

**SOUTH AUCKLAND RACES.**

**COMMENTS ON THE RACING.**

THE Summer Meeting of this popular Racing Club was brought off on the Claudelands Racecourse, Hamilton, on Saturday. Fully 1000 persons were present, including settlers from all the adjacent districts. The excursion train from Auckland was well filled, and those who journeyed from town thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The officers of the meeting were as follows:—Judge, Mr. L. Cussen; starter, Mr. J. McNichol; clerk of the scales, Mr. H. Biggs; handicapper, Mr. E. D. Halstead; clerk of the course, Messrs. F. Jolly and W. Chitty. Mr. G. H. Carter officiated as secretary, and under his direction and management everything passed off satisfactorily. The Hamilton Brass Band, under Bandmaster G. P. Meltam, played an excellent selection of music during the afternoon.

The first race of the day was the Handicap Hurdle Race, for which only three horses went to the post. Sentinel was a better favourite than Fishmonger, but the latter, who appeared with an ugly-looking knee, led from start to finish and won rather easily by three lengths. On returning to the paddock it was discovered that Sentinel had cut his off fore-foot by striking one of the hurdles, and he was consequently struck out of the Steeplechase. Peter was never in the hunt with the other two. Five horses were saddled up for the Novel Race, and Valentine was made a warm favourite. He could get no closer than third to Pirate, who led from start to finish and won very easily by three lengths from old Wideawake, who ought to have been pensioned off years ago. The principal event of the day, the South Auckland Cup, was then brought up for decision. When the numbers went up, eight names were left on the board. Patchwork was whispered around as a real good thing, and it was no secret that the stable had every confidence in the ability of the black horse, who certainly appeared to be in the pink of condition. Leorina, who had the services of that artistic horseman, Tommy Taylor, came in for more attention than any of the others, but the parties behind Tamora also backed their horse. Lochness carried too much beef to successfully stay out the mile and three-quarters, and Clarion, who eventually finished second, was considered quite out-classed. The start was not a good one, Patchwork getting all the best of it, while Capella and Leorina were also favoured. Capella was at once taken to the front and led Clarion and Loch Ness into the straight, but passing the stand Clarion had taken the lead, and was followed by Capella, Loch Ness, Leorina, and Patchwork, in that order. Thus early in the race Patchwork was clearly done with, and after rounding the bend Capella and Loch Ness had had enough. Clarion now had Leorina as his nearest attendant, but when it was seen that Taylor was hard at work on his mount, a shout went up in Clarion's favour. Rounding the turn into the straight Clarion was striding along a length in front of the top-weight, but once in the straight Taylor took out his whip on the mare, and never shirking the punishment, she gained on the leader until inside the distance she had him beaten, and coming on won all out by two lengths. Belmont, who came fast at the finish was third, two lengths

behind Clarion, and at a similar interval came Tamora fourth. Patchwork was never dangerous. Leorina paid the good dividend of £5 5s. Six started for the Christmas Handicap, for which Lonely was the favourite. They ran in a bunch until the turn into the straight, where Never Miss was leading by a length, but Lonely coming with a very fast rush managed to get up and make a dead-heat of it. The totalisator money was divided and paid out to the investors on the two horses. After the last race, the dead-heaters ran off, when Lonely led all the way and won easily by a couple of lengths. Only five horses were saddled up for the Steeplechase, and Silvio was made a warm favourite. The course is a very good one, and the jumps are by no means small. The start was on the course proper to the right of the Grand Stand, and the first obstacle to be negotiated was a rail and ditch. At this jump both Hurricane and Peter baulked, and Silvio was first over, followed by Fishmonger and Muscatelle. The second jump, a well-built sod wall with a ditch on either side, was taken by the horses in this order, and there was no alteration in positions when the next obstacle, a log fence, was reached. Going off the course the horses have to take a brush fence with a ditch on the landing side and then race across a ploughed field to a bridge. Fishmonger was the first to reach here, followed by Muscatelle and Silvio, Hurricane some distance behind. Coming onto the course proper again, there is a brush fence with a ditch on the take-off side, and here Fishmonger baulked. Silvio was first over, followed by Muscatelle and Hurricane, and so they raced over the hurdle in the straight, and over the water-jump and wicker fence which composed the double in front of the stand. At the sod wall at the back Hurricane had taken the lead, Muscatelle and Silvio, the latter pulling double, being close behind. The positions were unaltered until the horses again came into the straight, where Silvio passed Muscatelle. Each of the horses cleared the double in fine style, Silvio's jumping being universally admired, but the next obstacle brought down Hurricane, which left Silvio with a decided lead from Muscatelle. The race from this out was virtually over, bar accidents, and Silvio, striding along in easy style, won comfortably by about 30 lengths. He blundered badly at the last hurdle, but Collins made a good recovery. On passing the post he was loudly cheered by the on-lookers, who evidently enjoyed the race thoroughly. With Leorina scratched out of the Tradesman's Plate, the race was looked upon as the best of good things for Clarion. Nine horses started and Clarion was the favourite. He led all the way and won comfortably. Entering the straight he was six lengths in front of everything, but the boy, who had probably read of Ramage on Carbine declining to "risk" anything, took out his whip and flogged his mount all up the straight, much to the amusement of the onlookers. With a decent rider on his back, Clarion should make a useful handicap horse at the outside country meetings. Such a good thing was Hurricane considered for the Selling Hurdles, that backers freely laid 3 to 1 on him. He won comfortably, and was bought in at the upset price. Capella was made favourite for the Flying Stakes, but Haricot also carried a lot of money. The race was robbed of most of its interest through Capella

being left at the post. Entering the straight it was anybody's race, and the best finish of the day resulted in Belmont getting up in the last stride and winning by a head from Lady Marion, who was the same distance in front of Scot Free. The best dividend of the day—£16 5s.—was paid on Belmont.

**A.R.C. SUMMER MEETING.**

**TIPS BY SOUTHERN SCRIBES.**

THE *Canterbury Times* gives the following tips for the Auckland Summer Meeting:—Cup—Strephon, Hilda, Crackshot; Foal Stakes—The Workman or Rosefeldt; Nursery Handicap—Roie.

"Spectator," the well-known writer in the *Weekly Press*, records his tips for the approaching meeting in the last issue of that paper. They are as follows:—Cup—Strephon; Derby—Crackshot; Foal Stakes—Lebel; Steeplechase—Silvio. The Wellington correspondent of the same paper tips Dudu for the Cup and Asper for the Steeplechase.

"Sir Launcelot," the sporting writer in the *N.Z. Referee*, makes the following selections:—Trial Stakes—St. Andrew or Leolantis; Foal Stakes—The Workman; Cup—Hilda, Strephon, St. Andrew, with Leorina for a cockboat; Hurdle Race—Orlando or Sentinel; Railway Handicap—Cynical or Capella; Nursery Handicap—Roie; Maiden Steeplechase—Asper; Christmas Handicap—St. Andrew or Bay King; Derby—Crackshot; Steeplechase—Orlando, Asper, Hopeful Kate.

**MR. G. G. STEAD.**

**REPORTED RETIREMENT FROM THE TURF.**

IN the last issue of the *Canterbury Weekly Press* the following paragraph appears in 'Spectator's' notes:—"For a long time past Mr. R. J. Mason, Mr. G. G. Stead's head trainer, has found his health none too good, and it will be remembered that some few months ago he was laid up for some weeks and in a bad way. He has decided upon moving to Australia, where it is thought the climate will suit him better, and in the autumn he will take his departure, when Mr. Stead will dispose of his stud of racehorses. This information I have on the best authority, and I can only say that I think it is about the worst bit of news that I have had to chronicle for some time. Mr. R. J. Mason is a first-class hand with horses, and his long list of successes for years past establishes the fact beyond doubt. Moreover, he has been with us so long that we will miss him; but though we may be able to fill his place, how; in these days when owners are so scarce, can we afford to lose from the ranks of owners such a thorough patron of the sport as Mr. G. G. Stead has been for a long period? No, this is really bad news indeed, and I am sure that all true sports will regret to learn that Mr. Stead has decided upon taking the course indicated."

Rae's cast-off, Donald, has been leased to Mr. R. G. Talbot, the well-known Tasmanian sportsman, and he will in future be trained by T. Wilson, at Dowling Forest, Ballarat.—*N.Z. Referee.*

## EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

## TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

ON Monday, December 29th, nominations for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. R. Wynyard, at 9 p.m.:—

Takapuna Cup Handicap, 150 sovs., 1½ miles  
Handicap Steeples, 150 sovs., about 3½ miles  
Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap, 75 sovs., 1¼ miles  
Handicap Steeples (2nd day), 75 sovs., about 3 miles

## NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB.

ON Monday, December 29th, acceptances for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. A. T. Danvers, at 10 p.m.:—

Trial Handicap Hurdles, 40 sovs., 1½ miles  
Midsummer Handicap, 50 sovs., 1 mile  
Two-Year-Old Handicap, 70 sovs., 5 furlongs  
New Year Handicap, 125 sovs., 1½ miles  
Settler's Handicap, 40 sovs., once round  
Handicap Hurdle Race, 75 sovs., 2 miles  
Flying Handicap, 70 sovs., 6 furlongs

## AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

ON Tuesday next, December 30th, acceptances for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. W. Percival, at 8 p.m.:—

Newmarket Handicap, 100 sovs., 6 furlongs  
New Year's Hurdle Race, 100 sovs., 2 miles  
A.R.C. Handicap, 400 sovs., 1½ miles  
Midsummer Handicap, 150 sovs., 5 furlongs  
Welter Handicap, 50 sovs., 1 mile

ON Wednesday next, December 31st, by 12 noon, the forfeit of 5 sovs. for the Great Northern Derby must be declared and paid, or the nominator will be liable for the whole of sweepstakes, 15 sovs.

