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SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

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 Nov. 10.....Gisborne Racing Club Spring Meeting.
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 Nov. 21.....Takapuna Spring. General Entries.
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 Nov. 12.....Wellington R.C. Spring.
 Nov. 12.....Dunedin J.C. Spring. Otago Cup and Handicaps.
 Nov. 14.....Takapuna Spring.
 Nov. 28.....Northern Wairoa Racing Club.
 Dec. 1.....Avondale Jockey Club.
 Dec. 5.....A.R.C. Summer. Auckland Cup and Summer Steeplechase.
 Dec. 8.....South Auckland Summer Meeting.
 Dec. 11.....Thames Jockey Club.
 Dec. 27.....Napier Park Summer. Handicaps.
 Jan. 3.....Wellington Cup.
 Jan. 10.....Egmont Racing Club Summer Meeting.

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

Nov. 4.....Gisborne Racing Club.
 Nov. 5.....A.R.C. Spring. President's & Flying Handicaps.
 Nov. 7.....Auckland Guineas (Forfeit).
 Nov. 14.....Pakuranga Racing Club.
 Nov. 17.....Wellington R.C. Spring.
 Nov. 20.....Dunedin J.C. Spring. Otago Cup and Handicaps.
 Nov. 21.....Takapuna Spring.
 Dec. 4.....Northern Wairoa Racing Club.
 Dec. 5.....Avondale Jockey Club.
 Dec. 10.....South Auckland Racing Club Summer.
 Dec. 12.....A.R.C. Summer. Auckland Cup and Summer Steeplechase.
 Dec. 19.....A.R.C. Summer. Minor Handicaps.
 Dec. 18.....Thames Jockey Club.
 Dec. 24.....Great Northern Foal Stakes. (Forfeit).
 Dec. 29.....Napier Park Summer. Handicaps.
 Jan. 24.....Egmont Racing Club Summer.

AQUATICS.

Nov. 19.....McLeah v. Stansbury, on the Paramatta.

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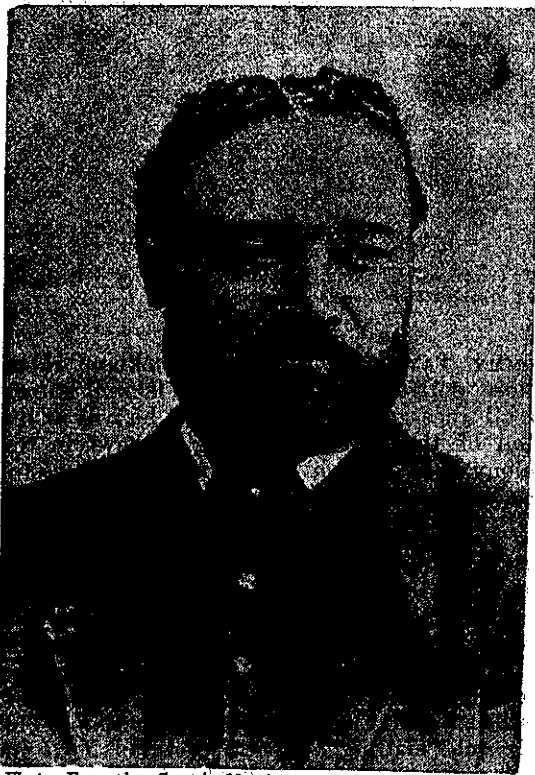
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MR. PERCY MARTIN.

OUR illustration represents Mr. PERCY MARTIN, the well-known trainer of Mr. S. H. Gollan's horses. Owing in a great measure to his careful superintendence, Mr. Gollan's name appeared at the head of the list of winning owners in New Zealand last year, while Mr. Martin's special idol, Tiraille, towered head and shoulders above every other horse of his year. Should the Napier trainer be successful in leading in Jet d'Eau as the winner of the New Zealand Cup next Tuesday, he will have accomplished the record of training two Cup winners in succession.

Sporting Review.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1890.

IN the sporting leader of the Australasian we are informed that the V.R.C. Committee have appointed a stipendiary steward. They have taken this step for the purpose of putting a stop to some of the abuses which have too long helped to degrade the Victorian turf. It has been the custom, not only at suburban, but

also at Metropolitan meetings, to run horses to suit the tastes of many of the owners. In many instances the bookmakers have suffered, in other cases certain bookmakers have been the prime movers, and not only the owners but the general public have suffered. Some of the light-weight jockeys are also said to be in the hands of unprincipled scoundrels, who have worked them for their own interest. It will be one of the duties of the new official to discover allegations and report them to the Victorian Racing Club. The duties of the stipendiary steward have been defined by the Club. First of all he is required to inspect all courses and satisfy himself as to measurements and defining distances at racecourses. It is presumed this means that he shall report upon the accommodation provided for the public, also for competitors, jockeys, etc., as some of the suburban meetings are lamentably deficient in this respect. A re-measurement of distances three feet from the posts will set at rest all doubts as to the correctness of certain courses, which are so much faster than others. Three feet from the post on a circular course is too little, as there is hardly a horse that can turn as close as that to the post. If we remember rightly, it used to be nine feet in England, and lately they have passed a new rule making it still more. At Newmarket, as in America, the distance is taken from the centre of the course; but at Newmarket and most of the principal racecourses in England the courses are nearly straight, only a few being what you might call circular, such as Chester, where the inside horse gets a great advantage. The V.R.C. official is to act as steward at race meetings except those held under the auspices of the V.R.C. stewards at Flemington, where, on such occasions, his functions will be restricted to acting under the directions of the V.R.C. Stewards and Committee. He should also be required to place himself somewhere about the distance post, or at the last turn, where the jockeys generally put the brake on, as it is there that the robberies are generally committed. Another of his duties will be to report what he sees to the V.R.C. Committee and the handicappers. This will be bound to have a good effect if he is a thoroughly competent man, as the handicappers cannot have their eyes everywhere or even attend all meetings. The new official must not have any interest, directly or indirectly, in any racecourse, racehorse, or betting. As the V.R.C. recognise ponies, it will also be his duty to measure them all, and his decision is to be final. The V.R.C. Committee have selected one of their own members, and from all accounts he is the right man in the right place.

The New Zealand Metropolitan Clubs would do well to follow the example of the V.R.C. and appoint a stipendiary steward. One would think there would be little trouble in each Club being able to select a suitable man, but if they should do so they must select a man *sans peur et sans reproche*. The sooner this matter is considered by the Metropolitan Clubs the better, as at many of the country meetings the accommodation for the general public, etc., is simply disgraceful, while the stewards in many cases are completely ignorant of racing. The consequence is that swindling on all sides is rife, and not only are the public done, but the handicappers are bluffed, and when the *coup* comes off they are blamed. We hope to see the A.R.C. Committee follow the example of the Victorian Racing Club before the summer meeting comes off.

"Martindale" states that he has heard that after the Melbourne Meeting is over Walter Hickenbotham will retire from training Mr. Brodrick's horses, and that his successor will be Ted Cutts. No doubt Walter is pretty tired of the trouble and excitement of preparing such high priced horses.

