



ATHLETICS.

AUCKLAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC AND CYCLING CLUB.

THE above Club held their twenty-second athletic carnival on Saturday last at the Domain Cricket Ground. As the Champion Meeting is to be held there next February, it will be better for our readers at a distance to know the kind of ground this meeting is to be held on before describing what took place last Saturday.

The Cricket Ground, as its name signifies, is situated in the Domain, within an easy walk of the centre of the city. It consists of about twelve acres, of an oval shape, and perfectly level. The surrounding slopes form a natural stand, and, being well wooded, afford abundance of shade for the general public, also plenty of room for picnics, etc. At least ten thousand people might view the sports without the slightest inconvenience. There is a commodious grandstand, with all the appurtenances required. A more charming spot could not be found in the whole of the Australasian Colonies. The turf is all that can be desired, and in summertime the tracks are almost, if not quite, equal to cinder ones for making fast time. One thing the Domain Trustees should do before the great carnival comes off, and that is, to do away with the "Nut Cracker," or, as it is called in some places in the old country, the "Kissing Gates." There is not much inconvenience in them on entering the ground, but they are a perfect nuisance when the mass are leaving. Ladies can only pass one at a time. At meetings of all kinds in Auckland there are always a number of larrikins and roughs who find admittance, pushing their way through ladies regardless of the consequence, therefore many ladies are compelled, in self-preservation, to either crawl through or under the wires that surround the grounds, however detrimental it may be to their elegant toilets, on purpose to avoid the nuisance these gates occasion. The paths, etc., might be put into better shape before next February, thus affording the ladies when they are walking round a sure foothold, as in dry weather the grass is very slippery. The arrangements last Saturday were all that could be desired—in fact, they could hardly be excelled. The President, Mr. J. H. B. Coates, and all the Committee, as well as the officials, worked in unison—especial credit is due to the secretary, Mr. J. Hallyday, jun.—and one could not have spent a pleasanter afternoon or seen better races in the old country. I have been a competitor and an onlooker at Eton, Oxford, Lillie Bridge and Princes Ground, and must say, as an old athlete, I never was better satisfied. Messrs. Coates, Garrett, and Logan, the judges, satisfactorily performed their duties, and in no case did I hear of their decision being disputed. Messrs. Coupland and Cook acted as time-keepers, and well did they perform their duties, and only in one or two events did our time differ, and then only by a fraction of a second, and this was occasioned by the new system of timing. Formerly it was from the flash of the pistol, now it is from the bend of the knee. One thing calls for admiration, and it would be well if some of the race committees took a lesson from the A.A.C.C. officials—that is, the punctuality with which each race was started. Though there were twenty-seven events on the

card, the last event was run to the exact time. In some of the events, especially the first, several of the competitors were left, not being at their marks at the appointed time.

The great fault, if it may be called one, was the framing of the handicaps. The distance that some of the scratch men were called upon to concede, especially in the Three and Five-mile Bicycle Races, were absurd, and heart-breaking to a man who attempted to catch the limit man. However, some tried to do it, especially Buchanan, who deserves great credit. Who made the handicaps I do not know, but the idea of giving men ten, eleven, and twelve yards in one hundred and twenty is absurd. A man that requires more than six yards out of one hundred and twenty had better stop at home or run with the boys. Twelve yards in two hundred and fifty is quite sufficient, while forty yards in half-a-mile is ample. Time will not permit me to go further into this matter.

The running ground was beautifully arranged, a space being fenced off in front of the grandstand, and a course of a quarter of a mile round being flagged out. This space was kept clear of everyone except the officials and reporters, thus enabling everyone to have a good view. The 120 yards was perfectly straight and taped out. For a large meeting this space might be made twice as large, with 300 yards straight, and only two easy bends for the longer races. They were in first-rate condition, and the times in some instances were decidedly fast, but in most of the races the scratch man had a tremendous lot of ground to make up.

The sports commenced with the Maiden Race, 150 yards. This was run in three heats. The first was a walk-over for Collins, the others not being on their marks in time. For the second heat six came out, and it resulted in a close finish between Hales, Burgess, and Hesketh, the former winning by half a yard. Time 16 1-5th secs. J. Burgess ought to have won, but he looked back, thereby losing a little. I noticed this great fault in several of the competitors during the day. The four placed men started in the final heat, Collins, getting the worst of the start, won rather easily by a yard, Hales second, Burgess third. Time, 15 4-5th secs.

Only four came to the post for the Maiden Bicycle Handicap, one mile. Reynolds, the scratch man, made it pretty warm from the start, and won easily by 20 yards from Gilbert (100 yards), Hazard (100 yards) a bad third. McCallum fell. Time, 3 min. 35 secs.

The Long Jump was a walk-over for T. F. Uphill, who easily cleared 16ft. 6in.

The Mile Bicycle Handicap brought out a field of ten, and proved a very pretty race, resulting in a win for L. E. Hoffman (50 yards), T. M. Hammond (80 yards) second, R. Reynolds (80 yards) third. Time, 3 min. 10 4-5th secs. Shortt fell.

The 120 yards Handicap produced a very large entry, so it had to be run in five heats, the two first men in each heat running in the final. First heat: Nine started, and after a very close contest resulted, T. Whiteside (6yds.) 1st, D. F. Lundon (11yds.) 2nd, C. V. Langsford (8yds.) 3rd. Won by about 2 inches, the next five being all close together. Owen, the scratch man, ran well, but the handicap was too much for him. Time, 12 1-5th secs. Second heat: nine again came to the post. In this heat there was a good deal of "fiddling"

to get away, as there was a good deal of interest displayed, for Madigan, who was a great favorite, and Laird were in it. C. E. Chatfield, the limit man with 12 yards start, came right away and won by rather more than a yard, M. H. Laird (1 1/2 yds.) second, Madigan (5yds.) third. Time, 12secs. Third heat: This was not an interesting race as J. C. Hutchinson (2yds.) and A. Kilfoyle (6yds.) came away from their field finishing close together a couple yards in front of the others, neither appearing to be run out. Time, 12 1-5th secs. Fourth heat: This was another small field, Collins (3 1/2 yds.) winning pretty easily, H. P. Barnes (11yds.) second, T. Impey (9yds.) third. Time, 12 2-5th secs. Fifth heat: this was similar to the others. J. Burgess (10yds.) coming right away from his men and winning by a yard, W. H. Hales (8yds.) second, C. Hesketh (4yds.) third. Time, 12secs. Final heat: all ten came to the scratch and a most interesting race ensued. S. C. Chatfield (12yds.) just getting home in front of H. C. Barnes (11yds.) second, W. H. Hales (8yds.) third. Time, 11 3-5th secs., official: I made it 12secs. dead.

For the One Mile Walk Handicap thirteen started, resulting in a win by 20 yards for G. Peace, the scratch man, who had all his men beaten the third lap, A. W. Creamer (15yds.) second, J. Croker (65yds.) third, O'Dowd fourth. It was an interesting race for third place. Time, 7min. 19secs. The walking was not of a first class order, several having to be cautioned, and two or three ordered out. The winner was about the fairest of the lot but he sprang once or twice each round on the far side of the track, when the judge was watching others. It is impossible for one man to keep his eye on all.

Fifteen started for the Half-mile Handicap Race. G. H. Nixon (55yds.) won easily, L. E. Myers (50yds.) second, and T. E. Shortt (30yds.) third. Time, 2min. 1 3-5th secs. The handicap in this race was too heavy for amateurs.

The Bicycle Handicap, two miles, was won by H. Shortt (150yds.) L. E. Hoffman (80yds.) second, E. Reynolds (140yds.) third. Won easily by 20 yards. After a mile had been traversed the race took the form of a match between Hoffman and Shortt, the latter eventually wearing down Hoffman and winning.

The Hurdle Race, a quarter of a mile, is generally an interesting race, but this year only six came to the post, and with the exception of Owen, the scratch man, who unfortunately fell at the last hurdle when running well, striking his knee heavily, none of them are likely to make a mark for themselves, as they all dwell at their hurdles. The race resulted in an easy win for W. H. Martin (20 yds.) T. F. Uphill (20yds.) second, G. H. Nixon (35yds.) third. Time, 1min. 3secs.

The Ladies' Bracelet was run in five heats, the final being won by S. E. Chatfield (18yds.) J. Burgess (18yds.) second, T. Roberts (12yds.) third. Time, 25 3-5th secs. Won 'all out by two yards.

The One Mile Handicap was another uninteresting race, as A. S. Clarke, with 25 yards start won easily, P. C. Lynch (120yds.) second, J. W. Winks (scratch) third. Time, 4min. 42 1/2 secs. Winks ran gamely, doing the mile in 4min. 46secs.

The Bicycle Handicap, three miles, was won by H. Shortt (230yds.), E. Reynolds (220yds.) second, L. E. Hoffmann (180yds.) third. A

good finish between the two first. The ridiculous handicap in this race precluded the scratch man from having any show of winning. Time, 9min. 46 2-5th secs.

The Steeplechase created great amusement among the ladies, but was not viewed with much interest by athletes, as there was no clean jumping, it being got over as you like. A. A. Davies (45secs.) first, A. S. Clarke (10secs.) second, G. H. Nixon (35secs.) third. Eight started. Won easily.

The Quarter Mile Handicap brought fourteen to the post, and furnished a splendid race, the men being all well together at the finish. J. Hill (25yds.) first, J. C. Hutchinson (scratch) second, R. A. Christie (25yds.) third. Won by a yard. Time, 51 1-5th secs. Hutchinson's time was 51 2-5th secs., the fastest amateur time for the distance in New Zealand.

The Bicycle Handicap, five miles, was a most interesting race to look at. Buchanan, the scratch man, was asked to do too much in giving away 360 yards to H. Shortt, who came in first, and E. Reynolds, the second man, 350 yards. If it had been a quarter of mile further Buchanan would have won. Time, 16min. 44secs.

This race concluded a pleasant afternoon's amusement, all being well pleased and greatly delighted at getting home in ample time for dinner and tea.

Duncan C. Ross and Harry Dunn, champion of New Zealand, met in Dunedin on the 17th inst., to wrestle in five styles for a purse of 50 sovs. and a certificate of championship. The contest took place in Olympic Hall, the largest building in Dunedin. Dunn won the toss and chose the American side-hold for the first style. After a great deal of good play Dunn cross-buttocked Ross and gained the first fall in 37min. After a quarter of an hour's interval Ross chose the catch-as-can style. This was a splendid bout, for an hour and three minutes neither gained much advantage, until Ross got a leg-hold of Dunn and just brought his shoulders to the ground, but only momentarily, as Dunn niggled out, the judges, however, observed the touch and gave the fall to Ross. The collar-and-elbow was the next. For three-quarters of an hour neither could gain a fall, and then being 12 o'clock the Referee stated that the men would have to meet another night.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

November 22nd.

