

## TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB SPRING MEETING.

## COMMENTS ON THE RACING.

THE above Club brought off their Spring Meeting on Saturday. The weather was all that could be desired, in consequence of which the attendance was quite up to the average. The present was the third meeting held on the enlarged course. During the winter extensive draining operations have been carried on, and the course proper is now in excellent condition. We noticed, too, that further improvements have been carried out on the hill, a large number of ornamental trees having been planted. Mr. W. H. Fenton, as of old, occupied the judges box, and Mr. J. Wattie handled the starter's flag. With one exception he was eminently successful, but in the Maiden Plate the start was about as bad as it could be. Mr. F. Wells kept the course clear, and Mr. Fred Marks officiated both as clerk of the scales and timekeeper. The success of the meeting was mainly due to the indefatigable exertions of Mr. Robert Wynyard, the hard-working secretary. Impéy's band played a choice selection of music on the lawn, which materially assisted to pass away a pleasant afternoon. The totalizators were in charge of Mr. W. Blomfield, and were worked with entire satisfaction. Three machines were on the ground, but they were all worked together, and one dividend was paid.

Racing commenced with the Handicap Maiden Hurdles, for which event six horses were saddled up. Hailstone was made favourite and appeared in very forward condition. Cracksman, a Taranaki-owned gelding, was the subject of considerable attention, but he did not appear to have much condition to recommend him. Moderator and Paddy were strangers to racegoers, and although the former was backed to some extent neither ran prominently in the race. Irish Agitator, who looked well to the eye, struck the first hurdle, and gave Hawkins a nasty fall. Hailstone went to the front directly the flag fell, attended by Moderator and Paddy, and in this order they raced round the back of the course, Cracksman being fourth. Passing the stand these positions were unaltered, but here Cracksman passed Paddy and Moderator and went in pursuit of Hailstone. McMinimin rode a capital race on the latter, and, always holding the Taranaki horse safe, landed his mount an easy winner by a length, Moderator being about 20 lengths off, third. The time—three minutes—was very good going. Much interest was taken in the next race—the Devonport Handicap, for two-year-olds. All the six horses figuring on the card came to the post, and all were more or less backed, Dishonour, Brown Bess, and Tulloch receiving most attention. The start was a good one, and Dishonour, Tulloch, and Brown Bess were first in their strides. Rounding the turn Tulloch led by two lengths, but when fairly into the back stretch Gallagher took a pull at him, and at the same time Lady Belle rushed to the front, and Resentment made a forward movement. Lady Belle was never afterwards headed, and won easily by a length and a half from Tulloch, who made another effort in the straight to catch the little daughter of Brigadier. Resentment was a length behind Tulloch in third place, and then came Dishonour,

Brown Bess, and Brigade, tailed out in that order. The time—1 min. 13 secs.—is by no means slow, being just a shade over 13 seconds to the furlong. Owing to the support accorded the favourites, backers of the winner received the handsome price of 9 to 1 on the totalisator. Only five, out of the eight entered, faced the starter for the Handicap Maiden Plate, the absentees being Octopus, Regel, and Master Pat. Of those left in, Warrior was selected favourite. The colt has improved considerably since we last saw him, and with a little more condition will make a good handicap horse. Unfortunately the start in this race was a very bad one, and the favourite was turned round the wrong way when the flag fell, and therefore what chance he had was lost. He made up his ground so rapidly, however, that we are led to believe that if he had got away with the rest of the field he would have won. Premier, Ringtail, and Ma Boughal got away in that order when the flag fell, both Warrior and Victim being left twenty lengths in the rear. Passing the stand the positions were unaltered, and thus early Warrior had got within two lengths of Ma Boughal, who eventually finished less than a length from the winner. Round the back of the course Ringtail and Premier were racing on terms, and so they entered the straight, where Premier was beaten, and Ma Boughal passed him, but the black colt failed to reach Ringtail, who won by a length. Warrior was well up, fourth. A protest was lodged against Ringtail receiving the stakes on the ground that the mare had last season run on unregistered courses, but after hearing the evidence the stewards decided to pay out the machine money to backers of Ringtail, and to leave the question of payment of stakes for further consideration. The Handicap Hurdles was the next event on the card, and six horses faced the starter's flag, Hune being elected a slightly better favourite than Orlando, while Hailstone and Fishmonger—who finished first and second—were the extreme outsiders of the party. Immediately the flag fell McMinimin on Hailstone sailed away to the front, followed by Fishmonger, Orlando, and Hune, in that order. So they raced round the course the first time, but entering the straight on the second round Orlando went up into second place, Fishmonger striking one of the hurdles and losing his position. Passing the stand Hailstone had a six lengths lead of the top weight, Fishmonger and Hune following at short intervals, and Silvio toiling hopelessly in the rear. At the back of the course Orlando had reduced the gap between him and the roan horse to a length, and a desperate race took place into the straight, but the weight told its tale, and Orlando struck the last hurdle heavily, pitching Morrigan forward on to his neck, and he failed to recover his seat and rolled off—not being hurt, however. This left Hailstone with the race in hand. Fishmonger, who had been running about six lengths behind Orlando, came on and secured second money, Hune being a bad third. The dividend—£12 7s.—was the best of the day. Only a quintette were saddled up for the principal event of the day—the St. Andrew's Handicap, of a mile and a half. Cartridge, who appeared in good condition, was a slightly better favourite than Leorina, and Antelope was the only one of the others that engaged the attention of backers. Te Kooti was con-

sidered out-classed, and Tamora's running at Otahuhu did not savour well for her chances in this event. Leorina got the best of the start, and led from Cartridge and Tamora, but at the back Tamora went to the front, her nearest attendants being Cartridge and Leorina, Antelope being fourth. Passing the stand the order was unchanged, but at the turn Tamora's jockey pulled out and took Cartridge out wide, at the same time letting Leorina dash up on the inside. Tamora then dropped back, and Antelope took up third position. Leorina, at the back of the course had a clear four lengths lead of Cartridge, who made a vain attempt to reach her, and the issue was never afterwards in doubt, for, coming away in the straight, she romped home an easy winner by eight lengths. Cartridge was eased up when pursuit was found to be hopeless, and Antelope coming with a rush in the straight secured second money by a head. Tamora was fourth, and Te Kooti a bad last. The Selling Race was simply a walk-over for Octopus, for going away with the lead at the start, the old gelding simply cantered away from his field, and, pulling Golding out of the saddle, romped home an easy winner by eight lengths in front of the others. He was bought in by the owner for £60. Octopus showed such a turn of speed that it is probable he would have won the Maiden Plate, in which he was engaged with 8st., had his owner elected to start him. The Steeplechase was the most interesting event of the afternoon. Seven competitors were saddled up, Orlando being the favourite, Silvio and Hune next in demand. Fishmonger, Orlando, and Hune led over the first Hurdle, but at the back of the course the order was Fishmonger, Hune, Orlando, Silvio, Fragrance. Over the hill the positions were unchanged, but Fishmonger lost ground at the water jump, and Orlando was first round into the back stretch. Morrigan steadied the top-weight, and allowed Fishmonger to pass him again, Hune and Silvio being still in third and fourth positions. At the water jump the second time Orlando again gained considerably on Fishmonger and took the lead, but again Morrigan pulled him back on the flat and allowed both Fishmonger and Hune to pass him. Over the hill the last time Fishmonger and Hune were running side by side, Orlando being about four lengths in the rear, going strongly. Silvio was about eight lengths behind Orlando, and Fragrance following a similar distance off. Once over the water jump Orlando again rushed to the front, leading Hune by four lengths round the back of the course, Fishmonger being six lengths behind Hune. Orlando increased his lead at the home turn, where Hune crossed her legs and fell, leaving the top-weight with ten lengths to the good of Fishmonger, who, however, was destined to strike the last hurdle and fall. Silvio came on and followed Orlando home about 100 yards in the rear, and Fragrance struggled into third place. The riders of Hune and Fishmonger, although severely shaken, were not seriously hurt. Orlando and his jockey, "Dinny" Morrigan, received quite an ovation when returning to weigh. Orlando was in such excellent condition that he fairly wore his opponents down and ran them off their legs. The last race of the day—the Spring Handicap—attracted seven to the post, Leorina being chosen favourite, with Antelope next in demand. The race is easily

described, for Capella got away well, and leading throughout, won all out by a length from Antelope, who came up with a fast, but late, run in the straight. Leorina was third. For a moment Locket looked dangerous, but want of condition told its tale. Capella paid the respectable price of 7 to 1 to her lucky backers. The racing was concluded in good time, and the public were able to get into town before it was dark. The Ferry Service ran their steamers continuously, and the usual crush was avoided. Altogether, the Takapuna Jockey Club must be congratulated on having brought their meeting off under such favourable conditions.

### CHRISTCHURCH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

November 28th.

