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## CHRISTCHURCH.

(BY TELEGRAPH.—FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 11th, 1890.

By the S. S. Tarawera, the following horses were shipped to take part at the A. R. C. Summer Meeting:—Medallion, Lebel, Crack-shot, Bay King, Dudu and St. Malo. Messrs. P. Butler, E. Cutts, R. Mason, W. Clifford, W. Brown, and W. White, the well-known sportsmen, were passengers by the same steamer.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 5th.

The long drawn out Dunedin Spring Meeting was brought to a close on Tuesday, and as just on £29,000 was passed through the machines, and the stakes were not over big, it may be deemed a financial success. In other respects it could scarcely be considered satisfactory, as the interest was not sustained, the attendance on the last day, the trotting day, being quite meagre. At the outside there were not more than 2000 people on the course on Tuesday, and this drawn from so large a population as Dunedin, and considering that over a fourth of the number were turf habitués, it shows that the general public had become full of the game. The D. J. C. would be studying their own interests I think in cutting the meeting down to a two-day's one. With the same amount of added money a really attractive bill of fare for two days could be made up. For all this some exciting racing was seen on each of the four days of the meeting just over. The feature of the meeting was of course the success of Dan O'Brien's representatives, his winnings representing about a third of the whole given. The starting was not a feature; it was execrably bad in the extreme, and more than one race was secured by the advantage given by Mr. Driver at the starting post. But it has come to this at the Forbury; no one expects good starting, and it would indeed be a feature were the fields for even one day despatched on fairly even terms. There is just this to be said, it makes the glorious uncertainty of the game and anything in a race has a show, while big dividends may confidently be looked for while the present flag-holder of the D.J.C. holds the position.

Last week I briefly touched on the first day's events, and I then inadvertently stated that Hazel was the only representative Nordenfeldt had running at the meeting. Two others claiming as their sire the worthy son of Musket figured prominently, these being Lebel and Melinite, both from Mr. Stead's stable. Each of them won an event, so that all the Nordenfeldt's engaged scored. By the way, the racing magnates of Dunedin and the squire of Yaldhurst have, it is gratifying to know, completely buried the hatchet. Mr. Stead was not present to see his youngsters perform, being engaged in the exciting election contest for a seat in Parliament. A favourite double here just now is Stead for Avon and Medallion for the Auckland Derby. But to return to our muttons. The Hurdles on the second day showed a marked reversal of form in Ixion, who, on account of the ignominious display on the first day, was chucked into the handicap. The dead bird of the first day was Romulus—the moral that did not come off—was not

running, and the son of Le Loup simply romped home with Little Arthur again second. Ahua, whose previous whipping in performance, did not induce the handicapper to relieve him of much weight, came in with the crawlers. The chief race of the second day and the second most valuable prize at the meeting, the President's Handicap, one mile and a half, served to show that Freedom has been very much underestimated or else Wolverine has been much overrated. The New Zealand Cup winner has always been thought to be a bit of a wonder at a mile and a half, and carrying 8st. 12lb. to Freedom's 8st. 7lb. the race was regarded over as between them. The start was about the best given by Mr. Driver. Hazel, in the interest of Freedom, cut out the running at a smart pace. Before a mile had been covered the filly was done with, and her falling back left the favourite in front, with St. Malo at his girths. White, on Freedom, had never let the field get far away from him, and once in the straight he called upon the Cup winner, who at once responded, and easily disposing of the other two won by a couple of lengths from St. Malo. Derritt was wrath to get an effort out of Wolverine, who, altho' looking well to the eye, must be somewhat below his true form. However, Freedom's double victory stamps him as a colt of merit. He is a cut-and-come sort of gentleman; one of old Tasman's sort. Lebel, Morpheus (who got away badly) and Cajolery fought out a good finish in the Criterion Stakes, passing the post in the order named with a neck dividing each. The Onslow Plate was a mere exercise canter for St. Andrew, who, however, was put down by Florrie and Union Flag later in the afternoon in the Musselburgh Plate, four furlongs. St. Andrew, who had a call in the betting, got very badly away and was unable to make up his lost ground. He made amends next day in the Commemoration Plate, five furlongs. Here Clifford, who had replaced Page, got his mount well away and was never headed, Florrie, the best backed, being second. How Heather Bell came to be so little fancied for the Spring Handicap it is hard to say. The filly had shown capital form and had to put up only 6st. 9lb. She won somewhat easily, paying dividends of over £30 and £40. The following day the daughter of Albany—Athole scored another win in the Grand Stand Handicap, and again, although her impost was only 6st. 12lb., on a scale ranging from Ruby 8st. 5lb. to Cinnator 6st. 7lb., she paid the substantial dividend of £11. The owner is said not to have benefited very much by the win, but a backer from Oamaru who had scooped on the filly at Christchurch entrusted her on the occasion of her first win with £6, his investment returning him £190. On the second occasion he had a tinner invested, and received another century. In the nicely bred Florrie, Dan O'Brien has one of the smartest fillies in the colonies. Her two firsts in the Dunedin Stakes and Musselburgh Plate and her second to St. Andrew in the Commemoration Plate were genuine performances, and prove her to be possessed of a brilliant turn of foot. She was a bit lucky in the Musselburgh, as St. Andrew got left, but then again the colt was lucky in the Commemoration, in which Florrie was very slow in beginning. Ixion on the third day won the Pacific Hurdles just as easily as he did the race the previous day, notwithstanding that he was giving away lots of

weight to everything else. Ahua, of course, not being included. A warm favourite in Occident was bowled over on the third day in the St. Andrew's Handicap. Sultan's brother, Prime Warden (7st.) getting home with nothing to spare from Occident's (8st. 10lb.) stable companion Mariner (6st. 5lb.), the favourite being third. The stable evidently intended to win with the light-weight, and how the result would have been had Mariner being beaten some distance from home it is hard to say. I think myself Prime Warden, who promises to be as good as his distinguished brother, would again defeat the Australian with like weights up. The handsome Melinite carrying top-weight was made favourite for the Maiden Two-year-old Plate, and splendidly handled by Clifford had the race won when the flag fell. It was rather pitiful to see old Garibaldi coming out to compete with a lot of scrubbers in the Selling Hurdle Race on the concluding day. Jimmy Walls who had the mount never gave the others a ghost of a show. The old fencer was entered to be sold for £20, and at that price he was bought in by his owner who, let us hope, will spell the horse for a bit at all events. The Trots call for no special mention, except that the favourite, the South Canterbury horse, Joe (54secs.), won the three mile event in a field of twenty-five, and that the Christchurch division had a sad take down in the two-mile event. Sunlight (29secs.) having 380 out of the 850 investments on the machine against her number, there being no fewer than twenty-three starters. In the end, old Silver Bell (26secs.) won easily in 5min. 46secs. The dividend was over £7. Sunlight gave her friends here a trial considerably under 5min. 40secs., and with the handicap the mare received the race was supposed to be a moral for her. Tui, the winner of the Pony Trot, paid her backers £15 10s. and £39 8s. The correspondent of the Press states that five of the tickets on Tui were held by Invercargill hotelkeepers, who entrusted a boy with the money to put on another horse, but the messenger mistook instructions, to the benefit of investors. Many of the knowing ones in Christchurch backed Ben Trovato in the Tapuna Park High-Weight Welter. The horse was little fancied on the machine and paid £13 7s. and £10 10s.

December 6th.

MR. PYNE, the well-known auctioneer of the firm of Pyne & Co., after acting for a season or two as one of the handicapping committee of the C.J.C. has resigned, and his resignation has been received with regret. Mr. Pyne may be a very able weight adjuster, but perhaps he found it a most unsatisfactory task to have to make one of three, and unless we can have better work in the future it would be just as well to see his commendable action followed by Mr. Ericson and Mr. G. P. Williams. By the way, Mr. C. Hood Williams would, I think, make a worthy successor to Mr. Pyne. Indeed, that gentleman is, I think, one of the most competent men we have here at present, and it is a pity that this handicapping by committee cannot be knocked on the head, and one good man appointed.

Before this letter appears you will doubtless have an opportunity of seeing Mr. P. Butler and his representatives at your end. He was to have gone to-day, but I see the Te Kapo does not leave before to-

morrow night. The other day he told me that he would probably make Bay King his second string, in which case you will see Crackshot and the son of Cadogan—Corcyra doing battle for "popular Pat." I had a chat with Mason the other day, and he told me that he did not know whether Mr. Stead would send anything up or not, though it was quite on the cards that he would do so. It was simply a question as to whether the horses would be ready. At the time Mason had just returned from Dunedin and I could not get anything definite from him, but my impression is that you will see Medallion and one or more two-year-olds engaged, and Dan O'Brien is almost certain to have a cut in with some of his. Florrie is rather excitable, and travelling may not be considered good for her. On the other hand she may be improved thereby, though travelling two-year-olds so far north has not been a practice with southern sportsmen. Besides, the attractions are not now so good as they were formerly. I fancy you will see the burly form of Ted Cutts amongst you, and Dudu will accompany him if treated any way well, as the Chokebore Lodge trainer contemplates mating the old mare with Nordenfeldt. I cannot help thinking what a pity it is that this mare should not have an opportunity of distinguishing herself in races that suit her. She has been run out of her place a great deal. In and about Auckland, or even in Australia, she would win more races than ever she is likely to do down this way, as she always runs in the best of company, and over distances that do not suit her with the weight she gets.

