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ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.

THAT Auckland bicyclists did not distinguish themselves at the recent Championship Meeting must be admitted. For their shortcomings some weighty excuses may be pleaded; and at the same time valuable lessons may be learned from their doughty conquerors—*fas est ab hoste doceri!* Our picturesque undulations, however attractive they may be to the gaze of the artist or globe-trotter, do not render our dwelling place a cyclist's paradise. Good tracks and splendid level roads abound in Canterbury, and to those facilities the undeniable superiority of Messrs. Wilmot, Hayward and Ledsham must chiefly be attributed. Without half the apparent effort of our men those riders kept going at a cracking pace all the way, and still had in hand a splendid spurt to use at the finish, or whenever deemed advisable. Hitherto our bicyclists have appeared to be content to traverse the greater part of the distance at a comparatively moderate pace, hoping to win the race in the last couple of laps. Christchurch men seem to ride the whole time, and yet have plenty to spare for a spurt. Yet physically they are not better men than ours. How then do they do it? Mainly by a superior knack of pedalling acquired on the good tracks and roads which enable them to attain and keep up a high rate of speed. In watching our visitors closely we seem to detect a smooth, even, clinging of the foot to the pedal, which contrasts forcibly with the laboured style of our riders, who appear to dig and strain at their work. In the sixties when Oxford for nine years in succession beat Cambridge over the course from Putney to Mortlake, the superiority of the river Isis over the Cam was advanced as an excuse. The Cam, it was said, was a mere sluggish ditch, and it was impossible to acquire a really good style of rowing on such water. But the loss of traditional form was as much to blame as the river. The last was dredged, and Morrison, Oxford's famous coach, went to Cambridge to restore the lost art to her despairing rivals, who talked of abandoning the contest. Next year Cambridge won, and for three more years in succession. Thus the great Varsity boat race was saved, to delight and excite thousands of spectators, we trust, for as long as England is a nation. Let our Bikes, reading this parable rightly, exert themselves to obtain a good track somewhere, and get hold of some really good coach to train them in the right way.

"HANDICAPPER," writing in the *Canterbury Weekly Press*, discredits Macpherson's reported time for the 250 yards championship. Comparing E. H. Pelling's 24 4-5th seconds world record with Macpherson's performance he says: "If one man has run 24 4-5th seconds for 250 yards, it should not be impossible to find another man to run the distance in 24 3-10th seconds, and that man an Australian, but it is not probable that a man could be found to do it on a slower track." Now this contains the very premises upon which we founded our conclusions in favour of the record last week—the slower track being balanced against the favouring breeze rendered the record both possible and in our opinion admissible. "Handicapper" misled by the Press Association report, which really referred to Owen's bad start, makes far more of the supposed beating of the

pistol than the facts warrant. The most reliable time-keepers were in the best position to see not only the smoke of the pistol but also the actual starting of the competitors, and it is hardly possible that three expert watch-holders could be deceived to the extent of four of five yards, as "Handicapper" thinks. Those who were nearest the starter declare that the men went off with and not before the pistol. If anybody beat the pistol it was King. However, the matter will be thoroughly sifted before the record is passed. Macpherson's time for the 100 yards (which three watches made 9 4-5th sec.), although the winner did not get away well, and the breeze was light and not directly behind, is strongly corroborative of his performance in the 250 yards. When going at full speed a runner like Macpherson, who can so thoroughly stay for 250 yards, might easily gain on level time in the last 150, even though the first hundred had taken the full 10 seconds.

IN the match Gordon v. Alpha, commenced last Saturday, a curious point arose. An appeal for a catch at the wickets was made and allowed by the umpire, but everybody, including the two batsmen, thought that the decision was "not out." Norman Williams, who had then made about 25 runs, continued his innings unchallenged, until he had put together some 54 notches. Then the umpire somehow let the cat out of the bag, and a consultation resulted in Williams retiring to the pavilion. Question? Was the umpire justified in allowing a batsman to continue his innings after giving him out, solely because the decision was not properly understood? We think not. It was distinctly the umpire's duty on being appealed to and giving a decision, to see that such decision was given effect to; while clearly an umpire unless appealed to has no business to order a batsman out; still, under the general law "the umpire shall see that play is fair," he is certainly bound to make his decisions heard, and if he finds that any misapprehension of his meaning interferes with the game in its regular and lawful course, he must undoubtedly put the matter right without delay. In the present case the difficulty is to fairly adjust matters after Williams has batted and made so many runs subsequent to the time when he really should have retired. Of course all those runs off his bat must be deducted, but how about the runs made by his partner during Williams' unlawful use and occupation of the pitch? How true it is that "the evil that we do lives after us!"

It seems quite possible that cricket among ladies may yet become as popular in Auckland as in the old country. Recently on a private ground in the suburbs 13 venturesome damsels wielded the willow against 7 gentlemen, batting left-handed with broomsticks. As an additional handicap the men agreed to bowl and field with the left hand only, five runs added to their opponent's score being the penalty for using the right hand. An interesting and exciting match full of laughable *contretemps* was the result. Some of the ladies showed wonderful form, one especially proving quite a Spofforth with the ball, fielding her own bowling and stopping some hot ones with courage and skill. In batting three ladies shone conspicuously, and others showed promise, which

only needs practice under judicious coaching to develop into real talent. The ladies eventually won the match by two runs. Their adversaries accused the umpires and scorers of partiality—just like those mean men! Perhaps the most laughable feature of the game was the impudent way in which the broomstick heroes hustled the fair fielders by stealing runs amidst exciting little screams and a confused flutter of petticoats; but the usually wide throw in was invariably just too late. On the other hand one lady hit the ball into a briar bush, and scored six for lost ball; but shortly afterwards the ball going into the same bush was the cause of a run-out, the fieldsman pretending to be unable to find the ball, and thereby inducing the ladies to try another run. Men were deceivers ever; the cunning scamp whipped up the ball immediately, and a sharp return caused the downfall of a wicket. We hope soon to hear of a return match.

THE proposal to send home a team of representative athletes from New Zealand appears to be favourably entertained. Provided that our chosen champions can spare time for the trip it should not be impossible to find the necessary sinews of war. If we could despatch men like Hempton, Batger, Hutchinson, Reeves, Burton, McKelvey, White, Wilmot, Hall, Steadman, and Hayward—the best or as many of the best of them as possible—they would not disgrace Maori land. Weight and hammer throwers should be added to this list if sufficiently good performers can be unearthed. Of course it would be a feature of the tour to hit the Championship meeting in England, but independent of that numerous opportunities of meeting the English cracks would occur at the many big athletic gatherings in the old country. Without in the least degenerating into "pot hunters" our men could compete in the various college sports at the Universities—especially at Oxford and Cambridge, where it is the invariable custom to put on the programme a "stranger's race," open to all bonâ fide amateurs. Such races are always handicaps, and visitors are certain to receive a warm welcome and fair treatment. The *personel* of a team such as we have indicated would, apart from their prowess on the track, most favourably impress the people of England in respect to the mental and physical qualities of the young men we are rearing in our sunny clime. They would do more to advertise the country than fifty emigration agents. It is to be hoped that the idea may germinate into something practical, and that no insuperable difficulties may hinder its realization.

The Caulfield stewards have rescinded the resolution disqualifying P. Kelly for six months for using insulting language to an official at the V.A.T.C. meeting on January 24, and in lieu thereof he has to pay a fine of £50 (which will go to the Distressed Jockeys' Fund), and he has to make an ample apology to the official. Many people think that Kelly ought to have been let off with an apology only. Our opinion is that the sentence was not at all too severe, and it would be for the benefit of racing in general if the stewards of different clubs in New Zealand were a bit stricter, as those connected with some training stables want a check put on them.

ATHLETICS, ETC.

[BY NIMBLEFOOT.]

The glove fight between Sid. Barnes and Frank Heath came off in D'Leau's old shirt factory on Monday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd. It was a very tame affair, Heath having to act on the defensive the whole of the time, and in the sixth round was knocked clean out.

There is a lot of talk that McRay, who competed at the Championship Meeting, is a professional, but I have it on the best authority that he is not so.

I understand that the Committee of the Auckland A.A. Club intend holding an inquiry into the alleged "stiff" running of three well-known runners who competed at the late sports.

A Committee meeting of the Amateur Athletic Club was held at the British Hotel on Tuesday evening last. There were several new members elected, and the date of the next sports was fixed for March 14th. A letter was received from the manager of the Sydney team, thanking the Auckland Club for their hospitality. Mr. Esam stated that the profit over the Championship Meeting was £145 10s. 7d., and that he had sent £100 South to be divided between the N.Z.A.A. Association and Cyclists' Alliance. At the close of the meeting the Committee were entertained at supper by Mr. J. Gallagher, proprietor of the hotel.

The rain interfered with the cricket matches on Saturday last, and Gordon and Alpha was the only senior match played. Gordon got 179 for four wickets, of which Moresby contributed 75 not out, Fowke 10, Williams 54, Meldrum 16, and Ryburn 18 not out. The match will be continued to-day.

As United failed to put a team in the field, the Auckland Club claimed the match.

The N.Z.A.A. Association are moving in the matter of sending a team of N.Z. amateurs to England to compete in the championships in June next. The following runners have been asked to see if they can get the necessary leave:—Messrs. Hempton, Wood, Batger, Morrison, Hutchinson, and Cuff (manager). Where the funds are to come from will, I fancy, puzzle the Association, as the expense will be at least £100 a man. I do not see the necessity of taking two long distance runners, and think it would be advisable if Wood and Morrison had a trial to see which is the better man.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Saturday, 14th.

CRICKET.

THE Christchurch matches on Saturday were remarkable for the number of surprises they furnished and the general smallness of the scores.