## WHANGAREI COUNTY RACING CLUB.

ON Tuesday, December 30th, nominations for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. G. E. Alderton, Whangarei, or Mr. W. Adams, Durham street, at 8 p.m.:—

Handicap Hack Race, 10 sovs., 1 mile  
Handicap Hurdle Race, 25 sovs., 2 miles  
Trial Stakes Handicap, 20 sovs., 1 mile  
Whangarei R.C. Handicap, 50 sovs., 1¼ miles  
Flying Handicap, 15 sovs., 7 furlongs  
Handicap Maiden Steeple, 25 sovs., 1 mile  
Handicap Maiden Plate, 15 sovs., 1 mile and a distance

Kensington Park Handicap, 30 sovs., 1¼ miles  
Northern Steeplechase Handicap, 35 sovs., about 3 miles

Publican's Purse Handicap, 20 sovs., 1¼ miles  
Farewell Handicap, 15 sovs., 1 mile

## GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

ON Tuesday, December 30th, acceptances for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. M. G. Nasmith, at 8 p.m.:—

Maiden Plate, 30 sovs., 1¼ miles  
Flying Handicap, 50 sovs., 6 furlongs  
First Handicap Hurdles, 60 sovs., 1¼ miles  
Grandstand Handicap, 110 sovs., 1½ miles  
Park Stakes Handicap, 60 sovs., 1 mile and a distance.

## THE TURF.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

THE acceptances for the minor races on Boxing Day which were declared last Friday night are much better than Mr. Evitt had any right to expect. As I mentioned last week he had no reason to be congratulated on them. Luckily for him there is a certain class of men in Auckland that really do not know what their horses can or cannot do, or their proper distance; the consequence is they enter their horses in all kinds of races and over all distances, and accept with them. After losing all they can they throw up racing in disgust. I am not so egotistical as to think that I can point out the winners of all races, and shall think myself lucky if I can pick out two, or at the most three, in one day. The majority of my readers are not heavy bettors, therefore I strongly recommend them to wait till the numbers go up and then invest their money.

THE first race is the Trial Stakes, w.f.a., with allowances. This race I shall decidedly leave alone until the numbers go up, as it lies between Cissy and St. Andrew if they both start; if neither do it will be an open race. At one time I thought that the Great Northern Foal Stakes would be a great race between Lebel and The Workman, but from what I can learn

the former is not as well as should be, so there is Brigand and Rosefeldt to be taken into consideration. The former ran a good second to The Workman in the Welcome Stakes, and had been well tried in private. His being beaten was rather a surprise to the party behind him. However I think the race will result as follows:—

ROSEFELDT OR LEBEL.

THE Handicap Hurdles has only four struck out: Waterfall and Orlando reading the best of those remaining in. The Railway Handicap has eight who have cried content. On paper Pani and The Baron read the best, but intending backers should use their own judgment when the numbers go up. The Nursery Handicap is the worst of all the handicaps. How Mr. Evitt could compile such a one is more than any racing man can make out. Of those remaining in Brigand reads a moral, but he may have as much as he likes in the Great Northern Foal Stakes, so something—as often is the case—may turn up and save the handicapper's credit. The Christmas Handicap is dependent on previous running, but if Cissy come fit and well to the post she ought to beat the lot left in.

Now last, not least, comes the Auckland Cup. When I first went through the weights I selected six that I considered well in, finally reducing them to Strophon, Dudu, and Leorina. I see no reason to alter my opinion as regards the first two, but I have with regard to the last, so therefore shall leave her out and take in her place the reported non-stayer St. Andrew. There is no reason why he should not get the course. His breeding is right enough. A connoisseur might find fault with his action, which is rather high for a horse to get two miles in a fast run race. In the good old days the bookmakers used to lay you 40 to 1 you did not bunch them. If such was the case I would take

STREPHON, DUDU, and ST. ANDREW, and in that order I like them best.

THE first of the annual sales that attract so many people to Auckland takes place at Wellington Park on Wednesday, December 31st. The chief lot belongs to Mr. Morrin, and consists of four colts and six fillies, and are worthy of inspection. This stud has produced some really good racehorses. As I have twice before gone through them, I will only call the attention of my readers to what I consider the gems. First of all is the brown colt by Nordenfeldt out of Ouida (dam of Trenton, Niagara, Cuirassier, Cissy, and many others) is a well made colt with plenty of size, standing on good legs with no lumber about him, he is also a beautiful mover in the paddock, and is, in my opinion, the best that the old mare has produced. The brown colt by Nordenfeldt out of Albatross (dam of Teksum and Loch Ness) is but little inferior to the other, being a well grown colt, but he stands rather too high on the leg to suit my fancy. Of the fillies, the bay filly by Nordenfeldt out of Ouida (dam of Artillery, Balista, Hilda, Hazel, etc.) and the bay filly by St. Leger out of Necklace must be bracketed together, as it is hard to say which will turn out the best. The latter is worth a great deal of money for her breeding alone, as St. Leger is by Doncaster out of Atlantis by Thormanby out of Hurricane by Wild Dayrell. Doncaster by Stockwell out of Marigold by Teddington. Necklace by Musket out of Locket by Thunderbolt. Better breeding than this is not to be found South of the Line.

At the sametime Mr. L. D. Nathan, of Whitford Park, sends up a draft of three yearling colts by the Dauphin, a filly by Nordenfeldt out of Aconite, a two-year-old filly by Swordance out of Duchess, two brood mares, Duchess and Lady St. Clair, with filly foals at foot by the Dauphin, and the chestnut horse Fabulous out of Atlantis. Not having seen them I can pass no opinion on them, but it is to be hoped that this is a weeding-out sale to make room for some of the Sylvia Park Stud. There is not the slightest doubt that if Mr. L. D. Nathan likes to buy judiciously it will eventually turn out a most profitable investment to him for years to come.

The Middle Park Company (Christchurch) have brought up the two-year-old Eros and the yearling colts by St. George out of Fair Nell and by Apremont out of Flattery. Judging from

the high reserves put on them at their November sale they must be worth looking after.

Mrs. Walters also sends up two colts and two fillies, a much smaller number than usual. The fillies by Hippocampus out of Yatterina and Rosarina should, from their breeding, be able to gallop, as both the dams are well bred, and have produced winners, especially the former, who, it is to be regretted, is now dead; a gamer mare than Yatterina never faced the starter.

Mr. Philson, of Hunter and Nolan, ought to have a good afternoon of it, as some of the yearlings are sure to realise high figures.

I will reserve my remarks on the Sylvia Park Stud until another issue, as I have not been out for some time, though the majority of the matrons are well-known to me.

## 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 fired in the first competition for representatives for Napier, at the Mt. Eden range, the distances being 200, 300, and 500 yards, seven shots at each range. Taking the average of shooting right through, it was splendid, 33 being reached at the 200 yards distance out of a possible 35. The scores are:—

Name	200 yds	300 yds	500 yds	Total
Sergt. J. Parslow	33	27	21	81
Gun. A. Henderson	29	28	19	76
Gun. J. Buchanan	27	27	18	72
Bomb. J. D. Webster	29	21	18	68
Gun. C. P. Taylor	25	23	18	66
Gun. W. Hazard	23	19	18	60
Gun. E. Buchanan	25	24	11	60
Corp. H. Doughty	29	23	8	60
Gun. A. Payne	24	18	5	47

The final match is yet to be fired on Saturday first, before the reps. can be picked.

The programme of the list of matches of the Auckland Rifle Association to be fired on Boxing Day at the Mt. Eden range are as follows: first match, Officers' Prize, a trophy and eight money prizes, ranges 200 and 300 yards; second, Beck's Cup and ten money prizes, 200, 400 and 500 yards; third, Citizen's trophy and ten money prizes, 200, 300 and 500 yards; fourth, Martini match, 600 yards; fifth, Aggregate match for District Medal, Herald and Star Cups, and five money prizes, 500 yards; sixth, Consolation match, five money prizes, 400 and 500 yards; seventh, Martini match, 500 yards; eighth, Teams' match, open to teams of five from volunteer corps, 200 and 500 yards. The meeting will be conducted under the N.Z.R.A. rules, and entry monies must be paid to the secretary or treasurer by the 23rd inst.

The members of the Engineers, "O" Battery and "A" Battery paraded at the Drill Shed at 10 a.m. on Sunday last, and were marched to St. Mary's pro-Cathedral church, Parnell, to attend divine service, by invitation from Bishop Cowie—chaplain of the "A" Battery. The muster of each company was very poor. Hunter's Artillery Band under Drum Major Kearsley played several selections to and from the place of worship.

Jack Rae returned to Auckland by the S.S. "Mararoa" on Tuesday last, bringing his wife and family with him.

Old Silvio is coming on very fast, and appears to improve with every gallop. His fencing on Saturday at Hamilton was quite up to his best style, and the horse received quite an ovation on returning to the saddling paddock after the race. By steeplechase day he should be still further improved, and more unlikely things may happen than that the little chestnut be returned the winner of the Auckland Summer Steeplechase.

Clarion, who acted as runner-up to Leorina in the South Auckland Cup, and won the Tradesman's Plate Handicap on Saturday at Hamilton, should make a useful handicap horse at up-country meetings. He was not as fit as he could be made, and was ridden by a very inexperienced boy, who would have been more at home on a rocking horse, for once or twice he rolled about so much that it was not long odds against his falling off.

**SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.**

**COMING EVENTS.**

- 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.
- 31, 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. 3, '91.....Auckland Trotting Club.
- Jan. 6, 7.....Gisborne Racing Club.
- Jan. 9, 10.....Whangarei County R.C. Summer
- 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.....Takapuna J.C. Summer Meeting.
- Feb. 18, 19.....Egmont Racing Club Summer Meeting.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE.**

- Dec. 29.....Takapuna J.C. Summer. Principal Handicaps
- Dec. 30.....Whangarei County R.C. Summer
- 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. 23.....Takapuna J.C. Summer. General Entries
- Feb. 6.....C.J.C. Great Autumn Hdcp., Easter Hdcp.

**WEIGHTS APPEAR.**

- Dec. 27.....Napier Park Summer. Handicaps.
- Jan. 3.....Poverty Bay Turf Club.
- Jan. 3.....Wellington Cup.
- Jan. 4.....Whangarei County R.C. Summer
- 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. 29.....Napier Park Summer. Handicaps.
- Dec. 30.....Gisborne R.C. Summer.
- Jan. 6.....Whangarei County 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.**

**SENIORS.**

- Jan. 8, 10—United v. Farnell.  
Alpha v. Auckland.  
Gordon v. St. Mary's.
- Jan. 17, 24—United v. St. Mary's.  
Alpha v. Farnell.  
Auckland v. Gordon.

**JUNIORS.**

- Ponsonby v. Wanderers.  
Auckland v. Gordon.  
G. School v. Alpha II.
- Ponsonby v. Alpha II.  
Auckland v. Wanderers.  
Gordon v. Grammar School.

**SECOND JUNIORS.**

- 20, Jan. 8—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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- 4—CHESTNUT FILLY, by Nordenfeldt out of Victoria, by Feve (Imp.)
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- 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.)

**Sporting Review.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1890.

**THE SPORTING REVIEW**

Will be published next week on WEDNESDAY, 31st INST. This issue will contain all the latest information, and tips for the races on 1st and 2nd January.

All advertisements for insertion in this issue must be in not later than 11 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday.

We are now at the height of the Racing season, meetings are and will be held at all the principal places, not only in New Zealand but throughout the Australian Colonies during the next fortnight. We shall, however, confine ourselves to the Province, Auckland especially, for during the next fortnight it will be a busy time for all classes of those interested in the thoroughbred. First of all there is the A.R.C. Summer Meeting which commences on December 26th and finishes on January 1st and 2nd, which promises to be the best that has been held at Ellerslie for many years, not only in regard to the number of horses engaged but as also to the quality. Never do we remember so many good horses of all ages being engaged. There is the winner of the Hawkes Bay Guineas, C.J.C. Derby, Canterbury Cup, etc., among them. The A. R. C. Committee have left nothing undone to make the meeting a success. We are also pleased to learn that they intend to be very strict with regard to the saddling paddock. Sometime ago we drew attention to the fact that a great number of people gained admittance to the saddling paddock who had no right to be there, and the language used by them was disgusting. This we are informed will be put a stop to, and the ladies will have a chance of looking at the horses without their ears being assailed with filthy language, at the same time being poisoned with bad tobacco. There are also to be some other improvements made, so we think there will not be much cause for complaint this time.

The Thames Jockey Club hold their annual meeting on the 26th and 27th. It is a pity that they continually clash with the Auckland meeting, but the argument held out is certainly a sound one, viz.: That the times at the Thames are not what they used to be, therefore, the residents cannot afford to come up to Auckland and spend their money; also, the diggers must have some amusement at Christmas time. They do not care about the class of horses as long as they see good fields—they want fun for their money. The Thames Jockey Club have certainly some good entries and acceptances for their meeting.

On the 27th the Auckland Trotting Club hold their meeting at Potter's Paddock, they have issued a capital programme and appear determined to make a success of it. The Committee have certainly their work cut out to manage an affair of this magnitude, as this kind of racing is new to Auckland.

The Drury Racing Club have been obliged to change their date to the 29th. This is to be regretted, as for years they looked upon the 27th as their day, but they are compelled to do this, owing to the Auckland Trotting Club having fixed on the same day, and as they were under no control there was no option. Drury has always been looked upon as a pleasant outing, not so much for the racing as the fun. You breathe the country air, picnics are got up, you meet rustic friends and feel like a boy just let out from school and glad to get away from the daily routine and turmoil of city life.

On January 3rd the Auckland Trotting Club hold a second days' meeting. It is lucky for them that the Sylvia Park Sale has been altered from the Saturday until the Monday or in all probability it would have been a financial failure.

Besides all these race meetings, the Wellington Park Yearlings are to be offered for sale, and has been mentioned in our columns, there are some really good ones amongst them. At the same time Mr. L. D. Nathan sells some mares, foals, and yearlings, also the stallion Fabulous. The young ones are chiefly by The Dauphin.

The Middle Park Company have also sent to be sold at Wellington Park the bay colt Eros, 2 years, by St. George out of Idalia, who passed in for 200 guineas. The brown yearling colt by St. George out of Fair Nell, also passed in at their November sale at 500 guineas, and the brown yearling colt by Apremont out of Flattery (own sister to Welcome Jack). Unless some great mistake was made they should be something out of the common.

Mrs. Walters also sends up four yearlings, consisting of two colts and two fillies, and with the exception of one by Nordenfeldt out of Crisena they are by Hippocampus.

On January 5th the great Sylvia Park Sale takes place, which will attract buyers from all parts of the Colonies, one might say the world. We will, however, reserve comments until after the sale, as some of the gems may remain in Auckland, and it is treated with elsewhere.

The foregoing programme will keep all sporting men well engaged for the next fortnight, and there is no fear of them dying of ennui, and most will be glad of a little rest after it is over.

This is now the festive season, and though only a young paper, we wish all our subscribers and readers the compliments of the season, and trust that they are satisfied with the present issue of the paper and its tips, and hope ere next season comes round we shall have grown into a much larger paper.

Mr. Nathan, the Wellington bookmaker, came up to assist at the A.R.C. meeting, on Monday, via the West Coast.

The three colts to be offered for sale after the Wellington Park Sale, by the Middle Park Stud Company, were brought up from Christchurch by the S.S. "Manapouri" on Tuesday, and were landed in splendid order.

Among the list of youngsters which did not declare forfeit for the December Stakes (for two-year-olds), to be run at the A.J.C. Boxing Day Meeting at Randwick, appears the nomination "George Wright's g c Dancer, by Sword Dance (imp.)—Vivandiere." The colt has of course been left in by mistake, and the nominator will now have to pay the whole sweepstakes, 20 sovs.

**TURF TATTLE.**

[BY NORDENFELDT.]

THE Summer Racing Carnival of the Metropolitan Club will soon be a thing of the past, so far as the year 1890 is concerned. On Friday the Cup and Foal Stakes will be decided, and on the following Thursday and Friday the Great Northern Derby and Steeplechase will be brought up for decision. These events will naturally attract the most attention, but the minor contests promise to provide some equally interesting racing. The greatest interest of all will be centred in the several events in which the best three-year-olds of the colony will meet to fight their battles over again. St. Andrew, over a mile course, has beaten both Medallion and Crackshot at level weights; Medallion, over a mile and a half, on the same terms, has put down St. Andrew and Crackshot; and Mr. Butler's crack, over the Canterbury Cup course of two and a quarter miles; just as easily beat Mr. Stead's horse as he had been beaten by him in the Derby. All kinds of suggestions and excuses have been made in explanation of this inconsistent running, and the forthcoming meeting of the cracks is therefore eagerly looked forward to. Mr. J. O. Evitt has already given his opinion respecting the merits of the trio mentioned, in his handicap for the Auckland Cup, in which he has set Crackshot to give Medallion 3lbs., and St. Andrew 11lbs. Believers in Mr. Evitt—and right here I may say that I am not included in the number—will not hesitate in selecting Crackshot therefore as the best of the three. I think they will be mistaken, and that Medallion will prove himself the "daddy." At any rate, taking his two-year-old performances into account, his record certainly stands out so far as the most brilliant. It is a great pity that Mr. D. O'Brien did not let Freedom come here to measure strides with the others, as his defection has robbed the race of a lot of additional interest. Leolantis and Reprisal will throw down the gauntlet to the Southerners on behalf of Auckland in the Derby, but I fear that neither of them will be able to get nearer than third, if, indeed, either succeed in running into a place. Kapo will also probably be a starter, but, if his track record is any criterion, he can have no show.

THE meeting of the two-year-olds will be almost, if not quite, as interesting as that of their older kin. There is a rumour (at the time of writing) that some of the youngsters are not quite themselves, which, if true, is much to be regretted. The Workman, Lebel, Roie, Rosefeldt and Brigand are all promising youngsters, the two first-named especially so. These, together with the other juveniles nominated, will make the two-year-old handicaps exceedingly interesting.

THE older horses include such celebrities as Dudu, Hilda, Cissy, Strophon, Pani, Quadrant, The Baron, Leorina, and several others, so that there is plenty of material for Mr. Evitt to work upon, and if some excellent sport is not provided he will be greatly to blame. The jumping races, too, have filled well, and with Jenny, Sir Garnet, Orlando, Silvio, and Waterfall among the old warriors, and Asper, Takapau, Hune and Parnell among the lesser lights, this branch of the sport should receive more than the ordinary amount of attention.

