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ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.

OUR views respecting Macpherson's performances appear to be corroborated by the Canterbury reps. who have now returned to their homes. "Macpherson, they say, was in splendid form, and quite made an exhibition of all the other runners in the hundred and two-fifty. The latter race they reckon he won by quite eight yards." Wood and Moir, who saw the start of the race do not consider that the runners beat the pistol. From where they stood it appeared as though all the runners except Owen—who started at the word "set," and then tried to get back—left at the report." The above quotation is from "Handicapper's" notes (in the *Canterbury Weekly Press*, latest issue, whose remarks in a previous issue we criticised last week. He will now doubtless modify his opinions in regard to the possibility of Macpherson's reported record. The Canterbury reps. highly praise Hutchinson's style and performance, but are rather hard on Burton, considering his spurts not above suspicion, and actually preferring Cock's style! They say that but for Macpherson having the inside running, Hutchinson would undoubtedly have won the quarter. With reference to the strictures upon Burton's walking comment is hardly necessary beyond this, that in our opinion, a fairer walker never donned shoes. Cock's is a good walker, with an ugly ungainly style. He is full of grit and does not know when he is beaten. His conqueror is superior at every point—grace, speed, endurance, and fairness all included.

If the proposed invasion of England by New Zealand athletes is to take place this year, the promoters must bestir themselves. It is true that the English championship meeting is fixed for next June, but most of the important athletic fixtures—especially the college sports at the Universities—are over long before that month, when the men have all gone down for the long vac. If, however, our men could get away about the middle of March, they would hit enough of the tail end of the season to try their mettle against good men, and get into form before competing in the big Championship events. "Money will make the mare to go." We have enough to do our part. Let the other Provinces look to it, and do theirs.

"WHEN night is darkest, dawn is nearest." The cauldron of art is simmering ominously, and is about to reach boiling point. The sooner the better. We have in Auckland two societies, one boasting a few artists and considerable social influence, the other having the cream of brush-wielders on its roll, but much less of the "jam-tart" element. The former naturally desires to make a success of its exhibition from an artistic point of view—now doubtful—as well as from a social aspect, which with the aid of a swell conversazione opened by His Excellency the Governor is probable. With this end in view overtures are suggested through the correspondence columns of the press to the younger society in the direction of some compromise. That was hardly the proper channel. The officials should have been approached, and such an effort to bring the discordant elements into "sympathetic accord" might have proved successful.

Now doubts as to the *bona fides* of vague suggestions naturally arise in the minds of those connected with the younger society. What guarantee is to be given them for the permanence of any arrangement which might induce them to assist by sending in their pictures to the coming exhibition. One course appears to us to be the only practical solution. Let both societies at once dissolve and reform under a name and rules to be agreed upon. Postpone the exhibition for a few weeks, until the arrangements are satisfactorily completed, and all the elements of success would be combined. Let the old feuds be cremated, and the ashes of discord deposited in an artistic urn, enclosed in a mottled kauri coffin. Upon this place the hatchet of war, made into a thing of beauty by dint of a lavish pellicle of gold leaf. Then form a procession of members of both societies and bury the ashes and the hatchet in some suitable spot in the Albert Park. The order of the procession might be something like this—

COMBINED BANDS OF ORCHESTRAL UNION and AUCKLAND CHORAL SOCIETY
Playing "Marionette's Funeral March."
Marshall and Undertaker: MR. HOLLAND.

Pall Bearers:		Pall Bearers:
Mr. Watkins		Mr. Bloomfield
" Ryan		" Drummond
" Crowther		" Wright
" Sealy		" Ball
" Goldie		" Peyton

Chief Mourners: PRESIDENTS MACKECHNIE and STEELE.
Train of Lady Mourners of both Societies.
Members generally of both Societies.
General public.

After solemnly interring the coffin, the procession, led by the band playing some lively quick-step—say "Down among the dead men"—would return to the Choral Hall, and the Exhibition would be opened with due ceremony and *eclat* to the attendant crowds. Our artists might then devote all their talents to designing and rearing over the ashes of discord an appropriate monument, upon which should be engraved in golden characters, a suitable inscription, terminating with "*Requiescant in pace*," but of course omitting anything like "*Resurgam*." Possibly so good an example might lead to a reconciliation among our disaffected musicians; double dealing doctors and peppery parsons might then follow suit. Whether the theological, medical, musical, or artistic odium is the most bitterly relentless is a question which will remain unsolved until the crack of doom. Lawyers agree to differ as a rule, but rings and corners are not unknown even among the devil's own. Little arrangements are sometimes made between eminent counsel on the reciprocity ticket, by which the most valuable clients thrust the weaker to the wall. Mr. Surrebutter has the best of a case in which Mr. Demurrer is retained for the enemy. But Mr. Demurrer's client is a good mark and

worth much money to his lawyer, whilst Mr. Surrebutter's client is a poor man, without influence or capacity to bring business. Somehow, although having the better case, Mr. Surrebutter's client is either worsted or compelled to accept some inadequate offer as a compromise. Possibly the conditions are reversed in some other suit, enabling Mr. Demurrer to return the favour by a trifle of negative assistance to a good client of Mr. Surrebutter. In this example of corruption we can only suggest that the lawyers themselves be cremated. They are too wise to quarrel with their bread and butter. *O tempora! O mores!*

MANY are not aware that we have in our midst a Glass-ball Shooting Club, which meets for practice and sweepstake matches on Saturday afternoons. A suitable spot for the purpose has been found among the rocks above Seccombe's Brewery, the proprietor, having kindly granted his permission. Glass-ball shooting, let us explain to the uninitiated, is after this fashion. A trap, provided with a strong spring, is fixed at, say, from 18 to 21 yards from the scratch. On the spring is placed a hollow glass ball. A line, pulled by a person under shelter some twelve yards or so out of the line of fire releases the spring, which propels the ball upwards some 15 or 20 feet, the marksman firing as if in a pigeon-match. The feat looks easier than it really is, and a good many balls beat the gun. 1½ oz. of shot is the charge allowed, with powder of course *ad lib.* Some of the Club are becoming very deadly—so much so that means are being devised to improve the apparatus, as well as to handicap the better shots by placing them further from the trap. The spring as it exists throws every ball in the same direction, the flight varying only with the force of wind, which may happen to blow. On a still, calm day, there is practically no variation at all, so that a quick shot might automatically break every ball. It is now proposed to so alter the spring as to enable it to be set at any angle desired. The marksman would then have a more difficult task, since he would not know beforehand what rise to expect. As it is, glass-ball shooting requires patience, accuracy, and skill, and if not so exciting, is less barbarous than dove tournaments.

