

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

Mr. J. H. Aislabie, Secretary of the above-named Club, will receive Nominations on Monday next, by 8 p.m., for the following events to be decided at the Spring Meeting on October 28th:—

Spring Handicap, 125 sovs., 1½ miles.
Handicap Hurdle Race, 60 sovs., 2 miles.
Flying Handicap, 70 sovs., 6 furlongs.

HAWKES' BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

On Tuesday, 30th inst., the following events in connection with the Hawkes' Bay Spring Meeting will require attention:—

ACCEPTANCES—

First Handicap Hurdles.
Flying Handicap.
Spring Handicap.

SWEEPSTAKES—

Hawkes' Bay Guineas.

NOMINATIONS—

October Handicap, 60 sovs., 1 mile and a distance.
Maiden Plate, 50 sovs., 1½ miles.
Welcome Stakes, 75 sovs., 5 furlongs.
Corinthian Stakes, 40 sovs., 1½ miles.
Trial Handicap, 40 sovs., once round.
Second Handicap Hurdles, 80 sovs., 1½ miles.
Nursery Handicap, 75 sovs., 5 furlongs.
Welter Handicap, 50 sovs., 6 furlongs.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB.

On Saturday next, October 4th, Mr. A. T. Danvers will receive Nominations for the following events to be run at the Club's Spring Meeting:—

Trial Handicap Hurdles, 40 sovs., 1½ miles.
October Stakes Handicap, 65 sovs., 1 mile.
Sapling Stakes Handicap, 60 sovs., 4½ furlongs.
Ahuriri Handicap, 40 sovs., once round.
Second Trial Handicap, 40 sovs., 1½ miles.
Caledonian Handicap, 50 sovs., 1½ miles.
Telephone Handicap, 40 sovs., 1 mile.
Juvenile Handicap, 60 sovs., 5 furlongs.
Grand Stand Handicap, 60 sovs., 7 furlongs.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

THURSDAY morning was just the kind of day for trainers to take advantage of and give their chargers some good sound exercise. Ruddy has the tracks in very fair condition. The tan gallop has been recovered and is in good order, but most of the work on Thursday was done on the outside of the course proper. The plough gallop was being harrowed, and will be ready by next week. Antelope, looking big and well, was the first out, and was sent twice round the course proper at a serviceable pace, moving resolutely and free. Mr. Lynch's two-year-old colt Dancer, by Sword Dance—Vivandiere cantered once round, and appeared very green. He is a big upstanding iron-grey colt, with good quarters, and when in racing condition, may give a good account of himself. He has only recently been brought up from Coromandel, and is trained by Antelope's owner. Ma Boughal and the three-year-old colt by King Cole—Queen Mab were despatched for a circuit, the former leading from start to finish. The recent importation, Moderator, was sent a like journey, but was not extended. He is intended for jumping races. Begorra and Memorandum were exercised in the centre of the course, and this was all the work performed before breakfast. Patchwork was sent three times round the course proper, after breakfast, moving in a most determined style and finishing up fast. This horse seems to have improved since last season, and is in great heart just now. He should run prominently in the Spring Handicaps. Odd Trick, the Hunt Club Cup candidate, was treated to about three miles on the tan at a good steady pace. Fiesole went once round the course proper at half pace, and then Quadrant, looking big and playful, was sent twice round. Under Hope's careful treatment this horse appears to have got rid of the skin disease from which he suffered last season. He will hardly be ready by the Spring Meeting. Tamora, big and well, went three times round at half pace, followed by Coalscuttle and Reprisal, the latter bounding along in a very taking fashion. Harrison has him looking very well, and he should prove a hard nut for Leolantis, Dreamer and Co. to crack in the Auckland Guineas, should his owner decide on not sending him South to measure strides with the Southern cracks. Glaucus, in clothing, was sent three times round, moving very well. He is a horse that should be heard of this season in some of the smaller handicaps;

