

THE TURF.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

The *Canterbury Times*, of January 8, has, under the head of "Current Topics," certain remarks that I cannot pass by unnoticed, as the writer evidently understands racing lore. The remarks regarding the prices that several horses realised at the sale of the Sylvia Park Stud are perfectly correct. There are, however, certain things talked about in Auckland regarding the disposal of the stud that our *confre* has evidently not heard of, such as finessing on the part of Major George and the Bank, regarding the sale to a Sydney syndicate; also to Mr. Hordern, etc. From what I can learn there is likely to be litigation on the subject, but as I am at present unable to get all the exact particulars, I refrain from making any remarks, leaving it to time to work out the problem. That through mismanagement, and some manoeuvring, the stud has been allowed to leave Auckland there is no gain-saying.

I WILL now take up the remarks made regarding the running of Medallion and Crackshot. Considering that the writer of "Current Topics" for the *Canterbury Times* is at a long distance from the Ellerslie course, his remarks regarding the running of the two horses are perfectly justified, with the exception of this sentence: "But it is an unfortunate fact that none of the public critics who witnessed the racing at Ellerslie have thought it worth while to indicate a reason for the reversal of form." By this it is quite evident that either our paper has never reached the *Canterbury Times*, or that my notes on the racing have been overlooked. Without being egotistical, I think I may say that I am the oldest racing man in New Zealand, and have had a great deal of experience with race horses, having commenced as a boy in 1846. I will, therefore, not only repeat what I said in a former issue, but go still further into the matter, and I then think that I can satisfactorily explain the reversal of form. In the first place, every one knows that Crackshot is a "speedy cutter." This class of horse is never to be depended upon, especially if the going is at all heavy. Secondly, many horses will not make their own running. Now, to review the racing. In the Auckland Cup the going was as good as could be desired. St. Andrew and others made the pace a cracker. Crackshot waited until they came back to him, and striding along at the finish won easily. On the Derby Day the ground was very heavy. Only three started. Leolantis was not able to make the running, and Clifford, on Medallion, knew better than to do so. The consequence was that Crackshot had to go to the front, and make the pace. During the race he struck himself several times, and from all appearances he must have done it very badly, as on entering the straight he appeared to collapse all of a sudden. On his return to the paddock the pad was knocked round, and he was bleeding under the knee. In the Auckland Plate, Hilda made the pace for him until entering the straight, when Crackshot came away. The going, also, was better than on the previous day, and I took particular notice that he had not struck himself. This, I think, will account for the reversal of form; though, in my

opinion, when Medallion is fit and well he is the best colt of the two at a mile and a-half. The next paragraph is amusing. Our *confre* little knows the gallant Major. It refers to the fining of Cusden, in the Newmarket Handicap, and reads thus: "But why, we should like to ask, was Major George allowed to interfere in the matter at all? The rules very distinctly provide that the starter may, without reference to the stewards, fine any jockey for disobeying his orders, and if the Major is acquainted with the rules, it was extremely ill-judged on his part to set the authority of that official at naught. We shall not suggest that Major George intends to pay the fine incurred by Cusden, as that would render the owner of Reprisal to a long term of disqualification; but when prominent owners try to excuse the misdeeds of their jockeys they should not be surprised if the youngsters follow up their advantage with all sorts of impertinent demands." My *confre*, you little know the potency of the Major, in his own estimation, or you would not ask that question.

THE weights for the Takapuna Cup and Steeplechase have just been issued by Mr. Knight. Acceptances are due on the 23rd, therefore I shall not go closely into them, as I shall have another chance. Besides that I am anxious to see what owners think of them. For my part I must say that they are the most eccentric ones that I have come across for a long time.

To commence with, let me ask Mr. Knight if he ever saw a fourth or fifth rate three-year-old heading the list, and called upon to give lumps of weight away to horses of all ages. Leolantis, 3 yrs., 9st 5lb., has to give Antelope 9lb, Patchwork 15lbs, Tamora 25lbs, and Clarion, aged, who can gallop a bit, 31lbs. Then Reprisal, 8st 6lb, who never got over a mile, three-quarters being his best distance, is put at even weights with Coalscuttle, who won two races at the late Ellerslie meeting over a mile and a distance, and a mile and a half; also having to give a lot of weight to older horses that can gallop a bit. First-class horses can give a great deal of weight away to third and fourth rate ones, but inferior horses cannot do it, never mind how bad the others are. Taking a casual glance at the weights I think Antelope, Patchwork, Tamora, and Clarion have nothing to complain of.

Now take the Steeplechase. Orlando is top weight with *thirteen stone seven pounds*. Has Mr. Knight ever seen a handicap in England or Ireland where one horse is asked to give another four stone over a country! It simply means this, "You have won enough." I ask anyone who is conversant with racing is it fair that a moderate horse (Orlando can only be classed as such) should be crushed out of a race to give a parcel of scrubbers not worth their oats a chance of winning. Orlando has not beaten anything of much account. Most of his wins may be put down to the splendid condition he has been brought to the post in. He is only a little horse, and does not give you the idea of being able to carry weight. If he starts I pity his jockey, as he is almost sure to come down. Silvio, Hunc, Asper, Takapau and Sentinel have nothing to complain of with regard to their weights. Auckland racehorse owners are most eccentric in their acceptances,

so I think it better to defer attempting to pick a winner until they have decided on the merits of the handicaps.

I CANNOT help calling the attention of owners to the great difference in the handicaps for the Takapuna Cup and the Egmont Handicap. The former was made by Mr. Knight, whose experience in racing has been very meagre, and the latter by Mr. Hately, who was well known during the fifties on the Northern Circuit at home as the owner of First Queen, Stringhalt and many other good ones. Mr. Hately has been racing ever since, so, I think, can be put down as the best judge of racing and handicapping of the two. I will now take the two handicaps. The Takapuna Cup is 1½ miles and the Egmont Handicap is two miles, but as none of the horses are stayers and as their distance is about the same it does not much matter.

TAKAPUNA CUP.		EGMONT HANDICAP.	
	st lb		st lb
Leolantis	9 5	Leolantis	7 8
Leorina	9 4	Patchwork	7 8
Antelope	8 10	Antelope	7 8
Patchwork	8 4	Leorina	7 8
The Dreamer	7 6	The Dreamer	6 7

I think racing men will say that Mr. Hately is the best and fairest handicapper.

THE weights for the Dunedin Cup and Publican's Purse have been declared by Mr. Dowse. The number of entries for the Cup are much smaller than in former years, only numbering 21. This will be further reduced when the acceptances are declared on January 22nd. The race is not run until March 21st, so it is useless to go into the handicap, which appear to be a very good one, especially as there is a great chance of some of the cracks going to the other side. Merrie England, 9st 3lb, heads the list, and has got quite as much as he is entitled to; at the same time if such horses as Crackshot, 8st 10lb; Medallion, 8st 7lb; and Freedom, 8st 3lb., drop out, he may have a chance. Hilda, 8st 9lb, has got every ounce she ought to have, in fact, I consider that she is badly treated, but she may be passed over, as if she and Cissy are stunted to Castor they should both be put out of training, and if they are kept in work any longer it will be detrimental to the foals. Wolverine should be all there with 8st, while Prime Warden, 7st 3lb, has nothing to complain of, while the Auckland horse Patchwork, 7st, if he is ever going to win a good race ought to have a show now. Taking the Handicap roughly Crackshot, 8st 10lb; Wolverine, 8st; and Prime Warden, 7st 3lb, read about the best. The Publican's Handicap had better be left until nearer the day, but glancing down it the following catch the eye, St. Andrew, 9st; Reprisal, 7st 8lb; Tempest, 7st; and Thackeray, 6st 12lb.

ONLY twelve out of the thirty-nine entries have declared content for the Wellington Cup. This is not very flattering to the handicapper, but it must be borne in mind that some of the horses low down in the list could not have won with any weight, therefore the only supposition is that they were entered on the off chance of none of the cracks being there. Crackshot 8st 11lbs, this is 8lbs more than he carried in the Auckland Cup, which he won easily enough; but this race is half a mile shorter. The Wel-

lington course is not well adopted for a "speedy cutter," especially as it is the wrong way for him. However, his chance must not be ignored, as a good horse is hardly ever out of a race were many of them are of an inferior class. Dudu, 8st 8lbs, after her running at Ellerslie, must be passed over, as it was quite evident that she was run out in most of her races, and had, therefore, apparently lost her form, and she has not had time to recover it since then. Freedom, 8st 8lbs, is most leniently treated. At the C.J.C. Meeting he was not up to the mark, and, therefore, did not perform as satisfactorily as was anticipated, but at the Dunedin Jockey Club Spring Meeting he won the Otago Cup, one mile and three-quarters, with 7st 7lbs; Wolverine 8st 8lbs, 2; Occident, 8st 12lbs, 3; St. Malo, 7st 6lbs, and others being behind him. On the second day he wins the President's Handicap, one and a half miles, easily with 8st 7lbs; St. Malo, 7st 8lbs, 2nd; Wolverine, 8st 12lbs, 3rd. His astute owner evidently thinks that he has a great chance or he would not have accepted with him, as he does not throw his money away. Strephon, 8st, ran absolutely last until the last couple of hundred yards in the Auckland Cup. Then on New Year's Day he came out and won the A.R.C. Handicap easily. At the time, the reversal of the running was attributed to the difference of the ground, the first day it being hard, and the second day was very holding, he liking soft ground, but in my opinion this was not the only cause, as other horses in the same stable showed great alteration in form. The Wellington course is either very hard or soft, and as backers here will not know what it is on the day, he had better be left alone. Cynisca, 7st 12lb, won this race last year by a head from Dudu, who was giving her 23lb, so she ought to hold her safe again. Boulanger, 7st 10lb, can gallop a bit, but I think he is out of place in a race of this description. So is Kotuku, 7st 9lb. St. Andrew, 7st 7lb, is in light enough, but he has never shown that he can get the distance; besides that he is a hard puller, and will most likely run himself out with a light boy on his back. Pearl Powder, 7st 1lb, and Frolic, 6st 3lb, I think may be passed over. St. Malo, 7st, is leniently treated, but on his Dunedin running he is held safe by Freedom. Kapo, 6st, is at the bottom of the list. He did not hurry himself at the Auckland Racing Club's meeting, but he won a couple of races at Gisborne. However, he has a different class of animals to meet here. The race appears to me to lie between

FREEDOM and CRACKSHOT.