IT now devolves upon me to give my notes and anticipations on the first day's events. Until the numbers go up, it is quite impossible to know what is even likely to start. For instance, both Cissy and St. Andrew, who have accepted for the Cup, and are probable starters for the long race, are engaged in the first race of the day, viz., the Trial Stakes. They may, or may not, start in the last named event.

**TRIAL STAKES. 1 mile.**

	st lb		st lb
Antelope	8 11	Leolantis	8 2
Jenny	8 11	St. Andrew	8 2
Memorandum	8 11	The Dreamer	8 2
Pani	8 11	Kapo	7 11
Cissy	8 9		

Antelope is not in form just now. Jenny and Memorandum will be quite outclassed in this company. The owner of the latter must be pretty plucky to nominate his crock (who, by the way, last figured in the Otahuhu Selling

Race) for this weight-for-age event. Pani is a Gisborne-owned nag, and has won several races in the land of his adoption under big weights. He will probably find the cattle opposed to him here a more brilliant lot than ever the Gisborners, and I shall take the liberty of writing him out. The Dreamer, on his Spring running, must be held quite safe by Leolantis, and Kapo, if his previous record goes for anything, is nothing but a moderate. St. Andrew is an exceptionally brilliant colt up to a mile, if not farther. So is Cissy, and I shall not hesitate to select Mr. Morrin's beautiful mare to win, if she starts. She will probably be reserved for the Cup, in which case St. Andrew should be able to win if started, but as he is also likely to be saved for the big event, I shall select (in the absence of Cissy and St. Andrew, whose chances I prefer in that order)

**LEOLANTIS.**

**GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES. 6 furlongs.**

Lebel (by Nordenfeldt—Pulchra)	8 10
The Workman (by Robinson Crusoe—The Maid)	8 10
Brigand (by Brigadier—Gannet)	8 10
Roie (by St. Leger—Hippona)	8 5
Brown Bess (by St. Leger—Cantiniere)	8 5
Rosefeldt (by Nordenfeldt—Rose D'Amour)	8 5

Lebel has started in five races this season, and has been successful in two of them. He won the Juvenile Stakes of five furlongs at the C.J.C. Spring Meeting, in which he carried 6st. 11lb., and beat a field of seven horses, in 1min. 6½secs. In the Criterion Stakes at the Dunedin Meeting he improved on this performance by carrying 8st. 10lb., and getting over the five furlongs in front of six others in 1min. 4secs. The Workman, as most of my readers are aware, has only started once this season, when he won the Welcome Stakes pretty easily from nine others. If himself, he should hold Brigand, Roie and Brown Bess perfectly safe. Rosefeldt is the only other one engaged. She has started in four races, winning two, running a dead heat with Cretonne in one, and being second to the same horse in the other. So far as can be gauged by the time recorded, none of these performances are equal to either Lebel's or The Workman's. There are rumours afloat, for which I cannot vouch for the accuracy, that both The Workman and Lebel are "off," but if anything like well, it should be an interesting race between the two. To give my vote to one, I shall select

**LEBEL.**

**AUCKLAND CUP. 2 miles.**

	st lb		st lb
Dudu	8 13	*Antelope	7 4
Hilda	8 10	*Patchwork	7 3
Cissy	8 6	Reprisal	6 11
Crackshot	8 3	Leorina	6 10
Medallion	8 0	The Dreamer	6 7
Strophon	7 10	*Belmont	6 3
St. Andrew	7 6	*Kapo	6 0

\* Doubtful starter.

This race is certainly very open. I think the issue will lie between the seven top-weights. Owing to the uncertainty existing as to the intentions of the party behind Medallion, I shall rather reluctantly have to look elsewhere for the winner. Crackshot has been doing excellent work, and is bound to be well up. Dudu must also be close handy. I think the two I have named will meet with most opposition from Wright's selected, which I expect will be Hilda. I think Dudu will hold Mr. Morrin's mare safe. To make a place selection I shall tip

**CRACKSHOT  
DUDU  
HILDA**

I shall take St. Andrew for a cockboat.

**HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. 2 miles.**

	st lb		st lb
Orlando	12 0	Sentinel	9 11
Sir Garnet	11 10	Nap	9 7
Waterfall	11 5	Satyr	9 0
Takapau	10 7		

This race will probably be fought out by the three top weights, unless Takapau has improved considerably since he was here last summer. Sentinel, Nap and Satyr are not dangerous. Orlando, if he has retained his spring form, should be the hardest to beat of the lot. Sir Garnet has more weight than his performances merit, and so has Takapau. Waterfall is very fast on the flat, but I am told he is not too fond of the jumping business, although he has been at the business long enough to be proficient.

I shall expect to see a great race between Orlando and Waterfall, and to divide the pair I shall rely upon

**ORLANDO.**

**RAILWAY HANDICAP. 6 furlongs.**

	st lb		st lb
Pani	8 11	Bay King	7 12
Leolantis	8 9	Loch Ness	7 11
The Baron	8 4	Reprisal	7 10
Cynical	8 0	Cambria	7 5

Pani, I think, has more than he is entitled to, but Leolantis should run well forward. The Baron I take to be the pick of the handicap, and if he gets away well with his field I think he should win. Loch Ness is not in condition or else he would have to be reckoned with. The Baron will probably meet with most opposition from the selected of Wright's stable, which will most likely be Leolantis. I cannot however, believe that he will beat

**THE BARON.**

**NURSERY HANDICAP. 5 furlongs.**

	st lb		st lb
Roie	8 3	Dishonour	7 5
Lady Belle	8 0	Ægyptus	7 0
Brigand	7 10	Morion	6 10
Brown Bess	7 7		

On paper, Brigand seems to have all the best of it, as he ran second in the Welcome Stakes to The Workman. His performance in the Nursery Handicap I do not take much notice of, as his stable companion, Roie, evidently carried the confidence of the stable. If public form is any good at all, this race should be a good think for

**BRIGAND.**

**MAIDEN STEEPLCHASE. About 3 miles.**

	st lb		st lb
Asper	11 12	Shillelagh	11 12
Hopeful Kate	11 12	Satyr	11 3
Sentinel	11 12	Rocket	9 12

Asper has come here with a great reputation, and there are people who say that he cannot lose the big Steeplechase. His performances so far have not been anything extraordinary, but he is doubtless a good fencer. Hopeful Kate has yet to show her ability across country, but she has plenty of pace if she gets safely over the obstacles. Sentinel will probably be an absentee, but Shillelagh should have won the Great Northern Steeplechase in which he ran second to Don, and as he has got the course successfully more than once, I prefer his chance to Asper's, if he is brought to the post in good condition. I don't know Rocket, but Satyr finds no favour in my eyes. I think the issue will be fought out between Asper and Shillelagh, and to divide the pair I shall tip

**SHILLELAGH.**

**CHRISTMAS HANDICAP. 1½ miles.**

	st lb		st lb
Cissy	9 9	Kapo	7 6
Antelope	9 0	The Dreamer	7 5
Pani	8 5	Vendetta	7 2
Leolantis	8 3	Belmont	6 12
Patchwork	7 10	Scot Free	6 11
Cynical	7 9	Cambria	6 6
Bay King	7 7		

This race, with the exception of the Cup, is the most open of the day. If Cissy is reserved for it, I think she could win, even with all her weight. Antelope must be held safe by her, and so should Leolantis. Patchwork, if his South Auckland form was his best—and I am pretty sure it was—can have no chance. I like Cynical as well as anything, and he may be the selected of Wright's stable. Bay King has won a race or two for Mr. Butler, but his efforts have hitherto been made in moderate company. Owing to the uncertainty existing as to what will compose the field, I shall content myself by saying that I consider the race a good thing for

**WRIGHT'S SELECTED.**

THE Thames races will be held on Friday and Saturday, and some good sport should be witnessed. The acceptances and general entries appear in another column. My selections for the first days' events are as follows:—Parawai Handicap, Clarion, (if started) or Te Kooti; Handicap Hurdles, Hailstone; Thames Handicap, Clarion; Country Handicap Steeplechase, Macaroni. For the Thames Handicap Steeple-

Chase, to be run on the second day, I prefer the chances of Hailstone and Fishmonger.

On Monday, the annual meeting of the Drury Racing Club will take place. Good nominations and acceptances have been received and there is sure to be a large attendance of the public present. My anticipations of the different races are as follows:—Hurdle Race, Larrikin; Flying Stakes, Locket; Maiden Plate, Irish Agitator; Drury Cup, Te Kooti; Stewards' Handicap, Locket.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

MONDAY.

Dudu, 2 miles on the plough at three-quarter pace. Reprisal and The Dreamer, 2 miles on the course proper, at three-quarter pace. Miss Cole and Fiesole, 1 mile on the course at half-pace. Vendetta and Coalscuttle, 1 mile on the plough, at a fast canter. Pani, 2 miles on the plough, first slow, finishing last mile at three-quarter pace. Medallion and St. Andrew, 2 miles on the plough, first mile at half pace, last mile fast. Medallion had sweaters on. Rosefeldt, 2 miles on the plough, at half-pace. Strephon, 3 miles on the plough, at half pace. Waterfall, 4 miles on the plough, at half-pace. Kapo, 3 miles on the plough, at half-pace. Lebel, 1 mile on the plough, good swinging canter. Antelope, 2 miles on the plough at half pace. Memorandum and Priscilla, 1 mile on the course, at three-quarter pace. Asper, 3 miles on the plough, slow. The Dancer, 1 mile on the plough, slow. Brown Bess, 1 mile on the plough, slow. Dishonour and Orestes, 1 mile on the plough, at half pace. Nap and Ma Boughal, 1 mile on the plough, at half pace. Tamora, 2 miles on the course at half pace. Hailstone, 2 miles on the plough, good swinging canter. Hopeful Kate, 2 miles on the plough, at good half pace. Crackshot and Bay King, 1 mile on the course, fast.