Mr. Ormond is almost certain to take St. Andrew to Auckland, and I have no doubt you will hear much about improved form, also that he was waiting back for something further afield when here at the C.J.C. Meeting. There are people talking that way down here, but I will not have him as a Derby horse. The 8st 10lb and the mile and a half will settle him, though he may run more forward than he did in the C.J.C. Derby. However, if you have Medallion, Crackshot, Freedom and St. Andrew with you, that quartette alone should make an interesting race of the Great Northern Derby. You have had my opinion about Crackshot. I told you prior to the C.J.C. Meeting in your issue of October 25th, that I thought he could stay, and he has done very well with Butler since the meeting, and Medallion will have to be very well to beat him again, as he, like St. Andrew and Freedom, has been steadily on the improve. Young horses do well through the summer months, and the bit of racing has done Dan O'Brien's colt Freedom a lot of good. At Forbury, where the going is never fast, with 8st 7lb, or with just 3lbs under his Derby weight, Freedom ran his mile and a half in 2 min. 42 secs., which is 2½ secs. faster than the C.J.C. Derby was run in. I shall have another opportunity of giving you my impressions on this event. I am now looking for the weights for the Auckland Cup and Steeplechase, announced to appear to-day. Mr. Evitt may be depended on to send them through to your end at the eleventh hour. I notice that the book says weights will appear on the 5th, but if they do not come out till too late to appear throughout New Zealand on the due date, owners are disappointed. Owners this afternoon have been purchasing the evening papers expecting to see the weights, and to those who have shipping arrangements to make like the southerners, it is important that these matters should not be treated so lightly by our admiral. Was he ever known to be "on time?"

December 7th.

I HAVN'T been much amongst the horsey boys yet, consequently have not heard any talk about the Auckland Cup weights—the Chase has no interest for us this year, as we have no representatives—but my own impression is that J.O.E. has not done so badly, though he has perhaps started on a rather high scale. Tirailleur is a stayer, but whether a weight carrier I think has yet to be proved. He has 11lbs over w.f.a., and is made 3lbs better than Crackshot, and is 6lbs better than Medallion, 12lbs better than Dudu, 14lbs better than Cissy and St. Andrew, 15lbs better than Hilda, 27lbs better than Cynisca, 29lbs Wolverine and Strepthon, 30lbs Whisper, and so on. Many are now beginning to regard Wolverine's New Zealand Cup win as a fluke. He was, perhaps, a bit off at Dunedin. Crackshot is allowed to

have improved 3lbs from November to December, and making allowance for that he is only meeting Wolverine on 8lbs better terms than over the two miles here—the scale of weights being all in favour of the older horse, who as the race was run on November 4th, could have put up another stone. My present fancies are for Strepthon, Whisper, and Wolverine if the latter goes north, and if I had to declare for one straight out at this stage I should take Whisper. Should Medallion go north and do good work before the day he may be a starter for the Cup, but unless he is really very well I don't think he could win, and it may be that the Derby only—as here—will be his mission.

I hear that a few buyers from this quarter will go north to see the dispersal of the Sylvia Park Stud, and I have an idea that some of the mares will come this way as well as their yearlings.

Bob Derritt, who has won more races this season than any other jockey, did not score a single victory at Dunedin. He rode four seconds, and four times was he beaten on different horses and by different horses and horsemen.

The total money put through the machines at Dunedin was £28,921, as against £41,616 last year, but then there was no Exhibition this time.

What a time some of the totalisator price men have had! Two of their number last week ran up against a snag in the person of a backer, who eased them of £450, or, rather, who "struck" them for that amount over Ben Trovato's win. They will feel it for some time to come. Why it is more than they had in the New Zealand Cup, and it is hard to say what possessed them to gamble to that tune.

#### JUDGE'S BAY REGATTA.

THIS annual regatta was held last Saturday in beautiful weather, the s.s. "Arawata" being flagship. Upwards of 600 people found their way on board her, and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was spent. The committee and officers worked hard to ensure the success of the regatta, and their efforts were highly successful. In the race for Yachts and Fishing Boats (not exceeding 5 rating) Mr. W. Holder's Manola won very easily from the Clio, sailed by Mr. H. Garnaut. What chance the Tanga-roa had was spoilt by an accident, by which she lost the use of her mainsail. Another easy victory was that scored by Mr. F. Russell's Minerva, in the class for Yachts and Fishing Boats under 3 rating. The Transit was second, but could never get near the Minerva. The race for Sailing Boats (18 feet and under) was a very pretty and exciting one. Six boats started, and victory rested with the Clytie, which was excellently sailed by Mr. R. Masefield. The Pair-Oar Race was won by the Ormonde, pulled by Messrs. E. and H. Bailey. Messrs. A. Carmichael and R. Johnston were second in the Carbine. A boy's swimming race was won by E. Kenny, with 25secs. start; N. Kenny being second, and J. Pollock third. The Waitemata Boating Club won the Junior Whaleboat Race, the North Shore Rowing Club being second, and the City Rowing Club third. The St. George's Rowing Club also started. The Waitemata Club, which consisted of R. Thorne, D. Slade, W. H. Smith, H. Cordes, and H. Atkinson, won rather easily. The race between W. H. Cook and H. Bailey in racing dingies was an excellent one, and was just won by the former. The 200 yards Swimming Handicap was won by F. Hedger with 25 secs. start, J. Cassidy, 45 secs., being second. There were nine starters. The Misses Whitney, whose rowing was much admired, won the Girls' Pair-Oared Race very easily from Miss Payne and Miss Scott. The Waitemata Boating Club had another win in the Maiden Gig Race, the St. George's Bay Rowing Club and the Ponsonby Rowing Club being a dead-heat second. The winning crew was composed of Messrs. E. Bailey, H. Bailey, D. Dysart, and J. Wymouth. Mr. A. Bailey was declared the Amateur Champion in the race for Racing Dingies, winning easily from H. Kitchener and K. McLennan, who finished in that order. The Greasy Boom contest was won by O. B. Hull, and Messrs. A. Busby and C. Penalligan had a walkover for the Open Pair Oar Race.

#### EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

##### POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

On Monday next, December 15th, nominations for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. J. H. Ainelabie:—

Tauranga Stakes, 200 sovs., 1½ miles  
Tradesmans' Handicap, 120 sovs., 1½ miles  
Flying Handicap, 100 sovs., 6 furlongs  
Publicans' Handicap, 80 sovs., 1 mile  
Stewards' Handicap, 75 sovs., 7 furlongs  
First Hurdles Handicap, 60 sovs., 1½ miles  
Second Hurdles Handicap, 70 sovs., 2 miles  
County Stakes Handicap, 40 sovs., 1½ miles

##### DRURY RACING CLUB.

On Tuesday next, December 16th, acceptances and nominations for the following events must be made with the secretary, Mr. D. Maher, Drury, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, Tattersall's Club, Auckland:—

##### ACCEPTANCES—

Handicap Hurdle Race, 20 sovs., 2 miles  
Flying Stakes Handicap, 15 sovs., 6 furlongs  
Drury Cup (Handicap), 40 sovs., 1½ miles  
Stewards' Handicap, 20 sovs., 1 mile

##### NOMINATIONS—

Maiden Plate, 15 sovs., 1 mile  
Novel Handicap, 15 sovs.

##### HAWKES BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

On Tuesday next, December 16th, acceptances for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. D. F. Luckie, Criterion Hotel, Napier, by 10 p.m.:—

Welter Handicap, 50 sovs., once round course  
Handicap Hurdles, 75 sovs., about 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

##### AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

On Friday next, December 19th, acceptances for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. W. Percival, at 8 p.m.:—

Handicap Hurdle Race, 100 sovs., 2 miles  
Railway Handicap, 70 sovs., 6 furlongs  
Nursery Handicap, 50 sovs., 5 furlongs  
Christmas Handicap, 100 sovs., 1½ miles

##### AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

On Friday next, December 15th, acceptances and general entries for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, Durham-street, Auckland:—

##### ACCEPTANCES—

Handicap Maiden Trot, 40 sovs., 2 miles  
Handicap Pony Hurdles, 30 sovs., 1½ miles  
Pony Cup Handicap, 50 sovs., 1 mile  
Auckland Trotting Cup, 100 sovs., 3 miles  
Pony Steeplechase, 30 sovs., 2½ miles  
Handicap Pony Trot, 30 sovs., 2 miles

##### NOMINATIONS—

Selling Trot, 20 sovs., 2½ miles

##### EGMONT RACING CLUB.

On Saturday next, December 20th, nominations for the following events close with either Mr. H. H. Hayr, Tattersall's Club, Auckland; Mr. A. T. Danvers, Napier; or Mr. A. G. Brett, secretary Egmont Racing Club, at 9 p.m.:—

First Handicap Hurdles, 75 sovs., 2 miles and a distance  
Egmont Handicap, 300 sovs., 2 miles  
Hawera Welter Handicap, 50 sovs.  
Flying Handicap, 75 sovs., 6 furlongs  
Second Handicap Hurdles, 75 sovs., 2 miles and a distance  
Waimate Handicap, 150 sovs., 1½ miles  
Normandy Stakes, 50 sovs., 1½ miles

Acceptances for the Thames Races close on Thursday next, 18th inst.

Acceptances for the Northern Wairoa Races close on Thursday next, 18th inst.

Six racehorses arrived yesterday to take part at the Summer Meeting. They were Strepthon, Rosefeldt, St. Andrew, Kapu, Pani, Waterfall.

Pony and Galloway Racing are at last brought under strict rules in England, and according to the *Field* a most successful meeting was brought off under the N.P. and G.R.R. at Abbey Park, Northampton, on October 30th. There are several other good meetings held at Hereford, Monmouth, Manchester, and other places. It is a great pity that this kind of sport is not recognized by the Metropolitan Clubs in New Zealand, for as things are now there is any amount of swindling going on.

**SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.**

**COMING EVENTS.**

- Dec. 18 ..... 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 ..... Manawatu R.C. Summer
- Dec. 26 ..... Lower Valley J.C. Summer
- Dec. 26 ..... Lower Heathcote R.C. Summer
- 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. 27 ..... Waipawa County R.C. Summer
- Dec. 27 ..... Fielding J.C. Hack Meeting
- Dec. 27, 29 ..... Marlborough R.C. Summer
- Dec. 29 ..... Drury Racing Club
- Dec. 29 ..... Onga Onga R.C. Annual
- Dec. 29, 30 ..... Ahaura Races
- Dec. 31 ..... Ormondville, Norsewood, and Makotuku R.C.
- Jan. 1 ..... Greyouth J.C. Midsummer
- Jan. 1 ..... Ormond Jockey Club.
- Jan. 1, 2 ..... A.R.C. Summer Meeting.
- Jan. 1 ..... North Canterbury J.C. Summer Meeting.
- Jan. 8, '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. 15 ..... Poverty Bay Turf Club Summer
- Dec. 16 ..... Wanganui Cup, Stakes, Flying, Autumn Handicaps
- Dec. 19 ..... Auckland Trotting Club. General entries
- Dec. 20 ..... Egmont Racing Club Summer Meeting.
- Dec. 29 ..... Takapuna J.C. Summer. Principal Handicaps
- Jan. 9 ..... Anniversary Stakes (Takapuna), 1892.
- Jan. 9 ..... Takapuna Stakes, 1893.
- Jan. 16 ..... Takapuna J.C. Summer. Minor Handicaps
- Jan. 22 ..... Dunedin J.C. Autumn Meeting
- Jan. 28 ..... Takapuna J.C. Summer. General Entries
- Feb. 6 ..... C.J.C. Great Autumn Hdcp., Easter Hdcp.

**WEIGHTS APPEAR.**

- Dec. 16 ..... Gisborne R.C. Summer.
- Dec. 16 ..... Hurdles, Railway and Christmas Handicaps
- Dec. 16 ..... A.R.C. Summer
- Dec. 27 ..... Napier Park Summer. Handicaps.
- Jan. 3 ..... Poverty Bay Turf Club.
- Jan. 3 ..... Wellington Cup.
- Jan. 9 ..... Takapuna Cup and Steeplechase
- Jan. 10 ..... Egmont Racing Club Summer Meeting.
- Jan. 19 ..... Takapuna J.C. Summer. Minor Handicaps
- Jan. 30 ..... Takapuna J.C. Summer. Second day's races

**ACCEPTANCES DUE.**

- Dec. 15 ..... Westport Racine 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. 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. 23 ..... Takapuna J.C. Summer
- Jan. 24 ..... Egmont Racing Club Summer.
- Jan. 30 ..... Takapuna J.C. Summer. Second day's races
- Feb. 6 ..... C.J.C. Autumn. Champagne Stakes (further payments)

**AUCKLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION.**

**CUP MATCHES.—FIRST ROUND.**

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| <p><b>SENIORS.</b></p> <p>Dec. 18, 20—United v. Alpha.<br/>Auckland v. St. Mary's.<br/>Parnell v. Gordon.</p> <p>Jan. 8, 10—United v. Parnell.<br/>Alpha v. Auckland.<br/>Gordon v. St. Mary's.</p> <p>Jan. 17, 24—United v. St. Mary's.<br/>Alpha v. Parnell.<br/>Auckland v. Gordon.</p> | <p><b>JUNIORS.</b></p> <p>Ponsonby v. Auckland.<br/>Gordon v. Alpha II.<br/>Wanderers v. G. School.</p> <p>Ponsonby v. Wanderers.<br/>Auckland v. Gordon.<br/>G. School v. Alpha II.</p> <p>Ponsonby v. Alpha II.<br/>Auckland v. Wanderers.<br/>Gordon v. Grammar School.</p> |
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**SECOND JUNIORS.**

- 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.
- CHARLES S. H. MCKINNEY,  
Hon. Secretary.

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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 Pungawerewers; dam of Tetford, Brigadier, Tranter, St. James, Crackshot, etc.
- 7—BROWN COLT, by Nordenfeldt out of Albatross dam of Telsum 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.**

- G.F.B., Auckland.—Uranus carried 10st when he won the Auckland Steeplechase in 1888. He was ridden by Frewin.
- CONSTANT READER, Auckland.—You are wrong. Ma Petite Fille is by Leonidas, not by Leolinus.
- P., Ponsonby.—Keep one on her; or you may destroy them all when they are born, giving the bitch cooling medicine, and keeping her on low diet. Her milk should be taken away if troublesome.
- BELLAMY, Tauranga.—To secure a try, the ball must be touched down by the hand.

**Sporting Review.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1890.

THE Stewards of the Takapuna Jockey Club met last Tuesday evening, and after considerable deliberation decided to dismiss the protest against Ringtail for the Maiden Plate which she won at the late race meeting. The grounds for so doing are not stated. We have heard both sides of the question, and after careful consideration we are of opinion that the Stewards of the Takapuna Jockey Club are in the right. As we understand that an appeal will be made to the Auckland Racing Club Committee, as the Metropolitan Club, we cannot go into the *pros* and *cons* of the matter as it is legally speaking *sub judice*.

In a case like this, where there is no rule in the New Zealand Metropolitan Racing Club Rules bearing on the matter, the A.R.C. Club should be guided by the ruling of the Newmarket Jockey Club and take that as a precedent. We, therefore, beg to refer them to the decisions arrived at regarding Mystery at Huntingdon and Tom Moody at Shrewsbury. There are several other similar decisions which are to be found in Messrs. Weatherly's Official Racing Calendar.

The facts of the Mystery case are these:—The mare was entered in a race and was made a great favourite. One or two of the leading bookmakers discovered that her owner was accidentally in the forfeit list for some two or three sovereigns, we forget the exact amount, so those in the know overlaid their books some thousands of pounds against her, knowing that she would be objected to. Mystery came in an easy winner, and to the astonishment of the

general public an objection was lodged on account of her owner being in the forfeit list, he being one of the most straight forward men on the turf. If we remember right, Admiral Rous, Lord Falmouth and Mr. George Payne were the Stewards who heard the objection. They ruled that the objection should have been made before the race was run, and that as Mystery had carried her proper weight, run the right course, and there was no attempt at fraud on the part of the owner or any one connected with the mare, and that the public had backed her in good faith, also, that certain bookmakers having knowledge that the mare would be disqualified had overlaid their books, thus robbing the public, they decided that all bets should go to the backers of Mystery, and that the stakes be paid to the second horse.

In the case of Tom Moody, he had been purchased from a farmer in South Wales without a name, but it subsequently turned out after his win at Shrewsbury that he had run at a little meeting not under the Newmarket rules and under another name. In this case the Stewards also decided that as there was no intention of fraud on the part of the owner, and that the public had backed the horse in good faith, that bets should be paid to the horse first past the post, and that the stakes should go to the second horse.

It will be seen from the foregoing cases that they, the Stewards of the Newmarket Jockey Club, do not always decide the disputes by the strict reading of the rules, but also take into consideration the equity of the case.

We have been asked on more than one occasion to interpret the Rule 4 and Rule 50 of the Rules of Racing adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs in New Zealand regarding maidens and their allowances. Many acts have been passed in New Zealand that would puzzle the cleverest lawyers, so would some of the rules passed by the Metropolitan Clubs puzzle the oldest racing men. As our reading of the Rules above mentioned are at variance with the leading authorities in Auckland we have been requested by several stewards to forward them to the Newmarket Jockey Club for interpretation. Therefore, by the next mail we intend to forward a copy of them through Messrs. Weatherly to the Stewards for the time being of the Newmarket Jockey Club asking them to interpret the proper reading of Rules 4 and 50, also some of the others. We feel pretty confident that they will coincide with us as to the interpretation of them though we are at variance with the *magnates*.

**THE TURF.**

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

THE handicaps that Mr. Evitt issued for the Auckland Cup and Steeplechase have been declared by many persons to be dreadfully bad. At the first glance they appeared to be so, but on carefully looking them through I cannot coincide in that opinion, though he has certainly dealt very leniently with some. He has had a difficult task before him, insomuch that he has had to bring racehorses and scrubbers together. When a handicapper has to bring these two classes together he should ignore the latter, and put them together in a bunch and let them take their chance. It is really wonderful to see owners year after year entering their "crocks" for a race like the Auckland Cup, when they can have no possible chance of winning at any weight, thus throwing their money away.

I WILL now to the best of my ability go through the handicaps, taking the different horses *seriatim*. Tirailleur, 9st 11lb, has the top weight, and is certainly out of it, but I expect that Mr. Evitt has been told that he will not come to Auckland, and has therefore put him up so as to make a starting point—this is often done by handicappers. Dudu, 8st 13lb, is the next we come to. She is a 6-year-old mare, and ran second in the New Zealand Cup, with 8st 9lb. She now meets Wolverine, the winner, on 17lb, and Strephon, who was third, on 11lb better terms, while with regard to Crackshot and Jet d'Eau, two of the unplaced division, she has respectively 11lb and 9lb the best of the weights. Taking a line this way she is far from out of it. Hilda, 8st 10lb, at the first glance at the handicap appeared to be thrown

in, but on careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that though leniently treated it is no moral for her. Besides she has never shown her ability to get two miles in good company. Cissy, 8st 6lb, in the same stable, is another that the public have made a rush on. This mare showed fair form at the Spring meeting, but her successes were mainly due to the perfect condition she was in, while most of the others were not half fit. I have also great doubts of her staying, as her style of going points more to speed, and I think her best distance will be found to be a mile. Wolverine, 8st 4lb, on paper is held safe by some of the others, especially Dudu, though as he has apparently come back to his three-year-old form there is no telling how good he may be. Crackshot, 8st 3lb, is very fairly treated, and is a good colt, but he is unfortunately "a speedy cutter," and that class is never safe to stand however good they may be. Medallion, 8st, is the mysterious colt of the season. Should he come to Auckland and be all right one need not look much further for the winner, but taking all things into consideration he had better be left alone—for the present at all events. Strephon, 7st 10lb, is a colt that I have a great fancy for. He got third in the New Zealand Cup with 6st 9lb, afterwards winning the Metropolitan with 7st 2lb. Though not a regular stayer, it must be borne in mind the Auckland Cup is an easy two miles, while the Christchurch course is just the reverse. Whisper, 7st 9lb; Cynisca, 7st 7lb; and St. Andrew, 7st 6lb, may be passed over, as the distance is a good deal further than they like. Jet d'Eau I look upon as a regular imposter. Leolantis and Antelope, 7st 4lb, will neither of them like the distance. Patchwork, 7st 3lb, is not badly in, and he is a horse that I cannot make out his true form, but I am afraid, for his owners' sake, that he is a rogue. Thackeray, 7st 2lb; St. Malo, 7st 1lb; and Reprisal, 6st 11lb, I have no fancy for. With regard to Leorina, 6st 10lb, Mr. Evitt has taken most unwarrantable liberties with her, letting her off at that weight. No animal runs more in-and-out than she does, but taking her in her best form she should be about the mark at the finish. Of the others the only ones to take notice of—unless a great number of the top weights drop out—are Queen of Trumps, 6st 9lb; Palliser, 6st 7lb; and The Dreamer, 6st 7lb. Until the acceptances appear, and one knows what are coming up, it is absurd to try and select the winner, even in three times, but I look upon the following as being best in:—Dudu, Hilda, Crackshot, Medallion, Strephon and Leorina, and if I was compelled to take a long shot about one and stand it out it would be Dudu. [Since the above was written Wolverine has been scratched.]

