

During the luncheon adjournment of the second day of the match, De Mano, of the Canterbury team, was presented with a handsome pipe by Mr. C. Lewis in recognition of his fine batting display.

Barker and Croxford, of the Otago team, were also presented with bats by Mr. Harper for their successful efforts to win the match for their province.

Saturday last was an off day for cricketers, as the first round of the Senior Cup matches being finished, it was decided not to start on the second round till Saturday 6th.

Seeing the success that has attended the efforts of the Otago Cricket Association in securing the services of a professional player, it is quite on the cards that the Canterbury Association will go in for one next season. In fact, a fair amount has already been collected for this purpose.

Baker, who scored so well against Canterbury, was presented with another bat on his arrival at Dunedin by the Otago Association.

On Saturday afternoon the Lancaster Park Fifteen defeated the U.C.C. by an innings and 80 runs.

Neither of the Park teams have as yet suffered a defeat, and their meeting in the second round is looked forward to with much interest.

#### YACHTING.

The return of the Lyttelton yachts Pastime and Mascotte from Wellington was the signal for much merrymaking on the part of the Lyttelton people. On Tuesday last a dinner was given in their honour, when the crews of both boats were universally complimented on their success in the Empire City.

It is a matter of regret that the Mascotte did not go on to Auckland to measure strength with the Northern cracks, but after the experience of the Maritana, the crew were quite justified in not attempting the journey. However, the £100 prize to be given at the next Lyttelton regatta will probably induce some of the Auckland crafts to pay us a visit.

#### ATHLETICS.

At a meeting of the N.Z.A.A., Mr. J. F. Grierson was appointed one of the handicappers for the forthcoming championship meeting. It was decided that the starting be on the "set style."

The N.S.W. Association notified that Messrs. Corner, White, Bailey, MacPherson, and Sefton would be their representatives.

The Canterbury representatives will not be of the strongest description, as several of the best men will not be able to obtain leave from business.

### SPORTING ITEMS.

RAVEN, the jumper, is dead.

Thackeray has split one of his hoofs.

Jack Keay returned from Australia by the s.s. Mararoa.

Bungebah is a strong tip for the Newmarket Handicap.

Tattler, by Pythan—Butterfly, won the Turakina Handicap.

Whitford Park Races have been postponed to Wednesday next, 18th inst.

Après Moi, having broken down, has been turned into the paddock.

Mr. J. C. Booth returned from Sydney by the s.s. Mararoa on Tuesday last.

It is reported that Megaphone has been injured by an accident in his box.—*Australasian*.

G. Hope left yesterday by s.s. Mararoa, taking with him Quadrant to fulfil his Dunedin engagements.

Reprisal and Fiesole arrived in Dunedin on Wednesday last none the worse for the sea voyage.

Mr. J. Poole will dispose of his racing stud at the Autumn Meeting of the Dunedin Jockey Club.

We have received the following from a correspondent:—"Sir—In your last issue you state that Mr. Stead has named his Nordenfeldt—Steppe colt 'Stepniak,' after a Russian writer. As this is only the name assumed by him, is it not more likely that Mr. Stead, being an educated man, has chosen 'Stepniak' as the name of his colt on account of its appropriateness, the literal meaning of which is 'child of the Steppes.'"

Leorina was shipped to Hawera on Thursday last, to fulfil her engagements at the Egmont Meeting.

Occident is reported to be doing good work on the Forbury track, and should have a good cut in for the Dunedin Cup.

Patchwork and Antelope have been scratched for the Egmont Handicap, and Quadrant for the Flying Stakes.

Messrs. Mason and Roberts have been engaged to work the totalisators for the present season for the Dunedin Jockey Club.

The Dunedin Jockey Club have appealed against the amount at which the St. Kilda Borough Council have rated the course.

The Palmerston and Shag Valley Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting is set down for the 12th March. The added money is £240.

Derrett rode three winners at the A.J.C. Midsummer Meeting—Prime Warden, Enchantress, and Ruby. The veteran is riding as well as ever he did.

The Auckland Racing Club refused to pass the programme for the Lake Takapuna Club on account of the date being too close to the Henderson Mill Meeting.