TUESDAY.

Dudu 2 miles on the plough, at three-quarter pace. Crackshot, 2 miles on the course, first mile at half pace with Vendetta, last mile at top with Bay King. Reprisal and Fiesole, 1 mile on the course, at three quarter pace. St. Andrew and Medallion, 2 miles on the plough, at three-quarter pace. Miss Cole and Coalscuttle, 1 mile on the plough, at half pace. Strephon, 2 miles on the plough, first mile at half pace, when Rosefeldt joined in, and last mile at top. Waterfall and Kapo, 2 miles on the plough, the last mile fast. Pani, 2 miles on the plough at three-quarter pace. Asper, 3 miles on the plough slow. Loch Ness, 2 miles on the plough, at half pace, with sweaters on. Parnell and Nap, 2 miles on the plough, at half pace. Antelope, 2 miles on the plough, at half pace. The Dancer, 1 mile on the plough, at half pace. Quadrant, 1 mile on the plough, slow. Dishonour and Ma Boughal, 1 mile on the plough at half pace. The Dreamer, 2 miles on the plough at half-pace. Brown Bess, 1 mile on the course, slow. Justice and Orakei, 2 miles on the plough at half pace.

WEDNESDAY.

Crackshot, 2 miles on the plough, the first mile at half-pace, when Bay King joined in and the pair came home at top, Crackshot having the best of it. Medallion and Lebel, 2 miles on the plough, first mile slow, last mile fast. Reprisal and Miss Cole, 2 miles on the course at three-quarter pace. St. Andrew, 2 miles on the course at three-quarter pace. Asper, 3 miles on the plough, slow. Pani, 2 miles on the plough, last mile at top. Kapo, 2 miles on the plough, last six furlongs with Rosefeldt at three-quarter pace. Strephon, 2 miles on the plough, with sweaters on, at half-pace. Waterfall, 3 miles on the plough, slow. Orestes and Dishonour, 1 mile on the course, at half-pace. The Dreamer, 2 miles on the course, Ma Boughal joining in the last mile and finishing at top. Fiesole, Vendetta, and Coalscuttle, 2 miles on the plough, at half pace. Antelope, 2 miles on the plough, slow. The Dancer, 1 mile on the plough, slow. Patchwork, 2 miles on the plough, Quadrant joining in the last mile and finishing at three-quarter pace. The Workman and Ægyptus, 1 mile on the course, at a good canter.

The New Zealand bred horse Somniel, by Apremont from Hammock, was placed first in the thoroughbred section at the Bairnsdale Show last week. Caramut was awarded second prize, and Sheet Anchor third.—*Sportsman*.

The parties behind Patchwork thought they had a good thing on in the South Auckland Cup on Saturday, and backed their horse at short odds. The black horse however, although he got away first, was fairly beaten before half the Cup distance had been traversed. Patchwork was brought out again in the Tradesmen's Plate Handicap later in the afternoon, but he did not run prominently, although he finished third.

TURF RECORD.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1890.

Weather—fine and hot. Course—dry and hard. HANDICAP HURDLES of 40 sovs. Over eight flights of hurdles. Distance, 2 miles.

- 70 Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Fishmonger, by Isaac Walton, 6yrs, 9st 12lb (Fergus) ..... 1
- 107 Mr. C. R. Hewett's b g Sentinel, aged, 10st 7lb (C. Weal) ..... 2
- 21 Mr. C. Pye's gr g Peter, aged, 9st 7lb (Scarborough) ..... 3

198 Won easily by three lengths. A bad third. Time, 4min. 10secs. Dividend (10/- tickets), £1 5s.

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

- 26 Mr. Bertrand's gr g Pirate, aged, 8st 13lb (Lindsay) ..... 1
- 40 Mr. Windsor's ch g Wideawake, aged, 8st 13lb (owner) ..... 2
- 93 Mr. Bell's b g Valentine, 4yrs, 8st 11lb (H. Weal) ..... 3
- 23 Mr. Woodthorpe's r g Robin, aged, 8st 13lb (Hodson) ..... 0
- 21 Mr. Williams' b g Desmond, 5yrs, 8st 13lb (Walton) ..... 0

203 Won in a canter by three lengths. Dividend (10s tickets), £3 10s.

SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP (Handicap) of 115 sovs. First horse £100; second horse £10; third horse £5. Distance, 1½ miles.

- 58 Mr. W. Walters' ch m Leorina, by Leolinus—Yatterina, aged, 9st (Taylor) ..... 1
- 13 Mr. W. Brown's ch g Clarion, aged, 6st 7lb (McPherson) ..... 2
- 24 Mr. J. Roulston's br g Belmont, 5yrs, 7st 11lb including 4lb overweight (Smith) ..... 3
- 147 Mr. W. Bobbett's blk h Patchwork, 5yrs, 8st 8lb (Wells) ..... 0
- 50 Mr. H. Harrison's Tamora, aged, 5yrs, 8st 2lb (Golding) ..... 0
- 40 Mr. D. McKinnon's blk h Lochness, 4yrs, 8st (Wilmott) ..... 0
- 6 Mr. J. Maitland's b m Capella, aged, 6st 10lb (Hodson) ..... 0
- 1 Mr. McGlashan's ch g Lupin, 5yrs, 6st 7lb (C. Smith) ..... 0

339 Won, all out, by two lengths, two lengths between second and third. Tamora fourth. Time, 3min. 13½sec. Dividend (£1 tickets), £5 5s.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 25 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of more than 25 sovs. at time of entry. Distance, about 1 mile.

- 67 Mr. W. Seráncke's b g Lonely, aged, 9st (H. Weal) ..... †
- 6 Mr. W. Gillander's br g Never Miss, 4yrs, 8st 11lb (Lindsay) ..... †
- 3 Mr. Clement's b m Grace Darling, aged, 8st 10lb, including 12lbs overweight (Grisby) ..... 3
- 17 Mr. Gleazer's b m Kathleen, 5yrs, 7st 12lb (Wilmott) ..... 0
- 41 Mr. Harris's b g Antic, 4yrs, 7st 12lb (Singer) ..... 0
- 19 Mr. H. Windsor's b m Ilma, 3yrs, 7st 4lb (Golding) ..... 0

153 A dead heat. A bad third. Dividends—on Lonely £1; on Never Miss £11 9s. In the run off after the last race, Lonely led all the way and won easily by four lengths.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Distance, about 3 miles.

- 156 Mr. J. J. Russell's ch g Silvio, by Isaac Walton—Moka Moka, aged, 11st (Collins) ..... 1
- 19 Mr. R. Henwood's b g Muscatelle, aged, 9st 7lb (H. Weal) ..... 2
- 71 Mr. T. Craig's br g Hurricane, aged, 11st 7lb (Hickey) ..... fell
- 20 Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Fishmonger, 6yrs, 10st (Fergus) ..... baulked
- 5 Mr. C. Pye's gr g Peter, aged, 9st 7lb (Scarborough) ..... baulked

271 Won very easily by thirty lengths. Only Silvio and Muscatelle finished. Dividend, £1 11s.

TRADESMAN'S PLATE of 35 sovs. Distance, 1¼ miles.

- 67 Mr. W. Brown's ch g Clarion, aged, 6st 7lb (McPherson) ..... 1
- 18 Mr. Maitland's b m Capella, aged, 7st (Hodson) ..... 2
- 38 Mr. Bobbett's blk h Patchwork, 5yrs, 8st 10lb (Wells) ..... 3
- 18 Mr. H. Harrison's b m Tamora, aged, 8st 4lb (Golding) ..... 0
- 16 Mr. J. Roulston's br g Belmont, 5yrs, 7st 10lb (H. Smith) ..... 0
- 40 Mr. D. McKinnon's b g Scot Free, aged, 7st 5lb (Gall) ..... 0
- 1 Mr. T. Wise's b g Mararoa, aged, 6st 7lb (Grisby) ..... 0
- 0 Mr. J. McGlashan's ch g Lupin, 5yrs, 6st 7lb ..... 0
- 0 Mr. H. Windsor's b m Ilma, 3yrs, 6st 7lb ..... 0

198 Won very easily by six lengths. Dividend, £2 13s.

SELLING HURDLES of 20 sovs. Winner to be sold immediately after the race, and half the proceeds to go to the second horse. Distance, 1¼ miles.

- 82 Mr. T. Craig's br g Hurricane, by Ravensworth, aged, £50, 12st 11lb (Hickey) ..... 1
- 18 Mr. H. Windsor's ch g Wideawake, aged, £10, 10st 11lb (owner) ..... 2

- 23 Mr. J. Gall's b g Surprise, aged, £20, 11st 4lb (Litt) ..... 3
- 2 Mr. Bullock-Webster's ch g Ledbury, aged, £30, 11st 11lb (Scarborough) ..... 0

125 Won easily by four lengths. Dividend, £1 7s.

FLYING STAKES of 20 sovs. Distance, 6 furlongs.