THE Ashburton Racing Club is, after the South Canterbury Jockey Club, the most important sporting body outside Christchurch in the Canterbury provincial district. The summer meeting of the Club was held this week, Wednesday and Thursday being appropriated for the sport. The time was when the giants of the land were wont to pay Ashburton a visit, and such celebrities as Sir Modred, Welcome Jack, and Tasman figure on the records of the club's handicaps. But the merit of progress has put a stop to the best animals doing the country meetings. Eight or nine years ago it was thought nothing of for the biggest handicap winner in the colony to run in flying or other handicaps, maybe value £20, at small meetings. Things are changed now; our Tirailleurs and Merrie Englands are not brought out for even Ashburton Cups. Owners of horses that have a £10,000 Melbourne Cup Stake in view do not exhibit them away from the chief centres. But let us hie back to Ashburton and if there were no New Zealand, Auckland or Dunedin Cup winner among the entries there was the latest Oaks winner, Diadem, and who knows but that some future handicap hero was seen out on the "fastest course in New Zealand" for the first time last week. The club was favoured with the best of weather, the attendance was good, and the totalisator takings for the two days, £4,146, which constitutes a record. For the First Hurdle Race Romulus, the top-weight, was established favorite and won quite easily. This son of Burlington may be considered a good second rater at the illegitimate game, but would require a light impost to allow him to get home in first class company. After a District Race had been got off, the Cup, a two-mile handicap, came up for decision. Of the five runners, Rosebud 8st. 2lbs. and Diadem 7st. 13lbs. were

most fancied. Immediately the flag fell Richlake and Bay King raced away in the lead, the locally owned Martha third. At the entrance to the straight Bay King fell back beaten, but Richlake continuing on was never headed and won comfortably from Rosebud, the Oaks winner third. The winner, who carried 6st. 8lb., is an imported colt by Richmond. He ran several good races at the Metropolitan meeting, gaining more than one situation. The next two races on the card, a District Handicap and a Novel Race were chiefly remarkable in that a rank outsider in each instance gained the verdict. Dividends of £27 and £22 were paid to the lucky backers. The Spring Handicap was won by that smart little mare Inez, 7st. 4lb., the more fancied Von Tempsky, 7st. 12lb., finishing second. Among the starters for the District Welter Race, the last item on the card on Wednesday, were those two old warriors Quibble and Jack. They were at the top of the handicap with 10st. 7lb. each, but neither gained a place. Indeed poor Jack again broke down, and it is to be hoped no further effort will be made to resurrect the gallant old horse, whose record would be very hard to beat. College Boy secured the Second Hurdle Race which was for district horses only, and then four were saddled up for the Racing Club Handicap, 1½ miles. Rosebud, 8st. 11lb., despite her failure on the first day, was made favourite, but the three others, Bay King, 6st., Diadem, 8st., and Richlake, 7st. 4lb., were all well supported. In the end the light-weight won rather easily, with Diadem second, the favourite last. Quibble won the Winchmore District Handicap, and Dragon, 7st. 12lb., the Flying Handicap, having behind him Heather Bell, 7st. 12lb., and Inez, 8st. 5lb., who had the call in the betting.

The form shown at the meeting by the Oaks winner was very disappointing, and she is, I'm sure, capable of better things.

Merrie England is, I hear, slowly recovering from the malady which attacked him.

Crackshot has quite recovered from his exertions at the Metropolitan meeting, and his owner intends to start with him for Auckland before very long. Mr. Butler will take a second horse with him.

Little is known as to how Medallion is faring, but he will, I take it, not be a visitor to Auckland.

Percy Martin has Jet D'Eau and Na Moa still at Yaldhurst. He expected to get away to-day.

Wai-i-ti (dam of Fusillade) died this week. She had a colt foal this season to Stoneyhurst, and the little fellow is taking kindly to hand-feeding. Wai-i-ti was 16 years old.

Mr. G. G. Stead is a candidate for the Avon seat in Parliament. He has to stand a tremendous amount of heckling at his meetings, and he is very "freely" spoken at in regard to turf matters and the running of his horses.

The programme for the Lower Heathcote Racing Club's meeting to take place on Boxing Day and the following day has been issued. £420 in stakes is offered. The second day is entirely devoted to trotting.

There will be a general exodus of racing men to Dunedin next week to assist at the Spring Meeting of the D.J.C. For the Hurdle Race Ahua has cried content, and if he starts I shall look to him to win. His starting, however, is very problematical, as his stable companion Ixion is very well treated and should be able to beat The Spy at a difference of 2lbs. For the Otago Cup I see nothing to beat Freedom; next to him I like Occident and Wolverine. Florrie should just about win the Dunedin Stakes, and St. Andrew is not overburdened in the Federal Handicap and will, if he starts, give a good account of himself. Dragon being in a winning vein is about the pick of the St. Kilda Welter Handicap.

Messrs. L. D. Nathan and A. Davis returned from Melbourne by the Wairarapa yesterday morning.

Mr. J. Martin has disposed of his trotting horses. Our Boy was bought by Mr. John Abbott for buggy purposes, and Dick has been purchased by a commercial traveller. His trotting mare Kate, has, he informs us, come back to him from the South in a very bad state. Her forelegs have had to be blistered, and it will be some time before she is fit to appear in public.

WELLINGTON NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

November 24th.

THE W.R.C. were favoured with glorious weather for their Spring Meeting on Friday and Saturday last. The attendance was much better than in previous years, and the money put through the totalisator was over £2,000 more than last year. The band from H.I.M.G.S. "Leipzig" was one of the attractions on the second day. Since the last meeting numerous improvements have been made, and the Hutt Park racecourse is now a pleasant holiday resort. Mr. P. F. Tancred's The Spy (Hornby—Bribery, by Traducer), who had previously won a double at the C.J.C. Meeting, beat Jacob, Argo and Sawdust badly on both days, and on the second his nearest attendant was Lonehand, to whom he was conceding 53lbs. He carried 12st 11lb, and did 1½ miles in 3 min. 29 secs. Gravestock took him to Dunedin to-day, and he will make Ahua and Co. sit up on Friday. In the Grand Stand Handicap Rebellion (Treason—Mischievous), 7st, showed much improved form, cutting out a mile in 1 min. 44 secs., and paying the nice dividend of £30 10s. The win was a deserving one, and most of the machine money (£397) went to the Wairarapa. Gladstone, 6st 9lb, was second, and had he won, the Blenheim people would have scooped the pool with a £20 dividend. Cruiser, 7st 8lb, who made his first appearance this season, was third. He is a five-year-old full brother to Quadrant. Cynisca (Clifford) was made favourite, but she was not cut up much. On the second day, however, with 7lb less and a distance further to go, she won the November Handicap easily. One backer remarked that Mr. Hunter, who was not present at the meeting, should be informed of the way in which his horses are run. Mr. R. McKenzie's General Gordon, a strongly-built six-year-old gelding, by Voltigeur out of the Young Gownsmen mare Dolly Varden, won the Hack Hurdles each day. Both times he was followed home by Leos, a son of Leos, by Leolinus, who had been brought over from Blenheim. The Hutt Park Handicap fell to the Wanganui horse Boulanger (Grand Prix—Fleurette), 8st 2lb, after a good race with Whisper, 9st 4lb, Orator, 7st 3lb, being third. The Maiden Plate fell to Egalite (Dauphin—Sissie), who until recently was an inmate of E. Cutts' stable; Josephine (St. George—Fleurence), 7st 13lb, second, and Fly (Nataro—Fides), 7st 11lb, third. The Hack Handicap on the first day fell to Mahara (Voltigeur—The Field), and on the second to Ben Bolt (Somnus—Lady Napier), 7st 12lb, seven furlongs, in 1 min. 33 secs. Vision (Somnus—Roulette), Clifford, won the two Selling Races easily. Lenore (Musket—Miss Laura), 9st 2lb, won the Welter Handicap, 1½ miles, in 2 min. 14½ secs.; Orator (Premier—Gossip), J. E. Pilbrow, 9st, was second, and Vision, 8st 7lb, Clifford, who made a very funny display, third. In the Spring Handicap on the first day Lenore had 23lb less to carry, and she ran a bad last, while the winner's time was 2½ secs. quicker. Like Cynisca, Lenore is the property of Mr. G. Hunter. In the November Handicap Cynisca, 8st 5lb, Clifford, won hard held from Frolic, 6st 11lb, and Boulanger, 8st 10lb. The Flying Handicap resulted in a surprise. Angler (Isaak Walton—Forest Queen), 8st, Lindsay, who had not been very well of late, beat a field of eight, and paid a £35 14s dividend. Rebellion, 7st, was second, and Josephine, 7st, third. The Petone Handicap, five furlongs, was the last event on the second day, and it was soon seen that some of the starters had instructions to "get away." The way the boys played with the starter (Mr. N. Grace) for upwards of half-an hour was disgraceful. There were only seven in the race, and they would keep on breaking away. They got away at last, and Retina and Angler cut out the running. Colello brought Boulanger, 9st, round the field on entering the straight, and nothing but the lad's riding got the horse home. Retina, 7st 10lb, was second, and Angler, 8st 13lb, third. It then turned out that the field had been started from the four furlong post, and the race had to be run over again. This time Boulanger got a better start, and won easily by two lengths from Rebellion, 8st, with Cyclone, 7st 10lb, third. With the exception of terrible railway accommodation, the arrangements were complete. The result—a big success—was mainly due to the efforts of Mr. H. M. Lyon, the energetic secretary.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

- Nov. 23, 23.....Dunedin Jockey Club
- Nov. 23.....Takapuna Spring Meeting
- Dec. 1, 2.....Dunedin Jockey Club
- Dec. 13.....Avondale Jockey Club.
- Dec. 20.....South Auckland Racing Club Summer Meeting.
- Dec. 26.....Hawkes' Bay J.C. Summer Meeting.
- Dec. 26.....Alexandra Racing Club
- Dec. 26.....A.R.C. Summer Meeting.
- Dec. 26, 27.....Thames Jockey Club.
- Dec. 26, 27.....Dargaville Jockey Club.
- Dec. 26, 27.....Reefton J.C. Summer Meeting.
- Dec. 26, 27.....Westport Racing Club.
- Dec. 27.....Auckland Trotting Club.
- Dec. 29.....Drury Racing Club.
- Jan. 1.....Ormond Jockey Club.
- Jan. 1, 2.....A.R.C. Summer Meeting.
- Jan. 1.....North Canterbury J.C. Summer Meeting.
- Jan. 8, 9.....Auckland Trotting Club.
- Jan. 8, 9.....Gisborne Racing Club.
- Jan. 18, 14.....Poverty Bay Turf Club.
- Jan. 22, 24.....Wellington R.C. Summer Meeting.
- Jan. 31.....Canterbury J.C. Summer Meeting.
- Feb. 18, 19.....Egmont Racing Club Summer Meeting.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

- Dec. 1.....Westport Racing Club.
- Dec. 2.....Thames Jockey Club.
- Dec. 2.....Hawkes Bay J.C. Summer
- Dec. 2.....Gisborne R.C. Summer.
- Dec. 5.....Auckland Trotting Club.
- Dec. 5.....Drury Racing Club.
- Dec. 10.....Wakato Produce Stakes, 1892-93.
- Dec. 12.....A.R.C. Summer. General Entries.
- Dec. 12.....Poverty Bay Turf Club.
- Dec. 20.....Egmont Racing Club Summer Meeting.
- Dec. 20.....Anniversary Stakes (Takapuna), 1892.
- Jan. 9.....Takapuna Stakes, 1893.
- Jan. 22.....Dunedin J.C. Autumn Meeting.
- Feb. 6.....C.J.C. Great Autumn Hdcp., Easter Hdcp.