An error crept into the advertisement of the Pakuranga Hunt Club in last week's issue, in stating the Hunt Club Cup distance to be 1½ miles instead of 1¼ miles.

Messrs. D. Tonks and Co. will sell the privileges for the Pakuranga Hunt Club's Summer Meeting, at the Brunswick Mart, on Friday next, 20th inst. The race meeting will be held at Ellerslie on the 28th inst.

Mr. D. Cooper's Lady Betty, who was taken to England with the late Hon. J. White's horses, has retired from the turf, and gone to Colonel Barlow's stud at Woodbridge, Suffolk.

From an English paper it appears that Oberon, a son of Gallopins, who was taken to India by Lord W. Beresford, could not stand the training in that climate, so he has been sent home, and has gone to Mr. Taylor Sharpe's stud.

Taroola, Portland, and Tantallon have incurred a 10lb penalty for the Australian Cup, and Highborn 14lb. Portland has also incurred 10lb for the Newmarket Handicap, on account of their recent wins at Randwick, Geelong, and Williamstown.

Prime Warden's success at the C.J.C. Midsummer Meeting has brought him forward in the betting for the Dunedin Cup. There is not much doing, but the following are about the prices:—3 to 1 against Hilda and Occident; 4 to 1 against Prime Warden; 5 to 1 against Crackshot and Freedom; 7 to 1 against Wolverine; 12 to 30 to 1 against the others.

We clip the following from the *Australasian*:—"Myal King's success in the Viceroy's Cup, the chief prize on the Indian turf, shows what a good investment Mr. Weeks made for Lord William Beresford, who has now won the race three times with the same horse, the son of King Cole and Queen of the Forrest having previously been victorious in 1887 and the following year. The Australian horses had the field to themselves. The runners consisted of Myal King, Moorhouse, Bravo, Cyclops, and Camillus. Bravo was a strong favourite, but got no nearer than third to Myal King and Moorhouse, the former making all the running, and winning with a length and a half to spare."

Our Taranaki correspondent writes:—"Mr. W. Elliot, of Waitara, has had the misfortune to lose a beautiful young four-year-old racing mare, Flintess, by Flintlock—Miss Walton. The mare was a great 'docer' and gross, and her owner sent for a ball (which, however, proved fatal) and gave it to her, the sufferings of the poor animal was like a poisoned dog. Mr. Elliot wired for the vet. (Mr. Granville), who on arrival informed Mr. Elliot that he could do nothing for the mare, and that she would be dead in less than two hours, which proved correct. The loss is a heavy one, as Mr. Elliot had only three days previously refused an offer of 50 guineas for her. I have had an invitation from Mr. Elliot to visit his place at Waitara, and will at my earliest convenience, giving you results. I am informed that he has one of the finest geldings in his stable, by Flintlock—Folly Farnie, that has ever been bred in this district. He stands 16 hands, and is a splendid jumper, with any amount of pace, and a horse that will ere long command a big figure. More anon."

### WANGANUI AUTUMN MEETING.

#### WEIGHTS.

| WANGANUI CUP, one mile and three-quarters. |       |                 |      |
|--|-------|-----------------|------|
|  | st lb | st lb           |      |
| Hilda                                      | 9 2   | Katinka         | 7 5  |
| Cissy                                      | 8 12  | Aronoel         | 7 5  |
| Crackshot                                  | 8 9   | Montrose        | 7 5  |
| Cynisca                                    | 8 9   | Weka            | 7 2  |
| Dudu                                       | 8 7   | Vendor          | 7 2  |
| Stephon                                    | 8 7   | Pearl Powder    | 7 2  |
| Whisper                                    | 8 4   | Princess Helen  | 7 2  |
| Crutchfield                                | 8 4   | Orator          | 7 2  |
| Recluse                                    | 8 2   | Kiekie          | 7 0  |
| Boullanger                                 | 8 0   | Quilt           | 7 0  |
| St. Andrew                                 | 7 9   | Leonie          | 7 0  |
| Scot Free                                  | 7 8   | Queen of Trumps | 7 0  |
| Foxton                                     | 7 6   | Seraph          | 6 10 |
| Thackeray                                  | 7 6   | Pyramus         | 6 9  |
| Patchwork                                  | 7 6   | Eileen          | 6 4  |
| Jet d'Eau                                  | 7 6   | Lady Ledger     | 6 4  |
| Kapu                                       | 7 5   | Amira           | 6 0  |
| Lenore                                     | 7 5   | She             | 6 0  |

#### FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.

|             | st lb | st lb           |     |
|-------------|-------|-----------------|-----|
| Hilda       | 9 4   | Katinka         | 7 5 |
| Cissy       | 9 2   | Pearl Powder    | 7 4 |
| Cynisca     | 9 2   | Cyclone         | 7 4 |
| Whisper     | 9 0   | Aronoel         | 7 3 |
| Quadrant    | 8 10  | Queen of Trumps | 7 2 |
| Recluse     | 8 6   | Bay King        | 7 0 |
| Boullanger  | 8 2   | Leonie          | 7 0 |
| Thackeray   | 7 10  | Total Eclipse   | 7 0 |
| Retina      | 7 10  | Pyramus         | 6 9 |
| Loch Ness   | 7 9   | Rufus           | 6 9 |
| Pursestring | 7 9   | Josephine       | 6 8 |
| Jet d'Eau   | 7 8   | Fleta           | 6 7 |
| Revenge     | 7 8   | Eileen          | 6 7 |
| Montrose    | 7 6   | M'abelle        | 6 3 |
| Weka        | 7 5   | She             | 6 0 |

#### ENGLISH NOTES.

No sooner is the flat racing over in England than steeplechasing commences. This season they have been greatly interfered with, owing to the hard winter. Therefore, Sandown and Manchester are the only ones of any interest. Not many years ago, £200 added money was considered a good stake, but now £500 and £1,000 are common, while in some instances even £2,000 is added. The Sandown Meeting commenced on December 4th, and extended over three days. Though the races were not interfered with by frost and snow, the weather was, however, cold. Still such is an Englishman's love of sport, the attendance was large and the racing interesting. There were six races each day, but only the two principal races are of any interest to those not on the spot. The Grand Annual Hurdle of 300sovs fell to the Duke of Hamilton's Promoter, by Tyndale—Schemer, who won as he liked. The Grand Annual Steeplechase of 300sovs was reduced to a match between H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' Lord Chatham, by Billy Pitt—Breda, and Mr. Bewicke's Wild Meadow. The former simply cantered away from his opponent, who kept refusing, and won as he liked. It is not often we see His Royal Highness's name returned as a winner.

Messrs. Tattersall's Newmarket December sales have become quite an institution, rivalling their July and Doncaster ones. They commenced on December 16th, and extended over four days. Upwards of 500 lots passed under the hammer. Notwithstanding the number, there were plenty of buyers for all descriptions of animals. A large breeder, just before the Sylvia Park sale, said that he intended to send to England for some mares, as he could get them cheaper than in Australia. If he looks through the list of these sales he will see his mistake, as anything of any account brought good prices. The following are the prices of a few of the brood mares (Springfield's blood is being looked after, several mares by him did not reach their reserve):—Lady Castlereagh (1882), by Castlereagh—Lady Millicent, 1,200 gns; Marie Agnes, by Macaroni—Belle Agnes, 860gns; Celandine, by Hermit—St. Medard's dam, 1,050gns; Monte Rosa, by Craig Millar—Hedge Ross, 1,000gns; Strawberry Hill, by Hampton—Spruce, 1,000gns; Pixie (1882), by Blair Athol—Feronia, 2,200gns (this is a long price, as no Blair Athol mare has ever bred a big winner); Calliope (1883), by Hampton—Crann Torr, 1,000gns; Cassimere (1885), by Camballo—Cashmere, 920gns; Grecian Bend (1884), by Bend Or—Lady Trump, 1,850gns; Madame Hampton (1883), by Hampton, out of Miss Gertrude, 1,150gns; Mercy, by Balcandine—Clemence, 1,000gns; and many others that ranged from 500gns to 800gns, so that a buyer at home would have to put his hand pretty deep into his pocket to purchase brood mares of any breeding at the present time, though if on the spot all the year round you might by chance pick up some bargains.