Of the two I prefer the former, but I must still bear in mind that if the ground is soft Strephon may upset my calculations, the same as he did in the A.R.C. Handicap. It is not my intention to go into the other handicaps, but simply to remark that Whisper, 9st 8lb, and Prime Warden, 7st 7lb, read well for the Anniversary Handicap, and Ixion, 11st 12lb, and The Spy, 11st 11lb, for the Hurdles.

ENGLISH SPORTING STATISTICS.

THE Manchester Meeting, concluded on November 22, is the wind-up of the racing season, and it is time to make up the statistics of winning owners, jockies, and sires. With Semolina, winner of the One Thousand, and Memoir, of the Oaks and St. Leger, the Duke of Portland again takes the lead of winning owners, the list of which he heads the third year in succession. His total this year consists of £25,203, a sum which, added to the £73,858 10s. of 1889, and the £26,811 10s. of 1888, realizes the extraordinary total of £125,873. This appears on paper a most extraordinary amount for one man to have won, and various comments have been made upon it. However, it must be borne in mind that, during the last few years, stakes have enormously increased—several being worth £5,000 and some even £11,000. Therefore, an owner with good horses has every chance of making his account at Messrs. Weatherby a good one. Let us look back, however, to the good old days when there were no gate meetings, ergo, large stakes. The Derby being the principal and most valuable stake, the St. Leger and the Two Thousand next in demand. Jockies had not valets and first-class carriages to travel in, turtle soup, champagne, etc., for dinner. Was it not more meritorious for owners like Lord Eglington with Flying Dutchman, etc., Lord

Zetland with Voltigeur and Co., Sir Joseph Hawley with Teddington, Beadsman, Musjid, Blue Gown, Rosicrucian and others, later on Lord Falmouth with his magnificent team, and we were almost forgetting Mr. Bowes with Mudd, Cotherstone, Daniel O'Rourke, and West Australian, to win the amounts they did (all these horses we remember) than those of the present day, who have all these valuable races almost at their doors? However, we are digressing, and will return to the list. Mr. Holdsworth runs second with 14 races worth £14,719, chiefly secured by Alloway and the two-year-old Vireto. Mr. Milner (Duchess of Montrose) comes next with 31 races of the value of £14,123, of which Shall We Remember, Gavotte, Rousseau, and Lady Heron were the principal contributors. Amphion's victories in the Hardwicke Plate at Ascot; and the Lancashire Plate enables Col. Byrne to make the respectable show of £14,089. Col. North, with his high-priced stud, can only show against his name £10,654—this must have been swallowed up twice over in forfeits—while Mr. Abington is much in the same condition. Lord Calthorpe, with his small stud, has not done amiss, having won seven races worth £10,502. Then comes a number of owners close together, and low down in the list is His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with four races to his name worth £694. Taking the jockies next. T. Loates, at the top of the list, scores 147 out of 659 mounts; George Barrett, 106; Watts, who is third, 85 wins, including Derby, One Thousand, Oaks, and St. Leger, a good record; while old Tom Cannon has 63, including the Hardwicke, Lancashire Plate, the Manchester Cup, and the Liverpool Summer Cup; while old Johnny Osborne, the best and most civil of jockies, has 40 wins to his name. He is the oldest jockey riding, having been born in 1835. He had his first mount at Radcliffe in 1846. Mr. Abington has done better than some of the professionals, as out of 114 mounts he has had 42 winning ones, 13 seconds, 20 thirds, but then he could choose his mounts and ride when he liked, which a professional cannot do. To breeders the list of winning horses and sires are always interesting. It is, however, not surprising to find that St. Simon is the head sire with thirteen representatives, winning twenty-seven races worth £32,799; Wisdom, who has long been a neglected sire, comes second, fourteen of his get having won the same number of races, although in point of value worth but £20,411, Surefoot being the principal contributor; Bend Or is third, with £17,627, of which Vireto is the principal winner; and then comes Springfield, who sees his first Derby winner in Sanfoin; Balcantine and Chariberti, the last-named of which, now located in France, can boast of more representatives than any other stallion, for no fewer than twenty-seven representatives are against his name. This number also credits him as the winner of fifty-one races, one more than the total scored by Balcantine.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

THE following nominations have been received by the secretary:—

ANNIVERSARY STAKES, six furlongs (to be run in 1892).

Br c by The Dauphin—Kakapo
Ch c by Grip—Novice
B f by The Dauphin—Beeswing
Br c by Brigadier—Friendship
B or br f by Carbineer—Mystery
B f by Carbineer—Pearl
Ch f by Vortex—Flora
B f Welcome, by The Dauphin—Bangle
Ch f by Nordenfeldt—Victoria
B f by St. Leger—Necklace
Ch f by Nordenfeldt—Bianca
Br f by The Dauphin—Brassolia
B c by Captivator—Renga
B c by St. Leger—Hippona
B or br f by Flintlock—Pikau
Br f Brown Alice, by Nordenfeldt—Ouida
B or br f by St. Leger—Envious
B f Stella, by Captivator—Rangi
B g by St. Leger—Satanella
Br c Sir Roland, by The Dauphin—Avaunt
B f by St. Leger—Reproach

TAKAPUNA STAKES, 1 mile 1½ furlongs (to be run in 1893).

SAME nominations as for the Anniversary Stakes above.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

ON Tuesday next, January 20, the final payment for the following important event must be made with the secretary, Mr. H. M. Lyon:—

Wellington Cup of 400 sovs, 1½ miles.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

ON Thursday next, January 22, acceptances and nominations for the following important events close with the secretary, Mr. Sydney James, at 10 p.m.:—

ACCEPTANCES—

Dunedin Cup, 600 sovs, 2 miles and a distance.

Publican's Handicap, 200 sovs, 7 furlongs.

NOMINATIONS—

Hurdle Handicap, 100 sovs, 1½ miles.

Tally-Ho Handicap, 100 sovs, 2 miles.

Hurdle Handicap, 100 sovs, 2½ mile.

Steward's Purse Welter Handicap, 120 sovs, 6 furlongs.

WAIKATO PONY AND TROTting CLUB.

ON Thursday next, January 22, acceptances and nominations for the following events close with the secretary, J. Dalgliesh, Cambridge, or with Mr. C. F. Mark, at the Auckland Trotting Club's office, Durham street, at 8 p.m.:—

ACCEPTANCES—

Handicap Maiden Trot, 15 sovs, 2 miles.

Pony Cup Handicap, 25 sovs, 1 mile.

Handicap Trot, 25 sovs, 3 miles.

Handicap Pony Race, 10 sovs, 6 furlongs.

Handicap Pony Trot, 15 sovs, 2 miles.

NOMINATIONS—

Novel Trot, 15 sovs, 3 miles.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

ON Friday next, January 23, acceptances and general entries for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. R. Wynyard, Devonport, or at Mr. W. Adams' office, Durham Street, at 9 p.m.:—

ACCEPTANCES—

Takapuna Cup Handicap, 150 sovs, 1½ miles.

Handicap Steeplechase, 150 sovs, about 3½ miles.

Handicap Maiden Plate, of 35 sovs, 1 mile.

Handicap Hurdles, of 70 sovs, 2 miles.

Zealandia Handicap, of 40 sovs, 5 furlongs.

Hobson Handicap, of 50 sovs, 6 furlongs.

Stewards' Handicap, of 70 sovs, 6 furlongs.

ENTRIES—

Novel Race, 25 sovs, 5½ furlongs.

Selling Race, 30 sovs, 1 mile.

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

ON Saturday, January 24, nominations and acceptances for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. A. G. Brett, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, Tattersall's Club, Auckland, or with Mr. A. J. Danvers, Napier, at 9 p.m.:—

ACCEPTANCES—

Egmont Handicap, 300 sovs, 2 miles.

First Handicap Hurdles, 75 sovs, 2 miles and a distance.

Hawera Welter Handicap, 50 sovs., 1 mile.

Flying Handicap, 75 sovs, 6 furlongs.

NOMINATIONS—

Sapling Stakes, 65 sovs, 6 furlongs.

Nursery Handicap, 55 sovs, 7 furlongs.

Trial Stakes, 40 sovs, 1½ miles.

First Hack Hurdles, 25 sovs, 1½ miles.

Second Hack Hurdles, 30 sovs, 1½ miles.

First Hack Race, 30 sovs, 1 mile and a distance.

Second Hack Race, 30 sovs, 1½ miles.

The entries for the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup must be considered very good. In the former, the New Zealand bred ones are Renata, Tirailleux, St. Andrew, Teksum, Crackshot, Pygmalion, Mikado II., Investigator, Tennyson, Too Soon, Cuirassier, Silver Prince, and La Rose. In the Australian Cup there are Carbine, Tirailleux, Whakawai, Crackshot, Gatling, Escutcheon, King William, and Cuirassier. Rather a strong list. The weights will be anxiously looked for.

