnected with an endeavour to get a footing in Victoria with the betting machine. The Dunedin firm of Mason and Roberts, than whom none are more favourably known to the sporting world, are also casting eyes in the same direction. From this it would appear the machine men look to the legalising of the totalisator in Victoria as next to an accomplished fact.

The New Zealand Trotting Association have for a long time past been agitating for an amendment in the Gaming and Lotteries' Act. They object to the hard and fast rule which makes it incumbent on clubs—that is, trotting clubs—in having to provide certain sums for stakes before being granted the use of the totalisator. It is argued, with reason, that it is a poor man's sport, and that the rule in regard to permits for the machine should not be so stringent as in the case of ordinary racing clubs. So far the efforts of the Association have not met with much success, the Colonial Secretary turning a deaf ear to all that has been said. Mr. W. B. Percival and other Canterbury members have taken the matter in hand, and there is now some likelihood of the reforms desired being given effect to.

The New Brighton Trotting Club hold a meeting on the 25 inst., at which £160 is to be given away in stakes.

The standard trotting stallions Kentucky and Boston are announced as being at the service of breeders. Both these horses are excellent representatives of their breed, and the first named, a really beautiful mover, holds the two mile harness record for the Colony.

Another trotting item:—It will be noticed that Anneaux d'Or, who was surreptitiously shipped from this colony about a month ago, is entered for some events in New South Wales. The mare is one of the best trotters New Zealand has yet produced, but she has never been in the best of hands.

The Southland Stud Company have purchased Lorraine, and the son of Apremont goes South next week. The Company were anxious to secure Chain Shot, but Mr. Rutherford would not part with his horse.

It is a long time since the Canterbury Trotting Club had such a large attendance at any of their meetings as was the case at their spring meeting held this afternoon at Addington. The new track was in good order, and in increasing the size of this circle a wise course has been followed. This in a great measure accounted for the excellent time made. There were several very fair performers at the meeting, and Calista, a mare who has borne a great private reputation in this Island since she ran second at the Dunedin Exhibition Meeting to Princess, came out of her shell, and after running away in the first two rounds from a field of seven in the Maiden Plate and thereafter having the track to herself, winning literally in a walk in 6m. 6sec., she was put back to within 6secs. of the scratch horse Joe in the two mile Saddle Handicap, but she got away early and overtook her nine other opponents, some of which were in receipt of 36 seconds, before one mile and a quarter had been trotted, and she romped home fully two hundred yards ahead of Waikari to whom she was conceding 14 seconds, and Waikari finished a long way in front of the remainder of the field. Calista's time was returned as 5m. 22secs. If correct Calista must be a wonder, because she won with such apparent ease. My Dream, who has been trotting a long time unsuccessfully, won the two mile harness trot, her victory being due to good driving on the part of Munro. Elsie Gay won the four mile harness trot in 12min. 7secs. from Flora and Waikari. Sambo appropriated the Pony Saddle Trot of two miles, and Northern Maid the Pony Harness Trot of the same distance. Two splendid finishes re-

sulted in the mile and Consolation handicaps, Maid of Rockleigh just beat Dream in the first event, her time being 2min. 57secs., and The Dream had a great battle with Waikari all up to the straight in the last event, just beating her on the post by a head. The official time was not announced, but the dividend was, and the one solitary investor on the winner received, £45. Waikari was favourite. The dividend on Maid of Rockleigh was £15 4s. The meeting was a great success, but the last event was decided in the dark.

SPORTING ITEMS.

Mr. Martin Baird has sold Athens (St. Leger—Maid of Athens) to a Napier sportsman for £60.—*Wanganui Chronicle*.

I hear £200 has been offered for Pyramus and refused, £250 being the price wanted.—*Wanganui Chronicle*.

Mr. R. Blaikie, the well-known penciller, has purchased the racing pony Sepoy, and the horse is in McMinimin's stable.

Piako has been sent into town to be trained by Mr. S. Powell, with a view of competing in Hunt Club events in Auckland.—*Wanganui Chronicle*.

"Oeo" of the *Wanganui Chronicle* writes that Antelope, the dam of Minnie and the Dream, also Fame and Foam, will be sent this season to Somnus who is located at Napier.

Mr. J. Armitage's hunter Kairuna died on Monday from stoppage and strangulation of the intestines. The horse was in J. B. Williamson's stable, and was to have been prepared with a view to the Pakuranga Hunt Club races.