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

- Dec. 1.....Avondale Jockey Club.
- Dec. 5.....A.R.C. Summer. Auckland Cup and Summer Steeplechase.
- Dec. 8.....South Auckland Summer Meeting
- Dec. 8.....Drury Racing Club.
- Dec. 11.....Thames Jockey Club.
- Dec. 16.....Gisborne R.C. Summer.
- Dec. 27.....Napier Park Summer. Handicaps.
- Jan. 3.....Poverty Bay Turf Club.
- Jan. 3.....Wellington Cup.
- Jan. 10.....Egmont Racing Club Summer Meeting.

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

- 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. 15.....Westport Racing Club.
- Dec. 16.....Hawkes Bay J.C. Summer
- Dec. 16.....Drury Racing Club.
- Dec. 18.....Thames Jockey Club.
- Dec. 19.....Auckland Trotting Club.
- Dec. 19.....A.R.C. Summer. Minor Handicaps.
- Dec. 24.....Great Northern Foal Stakes. (Forfeit).
- Dec. 29.....Napier Park Summer. Handicaps.
- Dec. 30.....Gisborne R.C. Summer.
- Jan. 8.....Poverty Bay Turf Club.
- Jan. 22.....Dunedin Cup, etc.
- Jan. 24.....Egmont Racing Club Summer.
- Feb. 6.....C.J.C. Autumn. Champagne Stakes (further payments)

AUCKLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

CUP MATCHES.—FIRST ROUND.

SENIORS.		JUNIORS.	
N. 29, D. 6—United v. Gordon.	Alpha v. St. Mary's.	Parnell v. Auckland.	
D. 13, 20—United v. Alpha.	Auckland v. St. Mary's.	Parnell v. Gordon.	
Jan. 3, 10—United v. Parnell.	Alpha v. Auckland.	Gordon v. St. Mary's.	
Jan. 17, 24—United v. St. Mary's.	Alpha v. Parnell.	Auckland v. Gordon.	

SECOND JUNIORS.

- Nov. 29—Queen's College v. Educational.
- Belmont v. Star.
- Victoria v. Mt. Roskill.
- Dec. 6, 13—Queen's College v. Belmont.
- Mount Roskill v. Star.
- Victoria v. Educational.
- 20, Jan. 3—Queen's College v. Victoria.
- Belmont v. Mount Roskill.
- Educational v. Star.
- Jan. 10, 17—Queen's College v. Star.
- Belmont v. Victoria.
- Mt. Roskill v. Educational.

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- 3—BAY COLT, by Leolinus (Imp.) out of Maid of Athol, by Maribymong; dam of Krupp, Kotuku, Scots Greys, Queen of Trumps, etc.
- 4—CHESTNUT FILLY, by Nordenfeldt out of Victoria, by Feve (Imp.)
- 5—CHESTNUT FILLY, by Nordenfeldt out of Yattacy, by Yattendon
- 6—BROWN FILLY, by Nordenfeldt out of Pungawerewere; dam of Tetford, Brigadier, Tranter, St. James, Crackshot, etc.
- 7—BROWN COLT, by Nordenfeldt out of Albatross; dam of Teksum and Loch Ness
- 8—BAY FILLY, by Nordenfeldt out of Ouida, by Yattendon; dam of Artillery, Balista, Hilda, Hazel, etc.
- 9—BROWN COLT, by Nordenfeldt out of Frailty, by Goldsborough; dam of Trenton, Niagara, Cuirassier, Cissy, and Mary
- 10—BAY FILLY, by St. Leger out of Necklace, by Musket (Imp.)

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

READER, ELLERSLIE.—The longest jump ever taken by a horse was 39 feet, by *Chandler*, at Warwick, ridden by Captain Beecher. This has several times been disputed, however, and the jump has been put down at 37 feet. Tom Oliver on *Culverthorpe* cleared 37 feet 6 inches at Moreton Le Marche in Worcester-shire.

A.P., AUCKLAND.—The three horses which ran a dead heat in the Caesarewitch were El Hakin, Queen Bess and Prioress. In the run off Fordham rode Prioress, in place of the American Jockey. She won by two lengths, El Hakin second, Queen Bess third.

J.S.R., AUCKLAND.—Orangeman won five out of his ten engagements in New Zealand last season. He won the Hurdle Race at Otahuhu on October 5th, the Open Hurdle Race at the Pakuranga Hunt Club Meeting, the two Hurdle Races at the A.R.C. Spring Meeting, and the Summer Steeplechase. Jack Rae rode him on each occasion.

BREEDER, OTAHUHU.—Nelly Moore (the dam of Lochiel, Corunna and Steadfast), was got by Voltigeur, her dam Fiddle, by Dundee, from Changeable, by Weatherbit—Miss Aldcroft, by Ratan—Actæon.

Sporting Review.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1890.

SOME time ago we drew attention to the appointment of a Stipendiary Steward by the Victorian Racing Club Committee, and suggesting how desirable it would be for the Auckland Racing Committee to do the same, as the racing season was close at hand. The action of the V.R.C. in appointing a stipendiary steward has already been proved a wise one, as, though he has only been engaged a short time in his position, he has already discovered and prevented a number of frauds. The want of one in Auckland was greatly felt at the Pakuranga Race Meeting last Saturday, as the stewards of country meetings are quite incompetent to deal with the cases that must come under their notice. The running of two or three horses was most suspicious, yet there was no notice taken of it, either by the stewards or the handicapper. The latter we are not surprised at. It has been a puzzle to us how he got the appointment, as his antecedents do not tend to prove that he knew much of the business. Another most flagrant breach of the rules occurred in the Hurdle Race—a horse ran round a hurdle and still continued in the race. This is in direct oppo-

sition to Rule 102, where it states: "Any horse running on the wrong side of a post and not turning back is distanced, and the jockey may be fined a sum not exceeding £5, and may be suspended during the pleasure of the stewards." All these malpractices tend to bring racing into disrepute, and will surely sooner or later get the repeal of the totalisator regulations, and then what will become of one-half the clubs in the colony?

The Summer Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club is now drawing near, and we would suggest to the Committee the wisdom of making some great alterations, so as to make the meeting a success. One complaint has often been made, but they have taken no steps to remedy it—that is, a number of people gaining admission to the saddling paddock that have no business there; from thence they get to the lawn and grandstand. Their language is something disgusting, and it is quite impossible for anyone to take a lady round to see the horses. The obnoxious parties are chiefly larrikins and the class that generally hang about racing stables. On speaking to one of the active Committee on the subject, the answer was, "We cannot help it—everything has been tried. They get in from the gate that goes on to the course when the gate-keeper has his back turned, and some of the gate-keepers let them in on one pretence or another; in fact, all sorts of excuses are made." How are things managed by other clubs (we leave out England, and confine ourselves to the colonies). Take Christchurch, for instance. There is a sub-committee, who sign all tickets and issue passes to those who have a right to them, appoint gate-keepers, etc., taking care that they are trustworthy men, and are well paid. At the same time they have detectives going about, and if they see any suspicious person they demand his ticket. All the secretary has to do is to act as such, *i.e.*, see that stakes are paid, scratchings attended to, and in cases of objections call the stewards, witnesses, etc.; together, and take down evidence. This principle is carried on at all the most important meetings we have seen.

Now, take the system pursued in Auckland. The Committee as a whole are perfectly satisfied in paying the secretary a very high salary and leaving the whole management of affairs in his hands. Now, supposing the secretary was a Paragon *par excellence*, it would be impossible for him to carry out his multifarious duties properly. It is quite time that some of the Committee exert themselves, and not remain content with seeing their names figuring as on the Committee and airing themselves on the Stewards' stand. We are told on good authority that some of them never attend a Committee meeting, while others only do so when compelled by urgent business. The whole onus of work has for some years rested on the shoulders of Messrs. Morrin, Kirkwood, and Dickey, and to them great credit is due for what has been done, but they cannot do everything.

The A.R.C. should pass a rule, as is done by other clubs, *viz.*: Any committeeman being absent from two consecutive meetings without leave shall be requested to resign. Then new blood would be infused, and a sub-committee formed to do the work.

Another matter that we would like to draw the attention of the Committee to is the smallness of the weighing-room, and the impossibility of those who have to supply the public with information to obtain it.

The telegraph and scratching boards are of the most primitive kind, and would be laughed at at any country meeting in Australia; also it is a great mistake not posting the times the different races are run in, as many people rely on that to make their calculations for another race.

There are two other things that we might mention. The first is, that no horses except those engaged in the race coming off should be allowed to come into the paddock, as it is quite small enough already for these horses, and there is a great deal of danger in getting about. The other is, that an enclosure should be made for horses weighing in, so as to prevent the general public crowding round. If this is not done there will be a serious accident some day.

Last week we called attention to the steeplechase course and suggested some alterations. We are glad to hear that instructions have been given to have them done.

WHEN Mr. J. O. Evitt issued the handicaps for the Auckland Spring Meeting there was a great deal of dissatisfaction displayed, and justly so, as they were some of the worst he ever issued, and he can make bad ones. This, however, was nothing to what took place when the Takapuna handicaps appeared. We have had letters and numerous inquiries asking our opinion of them and who this Mr. Knight was, also how he came to be appointed handicapper.