It appears that the Morrigan's are a promising lot of youngsters over sticks and steeplechase courses, as one of them is the well-known rider of Orlando, another steered Drift and Harkaway to victory at Rangiora on New Year's Day, and another brother won the Hurdle Race on Roscius at the Napier Park Meeting on Boxing Day.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 22	.....	Foxton R.C. Summer Meeting
Jan. 22, 24	.....	Wellington R.C. Summer Meeting.
Jan. 29	.....	Waikato Pony and Trotting Club
Jan. 29, 31	.....	Takapuna J.C. Summer Meeting.
Jan. 31	.....	Canterbury J.C. Summer Meeting.
Feb. 18, 19	.....	Egmont Racing Club Summer Meeting.
Feb. 21	.....	Taranaki Jockey Club Meeting.
Feb. 25, 26, 28	.....	Dunedin J.C. Autumn Meeting
Feb. 26	.....	Rotorua Jockey Club Meeting.
Feb. 28	.....	V.R.C. Autumn Meeting, Newmarket Handicap and St. Leger
Mar. 8	.....	Australian Cup
Mar. 8, 6, 7	.....	V.R.C. Autumn Meeting
Mar. 11, 12	.....	Wanganui J.C. Autumn Meeting
Mar. 17, 18	.....	Hawkes Bay J.C. Autumn Meeting
Mar. 21, 23	.....	Dunedin J.C. Anniversary Meeting
Mar. 30, 31	.....	Canterbury J.C. Autumn Meeting
Mar. 30, 31	.....	Auckland R.C. Autumn Meeting
Apr. 1, 2	.....	Taranaki J.C. Autumn Meeting
Apr. 16, 17	.....	South Canterbury J.C. Autumn Meeting
May 23, 25	.....	Dunedin J.C. May Meeting
June 3	.....	Auckland R.C. Winter Meeting
June 25	.....	Hawkes Bay J.C. Winter Meeting

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

Jan. 16	.....	C.J.C. Summer Meeting; general entries
Jan. 16	.....	Takapuna J.C. Summer. Minor Handicaps
Jan. 22	.....	Dunedin J.C. Autumn Meeting
Jan. 23	.....	Takapuna J.C. Summer. General Entries
Jan. 24	.....	Egmont R.C. Summer Meeting; general entries
Jan. 28	.....	Wanganui J.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
Feb. 6	.....	C.J.C. Challenge Stakes—1893
Feb. 6	.....	C.J.C. Great Autumn Hdcp., Easter Hdcp.
Feb. 12	.....	Rotorua Jockey Club.
Feb. 14	.....	D.J.C. Autumn Meeting; general entries
Mar. 2	.....	New Zealand Cup—1891
Mar. 8	.....	Hawkes Bay J.C. Autumn Meeting; general entries
Mar. 6	.....	A.R.C. Easter Handicap, Autumn Handicap and Steeplechase
Mar. 13	.....	C.J.C. Autumn Meeting; general entries
Mar. 24	.....	A.R.C. Autumn Meeting; general entries
Mar. 26	.....	Taranaki Jockey Club; general entries.
April 1	.....	C.J.C. Champagne Stakes—1892

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

Jan. 19	.....	V.R.C. Autumn, Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup
Jan. 19	.....	Takapuna J.C. Summer. Minor Handicaps
Jan. 23	.....	C.J.C. Summer Meeting; handicaps
Jan. 30	.....	Takapuna J.C. Summer. Second day's races
Feb. 3	.....	Wanganui Cup and Flying Handicap
Feb. 4	.....	D.J.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
Feb. 17	.....	Wanganui J.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
Feb. 24	.....	Hawkes Bay Cup and Railway Stakes
Feb. 27	.....	C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap
Mar. 10	.....	Hawkes Bay J.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
Mar. 20	.....	C.J.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
Mar. 20	.....	Auckland Easter Handicap and Steeplechase
Mar. 20	.....	Taranaki Jockey Club.
Mar. 25	.....	A.R.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

Jan. 20	.....	Wellington Cup; final payment
Jan. 22	Waikato Pony and Trotting Club
Jan. 22	Dunedin Cup and Publican's Handicap
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Jan. 23	Takapuna J.C. Summer Meeting; handicaps
Jan. 24	Egmont Racing Club Summer.
Jan. 30	.....	Takapuna J.C. Summer. Second day's races
Jan. 30	.....	C.J.C. Summer Meeting; handicaps
Feb. 6	.....	C.J.C. Autumn. Champagne Stakes (further payments)
Feb. 11	.....	Egmont Handicap; final payment
Feb. 14	.....	D.J.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
Feb. 19	.....	V.R.C. Autumn. Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup
Feb. 19	.....	Rotorua Jockey Club.
Feb. 23	.....	Dunedin Cup; balance of sweep
Feb. 24	.....	Wanganui Cup, Derby, Two-Year-Old Stakes and Handicaps
Mar. 3	.....	Hawkes Bay Cup and Railway Stakes
Mar. 3	.....	Wanganui Cup; final payments
Mar. 13	.....	C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap and further payments Champagne and Challenge Stakes
Mar. 14	.....	Hawkes Bay J.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
Mar. 24	.....	A.R.C. Easter Handicap and Steeplechase
Mar. 26	.....	C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap; final payment
Mar. 26	A.R.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
Mar. 28	Taranaki Jockey Club.
Mar. 31	Taranaki J.C. Handicap; final payment.

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	Auckland v. Gordon.	Gordon v. Grammar School.

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	Educational v. Star.
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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 stipendiary steward appointed, especially for country meetings. The A.R.C. Committee 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 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 stipendiary 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 contingent 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.

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 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 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.

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. 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 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.

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 p.m. at Mr. Golding's office." The consequence was several of the owners were disappointed at being too late for accepting with their horses.

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. 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 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.

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

to abide by the rules of those Rooms; these rules appointed the Committee of the Rooms arbiter in the event of disputed bets. It also appears that a *locus penitentiae* was awarded to Mr. Hart, and that he still decided to ignore the verdict of the Rooms Committee. The sequel was that the secretary of the Rooms was instructed by the Committee to make a formal report as aforesaid of Mr. Hart's contumacy to Messrs. Weatherby, as acting for the Jockey Club. The result was that Messrs. Weatherby published in the *Racing Calendar* an official notification that Mr. Hart had been reported as a defaulter in bets by the Newmarket Rooms, and that as such he was warned off the Heath and all other premises of the Jockey Club. The notification formed the subject of libel, for which the present action was brought.

The action practically went no further than the opening. Upon the face of the story alleged by the plaintiff the learned judge was asked to decide whether such a publication was "privileged" or not. If it were a *prima facie* privilege, then, there being no suggestion by the plaintiff of express malice on the part of Messrs. Weatherby (which, if shown, would oust privilege) the defendants would be entitled to judgment. It was admitted by counsel for the plaintiff that he was a member of the Rooms, and as such was bound by the Rules of the Club and also by the Rules of Racing. After hearing this the judge ruled that there was no case to go to the jury, and entered judgment for the defence on the grounds of "privilege."

Mr. Hart's proper step would have been to request a new investigation, a "new trial" by the same authority to which he had pledged submission when he joined the "Rooms." If that had failed him he should have given way, and should have considered that if he was to be considered justified in being contumacious because he was not "convinced" by the award, then *pari passu* any future disputant over whom he might subsequently obtain a victory before the same tribunal would be equally justified in keeping him at bay, and so in the long run verdicts of the Rooms in disputed bets would be reduced to farces.

We have taken this *in extenso* from the *Field* as this question has often cropped up as to the power of Tattersalls and the Racing Clubs. Some of our readers will remember the case of Owen McGee v. Auckland Racing Club. Then counsel appeared to be in a quandary, and could find no racing precedent, relying on the Lytton case and one or two others of a similar kind. A clever counsel could have won the case for the plaintiff; however, the verdict was right in equity. This case, we think, will form a precedent—therefore our interest in it.

ENGLISH RACING NOTES.

RACING dies hard in England. By the last mail the details of the Liverpool Derby and Manchester Meetings, the last of the season, are to hand. What would colonials say to racing at the latter end of November amidst rain, hail, wind, etc., the course being covered with hay and straw in case frost should come on in the night and put a stop to the racing? Still such is the case. Here in the colonies, if it happens to be wet in the morning the races are put off. However, there are some old hands in New Zealand who have stood the cold and wet of Newmarket Heath and Aintree, also the fog and smoke at old Trafford during the autumn, and have even then enjoyed the racing, there being good fields and finishes, the majority of the owners and trainers looking out for their winter oat bill and the jockies for the last tips of the season.

The minor races are of no interest to those here, so the principal ones are all that are given. The Liverpool Meeting commenced on November 4, in fine weather; a very large party had assembled at Lord Sefton's Croxteth Park, and the stands were well filled. The sixty-first Liverpool St. Leger was won by Mr. A. Taylor's b g by Buchanan—Lady Charlie, 7st 13lbs. who defeated Sir F. Johnstone's Ben, 8st 7lbs. by a short head; Lord Calthrope's Heresy, 9st 4lbs, third, four others being behind them. The Knowsley Nursery Handicap of 500 sovs., five furlongs, resulted as follows:—Mr. Dyas' b c Vivid, 7st, 1; Mr.

Fairlie's Guardian, 6st 6lbs, 2; Col. North's St. Simon of the Rock, 6st 10lbs, 3.

The second day was beautifully fine and the attendance large. The Grand Sefton Steeplechase produced a field of only seven. Old Gamecock, who was top weight with 12st 4lbs, struggled on gamely into the straight, he was then done, the race resulting in an easy win for Lord Zetland's ch g Chonfleur, 4yrs., 10st 7lbs; Mr. Liddell's Magic, aged, 10st 13lbs, 2; Roman Oak, 11st 11lbs, 3. On the third day the weather began to break, heavy rain falling with a high wind. However, the racing was of a first-class description. The Aintree Hunt Steeplechase attracted a field of seven, and resulted in an easy win for Mr. Clayton's Saint, 1; Lord Cholmondeley's Father O'Flynn, 2; Mr. Leigh's Lord of the Glen, 3. Then came the principal race of the meeting—the Liverpool Autumn Cup of 10 sovs., with 1,000 sovs. added. This race has for years past been a very heavy betting one, the present being no exception. Mr. Abington's Lady Roseberry, 5yrs, 7st 8lbs, was made favourite, and eventually won easily; this made her second Liverpool Cup victory. Her victory was not received with much enthusiasm, owing to the tactics that had been used. The fourth day had to be postponed owing to the frightful gale blowing and the course being fairly under water. It was resumed on Saturday, but owing to many persons and horses having taken their departure the racing was of little interest.