THE TURF.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

THE Pakuranga Hunt Club held their annual races at Ellerslie last Saturday. The racing does not call for much comment. Old Hurricane showed that he has not lost his form, as he fairly cantered away with the Hunt Club Cup, and, despite his dicky leg—which I must say is one of the worst I ever saw—he annexed the Members' Hurdle Race in the same easy fashion. The horses competing in the other races were for the most part a very inferior lot, and will be only heard of at some of the "leather-flapping" meetings. There was a good deal of dissatisfaction expressed with regard to the working of the totalisator in the first race. Tickets were being put on the winner after the horses had started. It appears that the A.R.C. Committee, instead of sticking to the old orthodox system of having a flag hoisted when the totalisator is to be opened and pulled down when closed, have an electric bell. This got out of order, and the secretary trying to ring it and finding the machine still working, sent a messenger over to see what was the matter, and immediately stopped the machine. One habit, I am sorry to say, is increasing, *i.e.*, allowing trainers to bring horses into the saddling paddock that are not engaged in any race. The space is quite limited enough as it is, and the danger in getting about is materially increased when there are a lot of young and fractious ones walking round. This custom I have no doubt will be stopped when one of the Committee gets a good kick in a tender spot or some bad accident takes place. Amongst those so paraded I noticed Reprisal and The Workman. With the former I was much disappointed, as I expected to see a very different animal, and it will much surprise me if he can get beyond a mile in good company. Major George has to all appearances a rattling good colt in The Workman, and if he only receives fair treatment he should make a name for himself, but at present he gives you the idea of having done too much work so early in the year for a colt of his size. None of the others struck me as above the average, though I have no doubt Orestes and the Maid of Honour colt will pay their way.

THIS week is without exception the hardest of the racing season for a sporting writer, as he is supposed to give his readers the straight-out tips for the V.R.C. Derby and the Melbourne Cup, and if he does not he is blamed and called a fool at his business by many of would-be knowing ones. Those on the spot have of course a great advantage, as, if they know anything of their work, they can judge for themselves. We at a distance have only book form to go upon, and such information as can be obtained privately, as the reports that come over by cablegram from the Press Association, and which appear in the daily papers are most unreliable. I have spent many weeks reading up and getting the best information possible for the benefit of my readers, and this I intend giving them, at the same time giving them the best of my opinion as to which has the best chance for both races. If I am wrong my readers must not blame me. Some of them followed my selection for the Caulfield Cup and profited by it. The same may be said of those that followed my early selection of The Admiral for the V.R.C. Derby when he was at 10 to 1, and Titan a hot favourite of 2 to 1. The Admiral is now first favourite at 2 to 1, and though I am not in general fond of first favourites, as he was my original selection I cannot desert him. The way in which he won the Caulfield Stakes with a 7lbs penalty when not thoroughly wound up proves that he is a thoroughly good colt. Annesley since his running in the Caulfield Guineas has been heavily backed for this race, but he is no favourite of mine, besides that I have reasons to believe it was not a true run race. Titan, Gatling, Gibraltar, and Whimberel have all performed more than once together this season. Titan in my opinion cannot stay, and from what I can learn the word "cur" may be added to his name. Gibraltar I am sorry to say has gone amiss. He was from all accounts a thoroughly good colt. Though he pulled me through in the A.J.C. Derby I must now discard him. Gatling and Whimberel are the next two

The former at the present time is the best favourite. This is owing to there being more money behind him than the other. Taking the running of the two my decided preference is for Whimberel. Beverley is another that has been backed, owing to his being second in the Guineas, but there is no reason to suppose that he can reverse the running with Annesley. Correze is a great fancy of mine. Last season he was little inferior to the best of his year. He has wintered well, undergone a good preparation, and the party connected with him have their money on. The final payments are not made until the night before the race, so we shall not know what are likely to start until too late to be of any use. In all probability the field will number twelve or fourteen, and I have received no information to make me alter last week's opinion:—

THE ADMIRAL,

CORREZE and WHIMBEREL. The two last I recommend as good place investments.



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TOMMY TAYLOR.

TOMMY TAYLOR, the clever Auckland rider, whose portrait we give above, is well known to all race-goers. Last season he was at the head of the poll of winning jockeys in the Colony. We wish him another successful season in the pig-skin.

THE acceptances for the Melbourne Cup are to hand, forty-two having declared content. Of these it may be expected that half a dozen will not go to the post, as one owner is represented by four horses. When I first commented on the handicap (August 23), I selected ten horses. I still have Melos, Singapore, Tantallon, The Admiral, Gatling, and Whimberel left in. The running this season and the betting market show that several little thought of at that time have now become dangerous, so I will therefore go through the horses left in again. Carbine has been the favourite with the general public for a long time, and their money rather than the stable's, have made him and kept him first favourite. There is no getting away from the fact that he is one of the best horses that have appeared for a long time on the Australian turf, but rost. 5lb. in a large field is a crusher; he cannot lie in front, but must wait; therefore what are the chances, with so many light weights, that he does not get blocked, if not upset, when he tries to come through? For this reason alone I must discard him, at the same time I feel pretty confident that Melos will beat him at the weights, even if both of them meet with no impediment. Cuirassier comes next on the list. I have always ignored his chance, and at the time of writing he is suffering from a severe attack of "pencil fever," and the Australian bookmakers are pretty shrewd. Singapore is the next I will notice. His running in the Caulfield Cup disappointed not only myself, but also his own stable. The course was certainly very heavy, in fact it was in some places over the fetlocks, and this may account for his running, as some horses cannot

move in mud, while others revel in it. Prince Consort, Tantallon, Titan, and Carbine are all in the same stable; the reports regarding the two former are very conflicting, for my own part I prefer Tantallon, though his running at Caulfield does not support my views, but the course was heavy. The Queen has been heavily backed for the race, and was my selection for the Metropolitan, when she could only get third. Here she holds Little Bernie, on paper form, safe, even ignoring his running in the Caulfield Cup, where I think he was "milked." Chaldean has been backed to win a lot of money by his party, who are very smart. His best record was made in Tasmania, but when he was brought to Victoria he did nothing. Vengeance, who pulled me victoriously through the Caulfield Cup has received a lot of support, and never has a horse had a better chance of appropriating the double, and with but one exception I think he will beat all that ran in the Caulfield Cup, and that is Enuc. It is said that Enuc lost at the start, got blocked, and met with a lot of other mishaps, and then he was catching the leaders at every stride. My argument is that if the boy could not ride him in the Caulfield Cup, he cannot in this race, but *they may get one that can.* We now come to The Admiral, Whimberel, Gatling, Correze, and Annesley. As I have said in previous articles, the winner of the V.R.C. Derby will be very close to the Cup winner. I must, however, remind my readers that Mr. Cook has a strong hand, as he has paid up for The Admiral, The Spot, The Harbour Light, and The Jesusite. The man that can pick the best of the "The's" is a lucky one. Loyalstone should be held safe by Vengeance and Enuc. Of the ragged division the only one that has been backed is Highborn, but his record does not point to him as having a chance. I think I have mentioned all the horses from which the winner is likely to spring. Those I most fancy are Melos, The Queen, Tantallon, Vengeance, and the winner of the Derby. What will this be? If it turns up in the Admiral, Mr. Cook may select another of the "The's." All the above I fancy are good place investments, but if compelled to take three I will select

THE DERBY WINNER

TANTALLON and VENGEANCE

I have not the advantage of the daily papers, as I shall not know the result of the Melbourne Stakes or the Derby, but if The Admiral wins the Derby let my readers watch for The Spot or The Harbour Light. The placed horses for the Melbourne Stakes are dangerous, but backers must judge for themselves.

THE New Zealand Cup to be run next Tuesday does not excite nearly so much interest in Auckland as does the Melbourne Cup, but I suppose my readers will expect me to say a little about it, though "Nordenfeldt" has gone extensively into it. Last week I mentioned that in substituting St. Andrew for Medallion I should not be far off the winner; making my selections Freedom, St. Andrew, and Wolverine as a "cockboat." I have no reason to alter my opinion, especially as from private information I hear that Crackshot requires more time. Merrie England has gone amiss, but as he is rather in the habit of doing this he may come again before the day. Dudu has been doing uncommonly well and is greatly fancied by some, but I have my doubts if she can get over the two miles. Whisper is another that some writers fancy, but though a good mare over her own distance this race if a true run one must be beyond the length of her tether. As space is valuable this week I shall only say that I fancy for the Cup either

FREEDOM or ST. ANDREW,

with WOLVERINE for a place. C.J.C. Derby—St. Andrew or Freedom, and the Canterbury Cup—Freedom and St. Andrew. In conclusion I may remark that I think these two will divide the big races.