In answer to the first we must say that they cannot be called handicaps—the weights being put on the different horses without reason or judgment. That the acceptances may be considered good is easily accounted for. So many of the horses engaged are scrubbers, and their owners know little or nothing of their capabilities; therefore they are either going for the off chance, as they have no show at the Auckland Summer Meeting, or have nothing to try with to get a line for the country meetings. It is not our intention to go through the handicaps, but only to point out some of the most flagrant discrepancies. Torment, if she had not gone amiss, was thrown into the Handicap Maiden Plate at 7st 4lb. Fancy a man calling himself a judge of racing placing her within 2lb of Ma Boughal, who has never won a race. In the Maiden Hurdle Race, one and a half miles, Sentinel gives Fishmonger 24lb, while in the Open Hurdle Race, one and three-quarter miles, he only gives him 10lb. Now any tyro at racing must see that Fishmonger, from the way he jumps, is not a stayer, and that Sentinel is. In the Devonport Stakes—neither Tulloch or Brigade have ever started. One is the top and the other bottom weight. The excuse that some persons make for this New Zealand Admiral Rous is that he takes into consideration the breeding of the horses. What has a handicapper to do with this? We will only call the attention of our readers to one other discrepancy. Taking a line through The Baron, how can Antelope and Capella be brought within 20lb of each other, and the latter have to give Tamora 4lb over six furlongs.

All we know of this Mr. Knight is that he is a stranger to Auckland, and that he is a friend of the Secretary of the Auckland Racing Club. How he came across him, and what he knows of his antecedents, we do not know, and the only gentleman that does know refuses to give us any information. However, it is quite evident he knows nothing about handicapping, judging from his latest productions. He was only appointed for the Spring Meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club, and in all probability he will soon find his level, as he has not been a success so far. It will, however, be determined to-day, and if, owing to the state of the ground, etc., there are two or three close finishes, he may last a little longer in his position.

PAKURANGA RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

THIS meeting was brought off on Saturday on the Otahuhu Racecourse. There was not a numerous attendance, a large proportion of the sporting public being present at the Athletic Sports held in the Domain. The course was not in good order, being rough and very hard, and three spills occurred during the afternoon. Mr. F. Lawry occupied the judge's box, and Mr. E. D. Halstead wielded the starters' flag, and, except in the last race, got the fields away well together. Mr. F. W. Marks was clerk of the scales, and Mr. T. A. Brown clerk of the course. The onerous duties of the Secretary were undertaken by Mr. Richard Williams, who, as usual, was courteous and obliging. The totalizators were in charge of Mr. W. Adams, but, owing to one of the machines failing to register properly, some dissatisfaction was expressed, and the want of courtesy displayed by one of the officials was uncalled for. Fortunately there were two machines, and therefore the only inconvenience caused was by a brief delay. It would have been far more satisfactory if both machines had been worked; as it was, there was considerable difficulty in getting tickets, and we feel sure a large sum of money was not invested solely on account of this difficulty. £1,452 were passed through the totalizator during the afternoon.

The racing commenced with the Handicap Maiden Plate, one mile and a furlong, for which only Fishmonger, Priscilla and Iron Bark faced the starter. The former was made

favourite, Iron Bark being the outsider of the three. Before the horses had gone a furlong Fishmonger fell heavily through galloping on Priscilla, giving Friend a nasty "purler." Meanwhile the other pair ran stride and stride round the back of the course and into the straight, where the whip was immediately taken out on Priscilla, and Gallagher flogged his mount all the way up the straight, being eventually beaten by a length. This horsemanship was very different to what we have seen before from Gallagher, and, to say the least of it, what he did was not done artistically. If he had sat down and ridden his mount home, instead of adopting these "windmill" tactics, we think Priscilla would have won comfortably. Meanwhile Friend had been carried into the steward's room, and was promptly attended to by Dr. Bews of Otahuhu, who discovered that he had sustained a fracture of the collar-bone, and was otherwise severely shaken. Had the accident not occurred, it is probable that Fishmonger would have won comfortably. The Maiden Hurdle Race was the next event, and again only three horses were saddled up. Sentinel was made a warm favourite, and had the race at his mercy from the jump, eventually winning easily. Neli fell at the back of the course, but Greenwood, his rider, was not hurt. Seven horses faced the starter for the Handicap Farmers' Plate, of which Ingorina was elected a warm favourite at a shade of odds on. As was the case with Fishmonger he was destined to come down. From a good start Billy Billy was the first to move, and at the back of the course the order was Premier, Billy Billy and Memorandum, but here Ingorina made a forward movement and cutting down his horses had got into third place when he put his foot in a hole and fell. Memorandum then went up to the leaders and after a good race down the straight won by about two lengths, Premier and Billy Billy making a dead heat of it for second honours. Fletcher, who was riding Ingorina, was a bit cut about the face and bruised, but not seriously hurt. The Tamaki Cup Handicap brought out the most select field of the day, which, however, is not saying a great deal. One feature of the race was the splendid finish of Hodson who rode St. Michael, and another was the peculiar running of Tamora. We looked over the horses prior to the start, and it struck us that Leorina appeared much finer than when she ran at Ellerslie and had probably done a lot of work in the meantime, which led us to believe that she would run a good race. Tamora looked better than we ever remember seeing her, and, moreover, moved very freely. On the other hand, St. Michael and Belmont did not look quite so well as their best admirers might wish. St. Michael, on the strength of his forward running in the City Handicap at Ellerslie, was made favourite, Belmont and Tamora being next in demand. Te Kooti took charge of his boy and ran off when passing the stand the first time. At the back of the course Leorina led by a length from St. Michael, and thus early these two appeared to have the race to themselves. Tamora here was running a bad last, although she appeared to be pulling Golding out of the saddle. Entering the straight St. Michael on the outside got up to Leorina's girths, but Hickton still had a firm hold of the mare's head and it was only when Hodson got his mount on terms that he discovered that he had yet to win the race. Immediately he struck the mare with the whip she refused to try, and Hodson, riding a desperate finish, forged ahead and won by half a length. Had Hickton made the most of his advantage, and ridden his mount all the way up the straight, the positions would most assuredly have been reversed. Ingorina, who finished stronger than Tamora, although she was a long distance in the rear. Larrikin was the only absentee from the four figuring on the card when the numbers were hoisted for the Handicap Hurdle Race. The horse had been brought in from Pakuranga, but when he was on the course he showed signs of lameness, and his owner decided not to start him. Fishmonger and Nap were almost equal favourites on the machine, and the former won. He jumped very badly, striking several of the hurdles heavily. Carronade ran round a flag at the back of the course, but did not pull up, and finished home alongside the winner, causing some severe things to be said by those who did not know the true facts of the case. Nap ran

very disappointingly. Only a quartette came out for the Selling Race, and Memorandum, the favourite, got home comfortably. Octopus ran fairly well under his big weight, but Blarney cut a very inglorious figure. The Flying Handicap attracted out seven competitors, and The Baron, who looked in the pink of condition, was served up very warm. Capella was the only other starter that carried much money. There was a lot of fiddling at the post, caused through Prudence and Premier continually breaking away, but The Baron stood still all the time and many surmised that when the flag fell he would be left at the post. Such proved to be the case, and when Hodson got his mount to move he was fully twenty lengths behind the rest of the field. Prudence and Capella were the first to show in front and at the home turn Capella was a length to the good. Meanwhile Hodson drove The Baron along at a terrific pace, and so rapidly did he make up his ground that he was only about five lengths to the bad when fairly in the straight. Then Hodson sat down and rode him home, and passing everything except Capella, he came on amidst great excitement and at the rails his nose was at her girths, but the little mare running as game as possible under the whip, had just a little too much advantage, and managed to squeeze home by a bare nose. The finish was, of course, the most exciting one of the day, but if The Baron had got away with his field he would have smothered everything for pace and won easily. The race must have been a nasty blow to the party connected with the horse, as, besides losing their money, the horse has now proved himself a real clipper over a short course, and the handicappers are bound to take good care of him. Priscilla finished a moderate third. A special train was in readiness to take people to town, but those who had been fortunate enough to back Capella were unable to catch it in time, and had to wait until seven o'clock. This was unsatisfactory, and should be rectified at future gatherings. If the train had waited another five minutes everyone would have been able to return by it.

TAKAPUNA J.C. SPRING MEETING.

THERE promises to be an excellent gathering at the Devonport racecourse this afternoon, when the Takapuna Jockey Club will hold their first meeting of the present season. As usual, the Ferry Company will issue return tickets to admit bearer onto the course for the nominal charge of one shilling. Steamers will run every few minutes to convey passengers across to the scene of action.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE. 1½ miles.

	st lb		st lb
Hailstone	9 12	Cracksman	9 5
Moderator	9 10	Paddy	9 5
Fragrance	9 7	Ingorina—Kate	9 5
Highgate	9 7	Mark Tapley	9 0
Irish Agitator	9 5	Revoke	9 0

With the exception of Hailstone, Fragrance, Irish Agitator, and Revoke, all these horses are unknown to Auckland race-goers. Cracksman is owned in Taranaki, and it is improbable that his owner would send him up unless he is some good. Highgate, Paddy and Mark Tapley are four-year-olds. The race is very open, and would be best left alone, but if compelled to make a selection I should choose

HAILSTONE OR CRACKSMAN.

DEVONPORT HANDICAP. 5½ furlongs.

	st lb		st lb
Tulloch	8 8	Resentment	7 10
Brown Bess	8 7	Lady Belle	7 7
Dishonour	8 0	Brigade	7 0

Tulloch and Brigade have not yet performed in public. Wright trains the former, and will probably bring him to the post in the pink of condition. Orestes has been withdrawn, which would point to the stable having something better at the weights in Dishonour. I like Brown Bess better, however. To supply the winner I shall select

BROWN BESS OR TULLOCH.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE. 1 mile.

	st lb		st lb
Octopus	8 0	Master Pat	7 7
Warrior	7 12	Ma Boughal	7 2
Regel	7 7	Ringtail	7 0
Premier	7 7	Victim	6 0

Warrior is a four-year-old colt by Ingomar out of Fanny Fisher. Regel is a three-year-old colt by St. Leger out of Atalanta. Both are owned by Mr. "B. Thompson." Master Pat is

a three-year-old colt by King Cole out of Eileen Allenah, and is in McHugh's stable. Warrior and Regal, I believe, are backward in condition, and unless Ma Boughal can beat him I shall expect OCTOPUS to win. To be on the safe side, however, I shall tip
MR. B. THOMPSON'S BEST OF MA BOUGHAL.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. 1½ miles.

	st lb		st lb
Orlando	12 10	Landseer	9 8
Silvio	11 2	Hailstone	9 4
Hune	10 9	Moderator	9 4
Fishmonger	10 0	Irish Agitator	9 0
Satyr	9 12		

Without comment I shall dismiss from my calculations Fishmonger, Satyr, Landseer, Hailstone, and Irish Agitator. I do not know Moderator, but I have no fancy for his chance. This leaves Orlando, Silvio and Hune to be reckoned with. Orlando, with all his weight, will require a lot of shaking off, and if as well as when he ran at Ellerslie, whatever beats him will win. Silvio will probably be better suited over the steeplechase course, and Hune will be Orlando's most dangerous opponent. I shall tip (with a preference for the first-named)
ORLANDO OR HUNE.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP. 1½ miles.

	st lb		st lb
Antelope	9 4	Warrior	7 0
Leorina	9 0	Regal	6 12
Tamora	8 6	Te Kooti	6 10
Cartridge	7 4		

A very open race. Antelope has never yet shown her ability to get a mile and a half, but she may have improved with age. If the distance of the race was a quarter of a mile less I should like her better. Tamora, on her Pakuranga running, cannot have a chance, but I don't believe we saw the best of her there. Cartridge has a show with 7st. 4lb., but want of condition, if I am rightly informed, will stop Warrior and Regal. I don't care for Te Kooti, altho' he has run well on this course before. Leorina is such an uncertain brute that one can never rely upon her, and with 9st. opposite her name I hardly think she can win. I think whatever beats Cartridge on this occasion will win, and my tip is

CARTRIDGE OR ANTELOPE.