Full particulars of the Hawkesbury Spring Meeting are now to hand, and we gather from the *Sportsman* that on the first day five went out for the Hawkesbury Guineas, 5 to 1 being freely laid on Prelude, who won in a very easy manner from Wilga, who had the misfortune to be kicked a day or two before, from which she appeared to suffer a lot. When the starters' numbers for the County Purse were hoisted it was found that only a score would sport their owners' colours. Of these the Queensland colt, Megaphone, had the strongest following, going out favourite at 3 to 1. The race was a very good one, the pace sound all the way. At the home turn the followers of the favourite thought the race all over, but he was never able to get up to the New Zealand horse Teksum, who won, and many thought somewhat comfortably, by a good half length. Teksum started second favourite at 6 to 1. Megaphone's rider, Ryan, entered a protest against the winner for interference in the straight, but it was dismissed, and deemed so frivolous that the £2 was retained by the stewards. On the second day the Produce Stakes was the great sensation, as it not only gave the greatest surprise, but also the best finish. Such a good thing did the backers think Prelude that they freely laid 5 to 1 on her, though she had a 7lb. penalty. A full brother to Chicago, called Ataoity made all the running for the first five furlongs, when Power, who had been laying last on the favourite, brought her to the front with Victor Hugo, while Cobham fell back for a few strides. As they came into the straight, however, Cobham again joined them, and a most desperate race home ensued, resulting in a head win from the favourite, who just beat Victor Hugo. Right up to the fall of the flag the Hawkesbury Grand Handicap looked to be a very open event. The Queenslanders could not be shook off Megaphone, though he was carrying 3½lb overweight, sent him out favourite at 3 to 1. The Newcastle folk, however, were not so confident about Ellerdale, while Federation found a lot of friends towards the close of the betting. The race was a very fast one, made so by Simon, who went away at a great pace, and stopped at the head of affairs for a mile and a quarter. After that he was beaten, as also Tridentine. Then Megaphone put in a claim, and coming away, won easily in 2min. 35½sec., which equals the record made by Prince Imperial when he won. Little Bernie ran a good second, and Vespasia's third, with 8st up, was a capital performance. Ellerdale, however, was hopelessly beaten from the fall of the flag and was last when they had gone a furlong. Old Lancer was another that ran well, but the simple fact is that nothing had a chance at the finish with Megaphone.

The consideration of the protest against Mount receiving the stakes for the trotting races which he won at the recent meeting has been postponed for a fortnight.

The brood mare, Waitiri, by Musket—Uira, was brought up by the steamer Australia from Napier on Thursday on a visit to Nelson. During the passage up the mare dropped a filly foal to The Mute.

The annual meeting of the members of Auckland Tattersall's Club will be held on Tuesday, 30th inst., when the balance-sheet, statement of accounts, and election of members of Committee will be considered.

Mr. W. Elliot's black mare Veneration, by Patriarch out of Fides, by (imp.) St. Aubyn out of Chance, by Sir Hercules out of Finessee, by (imp.) Toss, was brought up in the s.s. Gairloch from Waitara on Thursday, on a visit to Mr. T. Morrin's (imp.) stallion Castor.

Mr. H. H. Hayr has purchased the black gelding Moderator, by Isaac Walton out of Sleveland, from Mr. W. Elliot of Waitara, and the horse arrived in Auckland on Thursday. A pony was also brought up for the same stable.

Bravo withstood the journey to India all right, but we regret to hear that since his arrival he has been so much affected by the climate that fears are entertained that he will never again face the starter, even if he recover at all.—*Sportsman*.

An Australian writer speaking of Megaphone, the Hawkesbury Grand Handicap winner, says:—"He is without doubt the best horse ever foaled in Queensland, although his performances are not so brilliant as Le Grand's yet, but the latter hadn't as good performances as a two-year-old, and if he keeps on improving with age he'll be one of the best twelve race-horses in Australia, mark my words. He is a very big bay colt with a small head, and great girth, and a big stride, though not overreached, and a very quick recovery. He is a stone better colt than Greytown over any distance, and I can't help thinking that he will win a big race or two in Sydney, where he is at present."

The following are the performances of the brilliant colt Megaphone who won the Hawkesbury Grand Handicap:—As a two-year-old, at the Queensland Turf Club Meeting, he competed in the Hopeful Stakes, in which he fell, the race being won by General. At the same meeting he ran second to General in the Second Nursery Handicap, General carrying 7st. 8lb. and Megaphone 8st. 4lb. At the Queensland Hunt Club Meeting he annexed the Tyro Stakes after a dead heat, carrying 9st. Queensland Tattersall's Meeting: Second in the Fairfield Stakes, won by Greygown; second in the Jordan Stakes at the same meeting, won by General. Boxing Day, Q.T.C.: Won Sandgate Trial Stakes. Q.T.C. Midsummer: Won weight-for-age race and Flying Handicap of 6 furlongs. At Tattersall's Autumn Meeting he won the Champagne Stakes, five furlongs (9st), General (9st 2lb) second, and Q.T.C. Autumn; Unplaced in weight-for-age, won by King William. Same meeting won Produce Stakes, 1 mile, Refused second and Greygown third; same day won weight-for-age race, 6 furlongs, King William second, Sir Anthony third; on the third day of the same meeting he won the Criterion Nursery, 9st 8lb, Left-on-Hand, 6st 12lb, second. Maryborough Annual Meeting: Walked over for the weight-for-age race; won a mile race, 8st 6lb, Stamboul 7st 10lb second, Highwater third, time 1min 45sec; ran second in the mile and a quarter with 7st 12lb, won by Dumboy 7st 9lb; won 7 furlongs, 9st 8lb, Ormonde 7st 8lb second, Miss Newbold, 6st 10lb third. Rockhampton: Won Two and Three Year Old Handicap, 7 furlongs, 9st 8lb, Refused 8st 6lb second, Levant 7st 3lb third; won 5 Furlongs Handicap, 8st 8lb, Beckwith 6st 8lb second; won Produce Stakes, 1 mile, Refused second. As a three-year-old:—Second in County Purse won by Teksum; won Hawkesbury Handicap, Little Bernie second, Vespasia third. A.J.C. Spring Meeting: Second in Epsom Handicap with 8st 4lb, won by Bungebah 7st 10lb, beating twenty-seven others; won Squatters' Handicap, 1½ miles, 8st 12lb, 2min. 10sec, May Queen 7st 8lb second, Amnia 7st 12lb third; Second in Craven Plate 1½ miles 7st 11lb, won by Carbine 9st 4lb. Mr. Brown, Megaphone's owner, purchased the colt as a yearling for £90.