THE number of sportsmen, outside those immediately connected with the horses engaged, that journeyed to Dunedin to assist at the Spring meeting were but few. The results that have come to hand in regard to the first day's proceedings show Dan O'Brien's team to be in great form. The victory of Freedom in the big handicap was not altogether unexpected when it was known that Occident had to be eased in his work. The son of Captivator was very highly tried before the N.Z. Cup, but failed at the Metropolitan meeting to sustain his track reputation, although he ran creditably each time he started. It is also said that the colt's mission in the N.Z. Cup was merely to make running for Wolverine. How well he accomplished the task of cutting down the favourite in that race you know, although as I said before, I don't think Crackshot on that day under any circumstances could have annexed the big prize. Freedom, too, has been improving since our meeting at a greater ratio than the few week's extra age would give, and he stripped at Forbury very fine. Mr. O'Brien has just returned to New Zealand, and was present to see his horse win. Tasman's handsome daughter Florrie, notwithstanding her penalty, seems to have had little difficulty in securing the Dunedin Stakes, and thus made the third victory for O'Brien's colours during the day. It will also be observed that Little Arthur, also running in O'Brien's interest, all but secured the Hurdles, the Dunedin-owned Waitangi again effecting a surprise in the race. Little Arthur may be classed the most consistent runner of seconds in the Colony. On almost every occasion on which he has started during the last six months he has occupied that unenviable position, his solitary win of the season being at the Christchurch Hunt Club races. The good thing in the Federal Handicap, St. Andrew, came off.

At the Oamaru show Tairoa, the big son of Tubal Cain, gained first prize in the thoroughbred sire class, and Le Loup got a similar award at the Dunedin show.

Butler has again got Thackeray at work, but I do not expect the horse will sport silk for some considerable time.

Medallion is not likely to visit Auckland this season.

Bay King will be Crackshot's companion to Auckland. Both are going on well, but have not been given any fast work of late.

Merric England has been seen on the tracks occasionally, but he is restricted to walking exercise.

Betsy, better known as Our Pony, died on Saturday last from the effects of a kick that broke her leg. The rise of trotting in this colony has been so rapid, and the wonderful performers of one day set aside for the more wonderful of the next, that maybe the deeds of one of the best ponies that ever carried a saddle may be well-nigh forgotten. But to those who have taken an interest in sport for any length of time, the name of "Our Pony" will be cherished. It was some seventeen years ago that the wonderful little mare first saw the light. She was by Ake Ake (a son of Towton), and first became known to fame when the property of Messrs. Chadwick and Belcher in the Wanganui district, but it was not until her victory over the Australian born Native Cat at Dunedin that she was recognised as a trotter of the first order. Betsy was under the 14 hand standard. At the time of her death she was rearing a colt foal by Balderdash.

General regret is felt down this way at the likely dispersal of the Sylvia Park Stud, and hopes are expressed that at least Nordenfeldt

will be secured for the colony. There will undoubtedly be big bids for him from Australia.

Egalite, even at the increased price, 75 gs., which Gooseman got for the horse after his Wellington win, must be considered an uncommonly cheap animal. He is by The Dauphin from the imported steeplechase mare Cissy, is a tremendously powerful colt, has pace, and if found unprofitable on the flat should make a first-class horse at the illegitimate game.

The Ashburton Club has a profit of £150 over their last meeting.

## TURF TATTLE.

[BY NORDENFELDT.]

THE approaching Summer Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club will now be the principal topic of conversation among racing men until that carnival is a thing of the past. The Auckland Cup, will, of course, be the chief event of the meeting. Even before the weights are out early punters have been backing their selections. Writing, as I am, before the handicaps are declared, I cannot of course form any idea as to what will have the best chance, but this I will say, that I believe the Cup will remain in Auckland. Mr. Morrin's couple of mares, Hilda and Cissy, are the best of the locally owned horses, but if any classic performers come up from the South, as they are sure to do, I think they may carry away the rich prize with them. I shall not expect to see Medallion taking part at the meeting, but Mr. Butler is sure to come this way with Crackshot. After Freedom's meritorious performances at Dunedin Mr. O'Brien may think it worth his while to bring him this way and start him in the Derby, and possibly he may bring another couple of horses to accompany the son of Captivator. There is nothing in Auckland likely to trouble the best of the Southerners in the three-year-old classic event. Leolantis is a long way below first-class, and Reprisal I don't believe is a stayer, and if anything can make the best of the visitors travel perhaps it will be The Dreamer, who, by the way, is fast improving since he ran here in the Spring. If Crackshot is well on the day, I don't think we shall require to look much farther for the winner of the Great Northern "Blue Riband."

THE Great Northern Foal Stakes will be full of interest if Mr. Stead sends up Lebel, the Nordenfeldt—Pulchra colt, and if Mr. Gollan brings Na Moa, the Nordenfeldt—Tres Deuce filly, to take part. Both of them will have to be at their best to "down" Major George's smart colt The Workman. Although the running of Lebel has been rather in and out, I quite believe that he is all his Southern admirers make out, viz.:—a real "hummer." Although Na Moa beat Mr. Stead's colt in the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes, I do not believe that was the colt's true form. Mr. Stead may prefer to save him for an Australian campaign in the Autumn, as he is particularly fond of visiting Melbourne about Newmarket Handicap time. Three times during the last four years has he supplied the runner up for the Ascot Vale Stakes, with Maxim, Rose Argent and Medallion, and on each occasion has he been beaten by horses carrying the late Hon. James White's colours. Possibly Lebel may be more successful than the other Yaldhurst representatives, and if Mr. Stead has made up his mind to send him across, I hardly think he will send him up to take part at the A.R.C. Meeting. Orestes is a colt I have always had a great fancy for, and if the spell since the Spring Meeting has benefitted him, and he has not had too much work, I think he will materially improve on his Welcome Stakes running. He appeared to be quite stale at the Spring Meeting.

THE Steeplechase will be full of interest if Uranus, Jenny and some more of the Southerners put in an appearance. Aucklanders have a splendid representative to do battle on their behalf in Orlando, and if the little son of the Painter is not too unkindly treated by Mr. Evitt, it will take a real good one to haul down his colours. Both Jenny and Uranus will have crowds of admirers if they start on the day.

THE sprint events of the meeting promise to fill well, and if St. Andrew pays us a visit additional interest will be given to the meeting.

Cissy, Quadrant, Antelope, Reprisal, Leolantis, The Baron, and The Dreamer, will throw down the gauntlet to the Hawkes' Bay Guineas winner, and these, together with Whipser, Cynisca, Bay King, and a few others, will provide some excellent finishes.

MR. Edw. D. Halstead, the handicapper to the Avondale Jockey Club, issued the weights for the Club's Spring Meeting early on Monday, the advertised date. Other handicappers might very well take a leaf from his book, and not delay the publication of handicaps until the last moment when there is no tangible reason for doing so. I believe the present compilation of weights is the first production issued solely from Mr. Halstead's pen, and I am glad to be able to congratulate him upon his happy efforts. It is not my intention to review the handicaps at any length now, as next week when the acceptances are before me I shall go through them *seriatim*, and select what I think most worthy of an investment. I shall content myself now by saying that in the Avondale Cup, Antelope, Patchwork, Cartridge, and Vendetta, all appear equitably treated: and in the Steeplechase, Sentinel, Hopeful Kate and Larrikin read as well as anything.

## EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

### SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

ON Wednesday next, December 10th, acceptances and general entries for the Summer Meeting must be made with the Secretary, Mr. G. H. Carter, Hamilton, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, Auckland, by 9 p.m. The following events require attention:—

#### ACCEPTANCES—

Christmas Handicap, 25sovs., about 1 mile.  
Handicap Hurdles, 40sovs., 2 miles.  
South Auckland Cup, 115 sovs., 1½ miles.  
Handicap Steeplechase, 60 sovs. about 3 miles  
Tradesman's Plate Handicap, 35sovs. 1¼ miles  
Flying Stakes Handicap, 25sovs., 6 furlongs

#### NOMINATIONS—

Novel Race, 25 sovs., 7 furlongs.  
Selling Hurdles, 25 sovs., 1½ miles.

### AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

ON Friday next, December 12th, the acceptances and general entries in connection with the Auckland Racing Club Summer Meeting, must be made with the Secretary, Mr. W. Percival, by 8 p.m. The following important events will require attention:—

#### ACCEPTANCES—

Auckland Cup, 600 sovs., 2 miles.  
Auckland Steeplechase, 300 sovs., 3½ miles.

#### NOMINATIONS (First Day)—

Trial Stakes, 80 sovs., 1 mile.  
Handicap Hurdles, 100 sovs., 2 miles.  
Railway Handicap, 70 sovs., 6 furlongs.  
Nursery Handicap, 50 sovs., 5 furlongs.  
Maiden Steeplechase, 100 sovs., about 3 miles  
Christmas Handicap, 100 sovs., 1¼ miles.

#### (Second Day)—

New Year's Handicap Hurdles, 100sovs. 2 miles  
Newmarket Handicap, 100 sovs., 6 furlongs.  
Midsummer Handicap, 150 sovs., 5 furlongs.  
Selling Stakes, 50 sovs., 1 mile.  
Maiden Handicap, 70sovs., 1 mile and distance  
Welter Handicap, 50 sovs., 1 mile.

#### (Third Day)—

Grand Stand Handicap, 100 sovs., 1½ miles.  
Sylvia Handicap, 100 sovs., 6 furlongs.  
Auckland Plate, 150 sovs., 1½ miles.  
Selling Stakes, 50 sovs., 6 furlongs.  
Musket Stakes, 150 sovs., 6 furlongs.  
Victoria Handicap, 100 sovs., 7 furlongs.

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The nomination to be struck out, or the nominator will be liable for forfeit, 5 sovs.