SELLING RACE. 6½ furlongs.

	st lb		st lb
Ringtail	9 1	Lord Gillie	7 1
Iron Bark	8 1	Octopus	7 1
Cracksman	7 1		

Unless Cracksman is good enough to beat him, this race looks a good thing for
OCTOPUS.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. 3½ miles.

	st lb		st lb
Orlando	12 12	Rewarewa	9 7
Silvio	11 2	Fragrance	9 7
Hune	10 12	Revoke	9 7
Fishmonger	10 0	Paddy	9 7
Satyr	9 10		

Rewarewa and Paddy I do not know. I think the first four will supply the placed horses. Fishmonger I don't like, as he does not appear to take generously to his jumping. Silvio has been brought up from Taranaki to compete, and if he was the Silvio of old I should not look further for the winner. If he is well to-day (and my readers must judge for themselves, as I have not had an opportunity of seeing the horse) he will just about win, as he is a great stayer and a capital fencer. The Hurdle Race will give backers a reliable line as to the chances of Orlando and Hune, but of the pair I certainly prefer the top-weight. I shall select

SILVIO (if well) OR ORLANDO.

SPRING HANDICAP. 6 furlongs.

	st lb		st lb
Antelope	9 10	Locket	7 2
Leorina	8 8	Prudence	7 2
Capella	8 4	Master Pat	7 2
Tamora	8 0	Regal	6 12
Cartridge	7 7	Rewarewa	6 10
Warrior	7 2		

This event will, of course, be easier to pick when the running in the previous races has exposed the form of the horses. I can't see what is to beat

ANTELOPE.

The Queensland Derby was won by Garuna by Wheatmeat—Gamos, Piora and Refused ran a dead heat for second place. The other starters were Musician, Wheatband, Girasole, Clinton, Kholo, and Ozola. Time, 2min. 40½secs. It would have been a certainty for King William if he had not gone to Flemington.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

ON Tuesday next, December 2nd, nominations for the following events close with the Secretary, Mr. M. G. Nasmith, Argyle Hotel, Gisborne, at 8 p.m. :—

- Flying Handicap, 50 sovs., 6 furlongs.
- First Handicap Hurdle Race, 60 sovs., 1½ miles.
- Grand Stand Handicap, 110 sovs., 1½ miles.
- Park Stakes Handicap, 60 sovs., 1 mile and a distance.
- County Stakes Handicap, 40 sovs., 1 mile.
- Steward's Handicap, 50 sovs., 1½ miles.
- Second Handicap Hurdle Race, 60 sovs., 2 miles.
- President's Handicap, 160 sovs., 1½ miles.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

ON Tuesday, December 2nd, nominations for the following events close with the Secretary, Mr. F. D. Luckie, Criterion Hotel, Napier, at 10 p.m. :—

- Welter Handicap, 50 sovs., once round course.
- Handicap Hurdles, 75 sovs., 2 miles.
- Summer Handicap, 155 sovs., 1½ miles.
- Trial Handicap, 40 sovs., once round course.
- Two-Year-Old Handicap, 75 sovs., 5 furlongs.
- Christmas Handicap, 75, sovs., 6 furlongs.

DRURY RACING CLUB.

ON Friday, December 5th, nominations for the following events close with the Secretary, Mr. Daniel Maher, Drury, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, Tattersall's Club, Auckland :—

- Drury Cup, 40 sovs., 1½ miles.
- Handicap Hurdle Race, 20 sovs., 2 miles.
- Flying Stakes Handicap, 15 sovs., 6 furlongs.
- Drury Racing Club Handicap, 25 sovs., 1½ miles.
- Steward's Handicap, 20 sovs., 1 mile.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

ON Friday, December 5th, nominations for the following events close with the Secretary, Mr. O. F. Mark, Durham Street, Auckland :—

- FIRST DAY—**
- Maiden Trot, 40 sovs., 2 miles.
 - Pony Cup, 50 sovs., 1 mile.
 - Auckland Trotting Cup, 100 sovs., 3 miles.
 - Pony Trot, 30 sovs., 2 miles.
 - Pony Hurdles, 30 sovs., 1½ miles.
 - Pony Steeplechase, 30 sovs., 2½ miles.

- SECOND DAY—**
- Maiden Trot, 25 sovs., 2 miles.
 - Handicap Pony Race, 40 sovs., 6 furlongs.
 - Handicap Trot, 60 sovs., 3 miles.
 - Handicap Pony Trot, 20 sovs., 2 miles.
 - Handicap Pony Hurdles, 25 sovs., 1½ miles.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

ON Friday, December 5th, acceptances for the following events, and nominations for the Selling Race, close with the Secretary, Mr. H. H. Hayr, at the office of this paper, at 8 p.m. :—

- Maiden Plate Handicap, 20 sovs., 1 mile.
- Hurdle Race Handicap, 40 sovs., 1½ miles.
- Avondale Cup Handicap, 50 sovs., 1½ miles.
- Steeplechase Handicap, 50 sovs., 3 miles.
- Flying Stakes Handicap, 25 sovs., 5 furlongs.
- Steward's Handicap, 25 sovs., 7 furlongs.
- Selling Race, 25 sovs., 7 furlongs.

Nominations for the Thames Jockey Club close on Tuesday next, December 2nd.

CORRESPONDENCE.

I N G O M A R.

(To the Editor SPORTING REVIEW.)

SIR,—In your issue of November 9 I read with interest your reply to my letter on above subject. In giving my name I expected (before I saw the letter in type) one of your arguments would be that I was an Irishman. However, you are mistaken, as I never saw that country except on paper. You will perhaps admit that your surmise was wrong (No. 1). I did not "stick up" for the horse on that account, therefore, but because his good name was being slandered (No. 2). I repeat his stock have been successful in England and Ireland—successful so far as winning goes (No. 3). Do you deny that? I neither said they were Ormondes nor Carbins, and am therefore not at all out of my calculations. As to your statement that he never got one at home within 3st of a good one, that is merely an assertion—nothing more. Why Mr. Campbell secured him for a "very low figure" was because those who sold the horse did not know his real value. Another statement, that none of his stock I mentioned was within 4st of a good one, I consider ridiculous. What about Alcinous? When well, where is the horse that could give him 4st or the half of it? After seeing the race for the New Zealand Cup, I am confident that had Strephon (Ingomar's son) been properly ridden he would have won. In this opinion I do not stand alone. The following day, however, he won the Metropolitan, carrying 7st 2lb (7lb more than in the Cup), going 1½ miles in 2 min. 40 secs., or 3 secs. quicker

than the first or last three parts of the Cup took. Considering the chances he has had Ingomar has done wonderfully well, and his stock will bear comparison with other sires. If he was sold cheaply it was because the supply of blood stock was greater than the demand. For the same reason Musket and Traducer horses are hawked about New Zealand season after season without any buyers being forthcoming, and it was only recently that a Musket horse was sold in Auckland for about £20! As to my beating you with reference to Ingomar's being in a place as a winning sire, I will explain. The difference between Ingomar's total (£1,456) and that of Leolinus (£2,405 16s.), who was third on the list—£945 16s.—would have been won by Vandal had he lived. I hope you do not doubt D. O'Brien's judgment in putting Rubina to Ingomar in preference to other sires. I am sure he does not regret it, and consider that sport a better judge than I, or perhaps the editor S.R. Hoping I have convinced you, and thanking you in anticipation, I remain, etc.,

OILEUS.

[I have not time to answer "Oileus'" letter in full. As he is satisfied that his arguments are right, let it be so; but in justice to myself I must answer two or three of his remarks. In answer to Nos. 2 and 3. It is quite evident he knows nothing of English racing. With regard to his remark "as to your statement that he never got one at home within 3st. of a good one, that is merely an assertion"—that is false. I was both racing and breeding in England forty years ago. Uncas, the sire of Ingomar, was foaled in my paddocks. That Mr. Campbell bought Ingomar cheap because the market was overstocked displays "Oileus'" ignorance. The English market is never overstocked, owing to the numerous foreign buyers, and a horse having proved himself a successful sire will always command thousands, let alone hundreds. His remark "would have been won by Vandal had he lived" is really laughable. I never knew any racing man calculate his winnings until he got them PAID. With regard to D. O'Brien, I admit he is a splendid judge of a yearling, and knows his work as a trainer—then I am done. In conclusion, I will say that "Oileus" has not convinced me. Should he come to Auckland I hope he will call on me, and I think I can prove in print that I know a little more about racing than he gives me credit for. But this must end the correspondence re Ingomar, though I shall be glad to hear from him on other subjects.—Ed. S.R.]

HANDICAP FOR MAIDEN PLATE AT TAKAPUNA.

To the Editor SPORTING REVIEW.

SIR,—It seems the new handicapper wants to crush my filly out of every race I enter her for. There is hardly a horse in the race that has not won more money than Priscilla. I have started her ten times, and won a paltry Maiden Plate of 20 sovs., with 7st 10lb, yet I am asked to give lumps of weight to everything in the race (with one exception), and she is only a three-year-old at that.

Take Torment, for instance, a six-year-old. She won the Maiden Plate of 30 sovs. at Takapuna in 1 min. 49 secs., and I am asked to give her *eighteen pounds*. She carried 7st 4lb when she won, and she carries the same again. What sort of a show have I got with 8st 8lb?—I am, etc.,

M. S. LAURIE.

Remuera, Nov. 26, 1890.

SPORTING ITEMS.

Weights for the Auckland Cup and Summer Steeplechase are due from Mr. Evitt on Friday, December 5th.

Weights for the Handicaps at the Avondale Jockey Club's Spring Meeting will be declared by Mr. E. D. Halstead on Monday, December 1st.