Mr. E. D. O'Rorke arrived from the South yesterday. One of our morning contemporaries, which has always been distinguished for the promptness and accuracy of its sporting news, has reached the acme of journalistic enterprise. On Wednesday morning it published what purported to be the results of the Egmont meeting, and, as the racing did not commence until eight or nine hours after the paper went to press, readers were naturally puzzled to know how the thing was done. The explanation has leaked out. The Hawera correspondent of the paper telegraphed on Tuesday evening "tips" for the races to take place on the following day, and the sub-editor, who may be excused for nodding towards the small hours of the morning, assumed that they were the results of the meeting, and published them accordingly. This is probably another record. —*Canterbury Times.*

ATHLETICS, ETC.

[BY NIMBLEFOOT.]

THE Committee of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club held a meeting at the British Hotel on Friday evening last, to consider the alleged "stiff" running of three members in the handicaps at the last championship meeting. After hearing Messrs. Chatfield and Haies' evidence the Committee exonerated them from all blame.

Mr. Madigan's evidence was not considered satisfactory, and he was informed so to that effect by the Committee, and cautioned. During the evening it came out that an attempt had been made to square one of the competitors, and it was decided by the Committee to make an example of any person detected in any such practice in the future.

The programme for the next sports meeting on March 14th, will be found in our advertising columns, and I would draw intending competitors attention to the fact that the entries close this Saturday evening, February 28th, at the British Hotel, before 9 p.m.

There is another matter I am pleased to hear the Committee intend to deal vigorously with at the next meeting, and that is to stop the betting on the ground. The Committee rightly see that if they permit it to go on any longer it simply means the extinction of the Club, and as they consider that bookmakers are neither use nor ornament to them, they intend expelling anyone laying the odds on the ground at their next meeting.

The N.Z. Amateur Athletic Association held a meeting last week to consider the proposal to send a team of amateurs to England. Mr. Cuff stated that he had communicated with several of the prominent athletes on the matter. Batger would go if he could get the leave, and so also would Hempton. Hutchinson could get leave, so also can Morrison, while Wood was doubtful. The N.Z. Shipping Co. offered to give a handsome donation towards the funds, and so also did Mr. P. Cunningham, on behalf of Shaw, Savill & Co. It was proposed to leave New Zealand about the middle of April, arriving in England in plenty of time for the championships held in June. The cost for five men was reckoned about £575, and it was suggested that each city pay the cost of sending their own men. The N.Z. Association and Canterbury Amateur Athletic Club would probably contribute £25 each. After a considerable amount of discussion it was proposed and seconded "That the Association think it desirable that a N.Z. athletic team should compete at the English Championship meeting." On being put to the meeting the motion was declared carried, three voting for it and two against, the rest present refraining from voting.

At a Committee meeting of the Canterbury Amateur Athletic Club held on Tuesday evening last, it was decided by three votes to two to support the Association in their efforts to send a team to England.

The local Club has not, I understand, received any communication re the proposed trip yet, and from what I can gather it does not seem to meet the approval of athletes here. The general opinion is that the matter has been rushed on too hurriedly, and that the trip should not be made until next season. I, myself, am of the same opinion, and consider if it was put off until then, the necessary funds would be forthcoming to send a thoroughly representative team. As it is now I think it would be impossible to collect the large sum required in so short a time.

Messrs. Coats, Esam, Grierson, and Halyday received a vote of thanks at the last meeting of the Association for their efforts on their behalf at the Championship meeting.

The Domain presents quite a busy appearance every evening, and from the number training I anticipate large fields at the Club's Autumn meeting.

I hear that B. Owen has decided to retire from the track.

Messrs. Cotter and Speight will frame the bicycle handicaps for the next sports.

Neither Hutchinson, Laird, or Winks intend competing at the next meeting.

I hear that a lot of new men intend competing in the bicycle events. The more the merrier, as the form displayed by the Club's cyclists at the Championship meeting shows that there is room for fresh talent.

LAWN TENNIS.

Now that the Championship Matches and Club Tournaments have commenced there has been quite an interest taken in tennis. The weather has not been very favourable up to the present, but there is every promise of an improvement, for which I am sure all tennis players will be thankful.

In the first round of the Championship (Ladies) Miss Spiers, who played in her usual good form, beat Miss Atkinson, 6-1, 6-1; Miss M. Paton beat Miss Kempthorne, 6-1, 6-2; Miss Durrieu received a bye from Miss Hall, and the same may be said of Miss Nicholson from Miss State; Miss Torrie beat Miss Reese after some good play, 6-1, 6-5; Miss Ring beat Miss Robertson after close games, 9-7, 6-1; Mrs. Chapman beat Miss Tordall, 6-1, 6-2; Miss Whitney beat Miss Bull, 6-1, 6-2.

In the second round, which was played off on Friday last, Mrs. Chapman beat Miss Nicholson, 6-1, 6-2.

In the second round of the Gentleman's Championship single on Saturday last Morrison met Hooper, which resulted in a very good game, but on account of the wet the game had after the third set to be postponed, and will be continued again to-day, Saturday. Three sets played ended—Hooper, 6-3; Morrison, 7-5; and the third set two games all.

On the same day McFarlane had an easy win from Gledhill, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0. Tonks was to meet Rich, but as the latter did not put in an appearance Tonks has the right to claim a bye, but has given Rich the chance to play any day through the coming week.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CHRISTCHURCH, February 19th.

CYCLING.

SINCE the return of the local men from the Auckland meeting considerable ill feeling has been aroused by Heywood, the P.B.C. man, avering that he was the victim of foul play in the mile championship. Steadman, of Dunedin, backs up his statement, and between them they have raised quite a diversion amongst the local cyclists. The P.B.C. seem inclined to favour Heywood's statement, but the public generally feel assured that Wilmot is altogether above suspicion in such a matter.

During the re-union given by the P.B.C. to welcome the local wheelmen their return from Auckland, opportunity was taken to present Nat Hall, last year's champion, with a medal, sent to him by the Humber Cycling Co. The medal, which was a very handsome one, was sent to Hall as a mark of his skill in winning all the N.Z. championships on a Humber machine.

It is universally stated by those who had the pleasure of being present at the championship meeting, that the Auckland riders use machines much too large for them.

AQUATIC.

On 17th inst the Lake Forsyth regatta, the principal one of the season, was decided under most favourable circumstances. The racing all through was of first class description, and the interest of the large number of spectators never flagged. It was generally taken for granted that the Star and Wellington, two visiting crews, would have matters all their own way in the senior races, and these opinions were confirmed in the Senior Sculls Pairs, and Single Sculls, the former being annexed by the Star, and the latter by Wellington representatives. In the Senior Fours a great boil over took place, as the C.R.C., a local crew, put down both the Wellington crews, much to the surprise of all present.

