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Sporting Review.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1891.

We have received a circular headed "Auckland Butchers' Annual Racing Club," and signed "F. R. Bust, Secretary." The gist of the circular is complaining that the A.R.C. Committee had declined to pass their programme to enable them to hold a race meeting in connection with their annual picnic on Takapuna racecourse, and by so doing enable them to have the use of the totalisator, and asking racing clubs to co-operate with them.

The butchers certainly score two points in their circular. They say that they offered to give in added money the sum of £105, which is within £5 of the money given at Whitford Park. Still their programme was refused and the other granted.

The second point is contained in Clause No. 7. "The A.R.C. Committee have set their faces against trotting and pony racing, and are endeavouring by all the means in their power to put a stop to it." This they never will be able to do.

Lord Dudley has purchased the hunter Mongrel from G. Clements, the trainer, for £1,000. This is about the highest price ever given for a hunter.

THE TURF.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB RACES.

THE acceptances for the Pakuranga Hunt Club Meeting to be held next Saturday, are much better than could be anticipated, considering their mediocre quality. I hear daily complaints from owners about the way their horses are handicapped by Mr. Knight, and have told them if not satisfied with him, decline to enter their horses where he has the compiling of the weights.

Now one comes to an extraordinary piece of handicapping which requires some explanation. The Maiden Plate and Ladies' Purse are both the same distance, viz., one mile. In the former race Ma Boughal gives Warrior 5lb, Prestissimo 4lb, and Moderator 14lbs.

The Maiden Plate has an acceptance of eleven. Ma Boughal and Macaroni are in the same stable. Millifera, who won two races at Whitford Park, appears to be improving, though certainly the company was very moderate, so one may say of this.

There are eight in the Hurdle Race. The best of these appears to be Orakei, Fishmonger, and Hopeful Kate.

The principal race, the Hunt Cup, has six remaining in. Antelope, 8st 4lb, reads well, and from what one can learn she has greatly improved since she has gone into Tommy Taylor's hands, but my preference is for Loch Ness, who should have won the Takapuna J.C. Handicap, which is the same distance as this race.

Of the six that remain in the Steeplechase Asper looks the best on paper, but as he has been sold to go to Melbourne, he is an unlikely starter. Of the others, either Nap or Fishmonger should furnish the winner.

The Flying Stakes greatly depends on previous running, Loch Ness, Scot Free, and Antelope all reading well.

The Ladies Purse depends in a great measure on the riders, as they are all amateurs, therefore it had better be left alone until the numbers go up, but if Leorina has a good horseman in the saddle, she ought to win.

THE Newmarket Handicap is run to-day (Saturday). It is admitted by the most reliable authorities in Australasia that it is the most open race that has been known for years. If it is so to them, what is it to backers at a distance, who know little of the horses except what they glean from the newspapers? Therefore, the man that picks the winner must do it more by luck than good judgement.