I have received the following "tip" for the Melbourne Cup from a dreamer who signs himself "Whisky":—The Harbour Light, 1; Carbine, 2; Vengeance, 3. It surely must have been Robertson's whisky, as it is an uncommonly good selection.

Weights for handicaps at the Pakuranga Racing Club's Spring Meeting will be declared on Friday next.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

NOMINATIONS for the following events of the Takapuna Jockey Club's Spring Meeting close on FRIDAY next, with Mr. R. Wynyard at 9 p.m.:

- Handicap Maiden Hurdles, 30 sovs., 1½ miles
- Handicap Maiden Plate, 30 sovs., 1 mile
- Devonport Handicap, 40 sovs., 5½ furlongs
- Handicap Hurdles, 50 sovs., 1½ miles
- Handicap Steeplechase, 80 sovs., 3½ miles
- Spring Handicap, 35 sovs., ¼ mile
- St. Andrew's Handicap, 75 sovs., 1½ miles

Nominations for the Takapuna Stakes of 100 sovs., 1 mile 1½ furlongs, to be run at the Summer Meeting of 1892 (for now two-year-olds), close at the same time and place.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

Acceptances for the following events close with Mr. Percival on WEDNESDAY next, at 8 p.m.:

- President's Handicap, 60 sovs., one mile
- Flying Handicap, 60 sovs., 6 furlongs

On Friday, by 12 noon, the forfeit (5 sovs.) for the Auckland Guineas must be declared and paid, or the nominator will be liable for the whole sweepstake, 10 sovs.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

Acceptances for the following events of the Gisborne Racing Club's Spring Meeting are due on Tuesday, November 4th, with the Secretary, Mr. M. G. Nasmith:—

- Flying Handicap, 30 sovs., 6 furlongs
- Hurdle Handicap, 40 sovs., 2 miles
- Park Handicap, 100 sovs., 1½ miles
- Grand Stand Handicap, 30 sovs., 1 mile and a distance

CHRISTCHURCH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Saturday, October 25th.

BEFORE another communication from my pen can appear in your columns the New Zealand Cup will be numbered with past events. The race as it at present appears seems to be as open a one as in the history of the handicap. The mysterious horse of the dozen engaged is the top weight, Merrie England. No horse has been doing better work at Riccarton—he has been galloping as strong as a lion. One morning, last Monday, he was conspicuous by his absence from the track, and since then has not been seen out. There have been all sorts of rumours flying about in regard to the horse, some statements being credited that he is going on with his preparation removed from the public gaze. There could be no possible reason, as far as I can conceive, for the horse's friends to take this course, and I must conclude that he has developed some ailment. It will be remembered that it was just a fortnight prior to last year's Cup that Merrie England went wrong previously. Had the son of Rupee received no interruption in his training I should have unhesitatingly plumped for him to win the Cup, but under the circumstances I must leave him out of the reckoning. Of Occident's ability to add the £1000 race to his other victories I have no great opinion, and the three mares following him in the handicap I must also pass over. This brings us to the Guineas winner, St. Andrew, who now occupies the pride of place in the betting market. His friends are confident that the St. Leger colt will give a good account of himself, and rely on his emulating the deeds of Manton and Tirailleux. We shall see. Another Napier candidate that will have to be counted with is Jet d'Eau. The stable-companion of Tirailleux is said to have been very highly tried, can stay with the best, and go fast. He will be dangerous. Crackshot is on the improve every day and will run a good horse. Wolverine has never yet shown his ability to get a distance, but he may be improving in this respect with age. He has not yet arrived at Riccarton, and nothing definite is known of the horse's condition. Dan O'Brien's Freedom was at first thought to be out of place in the big handicap, but the colt has quite recently acquired a lot of supporters by his consistent going on the track. He will strip fit and may effect a surprise. The two light weights, Strephon and Kotuku, may be left out of the reckoning altogether. To sum up, and with Merrie England out of the way, I am inclined to think the struggle will be left to the three-year-olds, and I would place them thus:—

- CRACKSHOT 1
- ST. ANDREW 2
- JET D'EAU 3

Over the Derby course, and both carrying equal burdens, I would reverse the order to that given in the Cup, and go for St. Andrew to win, with Crackshot next best.

The withdrawal of Tirailleux from our champion race, the Canterbury Cup, has led to some speculation as to whether last year's crack is altogether right, it being argued that if he were the opportunity of picking up an easy £500 with him would not be thrown away. With Merrie England presumably in Queer street, and provided Tirailleux to be in anything like condition, the Canterbury Cup would, I take it, have been appropriated without much difficulty by Mr. Gollan's horse, but the Napier sportsman, so report says, does not care to risk defeat with Tirailleux. He may have formed an exalted opinion of our three-year-olds, and it would not be long odds on Tirailleux if he and Merrie England met, both fit and well. But this is not to the purpose. Tirailleux is not to be run in the Canterbury Cup, Merrie England is under a cloud, and the four three-year-olds have only Occident opposed to them, and one of the number should be quite equal to disposing of him.

The North Canterbury meeting on Thursday last was a most successful gathering. Ahua again showed his worth by running away with the chief prize, the Cup of 80 sovs. He carried top weight, 9st., and ran the mile and a half in 2.44. The Brockenhurst Stakes, for two-year-olds, and which it was expected would throw some light on the Welcome Stakes, was taken by the Middle Park Co.'s b c Morpheus, by St. George—Hammock. Cajolery, who was made a warm favorite, showed temper, was left at the post, and was never in the hunt. The other starters were Union Flag, Fairchild, and May. In the run home Morpheus had only to shake off Union Flag, which he succeeded in doing without any difficulty. Morpheus is a slashing big colt, who has as yet done very little work. He is a favorite of mine, but I hardly expected him to run so well as he did at Rangiora, although when properly wound up I imagined he would be about as good a youngster as we have. Morpheus was for a long time in the sale list at something like 200 gs., but double that sum would not now buy the colt.

At Middle Park last week Idalia dropped twin colt foals to Apremont. Both were quite strong, but whereas one was of full size the other was very small. The smaller one was taken from the mother to be hand reared, but died three days after birth. A friend of mine when looking at the Park dams a couple of months ago predicted that the dam of Sir Modred would bear twins, and later on further wagered that two colts would be brought forth. The wager was accepted and as you see the layer won. There was an old legend (shall I call it) which said when a mare produced twins she would not breed the year following. This is quite a fallacy as the case of Idalia proves, for on a former occasion this mare slipped twins but produced the next year.

The Referee case has been hung up for some time, the application to delay further proceedings with the convictions being adjourned until Judge Denniston's return to town. There is very little doubt in most people's minds that the Magistrate's decision cannot be disturbed. However, as the case is *sub judice*, it would not be right to make any comments meantime.

ERRATUM.—Was it my mistake or was it the intelligent comp.? What I said or meant to say in regard to His Excellency's visit to Ashburton was, that he had a good look at the hunter The Moor, not that he had hunted on the horse. I believe I am correct in saying that Lord Onslow has not actively participated in hunting since coming to New Zealand.