Hickton has him looking in good form. Assasin, the hunter, was exercised in the middle of the course, similar exercise being given Hurricane and Parnell. Priscilla was also treated to mild exercise. Williamson's two-year-olds, Orestes and the Maid of Honour colt were cantered round to the half-mile post, when they were slipped for a brisk run home; the pair got over four furlongs in about 54secs., Orestes, with Tommy Taylor in the saddle, holding his companion quite safe. This son of Nordenfeldt and Clytemnestra moves in a very taking style, and should make a great bid for the Welcome Stakes, albeit he will have some good youngsters to meet in Brigand, Tulloch, and The Workman. Nap was working in the centre of the course, and these were all the horses that put in an appearance up to ten o'clock.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

Mr. H. H. Hayr, Secretary, received the following nominations last night for the principal events of the Pakuranga Hunt Club Meeting, to be held on the Ellerslie Racecourse on October 19th inst.:—

MEMBERS' HURDLES of 35 sovs. Two miles.
Shotover, Begorra, Tawhiao, Randwick, Myrtiform, Fragrance, Lord Gillie, Hurricane, Nap, Costley, Yum Yum, Prestissimo.

MAIDEN PLATE of 20 sovs. One mile.

Ma Boughal, Johnnie, Winifred, My Queen, Priscilla, Captive, Daisy, The Baron, Iron Bark, Transit, Fishmonger.

FLYING STAKES of 30 sovs. ¾ mile.

Premier, Prudence, Capella, Memorandum, Nigger, Ingonna, St. Michael, Blarney, Cynical, Cambria, Fishmonger.

HUNT CLUB CUP of 45 sovs. About 3½ miles.

Fly, Jim, Tawhiao, Fragrance, Hurricane, Odd Trick, Muscatelle, Costley.

OPEN HURDLES of 35 sovs. 1½ miles.

Premier, Begorra, Hopeful Kate, Myrtiform, Nap, Carronade, Satyr, Neli, Fishmonger, Blarney, Orlando, Larrikin, Irish Agitator.

FARMERS' PLATE of 20 sovs.

Falcon, Dundee, Mangere, Fly, Shotover, Tairoa, Kaiwaka, Ma Petite Fille, Artic, Muscatelle, Maritana.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

THE following nominations were received last night by Mr. Percival, secretary, for the principal events of the Spring and Summer Meetings:—

SPRING MEETING.

PRINCE OF WALES' HDOP. of 150 sovs. 1½ miles.

Patchwork, Reprisal, Fiesole, Cartridge, Glaucus, Leolantis, Torment, Antelope, Tamora, The Dreamer, Cynical, Hilda, Cissy, Cambria, Belmont, Country Boy, Leorina, Pinfire.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 70 sovs. 1½ miles.

Fishmonger, Yum Yum, Silvio, Parnell, Begorra, Carronade, Hopeful Kate, Orlando, Fragrance, Torment, Hailstone, Sentinel, Satyr, Hune, Te Kooti.

CITY HANDICAP of 100 sovs. 1½ miles.

Patchwork, Quadrant, Reprisal, Fiesole, Cartridge, Prudence, Glaucus, Leolantis, Torment, Antelope, Tamora, The Dreamer, St. Michael, Cynical, Hilda, Cissy, Pinfire, Cambria, Leorina, Country Boy, Te Kooti.

SUMMER MEETING.

AUCKLAND CUP of 600 sovs. 2 miles.

Patchwork, St. Andrew, Queen of Trumps, St. Malo, Reprisal, Cartridge, Ben Trovato, Crackshot, Bay King, Thackeray, Glaucus, Wolverine, Wayland, Medallion, Palliser, Leolantis, Whisper, Cyniska, Tirailleur, Jet d'Eau, Medjidie, Leonie, Warrior, Antelope, Crutchfield, Duda, The Dreamer, Strephon, Kapu, Cynical, Hilda, Cissy, Cambria, Belmont, Katinka, Aronoe, Leorina.

A.R.C. HANDICAP of 400 sovs. 1½ miles.

Patchwork, Quadrant, St. Andrew, Queen of Trumps, St. Malo, Reprisal, Raglan, Fiesole, Cartridge, Master Pat, Crackshot, Bay King, Thackeray, Glaucus, Wolverine, Wayland, Medallion, Palliser, Leolantis, Whisper, Cyniska, Tirailleur, Jet d'Eau, Mejidie, Leonie, Warrior, Antelope, Crutchfield, Duda, The Dreamer, Strephon, Kapu, Lochness, Cynical, Hilda, Cissy, Cambria, Belmont, Katinka, Aronoe, Leorina, Pinfire.

AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300 sovs. About three and a half miles.

Moderator, Silvio, Takapau, Parnell, Begorra, Sir Garnett, Uranus, Ringa, Defamer, Theorem, Wai-pipi, Hopeful Kate, Matchless, Off Chance, Jenny, Orlando, Fragrance, Duadine, Rewarewa, Sentinel, Scar, Argo, Satyr, Hune, Asper, Darnley, Te Kooti.

Mr. G. Ellis' mare Lady Florin (by Musket—Florin) is to be brought up this week on a visit to Castor. Mr. W. Douglas' Ingomar—Woodnymph mare will also be mated with Mr. Morrin's stallion.

ENGLISH SPORTING NOTES.

"RAPIER" in the *Sporting and Dramatic* states that Major Egerton, the English handicapper, still survives, and is grateful that his lot is cast in the nineteenth century. He has been remarkably successful of late in his weighting, as was fully perceived by experts who studied the weights for the Goodwood Stakes and the Stewards Cup, though some thought that he might have been more lenient to the Prince of Wales' mare Golden Maze, in the Charter Welter Handicap. Few men say neater things than Lord Marcus Beresford, who on reading down the handicap noted that H.R.H.'s mare had 8st. 10lb. to carry, and simply observed, "If Egerton had lived three hundred years ago he would have been beheaded;" as it was, Golden Maze ran very well, and if George Barrett had been well placed and been able to get through, she would then have won.

The same writer makes the remark:—"It is difficult to understand how races were judged before colours came into use, though of course in those days the fields were not so big as they are now. I suppose 'the man in the box' was some one who knew the horses running. The idea of racing jackets did not occur until 1762, but that is the date, according to a recently published book, when the Jockey Club (which according to the researches of Lord Suffolk, had then been in existence twelve years, the best tradition that his Lordship can trace fixing the date of its origin at 1750) passed a motion to the effect that:—"For the greater convenience of distinguishing the horses in running, and also for the prevention of disputes arising from not knowing the colours of each rider, the undermentioned gentlemen have come to the resolution and agreement of having colours annexed to the following names, worn by their respective riders." At that time there were eighteen prominent owners that registered their colours, including H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, the Dukes of Grafton, Devonshire, Kingston, Ancaster, and Bridgewater, etc. Lord Hartington's straw jacket is the only one that survives, the Duke of Westminster represents Lord Grosvenor, whose orange has become yellow and black cap, and Lord Marsh—who has at present no horses running—does not use the ancestral white, but would run in a yellow jacket, scarlet velvet cap, gold tassel. According to the latest Ruff there are at present 1256 registered colours."

According to "Rapier" the Prince of Wales continues to have bad luck on the turf. It was sheer bad luck that Counterpane should have dropped dead at Stockbridge, when she had apparently won the Stockbridge Cup, and it was also bad luck that Golden Maze should have swerved at the finish of the Goodwood Cup as Philomel only just won. The Imp has lost all form since H.R.H. bought him, just after he had won a big race at Kempton. Even his platers got beaten. Mareschal, when he defeated Nandine, was not the least fancied, starting at a decent price. Last year he had horses entered for the Woodcote New Stakes, Kempton Park International Breeders' Stake (four entries), the Great Richmond Sapling and other races. At Sandown the Middle Park Plate and other races the forfeits alone amounted to over £5000; and he won two little selling races, worth together just £204. Truly there is no royal road to the turf.

Mr. J. D. Hay is greatly disappointed with his two-year-olds got by Darebin, but it must be remembered that all his stock require time. It is a great pity that Darebin was ever permitted to leave Australia. The New Zealand Stud Company were strongly advised to buy him, and if they had done so instead of getting the rubbish they did, in all probability, they would have had a second Musket.

The cable informs us that at the Manchester Meeting on Saturday, the Lancashire Plate of 12,000 sovs., added to a sweepstake of 20 sovs. each for starters, fell to General Byrne's four-year-old chestnut horse Amphion, by Spiculum or Rosebery out of Suicide, Mr. J. Snarry's three-year-old bay colt, Martagnon, by Bend Or out of Tiger Lily being second and Lord Rosebery's brown filly by Foxhall out of Choppette third.