The Lyttleton R.C. accounted for all the Maiden events, as well as the Junior Pairs, and Canterbury got home in the Ladies Plate, Junior Fours, and Junior Sculls.

It has been definitely settled that the C.R.C. crew who won the Senior Fours will journey to Wanganui to compete in the Championship events. I hardly think they will be a match for Wellington on neutral water, however.

CRICKET.

Owing to the heavy rain which fell here on Saturday last, it was found impossible to go on with the usual cricket matches.

A match was played last week between the local pencilers and jockeys at Hagley Park. In

the first attempt the layers of odds made only 22, and in their second the last wicket fell with the score at 82. The knights of the pig-skin compiled 102 in their first attempt, and knocked off the remaining 3 runs for the loss of 1 wicket.

There is a great probability of a team from Westland visiting Otago and Canterbury some time next month, when a series of matches will be arranged.

The Cup matches advanced another step at Dunedin on Saturday last, when the Ware-housemen beat the Wanderers by 56 runs, and Carisbrook served Albion in a like manner to the tune of 8 wickets.

On the same day the return match between Timaru and Oamaru took place on the latter's grounds. The game, a one-innings one, ended in a draw in favour of Timaru, who scored 121 to their opponents 14 for 5 wickets.

ATHLETICS.

At the presentation of prizes to the successful C.A.A. men last week, the question of sending a team of N.Z. athletes to England was fully gone into. After considerable discussion it was resolved to communicate with Messrs. Hempton, Batger, Hutchinson, Morrison, D. Wood, and Cuff (as manager), to see if they would be prepared to undertake the journey. It was stated that fully £575 would be required to cover the teams expenses, each city to contribute their representatives costs.

It is generally thought that the idea is premature, and should not have been thought of till at least next season.

DUNEDIN CUP AND PUBLICANS' PURSE.

(BY WIRE—OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DUNEDIN, Thursday.

The following is the result of the principal races run at Dunedin last Wednesday.

THE DUNEDIN CUP of 600 sovs., 2 miles and a distance—

Mr. D. O'Brien's Freedom, 8st 3lb (White).....	1
Mr. J. Stephenson's Occident, 8st 9lb (Leeson).....	2
Mr. Clifford's Cruchfield, 7st 8lb (Brown).....	3

Hilda, 8st 9lb (Gallagher), Prime Warden, 7st 3lb, and Assyrian King also ran. Prime Warden and Cruchfield made most of the running at a slow pace for the first mile, when the pace was increased, when Assyrian King, who was with them, fell back beaten. Hilda at this time was running a long way back last, and in a bad position considering the pace, and when it came to real business could not make up the ground and have much chance of success. If Gallagher rode to instructions he rode a very bad race. Even if the mare had been better ridden she would probably not have beaten Freedom, into whose hands the pace was made. The race all through was a false one. A better pace would have suited Hilda and Occident. Freedom won with something to spare by a length and a half. He was really only called upon once for an effort, and that was in the last furlong. Hilda ran up well in the straight, and was nearer to the winner at the finish than at any other part of the race. Prime Warden, who went out a strong favourite, cut up badly. Hilda, it is said, has not been feeding as well as usual. Occident ran in a bandage.

THE PUBLICAN'S PURSE of 200 sovs., seven furlongs—

Hon. G. McLean's b f Pique, 3yrs, 6st 3lb.....	1
Major F. N. George's ch c Reprisal, 3yrs, 7st 8lb.....	2
Mr. G. G. Stead's b c Palliser, 3yrs, 7st.....	3

Cissy, 8st 12lb, Quadrant, 8st 2lb, Ruby, 7st 13lb, Dispute, 7st 7lb, Red Cross, 7st 2lb, Mariner, 7st Fiesole, 6st 12lb, and Lady Bell, 6st 8lb, also ran. The race was spoilt by a bad start, of which Reprisal had the best and Ruby the worst. Major George's colt was fairly worn down by the Hon. G. McLean's Pique, and though he contested every inch of the ground was beaten by a neck. Neither Quadrant or Cissy showed anything like good form, but Palliser would have won if he had got away all right.

The racing in most of the events was marred by the bad starting. The attendance was very large, and over £12,000 was put through the machine. The book-makers had a complete skinner through the victory of Pique, as she was neither backed outright or in doubles. She paid the best dividend of the day.

The A.J.C. Committee, as the Metropolitan Club, are carrying things with rather a high hand. Last year they compelled the Hawkesbury Racing Club to hold their meeting after theirs, though the H.R.C. has been in existence for twenty years, holding their meetings on the same date. A deputation waited on the A.J.C. and pointed out that they had already surrendered Boxing Day, their best holiday, to them, and had also lost considerably by their Spring Meeting, and asked to be allowed to return to their old dates. The Metropolitan Club refused to rescind their mandate on the grounds that it would injure their meeting; the consequence is that the H.R.C. will have to curtail their expenses.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

Table listing upcoming sporting events with dates and locations, including Dunedin J.C. Autumn Meeting, Westport Jockey Club, Pakuranga Hunt Club, etc.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

Table listing nomination deadlines for various races, including Dargaville Jockey Club, Cambridge Jockey Club, etc.

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

Table listing when weights are expected to appear for various races, including Henderson Mill Turf Club, Dargaville Jockey Club, etc.

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To oblige Sporting friends at a distance, the result of important races will be wired immediately after they are run on receipt of a letter containing instructions, and 2s. in stamps.

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.

innumerable doubles have been taken; Marvel, Bungebah, and Merriment being coupled with all kinds of horses for the Australian Cup. Wading through the articles of different Australian writers, the majority of them appear to be in favour of Marvel and Bungebah. In a race of this kind, a great deal depends upon the start; therefore, preference must be given to the heavy weights, as they have generally the more experienced jockeys, though many of the light weights are as good. Therefore, in trying to pick the winner, the jockey must be taken into consideration. Of this, of course, we know nothing, and can only surmise who will be up. From what has come to my knowledge, I see no reason to alter my opinion from last week, when I wrote, "I like the chances of Marvel, Bendigo, and Merriment best, though I intend to have an outside shot on Conceit." I have had my shot and find from the bookmakers that others have followed me. Since writing, Conceit is reported to have done a good gallop, and has advanced greatly in the betting, and that good money has gone on her. Since I wrote the above, Marvel appears to go queer in the market, and backers will have to use their own discretion.