Latest betting on the Cup:—Jet d'Eau and Crackshot 3 to 1. All the money in the market was taken early about these two, and the book-makers do not care to lay, some having overlaid Crackshot. St. Andrew 4 to 1 offered; Dudu and Wolverine 6 to 1; Occident 8 to 1; 10 to 20 to 1 the others.

In an action brought in August in the City of London Court, to recover damages for being bitten by a horse which had never been known to bite before, Mr. Commissioner Kerr gave judgment for its owner, the defendant. The law, he said, was that dogs and horses were allowed one bite, and no more. The defendant's horse had had his bite, and his owner was not legally responsible for it.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

THERE has not been much work done at Ellerslie during the week. On Thursday, however, some useful exercise was got through. The Captivator—Madcap colt went once round the trial track slow. Patchwork was sent a good two rounds at a working pace. Reprisal and Fiesole ran a trial over a mile and a quarter, in which Fiesole showed to most advantage. Glaucus went two rounds slow, and Hopeful Kate placed three circuits behind her, moving freely. Vendetta and The Workman were despatched for a sharp spurt over five furlongs, Vendetta finishing in front. The Dreamer, who moved very sluggishly, was sent twice round at half-pace, and Moderator, who bolted with his boy, went three rounds before he was pulled up. Priscilla placed two rounds behind her at half-pace, and Nap did similar exercise. Hailstorm, Jim, Landseer, and Huntsman also worked. A filly from the Waikato, by St. Leger, also did useful exercise.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

THE annual race-meeting of the Pakuranga Hunt Club was brought off, after a week's adjournment owing to the heavy rains, on Saturday last. The weather, fortunately, was most propitious, and the attendance consequently quite up to the average. On the stand there were a large number of ladies, who seemed to take more than ordinary interest in the sport. Mr. Thomas Morrin occupied the judge's box, but he had no close finishes to trouble him, and Mr. E. D. Halstead was successful with the starters flag. Mr. R. Garrett officiated as clerk of the scales, and Mr. T. Brown (the huntsman) as clerk of the course. Mr. H. H. Hayr worked energetically as secretary. The totalisators were in charge of Messrs. Adams and Andrews, who, unfortunately for themselves, made a very serious error in paying out too large a dividend on the Members' Hurdle Race, a mistake which cost them over eighty pounds. The dividend paid out was £2 2s., whereas each of the 184 investors on Hurricane were only justly entitled to £1 13s. Hunter's Artillery Band discoursed some excellent music on the lawn, which materially assisted to enliven the afternoon's proceedings. Unfortunately a severe accident occurred, Mr. E. B. Laxon, who was riding Lawhiao in the Members' Hurdles, receiving a fall and fracturing his collar-bone. He was promptly attended to by Dr. Coom.

The racing does not call for much comment. Orlando, who appeared rather "beefy," won the Open Hurdle Race pretty comfortably. The old son of The Painter will yet pick up a few crumbs at the minor meetings. Nap, who was much fancied in some quarters, was never prominent, but probably the horse was not seen at his best. The Hunt Club Cup was robbed of some of its interest owing to the absence of Costley, who, unfortunately, broke down the morning before the race. Old Hurricane, who has certainly proved himself a bit of a wonder, was the only one out of the six starters that negotiated his obstacles without making a mistake. He was capitally ridden by Mr. Tom Craig, who rode with consummate judgment throughout. Capella, favoured by a good start, won the Flying Stakes pretty easily, and thus scored, at the first time of asking, for her present owner. Old Falcon again appropriated the Farmers' Plate for Mr. John Leonard, being admirably handled by Mr. E. D. O'Rorke. Priscilla scored her first victory in the Maiden Plate, which she won pretty easily from a field of nine runners. This filly is a half-sister to the well-performed Patchwork, being by Captivator—Patch. She started six times last season without running prominently. Transit, who started a warm favourite for the event, was not dangerous at any portion of the journey. Hurricane had no difficulty in winning the Members' Hurdle Race from the moderate three opposed to him, and Lord Gillie, ridden by his owner, had a still easier task set him in the Ladies' Bracelet.

Auckland, the steeplechaser, has been turned out for a spell, and will be put into work again about December with a view to competing in the Autumn and Winter Steeplechases.

ATHLETICS.

[BY NIMBLEFOOT.]

The Dunedin A.A.C. annual sports take place on the Casbrook Ground in December. All the events with the exception of two bicycle races are open to members of any Club affiliated to the N.Z.A.A.A. At the end of their programme appears the following: N.B.—The next championship meeting takes place in Auckland next February, and it is the intention of the Committee to send a team from the D.A.A.C., and the performances at the coming sports will be a guide to those likely to be chosen in the team.

M. Monnock, the ex-New Zealander, with 6yds. start, ran second in a 75yds. professional handicap at Lillie Bridge, Stamford, September 24th, W. J. Byrne, 4yds., winning.

The annual 24 hours race of the North Roads Cycling Club (Eng.) was decided on a well arranged course in the neighbourhood of Hitchin, Bygleswade, Peterborough, Wisbeck, Huntingdon, Lynn, Bedford, and other places, finishing at Hitchin. Forty-four riders started from Hitchin. Soon after the start Mr. A. Holbein of the Calford Club took the lead, and at the expiration of the first twelve hours he had covered 178 miles—2½m. better than the record. Holding the lead throughout Holbein eventually won with 336½ miles, thus beating the record by 12½ miles. Bullake on a tricycle with 289 miles beat the three wheel record by 9 miles.

ONE HUNDRED MILES RECORD.—Mr. R. C. Nesbitt, Bath Road Club (Eng.), succeeded in lowering the record by 20min. for ordinary bicycles, his time being 6hrs. 27min. 30secs. The course was from the 63 milestone near Huntingdon to Henslow and back to Lynn.

A.A.A. & C.C. SPORTS.

HENDRY has Beale and Seccombe in hand for the walk, but I have not seen them out yet.

Creamer, the winner of the walk at last sports is in very good nick, and is walking in a very taking manner, as also are Peace and Edmonds.

Fenton, of Fire Brigade fame, is an aspirant for the walk and will take a lot of beating.

Christie, under the charge of Johnston, is a much improved man, and is shaping very prettily indeed, and is worthy of imitation by many of our amateurs.

Another man that is coming on is Mowbray, who moves in a nice free style.

Crocker is putting in slow work, and seems strong and well.

Johnson is shaping wonderfully well for a beginner.

Collins, Brigham, Hutchison, Whiteside, Barton, Laird, and several others, are all training on satisfactorily.

Owen has been an absentee from the track for some days.

Clarke, the winner of the mile at last sports, is the only long distance runner I have seen out yet.

Next week will see all the men moving along a bit smarter, and I will be better able to judge of their merits.

DEMONSTRATION SPORTS.

OWING to the heavy rains little work has been done on the Domain, but on Saturday a good few took advantage of the fine weather, and some good work was put in.

Purdie, Howie, and Cummins seem to be in good fettle, and the latter I think will have a good look in for the sprints.

McDermott and Wilson have the Obstacle race in their eye, and it will be a good go between them. The former has somewhat of a reputation as a negotiator of obstacles, while the latter is known as a gymnast of some repute.

Goodman, Holt, Smith, Beasley, and others are getting into form for the walk, and an interesting event is expected.

A special cablegram to the *Sydney News*, states that Lord Randolph Churchill offered Mr. Cooper 2,700 guineas for the colt Wentworth, recently purchased by Mr. Cooper at the sale of the late Hon. Jas. White's horses for 1,700 guineas, and 3,000 guineas for the filly Mons Meg, purchased for 2,600 guineas. Mr. Cooper declined both offers.

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.
November 1—"O" Battery, Engineers.

[BY CARBINE.]