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Mr. G. H. Carter, secretary of the South Auckland Racing Club, was in town during the week on business in connection with his Club. In a conversation with him he informs us that since the last race meeting the Club have made great improvements on the course. Amongst the principal attractions at the forthcoming meeting will be the steeplechase.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

- 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. 26, 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. 3, '91 Auckland Trotting Club.
Jan. 6, 7 Gisborne Racing Club.
Jan. 13, 14 Poverty Bay Turf Club.
Jan. 22, 24 Wellington R.C. Summer Meeting.
Jan. 29, 31 Takapuna J.C. Summer Meeting.
Jan. 31 Canterbury J.C. Summer Meeting.
Feb. 18, 19 Egmont Racing Club Summer Meeting.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

- Dec. 10 Waikato 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.
Jan. 9 Anniversary Stakes (Takapuna), 1892.
Jan. 9 Takapuna Stakes, 1893.
Jan. 16 Takapuna Summer Handicaps.
Jan. 22 Dunedin J.C. Autumn Meeting.
Feb. 6 C.J.C. Great Autumn Hdop., Easter Hdop.

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

- Dec. 9 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. 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 Northern Wairoa Racing Club.
Dec. 18 Thames Jockey Club.
Dec. 18 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. 3 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)

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Southland Racing Club
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North Canterbury Racing Club
Geraldine Racing Club
Canterbury Trotting Club
Timaru Trotting Club
South Canterbury Jockey Club
Ohoku and Eyreton Jockey Club
Tinwald Racing Club
Hororatu Racing Club
Waimate Racing Club
Little River Racing Club
Ellesmere Jockey Club
Greymouth Trotting Club
Nelson Trotting Club
Northern Trotting & Pony Club.

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.
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.
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- 1—BROWN COLT, by Woolbroker out of Jilt, by Traducer (Imp.)
2—ROAN FILLY, by Captivator out of Vivandiere, by Musket (Imp.); dam of Soh-of-a-Gun
3—BAY COLT, by Leolinus (Imp.) out of Maid of Athol, by Maribyrnong; 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 Yattendon, 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.

COURSER, Drury.—There is not likely to be any coursing at the old ground at Papatotoi this season. There is, however, a possibility of a new club being formed and some coursing held.

A.S.H., Auckland.—(1.) So far as we are aware, Premier only won two events last season, viz., the Maiden Plate, 1 1/2 miles, at the Waipu races on January 3rd, and the Trial Stakes, 1 mile, at the Whangarei races on January 10th. The best horse he beat then was Sirlain, who was giving him 2st 8lb and ran second. (2.) We should hardly think so.

ALPHA, Auckland.—In the New Zealand Cup won by Spade Guinea (1886), Lochiel did not start first favourite. The betting at the post was—7 to 4 against Disowned, 6 to 1 Nelson, Lochiel, or Waitiri, 8 to 1 Alpine Rese or Spade Guinea, 10 to 1 Ruby or Artillery, 20 to 1 the others. Lochiel carried 8st 2lb and finished third to Spade Guinea, 6st 10lb, and Nelson, 9st 10lb.

J. MCK., Waipu.—Trafalgar was bred in 1879 by the late Mr. A. Town, of New South Wales, and is by Maribyrnong out of Telopia, by Tarragon out of Rose of Australia, by Flying Pieman out of Days of Old. We believe Mr. E. B. Laxon is the present owner of Trafalgar.

W.G., Auckland.—Cure for worms in dogs: Keep him without food for twenty-four, and then give him 25 grains areca nut and 2 grains of santonine. In two hours follow by a tablespoonful of buckthorn and castor oil. All puppies have worms more or less.

Sporting Review.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1890.

THE Racing Season is now at its height and to all true lovers of Racing has been full of interest. It will take a good deal of consideration to find out which are the best horses of their year. The running up to the present time has been of the most in and out character, with the exception of Carbine and The Admiral (winners of the Melbourne Cup and V.R.C. Derby).

There is not much chance of "bluffing" Messrs. Barnard and Scarr, but unfortunately no one of their stamp has come forward in New Zealand. The handicaps for the principal meetings in New Zealand are made as follows: the C.J.C. appoint a Committee, and as the old adage is "too many cooks spoil the broth" so are the handicaps, and one of the C.J.C. Committee has foolishly rushed into print trying to exculpate himself and his confreres regarding the weight allotted to Wolverine in the New Zealand Cup. The Dunedin Jockey Club appoint Mr. Douse, though he has been in hot water lately he frames some good handicaps, but he does not travel enough through the North Island, and he may some day be caught by a clever owner. The Auckland Handicaps are made by Mr. J. O. Evitt, and he can if he likes make a good one. This state of things is unsatisfactory to owners especially, as there are numbers of petty handicappers appointed by country clubs who really have no knowledge of their business, and rely on information instead of their own judgement. The best plan would be for the Metropolitan Clubs to select two handicappers, one for the North and the other for the South Island, giving them a good salary, to devote their whole time to the work. Men like Mr. F. F. Dakin could be obtained from Australia and then things would work satisfactorily.

However, we have digressed from our original matter, so return to it. Taking first the weight-for-age horses, leaving out Carbine as his name is firmly established as the champion racehorse of Australia. Titan as a two-year-old was the best of his year, and was sold at a false price. He remained a great favourite during the winter for both the A.J.C. and V.R.C. Derbies. He came out a great favourite for the former, but went down before Gibraltar, Gatling and Whimberel, since then he has gradually descended in the scale until finally he was sold at a "Platers'" price. Gibraltar, unfortunately, went amiss, while Gatling and Whimberel after showing good form at the A. J. C. Meeting did nothing subsequently. The same remarks may be made with regard to Annesley, who after winning the Caulfield Guineas ran wretchedly. The only three-year-olds that have shown consistent form are The Admiral and Megaphone.

We will now take the handicap horses. Little Bernie won the Metropolitan Stakes at the A.J.C. Meeting and done nothing afterwards, though backed for the Caulfield and Melbourne Cup. The same remarks apply to The Queen, who was third to him at Randwick. For the Caulfield Vengeance defeated a good field and was heavily backed for the Melbourne Cup, but has done nothing since.

We now come to the V.R.C. Meeting. In the Derby The Admiral won, Magic Circle second and Gatling third, Correze not getting a place. Still in the Melbourne Cup, Correze, with 7st. 3lb. up, runs into third place, beating all of his age, and later on wins the V.R.C. Handicap, one and three-quarter miles, with 7st. 12lb. up, also breaking the time record. Magic Circle does nothing, getting beaten by Litigant. The only way of looking at it is that the Derby was a false run race. The only other horse to mention is Melos, and he has certainly not run up to his previous form. It will, therefore, take a clever man not in the "know" to select winners for future events in Australia.

We now come to the in and out running of horses in New Zealand. At the Napier Meeting Medallion, the crack two-year-old last season, got badly beat in the Hawkes' Bay Guineas, and was afterwards scratched for the New Zealand Cup. A month later he comes out and wins the C.J.C. Derby, beating

Crackshot and Freedom, St. Andrew (who beat him in the Hawkes' Bay Guineas) and others. Freedom from his running at the Dunedin Spring Meeting has proved himself a good colt at a mile and a half, but cannot stay. In the Canterbury Cup Crackshot, Medallion and Freedom started, and finished in the order named. It will, therefore, be interesting to those who understand these things to see how the next handicapper will attempt to bring them together, and also to see the opinion of Messrs. Barnard and Scarr of their merits should they be sent to Australia.

WE beg to call the attention of the Auckland Racing Club Committee to a gross injustice that has been done to the owners of jumping horses who are desirous of nominating for the Maiden Steeplechase at the forthcoming Summer Meeting. The entrance money for all races, either on the flat or over hurdles, where the added money is one hundred sovereigns or under is one sovereign. For the Auckland Cup, value six hundred sovereigns, the entrance money is two sovereigns. For the Auckland Racing Club Handicap of four hundred sovereigns the entrance is the same. For the Auckland Steeplechase of three hundred sovereigns the entrance is also two sovereigns. For the *Maiden Steeplechase* of one hundred sovereigns the entrance fee is the same as for the big steeplechase. Now this is manifestly unfair, as there is a great deal more risk in steeplechasing than in flat races, besides the owners having to pay their jockeys an extra fee for riding. We trust that this may be an error in the programme, or an oversight on the part of the A.R.C. Committee, and that it will be rectified before next Friday—the day of general entry. (It is not too late to do it.) If not, we learn on good authority that several owners will not enter their horses in the Maiden Steeplechase, and quietly acquiesce in such an imposition.