There is little doing on the Australian Cup. Correze is the favourite, with Greygown next in demand; Megaphone being at some points longer odds, but unless one was on the spot and saw him, I would leave him alone, and it is well known that a short time ago all was not right with him, and reports differ as what really was the matter, but the old saying, "That there is never smoke without fire," is a true one. Gibraltar, another fancy of mine, has also been under a cloud, and is reported to be rather on the big side, which he should not be for a race of this description. I am, therefore, left with four of my original six, viz., Correze, The Spot, Enoch, and Highborn, who has since put up a penalty, therefore, I will pin my faith on the first three—CORREZE, THE SPOT, ENOCH—though a regular outsider, as has happened before, may upset all calculations.

The Champion Stakes is the only other race that any interest is taken this side of the water. As the forfeit has not to be declared until the day before the race, it is not possible to know what will start. The race looks entirely at the mercy of the mighty Carbine, and odds are freely laid on him, but in the face of everything I must say that I would sooner take the odds than lay them, as I should not be surprised to see him go down before a three-year-old.

The Dunedin Jockey Club Meeting commenced last Wednesday. The attendance was very large, though the weather was not favourable. As will be seen by the report of our "special correspondent" the interest in many of the races was spoilt by bad starting. It is really astonishing that persons who are not competent should undertake the position of starter for the honour (?) of the thing. Backers, especially the Aucklanders, who pinned their faith in Hilda and Quadrant, must have had a bad time of it, as neither of them succeeded in running even into a place for their respective races.

The first race of the day was the Hurdle Race, which Mr. D. O'Brien's Little Arthur, 11st 2lb, succeeded in landing by a head from Ahua, 12st 10lb, Trimolite, 10st, being third.

The Champagne Stakes, which is generally looked upon as an interesting race, was completely spoiled by the start. Cajolery, 8st 10lb, after being very fractious at the post, got a flying start, and was never once headed, won by a length and a half, though Florrie, 9st, made a desperate effort to catch her; Union Jack, 8st 10lb, being third, the other starters being Topsy, 8st 10lb, and Fairchild, 8st 10lb.

The Dunedin Cup, the principal race of the meeting, resulted as I anticipated. Mr. D. O'Brien's Freedom, 8st 3lb, won comfortably by a length and a half from Occident, 8st 9lb, Crutchfield, 7st 8lb, being third; Hilda, 8st 9lb, Prime Warden, 7st 3lb, and Assyrian King, 6st 5lb, being the other starters. Hilda, who has been a great favourite ever since the weights appeared, was most injudiciously ridden, was never so near the front as she was at the finish. Prime Warden, who has been

well backed ever since he won the Midsummer Stakes at the late C.J.C. Meeting, came with a rattle in the betting and left off first favourite, never showed prominently in the race. The pace for the first half of the journey was very slow. This just suited Freedom, but I am inclined to think that if more judicious tactics had been used with Hilda, she would have been much nearer the winner, though I do not think she could have won.

Leinster beat eight moderate ones in the Selling Race.

Then came the Publican's Handicap, an important race owing to the bookmakers laying the double in connection with the Cup. It resulted in a regular turn up, the winner not being backed, and paying on the machine the respectable dividend of £39 15s. The start was a most disgraceful one; Reprisal getting the best of it, and Ruby the worst. The former made most of the running; but at the finish Pique gradually wore him down and won by a head, Palliser third; Cissy and Quadrant showed prominently for about two-thirds of the journey when they were done with, finishing fifth and sixth.

Palliser won the Maiden Plate from three moderate ones, while Union Jack beat three fourth-raters for the Two-Year-Old Selling Race.

The Stewards' Welter Handicap brought out the good field of twelve, but resulted in a one horserace, Hon. G. McLean's Dormeur, 8st, getting away with the lead and was never caught, Bredalbans, 9st 2lb, being second, Loo, 8st 10lb, third; the other starters were Quibble, 9st 12lb, Miss George, 9st, Fiesole, 8st 12lb, Tempest, 8st 10lb, Bay King, 8st 10lb, Dragon, 8st 7lb, Warlock, 8st 5lb, Carronade, 8st 2lb, and Lady Sockburn, 8st. It will be seen from the foregoing that the Auckland horses that were going to win everything ran very badly. The time test at best is a bad one, and I am afraid that some of the trainers must have borrowed a confere's watch, which probably was his grandfather's silver turnip.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

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

RANGE TIME TABLE.

February 28—Gordon Shield.

[By CARBINE.]

THE competition for the Gordon Shield, which has so long been looked forward to in shooting circles, was started at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday morning last, with a slight breeze and fair light. The country corps were the first to start, the only town team firing in the morning being the Royal Irish. The remaining eleven teams were supposed to start at 1.30 p.m. sharp, but the first teams did not finish till after 2 o'clock, and by the time the captains had drawn for places and targets it was close on 3 o'clock before a shot was fired. By this time the sky became very cloudy, and it was not long before there was a steady downpour of rain which increased during the afternoon. The teams, however, not to be done, fired through the 200 yards range, and all having been soaked to the skin, the men unanimously agreed to postpone the remainder of the shooting till this Saturday afternoon. At present the Onehunga Rifles are leading with the grand aggregate of 419 points with the Wairoa's close on their heels with 406 points, but I expect to see this beaten easily. The ammunition is supposed to be a special make for the occasion, but the men say some packets are much better than others, and this makes a big difference in the elevation, and causes poor scores to be made. Lieut. Haultain ("A" Battery), Lieut. Somers (Victoria Rifles), and Lieut. Caulton (Royal Irish), were in command, and conducted the competition to the satisfaction of all present. The following are the scores of the teams finished, also the aggregate of the teams, that have only finished 200 yards; the individual scores will appear in next week's issue.

ONEHUNGA RIFLES.					
Name	200	300	400	500	TU
Vol. Tapp	24	24	25	17	90
Vol. McCarty	27	21	25	16	89
Vol. James	27	26	17	14	84
Capt. Leahy	25	18	19	20	82
Vol. Dore	24	21	22	7	74
Total					419

WAIROA RIFLES.					
Corp. Hyde	30	23	25	13	91
Vol. Hill	28	21	24	15	88
Vol. Shaw	25	25	22	15	87
Vol. Bell	24	14	24	17	79
Lieut. Wallis	28	6	18	9	61
Total					406

SOUTH FRANKLIN MOUNTED INFANTRY.					
Trooper J. Adams	30	19	27	27	103
Sergt. McDonald	27	17	25	19	88
Trooper Pilgrim	24	18	24	15	81
Trooper W. Adams	26	12	14	17	69
Vol. Peaman	22	14	20	5	61
Total					402

THAMES NAVALS.					
Seaman Weir	25	21	24	24	94
Seaman Clark	26	18	22	14	80
Seaman Brownlee	26	13	16	22	77
P.O. Johns	21	12	16	19	68
Seaman Lukey	25	17	19	2	63
Total					382