WHEN Mr. Evitt made the handicap for the Auckland Steeplechase he must have put the most of the names in a bag, and taken them as they came out, as it can hardly be called a handicap. However, I will go through them when the acceptances are declared. At present, in my opinion, Orlando, 12st 4lb; Sir Garnet, 11st 9lb; and Sentinel, 9st 8lb; read the best.

GREAT has been the talk of the wonderful performance of Carbine in the late Melbourne Cup. No one will dispute that it was a fast time, but let lovers of racing and the time test look at the performance of Sheen in the Casarewich run at Newmarket (England) on the 9th of October. For the benefit of my readers I will describe the course. The Casarewich is run over the distance of two miles and a quarter and thirty-seven yards, straight. The greater part is almost flat, there being but a little give and take. The last quarter of a mile is first down hill, and the last two hundred yards up a very steep incline. The weather on Newmarket Heath in October is generally cold and damp—about equal to a winter day in Auckland. Now for a description of the race. Twenty-two numbers were hoisted on the telegraph board. The race resulted in an easy win for Sheen, by Hampton—Radiancy, 5 yrs, 9st 2lb; Alicante, 3 yrs., 7st 5lb, second; Judith, 4 yrs, 7st, third. Won cleverly by two lengths. Now comes the most wonderful part of the performance. The time recorded is *three minutes, fifty-five seconds*. Now taking into consideration that in England the time is always taken from the fall of the flag, when

the horses are some distance behind the post; the difference in climate, also the going, it must be confessed that Sheen's performance *beats* Carbine's.

ON the last day of the Houghton Meeting Sheen again came out for the Thousand Pound Plate, w.f.a., two miles, and with nothing to make the running for him defeated Amphion (who had been up to this time looked upon as the Champion) and four others in a common canter by three lengths. This running, I think, proves him to be the Champion of 1890.

WHEN such an authority as "Augur" writes the following, it is not to be wondered at that when a New Zealander goes over to Australia the weight is put on him. If he had seen the race it would have altered his opinion. "It is a feather in the cap of Robinson Crusoe that his son, The Workman, should have proved victorious in the principal Two-year-old Race run at the Auckland Meeting. The victory is all the more creditable because he was opposed by sons and daughters of Nordenfeldt, St. Leger, Brigadier, and other sires located in New Zealand, etc." Poor old Augur, when I first knew him he would not have penned such trash. Can he deny that both he and I have seen the very best bred horses not able to beat a butchers hack. Nothing ran in the race in question that was worth £500.

THE Old Father Plate at the Newmarket Houghton Meeting is still a popular race at home. What would Colonials say to a race of this description, Casarewich course, two miles and a quarter and thirty-seven yards (it used to be the last three miles of the Beacon course), w.f.a., with selling allowances. It was at one time competed for by two-year-olds only, but this year two three-year-olds and ten two-year-olds started. The winner turned up in a three-year-old called Maley, the next four being two-year-olds.

#### 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 Committee of the Auckland Rifle Association have lost no time since their election. A programme has been arranged consisting of eight matches, six with Snider and two with Martini weapons. The entries for the Snider matches are the same as last year. By the number of promising young shots that have been brought out in the different corps this year a good number of entries may be anticipated.

The Union Company have arranged to grant saloon return fares between Lyttelton and Wellington to bona fide members of the New Zealand Rifle Association for 30s., and Capt. Somerville is making arrangements for cheap coaching between Eketahuna and Woodville, or via the Manawatu line.

At the Victoria Rifle Association Meeting, held during last month, Lieut. J. H. Eales of the 2nd Batt. won the Queen's Prize of £100 with the grand aggregate of 254 points. W. O. Blair was second with 249 points. The *Argus* states that the victory was a decidedly meritorious one for more than one reason. As Hon. Sec. of the Association Lieut. Eales has had his hands pretty full of executive work during this week, and this with shooting has given him few spare moments. Lieut. Eales is a Native of Devonshire, England, having been born at Exmouth. He learned his shooting with the First Devonshire Rifle Volunteer Regiment in England. The Ladies' Match, value £7, was won by R. Smith, of the Melbourne Rifle Club, with 33 points out of a possible 35. In the Press Match Mr. W. Lambrie came to the front with the creditable score of 44 points out of a possible 50. The International Match was won by the Australian team, with the aggregate of 846; England second with 814, Ireland third with 777; and Scotland fourth with 774 points.

The members of the "A" Battery who won the Field Gun Competition at the Military Sports, on Takapuna Racecourse last year, have not yet received their prize money. Who is to blame for this?

The Members of the Martini Club held a sweepstakes match on Saturday last, at the Onehunga Rifle Range, the distance being 600 and 700 yards. The shooting all through was very poor, but this was owing to a very strong wind blowing from the right, and the very changeable light. The scores are:—

Name	600 yds	700 yds	Total
Pvt. M'Carthy . . . . .	21	21	42
Gun. C. P. Taylor . . . . .	29	13	42
P.O. J. Spinley . . . . .	25	16	41
Gun. E. Buchanan . . . . .	17	22	39
Pvt. J. Nutt . . . . .	22	17	39
Sergt. M. McCallum . . . . .	23	14	37
Capt. Tobin . . . . .	15	21	36
Mr. D. Hay . . . . .	23	11	34
Corp. H. Doughty . . . . .	23	11	34
Pvt. Osborne . . . . .	10	22	32
Sgt. Soall . . . . .	26	6	32
Gun. Greenshields . . . . .	15	16	31

#### TURF TATTLE.

[BY NORDENFELDT.]

THE weights for the Auckland Cup and Steeplechase made their appearance on Friday—too late for me to review them in last week's paper. In the Cup, Mr. Evitt has started with Tiraille—*as of course he should do—but with 9st. 11lb. I consider him slaughtered. Dudu (8st. 13lb.) will have a show if Cutts decides upon bringing her up, but I question whether she is a real stayer. Hilda is more to my liking with 8st. 10lb., and certainly reads about as well as anything in the race. As Hilda is trained in private, I am in the dark concerning her condition, but if in the form she was last Autumn, then I don't think any of the locally-owned nags will be capable of striking her colours. In Cissy (8st. 6lb.) Mr. Morrin has an excellent second string, and whichever he elects to carry the "black and amber stripes" on the day will be pretty certain to start first favourite. Cissy ran like a stayer in the Spring, and proved herself to be in great form. Wolverine (8st. 4lb.) may come up, but I do not fancy his chance for this race, as he meets Dudu, who finished second to him in the New Zealand Cup, on 17lbs. worse terms, and Strephon, who finished third in the same race, on 6lbs. worse terms. Of the three I prefer Dudu for our Cup. Crackshot (8st. 3lb.) has been well taken care of, but a good three-year-old will always require a lot of tying up with anything under 8st. 7lb. If Medallion comes this way, then I think we can label him the most dangerous colt in the race. He was one of the favourites for the New Zealand Cup all through the winter, and he now has to meet all the horses that ran prominently in that race on much better terms. It is reported that he will not come from Christchurch, but, if he does, then I prefer his chance to that of any other horse engaged. Strephon (7st. 10lb.), as I pointed out above, is held safe by Dudu. I notice he has been freely nominated down Napier way in small handicaps, so perhaps he will not put in an appearance here. Whisper (7st. 9lb.) would be better suited over sprint courses, a remark which applies equally to Cynisca (7st. 7lb.). St. Andrew (7st. 6lb.) I do not care for, although he has nothing to complain of on the score of weight. Jet D'Eau (7st. 5lb.) is not likely to put in an appearance, but Leolantis (7st. 4lb.) will probably be a starter. I don't like him, neither do I care for Antelope at the same weight. Patchwork (7st. 3lb.) reads much better. This horse showed some good form once or twice last season, especially when he won the double at Egmont. In the Waimate Handicap he carved out the mile and three-quarters in 3 min. 8 1-5th secs. Not at all a bad go when it is remembered that he carried 8st. 6lb. The horse is doing good work and may effect a surprise. Of the other twenty-one horses engaged, the only ones likely to accept are St. Malo, Reprisal, Leorina, The Dreamer, Belmont, and Cartridge. I don't think danger need be apprehended from Reprisal (6st. 11lb.), but Leorina with 6st. 10lb. has an outside chance. She is an in-and-out mare, however, and no reliance can be placed upon her. Those who remember how she carried 7st. in the Easter Handicap last Autumn twelve months, and went to the front and remained there, getting over the mile and three-quarters in the fast time of 3min. 5secs., will probably not desert her now. But she has never been able to put up such another performance, and I think she will be a bit outclassed in this company. The Dreamer*

(6st. 7lb.) is a much improved colt since he ran here in the Spring, and with such a handy impost must be dangerous. T. Hodson will probably ride him, and he is a vigorous and clever jockey. This will be all in the colt's favour. Belmont (6st. 3lb.) and Cartridge (6st.) I have no liking for. To sum up at this early stage, I like best the chances of MEDALLION, should his owner decide on sending him up. In his absence commend me to Mr. Morrin's selected, Crackshot, Dudu, Patchwork, Leonina and The Dreamer. Next week when the acceptances are before me, I will reduce these numbers to two or three. [Since the above was written Cruchfield, Wolverine, and Wayland have been scratched, and advice has come to hand that Medallion, Crackshot, St. Malo, Bay King, and Dudu are to be brought up.]