The Derby Meeting of three days commenced on November 11. This meeting, notwithstanding the lateness of the season, is one of the most popular. The county stand was filled with the aristocracy of Derbyshire, all the neighbouring houses being filled for the occasion. English ladies, especially those of the Midland Counties, are not deterred by a little bad weather. The county families were represented by Lord and Lady Hartington, Lady Dudley and her son the Earl, Lord and Lady Loudon, Lord and Lady Churchill, and many others. The first day broke cold and foggy, but towards noon the sun managed to struggle through. The card contained six items. The principal race was the Chesterfield Nursery Handicap of 1,000 sovs., by a subscription of 25 sovs, five furlongs. This brought twenty-four two-year-olds to the post. This lot of youngsters gave Mr. A. Coventry a great deal of trouble, and it was at least forty minutes before he got them away to a good start, the race resulting as follows:—Mr. T. Cannon's Billow of Ocean Wave—Green Frederica, 7st 11lbs, 1; Mr. R. H. Coombes' Conachar, 8st 4lbs, 2; Mr. C. G. Paget's Euphony, 8st 11lbs, 3. Won by three-quarters of length, head between second and third. Fourteen started for the Selling Race of 300sovs., and seventeen for the Markheaton Welter Handicap. The smallest field of the day being seven for the opening race, a small selling one.

On the second day the weather was better, the attendance being very large, and the fields good. There were seven events on the card, and for the Priory Nursery Handicap twenty started; for the Allerstree Plate of 200 sovs. the same number faced the starter. The Chatsworth Stakes of 500 sovs., five furlongs, attracted a field of twenty-four. It resulted in a clever win for Mr. Barclay's Elgiva, 3yrs, 6st 3lbs; Prince Sotzkoff's Lord George, 4yrs, 8st 5lbs, 2; Mr. "Abington's" Juggler, 5yrs, 9st 9lbs, 3. Won by three-quarters of a length, neck between second and third. Thursday, the third day, the races had to be put off until the next day owing to a dense black fog, and this reduced the interest in the last day's racing, which calls for no comment.

The Manchester Meeting of three days concludes the English racing season. This year it was not stopped by either frost or fog, though it rained, especially on the last day, almost incessantly. The fields as usual were large, and the racing good. The only race that calls for any comment is the Manchester November Handicap of 20 sovs. each, with 1000 sovs. added—the last of the big handicaps. Nineteen started for it. A vexatious delay in the heavy rain tried the patience of the drenched spectators, until at last the flag fell to an excellent start. The race was run at a good pace considering the heavy going. As soon as the straight was entered the result was quickly set at rest, only

Partington and Shall We Remember being in the race, a quarter of a mile from home, the former winning by three lengths. The race resulted as follows:—Duke of Beaufort's Partington, 3yrs, 7st 5lbs, 1; Mr. Milner's Shall We Remember, 3yrs, 8st 10lbs, 2; Mr. Saville's Ringmaster, aged, 8st 7lbs, 3. Five started for the Final Handicap, and the season ended in a downpour of rain the majority of race goers being glad that this was the end.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

[Volunteers and others are invited to contribute to this column. All communications should be addressed to "Carbine," and left at the office of this paper not later than Wednesday in each week.]

[BY CARBINE.]

The intending reps. held a final sweepstake match on Saturday afternoon last at the Onehunga Rifle Range. The distances were 600 and 700 yds, ten shots at each range. The average shooting was very good. The scores are:—

Name	600 yds	700 yds	Total
Corp. H. Doughty, 'A' B.	39	26	65
Sergt. McCallum, 'O' B. . .	28	34	62
Gun. Moore, 'A' B. . .	29	32	61
Bomb. Webster, 'A' B. . .	28	29	57
Mr. Nutt, A.M.C. . .	30	27	57
Mr. Kelly, A.M.C. . .	37	20	57
Lieut. Haultain, 'A' B. . .	25	31	56
Gun. Henderson, 'A' B. . .	24	30	54
Gun. Greenshields, 'O' B.	28	25	53
Pvt. McCarthy, V.R. . .	14	37	51
P.O. J. Spinley, P.N. . .	25	25	50
Sergt. Soall, C.G. . .	30	20	50
Major Skinner, Staff . .	33	14	47
Sergt. Fairs, 'O' B. . .	28	17	45
Gun. Brown, 'O' B. . .	10	31	41

The Auckland and Ponsonby Navals paraded at the Drill Shed on Friday evening last, Jan. 9th, for inspection by Lieut.-Col. Hume. The attendance of each company was very fair, under Capt. Parker and Miller. A few movements were gone through in the shed, but the floor, which is still in a disgraceful state and hard to turn on, made some of them rather awkward. Col. Shepherd was present, and there was a splendid muster of the Artillery Band, under Drum-Major Kearsley.

The Auckland reps. left for Napier on Thursday last to attend the meeting to be held there. Twenty-one men have entered, and should all give a good account of themselves. They are as follows:—

"A" BATTERY.

Lieut. Haultain, 2nd year as a rep., shoots fairly well.
Sergt. J. Parslow, ex-champion, a very old rep., always makes a good show.
Corp. H. Doughty, 2nd year as a rep., present champion of Auckland district. Young shot of 3 years standing. Very steady.
Bomb. J. Webster, finished second for carbine championship, 1886. Has attended several meetings and is always successful.
Gun. C. P. Taylor, good steady shot, has a splendid record, and should make things pretty merry.
Gun. A. Henderson, old rep., held 'A' Battery Belt three times. Most consistent shot.
Gun. E. Buchanan, has attended several meetings. One of last years champion team. Very steady.
Gun. J. G. Buchanan, has twice represented Auckland. Did fairly well at last meeting.
Mr. F. V. Kelly, 1st time as a rep., shoots very fairly.

"O" BATTERY.

Sergt. M. McCallum, 2nd year as a rep., holds Company's Challenge Cup, and has been doing tall shooting in matches of late.
Gun. Greenshields, 1st year as a rep., is a promising young shot, did fairly well, at A.R.A. last month.

PONSONBY NAVALS.

P.O. Spinley, 1st year rep., shoots very fair, present holder of Company's belt.

VICTORIA RIFLES.

Capt. Cooper, rep. for several years, always gives a good account of himself.

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Sergt. Soall, one of the oldest reps. Very consistent.

Sergt. Craig, 1st year rep., has been doing very poor shooting of late.

Pvt. Osborne, old rep., shoots well.

ROYAL IRISH.

Capt. Tobin, 3 years rep., won £12, also Cup in Continuous Match last year. Should shape well.

STAFF.

Major Skinner, old rep., shoots fairly well.

MARTINI RIFLE CLUB.

Mr. White, ex-champion, secured fourth place for Belt last year. Holds 3 silver, 1 gold Ass. stars. Very good shot.

Mr. D. Hay, ex-champion Auckland district, should shape well.

THAMES NAVALS.

Seaman Weir, old rep., has always been well up, and should give a good account of himself.

ATHLETICS.

CRICKET.

AUCKLAND v. ALPHA.—This match was commenced last Saturday, Alpha going first to the wickets. With the exception of Fitzpatrick, who made 32, not out, none of them reached double figures, and they were all dismissed for 68. Beale had a fine bowling analysis, getting five wickets for twelve runs. Auckland have so far lost three wickets for 75 runs. R. Neil (17), T. Neill (23), and Howlett (25, not out), played good cricket for their runs.

GORDON v. ST. MARY'S.—Alpha batted first, and scored 72. Darby (20) played a good innings, while Dr. Egan and Landon also batted well for 18 and 15 respectively. Williams was in great form with the ball, getting five of St. Mary's wickets for eight runs. On Gordon going in they made a bad start, losing four wickets for 40; but on Moresby and Fowke getting together, they put a different complexion on the game, and at all of time were still together, with the score at 106. Moresby, who has made 45, not out, played a dashing innings, but was lucky in being missed. Fowke played a really good innings, his 25, not out, being a better display than Moresby's.

PARNELL v. UNITED.—Parnell, who batted first, collapsed before the bowling of Stenson and McPherson, and only succeeded in scoring 58. Lawson, who played a fine, free innings of 22, was the only one to reach double figures. Stenson secured five wickets for 13, and McPherson five for 44. United have so far scored 140 for six wickets. Yates played a fine innings of 38; McPherson batted well for 22; and Lynch, who played quite up to his old form, has got 43, not out.

GORDON II. v. AUCKLAND II.—Gordon scored 137, of which Mowbray made 39, Gilfillan 30, Bedlington 19, and Bell 15, while Auckland only scored 51. Mafi 16, Laxon 12, and Cuff 11.

PONSONBY v. WANDERERS.—Ponsonby, 33 (Pritchard 14). Wanderers, 62 (Donald 26, Whelan 15). Ponsonby in their second innings have lost four wickets for 67 runs.

EDUCATIONAL CHAMBERS v. STAR.—Educational Chambers, 57 (Howard 34). Star, 104 (Jackson 15, Speight 21, Brookes 25, Pooley 12).

MOUNT ROSKILL v. BELMONT.—Mount Roskill, 69 (Froude 33). Belmont, 104 for six wickets (Morison 21, Speight 14, Thomas 17 not out, Hay 32 not out). Hay, a rather small cricketer, played a really fine innings, displaying better cricket than many seniors do. When he gets more strength he should make a really first-class man. Morrison should be well satisfied with his pupil's proficiency.