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.					
Capt. Tobin	29	20	24	22	95
Sergt. Tobin	30	12	13	24	79
Vol. O'Connor	27	23	14	15	79
Vol. Francis	26	10	18	12	66
Vol. Byrne	25	10	2	4	41
Total					360

HAMILTON LIGHT INFANTRY.					
Vol. Thomas	21	22	22	10	75
Sergt. Alexander	22	17	22	9	70
Sergt. Kelly	22	13	14	13	62
Vol. O'Neill	22	12	14	10	58
Vol. S. O'Neill	18	7	12	6	43
Total					308

AGGREGATE.		200 yds.
Name of Corps.		
Ex-Gordon Rifles (1st team)	137	137
Victoria Rifles (1st team)	137	137
Ex-Gordon Rifles (2nd team)	136	136
"A" Battery	130	130
City Guards	129	129
Victoria Rifles (2nd team)	128	128
Newton Rifles	125	125
"O" Battery	124	124
Ponsonby Navals	124	124
Auckland Navals	122	122
Engineers	112	112

The thirty-second annual meeting of the "A" Battery, N.Z.R.A., was held in the Drill Shed on Thursday evening, February 19, about forty members being present; Capt. Geddes in the chair. The ordinary routine of business was gone through, and the balance sheet showed that the money had been carefully handled during the past twelve months. The shooting returns proved that the 1st team had not been defeated during the year, but the 2nd team had suffered two losses. Capt. Geddes spoke at some length on the valuable services of Quar.-Mast. Sergt. Miller, who was leaving the Battery to go on the Reserve. Sergt. Miller has held the position of secretary for the last seven years. It is a pity that Quar.-Mast. Miller could not see his way clear to still continue the position, for, in my opinion, he is the right man in the right place, and it is very difficult to fill such vacancies. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to him. In reply, he thanked the officers and men for their kindness, and stated that during his long service of fifteen years he had always tried to please everybody, but the time had now come when he thought some younger members should try their hands at it. He would always be willing to do anything that laid in his power for the Battery, and wished them every prosperity.

Corp. Lipscombe has been unanimously elected secretary of the "A" Battery.

Gun. Dyer, of the Permanent Artillery, Wellington, is at present in Auckland, acting as orderly to the Governor.

Clark's Belt is to be fired for on March 14. Jimmy Parslow wants the Government petitioned to serve out new carbines; he says the ones in present use are played out.

Col. Sergt. Sterling, City Guards, made 32 out of possible 35 on Saturday last. He has had no practise for close on six months.

During his recent visit to the Colony, Mr. W. R. Wilson offered W. Clifford an engagement as first jockey to the St. Albans' stable, but the Napier horseman preferred to remain in New Zealand.—*Canterbury Times*.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

DARGAVILLE JOCKEY CLUB.

Nominations for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. Norman McLeod, Dargaville, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, at the office of this paper, to-night (Saturday, 28th inst.), at 8 p.m.

FIRST DAY.

- Handicap Maiden Plate of 20sovs, 1½ miles
- Bushmans' Purse Handicap of 25sovs, 1½ miles
- Hurdle Race Handicap of 25 sovs, 2 miles
- Dargaville Cup Handicap of 60sovs, 1½ miles
- Railway Plate Handicap of 25sovs, 1 mile

SECOND DAY.

- Publicans' Purse Handicap of 20sovs, 1 mile
- Hurdle Race Handicap of 25sovs, 2 miles
- Northern Wairoa Handicap of 35sovs, 1½ miles
- Gumdiggers' Purse of 25sovs, 1½ miles

HENDERSON'S MILL TURF CLUB.

On Friday next, March 6, acceptances for the following events will close with the secretary, Mr. R. Wynyard, at 9 p.m.

- Handicap Hurdles of 45sovs, 2 miles
- Henderson Mill Cup of 75sovs, 1½ miles
- Railway Handicap of 35sovs, ¾ mile
- St. Patrick's Handicap of 25sovs, 5 furlongs
- Maiden Plate Handicap of 25sovs, 1 mile
- Steeplechase Handicap of 50sovs, 3 miles
- Selling Race of 25sovs, 7 furlongs

CAMBRIDGE JOCKEY CLUB.

Nominations for the above Club will close with the secretary, this day (Saturday, 28th inst.).

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

On Monday next, March 2, nominations for the New Zealand Cup of 1891 will close with the secretary, Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, Christchurch, at 4 p.m.

HAWKES' BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

On Tuesday next, March 3, nominations and acceptances for the following events will close with the secretary, Mr. F. D. Luckie, at 10 p.m.

- ACCEPTANCES—Hawke's Bay Cup of 400sovs, 1½ miles
- NOMINATIONS—
- Grandstand Handicap of 60sovs, 1 mile
- First Hurdles Handicap of 100sovs, 2 miles
- Nursery Handicap of 100 sovs, ¾ mile
- High Weight Handicap of 50sovs, once round course
- Trial Handicap of 30sovs, once round course
- March Handicap of 75sovs, 1 mile
- Second Hurdles Handicap of 100sovs, 1½ miles
- Burke Memorial Stakes of 200sovs, 1½ miles
- Pacific Handicap of 30sovs, once round course
- Juvenile Handicap of 100 sovs, ¾ mile

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

On Tuesday next, March 3, the final payment of 7sovs for the Wanganui Cup is due, and payable to the secretary, Mr. Freeman R. Jackson, by 9 p.m.

WAIPU JOCKEY CLUB.

On Wednesday next, March 4, nominations for the above Club will close with the secretary.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

On Friday next, March 6, nominations for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. W. Percival, at Durham Street, Auckland, at 8 p.m.

- Easter Handicap of 300sovs, 1½ miles
- Autumn Handicap of 200sovs, 1½ miles
- Steeplechase of 150sovs, 3½ miles

FIELDING JOCKEY CLUB.

On Friday next, March 6, nominations for the above Club are due.

SPORTING ITEMS.

Hailstone got cast in his box during the week, and therefore will be an unlikely starter at the Hunt Club meeting to-day.

Jack Rae left for New Plymouth yesterday for the purpose of bringing his new purchase, Good Day, to Auckland.

Baron de Hirsch has only nominated one horse in this year's Champagne Stakes at Doncaster, but that is La Flèche, the 5,500 gns. sister to Memoir.

Baron de Hirsch, who has recently bought the club house in Paris where they "pilled" him, has given notice that the lease, which will terminate in 1892, will not be renewed. The Baron is a good hater.

It is curious that Wheel of Fortune, who Fred Archer always said was the best filly he ever rode, has never thrown anything, with the exception of Oberon, who could gallop at all.

Baron de Schickler has retained his lead in the list of winning owners in France, his horses having placed £20,000 to his credit. This includes the Grand Prix de Paris of £6,043, won by Fitz Roya last June.