Enthusiasts took but little interest in the match Lancaster Park Eleven v. Addington, as the game was generally reckoned a moral for the former, who have as yet not suffered a defeat. The Park men went first to the wickets, and were thought to be safe for at least 200 runs, but in this they were greatly mistaken, as owing to the capital trundling of Halley and McMurray, not a single stand was made, the innings closing for the poor total of 26. Addington responded with 67, owing chiefly to Halley's magnificent batting. In their second venture the Parkites fared somewhat better, having made 53 for five wickets.

At Lancaster Park, Midland put the Park Fifteen to the rightabout for 152, and then succeeded in wiping off 17 without the loss of a wicket.

United journeyed to Ashley to play the local club, and were all dismissed for 85, Ashley responding with 74 for three wickets.

It certainly looks as if the second round for the Senior Cup is going to furnish some surprises.

At Dunedin, most interest was evinced in the match, Carisbrook v. Albion. The latter went first to the wickets, and compiled 88; Carisbrook making 43 for 4 wickets.

On the Oval, the Warehousemen totted up 119 against the Wanderers; Williamson, the wicket-keeper, being responsible for 75.

ATHLETICS.

The result of the Championship Meeting is certainly very satisfactory to the Canterbury competitors, who with such a small team managed to secure second place for the banner.

Wilmot's victories in the cycling events, and Wood's success in the long distance races, are certainly very gratifying to the Southern representatives.

At present the C.A.A.C. are sadly in want of a sprinter, as since Reeve's retirement they have no one to rely on for the short distance events.

Macpherson's time in the 250 yds race is universally discredited here, while several of the other fast times are looked upon with suspicion.

What a contrast the 8,000 spectators must have presented to the Canterbury representatives, who at their own gatherings are satisfied if they see as many hundreds?

ROWING.

Both the Wellington R.C. and Star R.C. intend being represented at the Lake Forsyth Regatta, which is held on the 17th inst. The local opposition to them will be remarkably weak, and I expect to see Star pull off the Senior Pairs, Sculls, and Single Sculls. If this anticipation should prove correct, it will not leave much for the local clubs, who will have to content themselves by dividing the Junior and the Maiden amongst them. Briscoe, of the Wellington R.C., is a remarkably fine sculler, and should be a worthy substitute for the great McKay.

From Sydney I learn that there is a great possibility of one of the local clubs sending representatives to compete in the championship events at the Wanganui Regatta. This is the very thing that is wanted, as an extra draw, for the championship meeting.

There appears to be a great probability of Smith's crew, who made such a name for themselves, collapsing. They will probably contest the Ladies' Plate at Lake Forsyth and then retire from active rowing.

The Union R.C. commence building their new sheds next month, so as to have them ready for next year.

CYCLING.

The Southern cyclists arrived from Auckland on the 11th inst, and express themselves as highly pleased with the hospitality extended to them during their sojourn in the Northern city.

On the 12th, the P.B.C. gave them a reception at the Club rooms, and on the 21st the cyclists and athletes are to be tendered a general reception by the Amateur Athletic Association.

Considerable sympathy is expressed for Heywood, who was so unfortunate in most of his races, and it is thought that only for the spills he got, he would have annexed the Five Mile event as well.

"Toby" Wilmot is congratulated on all sides on his success, and his admirers are confident that he will be able to down Nat. Hall on their first meeting.

Considerably surprise was expressed at Ledsham's victories, as he was thought to be much too new at the game to win races thus early.

As I already mentioned, Chris. Wilson applied to the Cyclists' Alliance to be reinstated as an amateur. This case came before the Investigating Committee, and they simply referred him to the Cyclists' Alliance. This looks anything but rosy for Wilson's chance, as the whole of the delegates have to be in favour of his application before he can be reinstated.

It is rumoured that several prominent members of the P.B.C. urged Wilson to take this step so as to silence him upon the cash amateur question, and have his services at the forthcoming meetings.

Four of the five mares imported from England by Mr. O'Shannassy, viz., Azalia, Barley, Needle, and Oralava have gone to St. Albans on a visit to Trenton and Newminister. The other mare, Silvia, by Thurio, from a mare by Rosicrucian, bred by Lady Stamford, has dropped a foal to the English Derby winner, Ayrshire, which has since died.—*Australasian*.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

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RANGE TIME TABLE.

February 21—Gordon Shield.
February 23—"A" Battery, "O" Battery, Engineers.

[BY CARBINE.]

THE Ponsonby Navals mustered in good force at the Mt. Eden rifle range on Saturday afternoon last, to fire for the silver medal presented by Lieut. Whitley. The distances were 200, 300, and 500 yards, seven shots at each range. The afternoon was only fair for shooting, the wind being very slight, blowing up the range, and keeping the smoke from the weapons just in front of the firing party. The match was by handicaps, being sealed until after the firing. 2nd P.O. G. E. Spinley (scratch) was the successful man, his shooting all through being very good. This is now the second time he has taken possession, but being at intervals has yet to be won again. The principal scores are:—

Name	Hdcp.	200	300	500	Ttl.
2nd P.O. G. E. Spinley	scr	26	25	21	72
2nd P.O. Nesbitt	4	29	19	11	63
2nd P.O. J. Ewin	scr	26	20	15	61
Seaman Stanley	2	25	21	12	60
1st P.O. J. Sprinley	scr	24	25	8	57
Seaman Pasley	12	20	9	11	52
2nd P.O. Sherson	3	21	19	4	47
Seaman Wharton	12	19	12	2	43
Seaman Archer	10	17	12	3	42

A meeting of representatives from the various companies of the Garrison was held in the Drill Shed on Monday evening last to make final arrangements for the firing of the Gordon Challenge Shield, to take place this Saturday afternoon, Capt. Tobin, of the R.I.R., being in the chair. It was unanimously resolved that owing to the number of teams having entered to compete, the country corps fire in the morning, starting at 9 a.m. sharp; and any one or more men of the town teams also wishing to fire in the morning can do so on giving his name to the secretary not later than Friday, and providing he does not fire at the time given he be disqualified. The competition is to be under the New Zealand Rifle Association Rules, but disputed shots have been altered from 5s to 2s 6d each. The capt. of teams picked for places, the first six to start at 1.30 sharp.

The prizes will not be as large as anticipated, owing to the very heavy expenses (about £14), the 1st being £2 10s; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1 10s; and two of £1 each.

Capt. Whitney has given 500 rounds of ammunition for Gordon Shield competition.

The teams entered for the Shield are:—Auckland Navals (1), "A" Battery (1), Ponsonby Navals (1), Engineers (1), "O" Battery (1), Victoria Rifles (2), City Guards (1), Newton Rifles (1), Royal Irish (1), late Gordons (2), Wairoa Rifles (1), Thames Navals (1), Hamilton Light Infantry (1), South Franklin Light Infantry (1).

The Waiuku Cavalry have decided not to enter a team this year, owing to the carbines they are armed with being inferior to the town corps.

The following members of the "O" Battery Garrison Artillery Volunteers have passed the examination for Efficiency Badges, and the special grant of £1 per man:—Sergt.-Major F. Hull; Sergts. Ronayne, McCallum, Fairs; Gunners Browne, F. E., Browne, P., Greenbough, Hughes, Nurse, Nichol, Stewart, Stevenson, and Walker. Other three entered but failed. No doubt for this year we may expect to pass more.

The Dargaville Jockey Club have issued a programme of their inaugural meeting, to take place on the 20th and 21st March, when the respectable sum of £307 will be given away in stakes. Nominations are due on 26th inst.

Mr. C. W. Williams, a well-known trotting man in the States, offered Mr. Robert Bonnor £2,500 for the use of the mare Sunol to breed one colt foal by Allerton. The offer was declined.—*Canterbury Times*.

J. Williamson, who rode Martini-Henry in the victorious double, Derby and Cup, is once more in harness, and intends re-commencing his profession. As he can ride 7st 7lb without difficulty, we ought frequently to see this experienced jockey steering winners past the judges' box.—*Sportsman*.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

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Table listing nomination deadlines for various events, including 'Taranaki Jockey Club', 'Napier Park R.C. Autumn Meeting', etc.

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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

out to the different stables and stud farms, and if he gets what he considers his due, he will write what he is told, or either picks up information from those who do know or turn plagiarist. If he does not get his dues, or a trainer refuses to let him see through the stables, he vents his spite on him by running him or his horses down, doing all he can to injure him in the eyes of his master and the public. This reporter has been called a clever colonial boy by some persons, but unfortunately for them he was born within the sound of Bow Bells, and knows more about "All Hot" than he does of horses.

If editors of papers inquired more into the antecedents of their special correspondents, the public would not have so much trash and mendacity thrust upon them.

THERE appears to be some trouble over the handicap for the Wanganui Cup. Mr. Hatley gave in the handicap to be published to the morning papers, and also posted it at the Club's official office. The next day the daily papers throughout New Zealand published the official list in which Cynisca and Recluse were weighted at 8st. In the evening an amended handicap was sent to the papers giving Cynisca's weight as 8st 9lb, and Recluse's 8st 2lb. A local appeared in the *Chronicle* the following morning confirming this alteration, saying at the same time that the error was caused by the handicapper in copying the weights from a rough copy. This is altogether a too flimsy excuse. Mr. Hatley of all people in the world ought to know that when a handicap is once published it cannot be altered. No one will believe the mistake did occur in the transcribing of the notes, but in the fact of the handicapper finding out that he had made a mistake. Mr. Hunter, it is stated, is going to test the matter. What the issue of the case will be in New Zealand it is hard to say, but if the case was brought before the Newmarket Jockey Club there is not the slightest doubt that the verdict would be: The handicap must stand as published, unless it was a printer's error.