The Steeplechase is headed by Orlando (12st. 5lb.), and with that impost the game little son The Painter cannot be considered out of it. He carried 12st. at Ellerslie in the Spring Steeplechase, and with 12st. 12lb. at Takapuna he fairly ran all his opponents off their legs. Whatever beats Orlando on the second of January will just about win. Jenny (12st. 4lb.), taking a line through the top-weight, could not have been let off with much less, but I doubt the mare's capability of carrying so much weight successfully. She has such a rare turn of pace, however, that she will be very handy at the finish if her owner decides to start her. Sir Garnet (11st. 9lb.) does not deserve to be placed above such a performer as Uranus (11st. 7lb.), and of the pair I certainly prefer the latter. He has shown his ability to get over our course, too, which is something to be considered. Silvio (11st.), if the Silvio of old, would quickly be made first favourite, but I fear he is a light of other days. On his Takapuna running Orlando holds him as safe as if he were in his grave. Darnley (10st. 8lb.) would have won our Steeplechase last Autumn if he had not fallen on the last round, but Mr. Gollan owns the horse now, and he has entered him for several events nearer home, so that the horse is an unlikely starter. If he comes, then he must be reckoned with. Defamer (10st. 4lb.) is another Napier-owned nag, and an unlikely visitor. Asper (10st. 3lb.) is one of the best handicapped horses in the race, and I quite expect his owner will send him up. He won three Steeplechases last season, so that he is no novice at the game. Hune (10st. 2lb.) is held safe on paper by Orlando, and Hopeful Kate (10st.) has yet to show her ability to negotiate big obstacles. This concludes the 10st. division. Five horses are handicapped at 9st. 8lb., and the remaining dozen have the minimum, 9st. 7lb., to carry. Most of this lot are unknown to me, and I can only deal now with those I know. Sentinel is improving, and with only 9st. 8lb. to carry must be very dangerous. The same remark applies to Parnell (9st. 8lb.). Takapau (9st. 7lb.) is another from which danger must be anticipated, and if Te Kooti (9st. 7lb.) can jump, he must be there or thereabouts when the whips are out. To make an early selection, I prefer the chances of Orlando, Uranus, Asper, and Sentinel, but when the acceptances are before me, I will reduce these to a couple.

THE Avondale Jockey Club will hold their Spring meeting this afternoon, and everything promises well for a good afternoon's sport. Proceedings will commence with the

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE. 1 mile.

st lb		st lb	
Ma Boughal	8 7	Regel	7 12
Winfred	8 5	Premier	7 7
Coal Scuttle	8 0		

This appears to be a very open race, although there are only five horses engaged. Backers can well afford to leave it alone, but if compelled to make a selection I should name WINIFRED.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. 1½ miles.

st lb		st lb	
Sentinel	10 8	Carronade	9 10
Hailstone	10 3	Titoki	9 7
Fishmonger	10 0	Ingar	9 7
Larrikin	10 0	Moderator	9 0

Probably a couple of these will drop out at the post. Sentinel is on the improve, and whatever can beat him will win. Hailstone has a good chance on his North Shore running, and Fishmonger, who finished second to him,

meets the roan horse on 13lbs better terms. Titoki hails from Whangarei, and distinguished himself last season by running second to Guy Fawkes in the Whangarei Hurdle Race and Steeplechase. Ingar I do not know. I shall tip

SENTINEL OF HAILSTONE.  
AVONDALE CUP. 1¼ miles.

st lb		st lb	
Antelope	9 4	Vendetta	7 0
Cartridge	7 2	Warrior	6 10
Ingorina	7 0	Priscilla	6 9

My opinion is that Antelope could win if properly ridden. If Tommy Taylor rides her this afternoon I believe she will win, but if not, then I should advise backers to leave her alone. Of course an owner has a perfect right to give the mount to who he likes, so long as he is satisfied. Vendetta holds Priscilla safe, but Cartridge should be able to beat everything except the top weight. As I said above, if Taylor rides Antelope, I select her and nothing else, but if not, my tip shall be Cartridge. Owing to the uncertainty that exists I cannot now divide them, and therefore select

ANTELOPE OF CARTRIDGE.  
SELLING RACE. 7 furlongs.

st lb		st lb	
Moderator	10 1	Iron Bark	8 1
Octopus	9 8	Temukie	7 1
Flint	8 2	Johnnie	7 1

On his Takapuna running, this race should be a good thing for

OCTOPUS.  
FLYING STAKES. 5 furlongs.

st lb		st lb	
Capella	9 0	Prudence	7 0
Ingorina	7 10	Master Pat	6 10
Cambria	7 5	Premier	6 10
Locket	7 4	Hailstone	6 7
Blarney	7 0	Flint	6 7

Capella has 10lbs more to carry than she won with at Otahuhu and Takapuna. Over this distance she shouldn't feel it. I can only see one horse in the race that is likely to bring about the little mare's defeat, and that is Cambria. If thoroughly well, he may beat her. I shall tip

CAPELLA OF CAMBRIA.  
HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About 3 miles.

st lb		st lb	
Hurricane	11 7	Titoki	9 10
Silvio	11 0	Larrikin	9 7
Hune	10 10	Huntsman	9 7
Sentinel	10 6	Moderator	9 7
Fishmonger	10 0	Neli	9 7

Hurricane and Silvio I don't fancy. Hune has 2lbs less, and Fishmonger the same weight, that they carried at Takapuna. If Fishmonger jumps kindly I think he will finish in front of Hune, who has a bad knee just now. The latter, however, will be a fresh mare, while Fishmonger will probably have had a race out of him in the Hurdle Race. Sentinel will, I expect, beat the pair, and of the other five perhaps Larrikin is the best. I hardly know how to separate Hune and Fishmonger, but I shall give my vote to Hune, expecting it to be a good race between the two for second place behind

SENTINEL.  
STEWARDS' HANDICAP. 7 furlongs.

st lb		st lb	
Antelope	9 8	Priscilla	7 0
Cartridge	7 4	Cambria	6 12
Ingorina	7 0	Warrior	6 7

Here, again, a good deal depends upon horsemanship. If properly ridden Antelope ought to win. Of the others Cartridge and Cambria are the best. A good line as to the latter's chance should be obtained in the Flying Stakes. However, I shall rely upon

ANTELOPE.

Various remarks have been made respecting the manner in which Mr. D. S. Wallace after Carbine's victory dispensed, or rather failed to dispense, his favours with the boys in W. Hickenbothom's stable. It has been insinuated that they received nothing, but W. Hickenbothom has written to me to remove this impression. He states that the boy who looked after Carbine received a £100 from Mr. Wallace, who also gave £50 to be distributed among the other boys. Hickenbothom himself received his percentage on the stakes won at the meeting, and this brought his share up to over £1,100. Unfortunately, of the 1000 to 40 he took about Carbine he laid off £800, but he is satisfied, and considers other people ought to be—(Augur, Australasian).

ATHLETICS.

CRICKET.

GORDON V. UNITED.—This match was continued on Saturday, when Gordon made the very largest score in Cup matches made in New Zealand, viz., 461 for eight wickets. Lusk and Goulstone continued their innings, and the latter, after adding 17 to his score, was dismissed by Stemson. Goulstone played a really good innings of 53. Lusk continued to add to his score, and was not disposed of till it reached 156. He played a really splendid innings, giving only two chances during his long stay at the wickets, one on each day. He hardly plays as freely as he ought, not making enough use of his great reach. All the rest of the batsmen reached double figures, scoring off the worn-out bowling very easily. Fowke got 10, Clayton 33, Ryburn 15, Kelly 11, D. Meldrum 70 not out, and J. Ansenne 45 not out. Meldrum played by far the best innings on his side, punishing the bowling very severely. He played with vigour, and made use of every opportunity he got to score. Ansenne also scored freely and well. Miller was the most successful of the United bowlers. The captain of the United worked his team very badly, not making nearly enough changes in his bowling. The fielding was a slight improvement on the previous Saturday. The match will have to be played out, but so far no date has been arranged.

PARNELL V. AUCKLAND.—On resuming this match on Saturday the game stood thus—Auckland 99, Parnell 50 for five wickets. Parnell continuing, quickly lost two wickets without adding a run, but on Watty joining Holle runs came freely, the former doing nearly all the scoring. When the score had reached 87 Richards stumped Watty off Neill, who had replaced Howlett. He played a fine free innings, hitting equally well all round the wicket, and should get a lot of runs before the season is over. After Watty went the end soon came, Auckland winning by 10 runs—Auckland 99, Parnell 89. On Auckland going in for their second innings some fine cricket was shown. R. Neill, going in second wicket down, carried out his bat for a fine innings of 76. With the exception of an easy chance early in his innings, he made no mistakes, and had his hits been smartly run out his score would have been increased considerably. Richards 28, A. M. Beale 19, Webster 17, T. Neill 17, and Howlett 14, played well, and with one away Auckland scored 197. Carson was the best of the Parnell bowlers

VICTORIA V. MOUNT ROSKILL.—Mount Roskill, 1st innings, 36; 2nd, 102 (Froud 37, Horsborough 18, Dunn 19). Total, 138. Victoria, 1st innings, 106; 2nd, 33 for one wicket (Lee 20 not out, Thomas 13 not out). Victoria thus won by nine wickets.

GORDON II. V. WANDERERS.—Gordon, 1st innings, 110; 2nd, 75 (Ball 20, Gorrie 11). Total, 185. Wanderers, 1st innings, 53, 2nd, 84 (Mills 37, Whelan 14, Wakerley 16). Total, 137. Gordon won by 48 runs.

AUCKLAND II. V. ALPHA II.—The latter won by three wickets.

Mr. T. C. Easton, secretary of the Professional Swimming Association, started from Oxford (England) recently, with the intention of swimming to London, remaining in the water for eight hours a day. Several attacks of cramp, and a strained leg, however, compelled him to abandon the attempt on the fourth day.