It is currently reported that both Melos and Cuirassier have broken down. E. Kelly for some time has had a great deal of trouble with the latter's legs, which were never of the best description.

The privileges of the Dargaville Jockey Club including the totalisator, will be sold by public auction at Dargaville, on Saturday, March 7th. Mr. A. M. Rust, of Pokeno, has been appointed by the Committee to act as handicapper.

David Munn at the Egmont meeting purchased The Peer, by Puriri—a Peter Flat mare, for £100, before the Hurdles on the second day, with the condition that he should give £20 more if he won.

John Osborne, the veteran English jockey, won the Newton Cup on his father's horse Pity the Blind forty-one years ago, and last year he rode Mr. Vyner's Asperse to victory in the same race.

The totalisator business cannot long survive the crushing penalties now imposed in Sydney. Fines of £100 and £10 10s. costs, or six months imprisonment, are now ladled out to all caught in the act.—*Weekly Press.*

Wade, who was for so long connected with the Middle Park Stud here, and who went over to Victoria under engagement to Mr. W. R. Wilson, is back in Christchurch.—*Weekly Press.*

The report that Dan O'Brien is having a brick stable built at Caulfield (Vic.) is incorrect. The builder contemplates leasing them to Mr. O'Brien when they are finished.—*Weekly Press.*

At the late Egmont meeting Jack Rae purchased Good Day, b m, 6yrs old, by Isaac Walton—Lottie. At the same time a patron of Macminamin's stable bought Minnie, by Somnus—Antelope.

Special correspondents of the Southern papers often amuse us, but the special Auckland correspondent of the *N.Z. Referee* is the *facile princeps* of them all. His knowledge and experience in racing matters must be apparent only to himself. We take the following "phenomenal" par from last week's *Referee*. In writing of Quadrant, he says:—

I do not intend to go fully into his performances, but shall only mention what I take to be his best "go." In the Newmarket Handicap, run on New Year's Day, 1890, Quadrant, 8st 3lb—then a three-year-old—was first; Corunna, 8st 1lb, second; and Teksum, 8st 11lb, third; Raglan, Loch Ness, Gladstone, and Cartridge being behind them. The official time was taken as 1min 16½sec from the fall of the flag and 1min 15½sec from post to post. At first glance the performance does not look an extraordinary one, but Quadrant was left at the post quite ten lengths behind Teksum and Corunna, who were first away. *I had my watch on Quadrant, and he ran the six furlongs from post to post in 1min 11½sec, which is phenomenally fast time.*

We would like to ask this writer how long it has taken him to learn to time horses or men, and what kind of a "clock" he uses. Also, if he ever saw a horse, with the exception of Quadrant, run three-quarters of a mile in one minute eleven and a half seconds. The same correspondent makes some other extraordinary statements, which we hope the public, for their own sake, do not put much faith in.

Asper has been scratched for the Hunt Club Steeplechase, and Capella for the Flying Stakes.

J. Rae has sold Asper to a Victorian sportsman. He will be shipped to Sydney by the Te Anau next Tuesday.

The time for making nominations for the Dargaville Jockey Club has been extended to 8 p.m. this evening (Saturday 28th.)

By the latest information received it appears that the favourites have none the best of it in the Newmarket Handicap run to-day. Radoo, Conceit, Matador, Gaudy, Grey Gown and other outsiders are coming under the notice of the bookmakers.

A reporter in a sporting paper furnished his readers with the information that the gelding Zepp won the "Selling Trot" in a canter at the Ballarat Miners' Turf Club Meeting; but then they do allow all sorts of funny things in Australia, even though they have a stipendary steward on the Club.—*Weekly Press.*

Mr. George Cutts left by the Tarawera on Thursday for Sydney in charge of the thoroughbred stock that Mr. W. R. Wilson, of the St. Alban's Stud Farm (Victoria), had purchased at Sylvia Park and elsewhere during his visit to New Zealand. They consisted of twenty-three animals, comprising eleven brood mares, ten foals, and two yearlings. The most valuable of the lot was Mersey, the dam of Carbine, with a colt foal at foot by Nordenfeldt, and served by him again. The Union Company, with their usual promptness, had made special arrangements for shipping this valuable consignment of thoroughbred stock, which is about the best that has ever left New Zealand for Australia.

The old adage "That we must go from home to learn news" is verified by the following par-taken from the *Australasian*:—"I learn from Sydney that Cartridge, a mare by Musket—Rosalie, which was privately purchased from the Sylvia Park Stud Company for 350 guineas by Mr. Beddington, an English sportsman, arrived safely from New Zealand on Sunday. It is Mr. Beddington's intention to take the mare, along with some other Colonial-bred racehorses, to England." Cartridge was never in the possession of the Sylvia Park Company, but was bred by Mr. Kavanagh.

The *Canterbury Times* has a par on the way horses are timed in America, and states that there is a good deal of incredibility expressed in the Colonies on the American times, and how it is they are five or six per cent. faster than English and Australian times. Our contemporary explains it one way, but does not go far enough into it. We have explained the reason more than once in our columns. The Americans time their horses from the time they pass the starting post. They are then in their full stride. This makes a great deal of difference. We were once at a race meeting in New York in company with one of the most celebrated timekeepers on the English Press. After comparing watches several times with the official times he came to the conclusion that the flying starts in vogue made a difference of ten seconds in a mile, and proportionally less the farther they went.

The following is taken from the *Australasian*: "Never was the horse trade so stagnant in Calcutta as it has been this year," says the *Indian Planters' Gazette*, "and only those dealers who have sold the majority of their stock to the Government will be able to show a profit on their importation. Cavanagh sold the pick of his fine batch of W.P. Australians by auction, realising an average of only about 830 rupees, and this is about the best sale of the season. Mr. Macklin was forced to buy in most of his exceptionally fine lot, and only a few of Mr. Westmacott's perfectly broken and nice mannered shipment of New Zealand horses found purchasers at a low average. All the dealers are complaining bitterly. The truth is, the market is glutted here, while in Madras and Bombay horses are selling quickly and at remunerative prices. Weeks has not yet brought any of his thoroughbreds to the hammer, nor has he sold any privately; they want time before they will be fit to show, but there are some very promising racehorses among the lot worth buying for next season."

