# SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.
Jan. 22Foxton R.C. Summer Meeting. Jan. 22, 24Wellington R.C. Summer Meeting.
Jan, 32, 24 i Wellington 1:00 and Marting Club
Feb. 28V.R.C. Autumn Meeting. Newmarket Handicap
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and St. Leger
Mar. 8Australian Cup
Apr. 1 2 Autumn Meeting
Apr. 16 17South Canterbury J.C. Autumn Meeting
June 25Hawkes Bay J.C. Winter Meeting

### NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

Jan.	16C.J.C. Summer Meeting; general entries
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Jan.	22Trimetin J.C. Attended to the series
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Jan.	3. Wanganui J.C. Autumn Meetings; handicaps
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Feb.	14D.J.C. Autumn Meeting; general entries
Feb.	14
Mar.	New Zealand Cup-1891
Mar.	3Hawkes Bay J.C. Autumn Meeting; general
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	6A.R.C. Easter Handicap, Autumn Handicap and
Mar.	6A.R.C. Easter Handiday, 11
	Steeplechase
Mar.	13C.J.C. Autumn Meeting; general entries
	67 A D C Anthon Meeting: Reneral cilules
Mar.	26 Taranaki Jockey Club; general entries.
Mar.	26Tarthan bookey Other 1000
April	1C.J.C. Champagne Stakes—1892
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an.	3 Wanganui Cup and Flying Handicap
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eb.	24 Hawkes Bay Cup and Railway Stakes
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	an Angliand Easter Hangicap and Steeplethane
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ar.	26A.R.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
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ACCEPTANCES DUE.
20 Wellington Cup; final payment
22Dunedin Cup and Publican's Handicap
24 Egmont Racing Club Summer.
30C.J.C. Summer Meeting; handicaps
6C.J.C. Autumn. Champagne Stakes (further
payments)
14D.J.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
19V.R.C. Autumn. Newmarket Handicap an
Australian Cup
19Rotorua Jockey Club.
23Dunedin Cup; balance of sweep
Wanganui Cup, Derby, Iwo Icar Old State
3 Hawkes Bay Cup and Railway Stakes
payments Champagne and Challenge Stakes
14 Hawkes Bay J.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
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31Taranaki J.C. Handicap; final payment.

# AUCKLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

# CUP MATCHES.-FIRST ROUND.

	SENIORS

Jan. 3, 10—United v. Parnell. Alpha v. Auckland. Gordon v. St. Mary's. Jan. 17,24—United v. St. Mary's.
Alpha v. Parnell.
Auckland v. Gordon.

juniors. Ponsonby v. Wanderers. Auckland v. Gordon. G. School v. Alpha II.

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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.

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## Sporting Review.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1891.

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. The A.R.C. Committee when passing programmes should take into when passing programmes should take into consideration whether the stewards and committee are competent to undertake the management of a race meeting, and whether the course is fit for racing, or any other "minutæ" things apparent. At the present time they confine themselves to seeing if there is sufficient added money and that the present in according to money and that the programme is according to the regulations laid down by the Government for use of the totalisator. The permit is then granted and everything is supposed to be all right and the meeting proceeds on the appointed

day.

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. The steamer Wellington on her first trip took 14 and on the second 10 horses, also a large con-

tingent of owners and race-goers.
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.

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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. This part was going was a narrow bit where some of the local horses had been training. This part was bad enough but on proceeding round the so-called steeplechase course the faces of the owners of jumping horses and the jockeys became still longer. The jumps, which are all artificial, were of the most trappy description, and many of them were not broad enough to allow four horses to go abreast. There were allow four horses to go abreast. There were also one or two mantraps in the shape of blind grips, etc. The hurdles, as they were called, but in fact only posts and rails, were far too narrow and had no wings to them, and the course was so laid out that you could not get a straight run at some of the fences, the consequence was that in many instances all the horses ran off. It only required a steady old hunter to plod along in the rear and come in the winner. in the winner.

Now we come to the management. 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

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

Leorina, 10st 4lb, on the first day. The secondday 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. This may go down with our country friends but it will not do with us. Tommy, Taylor is no "chalk" jockey. He has ridden many races in New Zealand, also in Australia. He must therefore have known his weight He must therefore have known his weight within a pound or two, and the amount of lead required to bring him up to 10st 4lb. Jockeys as a rule seldom have to change more than a pound or two when they get into the the scales, as they know their weight to a nicety. Two stone, however is too much for us. It must be borne in mind that this is the second time this kind of thing has occurred within the last fortnight. The clerk of the scales should have his eyes open.

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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. After waiting some time it was discovered that the place was Mr. Guilding's office at the other end of the town; the only notice being in the Race Book, and read thus:

"Stewards of the Club will meet to-night at 7 "Stewards of the Club will meet to-night at 7 p.m. at Mr. Golding's office." The consequence was several of the owners were disappointed at being too late for accepting with their

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. 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. Prior to September 10th, 1888, these left, according to Mr. Hart's calculations, a balance due to him from Captain Bailey. On September 12th the St. Leger was run, and on that day a letter arrived from Captain Bailey to Mr. Hart instructing the latter to back the eventual winner Mr. Hart had a conversation with for £150. Mr. Hart had a conversation with Mr. Apps, and decided not to execute the commission in consequence of his own unsatisfied claim against Captain Bailey. After the race had been won Captain Bailey expected to be credited with his winnings, but was informed that his commission had not been executed. So far as we gather from the report it does not appear that Mr. Hart had telegraphed to Captain Bailey his refusal to execute the commission, but on the other hand it does not appear whether there was time for him to do so before the decision of the race, or whether he was under any obligation to expend even the small sum of telegraphic expenses on behalf of his discarded client. He seems contented with "declaring the bet off" with Mr. Apps.

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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. Mr. Hart alleged that the hearing was a hurried one, on the eve of a race, and before a small quorum. He felt dissatisfied with the judgment and declined to conform to it. His contumacy was therefore reported to the Jockey Club who accordingly acted upon Rule 179 of the Laws of Racing, which reads thus:—"If any person be reported to the Committee of the Subscription Rooms at Newmarket or at Tattersall's as being a defaulter in bets, he will be disqualified as in the last Rule mentioned, as long as the default continues." The "last Rule" means Rule 178, which enacts that such "disqualification" entails being warned off Newmarket Heath and other places

where these Rules are in force.

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