THE Takapuna race meetings have long been notorious for the great alterations in form that certain horses display in a remarkably short space of time, thus again showing the great necessity of a stipendary steward. Though one of the active Committee of the A.R.C. and the secretary were on the ground they took no notice of the wonderful difference of form shown by some of the horses. At the A.R.C. Spring Meeting in the Flying Stakes, six furlongs, Cissy, 9st 7lb, was first; Antelope, 9st 5lb, second; Reprisal, 8st 3lb, third; Capella, 7st 3lb, was never in the race. At Takapuna in the Spring Handicap, six furlongs, Capella, 8st 4lb, wins; Antelope, 9st 10lb, second; Leorina, 8st 8lb, third; Tamora, 8st; Locket, 7st 2lb; and Regal, 6st 12lb, being behind them. We will now take Leorina's running at the A.R.C. Spring Meeting. In the Prince of Wales Handicap, 1½ miles, she carried 7st 13lb, but could never get near Cissy, 8st 11lb, who was first, Leolantis, 7st 9lb, second, and Cartridge, 6st 8lb, third. In the City Handicap 1¼ miles, Leorina, with 7st 8lb, was nowhere, the winner being Cissy, 9st 7lb; St. Michael, 7st, second; Leolantis, 8st, third. In the St. Andrew's Handicap, 1½ miles, at Takapuna, she literally walks in with 9st on her back, Antelope, 9st 4lb, being second, Cartridge, 7st 4lb, third. In the Prince of Wales Handicap Leorina could not get near Cartridge, giving her 19lb, but in the St. Andrew's Handicap the same distance, she runs away from Cartridge, giving her 24lb. How is this wonderful difference in form to be accounted for in less than three weeks? Now we come to Hailstone. At the A.R.C. Meeting he could not beat a couple of hacks in the Selling Race, and was tailed off in the Hurdle Race with 9st 5lb; but at Takapuna he wins both Hurdle Races with 9st 12lb and 9st 4lb respectively, the races coming pretty close together. The only other horse whose running is peculiar is Tamora, and she may as well be watched for future events. The riding of some of the jockeys, especially in the St. Andrew's Handicap, was not without suspicion. In conclusion all we have to say after pointing out the peculiar form of some of the horses is that it requires a clever and experienced handicapper to detect all this in-and-out running at outside meetings, therefore the sooner a competent stipendary steward is appointed the better, but he must be a man *sans peur et sans reproche*. There are gentlemen in Auckland

who are not only competent to act as such, but also as handicappers (in this we beg to differ from the Auckland correspondent of a southern paper, who says there is not), but they do not like to be dictated to by those who put themselves forward as having a practical knowledge of racing, but actually know nothing.

## THE TURF.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

THE Dunedin Jockey Club Meeting was commenced on Friday, 28th ult. The fields were not commensurate with the value of the stakes, as the committee were most liberal. The first day's racing was noticeable for the success of Mr. D. O'Brien's horses. He commenced by running second to Waitangi with Little Arthur, Spy being third. As he was giving the winner 14lb. and only receiving 3lb. from third, who has been in the winning vein lately, he must be looked upon as a fair horse. The Maiden Plate fell to him with Hazel, by Nordenfeldt—Ouida, but from what I can learn she is a difficult filly to train. Six others were behind her. The Otago Cup, the principal race, resulted in a good race between Freedom, 7st. 7lb., and Wolverine, 8st. 8lb., the former winning by a neck, four others being behind them. In the New Zealand Cup Freedom had 6st. 9lb., Wolverine, 6st. 11lb. This running proves that Wolverine was a good thing for the N.Z. Cup. D. O'Brien's Florrie, by Tasman—Rubina, won the Dunedin Stakes of 150 sovs., and his Tassie won the Two-year-old Selling Stakes. The only other horse worth noticing on the first day is St. Andrew, by St. Leger—Scottish Lassie, who with 8st. 7lb. up defeated eight others easily in the Federal Stakes, six furlongs.

On the second day the President's Handicap, 1½ miles, was the principal race of the day, and resulted as follows. Freedom, 8st. 7lb., first, St. Malo, 7st. 8lb., second, Wolverine, 8st. 12lb. third. Hazel, belonging to the same owner as Freedom, was the only other starter. Won easily by a length, the same distance between the others. St. Andrew defeated Diadem and Pique for the Onslow Plate, w.f.a., 1¼ miles. This is not much of a performance. For the Criterion Stakes, Lebel, by Nordenfeldt—Pulchra, won from six others, as reported, "an exciting race" by half a length. Clifford was up. Florrie won the Musselborough Plate, w.f.a., four furlongs, five others being behind her, including St. Andrew.

On the third day the principal race was the St. Andrew Handicap. Prime Warden, 7st., defeated a moderate field of eight. The Commemoration Plate of 200 sovs., w. f. a., penalties and allowances. Five furlongs. St. Andrew, 9st., getting the best of a bad start won all the way, Florrie, 6st. 11lb., second, Lebel, 7st., third. May, Morpheus and Union Jack were the other starters. The two latter were left at the post.

The fourth day calls for no remarks, as it was a mixed day, Trotting, Pony Racing, etc.

I will now review the racing. Freedom has proved himself the good colt I always took him to be, but his best distance appears to be a mile and a half. St. Andrew also showed that he was a sprinter of no mean merit, but he does not like over a mile. Without exception the best three-year-olds that have appeared this season are Medallion, Crackshot, Freedom, and St. Andrew. The running of Medallion, to say the least of it, has been curious, but from the recent running of Freedom, and taking in consideration the way that he defeated him in the C.J.C. Derby when Mr. Stead said he had not recovered from his illness he must be an exceptional good colt, as there was only three weeks between the meetings, and it is not likely that Freedom had improved much, so the Australian handicappers are not likely to forget him. Crackshot is a good colt, but from what I hear, he unfortunately "speedy outs." If this is the case he will never be a safe horse to back, and some day he may strike himself too hard and come down. Freedom's best distance will be found to be a mile and a half, while St. Andrew will prove himself a real good horse up to a mile. Lebel and Florrie are the best of the two-year-olds that have appeared at present, though I have little doubt that The Workman when fit will be their match.

## 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.]

ON Saturday last the members of the "A" Battery proceeded to Stark's Point, North Shore, with their 9 pounder field pieces, to go through their shot and shell practice. The attendance was splendid, five detachments being on the ground. Many ladies and hon. members also took advantage of the fine afternoon and put in an appearance and watched the shooting with great interest. Refreshments were provided for all, and Qr. Master Sergt. Miller was ever to the fore with an efficient staff to see that no one ran short. The shooting of all the detachments was splendid, being far ahead of last year. The Government prize of £3 being won this year by No. 2 Gun, under Sergt. Sherson. Six bullseyes being scored out of 9 shots, Corp. Hatswell making the first. The distance was 2,000 yards, and owing to the target being placed out at sea, and a strong wind blowing, a good deal of judgement was required. Some excellent shooting was also made by Lieut. O'Brien and Sergt. Major Doughty with shrapnell shell, the fuses being well timed, bursting the shell right over the target. Sergt. Major Lipscombe acted as marker and gave entire satisfaction.

The "O" Battery under Capt. Reid and Lieut. Webster marched into camp at Fort Resolution, on Saturday November 15th, to go through their annual course of big gun drill.

Sunday was spent in getting thoroughly settled in their new home and putting things in proper order.

Monday morning, at 4 a.m., the people in the neighbourhood were wakened from sleep by the reveille, and at 4.30 the Battery marched off to the rifle range and went through their class firing, and reached camp again in time for breakfast at 7.30 a.m. In the evening they started gun drill which went on morning and evening uninterrupted until Sunday, when the Battery, under Lieut. Webster and headed by the Artillery Band under Drum Major Kersley, marched to St. Mary's pro-cathedral church and attended divine service.

Monday again all are busy at the 64 pounders and Nordenfeldt under Instructors Alford and Lambert of the Permanent Artillery. Tuesday the same.

On Wednesday evening the Battery held an inspection parade, 40 rank and file being present to salute Colonel Shepherd and Major Douglas.

On Saturday the Battery went through their annual shot and shell practice, Major Douglas and Sergt. Major Bush, P.A., being present.

The shooting with the 64 pounder throughout was excellent. Sergt. McCallum scoring two bull's-eyes, while Gunners Stewart and Hughes scored one each at a range of 2700 yds. Detachments under Lieut. Webster and instructor Alford worked the Nordenfeldt, and smart and steady shooting was done.

In the evening the Battery gave a most enjoyable concert, when songs were given by Capt. Reid, Sergt. McCallum, Gunners Speight, Stewart, Gledhill, and St. Clair, while Bugler Dormer with a penny whistle caused quite a sensation. While for the visitors Mrs. and Miss Kilgour in the duet, Spring and Summer, brought down the house. Mr. Hutchinson's recitation, "The Opera House," was highly appreciated. After the visitors had been well supplied with refreshments the ladies left and the meeting turned into a lively smoke concert, and the Battery wound up a jolly evening and a most successful camp by singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem. The final gun-drill competition for the gold medals presented by Capt. Reid and Lieut. Webster comes off on Wednesday evening when the judge, Corporal Farquharson of the P.A., will deliver his verdict.

Major Douglas starts to examine the Battery with the object of passing all the men he thinks fit as first-class gunners, when the successful ones receive a badge of efficiency and the £1 promised by the New Zealand Government.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Auckland Rifle Association was held on Monday evening last, in the "A" Battery Orderly Room, Drill Shed, the attendance being very poor. Sergt. Soall of the City Guards presiding. Capt. Colbeck was unanimously elected Presi-

dent and Col. Shepherd, Col. Carre, Dr. Campbell, Messrs. Devore, Upton, Mitchelson, Firth, Thomson, and Peacock, Vice-presidents. Treasurer: Major Skinner re-elected—a representative from each company being chosen to form a committee. The annual firing is to take place on Boxing Day, and the members subscriptions have been fixed at five shillings. A proposition that a circular be sent to each of the candidates for the House of Representatives, asking for subscriptions was discussed and finally carried.

On Wednesday night the "O" Battery big gun drill competitions for the beautiful gold medals presented by the officers were concluded and resulted in a win for Sergt. McCallum's detachment after a close competition, Sergt. Ronayne's detachment coming second, and Sergt. Fairs' third. The following are the names of the winners:—Sergt. McCallum 1, Gunners C. J. Walker 2, F. Nurse 3. A. Stevenson 4, F. Browne 5, E. Ellyett 6, J. S. Dickson 7, A. Havenfield 8, H. Slator 9. Corpl. Farquharson, P.A., conducted the examination in a fair and impartial manner, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Three cheers and "tigah" for the donors of the gold medals, Capt. Reid and Lieut. Webster were also given.