- 10 Mr. J. Roulston's br g Belmont, by King Quail—Winnie, aged, 8st (H. Smith) ..... 1
- 8 Mr. J. R. Eshon's ch m Lady Marion, 5yrs, 6st 7lb (Hodson) ..... 2
- 13 Mr. D. McKinnon's b g Scot Free, aged, 8st 5lb (Wilmott) ..... 3
- 85 Mr. Maitland's b m Capella, aged, 9st (Taylor) ..... 0
- 62 Mr. Strephon's ch m Haricot, 6yrs, 6st 12lb (Golding) ..... 0
- 3 Mr. Windsor's b m Helen McGregor, 3yrs, 6st 7lb (Gall) ..... 0
- 0 Mr. Gleazer's b m Kathleen, 5yrs, 6st 7lb (McPherson) ..... 0

181 Won by a head. Same distance between second and third. Dividend, £16 5s.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.—ACCEPTANCES.

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

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Hailstone, 10st 12lb; Wideawake, 10st; Peter, 9st 12lb; Try Fluke, 9st 12lb; 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 6lb; Ilma, 7st.

COUNTY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Justice, 10st 12lb; Macaroni, 10st 7lb; Peter, 10st 7lb; Resolution, 10st; Oliver, 9st 7lb; Platch, 9st 7lb; Prospector, 9st 7lb.

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

ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT.

THE following interesting account is taken from the *Field*, written by C.B.P.—“The only Racing Club existing in Scotland is the Royal Caledonian Hunt, which this year held its annual meeting at Perth, in accordance with the custom which has caused it for many years past to join its forces with the fixtures at Perth, Ayr, Edinburgh, and Kelso, which last named gathering has, like two or three others where the Caledonians used to go, become extinct. Racing in Scotland has, in fact, so declined, that Stirling, Dumpries, Cuper, and Aberdeen, where in former times the Caledonian Hunt used to assemble, have all disappeared from the fixtures in Scotland, and the only ones now remaining are Perth (which is clearly on its last legs), Paisley, Lanark, Ayr, Edinburgh, and Hamilton Park, the last named being the only ‘gate’ meeting in Scotland.

“It was at Hamilton then, of course an open meeting, that the Royal Caledonian Hunt, or, rather The ‘Hunter’s Club’ as it was originally called, was instituted in 1777, the title being changed to that of the Royal Caledonian Hunt in the following year; and this is the only race society in Scotland which has preserved any continuous records. Very interesting and curious these records, or rather ‘minutes’ of the Hunt—which gained a prefix of ‘Royal’ when George the Fourth visited Scotland, and became a patron of the Hunt—are to peruse, and I am indebted to the courtesy of Sir John Gillespie, the secretary, to publish some extracts from them. The original members were the Duke of Hamilton, the Duke of Buccleuch, the Duke of Roxburgh, the Duke of Gordon, the Earl of Haddington, the Earl of Eglinton, the Earl of Glencairn, Sir Thomas Wallace, Bart., Sir Alexander Don, Bart, Sir William Cunninghame, Bart., Mr. John Nesbit, and Mr. John Rutherford, the Countess of Eglinton being the first patroness, and Mr. William Haggart, secretary. The original number of members was fixed at forty-five, with an entrance fee of one guinea, and a subscription of five guineas. The first meet of the Hunters’ Club was held at Hamilton in 1777, but in the year following the venue was changed to Haddington, where members met on October 12th “to hunt for a fortnight,” and it was not until the third year that there was any racing. Even then it was more of a hunter contest than anything else, for the conditions were: ‘a plate of fifty guineas,’ to be run for by horses the bona fide property of the members starting them, and the horses started having been hunted at that meeting.

“First of all it was arranged that there should be an annual ball at Edinburgh, but, soon after, this was altered, the ball being held at

the place of meeting, while one of the rules was 'that no debt should be contracted in respect of balls,' and that any member playing at dice should be fined ten guineas. Not are these the only instances in which the committee of the Hunt showed their fondness for paternal legislation, as looking through the minutes, one reads that 'rules were passed for the charges to be made by the inkeepers at the various places where the Hunt should meet, for should any imposition take place they would never again return to that place'; 'that any members being in Edinburgh on the days of the Hunt Meeting, or coming to the October Meeting, and not dining with the Hunt, shall pay one guinea to the funds,' all the apologies to be judged by the gentlemen present; 'that on February 10th 1786, Sir W. A. Cunninghame was fined a guinea for not dining, notwithstanding a written apology of indisposition, which was overruled, having been seen walking the streets before dinner'; that, 'Mr. Alexander having five buttons on his coat instead of seven was fined a guinea'; etc. The livery of the Hunt had been altered several times between its institution and the fixing of Mr. Alexander in 1822. At first it was a red hunting frock, with a green cape, to be worn in the field, with this understanding, that members of the Hunt, who bring their hounds to the annual meeting, were allowed to hunt in the dress of their respective hunts. In October, 1817, the Earl of Haddington carried a motion to the effect 'that members should wear a horn attached to the button hole of their coat,' while in 1818 it was resolved that 'the Hunt should have two coats, the one being the original dress uniform of the Hunt, and the other an undress coat, scarlet, and double breasted, with flaps for pockets, and a green cape (according to a pattern of green cloth to be lodged with the Secretary for the purpose of establishing and preserving an uniformity of color), with the uniform button of the Hunt; viz.: a silver button having engraved thereon a fox and a thistle, there being seven buttons on each side under the lappets.'

"They were stickers for etiquette, too, in other ways at that epoch, for we read of the secretary being instructed, upon receipt of a letter from the agent of a member notifying his resignation, to state "that it was not customary for them to receive any such notice except from the member himself;" but it should be added that this peremptory intimation was made just after the Club had been honoured by the visit of George the Fourth, who is not the only sovereign that accorded his patronage to the Hunt, as William the Fourth did the same, while the minutes of December 1837 record the receipt of a letter from Lord John Russell, the Secretary of State for the Home Department, intimating that Her Majesty Queen Victoria had been graciously pleased to consent to become the patroness of the Royal Caledonian Hunt Club;" and in 1843 the Prince Consort became joint patron with Her Majesty. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Club have presented several addresses of congratulation to Her Majesty as for instance 'on the birth of the Prince of Wales in 1841,' and 'on the auspicious occasion of her visit to Scotland in 1842,' or that, 'on the occasion of the marriage of the Prince of Wales and Princess Alexandra of Denmark the members dined in the Douglas Hotel, Edinburgh, at 6 o'clock proceeded to view the illuminations, and re-assembled to supper at 10.'

"They seem, moreover, from the first to have 'done' themselves very well; for they gave a fee of 20 guineas to the cook over and above what he received from the inn-keeper during their annual meeting, and there are frequent entries such as 'disapprobation of the ball supper furnished at the Kelso meeting'; 'the expense of ball tickets at Perth, when no champagne was given at supper' was censured, 'while minute regulations were made as to the corkage to be paid on the Club wines drunk at the dinners.'

"It would be unfair, however, to let the reader carry away with him the impression that the Caledonian Hunt Club only existed for the purpose of wearing fine clothes and feasting; for, apart from the amount given to the races, money was granted in 1780 to the Charity Workhouse at Edinburgh, the Dispensary at Kelso, and to other institutions; while in 1793, when the meeting was at Kelso, the committee gave £50 from the funds of the Hunt for the relief of the sufferers by a fire

that had broken out during the night. The fire of patriotism also burnt in their hearts, for we read how, on December 10th, 1793, the secretary was ordered to pay immediately to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh 50 guineas, for the use of the British army on the continent—a donation that was repeated during the Crimean war; while in the years 1798 and 1799 it was resolved that 'the meeting should be suspended owing to the situation of the country at present, which prevents the attendance of many members.'

"But I am inclined to think that the most curious entry in the minutes is the following, under the date of January 10th, 1787:—'A motion having been made by the Earl of Glencairn and seconded by Sir John Whitford, in favour of Mr. Burns of Ayrshire, who had dedicated the new edition of his poems to the Caledonian Hunt, the meeting were of the opinion that, in consideration of his superior merit, as well as the compliment paid to them, Mr. Haggart (the secretary) should be directed to subscribe for one hundred copies in their name, for which he should pay to Mr. Burns the sum of twenty-five pounds upon the publication of his book.'

"Minutes as to the alteration in number of members, which was gradually raised to fifty, then to eighty, afterwards reduced to seventy, and in the amount of subscription possess little passing interest; but as far back as 1816 the duration of the annual meeting was brought down to a week, though I cannot find any date when the members ceased to meet together for hunting purposes, and when the Caledonian Hunt became very much what the Grand National Hunt is in England—that is to say, giving prizes to be run for at some ordinary meeting. But the Caledonian Hunt still exists for social purposes as well, and not only holds an annual dinner in Edinburgh and a ball at the place of meeting, but has also a Derby dinner in London on the Monday before the great race. At one time no one was eligible for admission to the Hunt, unless connected with Scotland by birth, property, or residence, though the residential clause has since been abolished; but the Caledonian Hunt, which numbers among its present members such well-known persons as Mr. Arthur Balfour (Irish secretary), the Earl of Rosebery, the Marquis of Bute, the Marquis of Queensbury, Colonel Anstruther-Thompson, Lord Melgund, Viscount Stormount and Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, embraces a wide variety of men who have little else in common, but who are all one to encourage sport."

## MUSIC, DRAMA, ETC.

[BY PICCOLO.]