THE TURF.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

THE Dunedin J.C. Autumn Meeting takes place on the 25th, 26th, and 28th inst. Some years ago the Dunedin Cup was second to none in New Zealand. Great interest and a large amount of betting took place long before the day of the race, and one was able to win a good stake at a comparatively small outlay. Alas! those times are passed. The totalisator monopolises all the betting—it has driven the bookmakers and the best horses to Australia. The consequence is, that the New Zealand racecourses can only be looked upon as public trial grounds for the clever owners, while the small ones, who have neither the enterprise or money to send their horses across the water, have to content themselves with the crumbs. The fact of the matter as it now stands, is that racing here would never pay if it was not for the Australian market. Racing will never pay an owner unless he can back his horses to win a good stake. At the present time I do not believe that a thousand pounds could be won over any race unless one was prepared to take a short price with no prospect of hedging. Before long it will also tell on breeders of blood stock. But to return to the Dunedin Meeting. The Cup is the principal race. For this event there will be about eight starters. Crackshot, 8st 10lb, heads the list. With this weight he would require to be quite as fit as when he won the Auckland Cup; but his running at Wellington, and from subsequent information that I have received, he is pounds below that form, so he may be passed over. Hilda, 8st 9lb, has been made favourite ever since the weights first appeared; in fact, the public were rushing over one another to get on, but she is no favourite of mine. Though she is undoubtedly a good mare, she has never convinced me that she can get a distance in a fast run race, therefore I only expect her to run into a place, and as such she would be a good investment. Occident, 8st 9lb, is very well handicapped, and if one was sure that he was quite fit and well, he would about win, but then there is a doubt, though by the day he might be all right. Freedom, 8st 3lb, is a great fancy of mine, though he has

never proved that he can get two miles and a distance, there is no reason, either on the score of breeding or the way he has run, that he should not do so. No line can be taken through his running at the C.J.C. Summer Meeting, as in the first place he was short of work; secondly, he was jammed on the rails, and his jockey broke a stirrup leather. In the spring he showed his liking for the Forbury course, so in this instance I cannot pass him over. Wolverine, 8st, though he won the New Zealand Cup, has now a very different weight to carry, and from what I can learn, he is not the same horse as he was in the spring. Crutchfield, 7st 8lb, may be passed over. Prime Warden, 7st 3lb, won the Midsummer Stakes easily enough from Freedom, but from what has been brought under my notice, I think that was a false run race. He is, however, an improving colt, and has been well backed, still I do not fancy him or any of his breed. Reprisal, 7st 2lb, is a nice little colt, but will never get the distance. The others I pass over, and doubt if they will start. Being at a distance away from the scene of action, I am obliged to rely on others for information, so if I am wrong I cannot help it, but the chances are the winner will turn up in either FREEDOM, OCCIDENT, or HILDA, and I take them in the order named.

THE Publicans' Purse, six furlongs, is the only other race that the public, not on the spot, take any interest in. It is not my intention to wade through them *seriatim*, as sprint races so much depend upon the start. The first one that strikes you as well in is Cissy, 8st 12lb, as speed is more her forte than staying, though in moderate company she has proved that she can get a mile and a half. The next is Quadrant, 8st 2lb. He is well handicapped, and if he comes fit and well to the post, it will take a smart one to beat him. Ruby, 7st 13lb, has more than once shown that she can gallop this distance, but I think the company too good for her. Prime Warden, 7st 8lb, has a great show at the weight, but if he has been trained for the Cup distance, it will militate against his show here. Reprisal, 7st 8lb, is a smart colt over this distance, but the chances are that he will get a gruelling in the Cup, as few New Zealand jockeys drop their hands when their horse is beat, but punish them to the end. No wonder there are so many "curs" in the colony. Fiesole, 6st 12lb, on her running at the C.J.C. Meeting, should have a show, but her running at Takapuna was so disgracefully bad that it is a wonder that her owner paid her expenses to Dunedin. However, from what I can learn, it is more than likely Major George's pair will pay their expenses on the second or third day, so Fiesole's Takapuna form must be ignored. In summing up the chances of the different horses, QUADRANT, CISSY and RUBY read the best, but Lady Bell might upset all calculations. The only other race to touch upon is the Stewards' Purse or Welter Handicap. As many of the horses entered have previous engagements, it is no use to go through them, but it strikes me forcibly that Major George expects to place this race to his credit by the aid of Fiesole.

THE second forfeit for the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup were made last Thursday. We will first of all take the Newmarket Handicap, to be run on Saturday, February 28th. There are forty-four left in. Of these over thirty are most likely to face the starter, so it is no easy matter for those on the spot to pick the winner or even a placed horse, therefore how much more difficult for anyone at a distance. The principal ones that have dropped out are Cuirassier, Don Giovanni, Annesley, Litigant, Elsie, Mikado II., Silver Prince, Propounder, Enuc, Wilga, and the usual lot at the tail-end of the handicap. When the first forfeit was declared I selected the following six as those I thought best in the handicap:—Too Soon, Bendigo, Merriment, Wilga, Conceit and Marvel. If these Wilga is the only one that has dropped out, so I am left with five. I see no reason to alter my opinion that they have the best chance of winning; but as the bookmakers now-a-days do not give as many against the field as they used to in the good old days before the machine came into vogue, and as one cannot back the whole five, I suppose it is my duty to try and separate them. Now, this is a difficult matter,

as the Oakleigh Handicap is run to-day, and as several of the horses are engaged in that race (which is well worth winning) they may prefer going for it. Should one of them win they will have to put up the extreme penalty, which would greatly discount his chance. Marvel, 8st 13lb, is looked upon as a remarkably fast colt, and has been kept for a long time on purpose to land a big coup, and from what can be ascertained this will be his journey. Bendigo, 8st 6lb, has proved himself on more than one occasion to be a very fast horse. As he belongs to the Hon. D. Wallace one is sure to have a square run for one's money. Too Soon, 9st, is also a speedy horse, but unfortunately he is a roarer, and if the day is at all damp or the ground heavy going it will be greatly against him. Conceit, 6st 8lb, is the property of Mr. "Highborn" Forester, who is so fond of astonishing the public with outsiders. Conceit, 9st 7lb, at Randwick the other day, cut out the six furlongs in 1min. 18sec. If none of these five incur a penalty I shall expect one of them to furnish the winner, but to reduce them I like the chances of Marvel, Bendigo, and Merriment the best, though I intend to have an outside shot on Conceit.

THERE are twenty-three left in the Australian Cup, so the field will number in all about seventeen. Not many of the principal horses have dropped out this time, Melos, Cuirassier, and Annesley being the chief ones. My readers must have been prepared for Melos being struck out, as I warned them some time ago that he was not doing as well as he should be, while Cuirassier's defection does not the least surprise me, as from the time he first went over I maintained that he would never stand a severe preparation. At the time I selected six for the Newmarket Handicap I did the same for the Australian Cup, the whole of which are now left in—Corroze, The Spot, Enuc, Gibraltar, Megaphone, and Highborn. Of these I prefer the three first in the order named. I shall have another chance of writing on this race next week, as it is not run until March 3rd, and I may get information that will cause me to alter my mind.

I TAKE the following from "Augur" of the *Australasian*:—"The Nashville Autumn Meeting lasted over twenty-three days. It is said that there were too many short races and selling races to suit a real sportsman. There was one funny incident in connection with this meeting. A certain jockey had been engaged to ride a horse, and the bookmakers kept peppering him. Suddenly the owner of the horse decided to change his jockey, and the odds immediately shortened. The horse won. Then the bookmakers deputed one of their number to wait upon the stewards to request them to declare all bets made on the horse, before the jockeys were changed, off. Naturally, the request was refused. Methinks, when the owner of the horse saw how his horse was being laid against, smelt a rodent. A correspondent of the *Spirit* states that there was some roping at the meeting. 'It is possible,' he says, 'that this or that horse will not run his best after he takes a squint at the bookmakers' slates and finds he is a red-hot favourite. They can shunt even in America, but they have a rule which should be introduced everywhere where racing is in vogue. The stewards can, if they think there is sufficient grounds, change a jockey at the last moment. Here is the rule which obtains to the Western States: The judges in their discretion, where fraud is suspected, shall have the right to put upon a horse a rider selected by them, and shall have the right to place the horse in charge of any trainer they may select. Any owner or trainer who refuses to permit a rider or trainer to be changed as herein provided, and any trainer or rider who refuses to take charge of or ride a horse to the order of the judges, shall be ruled off. Substitute the word stewards for judges, and there you are.'"

If the different clubs in the colonies were to pass such a rule, what a commotion there would be among owners and trainers. The difficulty would be to detect anything when the totalisator is worked, as the machine tells no tales, and backers only find out they are let in when the race is run. The ring, however, is so sensitive, it generally lets a practised person detect when there is a stiff one, especially if

you know anything of the stable. The late Admiral Rous changed a jockey at Chester once without the consent of the owner. The result was the jockey was suspended for life, the owner was proved innocent. This was found out by certain bookies peppering the horse. The same kind of thing occurred at the Curragh of Kildare.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

On Monday next, 23rd February, the balance of sweep for the Dunedin Cup is due, and payable to the Secretary, Mr. Sydney James.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

On Tuesday next, 24th February, acceptances for the following events close with the Secretary, Mr. F. R. Jackson, at 9 p.m.:

- Wanganui Cup, of 500 sovs., 1 1/2 miles.
- Wanganui Derby, of 200 sovs., 1 1/4 miles.
- Two-year-old Stakes, of 150 sovs., 3/4 mile.
- Flying Handicap, of 100 sovs., 3/4 mile.
- First Hurdle Race, of 100 sovs., 2 1/4 miles.
- Weiler Handicap, of 50 sovs., 1 mile.

HELENSVILLE TURF CLUB.