The following is the result of the Oakleigh Handicap which was run last Saturday at Caulfield:—

Mr. W. Sayer's br f Wild Rose, 3yrs, by Newminster—Primrose, 7st 5lb, (Flood) 1
 Mr. J. Patterson's br f Epi, 3yrs, 7st 6lb, (Power) 2
 Mr. A. Selman's b g Radoo, 4yrs, 7st 12lb (Jamieson) 3

The other starters were:—Russley (9st 7lb), Clonard (8st 13lb), Paddy (8st 11lb), Gladstone (8st 10lb), Victor Hugo (8st 9lb), Bothwell (8st 9lb), Lord Hopetoun (8st 9lb), Carrington (8st 6lb), Little Bob (8st 6lb), Elsie (8st 6lb), Investigator (8st 2lb), Steeltrap (8st 2lb), Portland (8st 2lb), Ginger (8st), Spokesman (7st 12lb), Yarran (7st 12lb), Wilga (7st 10lb), Lady Carbine (7st 10lb), Granite (7st 8lb), La Rose (7st 8lb), Tomboy (7st 6lb), Lady Golightly (7st 6lb), Elworthy (6st 12lb), Toastmaster (6st 12lb), Stromboli (6st 11lb), Sadim (6st 12lb), Colleen Bawn (6st 11lb), Bandit (6st 9lb), Loiterer (6st 7lb), Choice (6st 7lb), and Ruse (6st 7lb). Wild Rose won easily by a length and a half, in 1min 7sec, which must be doubted unless there was some reason for it. This race generally throws some light on the Newmarket Handicap, but this year it does not, as none of the favourites started. Wild Rose puts up a penalty of 14lb, thus raising her weight to 8st 5lb, which must put her out of it. Radoo, who was third, sometime ago was favourably reported upon by "Augur" for the Newmarket Handicap, which is half a furlong further. He has two pounds less, therefore must be looked upon to have a show. The others not placed in the Oakleigh Handicap engaged in the Flemington race are Clonard, who has two pounds less, Victor Hugo, 2lb more, Portland the same weight, Ginger 3lb less, Toastmaster the same weight, and Elworthy 1lb less; so, with the exception of Radoo, it is not likely that the Newmarket winner will spring from any that started on Saturday.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

MONDAY.—Owing to the heavy rains, both the plough and tan gallops were not fit to gallop on, therefore, the little work that was done was in the centre of the course.

TUESDAY.—All the horses worked on the trial track. Antelope twice round at a fast canter. Flint twice round at half speed. Patchwork one round at three-quarter pace. Begorra and Nap twice round at three-quarter speed. Ma Boughal and Macaroni went once round steady while the latter put in a second once at top speed. Loch Ness twice round at half speed. Scot Free twice round steady. Hailstone twice round at half speed. Hopeful Kate twice round at half speed. Dishonour once round steady.

WEDNESDAY.—All horses again worked on the trial track. Loch Ness (with neck sweaters on) went three times round, the first slow, the second at three-quarter pace, finishing the last round fast in company with Scot Free. Antelope went once round at three-quarter pace. Coalcuttle went once round at half speed, and then The Workman joined in for another round. Bacchus ran a five furlong trial. Minnie Grey went once round at full speed. Moderator three times round at about three-quarter pace. Patchwork twice round at a good speed. Orakei went once round slow, the second at about half speed, winding up with once fast. Hopeful Kate was schooled over the small sticks and then went once round at a good pace. In the evening Fishmonger went three times round, the first steady, and the last two fast with Priscilla as a companion, Flint joining in the last mile. Impulse went twice round slow.

THURSDAY.—Antelope went a mile and three-quarters at about three-quarter speed. Flint did six furlongs at best pace. Patchwork and Orakei, in company, went twice round at top speed. Ma Boughal once fast. Macaroni once fast. Tuna once at half pace. Hopeful Kate went twice round, the first slow, second at full speed. Forget-me-not once slow. Loch Ness and Scot Free trotted. Begorra, after being schooled, went twice round at a medium pace. Dishonour went once round slow. Nap and Williamson's b g schooled on the centre of the course. Fishmonger went three times round at a good strong pace.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

NOMINATIONS.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP.—Patchwork, Antelope, Loch Ness, Tamora, Hilda, Cissy, Dudu, Ingorina, St. Andrew, Legacy, Queen of Trumps, Arnoel, Huerfannu, Whisper, Cynisca, Cruiser, Jenny, Pouawa, Weka, St. Malo, Mirabelle, She, La Petite Fille, Recluse, Torpedo, Kapo, Eileen, Boulanger, Leorina, Montrose, Vendor.

JUBILEE HANDICAP.—Hilda, Cissy, Dudu, Ingorina, St. Andrew, Queen of Trumps, Cynisca, Whisper, Cruiser, Pouawa, Criminal, Weka, St. Malo, Mirabelle, La Petite Fille, Recluse, Torpedo, Kapo, Eileen, Boulanger, Vendor, Patchwork, Antelope, Tamora, Loch Ness.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP.—Cissy, Ingorina, Queen of Trumps, Legacy, Arnoel, Huerfannu, Cynisca, Whisper, Cruiser, Criminal, Weka, St. Malo, Mirabelle, She, La Petite Fille, Recluse, Torpedo, Swivel, Eileen, Boulanger, Leorina, Montrose II, Jenny, Antelope, Loch Ness, Quadrant.

WELTER HANDICAP.—Legacy, Criminal, Weka, Torpedo, Eileen, Fleta, Vendor, Leorina, Montrose, Jenny, Takapau, Ingorina.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Cissy, St. Andrew, Queen of Trumps, Arnoel, Huerfannu, Cynisca, Whisper, Cruiser, Pouawa, Weka, St. Malo, Mirabelle, She, La Petite Fille, Recluse, Torpedo, Fleta, Swivel, Eileen, Boulanger, Montrose II, Jenny, Quadrant, Loch Ness, Antelope.

FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Cissy, Legacy, Weka, St. Malo, She, La Petite Fille, Torpedo, Kapo, Eileen, Hilda, Vendor, Leorina, Jenny, Takapau, Antelope.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

ACCEPTANCES.			
MAIDEN PLATE. One mile.			
st lb	st lb	st lb	st lb
Octopus 8 12	Captive 7 8	Millifera 7 0	
Premier 8 4	Ma Boughal 7 7	Macaroni 6 7	
Brian Boru 8 4	Prestissimo 7 3	Moderator 6 7	
Tuna 8 0	Warrior 7 2		

HURDLE RACE. 1 1/2 miles.			
st lb	st lb	st lb	st lb
Hopeful Kate 11 0	Relation 10 10	Begorra 9 10	
Orakei 11 0	General 10 10	Cloth of Gold 9 10	
Hailstone 10 12	Fishmonger 10 6		

NOVEL HANDICAP. 5 furlongs.			
st lb	st lb	st lb	st lb
Ironbark 9 0	Prestissimo 8 10	Flint 8 7	
Premier 8 12	Comet 8 8	Bacchus 8 8	

HUNT CLUB CUP. 1 1/2 miles.			
st lb	st lb	st lb	st lb
Leorina 9 4	Antelope 8 4	Patchwork 7 8	
Ingorina 8 6	Loch Ness 7 12	Belmont 7 4	