PROFESSOR CARL SCHMITT held a musical recital of his pupils, assisted by several friends, last Monday. The concert was a most enjoyable one, and reflects great credit on the professor for the way his pupils performed. When you went there you did not expect to find perfection amongst so many juvenile exponents of the musical art, and I must say that I am much surprised at the dailies trying to disparage the concert and attempt to run down Herr Schmitt, who has really done more for the Auckland musical world than any body else during the twenty years that I have resided here. The performers chiefly were very young and naturally nervous, but this might have been expected. Before going through the programme I will just make a few remarks, taking the ladies first. The lady violinists were decidedly good, but they are rather too fond of looking at their left hand, as of course they must know their music by heart, though one remarked to me we must look somewhere. The Misses Cora and Stella Alexander play far above what you might expect, but the elder of the two throws herself about too much, expressing affectation, but she will improve with age, but she had better correct this fault as soon as possible. Now for the gentlemen. Mr. Grant sang "The Monk" with no feeling, more like an automaton. The excuse was that he was nervous. Until he recovers his nerves he had better not try again in public. Mr. Stevenson in "The Silent Keys" has a good voice, but he was said to be ill and nervous, but this was no excuse for his neglect of manners, as he walked off the platform leaving his lady accompanist to follow him. The vocal trio—ladies' voices—"Hail, O Queen,

and Lady Fairest," was not well rendered, owing to the instruments being out of tune. The time, however, was good. Miss Stanton in the cabaletta from "Satanella" was rather too nervous, but will eventually prove a great acquisition to the Auckland musical world. Mrs. Hopkins in "Il Bacio" was exceedingly good. She has a charming voice, with considerable range and good enunciation. Miss T. Moran sang "Com e Bello." She has a wonderful range of voice, but is more suited for operatic than concert singing. The "Hammock Song" was very good. Mr. A. L. Edwards sang well, but he puts on too much side. The "Midsummer Day's Ramble" rendered by Messrs. Sybil and Jennie Davis was very creditable, the intonation being good, and their voices blended well together. Miss Quinn sang "Good bye, but come again" very nicely. She has a good soprano voice, well suited for ballads. Miss Stevenson played a "Reverie," and will in time become a first class violinist, as she plays with much expression and brings out a good tone. The Quintette (for stringed instruments) is an excellent composition, and was well performed, the 'Cello Solo by Miss Chew being particularly good. Miss Barron sang "The Spanish Gipsy" fairly, she has a good timbre, also good range, but her enunciation is not clear. The "March Celeste" by the Orchestra brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

## ATHLETICS.

### CRICKET.

GORDON v. PARNELL.—Gordon continuing their innings were not disposed of until they had made the large score of 376. Moresby, who played a dashing innings of 83, has never been seen to better advantage, his hitting being as clean and well timed as his defence was sound. Fowke played a good innings of 55. Clayton got 29. Kelly batted in improved style for 30, while Ball got 10 not out. Parnell have so far lost four wickets for 50. Mills and Walker played well for 20 and 14 respectively.

AUCKLAND v. ST. MARY'S.—Auckland with one wicket to fall resumed their innings, but were soon out with the addition of one run. St. Mary's, with the exception of Stone and Darby, did not make any stand against R. Neill and Beale. Stone played well for 26, and Darby got 10. Neill got 8 wickets for 38 and Beale 6 for 38. The majority of St. Mary's team play too slow cricket, and hardly make any use of a loose ball. Some of them also have the bad habit of getting constantly in front of the wicket, and on Saturday no fewer than three were out leg before.

GORDON II v. ALPHA II.—Gordon won by 52 on the first innings. Alpha—first innings, 42; second innings, 24 for seven wickets.

EDUCATIONAL CHAMBERS v. VICTORIA.—Chambers—first innings 32 (Hales 12); second innings 24; total 56. Victoria, 112 (Thomas 11, Laver 21, Bleakly 10, McKillop 32 not out). Victoria thus won by an innings and 56 runs.

PONSONBY v. AUCKLAND.—The former won by 59 runs.

Sir Garnet, the steeplechaser, has arrived in charge of P. Murtagh. The horse is very well.

Mr. G. G. Stead, the well-known Christchurch sportsman, and Mr. J. O. Evitt, the A.R.C. handicapper, arrived from the South by the S.S. "Manapouri."

The alterations to the steeplechase course as suggested by us some time ago have been completed. The bridge at the bottom of Crowther's paddock has been made double the width, and the flags at the stone wall have been placed further down, so as to bring the jump in a line with the sod wall, thus doing away with the nasty turn. The fences have been all attended to, and there is nothing on the course that the most fastidious person could find fault with. The seats on the grand stand have been repainted, and great improvements made to the totalisator buildings both inside and out. Other improvements outside for the benefit of the public have also received attention. The telegraph board has not been altered, as the Committee are on the eve of making considerable alterations to the saddling paddock, therefore, they did not consider it advisable to do so for this meeting.

The following times are taken from a return prepared by Mr. G. Pembroke Coleman, official timekeeper to the N.C.U., of various performances which stand as the fastest on record up to date, October 25. The times are taken from a stand, and will be useful to those who intend to compete at the forthcoming Championship meeting. High bicycle, one mile, 2 min. 28 4-5ths sec.; safety bicycle, 2 min. 20 3-5ths sec. High bicycle, five miles, 13 min. 53 4-5ths sec.; safety bicycle, 12 min. 54 2-5ths sec. High bicycle, ten miles, 28 min. 4 4-5ths sec.; safety bicycle, 26 min. 41 4-5ths sec. High bicycle, twenty miles, 58 min. 38 sec.; safety bicycle, 53 min. 43 4-5ths sec.

The following are the records on the road for amateurs. High bicycle, 50 miles, 2hrs. 49min. 17secs.; safety bicycle, 2hrs. 32min. 35secs. High bicycle, 100 miles, 6hrs. 27min. 30secs.; safety bicycle, 5hrs. 27min. 38secs. High Bicycle, 164 miles, 12hrs.; 273 miles, 24hrs. Safety bicycle, 178 miles, 12hrs.; 336 1/2 miles, 24hrs.



**AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.**

**SUMMER MEETING**

FIRST DAY, DECEMBER 27, 1890.

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FIRST RACE STARTS AT 1.30 P.M. SHARP.

Acceptances and General Entries for SECOND DAY close on December 29.

C. F. MARK,  
Secretary.

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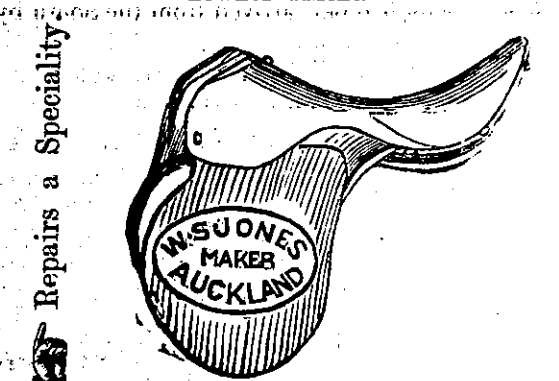
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**RACING PROGRAMMES**



**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 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 1/4 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 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 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 1/4 miles.

**ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP** of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance 5 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 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 1/4 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 6lbs. 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 3lb.; twice, 6lb.; 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 1/4 furlongs.

**DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, &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.

**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 600 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.

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## SALES OF YEARLINGS



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

## SALE OF THOROUGHBRED STOCK.

BRED BY MRS. WALTERS.

The undersigned have received instructions from Mrs. Walters to sell, at Wellington Park, on Wednesday, December 31st, after the sale of the Wellington Park Yearlings—

**B**ROWN FILLY, BY HIPPOCAMPUS — YATERINA

BROWN FILLY, BY HIPPOCAMPUS—ROSARINA

BROWN COLT, BY HIPPOCAMPUS—EMPRESS

BAY COLT, BY NORDENFELDT—CRESINA

HUNTER &amp; NOLAN.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

## SALE OF

## THOROUGHBRED STOCK,

BRED AT WHITFORD PARK BY L. D.

NATHAN, Esq.

HUNTER &amp; NOLAN

Have received instructions to sell on Wednesday, December 31, after the sale of the Wellington Park Yearlings—

## A DRAUGHT OF THOROUGHBRED STOCK,

Bred at Whitford Park by L. D. Nathan, Esq., as follows:—

Lot 1—BAY COLT; by The Dauphin—Duchess by Musket—Lady St. Clair by Day Dawn out of Glauco mare. Engaged in Hawke's Bay Guineas, Great Northern Foal Stakes and Auckland Guineas.

Lot 2—BAY COLT; by The Dauphin from Lady St. Clair.

Lot 3—BAY COLT, by The Dauphin—Inisthona by Leonidas—Mollena (dam of St. Leger), by Thormanby out of Hurricane, Great Northern Foal Stakes and Auckland Guineas.

Lot 4—BAY Filly ARCHERESS, 2 years. by Sword Dance—Duchess. Engaged in Great Northern Derby and Auckland Guineas.

Lot 5—BAY Mare DUCHESS, with foal at foot by The Dauphin; served by Leolinus.

Lot 6—BAY Mare LADY ST. CLAIR, with Filly Foal at foot by The Dauphin; served by Leolinus.

Lot 7—BAY FILLY, by Nordenfeldt from Aconite; bred by F. L. Wright, Esq. Engaged in Hawke's Bay Guineas, Auckland Guineas and Great Northern Foal Stakes.

Lot 8—CHESTNUT HORSE FABULOUS, 4 yrs., by Leolinus—Atlantis (dam of St. Leger), by Thormanby out of Hurricane by Wild Dayrell out of Midia by Scutari.

On breeding lines Fabulous should make an excellent sire.

NOTE.—The Sale takes place at Wellington Park after the sale of the Yearlings belonging to Thos. Morris, Esq.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

## SALE OF THOROUGHBRED STOCK,

BRED BY THE MIDDLE PARK STUD COMPANY, CHRISTCHURCH.