On Friday, 27th February, acceptances for the above Club will close with the Secretary, Mr. J. S. Moncrieff.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

On Friday next next, 27th February, nominations for the following events will close with the Secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark:—

- Handicap Maiden Trot, of 40 sovs., 2 miles.
- Handicap Flying Stakes, of 20 sovs., 5 furlongs.
- Handicap Pony Cup, of 30 sovs., 7 furlongs.
- Handicap Trot, of 60 sovs., 3 miles.
- Handicap Hurdles, of 25 sovs., 1 1/4 miles.
- Handicap Pony Trot, of 30 sovs., 2 miles.
- Selling Trot, of 20 sovs., 2 1/4 miles.

CAMBRIDGE JOCKEY CLUB.

On Saturday next, 28th February, nominations for the above Club will close with the Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH.

(BY WIRE—FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Friday 20, 1891.

An unprecedentedly large number of Canterbury horses have gone to Dunedin to take part in the meeting. Noticeably amongst them are Harris' Union Flag, Clifford's Crutchfield, Watts' Fairchild, D. O'Brien's Freedom, Florrie, Tassy, and Little Arthur, Stead's Palliser, Carronade, Ranee, Nuna, and Clanronald, Rutherford's Ahua and Ixion, Lunn's Cajolery, Webb's Ruby and Crown Jewel, Sherwin's Dragon, Russell's Red Cross and Bredalbane, Sheehan's Erin-go-Bragh and Lady Sockburn, O'Connor's Catamount, Butler's Crackshot and Bay King, Harris' Inez, and several others.

The following are my selections for the different events:—

- HURDLES.—Rutherford's selected one.
- CHAMPAGNE STAKES.—Florrie.
- DUNEDIN CUP.—Occident or Hilda.
- PUBLICAN'S HANDICAP.—Cissy or Ruby.
- STEWARD'S HANDICAP.—Bay King.
- MAIDEN PLATE.—Palliser.
- SELLING TWO-YEAR-OLD RACE.—Cajolery.
- RAILWAY PLATE.—Florrie.
- MARSHALL MEMORIAL STAKES.—Cissy or Wolverine.
- MAIDEN TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP.—Union Elag.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

MONDAY, 16TH INST.

ALL the horses worked on the trial track. Begorra and Ma Boughal were sent a mile at top, being joined by Dishonour the last 6 furlongs. Hailstone went three times round steady, moving sore. Hopeful Kate put in a useful three times round steady. Tuna was sent once round at top. Flint did twice round at half pace. Fishmonger was sent three circuits steady. Patchwork went twice round steady. Forget-me-not only put in once round at half pace. Vendetta went twice round at good swinging canter. Lochness and Scot Free went twice round slow. Minnie Grey went three times round slow. Gazelle did a round at top. Impulse was restricted to a slow two rounds. Orakei three times round at good swinging canter.

TUESDAY.

All horses worked on the trial track. Begorra and Nap each did three times round slow. Ma Boughal was sent two rounds at a good useful pace. Lochness put in three rounds slow.

Scot Free also did three rounds slow. Flint was sent twice round at half pace. Macaroni did one round steady. Hopeful Kate four times round at a good useful pace. Coalscuttle once round at half pace, being joined by The Workman the last six furlongs. Vendetta twice round at a steady canter. Miss Cole once round at a steady canter. Priscilla went once round slow. A bay gelding in Williamson's stable put in a useful three times round. Patchwork, Impulse, Orakei and Fishmonger were restricted to walking exercise. Keane had the full sister to Crackshot on the course for walking exercise.

WEDNESDAY.

The following horses worked on the plough:— Patchwork twice round good serviceable gallop. Ma Boughal cantered twice round. Antelope went two rounds slow. Flint twice round at about half pace. Nap and Begorra, in company, went twice round at a good pace, finishing home fast. Moderator two rounds at about half pace. Williamson's bay gelding put in two rounds at half pace. The following horses worked on the trial track:— Orakei did a useful three rounds at half pace. Macaroni twice round at about three-quarter pace. Impulse twice round slow. Fishmonger three times round at good strong pace. Priscilla only did slow work. Lochness, Scot Free, Hailstone, and Hopeful Kate were engaged in walking exercise.

THURSDAY.

The following horses worked on the trial track:— Patchwork and Moderator were associated together for a mile and a quarter gallop at top, Patchwork going on for another six furlongs by himself. Orakei did a strong canter for two rounds. Ma Boughal twice round at good strong canter. Coalscuttle and The Workman went together once round steady. Vendetta twice round steady. Dividend once round at about half pace. Impulse two circuits slow. The following horses worked on the plough:— Nap three times round steady. Begorra three times round steady. Macaroni once round at good pace. Capella once round steady. Antelope did a useful couple of rounds steady.

FRIDAY.

Ma Boughal, Nap, Begorra, and Antelope each did two circuits slow on the plough. Moderator was sent three rounds at half pace. Dividend went once round the trial track at half pace.

SPORTING ITEMS.

Quadrant arrived safely in Dunedin on Wednesday last.

Romulus, the hurdle racer, has changed hands.

Julia Ann won a jumping competition at Sydney on the 26th January last.

Captain Winter has accepted the post of starter to the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.

Mr. Paneti has purchased Radiation, full brother to Retina, from Mr. G. G. Stead.

The Danevirke Jockey Club have donated the sum of £10 to the Waipawa Hospital.

Argos has been scratched for the V.R.C. St. Leger and Champion Stakes.

Luna, who fell in the Free Handicap at the Whitford Park races, is dead.

Captain Webster (St. Albans—Pussy) is again on the training tracks.

Report says that The Admiral is an unlikely starter for the Australian Cup.

Adam Byers is now in charge of George Hope's stable, during the latter's absence in Dunedin.

Antelope has been placed in Tommy Taylor's hands, and is now located at Jimmy Kean's stables at Ellerslie.

The proprietors of the Hobartville Stud have decided to keep all their fillies by Trenton for breeding purposes.

Tom Sullivan, the New Zealand sculler, has deposited £20 to make a match with George Bubeat for £50 or £100 a-side.

Hickenbotham expects to be able to get Megaphone to the post for his Autumn engagements.

The Auckland Tattersall's Club will hold their annual race meeting at Takapuna, on the 11th April, when £280 will be given away in stakes.

It is reported that W. Brown will leave for Melbourne shortly to ride Pygmalon in the Newmarket Handicap.

J. Hickey applied to the H.B.J. Committee to have the disqualification inflicted on him by the stewards at the Waipatu, regarding his connection with Mountain Boy in the Hurdle Race, removed. The Committee, after hearing a considerable amount of evidence, decided there was no reason to interfere with the decision of the Waipatu stewards.

Rewi, while being conveyed by train to the Geelong races, had the misfortune to break one of his ribs.

From Australian files to hand we learn that Greygown, the favourite for the Australian Cup, is not as well as he might be.

Tantallon, the winner of the Geelong Cup, was purchased when a yearling for £50 by his present owner, Mr. Turnbull.

Mr. Day, the celebrated Sydney veterinary surgeon, shortly leaves for England to purchase twelve thoroughbred mares for Mr. S. Hordern.

Mr. C. Sprong, proprietor of the Maribyrong Hotel, Victoria, was fined £2 and costs for allowing a game of euchre to be played on his licensed premises.

Priscilla got hurt in her box the other day, and has a very big hock, which will most likely prevent her appearing in public for some time.

Megaphone has displayed symptoms of lameness again, and it is hardly likely Hickenbotham will persevere with him for his Autumn engagements, though he has accepted.

Mr. W. Bobbett, the Thames sportsman, left for Dunedin on Thursday last per Rotomahana, with the view of being present at the Dunedin meeting.

Jimmy Keane, the well-known trainer, left for Sydney per Wairarapa on Wednesday last. He intends visiting Melbourne during the V.R.C. Meeting.

Owners of trotting horses should not forget that Friday next is the nomination day for the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Meeting.

Kneecap, who won the Geelong Hurdle Race for the Hon. D. S. Wallace, was trained by Billy Craftt at Queenscliffe. Craftt was well known to most New Zealand sportsmen.

In our advertising columns may be found the conditions of the New Zealand Cup, of 1,000 sovs, the distance being two miles. Nominations are due with the secretary, Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, Christchurch, on March 2nd.

We have been requested to call the attention of the A.R.C. officials to the fact that Adam McEwen, who was warned off the course for six months by the stewards of the Takapuna Jockey Club, on account of his disgraceful conduct at the steeplechase at their last meeting, which sentence was confirmed by the A.R.C. Committee, is to be seen every morning doing riding work on the Ellerslie Course.

This is in direct contravention to Rule 27 of Rules of Racing, as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs in New Zealand. His employers perhaps are not aware that every horse he rides is liable to be disqualified for future engagements.

Messrs. Walter Mountain and F. H. Winch have issued a programme for a Grand Sheffield Handicap, to be run at Potter's Paddock on Friday, March 27. Is it set forth as thus:— A handicap of 75sovs, run under Sir Joseph Banks' rules. First prize £60, second £10, third £3, fourth £2. Distance, 150yds. Nomination fee 10s, acceptance 5s. Mr. E. O'Hare has been appointed handicapper. The idea is a good one, but there are many difficulties in the way to make it a success, which we hope it will be, as something of this kind is greatly required in Auckland to prevent the juveniles of the working population from idling their Saturday afternoons and evenings loafing about Queen-street and frequenting billiard rooms, etc. We beg to point out, without prejudice, to the promoter the difficulties that lie in his way. First of all, he is quite unknown to the Auckland public. Naturally the first question that arises, who is he? what guarantee have we that the affair will be faithfully carried out? Secondly, who are to be starter, judge, referee, etc.? Then arises the question, are there enough professionals in Auckland to make it a success? as Mr. Mountain must well know that amateurs cannot compete in a thing of this kind. Now, in a friendly spirit, we suggest the following to Mr. Mountain. Let him put himself into communication with some of the leading athletes of Auckland, asking them to act as stewards, and appoint a judge, starter, referee, etc., at the same time depositing in some well-known public person's hands a guarantee for the stakes. Then the thing will go ahead, and if not a financial success the first time, it will be the second, and eventually become a popular kind of sport. If well managed, the amateurs might join in. Unless the promoters do something of this kind, we are afraid it will be a failure.