Mr. A. E. Glover, the local penciller, has returned from his trip to the Islands.

Mr. Scarr, the Sydney handicapper, has taken care of the Auckland-owned Leopold, as I notice he has awarded him 9st 3lb in the Kensington Handicap of one mile.

The Auckland Racing Club Committee have finally decided not to pass the Onehunga Racing Club programme, on the ground, it is stated, that so many mushroom meetings are not required, as they are detrimental to legitimate racing, and that the use of the totalisator is being abused.

All true sportsmen will be pleased to hear of the finding of the stolen horse, Cranbrook. This famous son of Chester and La Princess, it will be remembered, was stolen a short time back out of his box at Mr. Henry White's station, Havilah, near Mudgee. Every effort was made by both the station people and the police, aided by black trackers, to find him. On Monday last the station manager, Mr. Paul Stewart, who had worked night and day to find the horse, with one of the station hands discovered Cranbrook in a cave in the Munghorn Ranges. It is reported that the horse looks none the worse, and is in good condition. Every one will be pleased to hear of Mr. White's good luck in recovering such a valuable animal.—*Town and Country*.

STUD NEWS.

THE following foalings have been announced during the week:—

Major George's The Maid, by King of Ring—Maid of All Work, bay filly to Nelson.
Mr. T. Morrin's Welcome Kate, by Musket—Dundee Katie, brown colt to St. Leger.
Mr. T. Morrin's Ouida, by Yattendon—Gulnare, brown filly to Nordenfeldt.
New Zealand Stud Co.'s Woodnymph, by Musket—Sylvia, filly to Ingomar.
New Zealand Stud Co.'s Maid of Honour, by Kelpie—Fairy Queen, colt to Ingomar.
New Zealand Stud Co.'s Titania, by Orest—Queen Mab, filly to Ingomar.
Mr. W. Douglas' Waitiri, by Musket—Uira, brown filly to The Mute.

Miss Cassy Corda: "You've broken my heart!" Tom Biunt: "Oh, well, accidents will happen!"

Kangaroos are to be imported into the United States to provide fresh big game for sportsmen, now that the buffalo is almost extinct. A number of wealthy Americans propose to introduce the Kangaroos at the beginning of the summer, and house them in the Yellowstone Park until they become acclimatised.

The fasting men, who have lately interested Londoners, are quite put in the shade by an American fasting woman. Mrs. Wucheter, living near Allentown, Pennsylvania, has taken neither food nor water for 103 days.

The Mikado of Japan's favourite horse is an old native pony called "Golden Flower-Mountain" (Kinkazan). Though fully twenty-two years of age, the pony carried its imperial master throughout the whole of the recent Japanese manoeuvres.

An exciting whale-hunt took place in the Shetland Isles recently. A shoal of whales appeared off Hillswick, and were pursued with such energy that 160 were driven ashore or killed in deep water, whence they rose to the surface during the following day.

The remedy is sometimes worse than the disease, and the Australians are beginning to doubt the wisdom of importing so many stoats, ferrets, and weazels to exterminate the rabbits. These creatures multiply most rapidly, and are said to have begun attacking children and lambs.

A wedding in a balloon has lately been celebrated at Lowell, Massachusetts, U.S.A. The balloon was anchored to the ground for the ceremony, after which the bridal guests descended to terra firma, and the bride and bridegroom then sailed away for a honeymoon trip in the clouds.

Ostrich farming in South Australia is becoming a most profitable undertaking. One farm alone at Port Augusta contains 700 birds, worth £14,000, and the yield of feathers this season averages £2 per bird.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

[BY NORDENFELDT.]

THE usual weekly meet of the Pakuranga Hunt Club was held on Saturday last, at Mr. James Hayr's farm at Three Kings. With his accustomed liberality Mr. Hayr provided an excellent lunch at his residence previous to the days run being commenced.