The final stage of the "O" Battery Challenge Cup takes place this afternoon at the Mount Eden Range, when an interesting finish may be expected between Serjts. McCallum and Fairs.

The Victoria Rifles fire for the Schapp Belt this afternoon at the Onehunga range, the distances being 200, 300, and 500 yards.

The highest aggregates for the Wellington Navals' Belt at present are:—P.O. Williams, 386; Seaman France, 357; Seaman Stitt, 350; Seaman F. France, 344; C.P.O. Armstrong, 341. The seventh match (final stage) has yet to be fired, and judging from the aggregate of P.O. Williams he should have an easy win.

It is improbable that any change will be made in the volunteer system until after next session, except in uniforms, and this will only apply to the undress, it being probable that "Garkie" will be substituted for the present blue, but this will not be definitely decided until the Defence Minister has inspected a uniform at present being made up.



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MR. F. SMITH.

THIS week we give our subscribers the portrait of 1st P.O. F. Smith, of the Auckland Navals, whose record as a carbine shot has been very fair. P.O. Smith has been for the last sixteen years a member of the Auckland Navals, and has always come in for a fair share of prizes. He at present holds the Company's Champion Belt, which he has won five times, the last three years in succession. He has won Dr. Walker's Cup four times, thus becoming his own property; also the Insurance Co.'s medal and Hon. Member Norrie's two medals right out. He represents the Company each year at the New Zealand Rifle Association meetings.

The competition between the "O" Battery and Ponsonby Navals in 64-pounder gun drill took place on Saturday last at Fort Resolution. The maximum number of points to be obtained for general duties, preparing for action, and laying were 115. In this the Navals came out best, scoring 107 points against the Battery's 106, but in the firing they were much behind, taking 7 minutes to fire the three rounds against their rivals' 4 min. 49 sec.; the "O" Battery team were therefore declared the winners. Capt. Morrison and Serjt.-Major Bush, of the Permanent Force, acted as judges, and gave entire satisfaction.

The monthly competition of the Auckland Martini-Henri Rifle Club was held at Onehunga on Saturday last. The ranges were 300, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each. The shooting was rather below the average, although two or three good scores were made.

The following are the quarterly prize winners, decided by the best two scores during the quarter:—

Taylor, "A" Battery	83	84	167	— 1
Tobin, Royal Irish	81	80	161	— 2
Spinley, Ponsonby Navals	75	84	159	— 3
Haultain, "A" Battery	72	83	155	— 4
Webster, "A" Battery	74	79	153	— 5

RECENT FOALINGS.

WE are indebted to a valued correspondent for the following list of recent foalings:—

Lady Franklin, by Day Dawn—Maid of Athens, filly to The Dauphin.
Una, by Billingsgate—Una, colt to The Dauphin.
Fair Lillian, by Musket—Pastime, colt to The Dauphin.
Pastime, by Totara, filly to The Dauphin.
Dressmaker, by Knottingly, filly to The Dauphin.
Katipo, by Tregeagle II.—Pungawerewere, colt to The Dauphin.
Melody, by Feve—Jenny Lind, filly to Flintlock.
Brown Rose, by Anteros—Bay Camden mare, colt to Flintlock.
Miss Quail, by King Quail—dam by Derby, filly to The Dauphin.
Signa, by Kingfisher—Winnie, filly to Flintlock.
Ratifa, by Pacific, twin foals to Flintlock (both dead).
Oct. 17th, Lady Sterling, by Sterlingworth, out of Lady Elizabeth, colt to Cap-a-pie.
Oct. 28th, Weazel, by Anteros, out of Zealandia, colt to Tetford.

ENGLISH SPORTING NOTES.

THE Sussex fortnight was brought to a successful close at Lewes. The weather has been perfect throughout, and though some little rain fell in the morning at Lewes, the racing was interesting enough. Sea Song won the Coombe Stakes by a head from Spotted Beauty and Chesterfield—a colt by Wisdom. Bramble beat Martenhurst by three lengths in the Priory Stakes. Muley won the Club Open Handicap by two lengths from Gay Hampton, who, as usual, refused to try when the race seemed a certainty for him. It must be a thankless office running such horses, but as Martley has taken to winning, some of the other queer-tempered ones may in time do the same. Alchemist won the Mile Selling Plate easily.

Racing near London has not many attractions in the month of August, nevertheless there was a fair attendance and some good sport at Kempton Park. Minuet won the International Breeders' Two-Year-Old Stakes for Alic Taylor; but the most important event was the City of London Breeders' Foal Stakes, for which Mr Brampton's Oddfellow was made favourite. He was easily beaten by Mr. Houldsworth's Ponza, however. The two days' racing at Redcar were chiefly remarkable for the successful riding of Bruckshaw, who had half-a-dozen successful mounts, and the victory of John Osborne's Punster, ridden by "The Pusher" himself, in the Redcar Two-Year-Old Stakes. At Windsor the Berkshire Plate fell to the Duke of Beaufort's Simonetta.

At Stockton, Queen's Birthday—who had twice scored at Redcar during the previous week—carried off the Great Northern Leger from a field which included Childebert and Magazine. An accident befell Memoir. She hit her leg, and the joint filled, with the result that she was absent from exercise for several days, and retired to 8 to 1, Surefoot taking her place as favourite. Mr. C. Perkins' Hutton Conyers won the Zetant Plate at Stockton, and Mr. Abington rode four winners at Wolverhampton. One of these was Ashton, on whom he scored again at Lichfield. A curious circumstance occurred at the last named meeting. After one race neither the winning jockey nor any of the others could draw the proper weight. On examination it was found that some one—either by malice or as a joke—had attached a piece of lead to one of the scales. T. Loates still heads the list of winning jockeys, but has nothing like so good an average as last year. George Barrett is second, some way behind. At York, in spite of Creator's defeat at Stockton, he was made favourite for the Prince of Wales Plate, and, after a good race, secured this valuable stake for Mr. J. Lowther. The Yorkshire Oaks fell—as was expected—to Mr. Houldsworth's Ponza, and the Lonsdale Stakes to Eaglesham, Mr. McGregor, which came in first, being disqualified for boring.

At Wellington Park, Yattacy (by Yattendor) has produced a chestnut colt to Nordenfeldt. This is the last of Mr. Morrin's brood-mares to foal.

TURF TATTLE.

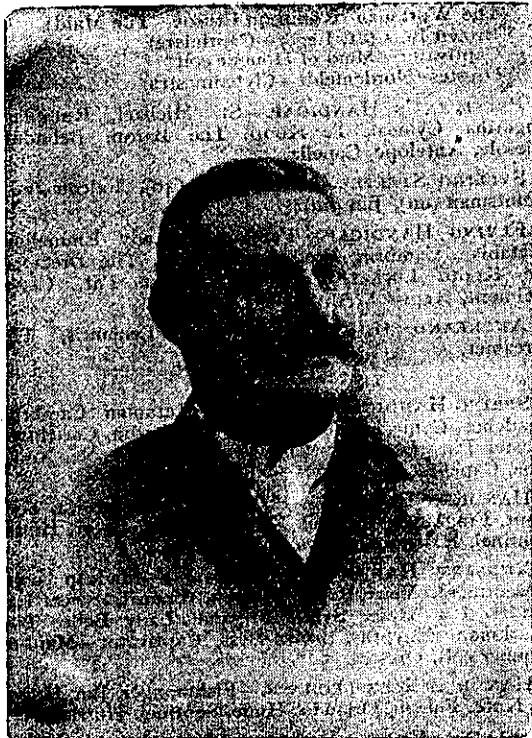
[BY NORDENFELDT.]