AUCKLAND SUMMER MEETING.

WEIGHTS.

AUCKLAND CUP.—2 miles.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Auckland Cup. Includes names like Tirailleur, Dudu, Hilda, Cissy, Wolverine, Crackshot, Medallion, Strophon, Whisper, Cynisca, St. Andrew, Crutchfield, Jet d' Eau.

AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE.—about 3 1/2 miles.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Auckland Steeplechase. Includes names like Orlando, Jenny, Sir Garnet, Uranus, Silvio, Darnley, Defamer, Asper, Hune.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB SPRING MEETING.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 1890.

WEIGHTS.

AVONDALE CUP. 1 1/2 miles.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Avondale Cup. Includes names like Antelope, Patchwork, Tamora, Cartridge, Ingorina.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About 3 miles.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Handicap Steeplechase. Includes names like Hurricane, Silvio, Hune, Sentinel, Hopeful Kate, Fishmonger, Ingar, Titoki.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. 1 1/2 miles.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Handicap Hurdle Race. Includes names like Hopeful Kate, Silvio, Hune, Sentinel, Hailstone, Fishmonger, Larrikin.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP. 7 furlongs.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Stewards' Handicap. Includes names like Antelope, Capella, Tamora, Cartridge, Ingorina.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE. 1 mile.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Handicap Maiden Plate. Includes names like Ma Boughal, Winifred, Warrior, Glaucus, Master Pat.

FLYING STAKES. 5 furlongs.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Flying Stakes. Includes names like Capella, Ingorina, Vendetta, Cambria, Locket, Priscilla, Blarney, Prudence.

E. D. HALSTEAD, HANDICAPPER.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 1890.

WEIGHTS.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP. 1 mile and a distance.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Christmas Handicap. Includes names like Lonely, Lupin, Lady Marion, Never Miss, Theorem, Kathleen, Grace Darling, Valentine, Antic, Ilma, Helen Macgregor, Too Soon, Highgate.

HANDICAP HURDLES. 2 miles.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Handicap Hurdles. Includes names like Silvio, Sentinel, Parnell, Fishmonger, Wideawake, Peter, Theorem, Moderator.

SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP. 1 1/2 miles.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the South Auckland Cup. Includes names like St. Michael, Leorina, Antelope, Patchwork, Tamora, Lochness, Belmont, Cartridge, Capella, Haricot, Warrior, Iron Bark, Ilma, Lupin, Clarion.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About 3 miles.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Handicap Steeplechase. Includes names like Hurricane, Silvio, Sentinel, Parnell, Fishmonger, Ti Toki, Peter, Moderator, Orange Lightning, Muscatelle, Pirate.

TRADESMAN'S PLATE HANDICAP. 1 1/2 miles.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Tradesman's Plate Handicap. Includes names like Antelope, Leorina, St. Michael, Patchwork, Tamora, Belmont, Scott Free, Capella, Pretender, Haricot, Lonely, Mararoa, Ilma, Kathleen, Lupin, Clarion.

FLYING STAKES. 6 furlongs.

Table with 3 columns of horse names and weights for the Flying Stakes. Includes names like Capella, Scott Free, Belmont, Pretender, Haricot, Warrior, Ilma, Helen Macgregor, Lady Marain, Kathleen, Never Miss, Too Soon, Valentine, Highgate.

E. D. HALSTEAD, HANDICAPPER.

ACCEPTANCES for Handicaps and General Entries for Selling Hurdles and Novel Race close on WEDNESDAY, December 10th, with MR. H. H. HAYR, Auckland, or with

G. H. CARTER, Secretary, Hamilton.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.—NOMINATIONS.

PARAWAI HANDICAP.—Helen McGregor, Clarion, Lioness, Te Kooti, Captive, Lady Marion.

THAMES HANDICAP.—Tamora, Ilma, Clarion, Lioness, Te Kooti, Ringtail.

COUNTY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Bacchus, Oliver, Macaroni, Greenhorn, Justes, Platch, Hailstone, Peter, Bushman, Prospector.

THAMES HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Huntsman, Macaroni, Fragrance, Neli, Tetoki, Platch, Fishmonger, Hurricane, Hailstone, Peter, Prospector, Warrior.

GOLDFIELDS HANDICAP.—Tamora, Ilma, Clarion, Lioness, Te Kooti, Ringtail, Warrior.

COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLES.—Bacchus, Wideawake, Macaroni, Try Fluke, Greenhorn, Justes, Platch, Hailstone, Peter, Prospector, Turua.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.—NOMINATIONS.

WELTER HANDICAP.—Blue Mountain, Melrose, Kapo, Lenore, Claude, Pizarro, Pursestring, Vision, Queen Rose.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Darnley, Waterfall, Pizarro, Taurekaiti, Defamer, Ringa, Argo.

SUMMER HANDICAP.—Legacy, Jet d'Eau, Kapo, Strophon, Lenore, Whisper, Cynisca, Katinka, Aronoel, Seraph, Kotuku, Maid of Lorne, Lullaby.

TRIAL HANDICAP.—Lullaby, Legacy, Swivel, Kapanga, Piscador, Silvermine, Kickie, Emerald, Lopez, Maid of Lorne, Grace Darling, Hikater.

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP.—Free Lance, Sabra, Thane, Albany—Speargrass colt, Rosefeldt, Creeper, Foul Play—Katie Fergusson filly, Hikumana.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP.—Lullaby, Legacy, Jet d'Eau, Medjidie, Strophon, Whisper, Cynisca, Kupanga, Aronoel, Huerfana, Athens, Seraph, Kotuku, Pursestring, Maid of Lorne.

Mr. Barney Allen, the well-known Melbourne bookmaker, was a through passenger by the Mariposa to San Francisco on Monday.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.—NOMINATIONS.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Strophon, Huerfana, Aronoel, Zanzibar, Criminal, Misfortune, Papakura, Pursestring, Zaccho, Truthful, Pouawa.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES.—Waterfall, Darnley, Imposter, Raven, Sir Garnet, Little Joe, The Dove, Bit of Blue, Catiff, Oeo, Duadene, Renga.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP.—Strophon, Kapo, Jet d' Eau, Katinka, Aronoel, Zanzibar, Wakatipu, Pouawa, Nora, Fitzjames.

PARK STAKES HANDICAP.—Kapo, Jet d'Eau, Huerfana, Aronoel, Criminal, Orwell, Bowsprit, Misfortune, Papakura, Pursestring, Nora, Harlequin, Catiff, Truthful, Fitzjames, Pouawa.

COUNTY STAKES.—Harlequin, Zanzibar, Imposter, Privateer, Cortolvin, Bowsprit, Misfortune, Papakura, Zaccho, Crescent, Catiff, Pouawa.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP.—Strophon, Jet d'Eau, Criminal, Orwell, Pursestring, Nora, Truthful, Fitzjames, Pouawa, Huerfana.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES.—Waterfall, Darnley, Raven, Sir Garnet, Little Joe, The Dove, Bit of Blue, Catiff, Oeo, Duadene, Renga.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP.—Strophon, Kapo, Jet d' Eau, Aronoel, Katinka, Zanzibar, Wakatipu, Misfortune, Nora, Fitzjames, Pouawa.

NORTHERN WAIROA RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.—WEIGHTS.

FORESTERS' PLATE.—Landseer, 9st 7lb; Holly, 9st; Tuna, 8st 10lb; Little Raven, 6st 7lb; Vampire, 6st 7lb; Athena, 6st 7lb.

NORTHERN WAIROA CUP.—Ingorina, 9st 7lb; Fishmonger, 8st 12lb; Priscilla, 8st 10lb; Holly, 8st; Tuna, 8st; Tawhiao, 7st; Athena, 6st 7lb.

RAILWAY PLATE.—Ingorina, 10st; Fishmonger, 9st 6lb; Priscilla, 9st 1lb; Landseer, 8st 10lb; Holly, 8st 4lb; Tuna, 8st; Little Raven, 7st; Athena, 7st; Success, 7st; Vampire, 7st; Moss Rose, 6st 8lb.

GUMDIGGERS' PURSE.—9st 7lb; Holly, 8st 12lb; Tawhiao, 7st 12lb; Vampire, 7st; Little Raven, 6st 7lb; King, 6st 7lb; Moss Rose, 6st 7lb; Blue Ribbon, 6st 7lb; Athena, 6st 7lb.

HURDLES.—Fishmonger, 11st 7lb; Tawhiao, 10st 7lb; Jim, 10st 7lb; Holly, 10st; St. Patrick, 9st.

Acceptances and general entries close on 18th inst.

TURF RECORD.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB SPRING MEETING.

NOVEMBER 29, 1890.

Weather fine. Course in good order. Results:—

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race or steeplechase exceeding 10 sovs. Over six flights of hurdles. Distance 1 1/2 miles.

- 74 Mr. W. McMinimin's r g Hailstone, by Hailstorm, aged, 9st 12lb (Owner) 1
27 Mr. F. Stohr's b g Cracksman, 6 years, 9st 5lb (Collins) 2
47 Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Moderator, 5 years, 9st 10lb (Fergus) 3
11 Mr. C. Waldron's r g Irish Agitator, aged, 9st 7lb, including 2lb overweight (Hawkins) 0
25 Mr. J. McHugh's b g Paddy, 5 years, 9st 5lb (Moore) 0
10 Mr. J. O'Neill's br g Revoke, aged, 9st (McKinnon) 0

194 Won easily by a length and a half. A bad third. Irish Agitator fell. Time, 3 min. Dividend, £2 7s.

DEVONPORT HANDICAP of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Distance, 5 1/2 furlongs.