Mr. McMinimin on Assassin and Mr. Warren on Huntsman, were despatched to lay the drag, and shortly after 2 o'clock the hounds were laid on, and took the field (which was a very large one) across a number of stiff fences. The jumps were unusually stiff and a large percentage of the horses refused to negotiate them. After pursuing a round-about course the hounds led the field close up to the Three Kingsschoolhouse where a halt was made, and the drag was again laid over the same course, while giving the usual "law," I was able to look around and, amongst others mounted, noticed—The master on Jim, the Huntsman on Laddie, Mr. Garrett on Guadalquivir, Colonel Dawson on Ike, Mr. Kelly on Playboy, Mr. T. Hayr on Ma Petite Fille, Mr. H. Dunnett on Roger, Mr. G. Dunnett on Albion, Mr. E. Pollock on Begorra, Mr. T. Craig on Hurricane, Mr. P. Johnston on Leofric, Mr. D. B. Tonks on Odd Trick, Mr. H. C. Tonks on Nap, Mr. J. B. Williamson on Comet, Mr. J. Armitage on Kairuna, Mr. England on Count, Mr. Lockhart on Fisherman, Mr. C. Warren on Huntsman, Mr. John Brown on Shotover, Mr. Gilchrist on Death, Mr. Crowe on Crazy Kate, Mr. McMinimin on Assassin, Mr. Wallace on a chesnut, Mr. Colegrove on a bay, Mr. Prince on Minnie. Besides those mentioned there were about thirty others present, and a large number who viewed the proceedings from the road. The second drag provided an excellent run, and more than one spill occurred. After another halt at the Schoolhouse, the drag was laid along the paddocks adjoining the Mt. Eden Road, and thence across country to Epsom. Several stonewalls were cleared in succession, a couple of brush fences, and a ditch or two. Amongst the foremost of the field I noticed Mr. Kelly, the Huntsman, Mr. D. B. Tonks, Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Pollock. Wattie's Hotel was reached by the foremost division shortly after four o'clock, where everyone separated highly pleased with the afternoons sport. The run was voted on all sides the best of the season.

To-day the hounds meet at the Remuera end of Green Lane at two o'clock, when there is expected to be a large attendance.

TROTTING.

A GREAT race took place at Detroit, on August 2nd, between the Californian stallion Palo Alto, by Electioneer, and the grey gelding Jack, by Pilot Medium. Palo Alto was considered to be the coming champion, but he broke repeatedly when called upon. The race was four one mile heats. First heat Jack won easily, in 2 min. 13½ secs. Palo Alto breaking several times. Second heat Palo Alto won by two lengths in 2 min. 15½ secs., breaking the record of the track, beating the stallion record and equalling the fastest race mile of Maud S. Jack broke in the back stretch. Third heat, Jack won by three quarters of a length in 2 min. 15½ secs., Palo Alto breaking repeatedly. Fourth heat, Jack won by a length in 2 min. 16 secs., having broke once while Palo Alto broke twice.

The following is the fractional time by quarters:—First heat—first quarter, 0:34½; half, 1:07½; three-quarters, 1:40½; mile, 2:15½, second horse, 2:16. Second heat—first quarter, 0:34½; half, 1:06½; three-quarters, 1:40; mile, 2:13½; second horse, 2:14. Third heat—first quarter, 0:34½; half, 1:08; three-quarters, 1:44½; mile, 2:15; second horse, 2:15½. Fourth heat—first quarter, 0:34½; half, 1:07½; three-quarters, 1:42; mile, 2:16; second horse, 2:16½.

Attempts to swim the Niagara rapids are still made. A foolish American tried his luck in the whirlpool recently, but when he reached the rapids the breakers dashed him against the rocks, and washed him ashore close to the spot where Captain Webb perished. He was only bruised a little by the rocks.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

[Volunteers and others are invited to contribute to this column. All communications should be addressed to "Carbine," and left at the office of this paper not later than Wednesday in each week.]

RANGE TIME-TABLE.
September 20—Auckland Navals, Ponsonby Navals.
" 27—"A" Battery, "O" Battery, Engineers.

[BY CARBINE.]

WE publish this week the portrait of Gun. C. P. Taylor, an ex-member of the Victoria and Gordon Rifles, but now a member of the "A" Battery, who finished third for the Championship this year, and is a most reliable shot. The following is his record:—Finished seventh for Championship, 1886; secured fourth place in the Union Co.'s Cup, finished fourth for championship, 1887; won Clark's District Belt, 1879-88; at Auckland Rifle Association Meeting he won the Star Cup once, Beck's Cup twice, Dr. Campbell's vase twice; won Ladies' Trophy in Victoria Rifles five times; won silver star, Association Meeting 1890, also Capt. Geddis' trophy, 1890.



GUN. C. P. TAYLOR, "A" BATTERY.

As some volunteers are anxiously enquiring when Clark's District Belt is to be fired for, I may state that its usual time is November, but a delay may be caused this year, owing to the committee having written to Mr. Clark re framing a new set of rules.