THE N.Z. Cup will come up for decision on Tuesday next, and is one of the most open races for this particular event that has yet been contested. Merrie England heads the list of those remaining in, with 9st. 2lb. opposite his name. He has been responsible for some sterling good work this winter, and until recently had quite a host of admirers. He is said to be slightly amiss, and I cannot stand him. He has 2lb. more than weight-for-age to carry, and has to give Crackshot 7lb. according to the same scale. I think Butler's colt would beat him at weight-for-age, and therefore I must pass him by. Occident, 8st. 13lb., will have to be a much better horse than he was last year to win this event, and I do not fancy him. Dudu, 8st. 9lb., is another candidate who has undergone an excellent preparation, but I don't think she has any chance of beating the three-year-old division. Cynisca and Whisper, 7st. 12lb. each, will both find the distance of this race a bit beyond their reach, should they start, but I quite expect to find their names missing when the final payments are made this evening (Friday). I now come to St. Andrew, 7st. 9lb., the Hawke's Bay Guineas winner. The last two Cup winners had previously won the Guineas, but I do not think history will repeat itself this year. During the week I have had a conversation with a gentleman who was present at the Hawke's Bay Meeting—one who has a thorough knowledge of racing—and he assures me that Crackshot will most certainly beat the Guineas winner over a distance of ground. When Mr. Butler's colt was at Napier he was very gross, and the gallop on the first day did him a power of good. My informant says he will be a much improved colt by Cup day, while, on the other hand, St. Andrew was wound up to about concert pitch, and is not likely to make any perceptible improvement. As Crackshot has already proved himself a stayer, and St. Andrew has not, and, moreover, as the latter has to carry 8lb. more than the former, I certainly favour most the chances of Mr. Butler's colt. The next in order of weight is Jet d'Eau, 7st. 7lb., who I might call the "Marvel" of the New Zealand Cup, as the tactics pursued with him have been very much on a par with those of the party behind the sensational horse of that name in Australia. Both are reported to be "dead birds" when slipped. There is no doubt that Mr. Gollan backed his horse for a lot of money early in the day, and as he has now withdrawn Tirailleuse and Medjidie, it looks as if there was some method in his apparent madness, but in public Jet d'Eau has done nothing to recommend himself for a race of this description. I have a sneaking regard for his chance, and if the winner is to come from the aged division I think Jet d'Eau will be the pea. I have dealt with Crackshot's chance, as compared with St. Andrew's, and, all things considered, I think he will be the hardest horse to beat on the day. Strephon, 6st. 12lb., has been showing some very fair form recently down Napier way. His best performance was running second to Crackshot in the Spring Handicap, when giving Butler's horse 4lb. He now meets the three-year-old on 7lbs. better terms, and if he can stay out the distance may have an outside show. Crackshot, as I have already mentioned above, was susceptible of a lot of improvement, and my informant says he won the Spring Handicap with a bit in hand; therefore I think he holds Strephon safe. Wolverine, 6st. 11lb., has stood out as one of the blots of the handicap all through. As I pointed out some weeks ago, on one occasion last season he gave weight away to both Occident and St. James and beat them. Quite recently he pulled off a double at Dunedin under heavy imposts, but his victories so far have been achieved over short courses, and he has yet to prove that he can successfully get to the end of a two-mile journey. Freedom, 6st. 9lb., performed very respectably as a two-year-old, and as he receives 6lb. from Crackshot of his own age, he may run prominently. He is reported to be very well. Kotuku, 6st. 3lb., completes the list. This five-year-old sister of Scots Grey's won the Park Stakes Handicap at Napier the other day, beating Strephon easily by three lengths, at a difference of 4lbs. in her favour. She now gets 9lb. from Ingomar's son,

and must beat him again. She has a capital chance of boiling over the pot, and giving the bookmakers an opportunity of skinning the lamb. I think, however, that the race lies between Mr. Butler's Crackshot and Mr. Gollan's Jet d'Eau, and I have a decided preference for the first named, and to chance a place selection I shall put them thus:—CRACKSHOT, 1; JET D'EAU, 2; ST. ANDREW, 3.

THE V.R.C. Spring Meeting will commence at Flemington to-day. The three principal events to be decided this afternoon are the Melbourne Stakes, the Maribyrnong Plate, and the V.R.C. Derby.

IN the Melbourne Stakes the principal horses engaged are Carbine, Melos, Megaphone, Vengeance, Loyalstone, Marvel and Pygmalion. The distance is a mile and a quarter, and if CARBINE starts I expect him to be returned the winner, with Melos close handy; but should Mr. Wallace elect to start Megaphone, and reserve the great gun for the Melbourne Cup, I think he will have to play second fiddle to MELOS.



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THE rich Maribyrnong Plate, which is run over five furlongs, will serve to introduce us to a number of two-year-olds, which have not yet sported silk. Mr. W. R. Wilson is represented by three, each of which was bred by the New Zealand Stud Company, so that Aucklanders will be particularly gratified if the St. Albans stud-master should have his colours carried home in front. His nominations consist of Steadfast, by Nordenfeldt—Nelly Moore; She, by Nordenfeldt—Steppe; and Lady Carbine, by Nordenfeldt—Mersey. I expect the colt will prove the best of the trio. Mr. S. G. Cook, who captured the prize last year by the aid of The Admiral, has a couple engaged, and Mr. D. S. Wallace has a colt entered named Astor, which is very highly spoken of. Mr. J. Harper's Salim, by Oudeis—Countess, has been responsible for some excellent work at Flemington, and the best of Mr. J. B. Clark's Kirkham bred lot is sure to run forward. I expect the winner, however, to be Mr. Wilson's best, probably STEADFAST, or ASTOR.

THE V.R.C. Derby will then come up for decision. Writing before the acceptances are due, I am placed in the dark as to what horses will start. The following are, however, certain to see the post:—The Admiral, Gatling, Titan, Whimberel, Annesley, and Beverley. To these may be added the following doubtful runners:—Correze, Jew Boy, Magic Circle, The Spot, Euc, and Highlander. The Admiral won the Caulfield Stakes so easily, beating a high-class field, that he is certainly entitled to his present position of first favourite. He will be ridden by Tom Hales, who is perhaps a five pound better jockey than anyone in Australia. The Derby looks a real good thing for this splendid

son of Richmond and Footstep, and I shall select him as the winner without any hesitation. His most immediate attendants will probably be Gatling, who has improved considerably on his Sydney running, and Annesley, who won the Caulfield Guineas like a racehorse. Titan, who Mr. Brodrigg has described as "an arrant cur" since he chucked it up in the Caulfield Guineas, cannot have a thousand to one show on that running, and Whimberel, who finished behind the high-priced gelding in the same event, must surely be held perfectly safe by Annesley. Gibraltar would have to be reckoned with had he not gone amiss recently, and all true sportsmen will sympathise with Mr. Dangar in having lost the services of such a promising colt at such an unseasonable time. Euc is said to have had bad luck in not winning the Caulfield Cup, and if that event was to be run over again, the son of First King would probably start the absolute first favourite. He has been heavily backed for the Melbourne Cup, in which he is engaged with 6st. 7lb., and for this reason I doubt whether his owner will risk the chance of incurring a penalty of 13lbs. I can see nothing likely to beat the favourite, and to make a place selection, I shall place them—THE ADMIRAL, GATLING, ANNESLEY.

ON Tuesday the Melbourne Cup will divide attention with the New Zealand event. At the time of writing 42 remain in, but probably this number will be reduced by five or six at the post. More than half of those left in have been backed for more or less money, and as an owner does not back his horse unless he considers he has a show, this race must be considered one of the most open that has ever come up for decision, and anyone attempting to pick it in six has all the worst of the odds. In selecting TANTALLON, LOYALSTONE and CURASSIER of the older horses, and THE ADMIRAL, GATLING and ENUC of the three-year-olds, I think I may have the winner. To reduce these to three I shall place them:—TANTALLON 1, LOYALSTONE 2, THE ADMIRAL 3.