The privileges for the Pakuranga Hunt Club Races were sold yesterday by Messrs. Digby Tonks and Co., and realised the following prices:—Inside booth, £18, Mr. T. Foley; outside booth, £23, Mr. Quinlan; cards, £16, Mr. H. Hayr; stabling, £2 10s., Mr. Parker; fruit, £3, Mrs. McIntosh. Total, £62 10s.

We regret to learn that Dan Murrigan, who went over to Melbourne in charge of Orlando, had the misfortune to break his left arm while schooling Scatterfield over the hurdles. This is a bit of bad luck for Murrigan, as it was probable he would have had the mount on Orlando in the V.R.C. Autumn Steeplechase, to be run on 7th March.

Mr. H. Praetoria, of Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, showed us yesterday two plaques very cleverly coloured by candle smoke, out of which portraits of Melos and Carbine were executed. The smoke was then enamelled, and a lasting photo is the result. The process in Germany is known as Rauchbilder, which, in English means smoke-picture.—Sportsman.

Mrs. James White's manager and the Hon. N. Long, it is stated, are sending to England for stallions. This appears to be an extraordinary proceeding, considering there are so many good stallions in the colony, though there are a lack of mares. They will have to give from £5,000 to £10,000 for a really good sire in England.

"The Barb," in the Sporting Standard, has the following:—"Marvel, it is said, will be out for business purposes only in the Newmarket Handicap, and one of the shrewdest trainers in Australia told me the other day that he would go very close, indeed he (my informant) fancied him to win outright. Certainly, if the son of Marvellous is ever to do anything, it should be now or never." The same writer states, "Our Derby winner Gibraltar is one of the gamest horses in training, besides being a brilliant galloper. He will probably be the best horse engaged in the Australian Cup from his side (Sydney).

On Wednesday and Thursday last the Egmont Racing Club held their meeting. On the first day the Handicap Hurdle Race was won by Jenny, 11st 10lb; The Peer, 9st 2lb, second; Rere, 10st 5lb, third. Sapling Stakes, Fraternité, first; Cretonne, second; Rosefeldt, third. Egmont Handicap, two miles, Dudu first; Leorina, second; Eileen, third. Won easily; time, 3min. 40sec.; dividend, £2 8s. No account of the other races. The second day, Handicap Hurdle Race, of 75 sovs., 2 miles, The Peer, first; Sentinel, second; Waterfall, third. Won by a length; dividend, £3 9s. Waimate Handicap of 150 sovs., 1 1/2 miles, Leorina, 7st 9lb, first; Dudu, 9st 7lb, second; Boulanger, 7st 9lb, third. Recluse also started. Won by a length; time, 2min 42 1/2sec.; dividend, £3 16s. Nursery Handicap, of 55 sovs., seven furlongs, Rosefeldt, first; Cretonne, second; Fraternité, third. No account again of the hack races, which were of great interest.

The Australian horses appear to have it all their own way. Myal King won the Viceroy's Cup at the Calcutta Meeting. On the third day the Cooch Behar Cup of 10,000 rupees in specie, presented by H.H. Maharajah of Cooch Behar, G.C.I.E., added to a sweepstakes of 150 rupees, second horse to receive a 1,000 rupees, one mile and a quarter, was won by Mr. Apar's Bravo, by Grand Flaneur.—The Orphan, aged, 8st 11lb; Lord William Beresford's Honest Ned, 8st 11lb, 2; Mr. Apar's Moorhouse, 6yrs, 9st 7lb, 3; Mr. Macklin's Recall, 9st 3lb, 0. Won easily by a length and a half; half a length between second and third. Time, 2min 12sec. The Dhurbhunga Cup, value £150, and a purse of 80 gold mohurs, presented by the Maharajah of Dhurbhunga, H.C.I.E., added to a sweepstakes of 80 rupees; second horse to receive 20 gold mohurs, the third 10 gold mohurs out of the purse; one mile six furlongs, 132yds, was won by Mr. Macklin's Recall, by The Drummer—Orchette, 8st 4lb; Mr. Apar's Bravo, 9st, 2; Lord William Beresford's Myal King, 3; Moorhouse, 9st 9lb, Miladi, 8st 4lb, Camillus, 8st 2lb, also started. This was a grand race, all being close together until entering the straight, when Miladi fell away; Recall won by a neck, a head between second and third, the other two close up. Time 3min 17 1/2sec.

TURF RECORD.

WHITFORD PARK RACES.

THE Whitford Park Races took place last Wednesday. Owing to the distance from town there was not a large attendance, and the racing not of much interest as it was chiefly "leather flapping." The performance in the Settler's Race was most extraordinary, and quite against the Rules of Racing. Three started; one bolted, the other fell. Afterwards the two horses came out and raced for second money. The following are the results of the different races:—

HANDICAP HURDLES of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs. out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

54	Mr. G. Wright's b g Cloth of Gold, 9st 10lb	1
28	Mr. A. Henwood's g m Maritana, 9st	2
6	Mr. L. S. Cole's b g Tini, 9st 7lb	3
10	Mr. Sutcliffe's br g Whalebone, 9st 5lb	0
8	Mr. A. Whisker's b m Gazelle, 9st	0

106 There was a good start for this race, but the finish was left to Cloth of Gold and Maritana, the former winning easily. Gazelle fell. Dividend, 17s.

MAIDEN PLATE of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs. out of stakes. Distance, 1 mile.

54	Mr. Robertson's ch m Millifera, aged, 7st	1
16	Mr. J. Bland's b g Ika Vuka, 4yrs, 7st 2lb	2
10	Mr. J. McGinty's b m Revenge, 4yrs, 6st 10lb	3
62	Mr. J. Lyon's b m Tuna, aged, 7st 12lb	0
14	Mr. A. R. Harris' b m Temuki, aged, 7st 8lb	0
1	Mr. F. Clay's br f Bon Voyage, 3yrs, 7st	0
0	Mr. A. Kerr's b g Otau, 5yrs, 6st 10lb	0
3	Mr. A. Whisker's b m Gazelle, aged, 6st 10lb	0
7	Mr. B. Jacob's b m Gannett, 5yrs, 6st 8lb	0
20	Mr. J. Walker's b m Luna, aged, 6st 7lb	0

187 After some trouble Mr. Garrett got the field away. Millifera won by a little over a length. Dividend, £1 11s.

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, 3/4 mile.

17	Mr. J. Bland's b m Mattie, aged, 8st	1
30	Mr. M. McGee's b g Comet, aged, 8st 10lb	2
14	Mr. F. Macminamin's ch g Tommy, aged, 7st 7lb	3
5	Mr. J. Wilson's g m Carnation, aged, 7st 10lb	0

66 A good start was effected. Won after a good race by more than a length. Dividend, £1 14s. The winner was bought by the owner for £8.

WHITFORD CUP of 25 sovs., second horse to receive 2 1/2 sovs. out of stakes. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

44	Mr. W. C. Booth's b g Memorandum, aged, 7st 5lb	1
33	Mr. J. Massey's b m Deception, 5yrs, 8st 10lb	2
58	Mr. J. Arthur's ch m Prudence, 5yrs, 7st 5lb	3
31	Mr. J. Wilson's br g Premier, aged, 7st	0
12	Mr. Jas. McGenty's b m Revenge, 4yrs, 6st	0

178 Premier and Prudence had the best of the start, but on passing the stand the second time Memorandum went to the front, followed by Deception and Prudence. A good race ensued between the two, Memorandum winning by half a length. Dividend, £1 16s.

SETTLERS' Race of 10 sovs., second horse to receive 1 sov. out of stakes. Distance, 3/4 mile.

19	Mr. J. Massey's b m Deception, 5yrs, 9st	1
3	Mr. B. Jacob's b m Gannett, 5yrs, 9st	2
9	Mr. J. Massey's br g Whistle, 3yrs, 9st	3

31 This was an extraordinary race. Gannett ran off the course, and Whistle fell, leaving Deception to walk in. Gannett, after having returned to the paddock, came out again to run for second money, and in the meantime Whistle's rider had remounted, and between the two a slashing race ensued for second place. Dividend, 14s.

OSTRICH STAKES of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs. out of stakes. Distance, 1 mile.

43	Mr. Robertson's ch m Millifera, aged, 7st	1
30	Mr. J. Arthur's ch m Prudence, 5yrs, 8st 8lb	2
19	Mr. J. Bland's b g Ika Vuka, 4yrs, 7st 2lb	3
14	Mr. J. Massey's b m Deception, 5yrs, 8st 10lb	0
11	Mr. J. Lyon's b m Tuna, aged, 7st 12lb	0
0	Mr. A. Kerr's b g Otau, 5yrs, 6st 10lb	0
8	Mr. L. Tomlinson's b m Cleopatra, aged, 6st 10lb	0

125 Millifera led from start to finish, winning easily by two lengths. Dividend, £1 5s.

FLYING STAKES of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 1 1/2 sovs. out of stakes. Distance, 3/4 mile.

48	Mr. W. C. Booth's b g Memorandum, aged, 8st 7lb	1
0	Mr. J. Walker's b m Luna, aged, 6st 10lb	2
78	Mr. J. Thorpe's blk m Forget-me-Not, 5yrs, 7st 6lb	3
10	Mr. J. Arthur's ch m Prudence, 5yrs, 8st 10lb	0
11	Mr. J. Wilson's b g Premier, aged, 8st	0
19	Mr. F. Macminamin's b m Prestissimo, aged, 7st 10lb	0
0	Mr. A. Kerr's b g Otau, 5yrs, 6st 5lb	0
20	Mr. L. D. Nathan's ch f Sybil, 2yrs, 6st	0

186 Memorandum won easily; a good race for second place between Luna and Forget-me-Not. Dividend, £1 14s.

Cambria has been sold, through the agency of Mr. T. D. Halstead, to an Australian sportsman, and was shipped last Wednesday on board the Wairarapa for Sydney. It is believed that his future game will be pony racing, as he comes under the standard.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB WEIGHTS.