- 36 Mr. R. Burke's b f Lady Belle, by Brigadier—Belle, 7st 7lb (Patterson) 1
102 Mr. R. William's br c Tulloch, by Sword Dance—Welcome Katie, 8st 8lb (Gallagher) 2
30 Mr. B. Thompson's b c Resentment, by Foul Shot—Mystery, 7st 10lb (Golding) 3
97 Mr. J. McNicol's br f Brown Bess, by St. Leger—Cantiniere, 8st 7lb (Dodd) 0
122 Mr. J. Sutton's b c Dishonour, by Captivator—Maid of Honour, 8st (Wells) 0
13 Mr. R. Burke's b f Brigade, by Brigadier—Across the Grass, 7st (Moore) 0

400 Won easily by two lengths, a length between second and third. Dishonour fourth. Time, 1min. 13secs. Dividend, £10.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 30 sovs. Distance, 1 mile.

- 73 Mr. W. Ryan's b m Ringtail, 6 years, 7st (S. Cook) 1
70 Mr. J. Maitland's br c Ma Boughal, 3 years, 7st 2lb (Creamer) 2
96 Mr. J. Wilson's br g Premier, 6 years, 7st 7lb (Dixon) 3
173 Mr. B. Thompson's br h Warrior, 4 years, 7st 12lb (Hammond) 0
31 Mr. D. McKenzie's blk g Victim, 5 years, 6st 7lb (Volan) 0

443 Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min. 52sec. Dividend £5 9s.

WORK DONE BY THE UNDERMENTIONED HORSES DURING THE PRESENT WEEK AT ELLERSLIE:—

HORSE.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	TRAINER.
Aegyptus ..	1 mile slow, plough	1 mile, slow, plough	easy exercise	easy exercise	H. Harrison
Brown Bess ..	walked	easy exercise	1 mile, fast, trial	1 mile, half speed, course	C. Weal
Coalscuttle ..	walked	walked	1 mile, slow, plough	1 1/2 miles, 3/4-speed, course	H. Harrison
Dishonour ..	walked	1 mile, steady, plough	walked	1 mile, half speed, course	J. B. Williamson
Fiesole ..	walked	1 mile, half speed, plough	easy exercise	easy exercise	H. Harrison
Fishmonger ..	walked	walked	walked	walked	G. Hope
Flint ..	walked	walked	walked	easy exercise	— Carey
Hailstone ..	walked	2 miles, slow, trial	walked	easy exercise	W. McMinimin
Hopeful Kate ..	2 miles, slow, trial	easy exercise	easy exercise	easy exercise	W. McMinimin
Ma Boughal ..	easy exercise	walked	easy exercise	2 miles, 3/4-quarter speed, trial	J. B. Williamson
Ma Petite Fille ..	1 mile, slow, trial	1 mile, slow, plough	walked	1 mile, slow, trial	— Carey
Memorandum ..	walked	walked	1 mile, fast, trial	1 mile, fast, course	H. Hicton
Moderator ..	walked	2 miles, slow, trial	1 mile, half speed, trial	walked	— Carey
Morion ..	1 mile, slow, trial	2 miles, slow, plough	easy exercise	easy exercise	G. Hope
Nap ..	easy exercise	easy exercise	easy exercise	2 miles, 3/4-speed, trial	J. B. Williamson
Orestes ..	1 mile, slow, trial	1 mile, steady, plough	easy exercise	1 mile, half speed, course	J. B. Williamson
Patchwork ..	2 miles, 3/4-quarter speed, trial	1 mile, fast, plough	easy exercise	2 miles, half speed, course	G. Hope
Priscilla ..	1 mile, fast, trial	1 mile, half speed, trial	2 miles, steady, plough	1 mile, fast, course	Owner
Quadrant ..	1 mile, half speed, trial	walked	1 mile, fast, trial	2 miles, half-speed, course	G. Hope
Reprisal ..	walked	1 mile, half speed, plough	1 mile, slow, plough	1 1/2 miles, 3/4-speed course	H. Harrison
Sentinel ..	walked	3 miles, slow, plough	4 miles, slow, plough	4 miles, half speed, plough	C. Weal
Tamora ..	2 miles, half speed, trial	easy exercise	easy exercise	walked	F. McMinimin
The Dancer ..	walked	walked	easy exercise	1 mile, half speed, course	T. Hedger
The Dreamer ..	2 miles, fast, trial	2 miles, slow, trial	2 miles, steady, trial	2 miles, half speed course	T. Hodson
The Workman ..	1 mile, slow, plough	1 mile steady, plough	walked	easy exercise	H. Harrison
Theroem ..	walked	1 mile, steady, trial	walked	2 miles, 3/4-speed, trial	J. B. Williamson
Vendetta ..	easy exercise	1 mile, steady, trial	1 mile, slow, plough	1 1/2 miles, 3/4-speed, course	H. Harrison

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. 1 1/2 miles.

- 39 Mr. W. McMinamin's r g Hailstone, by Hailstorm, aged, 9st 4lb (owner)..... 1
- 24 Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Fishmonger, 6 years, lost (Fergus)..... 2
- 178 Mr. R. Burke's b m Hune, 5 years, lost 9lb (Croll)..... 3
- 162 Mr. G. Wright's b g Orlando, aged, 12st 10lb (Morrigan)..... 0
- 84 Mr. J. J. Russell's ch g Silvio, aged, 11st 2lb (Collins)..... 0
- 50 Mr. C. J. Davis's ch g Satyr, 5 years, 9st 12lb (Dawson)..... 0

537. Won easily by three lengths. Orlando fell at the last hurdle when running second. Time, 3min. 29 1/2secs. Dividend, £12 7s.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP of 75 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

- 161 Mr. W. Walters's ch m Leorina, by Leolinus—Yatterina, aged, 9st (Taylor)..... 1
- 115 Mr. Thos. Page's br m Antelope, by Apremont—Miss Kate, aged, 9st 4lb (Hickton)..... 2
- 183 Mr. J. McHugh's br m Cartridge, by Musket—Rosalie, 4 years, 7st 4lb (Moore)..... 3
- 84 Mr. H. Harrison's b m Tamora, by Musket—Moonlight, aged, 8st 6lb (Golding)..... 0
- 53 Mr. A. Greenwood's ch g Te Kooti, by Anteros—Queen Mab, 5 years, 7st 7lb including 11lb overweight (Pyne)..... 0

596. Won easily by six lengths. Antelope beat Cartridge (who was cased off) on the post by a head. Time, 2m. 47sec. Dividend, £3 6s.

SELLING RACE of 30 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Distance, 6 1/2 furlongs.

- 198 Mr. B. Thompson's br g Octopus, by Isaac Walton (nil), aged, 7st 1lb (Golding)..... 1
- 69 Mr. F. Stanning's b h Iron Bark (10 sovs.), 5 years, 8st 1lb (A. Cook)..... 2
- 47 Mr. W. Ryan's b m Ringtail (30 sovs.), 6 years, 9st 1lb (Collins)..... 3
- 67 Mr. T. Law's g g Lord Gillie (nil), 5 years, 7st 1lb (Manning)..... 0

381. Won easily hard held. Sold for £60. Time, 1m. 27sec. Dividend, £1 14s.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 80 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. of stakes. Distance, about 3 1/2 miles.

- 207 Mr. G. Wright's b g Orlando, by The Painter—Valerie, aged, 12st 12lb (Morrigan)..... 1
- 152 Mr. J. J. Russell's ch g Silvio, aged, 11st 2lb (Collins)..... 2
- 59 Mr. J. Smith's b m Fragrance, 4 years, 9st 7lb (Gent)..... 3
- 118 Mr. R. Burke's b m Hune, 5 years, lost 12lb (Croll)..... 0
- 65 Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Fishmonger, 6 years, lost (Fergus)..... 0
- 23 Mr. C. J. Davis's ch g Satyr, 5 years, 9st 10lb (Dawson)..... 0
- 22 Mr. J. O'Neil's br g Revoke, aged, 9st 7lb (McKinnon)..... 0

646. Won easily by 100 yards. Hune fell on the last round when running second. Fishmonger fell at last hurdle. Satyr ran off. Time, 7m. 27s. Dividend £2 16s.

SPRING HANDICAP of 45 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Distance, 6 furlongs.

- 57 Mr. J. Maitland's b m Capella, by Cap-a-pie—Xantippe, aged, 8st 4lb (Wells)..... 1
- 143 Mr. T. Page's br m Antelope, aged, 9st 10lb (Hickton)..... 2
- 214 Mr. Walter's ch m Leorina, aged, 8st 8lb (Taylor)..... 3
- 18 Mr. H. Harrison's b m Tamora, aged, 8st (H. Smith)..... 0
- 62 Mr. J. Cummin's b m Locket, 5 years, 7st 2lb (Golding)..... 0
- 12 Mr. J. Arthur's ch m Prudence, 5 years, 7st 2lb (Manning)..... 0
- 16 Mr. B. Thompson's b c Regel, 3 years, 7st 3lb including 5lb overweight (A. Cook)..... 0

524. Won all out by a length. Two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min. 20sec. Dividend, £7 19s.

SPORTING ITEMS.

Jenny, the steeplechaser, is reported to be in great form, and will probably be a starter for the Auckland Steeplechase.