The Selection Committee have chosen the following twenty players to go into practice for the Canterbury match:—Messrs. J. Fowke, F. V. Kelly, H. B. Lusk, D. Meldrum, T. A. Moresby, J. W. Ryburn, N. T. Williams (Gordon), A. M. Beale, J. T. Howlett, R. Neill, A. O'Brien, Rev. I. Richards (Auckland), C. Harvie, W. Hawkins, D. Lynch, W. Stenson, R. J. Yates (United), W. Gardiner, W. Lawson, I. Mills (Parnell).

Williams did the hat trick in the Gordon-St. Mary's match.

Poland of St. Mary's has gone to Wellington. Jack Arneil will probably play for Auckland against Gordon next week.

AUCKLAND SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

THE fifth annual carnival of the Auckland Swimming Club takes place to-day in the Auckland Graving Dock by the Hobson Street wharf, and promises to eclipse anything of the kind previously held here.

A marquee will be erected, in which afternoon tea will be provided by the Club for its lady-visitors, and seats will be placed all round the dock so as to give everyone an opportunity of having a good view of each of the races.

The handicaps are excellent with one or two exceptions, and the finishes should, in consequence, be very exciting.

The chief items on the programme are the 100 yds. Championship of N.Z., and the 100 yds. Ladies' Bracelet. For the former race four will face the starter, and as each one is confident of success the judges will, I think, have some difficulty in separating them. My fancy is Nicholson, with Scott for second place. The Ladies' Bracelet will bring out about twenty-three, and will be swum in three heats and a final. The result will possibly be:—Brigham 1st., Gittos 2nd., Cosser 3rd., with Leo. Myers for a boil over.

The Back Race should be won by A. L. W. Maclean.

For the 80 yds. Maiden I fancy Goldwater and Cassidy.

There are other races on the programme which will be the cause of a lot of amusement for the spectators, such as the Siamese Race, Hurdle Race, and Blindfold Race, and as the Committee have worked very hard to ensure success, the gathering should be a very successful one.

AUCKLAND REGATTA.

THE sport on Regatta Day promises to be very interesting, as the Committee has spared no pains in trying to make it a success, and all that is now required are numerous entries and a good attendance.

The Union Steam Ship Company have placed the Te Anau at the Committee's disposal as a flag ship, and she will take a trip towards Tiri after the last race, returning to the wharf in good time.

The scow race should prove interesting, as there are a great number of this class of vessel in the harbour at the present time, and there is not much expense in getting them ready, as the condition states that they must start in ordinary trim. The cutter race in former years used to be of great interest, but of late years it has rather fallen off, owing to certain wealthy owners going to great expense in getting new gear, etc., which the poorer ones could not afford to do. The Committee this year have wisely passed a resolution that all cutters must start in ordinary trim with the usual working canvass and false keels, no kites or extra ballast allowed. This regulation should produce a numerous entry, as when it entails no extra expense many owners will enter even for the fun of the thing, as they may as well have a sail as remain at anchor.

The second and third-class yacht races will be one of the sights and most exciting contests of the day, as a great number of them are new boats, and are untried. It is also expected that some of the southern yachts competing at the Wellington Regatta on January 22, will come up and compete in the second-class race.

The Whaleboat Race should result in a close contest between the Waitemata, Thames, Onehunga, and Waitara crews, as they are all good ones and are in strict training. The Naval Cutter Race will in all probability fall through owing to the difference, it is said, in the build of the boats; but the Club Whaleboat Race will bring out a good many competitors, and prove an exciting race, thus making up for the Cutters. As the Te Anau has four life rafts on board, some good fun should be had in the go-as-you-please contest, as they are to be manned by the ship's crew. The public will be well looked after in the flagship, as the catering is in the hands of the ship's officers, who undertake it all, and an excellent band will be provided.

In conclusion, it is worthy of notice that one of the members of the present Committee, Mr. G. S. Graham, is one of the founders of the Auckland Regatta as far back as 1850.

SPORTING ITEMS.

The well-known steeplechase horse Orlando has been sold to an Australian sportsman for 350 guineas, and will be shipped on Tuesday next per s.s. Whakatipu.

Occident and Tempest have been scratched for all their Wellington engagements.

The weights for the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup are due on Monday.

On referring back, it appears that St. Andrew was last for both the New Zealand and Auckland Cups.

The racehorse Knight of the Garter, a stable companion of Cymaro, has been burned to death at Ashburton.—*Referee.*

Mr. Lethbridge has been going in heavy this season with his mares to Somnus, as Fame, Foam, Affection, and Sylph are all covered by him.

Major George's horses in training are to be removed from Greenlane to his own place at Wapiti, Epsom, during next week.

Weights for the minor handicaps in connection with the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting will be declared by Mr. Knight on Monday.

Polo ponies are selling well in England at the present time. On looking through the late files of *The Field* we notice that at Tattersall's one fetched 270 guineas and three others made over 200 guineas apiece.

We understand that Reprisal and Fiesole are to be sent to Dunedin next week to fulfil their engagements. The best of the pair at the weights should have a show in the Publican's Handicap.

Koss Heaton, J. Priest, and A. Williams have returned to Auckland, evidently thinking that they are better off here than in Australia, as good riders at the present time are scarce in New Zealand.

The *Sporting Standard* is responsible for the following:—"It is reported that Prince Sotzkoff has been offered the big figure of £20,000 for the Cæsarewitch winner, Sheen."

Carbine is again all right and doing good work, and if his split hoof does not come against him we may expect to see him win one or more good races before he finally retires from the turf at the end of the present season, which is Mr. Wallace's intention at present.

The old stallion Albany died on New Year's Day at Russley. He was foaled in 1867, and was got by Thormanby—Griselda, by Touchstone. He was imported to Christchurch in 1874 by Mr. E. Griffiths. He was the sire of some good sprinters, including Nonsense, Oudeis, Disowned, Mischieff, Whisper, etc.

"Spectator," in the *Weekly Press*, has the following, which has turned out right:—"When reviewing the list of stock to be sold at Sylvia Park a few weeks back, I expressed my opinion against others that have valued the stock, and I feel convinced that it will fetch more than the £17,000 the Bank put upon it."

It is said that a prize of £3,000 will be offered for any trotter that can cover a mile in two minutes on the straight track in Monmouth Park, New York. The trial is to come off next September, and the probable triers will be Maud S., Gunot, Axtell, Belle Hamlin, Guy, and Polo Alto.—*Weekly Press.*

Messrs. Yuille and Co., Melbourne, held a sale of thoroughbred stock at their yards on Jan. 2. The principal lots sold were:—Tourbillon, br m, 5yrs, 450 gns., Mr. D. Wallace; Despised, b g, 2yrs, 250 gns., Mr. Fountain; Submission, b f, 2yrs, 330 gns., Mr. Miller; Investigator, ch c, 4yrs, by Cadogan out of Deceit, 340 gns., Mr. Gerrard; Yarra, ch m, 5yrs, 240 gns., Mr. Maroney; and Allurement, ch f, 2yrs, 310 gns., Mr. Littlewood.

"Augur," of the *Australasian*, has the following:—"Mr. Greville Pountney, the secretary of the Queensland Turf Club, will shortly relinquish the post of handicapper. It seems to me an extraordinary circumstance that the secretary of the leading club should have held the position of handicapper so long. The two offices might well go together at some country village, but it is a very different thing when the leading racing institute of an important colony is concerned. I don't think Mr. Pountney will regret the change, for, next to a sporting writer, the most unthankful position in connection with the turf is that of a handicapper. Act conscientiously, and you will make enemies."

The Takapuna Jockey Club's privileges for the Summer Meeting, which eventuates on January 29th (Anniversary Day), and Saturday, January 31st, are to be sold at Brunswick Mart, by Messrs. Digby Tonks and Co., on Friday next, January 23rd, as per advertisement in another column.

Mr. W. Lyons, the well-known and popular bookmaker, returned on a visit to Auckland by the Wairarapa. When here in the good old times before the introduction of the totalisator, which is fast ruining racing, he was one of the pluckiest fielders in the Auckland Ring. If you wanted a fair amount on a horse you had only to go to him or Jimmy Poole, and you would be satisfied at a legitimate price. Alas! those days are passed. You have now to be satisfied with the petty amount the machine gives you. Mr. Lyons, or, as he is commonly called, "Bill Lyons," looks remarkably well, and we are glad to learn that he has considerably increased his banker's account with the recent win of Too Soon in the Carrington Stakes. Mr. Lyons well deserved a turn with him after all the patience he has displayed. At the onset he paid, if we remember right, 375 guineas, a long price considering that, as his name indicates, he was a July foal. Then came an attack of influenza, which has made him a roarer. However, after all the adversities a race owner is subject to, he has re-couped the outlay. May the next venture be a more successful one for Mr. Lyons.

The London *Sportsman*, in noticing the result of the last Melbourne Cup, says the following take precedence among the rich prizes which have recently been competed for on the turf:—The Futurity Stakes, won by Potomac (a son of St. Blaise) at Coney Island in August last, worth to the winner £13,590; Eclipse Stakes, at Sandown Park, won by Ayrshire last year, £11,165; Prince of Wales' Stakes, at Leicester, in 1889, won by Donovan, £11,000; Lancashire Plate, at Manchester, won by Seabreeze in 1888, £10,322, and by Donovan in 1889, £10,131. The Eclipse Stakes in 1886 and in 1888 was each year worth £10,000 to the winner. The value of the last Melbourne Cup to the winner was £10,000.—[There the *Sportsman* makes a mistake; the value of the Melbourne Cup was worth £10,080, exclusive of the trophy, value 150 sovs.—Ed. S.R.]