TO BE HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY, 1891.

HUNT CUP, one mile and a quarter.

Leorina	9 4	Loch Ness	7 12
Ingorina	8 6	Patchwork	7 8
Antelope	8 4	Belmont	7 4
Capella	8 2	Warrior	6 10

MAIDEN PLATE, one mile.

Octopus	8 12	Ma Boughal	7 7
Premier	8 4	Prestissimo	7 3
Brian Boru	8 4	Warrior	7 2
Tuna	8 0	Millifera	7 0
Forget-me-not	7 10	Macaroni	6 7
Captive	7 8	Moderator	6 7

STEEPLECHASE, two miles and a-half.

Nap	11 11	Cloth of Gold	10 4
Hopeful Kate	11 7	Fishmonger	9 12
Asper	11 3	Begorra	9 7
Relation	11 0	Moderator	9 7
General	10 4		

LADIES' PURSE, one mile.

Leorina	12 0	Tuna	10 0
Ingorina	11 12	Cloth of Gold	9 12
Nigger	11 0	Moderator	9 10
Hailstone	10 10	Ma Boughal	9 6
Storm	10 3	Warrior	9 4
Bon Voyage	10 3	Prestissimo	9 4
Nap	10 0		

HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.

Nap	11 0	General	10 6
Hopeful Kate	11 0	Fishmonger	10 6
Orakei	11 0	Begorra	9 10
Hailstone	10 12	Cloth of Gold	9 10
Relation	10 10	Moderator	9 7

NOVEL HANDICAP, five furlongs.

Ironbark	9 0	Comet	8 8
Premier	8 12	Flint	8 7
Prestissimo	8 10	Bacchus	8 6

FLYING STAKES, three-quarters of a mile.

Antelope	9 0	Ironbark	7 0
Ingorina	8 6	Prestissimo	7 0
Capella	8 6	Forget-me-not	7 0
Loch Ness	8 0	Brian Boru	7 0
Patchwork	8 0	Captive	6 10
Octopus	7 12	Bacchus	6 10
Prudence	7 12	Flint	6 10
Scot Free	7 4	Warrior	6 10
Belmont	7 3	Sweet Lavender	6 7

HELENSVILLE RACES.—WEIGHTS.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP, 1 1/4 miles.—Temuka, 8st 7lb; Porangi, 8st; King, 7st 7lb; Minnie Grey, 7st 7lb; Una, 7st; Potentate, 7st; Dividend, 7st; Mabel, 7st; Rocket, 7st; Speck, 7st; Gipsy, 7st.

HELENSVILLE CUP, 1 1/4 miles.—Leorina, 9st 10lb; Ingorina, 8st 10lb; Tamara, 7st 12lb; Orakei, 7st 7lb; Priscilla, 7st 5lb; Iron Bark, 7st 4lb; Capella, 6st 12lb; Tuina, 6st 10lb; Una, 6st 7lb; Prestissimo, 6st 7lb; Premier, 6st 7lb; Minnie Grey, 6st 7lb; Lilac, 6st 7lb.

HANDICAP FLYING STAKES, 3/4 mile.—Leorina, 9st 4lb; Ingorina, 8st 8lb; Capella, 8st 2lb; Tamara, 7st 10lb; Hailstone, 7st 10lb; Priscilla, 7st 7lb; Iron Bark, 7st 5lb; Tuina, 6st 12lb; Premier, 6st 12lb; Forget-me-not, 6st 10lb; Bacchus, 6st 10lb; Prestissimo, 6st 10lb; Lilac, 6st 10lb; Una, 6st 7lb; King, 6st 7lb; Speck, 6st 7lb; Gipsy, 6st 7lb.

NOVEL HANDICAP, 1 mile.—Prestissimo, 9st; Highgate, 8st 7lb; Nettle, 8st; Meteor, 8st; Thirty, Bob, 7st 7lb; Jerry, 7st 7lb.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, 2 miles.—Orakei, 10st 12lb; Hailstone, 10st 7lb; Cloth of Gold, 10st; Tawhiao, 9st 7lb; Begorra, 9st 7lb; Potentate, 9st; Joe (late King), 9st; Billy, 9st; Minnie Grey, 9st; Tim, 9st; Satan, 9st.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE, 1 1/4 miles.—Cloth of Gold, 10st 9lb; Begorra, 10st 2lb; Potentate, 9st 10lb; Joe (late King), 9st 10lb; Patricia, 9st 10lb; Tim, 9st 7lb; Satan, 9st 7lb; Nora, 9st 7lb; Chester, 9st 7lb; Rubi, 9st 7lb.

MUSIC, DRAMA, ETC.

Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?

FUN ON THE BRISTOL.

WIDOW O'BRIEN has brought with her such a motley array of talent tied to her apron-strings that it is no easy task to pick and choose the items most worthy of notice. It is veritably a case of *embarras de richesses*, and I cannot possibly deal with all the delicacies in this cunningly compounded "cabinet pudding" in one brief article. The Widow herself is an original conception; her make-up alone compels inextinguishable laughter, and she follows the precedent laid down by Bernhardt, Modjeska, Janet Achurch, and other great actresses in providing changes of gowns, which are a marvel and a dream. Her brogue and volubility are most quaintly natural and mirth-provoking. Doubtless from playing the part

so frequently she has acquired the habit of tumbling out her words with the rapidity and splash of a cascade dashing down a precipice of broken rocks. This is all very well for those who know the piece, but a little more attention to enunciation would cause many good points to be appreciated which are now lost, or only partially understood by the audience.

With Miss Gracie Whiteford I am quite in love. She is a second Nellie Farren or Nellie Power in her arch piquancy, coquettish abandon, sparkling gaiety, and all-round ability. Her singing and dancing compare very favourably with any I have heard or seen, in the burlesque division of which she is so bright an ornament. Endowed by nature with a winsome face and a graceful and shapely figure, she accentuates these great gifts by the exquisite taste displayed in her dressing. A prettier picture than that of the innocent little school-maiden with her slate, which serves a similar purpose to that of Koko's "little list," has never gladdened the eyes and warmed the hearts of an Auckland audience. In the concerted pieces her voice blended admirably, and displayed a volume which I had not given her credit for possessing. Best feature of all perhaps, she sings well in tune, a quality which is too rare among burlesque artistes, whose intonation is often excruciatingly defective. She is well backed up by Miss Stella Tudor, who plays the part of Dora with perfect grace and intelligence. The rôle is by no means an easy one, yet Miss Tudor not only looks very bewitching in her pink frock, but never misses a point. In the second act, when arrayed as a masher, she was remarkable for the ease and aplomb with which she wore masculine attire, *a la* Rosalind.

Miss Fanny Wiseman revels in the part of Bella Thompson, a sort of "Topsy," only more so. She infuses plenty of boisterous fun into the rôle, and makes an excellent point when she flings herself into the arms of the sham sentimental count, whose consternation on finding that he is hugging the "Ace of Spades," instead of the fair lady who has evaded his embrace, is extremely ludicrous. The bouncing and flopping about the stage are perhaps just a little exaggerated, but on the whole Bella Thompson is a clever impersonation.

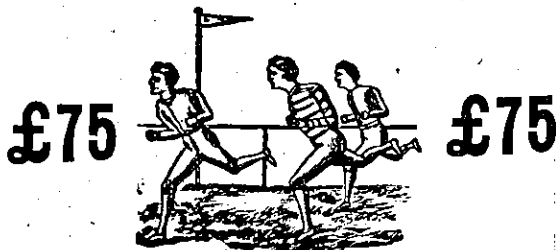
Miss Beatrice Lorne is the most artistic singer in the troupe. Her style and method are sound and legitimate, her voice is of good quality, range, and equally developed in the several registers. I expect to have this good impression confirmed on hearing her again. She sang her part in the quartette "Excelsior," which by the way is not a very excellent setting from a musical point of view, most effectively. Miss Nellie Arline has a graceful stage presence, and delighted everyone with her consummate performances on the banjo. Her touch is crisp and decisive and her stopping faultlessly correct. The amount of tone she gets out of an instrument which at the best is always of the tum-tum class, is surprising. For an encore she played a pretty little piece, during which she tossed the banjo about as a juggler playing with balls or knives, the music keeping on the even tenor of its way the while. This was a wonderful *tour de force*, and was deservedly greeted with loud applause. Mr. Archibald should get herto play into the phonograph. Other pleasing features in the performance—notably the Sappho ballet—I must reserve for a future article, when I hope to give the gentlemen a turn. The plot is a slender one, and mainly serves as a peg on which to hang the various specialities of a versatile and clever company of variety artistes. I can safely predict crowded houses and a successful season, as the *menu* is arranged to suit the tastes of the multitude.

Our friend the Phonograph bade us farewell on Wednesday evening, and we sincerely regret parting with one who has amused and astonished us so much. At the Monday performance Mr. Archibald honoured the *SPORTING REVIEW* with a special mention from the platform, and dealt with some of the points raised in this column. He assures me that the microphone is not in any way responsible for the volume of sound. Nothing but the funnel is used. Madame Burton's song was very successfully reproduced, but she is a contralto, not a soprano as Mr. Archibald supposed. Mr. Archibald stated that the high notes always came out of the instrument louder than the lower tones. So far as singing is concerned the instrument is not to be blamed for this, for

it is a general rule to sing the highest note louder than the rest of the passage. Apart from its intrinsic merits, the Phonograph largely owes its immense success to the lucid and apt explanations of the lecturer, who, while avoiding abstruse technical terms, imparts much scientific information which may be readily "understood of the people." A quaint vein of ironical humour adds greatly to the charm, and one cannot help admiring the tact and delicacy of manipulation with which Mr. Archibald controls his wayward child.