It is reported that Benzon, the horse that has for two years in succession been much fancied for the Melbourne Cup, will be trained over hurdles in view of the Grand National Hurdle Race.

ERRATA.—By a mistake Priscilla's name appeared in the Flying Stakes Handicap, 5 furlongs, at Avondale. The filly was not entered, and was handicapped in mistake for Premier, whose weight has been put down by Mr. Halstead at 6st 10lb.

It will be noted by reference to another column that Messrs. Digby Tonks & Co. will sell on Friday next, at the Brunswick Mart, the privileges in connection with the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting which takes place at Ellerslie on Boxing Day, New Year's Day and January 2nd.

On Monday, September 29th, Mr. Clark of the Game farm, Micheldon, Hampshire (Eng.) and a party of ten guns killed 6011 rabbits on his farm in the day. They commenced to shoot at 9.45 and continued as long as daylight lasted. This is the largest bag of rabbits ever shot in one day in Great Britain. The largest bag of rabbits on record previous to that date was made on the estate of B. J. Lloyd Price, Esq., at Rhiwias, North Wales, when 5986 rabbits, a grouse, a snipe and a wood pigeon, were killed on October 6th, 1885, by ten guns.

"Centaur" in the *Melbourne Age* on the day after the Melbourne Cup thus spoke of Cuirassier:—"As we are about to close our book of many notes, we remember omitting to take down jottings on Cuirassier. Yes, there he is; indeed a racehorse from the land of racehorses. Plenty of size here, like many that have preceded him from the land of the Maori. As we look him over closely he hardly appears to us so thoroughly prepared as some of the others, but the remark that is passed close to our elbow by a keen judge—"If as good to-day as your famous brother, Trenton, in his prime, then you'll give it a shake"—quite coincides with our ideas, and with this we fold up our notes, gratified to find that we left off with a fine specimen of the racehorse in front of us."

Mr. G. G. Stead, the well-known sportsman, who is a candidate for the Avon electorate, has to undergo any amount of chaff from the electors. The following is a fair sample of the questions continually handed up to him by electors:—"Will Mr. Stead, having taken on himself the office of turf reformer, support a Bill to prevent the in-and-out running of racehorses, so as to prevent men winning when they like or losing when it pays them best, and thus robbing the public? Answer:—"I should be most delighted, and would support any man who will bring in a Bill to reform the turf and prevent in-and-out running of racehorses." (A voice—"That's a stiff'un"). At the conclusion of one of his meetings three cheers and three groans were lustily given for Mr. Stead.

D. McKinnon, the well-known owner of Loch Ness, was in town during the present week.

The Lancashire Plate of 11,000 sovs. added to a sweepstakes of 20 sovs. each, w.f.a., 7 furlongs. The nominator of the winner received 1000 sovs. out of the stakes. The second received 1000 sovs., the nominator of the second 500 sovs., the owner of the third 300 sovs., and the nominator of the third 200 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance £68 5s. Only nine came to the post for this valuable race. General Byrne's ch c Amphion, 4 yrs., 10st. 2lb., 1st.; Mr. D. Baird's b c Martagon, 3 yrs., 9st. 2lb., 2nd.; Duke of Westminster's ch c Orion, 2 yrs., 7st 6lb., 3rd. Amphion was a hot favourite, and won cleverly by a length and a half, a head between second and third. The value of the stakes to winner was £9091 15s.

ATHLETICS.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

THE following has been sent to us to remind any of the Auckland athletes that if they wish to compete with success at the Championship Meeting they must keep in strict training:—There are 18 championships in all. The first day will be occupied by the decision of the Three Mile Walk, 100 Yards Flat (heats), Five Mile Bicycle, High Jump, Half-Mile Flat, 120 Yards Hurdles (heats), 250 Yards, Ten Mile Bicycle, Long Jump, and Three Mile Flat, while on the second day the One Mile Walk, 100 Yards (final), One Mile Bicycle, One Mile Flat, 120 Yards Hurdles (final), Quarter Mile Flat, Putting 16lb Weight, Quarter Mile Hurdles, Twenty-five Mile Bicycle, and Pole Jump are down for decision. The N.Z.A.A.A. offer two prizes—gold and silver medals—and the N.Z.C.A. three prizes—gold, silver and bronze medals—for each of their events. The N.Z.A.A.A. also offer standard cups to all competitors reaching standard, and their Champion Banner will also be competed for by the clubs. Entries for all events close on January 24th at Christchurch, athletic events with Mr. Cuff, and cycling events with Mr. P. G. Withers.

CRICKET.

THE Cup matches were continued last Saturday, and some interesting cricket was shown. The wickets were in good run-getting order, but the grass in the outfield being rather long made the scoring slower than it otherwise would have been.

GORDON v. UNITED.—The former, winning the toss, batted all the afternoon for the large score of 193 for two wickets. Lusk played a splendid innings, and is now 98 not out. He was badly missed by Lynch when he had made about half-a-dozen, this mistake thus costing them dearly. Moresby made 42 in good style, but was unfortunate in being run out when well set. Goulstone also played fine cricket, and is not out with 36. Williams made 12, and was dismissed by a splendid catch in the outfield by Miller. Should next Saturday be

fine, and the wicket be in good order, Gordon should put up a record score.

**AUCKLAND V. PARNELL.**—Auckland took the wickets, and batting short as usual, made 99. Howlett, Richards, T. Neill and R. Neill made nearly all the runs. Howlett got his ruus (27 not out) in fine free style, and when the wickets get faster he should make a lot of runs. Parnell have lost five wickets for 50, of which Walker got 22 and Mills 14. Gardiner had the bad luck to be run out, through a smart piece of fielding on Howlett's part.

**ALPHA V. ST. MARY'S.**—The former, batting first, could do very little with Stone's bowling, and were all dismissed for 54. St. Mary's have lost five wickets for 43, of which Stichbury made 13 and Moran 12 not out.

**GORDON II. V. WANDERERS.**—Gordon 110 (Ball 36 and Gilfillan 34); Wanderers 31 for seven wickets (Clark 19).

**VICTORIA V. MOUNT ROSKILL.**—The former scored 106 (R. Laver 46) against the latter's 36.

**BELMONT V. STAR.**—Belmont, first innings, 27, second, 78; Star, first innings, 58 (Brookes 14, Speight 20).

**EDUCATIONAL CHAMBERS V. QUEEN'S COLLEGE.**—The former scored 74, of which Harris got 29 not out, W. Howard 18, and Kelly 10, against the latter's 62 for eight wickets (Bell 30 not out).

The match between Donald Ross and Harry Dunn for the Championship ended in a draw. Each had obtained two falls in the different styles. The finish was collar and elbow. After a protracted struggle neither of them could get a fall when time was up.

The Steam Yacht Imogene, recently launched by Messrs. Fleming and Ferguson, Ship-builders, Paisley, was tried on the Clyde measured mile, on September 12th, and attained 14 knots per hour, the engines working without hitch or stoppage of any kind. The Imogene is a 410 tons yacht measurement, her dimensions being 157 feet by 24 feet by 15 feet 6 inches. She has been built for Mr. J. R. Wood of New South Wales, and is schooner rigged. The deck-houses and all deck fittings are of teak with bulwarks of steel panelled with teak. The dining saloon is on the deck forward, panelled in oak. A staircase leads from the saloon to the drawing room. Forward there are three state rooms fitted up in handsome style; also dark room for photographic purposes, stewards, servants, and cooks room, bath, etc. The engines are the builders' patent quadruple expansion type to indicate 1000 horse-power, and it is claimed for them that they are especially adapted for yachts, owing to the absence of vibration in working, and to the comparatively small space they occupy, being no more than that of any ordinary two-cylinder compound engine.

**MUSIC, DRAMA, ETC.**

[By ZITHER.]

The Auckland Choral Society held their fifth and last concert of the season on Tuesday evening at the Choral Hall. There was a large and fashionable audience present. Mendelssohn's ever-popular oratorio *Athalie* was the work performed. The soloists were: Mrs. Upton, first soprano; Miss Baume, second soprano; and Miss Walker, alto. Herr Schmitt, as usual, wielded the conductor's baton with precision, and Herr Tutchka was a most efficient leader of the orchestra. This gentleman appeared for the first time on Tuesday in that important position, and the Society are to be congratulated on having obtained such an excellent musician as their leader. The orchestra fairly excelled themselves on Tuesday last, and have never been heard to better advantage. The choruses were all sung well, more especially the opening and closing numbers. "The Heaven and the Earth display," which are full of rich and beautifully grand harmony. Mrs. Upton's singing was correct, but her voice has not sufficient power to do justice to a work of this description. Miss Baume appeared to be nervous, and her singing was decidedly "jerky" at times. Miss Walker, who sung for the first time at the Society's concerts, created a favourable impression. She has a rich-contralto voice, and will be an acquisition at the Society's concerts in future. The second part of the programme took the form of an ordinary concert, and the change

was an agreeable one. The Orchestra, under Herr Schmitt's baton, played "La Dame Blanche" (Boieldieu) capitally. Mrs. Kilgour sung "Ermani Involami" (Verdi), but the selection was a little beyond her capabilities. She, however, acquitted herself fairly well. Miss Annie Buckland's violin solo, "Souvenirs de Belline," was very well received, and the fair performer was loudly applauded at its conclusion. Miss Handyside sung Gounod's well-known Serenade "La Berceuse" most correctly, the violin obligato thereto being played by Miss Freda Marsden. Miss Handyside has a clear and effective pronunciation, but her singing lacked animation. "Mona" was well sung by Mr. A. L. Edwards, and Gabussi's duet, "The Fisherman," was well rendered by Mrs. Kilgour and Mr. Cornelius Taylor. The Orchestra brought the concert and a most successful season to a close by playing Scholtz's beautiful march "Banteuzug." The next work performed will, of course, be the "Messiah," which will be rehearsed for the first time on Tuesday evening.