The Poverty Bay Turf Club's Summer Meeting took place on Tuesday and Wednesday. The weather was fine, and the attendance of the public large on both days. Sport opened on Tuesday with the County Stakes, 1½ miles, which was won by Avis from Privateer, Zacho, and Zanzibar. Only a head divided the first three horses. The Hurdle Race fell to Caitiff (9st), Raven (10st 2lbs), and Waterfall (11st 7lbs) being the only other starters. Waterfall fell, and Caitiff won by a length. Wakatipu (8st.) won the Tauranga Stakes, 1½ miles, being followed home by Kapo (7st 3lbs) and Pani (8st 7lbs). Chicago's brother won by a length in 3min 12 4-5ths secs. and paid a dividend of £8 10s. Another good race was witnessed in the Maiden Plate, 1 mile, Harlequin beating Leolure by a head, Crescent being well up, third. The Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs, was won by Retina (7st 8lbs) in 1min 17½secs, Pursestring (8st) was second, and Huerfana (8st 4lbs) third. Assassin won the Hurry Scurry, but was disqualified for being ineligible to run under the conditions of the race, and Othello was declared the winner. On Wednesday the Stewards' Handicap, seven furlongs, was the first event on the card. This fell to Retina (9st 2lbs), who won easily from Papakura (6st 6lbs), Puti (6st), and four others. The time was 1min 31 2-5ths secs. The Second Hurdle Race, like the first one, fell to Caitiff (9st 10lbs), who was followed home by Raven (10st), Bit of Blue (9st 7lbs), and three others, including Waterfall (12st 12lbs). Caitiff won easily in 4min 3 2-5ths secs. Wakatipu showed that his win on the previous day was no fluke, for he won the Tradesmen's Handicap easily, beating Kupenga, Nōra, and others. A most exciting finish in the Publicans' Purse resulted in a dead heat between Kupenga (6st 13lbs) and Truthful (6st), Huerfana (8st 5lbs) being half a length away third, and four others behind. During the two days the large sum of £6,090 was passed through the totalizators.

Mr. H. N. Abbott (Adam Bede), having become tired of Sydney, has disposed of his business there.

A novel and interesting foot race will take place in the Domain at eleven o'clock this morning, when a 100yds match for £5 a-side will be run between Mr. J. Larkins (the well-known contractor) and Mr. P. Quinlan (the genial host of the Edinburgh Castle Hotel, Symonds street). The conditions of the match are that Mr. Quinlan shall carry sufficient to bring his weight up to that of Mr. Larkins, whose burly form is said to turn the scale at 16 stone, and both men are to start from scratch. This match is the outcome of one run last week between Mr. Quinlan and Mr. T. Mullally, when the former won easily.

The leading bookmakers of the old country of late years have laid themselves out to acquiring large landed estates, and settling down as country gentlemen. The latest instance is Mr. James Webster, once a turf commission agent on the list system in Glasgow, but, on account of the interference of Parliament, was obliged to shift his base of operations to Calais, in France, where for years he has done a roaring trade with British clients. He has now purchased the historical chateau and extensive lands of the ancient barony of St. Blaise, formerly the residence of the Barons St. Blaise, an old French family. Years ago, before he had to migrate from Scotland, Mr. Webster did an extensive business in the double and treble event line, which is now almost obsolete. I remember two young fellows striking him for the Cæsarewitch and Cambridgeshire—£10,000 to £10, I think it was—before the weights appeared. On the Monday morning one of them went into Glasgow for their money, and on presenting the voucher at the office, received a cheque for the amount, less the usual commission. The bank was not open, and the lucky backer was in a state of feverish anxiety lest the piece of paper should not be honoured; but the doors were at last opened, and his "bad half-hour" was over when the teller put the usual business-like query: "How will you have it, sir?" It is satisfactory to know that these two young men did not lose their heads over their turn of fortune. On the other hand, they had the good sense to stick to their money, and the turf knew them no more.—*Sporting Standard*. Webster was one of the most straightforward commission agents on the English turf; enormous sums used to pass through his hands.

The Victorians were favoured with beautiful weather for their meeting at Flemington on New Year's Day, and the racing was very good. The opening event was the Normanby Stakes, for which seven youngsters came to the post. Hartington was made favourite, notwithstanding his 7lb penalty, but he was the first beaten, Sword Bearer by Grandmaster—Cerito, winning by half-a-neck, Lady Carbine second, Albina third, a length and a-half away. The winner is a magnificent colt, Lady Carbine being a pony alongside of him. The Standish Handicap, as is usual with sprint races, attracted a good field of twenty-three. Gladstone, 5yrs, 8st, won a good race by a head from Prattler, 6yrs, 7st 10lbs, Forest King, 3yrs, 7st 5lbs, third, a head from second. Orangeman, 12st 1lb, upheld the credit of Auckland, winning the Steeplechase by a length and a half from Sir Joshua, 9st 7lbs, Civis, 9st 7lbs, third, two others being behind them. Orangeman must have greatly improved since J. Rae parted with him, as the time for the two miles and a half (5min 39secs) was good. The Bagot Handicap of 1,000 sovs, added to sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each, the principal race of the day, brought twelve to the post. The favourite (Greygown, 3yrs, 7st 5lb) winning in a canter by two lengths, Tarcoola (4yrs, 8st 4lbs) second, and Jebusite (6yrs, 8st) a bad third.

TURF RECORD.

WHANGAREI RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.	
FIRST DAY, FRIDAY, JAN. 9, 1891.	
HANDICAP HACK RACE of 10 sovs.; 1 mile.	
24	Mr. G. Siever's b h Clinch, 3 yrs., 6st 7lb (Gold- ing)..... 1
51	Mr. J. Maitland's blk c Ma Boughal, 3 yrs., 8st 4lb (Hodson)..... 2
6	Mr. R. Williams' b g Bacchus, aged, 7st 5lb, including 5lbs over (Cook)..... 3
11	Mr. A. R. Harris' b m Winifred, 4 yrs., 8st 8lb (Reid)..... 0
2	Mr. G. A. Peckham's b m Miss Knottingly, aged, 7st, including 3lbs over (Manning)..... 0
2	Mr. S. Rawnley's g f Zulu Maid, 3 yrs., 6st 7lb (White)..... 0

Won comfortably by two lengths. Dividend (16s. tickets), £1 16s.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 25 sovs. Over 8 flights of hurdles. 2 miles.

64	Mr. H. C. Tonks' b g Nap, aged, 9st 7lb (Burns)..... 1
17	Mr. R. H. Wight's blk g Platch, aged, 9st 7lb (Hatton)..... 2
19	Mr. J. T. Stewart's b g General, 5 yrs., 9st, (Reid)..... 3
27	Mr. H. H. Hayr's br m Ma Petite Fille, aged, 10st 5lb (Fergus)..... 0
44	Mr. A. Joseph's blk g Titoki, aged, 9st 10lb (Williams)..... 0
50	Mr. J. Byers' b g Orakei, 6 yrs, 9st 7lb (Mc- Minimin)..... 0
2	Mr. D. Maroney's b g Traveller, aged, 9st (Quintal)..... 0

223 All the horses ran off at the second hurdle. Nap won by a length. Dividend, £1 11s.

TRIAL STAKES HANDICAP of 20 sovs. One mile.

12	Mr. J. Maitland's blk c Ma Boughal, 3 yrs., 6st 10lb (Hodson)..... 1
70	Mr. W. McMinimin's ro g Hailstone, aged, 7st 10lb (Lindsay)..... 2
20	Mr. A. Thomas' ch g Sirloin, aged, 8st 4lb (White)..... 3
74	Mr. J. Stenning's b g Iron Bark, 5 yrs, 8st, (Cook)..... 0
7	Mr. J. Masefield's br m Chrysalis, 5 yrs, 7st 7lb (Smith)..... 0
20	Mr. H. Hickton's b g Memorandum, aged, 7st 7lb (Hickton)..... 0
6	Mr. J. Negus' br g Landseer, aged, 7st (Man- ning)..... 0
12	Mr. J. Wilson's br g Premier, 6yrs, 6st 7lb (Dixon)..... 0

221 Won all out by a length, half a length between second and third. Dividend, £8 5s.

WHANGAREI RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 50 sovs. 1½ miles.

63	Mr. J. Fletcher's br h Ingorina, 4 yrs, 8st 10lb, (Owner)..... 1
113	Mr. W. Robertson's ch m Leorina, aged, 10st 4lb (Taylor)..... 2
13	Mr. J. Stenning's b g Iron Bark, 5 yrs, 7st 10lb (Cook)..... 3
36	Mr. J. Bland's br h Stamford, 5 yrs, 7st 10lb (Hodson)..... 0
24	Mr. J. Negus' blk g Holly, aged, 7st (Murphy)..... 0
17	Mr. F. North's ch h Albert, 4yrs, 6st 7lb (Heaps)..... 0
24	Mr. S. Dickey's ch g Echo, 5yrs. 6st (Dickey)..... 0

290 Won hard held, three lengths between second and third. Time, 3min. 15sec. Dividend, £2 1s.

FLYING HANDICAP of 15 sovs. 7 furlongs.

71	Mr. J. Fletcher's br h Ingorina, 4 yrs, 9st, (Fletcher)..... 1
19	Mr. J. Maitland's blk c Ma Boughal, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb (Hodson)..... 2
41	Mr. McMinimin's ro g Hailstone, aged, 7st 10lb (Lindsay)..... 3
31	Mr. A. Thomas' ch g Sirloin, aged, 8st 4lb (White)..... 0
4	Mr. H. Hickton's b g Memorandum, aged, 7st 7lb (owner)..... 0
1	Mr. J. Negus' blk g Holly, aged, 7st 7lb (Murphy)..... 0
4	Mr. J. Wilson's br g Premier, 6 yrs, 6st 10lb (Dixon)..... 0
6	Mr. J. McMinimin's br m Prestissimo, 4 yrs, 6st 7lb (Golding)..... 0
6	Mr. R. Williams' b g Bacchus, aged, 8st 6lb including 27lb over (Hatton)..... 0
14	Mr. G. Siever's b c Clinch, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb (Man- ning)..... 0

197 Won easily by a length, half a length between second and third. Dividend, £1 14s.

MAIDEN STEEPLCHASE HANDICAP of 25 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from stakes. About 2 miles.