The new Wimbledon National Rifle Association site at Bisly was opened on July 21st, 158 targets being erected for the occasion. The first competition was the "Alexandra," the first prize of £30 being taken by Corp. Sallery, of the 1st Berks. The Prince of Wales' prize of £100 was won by Sgt. Woods, 3rd Hants, with a score of 101 points. The greatest event of the meeting was the Queen's prize, fired in three stages, there being 2,317 entries. Sgt. Bates, 1st Warwick, made the grand aggregate of 278 points, and became winner of the prize, Private Murray of the 3rd Gordon Highlanders being a good second with 270 points. At the conclusion of the firing Lady Wantage pinned on Sgt. Bates the Queen's prizeman's badge. The Elcho Shield, competed for by teams of eight representing England, Ireland, and Scotland, was again won by Ireland, with an aggregate score of 1,646 points, England being second with 1,636, and Scotland third with 1,635. The Wimbledon Cup was won by Sgt. Reid, Lanark Engineers. The Kolapore Cup fell to England, and Oxford won the Chancellor's Plate.

The firing for the first stage of the "A" Battery's Champion Belt takes place on Saturday next, the ranges being 200, 300, and 500 yards, seven shots at each distance.

The lecture on "Judging Distance," advertised to be given by Sgt. Soall last week, collapsed through the insufficient attendance of volunteers.

A shooting match Rifles v. Carbines took place on Saturday last, between the Royal Irish Rifles and Ponsonby Navals, and resulted in a win for the Rifles by 18 points. The principal scorers were:—Royal Irish—Capt. Tobin 76, Vol. Dormer 71, Vol. O'Connor 70, Sgt. O'Brien 55, Vol. Payne, 55; Vol. Byrne 54. Ponsonby Navals—2nd P.O. G. Spinley 76, 2nd P.O. W. Sherson 66, 2nd P.O. J. Ewen 63,

Seaman C. Ewen 61, 1st. P.O. J. Spinley 58, C.P.O. Graham 57.

I notice some of the volunteers are constantly going out to practice at the butts in half uniform and mufti. I would draw their attention to Appendix A, Paragraph 12, in the Regulations where they will find they are liable to a fine of 2s. 6d. for so doing.

Sgt. Soall has offered a prize of £1 to the members of the City Guards for a judging distance competition. The match consists of 8 unknown distances between 200 and 800 yds., to be judged first mentally and then by means of a range finder, the man making the greatest number of points to be declared the winner.



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 80 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Over 8 flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs. and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 3 sovs. each, to go to the funds. One mile and a half.

CITY HANDICAP of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. One mile and a quarter.

SUMMER MEETING.

THE AUCKLAND CUP (HANDICAP) of 600 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each; second horse to receive 100 sovs. and third horse 25 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 2 sovs. and acceptance 3 sovs. each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Sweep to be paid half-an-hour before the race. Two miles.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 400 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each; second horse to receive 50 sovs. and third horse 25 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 2 sovs. and acceptance 3 sovs. each, to go to the funds. One mile and a half.

AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each; second horse to receive 50 sovs. and third horse 15 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 2 sovs. and acceptance 3 sovs. each, to go to the funds. About three miles and a half.

Nominations for above close on FRIDAY, the 26th September, at 8 o'clock p.m.

For full Programme see Official Calendar, September 5th.

WM. PERCIVAL,
Secretary A.R.C.

AUCKLAND TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of members of the above Club will be held in the Club Rooms, Swanson Street, on TUESDAY, 30th inst., at 8 p.m.

Business.—To receive statement of accounts, election of Committee, etc.

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ATHLETICS.

[By NIMBLEFOOT.]

FOOTBALL.

PONSONBY V. SELWYN.

This match was played on Saturday last and resulted, as was expected, in an easy win for Ponsonby by 15 points to 4. The play was not very brilliant, the only redeeming feature being Ponsonby's passing. Conway and Braund were the best of the Ponsonby backs, while Mills, Caulton and Hobson divided the honours in the forward division. Of the Selwyn backs Hill was far away the best, and seldom has such really good tackling been seen here. Peace, a junior player, also displayed good tackling, bringing Conway down time after time, but unfortunately had to retire early in the game. Kingsley also played well; and of the forwards, Murray (who played up to his last years form) and Penalligan were the best.

PONSONBY II. V. GRAFTON II.

This match excited more interest than the senior match, as the question of who should hold the Junior Cup for this year depended on the result. The first half was evenly contested but Grafton fell away in the second spell, and victory rested with Ponsonby by 6 points to nil.

HERALD V. STAR.

This match was played at Ellerslie on Saturday and resulted in a win for the Herald by 7 points to 1.

HAWKES BAY beat GISBORNE by 2 points to nil.

NELSON V. MARLBOROUGH.

The former won by 6 points to 3.

A match was played on the Ellerslie Football ground on Monday last between a team composed of trainers and jockeys and Ponsonby II. The match, which was very exciting throughout, ended in a draw, each side scoring seven points. "Major" Katterns, the well-known lightweight jockey, captained the "horsey" team, while R. McConnell led the Ponsonby boys. For the home team the "Major" and McMinimin played especially well, the last-named making some excellent runs and showing great proficiency in the art of fending. For Ponsonby, Whiteside and McConnell were the most prominent. Tries were obtained for the trainers and jockeys by Carey, Murphy, Hope, and Pearson, one of which was converted into a goal. McConnell, Samways, Whiteside, and another obtained tries for the visitors, one of which was converted by McConnell. After the match the Ponsonby boys were regaled with refreshments at the invitation of the jockeys and trainers at the Ellerslie Hotel, and after doing justice to the good things there provided, they returned home well satisfied with their afternoons sport which had proved a most enjoyable outing.