The Sydney Mail says that since the appointment of the Stipendiary Steward by the V.R.O. quite a revolution has been created in connection with the measurement of ponies and galloways and several events have resulted in walk overs owing to the small horses engaged being, with the exception of one in each instance, unable to get under the standard in the class for which they had declared.

Cracksman was submitted to auction at Hunter and Nolan's yards yesterday. Bidding reached 14 guineas, but the horse was withdrawn at a reserve of 35 guineas.

Messrs. Hill and Cruickshank, the local firm of bookmakers, advertise in another column that the partnership hitherto existing between them has been dissolved by mutual consent.

Ponies competing at the forthcoming Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting must be measured at Potter's Paddock, Epsom, between the hours of 3 and 5 on Wednesday afternoon.

Trenton took first prize in the blood stock class at the Geelong and Western District Agricultural Show. Robinson Crusoe was second and Mentor third.

We learn from a well-known sportsman, who has just returned from Australia, that Jack Rae and Jimmy Kean will both return to Auckland, and again take up their residence here, by the next steamer.

The full programme of the Egmont Racing Club's Summer Meeting appears in our advertising columns. The stakes given by this club are very liberal, the two principal events being the Egmont Handicap of 300 sovs., two miles; and the Waimate Handicap of 150 sovs., one mile and a half.

All stakes won at the Pakuranga Racing Club's Spring Meeting last Saturday were paid over at the British Hotel yesterday. The promptness with which all accounts have been settled reflects great credit on the management, more especially on the courteous secretary, Mr. Richard Williams.

"Sir Launcelot" states that he learns from Brisbane that H. Linnell has leased the stables at Lutwyche lately known as Yately Lodge. Linnell, says the *Queenslander*, has had a large amount of experience in the art of training, and brings with him excellent credentials from the manager of the New Zealand Stud Company, in whose employ he was for a long time.

"Augur," in his comments on the late V.R.C. Meeting, writes that Mr. Gannon informed him that Melos went off two or three days before the meeting, and did not run up to within some pounds of his form. He appeared to have had too much of it before he came to Flemington. In referring to Cuirassier he states, "If ever we see Trenton's brother in his best form we shall find that he is all his New Zealand admirers declare him to be.

Great regret was expressed at Flemington when the news was received of the death of Mr. Alfred Watson, the fifth son of Mr. George Watson, from a fall received at Moonee Valley. Explorer rolling over him, and fracturing some of his ribs, which pierced his lungs. The case was considered hopeless from the first, and he expired the same night. Mr. A. Watson was very popular and a well-known gentleman rider, and his death coming so soon after Mr. Eric Farquharson's, who was killed at Caulfield, has caused a gloom among the amateurs.

The following is taken from the *N.Z. Referee*: "The stock of Sir Modred and Darebin were in great form at the West Chester (N.Y.) meeting on October 2nd and following days. On the first day a sweepstakes for maidens w.f.a. with 200 sovs. added was won by Two Lips, by Darebin—Kiss-me-quick, fourteen being behind him. The next race a sweepstakes for three-year-olds with 200 sovs. added went to the br.c Dr. Helmuth, by Sir Modred—Sweetbriar, who had four opponents to beat. On the second day Tournament, a son of Sir Modred, with 9st. 2lb. up, defeated three, to all of whom he was giving weight, in the Mosholm Stakes of 500 sovs., one mile and a furlong. On the third day an unnamed Darebin colt defeated four in a two-year-old sweepstakes of 150 sovs. six furlongs, and Tournament with 8st. 10lb. again triumphed in the Hickory Stakes of 2,000 sovs. one mile and a half, beating Banquet and English Lady, who went for the second and third money. The *Spirit of the Times* describes Tournament as a great fine colt, and says it does not matter to him whether the going is hard or soft. For the rich Hickory Stakes, Tournament jumped off at the fall of the flag, winning hard held by twenty lengths. The Hickory Stakes were worth £2,810 to the winner, and though the course was heavy he won in a canter, and the time was only 2m. 44sec.

TURF RECORD.

PAKURANGA R. C. SPRING MEETING.

NOVEMBER 22, 1890.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 25 sovs., 5 sovs. to second horse. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding the advertised value of 25 sovs. Distance, 1 mile 1 furlong.

47	Mr. F. Stenning's b g Iron Bark, by Cap-a-pie—Jenny Lind, 5 years, 7st 7lb (A. Cook) ..	1
136	Mr. M. S. Laurie's b m Priscilla, 3 years, 8st 10lb (Gallagher) ..	2
170	Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Fishmonger, 6 years, 8st 8lb (Friend) ..	0

353 Won by a length. Time, 2 min. 7 secs. Fishmonger fell. Dividend (10s. tickets), £3 7s.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 30 sovs., 5 sovs. to second horse. For horses that have never won an advertised hurdle race. Over six flights of hurdles. Four-year-olds, 9st 7lb; five-year-olds, 11st; six and aged, 11st 7lb. Distance, 1½ miles.

213	Mr. C. R. Hewett's b g Sentinel, by Cap-a-pie—Duchess, aged, 11st 4lb (Weal) ..	1
102	Mr. G. Smith's ch g Randwick, 6 years, 11st 4lb (Robinson) ..	2
76	Mr. A. Greenwood's b h Neli, aged, 11st 4lb (Owner) ..	0

401 Won easily by 10 lengths. Neli fell. Time, 3 min. 1 sec. Dividend, 16s.

HANDICAP FARMERS' PLATE of 20 sovs.; horses to be the *bona fide* property of farmers (no restrictions as to districts). Distance, once round the course.

40	Mr. W. Booth's b g Memorandum, by Feve—Memento, aged, 9st 4lb (Hickton) ..	1
15	Mr. J. Muir's b g Billy Billy, aged, 9st 7lbs, including 7lb overweight (Tomlinson) ..	†
32	Mr. J. Wilson's br g Premier, 6 years, 9st (McMinamin) ..	†
145	Mr. J. Fletcher's b h Ingorina, 4 years, 9st 10lb (Fletcher) ..	0
55	Mr. J. Wallace's g g Lord Gillie, 5 years, 9st 7lb (Gent) ..	0
4	Mr. H. Andrew's b g Carronade, aged, 9st (Morrigan) ..	0
11	Mr. T. B. Bell's b m Pandora, aged, 9st (Owner) ..	0

302 Won by two lengths. Dead heat between Billy Billy and Premier. Ingorina fell. Time, 1 min. 53½ secs. Dividend (10s. tickets), £3 7s.

TAMAKI CUP (HANDICAP) of 50 sovs., 5 sovs. to second horse. Distance, 1½ miles.

90	Mr. T. B. Bell's b g St. Michael, by Anteros—Ratafia, aged, 8st 10lb (Hodson) ..	1
51	Mr. W. Walters's ch m Leorina, by Leolinus—Yatterina, aged, 8st 12lb (Hickton) ..	2
11	Mr. J. Fletcher's b h Ingorina, by Ingomar—Hipporina, 4 years, 7st 5lb (Gallagher) ..	3
59	Mr. H. Harrison's b m Tamora, aged, 8st 6lb (Golding) ..	0
66	Mr. J. Roulston's br g Belmont, 5 years, 7st 12lb (H. Smith) ..	0
11	Mr. W. Patterson's ch g Te Kooti, 5 years, 7st (Brain) ..	0

288 Won by half-a-length. A good third. Time, 2 min. 19 secs. Dividend (20s. tickets), £2 17s.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 35 sovs., 5 sovs. to second horse. Over eight flights of hurdles. 2 miles.

65	Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Fishmonger, by Isaac Walton, 6 years, 9st 7lb (Fergus) ..	1
62	Mr. H. C. Fonk's b g Nap, 6 years, 9st 7lb (McMinimin) ..	2
28	Mr. H. Andrew's b g Carronade, aged, 9st 7lb, including 7lb overweight (Gent) ..	0

155 Won easily. Carronade ran round a hurdle. Dividend, £2 2s.

SELLING RACE of 20 sovs. Winner to be sold after the race, and any surplus above selling price to go to the funds of the Club. Distance, 7 furlongs.

65	Mr. W. R. Booth's b g Memorandum, by Feve—Memento, aged, 8st 11lb (Hickton) ..	1
39	Mr. W. McMinimin's r g Hailstone, aged, 9st 4lb (Owner) ..	2
44	Mr. B. Thompson's b g Octopus, aged, 9st 11lb	3
28	Mr. A. Joseph's br g Blarney, aged, 9st 11lb (Hawkins) ..	0

176 Won by three lengths. A length between second and third. Dividend, £2 8s.

FLYING HANDICAP of 35 sovs., 5 ovs. to second horse. Distance, 5 furlongs.

70	Mr. J. Maitland's b m Capella, by Cap-a-pie—Xantippe, aged, 8st 4lb (Wells) ..	1
126	Mr. W. Turner's br h The Baron, by Hippocampus—Grand Duchess, 4 years, 9st 4lb (Hodson) ..	2
20	Mr. M. S. Laurie's b m Priscilla, by Captivator—Patch, 3 years, 7st 4lb (Gallagher) ..	3
113	Mr. A. Joseph's b g Blarney, aged, 7st 10lb (Patterson) ..	0
45	Mr. Arthur's ch m Prudence, 5 years, 7st 8lb (Manning) ..	0
24	Mr. W. Patterson's ch g Te Kooti, 5 years, 7st 2lb., including 2lb overweight (G. Smith) ..	0
17	Mr. J. Wilson's br g Premier, 6 years, 6st 10lb (Golding) ..	0

305 Won by a bare nose. Time, 1 min. 6 secs. Dividend, £3 18s.

The value of the Melbourne Cup won by Carbine was £10,070, exclusive of a trophy worth £150.

NOMINATIONS FOR AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON THE 13TH DECEMBER, 1890.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP. 1 mile. Captive, Glaucus, Ma Boughal, Warrior, Coalscuttle, Regel, Forget-me-not, Premier, Winifred, Master Pat.

HURDLE RACE HANDICAP. 1½ miles. Neli, Larrikin, Tikoti, Hopeful Kate, Hailstone, Carronade, Ingar, Hune, Fishmonger, Moderator, Paddy, Sentinel, Rewarewa, Silvio.

AVONDALE CUP HANDICAP. 1½ miles. Antelope, Te Kooti, Patchwork, Priscilla, Tamora, Vendetta, Ingorina, Cartridge, Warrior, Regel.

STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP. About 3 miles. Neli, Larrikin, Revoke, Tikoti, Hopeful Kate, Hurricane, Huntsman, Ingar, Hune, Fishmonger, Paddy, Irish Agitator, Sentinel, Moderator, Rewarewa, Silvio.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP. 5 furlongs. Cambria, Captive, Blarney, Hailstone, Capella, Prudence, Regel, My Queen, Coalscuttle, Locket, Vendetta, Ingorina, Premier, Master Pat, Flint.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP. 7 furlongs. Cambria, Antelope, Priscilla, Capella, Warrior, Nigger, Tamora, Locket, Ingorina, Cartridge.

NOMINATIONS FOR SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP. Ilma, Cathleen, Lupin, Antic, Never-miss, Valentine, Helen McGregor, Lady Marion, Too Soon, Lonely, Theorem, Highgate, Grace Darling.

HANDICAP HURDLES. Wide-awake, Peter, Sentinel, Theorem, Moderator, Silvio, Fishmonger, Parnell.

SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP. Ilma, Lupin, Clarion, Leorina, Belmont, Lochness, Haricot, Antelope, Warrior, Patchwork, Tamora, St. Michael, Iron Bark, Cartridge, Capella.

STEEPLECHASE. Orange Lightning, Peter, Sentinel, The Pirate, Silvio, Muscatell, Fishmonger, Hurricane, Tikoti, Moderator, Parnell.

TRADESMAN'S PLATE. Ilma, Lupin, Cathleen, Clarion, Leorina, Haricot, Lonely, Mararoa, Belmont, Pretender, Scot Free, Antelope, Patchwork, St. Michael, Capella, Tamora.

FLYING STAKES. Ilma, Helen McGregor, Lady Marion, Cathleen, Never-miss, Too Soon, Belmont, Pretender, Scot Free, Valentine, Haricot, Warrior, Highgate, Capella.

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.]

[BY CARBINE.]

THE Auckland Navals held an inspection parade last week, in rear of the Drill-shed, there being a splendid muster of 65, under Capt. Parker, Lieuts. Smith and Little. A competition for the position of Second-class P.O. was held, and Seaman Morrison passed through, making the maximum number of points. The Artillery Band were also in attendance under Bandmaster Hunter.

Members of Rifle Clubs intending to compete at the forthcoming meeting at Napier must fire in uniform, and the following has been passed by the Martini Club:—Tunic—blue serge, made in the style of a Norfolk jacket, buttoned up to the throat, with band round waist; serge trousers, brown leather leggings and blue cloth cap with French peak.

Free railway passes on Government lines will be granted to volunteers attending the Napier meeting, and will be issued by the officer commanding the district, also to *bona fide* members of the rifle clubs authorised by the Government, and in all cases they must travel in uniform. Special arrangements will be made (and duly notified) with the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Co. for transit on their line between Longburn and Wellington.

Major Skinner, Capt. Tobin, Lieut. Haultain and Sergt. McCallum have been appointed a sub-committee to make arrangements for a musical performance to raise funds to send twenty men to Napier to represent Auckland.

The members of the "A" Battery muster at one o'clock this afternoon to proceed to Stark's Point, North Shore, to go through their annual shot and shell practice.

The "O" Battery are still at Fort Resolution undergoing their usual course of training. This afternoon they hold shot and shell practice.

Mr. F. F. Dakin officiated as judge at the late meeting of the Victorian Racing Club at Flemington, his decisions giving every satisfaction.

SLAVIN V. M'AULIFFE.

A FAMOUS VICTORY.

I SUPPOSE the enthusiasm of Young Australia in regard to what is euphemistically termed a "glove contest," but which in police parlance was nothing more nor less than "a fierce and furious prize fight," has exhausted itself ere this, and that the eager craving for details has been allayed by the cable and otherwise. The confession must be made, despite the groans of advanced civilisation, that the fighting instincts of the British race delight in these exhibitions of skill, pluck, strength, and endurance. I don't think Inspector Chisholm earned much popularity in any section of society when he intervened to stop the combat; but Mr. Partridge's common-sense was applauded to the echo when he evaded a decision upon the legality of the contest, and practically told the parties to the issue to "gang their ain gait," subject to such responsibility as the law imposed. Lord Lonsdale soon brought the gladiators and their backers to the scratch, and the fight was fixed to take place at the Ormonde Club at the unreasonably early hour of four in the morning on the 27th September. Why such a time was selected no one can imagine. It was inconvenient for everyone, and not quite fair to the most interested parties, though they made no objection. The few day's delay proved rather favourable to Slavin. Though a magnificent specimen of a man, of true fighting build and immense muscular power, he is nearly a head shorter than the Californian boy, whose superior reach and weight and greater cleverness with the gloves were considered to more than counterbalance the Australian's bulldog courage, quickness, and capacity for taking punishment. The betting had therefore all along been in favour of M'Auliffe, though there were plenty who prophesied that the "devil" in Slavin would pull him through without discredit. He never doubted himself. He argued in this wise—if he could beat Farnan (in three rounds), who beat Jackson, it was only reasonable to conclude that he could defeat M'Auliffe, who was beaten by Jackson. At any rate, he always asserted that he had "a good thing on," and his confidence in himself never wavered. His trainer and backers were not always so sure as he was. Just prior to the date first fixed for the fight a very awkward *contretemps* occurred that upset Frank not a little. After his heroic behaviour at Bruges he went touring in England and made a mint of many. At one of the large provincial towns—either Liverpool or Bristol, I think—he took umbrage at the scanty preparations made for his reception and refused to exhibit. Legal proceedings for damages were commenced and could easily have been stopped, but Slavin haughtily disregarded all precautions, with the result that on the eve of his big contest he received the staggering intelligence from his wife (who was about to be confined) that bailiffs were in their house. In a few hours the worry reduced the poor fellow several pounds below his normal condition, and his backers became uneasy. Instant steps were taken to give him ease of mind, but, as may be imagined, the subsequent proceedings at the Lambeth Police Court, which looked as if they would imperil the whole business, were not calculated to improve his physical condition. However, he pulled up a good deal during the few additional days allowed, and on the morning of the 27th he stepped into the ring with his usual quick, springy tread, as fit as any champion need be. The Californian giant looked immense, but his arms looked soft and flabby, and his calves weak. Both men were wonderfully well received. A noisy crowd was present numbering about 200, including such aristocratic sports as Lord Lonsdale, Lord Esme Gordon, Lord Royston, Sir William Eden, Lord Marcus Beresford, Mr. "Abingdon" Baird. The betting was slightly in favour of Slavin, but the American money was not plentiful. When the men faced one another the betting was 21 to 20 on Slavin, but before the first round was over Charley Mitchell, the boxer, was offering £100 to £50 on McAuliffe, with no takers, so greatly had the confidence of the Australians been shaken by the momentary superiority of the Californian, whose friends were shouting, "Why, it's all over, M'Auliffe will win in a trot." At the end of the first three minutes Slavin had unquestionably had the worst of the encounter. M'Auliffe showed more science,

quickness, and general wariness, avoiding Slavin's slightly wild deliveries with considerable success. Slavin, however, took his punishment with wonderful gameness, and seemed to care for nothing so long as he could accomplish his main object of getting as much infighting as possible. Before time was called he continued to get in a few heavy body blows as a foretaste of what was to follow. When the second round commenced not a few noted "a wicked look" on the Australian's determined countenance which boded no good for his opponent. For a few seconds the advantage again rested with M'Auliffe, but, ignoring all punishment, Slavin got to close quarters; and his heavy body-blows made his opponent show evident signs of weakness, and compelled him to shift about the ring with suspicious alacrity. Fighting M'Auliffe to the ropes, he compelled him to stand and face him, and lost no time in giving him a bang in the ear, which brought the giant to the ground. Dazed, and almost unconscious, M'Auliffe rose just within the time allowed, and as soon as he had fairly regained his feet received the inevitable quietus in the shape of a swinging right-hander in the jaw. It was clear the Californian had received enough. He was unable to rise, and bruised and bleeding and nearly insensible was carried to his corner, defeated in 5min. 45secs. A scene of the wildest excitement arose. Slavin retired and dressed, showing few signs of the punishment he had taken so pluckily. A scratch over his left eye was the only visible sign of the ordeal he had gone through. It was nearly five and twenty minutes before M'Auliffe conversed. He looked the very picture of distress, his face red and swollen, with several cuts. He could not account for his defeat, except by saying that Slavin had been smart enough to "put him to sleep." He frankly admitted he had been fairly beaten. Madden, his trainer, was a little more explicit. He admitted that the fight had been a terrific one from the very outset. Both men went in for "slogging," and either was liable to be knocked out at any moment if one of the terrible blows took full effect. "Unfortunately," said Madden, "my man was hit in the right place." It was inconceivable, he said, how such terrific fighting could have lasted more than a very few rounds. Richard K. Fox, M'Auliffe's backer, acknowledged that the fight had been fought fairly and that the best man had won, but he thought it really too bad that Australia should be in possession of both the heavy-weight and light-weight championship of the world. The description given of the fight shows how much reliance could be placed upon the assertion that the contest was to be a skilled competition for points.

Slavin was surprised at winning so easily. He thinks M'Auliffe "a thundering good man at out-fighting for one so big," but not a hard hitter. For his own part he never shared the expectation that M'Auliffe would knock him out in six rounds. He admitted he had received some good blows, but they most fell as he was getting away and did not do much harm, and he felt M'Auliffe was slackening before the first round was over. Slavin has accepted the challenge to fight Peter Jackson with alacrity. He makes sure of carrying off the £3000 purse. "Jackson," he says, "cannot punish a man, and my forte is finishing," and who can gainsay him after his recent performance. Slavin appears likely to settle in England. Sullivan shows no desire to fight Slavin; indeed, he refuses to enter the ring for less than 25,000 dols. a side. Acting, he declares, pays better than fighting, and he has made "barrels of money" this season.

The result of the fight was soon known all over the world. Although fought in Walworth suburb at an exceedingly awkward hour, the result was speeding to Australia within twenty-one minutes of the termination of the contest. The news was transmitted with marvellous celerity, occupying only one hour and twenty-two minutes in transit. The Australian cricketers on board the "Ormu" heard the news at Plymouth, and were almost incredulous at Slavin's easy triumph. The two pugilists intend shortly doing a little exhibition work in company, unless condemned to imprisonment for their recent breach of the peace. They were before the Court all day yesterday (Oct. 3), but no decision was arrived at. They were allowed to continue at large, an enormous bail being forthcoming for their appearance next week.—[From a Correspondent.]



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH,
AT 12 O'CLOCK.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB SPRING MEETING.

GATES, BOOTHS, CARDS,

REFRESHMENT STALLS.

The undersigned have received instructions to sell, at the Brunswick Mart, on Friday next, December 5th, at 12 o'clock,

PRIVILEGES for the Avondale Jockey Club's Spring Meeting, to take place at the Avondale Racecourse on Saturday, December 13th.