A MOST enjoyable Private Concert was given by Miss Harding on Wednesday evening last, in the Choral Hall. The attendance was very good, considering there were only a limited number of tickets sold. The opening piece, the Overture, "Masaniello," by the Orchestra, in which over thirty instrumentalists took part was very efficiently rendered, and reflects great credit on Miss Harding for the way in which she has trained her pupils. Mr. A. L. Edwards sang "Daybreak," but did not sing up to his usual style, as he was suffering with a cold. The song, "Pack Clouds Away," by Miss F. S. Harding, was very efficiently rendered, the Clarionette Obligato by Mr. S. Jackson also adding to the effect. Mr. Charter sang the "The Captain of the Lifeboat" in his usual good style, while Mr. T. M. Jackson, in the song "Because I love thee so," was splendid, and had to respond to an encore. Miss Ethel Cotter in the Piano Solo "Tarentelle," was very good, playing from memory. A March by the Orchestra ended the first part of the programme. The second part was opened with the Gavotte, "Yellow Jasmine," by the Orchestra, the time and blend of the instruments having a good effect. The Serenade, "She Sleeps," by Mr. Alf. Brook; was very efficiently rendered, while the song, "Sing Sweet Bird," by Miss Baume, brought down the house, and in response to an encore, "Queen of the Earth" was sung with great taste. Mr. S. Jackson, in the Clarionette Solo "Grand Fantaisie," also scored a great success, and the song, "I seek for thee in every Flower," by Mr. Simms, was fairly sung. The final piece, a Waltz, "Telegram," by the Orchestra, brought an enjoyable evening to a close. Miss Harding conducted with great judgement and skill, and Miss Maude Harding proved very efficient as leader of the Orchestra.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH,  
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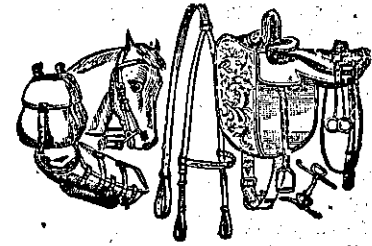
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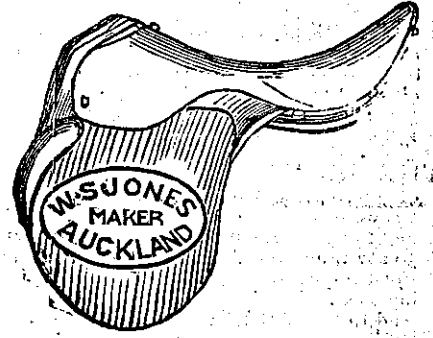
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**DRURY RACING CLUB.**

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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 1/4 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 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 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.

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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## AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

### SUMMER MEETING.

#### PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.—Boxing Day, Friday, Dec. 26, 1890.

**TRIAL STAKES** of 80 sovs.—Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Weight-for-age. For three-year-olds and upwards. Maidens, if three-year-olds, allowed 5lbs.; four-year-olds, 10lbs.; five years and upwards, 14lbs. One mile.

**THE GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES** of 300 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each; 5 sovs. ft. or no liability if declared by 8 o'clock on the night of general entry. The second horse to receive 50 sovs., and the third horse 25 sovs. from the stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st. 10lbs.; fillies and geldings, 8st. 5lb. The forfeit (5 sovs.) to be declared and paid to the A.R.C. Secretary by 12 noon on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake (10 sovs.) Six furlongs.

**THE AUCKLAND CUP (HANDICAP)** of 600 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each, second horse to receive 100 sovs., and third horse 25 sovs. out of the stakes. Acceptance 3 sovs. each to go to the funds. Sweep to be paid half-an-hour before the race. Two miles.

**HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 2 sovs. each to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

**RAILWAY HANDICAP** of 70 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 2 sovs. each to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-quarters of a mile.

**NURSERY HANDICAP** of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. Winner of Great Northern Foal Stakes to carry 10lbs. extra. Five furlongs.

**MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE** of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 2 sovs., and 2 sovs. each at the post, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase value of 50 sovs. Four-year-olds to carry 10st. 3lbs.; five-year-olds, 11st. 8lbs.; six years and aged, 12st. 3lbs. About three miles.

**CHRISTMAS HANDICAP** of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 2 sovs. each to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any handicap after publication of the weights to carry 5lbs. penalty. One mile and a quarter.

SECOND DAY.—New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st, 1891.

**NEW YEAR'S HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

**NEWMARKET HANDICAP** of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Six furlongs.

**MIDSUMMER HANDICAP** of 150 sovs., second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Entrance 2 sovs., and acceptance 3 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

**GREAT NORTHERN DERBY** of 500 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 15 sovs. each; 5 sovs. ft. or no liability if declared to the Secretary by 8 o'clock p.m. on the night of general entry. Second horse to receive 100 sovs., and third horse 25 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds. Colts, 8st. 10lbs.; fillies and geldings, 8st. 5lbs. The forfeit (5 sovs.) to be declared and paid to the A.R.C. Secretary by 12 noon on the day before the race or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake. Closed 71 nominations. One mile and a-half.

**SELLING STAKES** of 50 sovs. Entrance 2 sovs. each to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-year-olds to carry 9st. 10lbs.; four-year-olds, 10st. 8lbs.; five-year-olds and upwards, 10st. 9lbs. Winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race for 150 sovs., and the whole of the surplus to go to the funds. If entered to be sold for 100 sovs., allowed 7lbs.; if for 75 sovs., 14lbs.; if for 50 sovs., 21lbs.; if for 25 sovs., 28lbs.; if for nil 42lbs. One mile.

**AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP** of 400 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each, second horse to receive 60 sovs., and third horse 25 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Acceptance 3 sovs. each to go to the funds. One mile and a-half.

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**MAIDEN HANDICAP** of 70 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses that have never won 40 sovs. at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. One mile and a distance.

**WELTER HANDICAP** of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. To be ridden by gentlemen riders, whose names must be approved of, *vide* Rule 181. One mile.

THIRD DAY.—Friday, January 2nd, 1891.

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

**SYLVIA HANDICAP** of 100 sovs.—second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. 6 furlongs.

**AUCKLAND PLATE** of 150 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each; the second horse to receive 20 sovs. and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Weight for age. Entrance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Winner of the Canterbury Cup or Derby, or of the Auckland Derby, to carry 7lbs. extra, or of two of these races 10lbs. extra, or any weight-for-age race of 200 sovs. 5lbs. extra. One mile and a-half.

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

**SELLING STAKES** of 50 sovs.—Entrance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-year-olds to carry 9st 12lb; four-year-olds, 10st 10lb; five-year-olds and upwards, 10st 13lb. Winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race for 200 sovs., and any surplus over the selling price to go to the funds. If entered to be sold for 150 sovs., allowed 7lbs; if for 100 sovs., 14lbs; if for 75 sovs., 21lbs; if for 50 sovs., 28lbs; if for nil, 42lbs. 6 furlongs.

**MUSKET STAKES** of 150 sovs.—second horse to receive 20 sovs. and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For two and three-year-olds. Two year-olds to carry 7st 7lbs; three-year-olds, 9st; fillies allowed 3lbs; geldings, 5lbs. A winner of any race (including handicaps) since 1st August, 1890, to carry 3lbs extra; of any race of the value of 100 sovs., 5lbs extra; twice of 100 sovs. and once of 200 sovs., 7lbs extra; twice of 200 sovs. or once of 300 sovs., 10lbs extra; thrice of 200 sovs., twice of 300 sovs., or once of 500 sovs., 14lbs extra. Those got by stallions, or out of mares that have never produced a winner, allowed 5lbs; such allowance to be claimed at time of entry. Maiden two-year-olds at time of starting to be allowed 5lbs in addition to the breeding allowance. Maiden three-year-olds at time of starting allowed 10lbs. Entrance 2 sovs., and 2 sovs. each at the post, to go to the funds. 6 furlongs.

**VICTORIA HANDICAP** of 100 sovs.—second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Winner of any race after publication of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. 7 furlongs.

ACCEPTANCES and General Entries close FRIDAY, December 12th, when forfeits must also be declared for Great Northern Derby and Foal Stakes.

WM. PERCIVAL,  
Secretary.

## AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

### SPRING MEETING,

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

## PROGRAMME.

**MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP** of 20 sovs. Distance 1 mile.  
**HURDLE RACE HANDICAP** of 40 sovs. Distance 1 1/2 miles.  
**AVONDALE CUP HANDICAP** of 50 sovs. Distance 1 1/2 miles.  
**STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 50 sovs. Distance about 3 miles.  
**FLYING STAKES HANDICAP** of 25 sovs. Distance 5 furlongs.  
**STEWARDS' HANDICAP** of 25 sovs. Distance 7 furlongs.  
**SELLING RACE** of 25 sovs. Distance 7 furlongs.

Winners to pay 5 per cent. of their gross winning towards expenses of course.

HARRY H. HAYR, SECRETARY.

G. F. HILL AND J. F. CRUICKSHANK  
have this day dissolved partnership by mutual consent.

Auckland, 24th November, 1890.

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## 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.

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