The Ponsonby Club by their wins on Saturday have secured both the Senior and Junior Cups for this season. This is the second time they have carried off the double.

Gordon Cricket Club hold their annual general meeting to-night. They will not be so strong as last year, having lost the services of H. B. Lusk, R. B. Lusk and H. P. Kissling. The Handicap Bicycle Road Race promoted by Mr. Service was brought off on Saturday afternoon. The course was from Panmure to Parnell, a distance of about eight miles. Eleven cyclists faced the starter, and, after an excellent race, Mr. H. Short (3 min. start) was returned the winner, having only won by a couple of yards from Mr. L. Reynolds (2½ min. start) after a desperate finish. Mr. J. G. Lecky (1½ min. start) was a fair third. Several spills occurred during the race, Messrs. C. Waters, H. Nicholson, A. Gledhill and A. G. Buchanan all coming down. The last-named, who started on the scratch mark, had the bad luck to break his machine, or it is expected he would have troubled the winner. Short's time for the distance was 38 minutes.

The Searle Memorial Challenge Cup was rowed on August 2nd, in three heats, the first two heats were from Putney to Barnes and the last from Barnes to Putney. The final was won by J. J. Corcoran (Surrey United Rowing Club), C. J. Perkins (Newcastle) second. It was a curious coincidence that the winner of each heat had the Surrey side.

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The ANNUAL RACE MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER, on the ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE.

PROGRAMME.

OPEN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 35 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance 10s., acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. Distance 1½ mile, over 7 flights of hurdles.

FARMERS' PLATE HANDICAP of 20 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For all horses the bona fide property of farmers in this district, at the discretion of the Committee, whose lands the hounds have liberty to run over. To be ridden by farmers, their sons, or amateurs. Entrance 10s., acceptance 10s., to go to the funds. Distance, once round the Steeplechase Course.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB HANDICAP of 45 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance 20s., acceptance 25s. each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 10st. Distance about 3¼ miles.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 35 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Minimum weight, 10st. Entrance 15s., acceptance 20s. each, to go to the funds. Distance 2 miles, over 8 flights of hurdles.

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Nominations for the Open Hurdle Race, Farmers' Plate, Hunt Club Steeplechase, Members' Hurdle Race, Flying Stakes, and Maiden Plate close with the Secretary, at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, City Chambers, Vulcan Lane, on FRIDAY, September 26th, at 8 p.m.

Acceptances and Entries for Ladies' Bracelet close on FRIDAY, October 10th, at 8 p.m.

Order of running subject to alteration.

Weights will appear on or about October 2nd.

HARRY H. HAYR,
Hon. Sec.

PAKURANGA RACING CLUB.

The Annual Race Meeting of the above Club will be held on the Otahuhu Racecourse, on Saturday, 22nd November, 1890.