ORPHEUS.

ADVERTISEMENTS.



GRAND SHEFFIELD HANDICAP

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FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1891.

SPORTS! SPORTS! SPORTS!

A HANDICAP OF 75 SOVS., run under Sir Joseph Banks' Rules. First Prize, £60; Second, £10, Third, £3; Fourth, £2. Distance, 150 Yards. Nomination Fee, 10s.; Acceptance, 5s.

NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, AND HANDICAP. NOMINATIONS close with the Secretary on SATURDAY, March 14, at Waverley Hotel, Auckland. HANDICAP to appear on or about March 19. ACCEPTANCES close with the Secretary, WEDNESDAY, March 24.

ENTRY FORMS TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY.

PROMOTER.....MR. WALTER MOUNTAIN
HANDICAPPER.....MR. E. O'HARE
F. H. WINCH, Hon. Sec.,
Waverley Hotel, Auckland.

WAR! WAR!! WAR!!!
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PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.
RACE MEETING,

To be held on the ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE ON
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

PROGRAMME.

- HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 25 sovs. Distance, 1 mile.
- HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs. Distance, 1½ miles.
- NOVEL RACE HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Distance, 5 furlongs.
- HUNT CLUB CUP (Handicap) of 50 sovs. Distance, 1½ miles.
- HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs. Distance, about 2½ miles, over a fair hunting country.
- FLYING STAKES (Handicap) of 30 sovs. Distance, three-quarters of a mile.
- LADIES PURSE (Handicap) of 20 sovs. Distance, 1 mile.

HARRY H. HAYR,
Secretary.

HENDERSON'S MILL TURF CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON THE AVONDALE RACECOURSE.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH, 1891.

(St. Patrick's Day.)

PRESIDENT—Mr. W. Motion. STEWARDS—Mr. L. Dacre, Mr. T. Henderson, Mr. J. Marshall, Mr. J. Archibald, Mr. J. Malam, Mr. J. Smythe. STARTER—Mr. E. D. Halstead. JUDGE—Hon. E. Mitchelson. CLERK OF SCALES—Mr. Fred. Marks. CLERK OF COURSE—Mr. T. Brown. HANDICAPPER—TREASURER—Mr. T. Henderson.

PROGRAMME.

- MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 25 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 30 sovs. at the time of starting. Nomination ½ sov., acceptance ½ s v. Distance, 1 mile.
- HANDICAP HURDLES of 45 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance 2 miles.
- ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Nomination ½ sov., acceptance ½ sov. Distance, 5 furlongs.
- HENDERSON'S MILL CUP HANDICAP of 75 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 2 sovs. Distance, 1½ miles.
- SELLING RACE of 25 sovs., for three-year-olds and upwards, three-year-olds to carry 9st.; four-year-olds, 9st. 12lb.; five; six, and aged, 10st. 4lb. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for 50 sovs. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs., allowed 7lb.; if for 30 sovs., 14lb.; if for 20 sovs., 21lb.; if for 10 sovs., 28lb.; if for nil, 42lb. Nomination 1 sov. on the night of General Entry. Distance, 7 furlongs.
- HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance, about three miles.
- RAILWAY HANDICAP of 35 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Winner of Henderson's Mill Cup to carry a penalty of 5lb. extra, or St. Patrick's Handicap, or both, 7lbs. extra. Nomination ½ sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance, 6 furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ETC.

Nominations close on FRIDAY, February 20th for—Maiden Plate (Handicap) ½ sov.; Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov.; Henderson's Mill Cup (Handicap) 1 sov.; Railway Handicap, ½ sov.; Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov.; St. Patrick's Handicap, ½ sov. Weights to appear on MONDAY, March 2nd. Acceptances and General Entries close on FRIDAY, March 6th at 9 p.m. for—Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov.; Henderson's Mill Cup (Handicap) 2 sovs.; Railway Handicap, 1 sov.; St. Patrick's Handicap, ½ sov.; Maiden Plate (Handicap), ½ sov.; Selling Race, 1 sov.; Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov. All entries to be soled and addressed to the Secretary, Durham Street East, Auckland.

R. WYNARD, Secretary.



CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING, 1891.

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP, 1891.

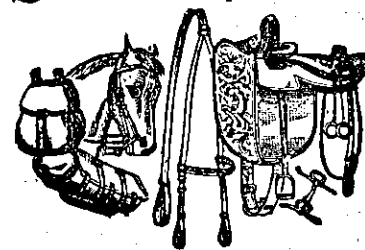
A Handicap Sweepstakes of 20 sovs. each, with 1,000 sovs. added; second horse to receive 200 sovs., and the third horse 100 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. The winner of any handicap of the value of 100 sovs. after the declaration of the weights, 3lb; 200 sovs., 5lb; 300 sovs., 7lb extra. Entrance, 2 sovs., by 4 p.m. on Monday, March 2nd. Weights will be declared on or about July 1st. Acceptance, with 3 sovs., on Friday, August 7th, 1891; 7 sovs. on General Entry Day, 1891, and 10 sovs. on a date hereafter to be named shortly before the race. Two miles.

ENTRIES Monday, March 2nd, 1891, at 4 p.m.

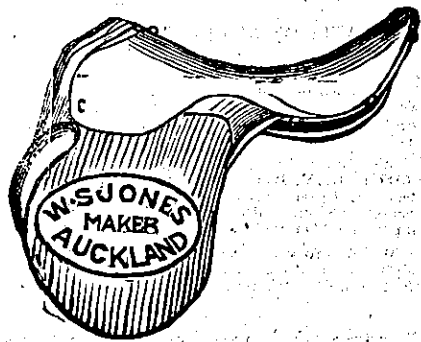
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JUDGE: Dr. Norton.

STARTER: Richard Mitchelson, Esq.

CLERK OF SCALES: Mr. S. Dell.

CLERK OF COURSE: Mr. J. E. Shipherd.

STEWARDS: Messrs. L. B. Marriner, W. F. Roche, A. Wilson, O. Gaze, H. Kjer, J. Chiplin and J. E. Shipherd.

HANDICAPERS: The Stewards or their appointees.

INAUGURAL MEETING,

To be held on the DARGAVILLE RACECOURSE, on

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

20th and 21st March, 1891.

PROGRAMME.—FIRST DAY.

- 1. MAIDEN PLATE**, a handicap of 20 sovs. Second horse to receive 3 sovs. out of stakes. For all horses that have never won an advertised flat race exceeding 15 sovs. in value. Distance, one mile and a half. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 10s.
- 2. BUSHMEN'S PURSE**, a Handicap of 25 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. The winner of any handicap on the flat of the value of 20 sovs. after declaration of weights to carry 5lb. penalty. Distance, one mile and a half. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s.
- 3. FIRST HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 25 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Distance, two miles, over eight flights of hurdles, about 3 feet 6 inches in height. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s.
- 4. DARGAVILLE CUP**, a handicap of 60 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs., and third horse 3 sovs. out of stakes. The winner of any handicap on the flat of the value of 40 sovs. after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb. Distance, one mile and three quarters. Nomination, 30s.; acceptance, 30s.
- 5. FIRST HANDICAP HACK RACE** of 12 sovs. Second horse to receive 20 per cent. of entrance money. For all horses that have never won an advertised race (Hack Race excepted) and being the bona fide property for at least two months immediately preceding race day of persons residing North of Riverhead. Distance, one mile. Entrance, 15s.
- 6. RAILWAY PLATE**, a handicap of 25 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. The winner of any handicap on the flat of the value of 20 sovs. to carry a penalty of 5lb., and the winner of any handicap on the flat of the value of 40 sovs. to carry a penalty of 7lb. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s.

SECOND DAY.

- 1. PUBLICANS' PURSE**, a handicap of 20 sovs. Second horse to receive 3 sovs. out of the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 10s.
- 2. SECOND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 25 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Distance, two miles, over eight flights of hurdles about 3 feet 6 inches in height. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s.
- 3. NORTHERN Wairoa HANDICAP** of 35 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Distance, one mile and a half. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 15s.
- 4. AUCTION STAKES** of 20 sovs. Top weight, 10st. Winner to be sold for 40 sovs. An allowance of 7lb will be made for every 5 sovs. reduction in selling price to 20 sovs.. If entered to be sold for 15 sovs. to be allowed 3lb.; if for nil, to be allowed 4lb. Any surplus from sale of horse over price at which he was entered to be sold to go to the funds of the Club. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. Entrance, 20s.
- 5. SECOND HACK RACE**, a handicap of 15 sovs. Second horse to receive 3 sovs. out of stakes. Distance, one mile. For all horses that have never won an advertised race (hack races excepted), and which shall have been the bona fide property for at least two months immediately preceding race day of persons residing North of Riverhead for at least two months immediately preceding race day. Entrance, 15s.
- 6. GUMDIGGERS' PURSE**, a handicap of 25 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For all horses owned and actually being in the Hobson County for at least one month immediately preceding race day. Distance, one and a quarter miles. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s.

DATES OF NOMINATION, ACCEPTANCES, AND GENERAL ENTRIES.

Nominations for all handicaps (hack races excepted) will be received by the Secretary, at his office, Victoria-street, Dargaville, and Mr. H. H. Hayr, Auckland, up to 8 p.m. on THURSDAY, February 20th.

Weights for races to be run on first day will be declared on THURSDAY, March 5th. Acceptances for first day's racing and General Entries (Auction Stakes and Hack Races) close at the Secretary's office, Dargaville, and with Mr. Hayr, Auckland, at 8 p.m. on THURSDAY, 12th March.