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TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

THIS DAY, (SATURDAY) NOVEMBER 29TH.

First Race Starts at 1.15 p.m.

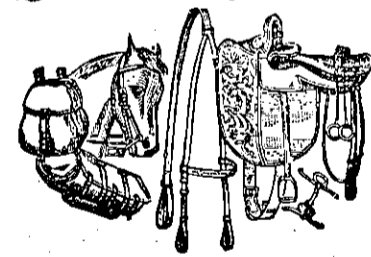
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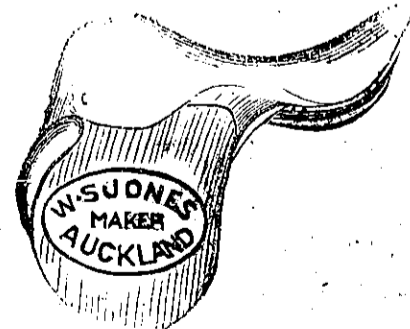
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Racing Programmes.



DRURY RACING CLUB.
ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING,
To be held on the CLUB'S COURSE, DRURY, ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 1890.

PROGRAMME.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 20 sovs., second horse to receive 3 sovs. from the stakes. Distance 2 miles. Over nine flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination, 10s.; Acceptance, 10s.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 3 sovs. from the stakes. Distance $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Nomination, 7s. 6d.; Acceptance, 7s. 6d.

MAIDEN PLATE of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 3 sovs. from the stakes. Distance 1 mile. Weight-for-age. For horses that have not won an advertised race at time of starting. Nomination, 15s.

DRURY CUP HANDICAP of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov.

NOVEL HANDICAP of 15 sovs. The winner to become the property of the Club, and to be sold immediately after the race, and the whole of the proceeds to go to the funds of the Club. Nomination, 7s. 6d., Acceptance, 7s. 6d.

DRURY RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 25 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Nomination, 12s. 6d.; Acceptance, 12s. 6d.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 20 sovs., second horse to receive 3 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, 1 mile. Nomination, 10s.; Acceptance, 10s. Winner of the Drury Cup or Drury Racing Club Handicap to carry 7lbs. penalty, or winner of both 10lbs.

Nominations will be received by the Secretary for Drury Cup, Handicap Hurdle Race, Flying Stakes Handicap, Drury Racing Club Handicap, and Stewards' Handicap, on FRIDAY, December 5th.

Weights will be published on TUESDAY, December 9th. Acceptances for Drury Cup, Handicap Hurdles, Flying Stakes Handicap, and Stewards' Handicap; and Nominations for Maiden Plate and Novel Handicap, on TUESDAY, December 16th.

Weights for Novel Handicap immediately after general entries, and Acceptance at the post.

Weights for Drury Racing Club Handicap after Cup race, and Acceptance half-an-hour before advertised time of starting.

The winner of any handicap race, after the declaration of the weights, of the value of 20 sovs. to carry 7lbs. penalty; of two or more such races, 10lbs. (Drury Cup and Stewards' Handicap). Penalties not cumulative.

Mr. H. H. Hayr, of Tattersall's, will receive Nominations and Acceptances on behalf of the Club.

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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 $\frac{1}{2}$ sov., acceptance $\frac{1}{2}$ sov., 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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

AVONDALE CUP HANDICAP of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance $\frac{1}{2}$ sov., to go to the funds. Distance $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov., to go to the funds. Distance about 3 miles.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Nomination $\frac{1}{2}$ sov., acceptance 15s. to go to the funds. The winner of the Avondale Cup to carry 7lbs. penalty. Distance 5 furlongs.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Nomination $\frac{1}{2}$ 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. If entered to be sold immediately after the race for 50 sovs. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs., allowed 7lbs.; if for 30 sovs., 14lbs.; if for 20 sovs., 21lbs.; if for 10 sovs., 28lbs.; if for nil, 42lbs. Nomination $\frac{1}{2}$ sov., acceptance 15s. Distance 7 furlongs.

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.

HARRY H. HAYR, SECRETARY.

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Racing Programmes.



EGMONT RACING CLUB, HAWERA.
SUMMER MEETING.
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
18TH AND 19TH FEBRUARY, 1891.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 75 sovs., second horse 15 sovs. out of the stakes. Two miles and a distance. Over nine flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 2 sovs.

FIRST HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 25 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. One mile and quarter. Over five flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Entrance 1 sov., acceptance, nil.

SAPLING STAKES of 65 sovs., second horse 15 sovs. out of the stakes. Six furlongs. Entrance 2 sovs. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb. Winner of any race or races of the advertised value of 50 sovs or under to carry 5lb extra; of over 50 and up to 100 sovs. 7lb extra; of over 100 sovs. 10lb extra.

EGMONT HANDICAP of 300 sovs., second horse 40 sovs. and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Two miles. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 2 sovs., and a final payment of 4 sovs. Winner of any handicap of the advertised value of 100 sovs. after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra; of 200 sovs., or two races of 100 sovs each, 7lb extra.

TRIAL STAKES of 40 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. One mile and a quarter. Entrance £1 10s. Weight-for-age. For horses that have never won a race of the advertised value of 30 sovs. (hack and hunter races excepted) at date of entry. Winner of a race of the advertised value of 30 sovs. (hack and hunter races excepted) after entry to carry 5lb extra.

FIRST HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE of 30 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. One mile and a distance. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 10s.

HAWERA WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs., second horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. Minimum weight, 8st.

SECOND DAY.

FLYING HANDICAP of 75 sovs., second horse 15 sovs. out of the stakes. Six furlongs. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 2 sovs. Winner of any handicap of the advertised value of 50 sovs. or more after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 75 sovs, second horse to receive 15 sovs. out of the stakes. Two miles and a distance. Over nine flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 2 sovs.

SECOND HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 30 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. One mile and a half. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 10s.

WAIMATE HANDICAP of 150 sovs., second horse 20 sovs., third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. One mile and a half. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 3 sovs.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 55 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Seven furlongs. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov.

SECOND HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE of 30 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. One mile and a half. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 10s.

NORMANBY STAKES of 50 sovs., second horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. One mile and a quarter. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance £1 10s. Winner of the Waimate Handicap to carry 5lb extra.

Nominations and Acceptances will be received at the office of the Club, Hawera, and by Harry H. Hayr, Tattersall's, Auckland, and Alfred T. Danvers, Napier, as follows:—

NOMINATIONS.

Saturday, 20th December, 1890, at 9 p.m.—First Handicap Hurdles, Second Handicap Hurdles, Egmont Handicap, Waimate Handicap, Hawera Welter Handicap, Flying Handicap, Normanby Stakes.

Saturday, 24th January, 1891, at 9 p.m.—Sapling Stakes, Nursery Handicap, Trial Stakes, First Hack Hurdles, Second Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat, Second Hack Flat.

ACCEPTANCES.

Saturday, 24th January, 1891, at 9 p.m.—First Handicap Hurdles, Egmont Handicap, Hawera Welter Handicap, Flying Handicap.

Wednesday, 11th February, 1891, at 9 p.m.—First Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat. Final Payment—Egmont Handicap.

A. G. BRETT, Secretary.

Racing Programmes.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING,

To be held at POTTER'S PADDOCK, EPSOM, on SATURDAY, December 27, 1890, and SATURDAY, January 3, 1891.

FIRST DAY, DECEMBER 27, 1890.

HANDICAP MAIDEN TROT of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised Trotting Race exceeding 20 sovs. Nominations 20s, acceptances 20s. Distance, 2 miles.

HANDICAP PONY HURDLES of 30 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 15s, acceptance 15s. Distance, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

SELLING TROT of 20 sovs. Winner to be sold for 15 sovs. immediately after the race. If entered to be sold for 10 sovs., 15secs allowed; if for 5 sovs., 30secs; and if for nil, 50 secs. Nomination, 20s. Distance, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

PONY CUP HANDICAP of 50 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 25s, acceptance 25s. Distance, 1 mile.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CUP HANDICAP of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. The winner of the Handicap Maiden Trot to receive a penalty of 15secs behind its original start. Nomination 2 sovs., acceptance 2 sovs. Distance, 3 miles.

STEEPLECHASE of 30 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 15s, acceptance 15s. Distance, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

HANDICAP PONY TROT of 30 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. The winner of the Maiden or Handicap trot to receive a penalty of 10secs behind its original start. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 15s, acceptance 15s. Distance, 2 miles.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1891.

HANDICAP MAIDEN TROT of 25 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For all horses that have never won an advertised Trotting Race exceeding 20 sovs. Nomination 15s, acceptance 15s. Distance, 2 miles.

HANDICAP NOVEL TROT of 15 sovs. Winner to become the property of the Club. Entries, 15s. Distance, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

HANDICAP PONY RACE of 40 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 20s, acceptance 20s. Distance, 6 furlongs.

HANDICAP TROT of 60 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. The winner of the second day's Handicap Maiden Trot to receive a penalty of 15 secs behind its original start. Nomination 30s, acceptance 30s. Distance, 3 miles.

HANDICAP PONY TROT of 20 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. The winner of the second day's Handicap Maiden Trot or Handicap Trot to receive a penalty of 10secs behind its original start. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Distance, 2 miles.

HANDICAP PONY HURDLES of 25 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 10s, acceptance 15s. Distance, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP TROT of 15 sovs. For all horses that have not won a Trotting Race at the meeting. Horses intending to start must accept half-an-hour before the race. Handicaps to appear immediately after the Pony Trot. Acceptance 15s. Distance, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES.

Nominations for the following races on the first and second day close with the Secretary on FRIDAY, the 5th December, 1890:—

FIRST DAY—Maiden Trot, Pony Cup, Auckland Trotting Cup, Pony Trot, Pony Hurdles and Steeplechase.

SECOND DAY—Maiden Trot, Handicap Pony Race, Handicap Trot, Pony Trot, and Pony Hurdles.

First Day Acceptances and General Entries close with the Secretary on FRIDAY, December 19, 1890. Handicaps to appear on December 12.

Second Day Acceptances and General Entries close on WEDNESDAY, December 31, 1890. Handicaps to appear on December 29.

In all Trots and Time Handicaps Horses to be ridden in colours. Horses to carry 10st; Pony 9st (in Pony Trotting Races only).

Previous performances must be sent in with the nominations in all cases where the horses or ponies have not already performed at this Club's meetings.

On no pretence whatever will Nomination or Acceptance Money be returned through a horse being over-height.

Penalties not cumulative.

Stakes paid less 5 per cent. for expenses.

All communications to be addressed to the Secretary Auckland Trotting Club, Durham-street, Auckland.

C. F. MARK, Secretary.

G. F. HILL AND J. F. CRUICKSHANK

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