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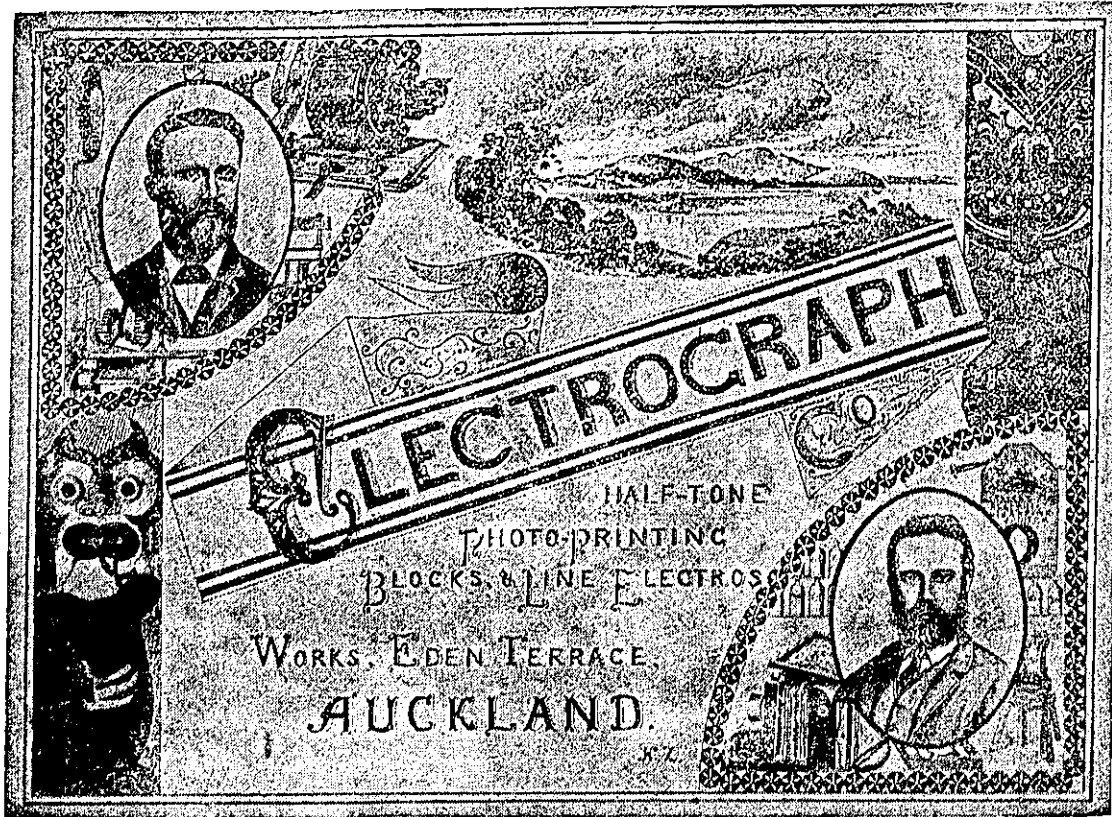
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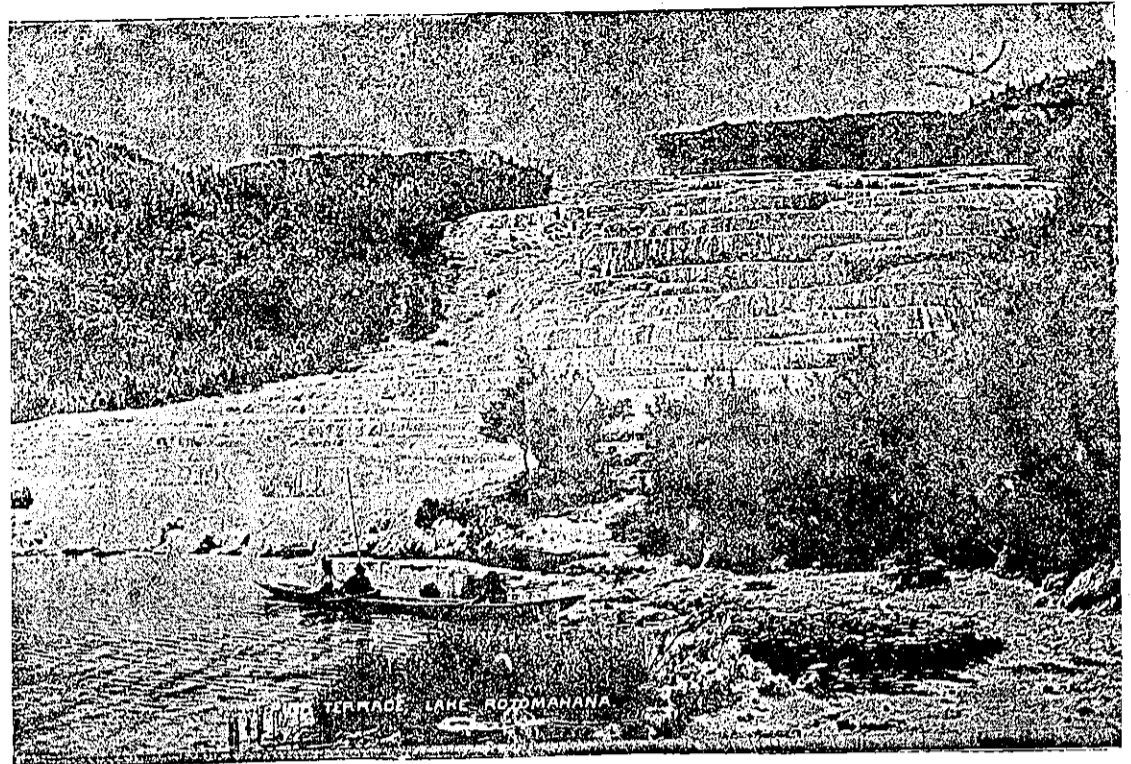