"Professor" Dalton, who swam from Blackwall to Gravesend in September, complains that he has not received the £50 offered by an anonymous gentleman in the Press for the accomplishment of the feat. Anonymous gentlemen are apt to be more generous in their offers than prompt in their fulfilment, and it is probable Dalton will have to content himself with the fact that his long swim has done much to improve his reputation.

Of the new cycling "records" created in England since we last wrote, we may mention the half-mile in 1min. 8 1-5th secs. of W. C. Jones, and the fifty miles in 2hrs. 25min. 26 2-5th secs., and the sixty miles 1,255 yards in 3 hours, of H. Parsons. All these, we need hardly add, are vouched for by Mr. Coleman, and were made at the Paddington Recreation Grounds, and on pneumatic-tired "Safeties." Curiously enough, it appears that the pneumatic

ture, which has created such a revolution in the 'cycling' world, may be, after all, not a novelty. Some one has discovered an old patent, taken out in 1845, for an almost identical invention.

Hanlon has suffered another defeat; this time at the hands of Teemer, who was conceding the ex-champion a start.

Jack Burke has challenged Slavin; no business is likely to result.

### AUCKLAND SUMMER MEETING.

#### ACCEPTANCES.

##### AUCKLAND CUP.—2 miles.

st lb	st lb	st lb
Dudu ..... 8 13	Strephon ..... 7 10	Reprisal ..... 6 11
Hilda ..... 8 10	St. Andrew ..... 7 6	Leorina ..... 6 10
Cissy ..... 8 6	Antelope ..... 7 4	The Dreamer ..... 6 7
Crackshot ..... 8 3	Patchwork ..... 7 8	Belmont ..... 6 8
Medallion ..... 8 0	St. Malo ..... 7 1	Kapu ..... 6 0

##### AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE.—about 3½ miles.

st lb	st lb	st lb
Orlando ..... 12 5	Asper ..... 10 8	Sentinel ..... 9 8
Jenny ..... 12 4	Hune ..... 10 2	Parnell ..... 9 8
Sir Garnet ..... 11 9	Hopeful Kate ..... 10 0	Takapu ..... 9 7
Silvio ..... 11 0		

#### GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES.

Lebel (by Nordenfeldt—Pulchra)  
Rosefeldt (by Nordenfeldt—Rose D'Amour)  
The Workman (by Robinson Crusoe—The Maid)  
Brigand (by Brigadier—Gannet)  
Brown Bess (by St. Leger—Cantiniere)  
Roie (by St. Leger—Hippona)

#### GREAT NORTHERN DERBY.

Medallion (by Nordenfeldt—Locket)  
Crackshot (by Nordenfeldt—Pungawerewere)  
St. Andrew (by St. Leger—Scottish Lassie)  
Leolantis (by Leolinus—Atlantis)  
Reprisal (by First King—Memphis)  
Vendetta (by St. Albans—The Maid)  
Kapo (by The Mute—Uira)

### SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

#### SUMMER MEETING.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 1890.

#### ACCEPTANCES AND GENERAL ENTRIES.

##### CHRISTMAS HANDICAP. 1 mile and a distance.

st lb	st lb
Lonely ..... 9 0	Grace Darling ..... 7 12
Lupin ..... 8 10	Valentine ..... 7 12
Never Miss ..... 8 1	Antic ..... 7 12
Theorem ..... 8 0	Ilma ..... 7 4
Kathleen ..... 7 12	

##### HANDICAP HURDLES. 2 miles.

st lb	st lb
Sentinel ..... 10 7	Peter ..... 9 7
Fishmonger ..... 9 12	Theorem ..... 9 7
Wideawake ..... 9 7	Moderator ..... 9 0

##### SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP. 1½ miles.

st lb	st lb
Leorina ..... 9 0	Cartridge ..... 7 0
Antelope ..... 8 10	Capella ..... 6 10
Patchwork ..... 8 8	Ilma ..... 6 7
Tamora ..... 8 2	Lupin ..... 6 7
Lochness ..... 8 0	Clarion ..... 6 7
Belmont ..... 7 7	

##### HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About 3 miles.

st lb	st lb
Hurricane ..... 11 7	Ti Toki ..... 9 10
Silvio ..... 11 0	Peter ..... 9 7
Sentinel ..... 10 6	Moderator ..... 9 7
Fishmonger ..... 10 0	

##### TRADESMAN'S PLATE HANDICAP. 1½ miles.

st lb	st lb
Leorina ..... 9 2	Lonely ..... 6 7
Patchwork ..... 8 10	Mararaoa ..... 6 7
Tamora ..... 8 4	Ilma ..... 6 7
Belmont ..... 7 10	Lupin ..... 6 7
Scot-Free ..... 7 5	Clarion ..... 6 7
Capella ..... 7 0	

##### FLYING STAKES. 6 furlongs.

st lb	st lb
Capella ..... 9 0	Helen Macgregor ..... 6 7
Scot-Free ..... 8 5	Lady Marion ..... 6 7
Belmont ..... 8 0	Kathleen ..... 6 7
Pretender ..... 7 7	Never Miss ..... 6 7
Haricot ..... 6 12	

##### NOVEL RACE. 7 furlongs.

The Pirate	Wide-awake	Desmond
Scarlet Runner	Robin	Valentine

##### SELLING HURDLES. 1½ miles.

Wide-awake	Surprise	Pretender
Ledbury	Hurricane	

The Dancer (by Sword Dance—Vivandiere) is in the sale list.

Mr. Hedger's mare Antelope (by Apremont—Miss Kate) has been served by Nordenfeldt.

The steeplechase horse Asper (by Southern Chief) arrived in Auckland from Wanganui on Wednesday. The horse is engaged in the Summer Steeplechase with 10st. 3lb. He has shown his ability more than once across country, and will be well supported on the day. The horse is in charge of Cameron, who will probably ride him.

### THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

#### WEIGHTS.

PARAWAI HANDICAP.—Lady Marion, 8st 9lb; Lioness, 8st; Helen McGregor, 7st 9lb; Clarion, 7st 7lb; Te Kooti, 7st 7lb; Captive, 7st.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Hailstone, 10st 12lb; Wide-awake, 10st; Peter, 9st 12lb; Ned, 9st 12lb; Try Fluke, 9st 12lb; Huntsman, 9st 10lb; Te Toki, 9st 10lb; Fragrance, 9st 5lb; Neli, 9st 3lb.

THAMES HANDICAP.—Tamora, 9st; Lioness, 8st; Warrior, 7st 8lb; Te Kooti, 7st 7lb; Clarion, 7st 7lb; Ringtail, 7st 5lb; Ilma, 7st.

COUNTY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Justis, 10st 12lb; Bushman, 10st 10lb; Macaroni, 10st 7lb; Peter, 10st 7lb; Bacchus, 10st 5lb; Resolution, 10st; Oliver, 9st 7lb; Greenhorn, 9st 7lb; Platch, 9st 7lb; Prospector, 9st 7lb.

THAMES HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Hurricane, 12st; Fishmonger, 10st 7lb; Te Kooti, 10st 3lb; Hailstone, 10st 3lb; Huntsman, 10st; Macaroni, 10st; Peter, 10st; Fragrance, 9st 10lb; Neli, 9st 7lb; Platch, 9st 7lb; Prospector, 9st 7lb.

### DRUBY RACING CLUB.

#### DECEMBER 29TH, 1890.—WEIGHTS.

DRURY CUP, 1½ miles.—Clarion, 9st 3lb; Te Kooti, 9st; Deception, 8st 8lb; Theorem, 7st 12lb; Stamford, 7st 4lb; Pandora, 7st; Ika Vuka, 6st 7lb.

HURDLES, 2 miles.—Larrikin, 11st; Irish Agitator, 10st 10lb; Theorem, 10st 7lb; Cracksman, 10st; Orakei, 9st 12lb; Neli, 9st 7lb; Minnie Grey, 9st.

FLYING STAKES, 6 furlongs.—Priscilla, 9st; Prudence, 8st 7lb; Locket, 8st 5lb; Blarney, 8st 3lb; Billy Billy, 7st 10lb; Stamford, 7st 7lb; Premier, 7st; Country Boy, 6st 12lb; Temuki, 6st 10lb; Victim, 6st 9lb; Brian Boru, 6st 7lb.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, 1 mile.—Priscilla, 9st; Prudence, 8st 4lb; Deception, 8st 2lb; Theorem, 7st 10lb; Larrikin, 7st 10lb; Locket, 7st 9lb; Cleopatra, 7st 7lb; Billy Billy, 7st 5lb; Stamford, 7st 3lb; Country Boy, 7st 2lb; Premier, 6st 12lb; Brian Boru, 6st 7lb.

DRURY RACING CLUB HANDICAP, 1½ miles (nominations).—Clarion, Te Kooti, Deception, Premier, Priscilla, Theorem, Ika Vuka, Stamford.

Acceptances and general entries are due on TUESDAY next.

### AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

The following handicaps were declared to-day for the first day's Racing (27th December) at the above Club's Summer Meeting:—

Auckland Trotting Cup Handicap of 100 sovs., 3 miles.—Black Hawk, scratch; Lord William, 10sec.; Mount, 10; Maud, 15; Nellie, 15; Kate, 15; Hard Times, 15; Commodore (late Turpin), 40; True Blue, 45; Beeswing, 45; Jordie, 45; Scotchman, 45; Rufus, 45; Bob, 45; Dick II., 45; Charlie, 45; Billy, 45; Maud S., 50; Kaiwaka, 75.

Maiden Handicap Trot of 40 sovs., 2 miles.—Black Hawk, scratch; Mount, 7 secs.; Maud, 10; Kate, 10; Bess, 25; Rambuster, 25; Commodore, 30; Doctor, 35; Jordie, 35; Scotchman, 35; Rufus, 35; Nellie II., 35; Bob, 35; Billy, 35; True Blue, 35; Charlie, 35; Ivanhoe, 35; Dick, 40; Maud S., 40; Laddie, 55; Kaiwaka, 55.