SPORTING ITEMS.

The weights are due on Monday for the President's Handicap and Flying Handicap to be run at the A.R.C. Spring Meeting.

"Augur" in the *Australasian* of October 18th writes:—I regret to say that Mr. Joseph has been called back to Brisbane in consequence of serious illness in his family. He had hoped to be able to remain until after the Melbourne Cup, but was compelled to leave for home on Monday.

Jack Rae's bad luck sticks to him. I saw him at Caulfield on Saturday looking very queer. On inquiry, he informed me that a few days previously he had to have two slight operations performed for carbuncles. One was on the thigh, and the other on a part of the anatomy where he did not care to show the mark.—"Cranbrook," *Sportsman*.

We doubt if ever any horse carried more money in the Caulfield Guineas than did Titan on Saturday last, for Mr. Brodrigg himself invested all five figures on his high-priced gelding; but, most extraordinary to relate, the more money that was put on Titan, the more did he ease in the market. This is a paradox that will remain one of the mysteries of the turf for ever. Certainly it was not the weight of metal behind either Whimberel or Annesley that was accountable for this retrogression in price, but the bald fact remains that Titan receded from even money to 6 to 4 against him at the last moment. Whimberel and Annesley were well backed, but not for a tithe of the money that went on the now degraded Titan. Coming into the straight Huxley was sitting quite still on Titan, and it looked the proverbial horse to a mouse on him, but at the distance Annesley and Beverley had thrown out a vigorous challenge, and immediately the gelding was asked to respond to the question, up went his head, and his efforts were in direct contradiction to his running on this course when he won the Oakleigh Handicap, for he then ran as gamely as ever a horse did. No fault could be found with his condition, and Walter Hickenbotham was brimful of confidence—more so than is his wont. But a bad fourth, just a head in front of Whimberel, was the nearest the high-priced one could get.—*Sportsman*.

Mr. Brodrigg, the owner of Titan, in a conversation, declared that he lost more money over the colt in the Caulfield Guineas than he ever lost over one event before, and yet he is thoroughly satisfied with the way the horse was trained and ridden. The explanation, he says, is that Titan is "an arrant cur."—"Martindale" *Town and Country*.

The final payments for the New Zealand Cup were made last night. The most noticeable absentee is Merrie England, who for a long time has held the position of first favourite. He will not prove a "merrie" one for his backers. Last week "Spectator" said that he had heard a whisper that a horse that had been heavily backed would on the day be what is called in turf parlance, "not on the job." This may be the one. The only other is Cynisca, and at the best she had only an outside show. There are now only ten left in. These in all probability will face the starter.

The following "strong" remarks appeared in an Adelaide paper anent the victory of Vengeance in the Caulfield Cup:—"There was a good deal of excitement over the win of such a comparative outsider, but little or no cheering, as the same horse a few days ago ran nowhere in the Victorian Club Handicap, won by Precedence. It was pretty freely stated that the stewards were going to hold an inquiry, but they were seen shaking hands with the owner, the wealthy Mr. Blackwood, who was also congratulated by the Governor. The lookers-on supposed that the stewards had been told of the good thing, and had their bit on Vengeance before he started. The rumor about an inquiry was circulated through the city in the evening, but as Mr. Blackwood entertained his friends at a big supper at the Melbourne Club the rumor must have been unfounded. He is said to have won £19,000 by the clever coup. Mr. Harrie Smith, the new V.R.C. official steward, was on duty for the first time, and it would be interesting to learn what are his views on the subject, or what they would have been had the horse belonged to a laborer, such as a trainer, instead of a wealthy capitalist."

"Martindale" in the *Town and Country* writes:—"The defeat of Titan in the Caulfield Guineas is a great puzzle to Hickenbotham. He cannot account for it at all. In a conversation this morning he informed me that he thought it was a certainty, and that the gelding had been doing good work, doing his mile in 1min. 46secs. He led him to the post and saw him jump away well. There was a dip just where he was, so he could not see the race—being on foot—till he ran to the winning post as Beverley went past. Not seeing Titan he thought he must have fallen down, but presently he passed him with a long low lolling stride that disgusted him. According to Hickenbotham Titan will have to gallop smart and often until the Derby, as he is determined to find out what he is worth. It is reported that Mr. Brodrigg had between £10,000 and £15,000 on Titan, and that he was so dissatisfied with his running that he will not retain his jockey Huxley. The public, however, think the horse was beaten on his merits, and Hickenbotham is of the opinion that the jockey did his best, but the gelding is not a stayer."

"What different form he showed in the Toorak Handicap" was a general expression after the decision of the Caulfield Cup. This remark referred to Enuc, whose running was certainly very different in the Cup to what it was in the shorter race. There can be no doubt whatever that Enuc should have won the Caulfield Cup, but he experienced extraordinary bad luck. When the horses broke away he was in a good position, and then when they actually did go off he was only turning round. He consequently was nearly last away, and going out of the straight he was driving everything in front of him, with the exception of G'Naroo. Enuc then had to work his way on the outside, and through beaten horses, and entering the straight he was only about tenth. Once past the turn he was blocked, and tried to come outside, but here Taroola nearly rolled against him, and he again had to make a position. When, however, he was fairly set going he came like a shot from a gun, and was going very strongly two strides to the leaders' one, and they were rolling so much that if the race had only been another chain he must have won. Georgie Anwin cried from sheer vexation, and he declared he could have won if he had not been blocked.—*Sportsman*.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

MR. W. PERCIVAL received the following acceptances and general entries in connection with the A.R.C. Spring Meeting last night. They number altogether 127, which is three less than the number received last year:—

FIRST DAY.

HANDICAP HURDLES.		st. lb.	
Hopeful Kate	10 10	Fragrance	9 3
Orlando	10 7	Begorra	9 0
Satyr	10 0	Hailstone	9 0
Hune	9 12	Sentinel	9 0
Te Kooti	9 4		

PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP.

st lb		st lb	
Hilda	9 8	The Dreamer	7 6
Cissy	8 11	Belmont	7 3
Patchwork	8 2	Glaucus	7 0
Leorina	7 13	Cartridge	6 8
Leolantis	7 9		

WELCOME STAKES.

- Resentment (Foul Shot—Mystery)
- Veux Rose (Hippocampus—Rosarina)
- Tulloch (Sword Dance—Welcome Katie)
- Ida (King Cole—Brigalia)
- Roie (St. Leger—Hippona)
- Brigand (Brigadier—Gannet)
- Lady Belle (Brigadier—Belle)
- The Workman (Robinson Crusoe—The Maid)
- Brown Bess (St. Leger—Cantiniere)
- Captivator—Maid of Honour colt
- Orestes (Nordenfeldt—Clytemnestra)

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP.—St. Michael, Rataplan, Ingorina, Cynical, Te Kooti, The Baron, Belmont, Fiesole, Antelope, Capella.

SELLING STEEPLE.—Hurricane (£40), Falcon (nil), Huntsman (nil), Jim (nil).

FLYING HANDICAP.—Patchwork, Lady Emmeline, Rataplan, Cambria, Prudence, Cynical, The Dreamer, Te Kooti, Locket, Cartridge, Master Pat, Cissy, Belmont, Reprisal, Antelope, Capella.

AUCKLAND GUINEAS.—Reprisal, Leolantis, The Dreamer.

SECOND DAY.

