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THE Whangarei Racing Club's meeting, instead of being a success, as some people hoped, was, as far as racing is concerned, a failure, and shows still more the necessity of having a stipendary steward appointed, especially for country meetings.

At present we are not quite sure if under the existing Racing Rules whether a Metropolitan Club has the power to appoint a stipendary steward. However, at the next conference a rule to that effect might be easily passed, and the Clubs desirous of adopting it could do so.

Let us take the Whangarei meeting as an example. The first thing that comes under our notice is the programme, and the advantages offered to owners to enter their horses and attend the meeting. This was a most alluring one, therefore many nominated, and being satisfied with their weights accepted.

So far so good. They had a good passage and everything passed off pleasantly, and they all thought that they were in for a good time as the Whangarei settlers are a jolly set.

On proceeding to the course a change came over the faces of the different owners and trainers. The track was a regular trap, not being fit for a donkey to race on, being full of holes and plenty of stones. The only decent going was a narrow bit where some of the local horses had been training.

Now we come to the management. The stewards seemed to know little of their business or the Rules of Racing. They heard objections and tried to adjudicate on them but it was a mere farce.

One most mysterious affair occurred in the Racing Club Handicap. Tommy Taylor rode

Leorina, 10st 4lb, on the first day. The second day her weight was 10st 2lb. Taylor came to the scales with what he declared to be the same saddle and cloth he had used the previous day. To the astonishment of all present, it was discovered that he was some two stone overweight, therefore the conclusion come to was that through a mistake Leorina had carried about 12st 4lb instead of 10st 4lb the first day.

On the evening of the first day a good deal of dissatisfaction was expressed with regard to the weights and acceptances for the second day's racing. There being no special place mentioned in the programme the owners, etc., naturally thought that it would be at the Secretary's office.

Unless the Whangarei Racing Club put their shoulder to the wheel and make great alterations, both in management and to the course, they will not find many Auckland racehorse owners attend their meeting next year.

THE following case, Hart v. Weatherby, was heard on November 12th, 1890, before Mr. Justice A. L. Smith and a special jury. Sir Henry James, Q.C., opened the case for the plaintiff to the following effect:—Mr. Hart is a commission agent on the turf, and had transactions with Captain Bailey.

The next step, according to counsel's opening, was that the claim which Captain Bailey set up against Mr. Hart as to this unfulfilled commission was referred to the Rooms Committee, and they decided adversely to Mr. Hart. What evidence was tendered does not appear.

It seems that Mr. Hart and Captain Bailey were both members of the Newmarket Rooms, and as such had pledged themselves