45	Mr. J. Byer's b g Orakei, aged, 10st (McMini- min)..... 1
20	Mr. R. Wight's blk g Platch, aged, 10st (Hatton)..... 2
34	Mr. A. Joseph's blk g Titoki, aged, 10st 9lb (Williams)..... fell
45	Mr. H. C. Tonks' b g Nap, aged, 10st (Burns) bkd
17	Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Moderator, aged, 9st 10lb (Fergus)..... fell
4	Mr. A. Clark's br g Sergeant, aged, 9st 7lb (Stead)..... bkd

165 Won easily by three lengths. Dividend, £1 13s.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1891.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 15 sovs. One mile and a distance.

39	Mr. J. Byer's b g Orakei, aged, 8st 8lb (Cook)..... 1
86	Mr. J. Maitland's blk c Ma Boughal, 3 yrs, 8st (Hodson)..... 2
48	Mr. G. Siever's b h Clinch, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb (Gold- ing)..... 3

173 Won by ten lengths. Dividend, £1 19s.

KENSINGTON PARK HANDICAP of 30 sovs. 1½ miles.

225	Mr. W. Robertson's ch m Leorina, aged, 10st 2lb (Taylor)..... 1
40	Mr. F. North's ch h Albert, 4 yrs, 6st 7lb (Hodson)..... 2
10	Mr. S. Dickey's ch g Echo, 5 yrs, 6st 5lb (Dickey)..... 3
78	Mr. J. Stenning's b g Iron Bark, 5 yrs, 7st 9lb (Cook)..... 0
28	Mr. J. Negus' blk g Holly, aged, 7st 11lb (Manning)..... 0

381 Won easily by three lengths, half a head between second and third. Dividend, 15s.

NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 35 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. About 3 miles.

18 Mr. H. C. Tonks' b g Nap, aged, 9st 12lb (Burns) 1
12 Mr. A. Joseph's blk g Titoki, aged, 10st 6lb (Williams) 2
20 Mr. J. T. Stewart's b g General, 5 yrs, 9st 7lb (Simpson) 3
89 Mr. Bradley's ch g Justice, aged, 10st 12lb (Byers) bkd
24 Mr. A. Raynes' g g Jim, aged, 10st 8lb (Stead) bkd
10 Mr. R. H. Wight's blk g Platch, aged, 9st 12lb (Hatton) 0
12 Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Moderator, 5 yrs, 9st 12lb (Fergus) 0

185 Won by a nose, a bad third. Dividend, £4 12s.
PUBLICANS' PURSE HANDICAP of 20 sovs. 1 1/2 miles.

111 Mr. W. Robertson's ch m Leorina, aged, 10st 5lb (Taylor) 1
41 Mr. W. McMinimin's ro g Hailstone, aged, 7st 6lb (Golding) 2
15 Mr. S. Dickey's ch g Echo, 5 yrs, 6st (Dickey) 3

167 Won easily by three lengths. Dividend, 13s.
AUCTION STAKES of 20 sovs. One mile.

136 Mr. A. Thomas' ch g Sirloin, £30, aged, 8st (Lindsay) 1
87 Mr. A. R. Harris' b m Temukei, £20, 6 yrs, 7st 7lb (Hodson) 2
23 Mr. J. Wilson's br g Premier, £20, 6 yrs, 7st 7lb (Dixon) 3
19 Mr. J. Negus' blk g Holly, £50, aged, 9st (Murphy) 0
7 Mr. R. Williams' b g Bacchus, £40, aged, 8st 7lb (Hatton) 0

272 Won all out by half a length. Dividend, 18s.
FAREWELL HANDICAP of 15 sovs. One mile.

9 Mr. J. McMinimin's br m Prestissimo, 4 yrs, 6st (Golding) 1
87 Mr. J. Maitland's blk c Ma Boughal, 3 yrs, 7st 3lb (Hodson) 2
49 Mr. A. Thomas' ch g Sirloin, aged, 8st 4lb (Lindsay) 3
89 Mr. J. Stenning's b g Iron Bark, 5 yrs, 7st 10lb (Cook) 0
11 Mr. J. Negus' blk g Holly, aged, 7st 5lb (Manning) 0
17 Mr. F. North's ch h Albert, 4 yrs, 6st 5lb (Heaps) 0

262 Won all out by a length, half a length between second and third. Dividend, £13 6s.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY, DECEMBER 26, 1890.
WEATHER fine; course dry and hard. Totalisator tickets 10s. throughout the day.

PARAWAI HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Distance, 1 mile.
88 Mr. N. Dickey's ch m Lioness, aged, 8st, Hatton 1
159 Mr. R. Browne's ch g Clarion, aged, 7st 7lb 2
98 Mr. A. Greenwood's ch g Te Kooti, 5 yrs, 7st 7lb 0

345 Won easily. Te Kooti bolted. Dividend, £1 15s.
THAMES HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs, second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Over 8 flights of hurdles. Distance, 2 miles.

148 Mr. W. McMinamin's ro g Hailstone, aged, 10st 12lb, Frewin 1
76 Mr. H. Windsor's ch g Wideawake, aged 10st 2
74 Mr. A. Greenwood's b g Neli, aged, 9st 3lb 0

298 Won easily. Dividend, 18s.
THAMES HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

159 Mr. H. Harrison's b m Tamora, aged, 9st, Ryan 1
161 Mr. R. Browne's ch g Clarion, aged, 7st 7lb 2
174 Mr. N. Dickey's ch m Lioness, aged, 8st 10lb 3
41 Mr. A. Greenwood's ch g Te Kooti, 5 yrs, 7st 7lb 0
56 Mr. W. E. Ryan's b m Ringtail, 6 yrs, 7st 6lb 0

492 Won by a length. Dividend, £1 7s.
COUNTY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, 2 1/2 miles.

170 Mr. J. Byers' ch g Justice, 5 yrs, 10st 12lb, Byers 1
19 Mr. W. H. Wright's blk g Platch, 6 yrs, 9st 7lb 2
19 Mr. R. McWilliam's b g Prospector, aged, 9st 7lb 3
113 Mr. Bennett's cr g Macaroni, aged, 10st 7lb 0
63 Mr. W. Cowley's gr g Peter, aged, 10st 7lb 0
42 Mr. J. Lynch's b g Resolution, aged, 10st 0
12 Mr. Murray's b g Oliver, aged, 9st 7lb 0

438 Won easily. Dividend, £1 3s.
CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 25 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of more than £15. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

153 Mr. H. Windsor's b m Ilma, 3 yrs, 8st, Owner 1
34 Mr. J. Earle's br m Eva, 7st 7lb 2
147 Mr. A. Greenwood's b g Captive, 3 yrs, 8st 3
9 Mr. Bennett's Green Ribbon, 6st 10lb 0

343 Won easily. Dividend, £1.
STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1 1/4 miles.

188 Mr. R. H. Brown's ch g Clarion, aged, 10st 12lb 1

124 Mr. H. H. Harrison's b m Tamora, aged, 10st 12lb 2
250 Mr. N. Dickey's blk g Lioness, aged, 10st 12lb 3

362 Won by a nose. Dividend, 17s.

SECOND DAY, DECEMBER 27, 1890.
MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

166 Mr. H. Harrison's b m Tamora, aged, 10st 7lb, Ryan 1
88 Mr. R. Browne's ch g Clarion, aged, 8st 6lb, Teddy 2
118 Mr. H. Windsor's b m Ilma, 3 yrs, 6st 10lb, Pennell 3

372 Won easily. Dividend, £1.
LOCAL HANDICAP of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1 mile.

133 Mr. N. Dickey's ch m Lioness, aged, 8st 8lb, Hatton 1
13 Mr. W. E. Ryan's b m Ringtail, 6 yrs, 7st 7lb, Dunston 2
14 Mr. J. Earle's br m Eva, 6st 7lb 3
104 Mr. N. Dickey's ch m Lady Marion, 3 yrs, 7st 7lb 0

264 Won by half a head. Dividend, 17s.
THAMES HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Distance, about 2 1/2 miles.

41 Mr. W. Cowley's gr g Peter, aged, 10st, Scarborough 1
27 Mr. R. McWilliam's b g Prospector, aged 9st 7lb, Coleman 2
192 Mr. A. Joseph's b g Te Toki, aged, 10st 3lb, Frewin 3
135 Mr. W. McMinamin's ro g Hailstone, aged, 10st 3lb, Fergus 0
51 Mr. W. H. Wight's Platch, aged, 9st 7lb 0

446 Won by half a length. Hailstone fell. Dividend, £4 17s.

THAMES GOLDFIELDS HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1 1/4 miles.

56 Mr. H. Windsor's b m Ilma, 3 yrs, 8st 6lb, Pennell 1
78 Mr. W. E. Ryan's Ringtail, 6 yrs, 6st 2
239 Mr. H. Harrison's b m Tamora, aged, 10st 5lb, Ryan 3
45 Mr. R. H. Browne's ch g Clarion, aged, 8st 4lb, Dufty 0

418 Won by a length. Dividend, £3 7s.
COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 35 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1 1/4 miles.