The undersigned have received instructions from the Middle Park Stud Co. to sell by public auction, at Wellington Park, after the sale of the Wellington Park Yearlings—

**B**AY COLT EROS, 2 years old, St. George—Idalia.

Brown Colt Yearling—St. George—Fair Nell, by Apremont out of Idalia

Brown Colt Yearling, Apremont—Flattery; Flattery full sister to Welcome Jack.

HUNTER &amp; NOLAN.

## AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

Owners, Trainers and Jockeys must apply at the Office, Durham-street, for Passes, as none will be issued on the Course.

Horses will be admitted at the gate at back of Jockey's Stand only, and no passes, except for Lad leading horse, will be allowed in or out of this gate.

Any person in the Paddock who cannot produce a ticket when demanded will be immediately removed from same.

All persons leaving Paddock must obtain a Pass, which must be given up on entry.

No excuse will be accepted.

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## BROOD MARES AND FOALS.

SALE COMMENCES AT 11 A.M.

Lot 1—AMOHLA; got by Towton out of Anticipation. With Filly by Ingomar; foaled September 9. Served by St. Leger.

Lot 2—ATALANTA; got by Dainty Ariel out of Moonshine. With Colt by St. Leger; foaled October 7. Served by St. Leger.

Lot 3—ATALANTIS [imp.]; got by Thormanby out of Hurricane. With Colt by Ingomar; foaled November 13. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 4—BIANCA; got by Black Eagle out of Bessie. With Colt by Nordenfeldt; foaled September 20. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 5—CRINOLINE [imp.]; got by Lord Lyon out of Crinon. With Colt by Nordenfeldt; foaled November 17. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 6—ERYCINA; got by Sledmere out of Atalanta. With Colt by Nordenfeldt; foaled October 20. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 7—FLEURETTE; got by Robinson Crusoe out of Rose of Denmark. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 8—FLORENCE MACARTHY [imp.]; got by Macaroni out of Lady Morgan. With Filly by Ingomar; foaled August 15. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 9—FORMO; got by Sterlingworth out of Pulchra. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 10—FUSEE; got by Musket from Titania. Served by St. Leger.

Lot 11—HANNAH; got by Traducer out of Renga. Served by Hotchkiss.

Lot 12—HIPONA; got by Robinson Crusoe out of Lamorna. Served by St. Leger.

Lot 13—HAPPY LAND; got by Musket out of Atlantis. With Colt by Ingomar; foaled November 10. Served by Nelson.

Lot 14—LADY RAVENSWORTH [imp.]; got by Voltigeur out of Lady Hawthorn. Served by Hotchkiss.

Lot 15—LADY MERSEY; got by Musket out of Mersey. With Colt by Ingomar; foaled September 30. Served by St. Leger.

Lot 16—LEILA [imp.]; got by Buccaneer out of Vestalin. Served by St. Leger.

Lot 17—LOVEBIRD [imp.]; got by Macaroni out of Better Half. With Colt by St. Leger; foaled August 22. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 18—L'ORIENT [imp.]; got by Knight of the Crescent out of Egyptian. With Colt by St. Leger; foaled October 1. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 19—LYRA [imp.]; got by Thormanby out of Clotilde, by Touchstone. Served by Hotchkiss.

Lot 20—LYRE [late LYRIC]; got by Patriarch out of Lyra by Thormanby. With Colt by Ingomar; foaled November 21. Served by St. Leger.

Lot 21—MADCAP [imp.]; got by Trumpeter out of a daughter of Young Melbourne. Served by St. Leger.

Lot 22—MAID OF HONOUR; got by Kelpie out of Fairy Queen. With Colt by Ingomar; foaled September 14. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 23—MERSEY [imp.]; dam of Carbine; got by Knowsley out of Clemence. With Colt by Nordenfeldt; foaled September 4. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 24—MISS LAURA [imp.]; got by Trumpeter out of Diadem. With Filly by St. Leger; foaled September 28. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 25—MY IDEA; got by Yattendon out of Lady Bird. With Colt by Ingomar; foaled November 1. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 26—NALAD; got by Traducer [imp.] out of Mermaid [imp.]. With Filly by Nordenfeldt; foaled August 28. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 27—NELLY MOORE; got by Voltigeur out of Fickle. With Filly by Nordenfeldt; foaled August 26. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 28—ONYX; dam of Nordenfeldt; got by Angler out of Chrysolite. With Colt by Ingomar; foaled September 26. Served by Hotchkiss.

Lot 29—OPHELIA; got by Musket out of Madcap. With Filly by St. Leger; foaled October 29. Served by St. Leger.

Lot 30—PATCH; got by Fireworks out of Syren. With Filly by Nordenfeldt; foaled October 4. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 31—PEARL ASH [imp.]; got by Lord Clifden out of Potash. With Colt by Nordenfeldt; foaled November 3. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 32—PERFUME; got by Dainty Ariel out of Una. With Filly by Ingomar; foaled October 14. Served by St. Leger.

Lot 33—RADIANCE; got by Fireworks out of Sunshine. With Filly by Nordenfeldt; foaled October 18. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 34—RADIANT; got by Robinson Crusoe out of Radiance. With Colt by St. Leger; foaled October 24. Served by Hotchkiss.

Lot 35—SISTER AGNES; got by Rosicrucian out of Penance. With Foal by Ingomar; foaled August 27. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 36—STEPPE [imp.]; got by Saunterer out of Seclusion. With Colt by Ingomar; foaled September 26. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 37—SWEET CICELY; got by Lord Clifden out of Cecilia. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 38—SYLVIA; got by Fisherman out of Juliet. With Filly by Ingomar; foaled August 29. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 39—TITANIA [imp.]; got by Orest out of Queen Mab. With Filly by Ingomar; foaled September 14. Served by St. Leger.

Lot 40—TRES DEUCE; got by Traducer out of Gitana. With Filly by Nordenfeldt; foaled October 29. Served by Nordenfeldt.

Lot 41—WOODNYMPH; got by Musket out of Sylvia. With Filly by Ingomar; foaled September 18. Served by St. Leger.

Lot 42—BAY or BROWN COLT FOAL by Nordenfeldt from Realisation.

## SIREs.

AT TWO P.M.

Lot 43—FUSILLADE, bay horse, bred by Mr. H. Redwood in 1882; got by Musket from Wal-ti, by Towton from Waimea, by Sir Hercules from Flora Melvor, by Emigrant.

Lot 44—NORDENFELDT, brown horse, bred by the New Zealand Stud Company in 1882; got by Musket [imp.] out of Onyx, by Angier out of Chrysolite [imp.], by Stockwell out of Juliet, by Touchstone.

Lot 45—ST. LEGER [imp.], chestnut horse, foaled in 1881; bred by Lord Falmouth; got by Doncaster out of Atlantis, by Thormanby out of Hurricane, by Wild Dayrell from Midia, by Scutari.

Lot 46—HOTCHKISS, brown horse, bred by the New Zealand Stud Company in 1885; got by Musket from Petroleuse, by Oxford from Hartshorn, by Mountain Deer from Area, by Gladiator.

## YEARLINGS

(WITH ENGAGEMENTS).

Lot 47—BAY COLT; foaled October 26 1889; by St. Leger from Hippona.

Lot 48—BAY COLT; foaled September 23 1889; by Leolinus from Woodnymph.

Lot 49—BAY or BROWN COLT; foaled October 9 1889; by Nordenfeldt from Erycina.

Lot 50—CHESTNUT FILLY; foaled September 25 1889; by St. Leger from Lady Mersey.

Lot 51—BROWN COLT; foaled August 24 1889; by Nordenfeldt from Nelly Moore.

Lot 52—CHESTNUT COLT; foaled November 29 1889; by Nordenfeldt from My Idea.

Lot 53—BROWN COLT; foaled September 30 1889; by Nordenfeldt from Patch.

Lot 54—BAY or BROWN COLT, foaled September 30 1889; by Nordenfeldt from Florence Macarthy.

Lot 55—CHESTNUT FILLY; foaled October 12 1889; by Nordenfeldt from Bianca.

Lot 56—BROWN COLT; foaled August 11 1889; by Nordenfeldt from Steppe.

Lot 57—CHESTNUT FILLY; foaled October 26 1889; by Leolinus from Lyre.

Lot 58—BAY or BROWN COLT; foaled September 24 1889; by Nordenfeldt from Sister Agnes.

Lot 59—CHESTNUT COLT, foaled November 13 1889; got by Nordenfeldt from Spinnaker.

Lot 60—CHESTNUT COLT; foaled November 29 1889; by St. Leger from Lady Ravensworth.

Lot 61—CHESTNUT FILLY; foaled October 25 1889; got by Nordenfeldt from Tres Deuce.

Lot 62—BAY COLT; foaled October 31 1889; by St. Leger from Radiant.

Lot 63—BAY or BROWN COLT; foaled October 23 1889; by Nordenfeldt from Atlantis.

Lot 64—CHESTNUT FILLY; foaled October 21 1889; by Nordenfeldt from Syccargass.

Lot 65—CHESTNUT FILLY; foaled November 3 1889; by Nordenfeldt from Radiance.

Lot 66—CHESTNUT COLT; foaled November 17 1889; by Leolinus from Happy Land.

Lot 67—CHESTNUT COLT; foaled October 29 1889; by St. Leger from Ophelia.

Lot 68—BAY FILLY; foaled October 11 1889; by Leolinus from Titania.

Lot 69—BAY COLT; foaled September 20 1889; by Captivator from Madcap.

Lot 70—BAY COLT; foaled October 4 1889; by Captivator from Maid of Honour.

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