SPRING HANDICAP.—Patchwork, Rataplan, Cambria, Prudence, Cynical, The Dreamer, The Baron, Cartridge, Master Pat, Leolantis, Cissy, Belmont, Fiesole, Antelope, Capella.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Fishmonger, Rewarewa, Torment, Fragrance, Hopeful Kate, Orlando, Satyr, Hune, Sentinel, Hailstone, Begorra, Hurricane.

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HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Fishmonger, Jim, Hopeful Kate, Falcon, Orlando, Hune, Sentinel, Hurricane.

SELLING RACE.—Hailstone (£20), Landseer (nil), Prestissimo (nil).

HUNTER'S WELTER.—St. Michael, Satyr.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP.—Torment, Ingorina, Winifred, Glaucus, Priscilla, Lady Emmeline, The Baron, Vendetta, Ma Boughal.

PAKURANGA RACING CLUB.

The following nominations were received last night by Mr. Richard Williams, for the Spring Meeting of the above club, which takes place on the Otahuhu course on November 22nd:—

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE.—Deception, Winifred, Nap, Priscilla, Captive, Fishmonger, Iron Bark, Johnnie, Ma Boughal.

FARMERS' PLATE.—Lord Gillie, Randwick, Carronade, Maritana, Deception, Pandora, Dundee, Mangere, Billy Billy, Star, Landseer, Premier, Ingorina, Revoke, Memorandum, Neli, Iron Bark.

TAMAKI CUP.—Leorina, Lady Emmeline, Deception, St. Michael, Winifred, Belmont, Ingorina, Te Kooti, Tamora, Glaucus, Capella.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Larrikin, Orlando, Nap, Carronade, Fishmonger, Begorra.

FLYING HANDICAP.—The Baron, Prudence, Belmont, Premier, Priscilla, Te Kooti, Blarney, Ma Boughal, Capella.



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER, 8TH,

AND

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH.

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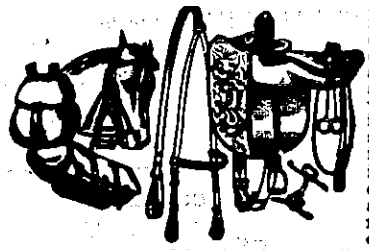
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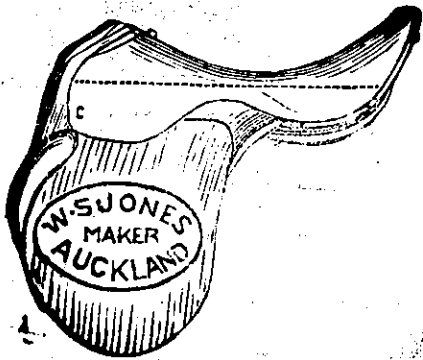
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SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING

To be held on the CLAUDELANDS RACECOURSE, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1890.

PROGRAMME.

Passed by the Auckland Racing Club.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 25 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of more than £25 at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, about 1 mile.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 40 sovs. Over 8 flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 2 miles.

SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP (Handicap), of 115 sovs. First horse £100, second horse £10, third horse £5. The winner of (any race) of the advertised value of £50 after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb. extra; of two such races, 10lb. extra. Nomination, £2; acceptance, £3. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

NOVEL RACE of 25 sovs. Winner to become the absolute property of the Club; to be sold immediately after the race, and half the proceeds to go to second horse. Weight for age. Entry, 25s. Distance, 7 furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs. £5 out of stakes to go to second horse. Nomination, 25s; acceptance, 35s. Distance, about 3 miles.

TRADESMAN'S PLATE (Handicap), of 35 sovs. Winner of the South Auckland Cup to carry 10lb. extra; winner of any other race after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb. extra; penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

SELLING HURDLES of 40 sovs. Over 6 flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Four-year-olds to carry 11st. 7lb; 5yrs., 12st. 5lb; 6yrs. and aged, 12st. 11lb. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for £50. If entered to be sold for £40, allowed 7lb; if for £30, 14lb; if for £20, 21lb; if for £10, 28lb; if for nil, 35lb. Half the proceeds over selling price to go to second horse. Entry, 20s. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Winner of South Auckland Cup to carry 10lb. extra. Winner of Tradesman's Plate to carry 7lb. extra; penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, 6 furlongs.

CONDITIONS.

Nominations for Christmas Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, South Auckland Cup, Handicap Steeplechase, Tradesman's Plate Handicap, and Flying Stakes Handicap to be made to the Secretary, Hamilton, before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26th.

Weights to appear on or about Wednesday, December 3rd.

Acceptances to be declared before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th.

Nominations for Novel Race and Selling Hurdles to be made to the Secretary before 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th, day of general entry.

Mr. H. H. Hayr, of Auckland, is authorized to receive nominations, etc.

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G. H. CARTER, Hon. Sec.

PAKURANGA RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON THE OTAHUHU RACECOURSE,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, 1890.

(To be run under the A.B.C. New Rules).

PROGRAMME.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 25 sovs., 5 sovs. to second horse from stakes. Nomination 10s., acceptance 10s. Distance, 1 mile 1 furlong.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 30 sovs., 5 sovs. out of stakes to go to second horse. Nomination 10s., acceptance 20s. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

HANDICAP FARMERS' PLATE of 20 sovs. Nomination 10s., acceptance 10s. Distance, once round the course.

TAMAKI CUP (HANDICAP) of 60 sovs., 5 sovs. to second horse out of stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 35 sovs., 5 sovs. from stakes to go to second horse. Nomination 10s., acceptance 30s. Distance, 2 miles.

SELLING RACE of 20 sovs. Nomination 20s. Distance, 7 furlongs.

FLYING HANDICAP of 35 sovs., 5 sovs. to second horse out of stakes. Nomination 10s., acceptance 10s. Distance, 5 furlongs.

NOMINATIONS for Handicap Maiden Plate, Handicap Farmers' Plate, Tamaki Cup Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, and Flying Handicap close on FRIDAY, October 31st, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS to appear on TUESDAY, November 11th.

ACCEPTANCES and ENTRIES for Maiden Hurdles and Selling Race close on FRIDAY, November 14th, at 9 p.m.

All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Durham-street, East, Auckland.

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RICHARD WILLIAMS, Honorary Secretary.

Racing Programmes.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON THE AVONDALE RACECOURSE, Saturday, December 13, 1890.

PROGRAMME.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Open to all horses that have never won any race exceeding 20 sovs. in value. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 15s., to go to the funds. Distance 1 mile.

HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov., to go to the funds. Distance 1 1/2 miles.

AVONDALE CUP HANDICAP of 60 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 15s., to go to the funds. Distance 1 1/2 miles.

STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 60 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 15s., to go to the funds. Distance about 3 miles.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Nomination 1/2 sov., acceptance 15s. to go to the funds. The winner of the Avondale Cup to carry 7lb. penalty. Distance 5 furlongs.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Nomination 1/2 sov., acceptance 15s., to go to the funds. Distance 7 furlongs.

SELLING RACE of 25 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-year-olds to carry 9st.; four years, 9st. 12lb.; five, six and aged, 10st. 4lb. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for 50 sovs. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs., allowed 7lb.; if for 30 sovs., 14lb.; if for 20 sovs., 21lb.; if for 10 sovs., 28lb.; if for nil, 42lb. Nomination 1/2 sov., acceptance 15s. Distance 7 furlongs.

NOMINATIONS close with the Secretary at the office of the Sporting Review, Vulcan Lane, on FRIDAY, November 21st, 1890, at 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS will appear on or about the 1st December, 1890. ACCEPTANCES close on FRIDAY, December 5th, at 8 p.m. Winners to pay 5 per cent. of their gross winning towards expenses of course.

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