79 Mr. W. H. Wright's blk g Platch, 6 yrs, 9st 7lb, Hatton 1
148 Mr. J. Byers' ch g Justice, 5 yrs, 12st 7lb, Byers 2
54 Mr. J. Lynch's b g Resolution, aged, 9st, Williams 3
26 Mr. R. H. White's b g Bacchus, 6 yrs, 9st 0
14 Mr. J. Moore's Turua, aged, 9st 0

321 Won easily. Dividend, £1 16s.
FREE HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Distance, 1 mile.

119 Mr. W. McMinamin's ro g Hailstone, aged, 7st 7lb, Comer 1
57 Mr. N. Dickey's ch m Lady Marion, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb 2
54 Mr. W. E. Ryan's b m Ringtail, 6 yrs, 7st, Pennell 3

230 Won easily by two lengths. Dividend, 17s.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

WEIGHTS.
DUNEDIN CUP of 600 sovs. Two miles and a distance.

Merrie England 9 3 Peerswick 7 2
Crackshot 8 10 Reprisal 7 2
Hilda 8 9 Patchwork 7 0
Occident 8 9 Diadem 7 0
Medallion 8 7 Thackeray 6 12
Freedom 8 3 Mariner 6 12
Wolverine 8 0 Queen of Trumps 6 9
Cruchfield 7 8 Catamount 6 9
St. Andrew 7 5 Gipsy King 6 5
Exchange 7 3 Leinster 6 5
Prime Warden 7 3

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Merrie England 9 8 Mariner 7 0
Crackshot 9 2 Palliser 7 0
St. Andrew 9 0 Thackeray 6 12
Cissy 8 12 Miss George 6 12
Freedom 8 9 Queen of Trumps 6 12
Wolverine 8 6 Total Eclipse 6 12
Quadrant 8 2 Fiesole 6 12
Ruby 7 13 Apres Moi 6 10
St. Malo 7 10 Loo 6 10
Rosebud 7 10 Alsace 6 10
Prime Warden 7 8 Retotara 6 8
Reprisal 7 8 Lady Belle 6 8
Dispute 7 7 Dragon 6 8
Exchange 7 7 Bay King 6 5
Peerswick 7 7 Wayland 6 5
Moraine 7 5 Pique 6 3
Diadem 7 5 Forbury 6 3
Red Cross 7 2 Lady Belfhor 6 3
Heather Bell 7 2 Amulet 6 0
Hazel 7 2 Lady Mab 6 0
Tempest 7 0 Langley 6 0

G. DOWSE, Handicapper.

TAPAPUNA SUMMER MEETING.

WEIGHTS.
TAKAPUNA CUP, of 150 sovs. One mile and a-half.

Regel 6 0 Tamora 7 8
Leorina 9 4 Dreamer 7 6
St. Michael 8 13 Scot Free 7 4
Antelope 8 10 Belmont 7 4
Reprisal 8 6 Clarion 7 2
Coalscuttle 8 6 Cartridge 7 0
Patchwork 8 4 Lioness 6 8
Loch Ness 8 0 Warrior 6 0
Ingorina 7 9

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. Three miles and a-half.

Titoki 9 7 Takapau 9 12
Orlando 13 7 Sentinel 9 12
Silvio 11 4 Justice 9 10
Parnell 10 5 Moderator 9 10
Hopeful Kate 10 4 Nap 9 7
Hune 10 0 Revoke 9 7
Asper 10 0 Shamrock 9 7
Fishmonger 9 13

W. KNIGHT, Handicapper.

EGMONT RACING CLUB. WEIGHTS.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES. Two miles and a distance.

The Spy 12 10 Sentinel 9 7
Jenny 11 10 Takapau 9 7
Waterfall 11 5 Jubilee 9 7
Jacob 10 5 Crawler 9 0
Rere 10 5 Koromiko 9 0
Pizarro 10 0 Satyr 9 0
Hailstone 9 10 The Peer 9 0
Wardrobe 9 9

EGMONT HANDICAP. Two miles.

Hilda 9 4 Foxton 7 6
Cissy 8 13 Katinka 7 6
Dudu 8 10 Weka 7 5
Cynisca 8 9 Arnoel 7 5
Recluse 8 8 Vendor 7 4
Strephon 8 7 Kei Kei 7 4
Cruchfield 8 7 Quilt 7 3
Jet d'Eau 8 5 Orator 7 2
St. Malo 8 0 Lady Ledger 6 10
Lenore 7 10 The Dreamer 6 7
Montrose 7 8 Eileen 6 4
Leolantis 7 8 La Petite Fille 6 3
Patchwork 7 8 Mirabelle 6 0
Antelope 7 8 She 6 0
Leorina 7 8 Amina 6 0

HAWERA WELTER HANDICAP. One mile.

The Spy 11 0 Pizarro 9 0
Lenore 10 10 Eileen 8 11
Montrose 10 0 The Peer 8 10
Cyclone 9 10 Fleta 8 7
Vendor 9 10 Marehu (late Mangle) 8 7
Weka 9 7 filly 8 7
Orator 9 2 Mirabelle 8 0

FLYING HANDICAP. 6 furlongs.

Cissy 9 6 Arnoel 7 8
Quadrant 9 0 Cyclone 7 7
Cynisca 8 12 Weka 7 7
Recluse 8 10 Lenore 7 7
Strephon 8 10 Quilt 7 6
Boulanger 8 8 Jenny 7 4
Antelope 8 8 Eileen 6 12
Jet d'Eau 8 7 Fleta 6 7
St. Malo 8 2 Josephine 6 7
Leolantis 8 0 Impulse 6 7
Katinka 7 11 She 6 0
Montrose 7 10 Marechal Neil 6 0

W. HATELY, Handicapper.

WHITFORD PARK ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

To be held on FEBRUARY 12th, 1891.

PROGRAMME (approved by A.R.C.):

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs. out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles about 3ft 6in high. Distance, 1 1/2 miles. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 7s 6d.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs. out of stakes. For horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 20 sovs. at time of starting. Distance, 1 mile. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 7s 6d.

HANDICAP NOVEL RACE of 15 sovs. Winner to be sold immediately after the race, and the whole of the proceeds to go to the Club. Distance, 1/2 mile. Nomination, 7s 6d; acceptance, 7s 6d.

WHITFORD CUP HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Second horse to receive 2 1/2 sovs. out of stakes. Distance, 1 1/2 miles. Nomination, 12s 6d; acceptance, 12s 6d.

SETTLERS' RACE of 10 sovs., second horse to receive 1 sov. out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding 20 sovs. at time of starting. To be the property of present owner for preceding three months. For horses the property of ratepayers in Maraetai, Whitford, East Tamaki, and Pakuranga. Distance, 1/2 mile. Lowest weight, 9st. Entrance 10s.

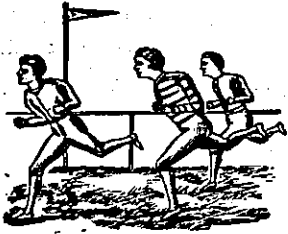
OSTRICH STAKES HANDICAP of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs. out of stakes. Winner of Whitford Cup to carry 7lb penalty. Distance 1 mile. Nomination, 7/6; acceptance, 7/6.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs. out of the stakes. Distance 1/2 mile. Nomination, 7/6; acceptance, 7/6.

Nominations close on Friday, January 30, at 8 p.m. Weights appear on Tuesday, February 3rd. Acceptances and General Entries close on Friday, February 6th, at 8 p.m.

All nominations, acceptances, etc., to be addressed to the Secretary, Star Hotel, Otahuhu; or, Mr. H. H. Hayr, Tattersall's, Auckland.

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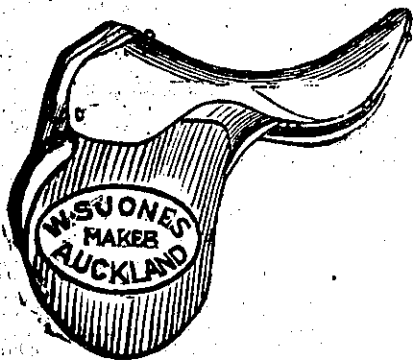
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TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB. SUMMER MEETING.

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,
JANUARY 29 AND 31, 1891.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

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

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

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

TAKAPUNA CUP HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Nominations closed.

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. Nominations closed.

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

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

SECOND DAY.

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

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

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

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 75 sovs. Nominations closed.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs. Nominations closed.

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.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS,
ACCEPTANCES, &c.

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

Monday, January 19—Handicap Maiden, Handicap Hurdles, Zealandia Handicap, Hobson Handicap, and Steward's 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. WYNARD,
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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
18TH AND 19TH FEBRUARY, 1891.

Nominations and Acceptances will be received at the office of the Club, Hawera, and by Harry H. Hayr, Tattersall's, Auckland, and Alfred T. Danvers, Napier, as follows:—

NOMINATIONS.

Saturday, 24th January, 1891, at 9 p.m.—Sapling Stakes, Nursery Handicap, Trial Stakes, First Hack Hurdles, Second Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat, Second Hack Flat.

ACCEPTANCES.

Saturday, 24th January, 1891, at 9 p.m.—First Handicap Hurdles, Egmont Handicap, Hawera Welter Handicap, Flying Handicap.

Wednesday, 11th February, 1891, at 9 p.m.—First Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat. Final Payment—Egmont Handicap.

A. G. BRETT, Secretary.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 23,

AT 12 O'CLOCK.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

GATES,

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STALLS,

For the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, to take place at North Shore on Thursday, January 29th (Anniversary Day), and Saturday, January 31st.

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CARNIVAL ON 17TH JANUARY, 1891.

PROGRAMME.

- 1—Maiden Race
- 2—Back Race
- 3—100 Yards Amateur Championship of New Zealand
- 4—Neat Header
- 5—Boys under 16
- 6—Ladies' Bracelet (first heat)
- 7— " (second heat)
- 8— " (third heat)
- 9—Boys under 12
- 10—Blindfold Race
- 11—Siamese Race
- 12—Ladies' Bracelet (final heat)
- 13—Plunging Competition
- 14—Calliope Handicap
- 15—Tug of War.

R. WM. ST. CLAIR,
Hon. Sec.

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