Weights for races to be run on second day will be declared at 9 p.m. on first day of racing, and acceptances for same close at 10 a.m. on second day.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All races to be run at the meeting held subject to Auckland Racing Club Rules.

Protests must be accompanied by a deposit of 1 sov., which sum will be forfeited to the funds if protest be not sustained.

Persons nominating must state age, pedigree, and performances of horses. Colours to be worn by riders must be stated on or before Thursday, 12th March, and persons failing to do so will be compelled to run in colours entered by the Secretary on their behalf.

Winners to pay five per cent. of gross winnings towards the expenses of the course.

The Auckland Racing Club Rules relating to notification of penalties, scratchings, and the wearing of distinguishing colours will be strictly enforced.

Entries will be received only on this condition:—That all disputes, claims, and objections upon all or any points connected with the carrying out of this programme shall be decided as provided by the Auckland Racing Club Rules, (and not otherwise); and that no action, suit, or other proceeding at law shall be taken to settle, adjust, or decide the same.

No nomination or acceptance shall be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.

No games of chance will be allowed on the course or on any grounds in the occupation of the Club. Any person found playing at any such game will be given in custody without any previous request to leave.

[Approved by Auckland Racing Club.]

NORMAN A. McLEOD,

Secretary.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON THE TAKAPUNA RACECOURSE,
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1891.

LIST OF STEWARDS AND OFFICERS:

Stewards—Messrs. R. Garrett, Jas. Dickey, D. Tonks, L. A. Levy, J. T. Armitage, W. Percival, J. B. Bull. Judge—Mr. John Kirkwood. Starter—Mr. E. D. Halstead. Clerk of Course—Mr. T. A. Brown. Clerk of Scales—Mr. R. Garrett. Handicapper—Mr. W. Knight.

PROGRAMME.

- HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE** of 25 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of the value of 30 sovs. Entrance 10s.; acceptance 10s., to go to the funds. Distance, 1 mile.
- HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 45 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 10s., acceptance 1 sov. each to go the funds. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.
- TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP (HANDICAP)** of 60 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance 1 sov., acceptance 1½ sovs. each, to go to the funds. Distance, one and a half miles.
- SELLING RACE** of 30 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-year-olds to carry 9st; four-year-olds, 9st 12lb; five, six, and aged, 10st 4lb. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for 50 sovs. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs., allowed 7lb; if for 30 sovs., 14lb; if for 20 sovs., 21lb; if for 10 sovs., 28lb; if for nil 42lb. Entrance 20s., to go to the funds. Distance, six furlongs.
- HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 60 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. each, to go the funds. Distance, about three miles.
- FLYING STAKES (HANDICAP)** of 30 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance 10s., acceptance 10s. each to go to the funds. Distance, three-quarters of a mile.
- WELTER HANDICAP** of 30 sovs. Entrance 10s., acceptance 10s., to go to the funds. Distance, one mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ETC.

NOMINATIONS for all Handicaps close with the Secretary, at the office of the Sporting Review, Vulcan Lane, on FRIDAY, 27th March, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES, and Entries for Selling Race, close on FRIDAY, 3rd April, at 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS will appear on or about 30th March. Five per cent. deducted from gross winnings.

Order of running subject to alteration.

HARRY H. HAYR,
Secretary.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING,

TO BE RUN ON

CLAUDELANDS RACECOURSE, HAMILTON,

ON

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, 1891.

FIRST RACE TO START AT 12.15 P.M. SHARP.

PROGRAMME.

(Passed by the A.R.C.)

- HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE**, of 20 sovs., for horses that have never won an advertised race of more than £20. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Distance, 7 furlongs.
- HANDICAP HURDLES**, of 30 sovs. Over eight flights, 3ft 6in, hurdles. Nomination 15s, acceptance 15s. Distance, 2 miles.
- AUTUMN HANDICAP**, of 55 sovs.; 5 sovs. out of stakes to go to second horse. Winner of any race of the advertised value of £50 after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lb extra, of any two such races 8lb extra; penalties not cumulative. Nomination 25s, acceptance 30s. Distance, 1½ miles.
- WELTER HANDICAP**, of 20 sovs. For horses owned in the six Counties of Raglan, Waipa, Waikato, Piako, Ohinemuri, and Thames, and that have been the bona fide property of the owners for at least two months before the day of entry, and have never won an advertised race of more than £50. Gentleman riders. Bottom weight, 9st. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Distance, 1 mile.
- HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE**, of 55 sovs.; 5 sovs. out of stakes to go to second horse. Nomination 25s, acceptance 30s. Distance, about 3 miles.
- CLAUDELANDS HANDICAP**, of 30 sovs. Winner of the Autumn Handicap to carry 10lb extra; winner of any other race after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lb extra. Penalties not cumulative. Nomination 15s, acceptance 15s. Distance, 1½ miles.
- NOVEL RACE**, of 30 sovs. The winner to become the absolute property of the Club, to be sold immediately after the race. w.f.a. Entry 30s. Distance, 7 furlongs.
- FLYING STAKES HANDICAP**, of 20 sovs. Winner of the Autumn Handicap to carry 10lb extra; winner of the Claudelands Handicap to carry 7lb extra. Penalties not cumulative. Nomination 10s, acceptance 10s. Distance, 6 furlongs.

CONDITIONS.

Nominations for Handicap Maiden Plate, Handicap Hurdles, Autumn Handicap, Welter Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase, Claudelands Handicap, and Flying Handicap, to be made to the Secretary, Hamilton, before 9 p.m. on Friday, March 13th.

Weights to appear on or about Wednesday, March 18th. Acceptances to be declared before 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 26th.

Nominations for Novel Race to be made to the Secretary before 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 26th, day of general entry.

Five per cent. deducted from all stakes, to go to the improvement of the course.

A.R.C. Rules strictly adhered to.

Mr. H. H. Hayr, of Auckland, is authorised to receive nominations, etc.

G. H. CARTER,
Hon. Sec.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING,

To be held on WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
1st and 2nd APRIL, 1891.

President: A. Standish, Esq. Vice-President, W. Bayly, Esq. Stewards: O. Samuel, C. W. Govett, J. T. Davis, W. D. Thomson, T. Elliott, G. J. Newman, Dr. O'Carroll, W. L. Newman, N. King, R. Cock, E. R. A. Haworth, Capt. Mace. Judge: James Paul. Starter: Capt. Mace. Clerk of Scales: R. Cock. Clerk of Course: E. R. A. Haworth. Handicappers: J. O. Evitt and R. G. Pardy.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

FIRST DAY.

FIRST HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 30 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Open to all horses that have not won an advertised race, (hack and hunter races excepted) or nominated for any race at date of meeting. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 10s.; acceptance 1 sov. One mile and a quarter.

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 40 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Open to horses that have not won any stake over the value of 30 sovs. at the time of starting. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 1 sov. One mile and a quarter.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 250 sovs. The second horse to receive 25 sovs. and the third horse 10 sovs. from the stakes. The winner of any handicap of 300 sovs. after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb; 200 sovs, 5lb; 100 sovs, 3lb. extra. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 2 sovs; and a final payment of 3 sovs. before 8 p.m. on the night before the first day's races. One mile and a half.

FIRST HANDICAP HACK RACE of 20 sovs. The second horse to receive 3 sovs. from the stakes. Open to all horses that have not won an advertised race (hack or hunter races excepted), or nominated for any race at date of meeting. Nomination 1 sov., on general entry night; acceptance free at the post. Once round the course.

WELTER HANDICAP of 40 sovs. The second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 1 sov. One mile.

FLYING HANDICAP of 60 sovs. The second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. The winner of the T.J.C. Handicap to carry 5lbs. extra. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 2 sovs. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

SECOND HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 30 sovs. The second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Same conditions as First Handicap Hack Hurdles. Over seven flights of hurdles. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9.30 p.m. Nomination 10s. on general entry night; acceptance 1 sov. One mile and a half.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP of 70 sovs. The second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9.30 p.m. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 2 sovs. Seven furlongs.

SCURRY STAKES of 20 sovs. Entrance 1 sov. at the Judge's Box after the preceding race. The winner to be sold for 20 sovs., and any surplus to go to the funds. Catch weights. Five furlongs.

JUBILEE HANDICAP of 150 sovs. The second horse to receive 15 sovs., and the third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of first day's races. Acceptances close at 9.30 p.m. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 3 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

SECOND HANDICAP HACK RACE of 20 sovs. The second horse to receive 3 sovs. from the stakes. Same conditions as First Handicap Hack Race. Entrance 1 sov., on night of the first day's races. One mile and a quarter.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 50 sovs. The second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9.30 p.m. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 1 sov. Once round the course.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, AND AMOUNTS TO BE FORWARDED.

Nominations close on Saturday, 21st February, 1891: Maiden Handicap, 1 sov.; Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap, 1 sov.; Welter Handicap, 1 sov.; Flying Handicap, 1 sov.; Grand Stand Handicap, 1 sov.; Jubilee Handicap, 1 sov.; First Handicap Hurdles, ½ sov.; Farewell Handicap, 1 sov.

Weights to be declared Friday, March 20, 1891.

Acceptances and General Entries close on Thursday, 26th March, 1891. Acceptances: Maiden Handicap, 1 sov.; Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap, 2 sovs.; Welter Handicap, 1 sov.; Flying Handicap, 2 sovs.; First Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov. Entrances: First Handicap Hack, 1 sov.; Second Handicap Hurdles, ½ sov.

Tuesday, March 31st, 1891. Final payment Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap, 3 sovs.

Wednesday, April 1st, 1891. Acceptances: Grand Stand Handicap, 2 sovs.; Jubilee Handicap, 3 sovs.; Second Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov.; Farewell Handicap, 1 sov. Entrance: Second Handicap Hack, 1 sov.

Nominations and acceptances will also be received by Mr. H. H. Hayr, Auckland.

ROBT. G. BAUCHOPE,
Secretary.

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