Pony Cup of 50 sovs., 1 mile.—Vampire, 9st; Flirt, 9st; Antic, 9st; Te Muki, 8st 7lb; Sepoy, 8st; Gillie II., 7st 8lb; Meteor, 7st 5lb; Too Soon, 7st 3lb; Millifera, 7st 3lb; Cupid, 7st 3lb; Dolly, 7st 2lb; Scandal, 6st 10lb.

Handicap Pony Hurdles of 30 sovs., 1½ miles.—Pica, 9st 2lb; Minnie Grey, 9st; Antis, 9st; Flirt, 8st 12lb; Reuben, 8st 9lb; Sepoy, 7st 12lb; Buster, 7st 8lb; Meteor, 7st 8lb; Dolly, 7st 7lb.

Handicap Pony Steeplechase of 30 sovs., about 2½ miles.—Pica, 9st 10lb; Minnie Grey, 9st 5lb; Reuben, 9st; Sepoy, 8st 7lb; Buster, 8st 7lb; Meteor, 8st 7lb; Emblem, 8st 7lb; Ton Jour, 8st 7lb; Coquette, 8st 7lb; Dolly, 8st 7lb; Rangiora, 8st; Defiance, 8st.

Handicap Pony Trot of 30 sovs., 2 miles.—Chuznee, scratch; Nellie, 10secs.; Bess, 25; Comet, 25; Merry, 30; Jock, 35; Nellie II., 35; Maraitai, 35; Jordie, 35; Numberone, 35; Jupiter, 35; Ginger, 35; Kate II., 35; Bess II., 35; Dick, 40; Maud S., 40; Kaiwaka, 55; Flora, 55; Little Tom, 55; Laddie, 55; Napper Tandy, 55.

At a meeting of the Jockey Club at Newmarket during the Houghton Meeting Lord Cadogan, who is anxious to abolish early two-year-old racing, tried to bring in a rule that no added money should be given to any two-year-old race run before the week which included the 25th of May. After a long discussion the question was adjourned. The sporting press is against Lord Cadogan's motion. One of the strongest arguments used against it being the injury that it would do to breeders. It is urged that millions of money are invested in thoroughbred stock, and that the prices of yearlings depend in a great measure on the performances of their two-year-old relatives. It is also urged that the most accomplished trainers, such as Mathew Dawson, Tom Jennings, and others, are in favour of racing two-year-olds early, and that owners should be allowed to use their own judgement what is best and what is not in the management of their own property.

### ENGLISH SPORTING NEWS.

At Newmarket, in the "£1,000 added" Handicap, Queen's Birthday, atoned somewhat for his St. Leger failure. In the Grand Duke Michael Stakes, Shall We Remember defeated Bel Demonio, and the Rous Memorial Stakes fell to Mr. E. Blanc's Gouverneur.

At Nottingham, the Nottingham Handicap fell to Glory Smitten, and the Welbeck Abbey Stakes to Grecien Bend. The evergreen Laccman, who was foaled so long ago as 1876, added another laurel to his wreath in the Lenton Firs Selling Plate.

There is as great a run as ever on the so-called "fashionable" sires. Thus Barcaldine's lists for 1891 and 1892 are already full, his fee being 100 gns. for the first and 200 gns. for the second year, while Minting (150 gns.) and Roseberry (100 gns.) have only three or four vacancies apiece for 1892.

At the Newmarket Second October Meeting the most important event was the Clearwell Stakes. There were only two runners, however, Mr. Fenwick's Mimi and Prince Soltykoff's Woolthorp, and the former, with 8 to 1 laid on her, won easily. The Flying Welter Handicap fell to Mr. Redfern's Magistrate, and the Cambridgeshire Trial Plate to Evergreen, Ringmaster being shut out just as his chance appeared a good one. Next day the Middle Park Plate attracted a good deal of attention. There were nine runners, of which Orvieto came in for most support. He failed to run into the first three, however, and the race fell to Mr. E. Blanc's Gouverneur, Siphonia and Orion being second and third respectively. Countess Therry won the High Weight Handicap.

The minor meetings were remarkable for the number of horses that secured winning brackets twice on consecutive days. At Nottingham Grecian Bend and Sir Hamilton were among those thus favoured: at Warwick, Porridge and Maggie Cooper each scored twice; while at Hamilton Park, no fewer than three—Ossidine, Dauntless and The Solent—had a similar run of luck. It is hardly necessary to say that these successes usually do not mean any very remarkable excellence on the part of the successful animals, but rather judicious "placing" by their owners.

The racing at Kempton Park calls for rather more detailed notice. The principal event on the first day was the valuable Great Breeders' Produce Stakes. In this history repeated itself with a vengeance. Last year, it will be remembered, Mr. Milner's Riviera, which started favourite, was just beaten by Dearest, much to every one's surprise. This year the winner was Lord Calthorpe's Blavatsky, which started a rank outsider, and the second, only beaten by a neck, was Mr. Milner's Valauris, an own brother to Riviera. To complete the parallel, Blavatsky, like Dearest, hailed from Jewitt's stable. The other great event was the Champion Nursery Handicap. This also fell to an outsider, Sir R. Jardine's Bondage, Mr. Houldsworth's Susiana was second.

Rarely has the Second October Meeting at head-quarters proved more enjoyable than it did last week. The weather was perfect, bright without being too hot, and there had been just enough rain to render the going good. It was this downpour which really decided the result of the Cesarewitch. Prince Soltikoff's Sheen had the top-weight in the handicap, but owing to the hard state of the ground his starting had been doubtful. The welcome shower decided his owner to give him a run, with the result that he scored a very popular win under the highest weight (9st. 2lb.) ever yet carried to victory. Alicante, which started a hot favourite at 9 to 2, finished second. The Thirteenth Great Challenge Stakes was won by Mephisto, Signorina being easily beaten. Amphion upheld his grand reputation by easily defeating Memoir and Blue Green in the Champion Stakes, but Alloway cut a very poor figure in the Newmarket Derby, won by Lord Durham's Circassian. Memoir won the Newmarket Oaks for the Duke of Portland, and Haute Saône the Prendergast Stakes for Baron de Rothschild.

At the blood-stock sale held by Messrs. Tattersall, in addition to the sale of the late Hon. James White's horses, Lord Marcus Beresford gave 2,000 gns. for the stallion, Child of the Mist, and George Barrett secured Democracy, a filly foal by St. Simon—Morning Glory, for 1,800 gns.

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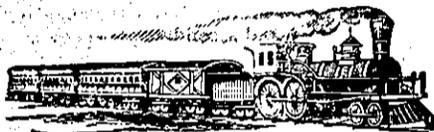
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1890.

On Saturday, December 13, Trains will leave Auckland for Avondale at 12.20 and 1.20 p.m., stopping where required to pick up passengers. Passengers by these trains will be set down at the Level Crossing just beyond Avondale Station. Train will return from the Crossing for Auckland at 6.15 p.m., stopping where required to set down passengers.

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**AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.**

**SPRING MEETING,**

TO BE HELD ON THE AVONDALE RACECOURSE,  
THIS DAY,

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 1/4 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.

First Race to start at 1.45 p.m.—Special Trains from Auckland at 12.20 and 1.20 p.m.

HARRY H. HAYR, SECRETARY.



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PROGRAMME.

	p.m.
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3. MAIDEN GIGS, under 10 stone.....	3.10
4. JUNIOR SENIOR WHALEBOATS .....	3.20
5. JUNIOR GIGS .....	3.30
6. SENIOR WHALEBOATS .....	3.50
7. MAIDEN GIGS.....	4.0
8. JUNIOR GIGS, under 10 stone .....	4.20
9. SENIOR BONA FIDE AMATEUR GIGS..	4.45

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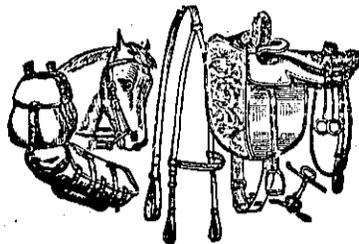
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**SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.**

**SUMMER MEETING**

To be held on the CLAUDELANDS RACECOURSE, on  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1890.

PROGRAMME.

Passed by the Auckland Racing Club.

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

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

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

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

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

TRADESMAN'S PLATE (Handicap) of 35 sovs. Winner of the South Auckland Cup to carry 10lb. extra; winner of any other race after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb. extra; penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 1 1/4 miles

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

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

A Special Excursion Train leaves Auckland at 7 o'clock, returning after last race, at cheap fares.

G. H. CARTER, Hon. Sec.

**Racing Programmes.**



**AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.**

**SUMMER MEETING.**

**FIRST DAY,**

BOXING DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1890.

First Race to start at 1 o'clock.

- TRIAL STAKES of 80 sovs. One mile.
- THE GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 300 sovs. Six furlongs.
- THE AUCKLAND CUP of 300 sovs. Two miles.
- HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles.
- RAILWAY HANDICAP of 70 sovs. Six furlongs.
- NURSERY HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Five furlongs.
- MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Three miles.
- CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

**SECOND DAY.**

NEW YEAR'S DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1891.

- NEW YEAR'S HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles.
- NEWMARKET HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.
- MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Five furlongs.
- GREAT NORTHERN DERBY of 500 sovs. One mile and a-half.
- SELLING STAKES of 50 sovs. One mile.
- AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 400 sovs. One mile and a-half.
- MAIDEN HANDICAP of 70 sovs. One mile and a distance.
- WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs. One mile.

**THIRD DAY,**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1891.

- GRAND STAND HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile and a-half.
- SYLVIA HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.
- AUCKLAND PLATE of 150 sovs. One mile and a-half.
- AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE of 300 sovs. Three miles and a half.
- SELLING STAKES of 50 sovs. Six furlongs.
- MUSKET STAKES of 150 sovs. Six furlongs.
- VICTORIA HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Seven furlongs.

WM. PERCIVAL,  
Secretary.

**AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.**

**SUMMER MEETING,**

DECEMBER 27 AND JANUARY 3, 1891.