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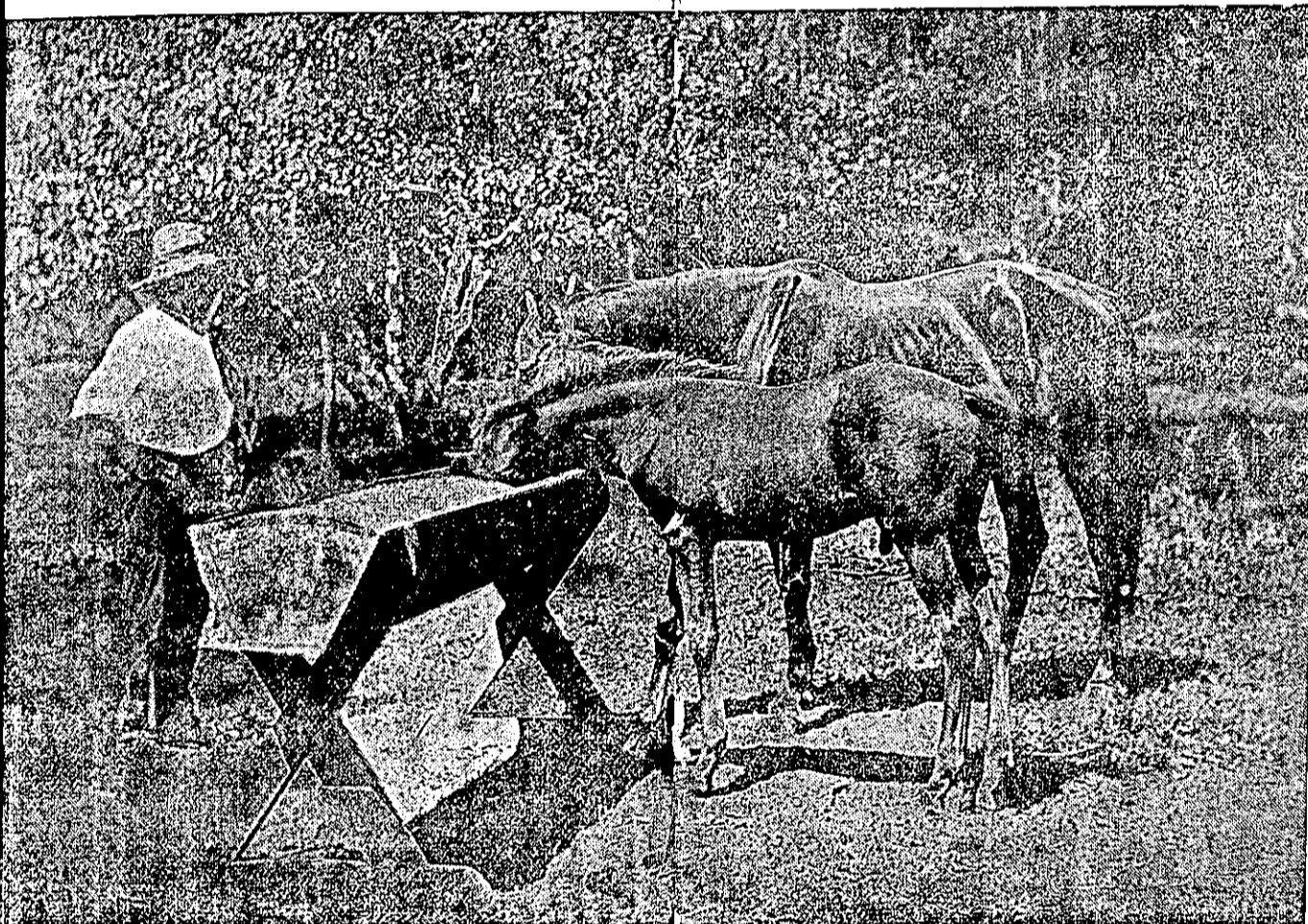
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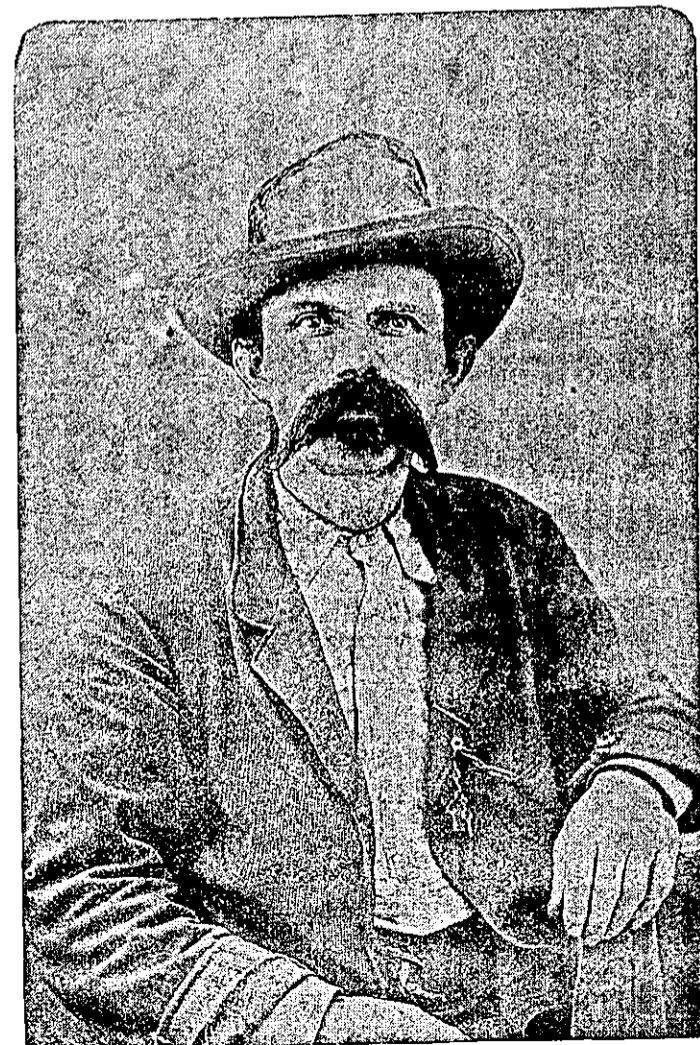
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