

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

Table of upcoming sporting events including Matakoe Jockey Club, Dunedin J.C. Autumn Meeting, and various racing clubs.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

Table listing nomination deadlines for various racing events such as the Taranaki Jockey Club and Napier Park R.C.

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

Table showing weight assignments for races like the Hawkes Bay Cup and Railway Stakes.

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

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WE feel gratified at the Sporting Standard taking notice of our little paper and quoting from it. However, we cannot help feeling both amused and flattered at the following remark:—"The N.Z. SPORTING REVIEW does speak its mind, when occasion requires, far more openly than any of us newspaper hacks dare do in Victoria."

Let us inform our contemporary that finding the want of freedom of opinion, especially in sporting matters, was at discount in New Zealand, determined us to start our little paper. Being untrammelled and unassisted, we determined to learn to walk before attempting to run, ergo, the smallness of our paper.

We are sorry to see that the Sydney Referee has not the same faith in us as the Sporting Standard. "Emu," in the former paper, doubts the performance of McPherson in the 250 yards race at the late athletic meeting.

We clip the following from the Australasian:—"Mr. E. T. Barnard, handicapper to the Victorian Racing Club, tendered his resignation a few days ago, but at the earnest request of the Chairman (Mr. C. B. Fisher), he has consented to retain the position until the conclusion of the V.R.C. Autumn Meeting.

1869, when he was appointed to the responsible post, Mr. Barnard has practically controlled the racing of the colony. The mere fact that he has compiled the weights for no less than twenty Melbourne Cups, to say nothing of hundreds of lesser note, at once marks him out as among the principal figures in the group of racing men, to whose efforts the present gratifying position of the turf in Victoria is due, and his retirement will be viewed by the sporting public with feelings of regret.

WE take the following from the Canterbury Times, a great many of the remarks we coincide in:—

"Here is a paragraph taken from one of our American exchanges, which we should like to commend to some of our fellow journalists, and to newspapers readers generally:—I have and shall endeavour to address my readers, without tinge at least of monetary bias, for I judge that they hate with the same hearty disgust which animates me, the torrent of venal slush flowing through specially horse papers, burying neck deep the faults of every animal whose owner will put up a dollar for a 'write up.'"

During fifteen years' connection with the colonial press, we have come across some of the above called reporters; have seen some amusing things happen when they have either received or not received what they considered their due.

Some time ago an opera company, of rather mediocre quality, visited Auckland. They required a puff. An accommodating reporter was soon found, but as he did not understand music, a friend was interviewed; a splendid critique written out and sent to the office, and was duly published.

One other case we will mention. A young fellow, who did not know one end of a horse from another, and who had never seen a race-course, was anxious to become a sporting reporter. Having plenty of cheek, he managed to wheedle his way to be made a special correspondent for a certain paper. He goes