Acceptances for the following Races close on FRIDAY, 19th inst., at the office, Durham-street:—

**FIRST DAY, DECEMBER 27, 1890.**

- Handicap Maiden Trot, 40 sovs., 2 miles, acceptance 1 sov.
- Auckland Trotting Cup, 100 sovs., 3 miles, acceptance 2 sovs.
- Handicap Pony Trot, 30 sovs, 2 miles, acceptance 15s.
- Pony Cup Handicap, 50 sovs, 1 mile, acceptance 25s.
- Pony Hurdles Handicap, 30 sovs., 1 1/2 miles, acceptance 25s.
- Pony Steeplechase Handicap, 30 sovs., about 2 1/2 miles, acceptance 15s.

Also,

Entries for the Selling Trot of 20 sovs. Winner to be sold for 15 sovs. immediately after the race. If entered to be sold for 10 sovs., 15 sec. allowed; if for 5 sovs., 30 sec.; and if for nil, 50 sec. Nomination, 20s. Distance, 2 1/2 miles.

Owners are reminded that all horses must be ridden in colours, and that the colours must be forwarded to the Secretary with the nominations or entries.

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## Racing Programmes.



## TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

### SUMMER MEETING.

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,

JANUARY 29 AND 31, 1891.

## PROGRAMME.

## FIRST DAY.

**HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE** of 35 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 30 sovs. at time of starting. Nomination  $\frac{1}{2}$  sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance 1 mile.

**HANDICAP HURDLES** of 70 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 2 sovs. Distance 2 miles.

**ZEALANDIA HANDICAP** of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance 5 furlongs.

**TAKAPUNA CUP HANDICAP** of 150 sovs., second horse to receive 15 sovs., third horse 5 sovs. out of stakes. Winner of any handicap of 50 sovs. after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 5lb extra; of 100 sovs. 10lb extra. Nomination 2 sovs., acceptance 3 sovs. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

**HOBSON HANDICAP** of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance 6 furlongs.

**HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 150 sovs., second horse to receive 15 sovs., third horse 5 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination 2 sovs., acceptance 3 sovs. Distance about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

**NOVEL RACE** of 25 sovs. Winner to be sold immediately after the race, and the whole of the proceeds to go to the Club. Lowest weight 8st 7lb. Nomination 1 sov., on night of general entry. Distance  $5\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs.

**STEWARDS' HANDICAP** of 70 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Winner of the Takapuna Cup or Zealandia Handicap to carry a penalty of 5lb extra, or both, 7lb extra. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 2 sovs. Distance 6 furlongs.

## SECOND DAY.

**HANDICAP HURDLES** of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

**ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP** of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance  $5\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs.

**CALLIOPE HANDICAP** of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance  $5\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs.

**TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP** of 75 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 2 sovs. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

**HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 75 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 2 sovs. Distance about 3 miles.

**SELLING RACE** of 30 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-year-olds to carry 9st. 7lbs.; 4 years, 10st 5lb; 5, 6, and aged, 10st 12lb. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for 50 sovs. 7lbs allowed for every 10 sovs. reduction in selling price. Nomination 1 sov., on night of general entry. Distance 1 mile.

**WELTER HANDICAP** of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1 sov., no acceptance. Distance 1 mile.

## SUMMER MEETING, 1892.

**ANNIVERSARY STAKES** [for now yearlings] of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts 8st. 10lb.; fillies and geldings 8st. 7lb. Winner of any race of 50 sovs. to carry 5lbs. extra; or 100 sovs., 7lbs. extra; or 200 sovs. or more, 10lb. extra. Maidens to be allowed 7lb. Those got by sires, or out of mares that have never produced a winner at date of final payment allowed 7lb. Nominations, with 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, January 9th, 1891; 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, August 7th, 1891; and 2 sovs. by 9 p.m. on night of General Entry. Distance, 6 furlongs.

## SUMMER MEETING, 1893.

**TAKAPUNA STAKES** [for now yearlings] of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. For three-year-olds. Colts 8st. 10lb.; fillies and geldings 8st. 7lb. The winner of any race (including handicap) of 100 sovs. to carry 5lb. extra; of twice 100 sovs., or once 200 sovs., 7lb. extra; of twice 200 sovs., or 300 sovs. or more, 10lb. extra. Maidens having started once allowed 5lb.; twice, 5lb.; three times, 7lb. Those got by sires or out of mares that have never produced a winner at date of final payment allowed 7lb. Nominations, with 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, January 9th, 1891; 1 sov. by 9 p.m. Friday, August 7th, 1891; and 2 sovs. on night of General Entry. Distance 1 mile  $1\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs.

## Racing Programmes.

## DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, &amp;c.

## NOMINATIONS—

Monday, December 29, by 9 p.m.—Takapuna Cup, Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase (both days).

Friday, January 9, by 9 p.m.—Nominations, with 1 sov. each, close for Anniversary Stakes, 1892, and Takapuna Stakes, 1893 (now yearlings).

Friday, January 16, by 9 p.m.—Handicap Maiden Plate, Handicap Hurdles, Zealandia Handicap, Hobson Handicap, Stewards' Handicap (first day); and Handicap Hurdles, Anniversary Handicap, Calliope Handicap, Welter Handicap (second day).

## WEIGHTS—

Friday, January 9—Takapuna Cup, Handicap Steeplechase (first day).

Monday, January 19—Handicap Maiden, Handicap Hurdles, Zealandia Handicap, Hobson Handicap, and Stewards' Handicap.

Friday, January 30, by 4 p.m.—second day's racing.

## ACCEPTANCES AND GENERAL ENTRIES—

Friday, January 23, by 9 p.m.—Acceptances first day, and General Entries both days.

Friday, January 30, by 9 p.m.—Acceptances second day's racing.

All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Devonport, or at Mr. W. Adams' Office, Durham-street East, Auckland.

All races to be run under the A.R.C.'s new rules.

R. WYNYARD,  
Secretary.

## WHANGAREI COUNTY RACING CLUB

(Approved by the Auckland Racing Club)

SUMMER MEETING,  
ON KENSINGTON PARK RACECOURSE,  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY  
9TH AND 10TH, 1891.

Handicappers—Messrs. E. Halstead, M. McPhee,  
and Rust.

## PROGRAMME.—FIRST DAY.

**HANDICAP HACK RACE** of 10 sovs. For all horses that have never won a handicap or weight-for-age race exceeding the value of 10 sovs. Distance 1 mile.

**HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 25 sovs. Distance 2 miles, over 8 flights of hurdles about 3ft. 6in. high.

**TRIAL STAKES HANDICAP** of 20 sovs. Distance 1 mile.

**WHANGAREI RACING CLUB HANDICAP** of 50 sovs. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

**FLYING HANDICAP** of 15 sovs. Distance 7 furlongs.

**MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 25 sovs., 5 sovs. to go to second horse. Distance about 2 miles, over such ground as the Stewards shall direct.

## SECOND DAY.

**HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE** of 15 sovs. For all horses that have never won a race of the value of 10 sovs. up to the time of entry. Distance 1 mile and a distance.

**KENSINGTON PARK HANDICAP** of 30 sovs. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

**NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 35 sovs., 5 sovs. out of the stakes to go to the second horse. Distance about 3 miles, over such ground as the Stewards shall direct.

**PUBLICANS' PURSE HANDICAP** of 20 sovs. Distance  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

**AUCTION STAKES** of 20 sovs. Distance 1 mile. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for £50. Top weight 9st. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs., allowed 7lbs; if for 30 sovs., 14lbs; if for 20 sovs., 21lbs; if for 10 sovs., 31lbs; if for nil, 42lbs. Proceeds of sale above the nominated value of the winner to be equally divided between the owner of the second horse and the Club.

**THE FAREWELL HANDICAP** of 15 sovs. Weights to be declared by 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptance at 10 p.m. Distance 1 mile.

## NOMINATIONS.

Nominations for all Handicaps to be forwarded to the Secretary under seal and endorsed "Nomination," on or before 8 p.m., Tuesday, December 30th, 1890.

Weights to be declared on Saturday, January 4th.

## ACCEPTANCES AND GENERAL ENTRIES.

Acceptances and General Entries will be received by the Secretary, at Whangarei, up till 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6th.

Nominations, Acceptances and General Entries will be received in Auckland on behalf of the Club by Mr. W. Adams, Durham-street, on the same date and hour as the said nominations, &c., close at Whangarei.

All races to be run under the Auckland Racing Club Rules.

Horses entered for these Races will be carried free from Auckland by the Northern Steamship Company, providing the owners get an order from the undersigned.

G. E. ALDERTON,  
Hon. Secretary.

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## Racing Programmes.



## POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

To be held on the Park Company's Racecourse.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 13 & 14, 1891.

DATE OF NOMINATION—MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 15, 1890.

**TURANGA STAKES** of 200 sovs., one mile and three-quarters ..... 2 sovs.  
**TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP** of 120 sovs., one mile and a half ..... 2 sovs.  
**FLYING HANDICAP** of 100 sovs., six furlongs.. 1 sov.  
**PUBLICANS' PURSE** of 80 sovs., one mile..... 1 sov.  
**STEWARDS' HANDICAP** of 75 sovs., seven furlongs ..... 1 sov.  
**FIRST HURDLES HANDICAP** of 60 sovs., one mile and a half ..... 1 sov.  
**SECOND HURDLES HANDICAP** of 70 sovs., two miles ..... 1 sov.  
**COUNTY STAKES HANDICAP** of 40 sovs., one mile and a quarter ..... 1 sov.

WEIGHTS for first day's races Saturday, January 3, 1891; second day's races Tuesday, January 13, 1891. ACCEPTANCES for first day's races Thursday, January 8, 1891, at 8 p.m.; and second day's Tuesday, January 13, at 9 p.m.

For full programme see posters.

J. H. AISLABIE,  
Secretary.

## 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Nomination, 7s. 6d.; Acceptance, 7s. 6d.

**MAIDEN PLATE** of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 3 sovs. from the stakes. Distance  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

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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