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About 2 1/2 miles.			
st lb	st lb	st lb	st lb
Nap 11 11	General 10 4	Begorra 9 7	
Asper 11 3	Fishmonger 9 12	Moderator 9 7	

FLYING STAKES. 6 furlongs.			
st lb	st lb	st lb	st lb
Antelope 9 0	Scot Free 7 4	Captive 6 10	
Loch Ness 8 0	Belmont 7 3	Bacchus 6 10	
Patchwork 8 0	Ironbark 7 0	Warrior 6 10	
Octopus 7 12	Brian Boru 7 0	Sweet Lavender 6 7	

LADIES' PURSE. 1 mile.			
st lb	st lb	st lb	st lb
Leorina 12 0	Cloth of Gold 9 12	Warrior 9 4	
Nigger 11 0	Moderator 9 10	Prestissimo 9 4	
Bon Voyage 10 3	Ma Boughal 9 6		

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

ACCEPTANCES.			
WANGANUI CUP OF 500 SOVS. One mile and three quarters.			
st lb	st lb	st lb	st lb
Hilda 9 2	Cynisca 8 9	Weka 7 2	
Cissy 8 12	Recluse 8 2	Kiekie 7 0	
*Dudu 8 12	Patchwork 7 6	Q. of Trumps 7 0	
Crackshot 8 9	Kapo 7 5		

FLYING HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. Six furlongs.			
st lb	st lb	st lb	st lb
Cissy 9 2	Boulanger 8 2	Weka 7 5	
Whisper 9 0	Thackeray 7 10	Q. of Trumps 7 2	
Quadrant 8 10	Retina 7 10	Rufus 6 9	
Recluse 8 6	Loch Ness 7 9	Mirabelle 6 3	

WELTER HANDICAP.—Weka 11st 2lb; Cruiser 10st 6lb; Montrose II 9st 7lb; The Peer 9st 5lb; Pyramus 9st 3lb; Fleta, 8st 2lb; La Petite Fille 8st; Mirabella 8st.			
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FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES.—Chemist 12st 8lb; Taurakiti 11st 7lb; Comet 10st; Cruiser 9st 12lb; Sentinel 9st 7lb; The Peer 9st 6lb; Fishmonger 9st 3lb; Montrose II, 9st 2lb; Koromiko 9st; Myrtle 9st.			
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TWO-YEAR-OLD STAKES.—Cretonne, Rosefeldt, Fraternal, Tirallere.			
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WANGANUI DERBY.—Crackshot, Thackeray, Queen of Trumps, Kapo, Wayland.			
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HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

WEIGHTS.			
HAWKE'S BAY CUP.			
st. lb.	st. lb.	st. lb.	st. lb.
Crackshot 8 12	Boulanger 7 3	Q. of Trumps 6 8	
Hilda 8 11	St. Andrew 7 2	Loch Ness 6 7	
Cissy 8 7	Renata 7 2	Aronoel 6 5	
Cynisca 8 7	Thackeray 7 2	Wayland 6 3	
Dudu 8 5	Retina 7 0	Kiekie 6 3	
Crutchfield 7 12	Blizzard 7 0	Katinka 6 0	
Whisper 7 11	Kapo 6 9	Seraph 6 0	
Recluse 7 10	Foxton 6 8	Kupenga 6 0	
Jet d'Eau 7 5	Pearl Powder 6 8		

RAILWAY STAKES.			
st. lb.	st. lb.	st. lb.	st. lb.
Whisper 8 6	Medjidie 7 12	Aronoel 6 12	
St. Andrew 8 12	Leolantis 7 9	Rosefeldt 6 12	
Crackshot 8 12	Furstring 7 8	Seraph 6 11	
Cissy 8 11	Thackeray 7 7	Kupenga 6 9	
Cynisca 8 11	Pearl Powder 7 5	Katinka 6 7	
Recluse 8 4	Loch Ness 7 5	Kiekie 6 7	
Boulanger 8 2	Q. of Trumps 7 5	Hakimana 6 5	
Jet d'Eau 8 0	Lullaby 7 2	Misfortune 6 3	
Retina 7 12	St. Malo 7 1	Total Eclipse 6 0	
Blizzard 7 12	Rebellion 7 0	Bay King 6 0	
Renata 7 12	Criminal 7 0	Claude 6 0	

MUSIC, DRAMA, ETC.

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FUN ON THE BRISTOL.

(SECOND NOTICE.)

Not long ago in this column I wrote the words which follow: "I am loath to suppose that vulgarity and broad improprieties are imperative to win a successful season for a variety troupe, but I fear that in this instance the menu is too refined for the taste of the multitude." That criticism was *apropos* of another company, which succeeded in raising many a laugh without causing a blush to redden the cheek of the most innocent maiden. No one can deny that Mr. Sheridan's Olla Podrida draws big crowds, but I should be sorry to attribute its success to attractions of the nature hinted at in the above quotation. Nevertheless Fun on the Bristol is by no means free from reproach in the matter of *double entendres*, innuendoes, and *risque* speeches and gestures, which might very well be cut out, without in any way weakening the performance. The objectionable portions of the entertainment are happily few and far between, but they are sufficient to account for the comparatively scanty attendance in the dress circle. At certain junctures during the performance I could not help remarking the blank and vacant gaze bestowed upon the chandelier or ceiling by the few refined ladies present. I write these strictures in no carping spirit, but under a sense of duty, as the stage, which is capable of working so much moral good, is frequently attacked by the "unco guid," who assert that all theatrical performances are pernicious and dangerous to the morals and purity of the young and innocent. Fun on the Bristol, by a little judicious "Bowdlerising," will lose nothing and gain much.

Resuming my criticisms of the performances, I now turn to the gentlemen. Mr. Immano as the pseudo-Italian Count displays an intelligent conception of the rôle, and is very consistent throughout. His fine voice tells in the concerted *morceaux*, but appears to reveal more of the basso quality than when he last delighted us as a member of the Comic Opera Company; then there seemed to be more of the baritone quality in his upper register. He should endeavour to use his lips more in enunciation, which would remove a slight tendency to drawl in his utterance. He is fast improving

as an actor. "Because I love thee so" is always well sung. Mr. Alfred James as Captain Cranberry is well suited, and represents the bombastic bully of an old seadog in a life-like and irresistibly comic aspect. From a technical point of view his performance is perhaps the best of the caste. His son Tommy Cranberry (Mr. William Bovis) plays admirably, and compels many a laugh by his clever business—notably the bye-play between himself and his innamorata (Miss Gracie Whiteford), which is extremely funny. The parts of Richard Sparks (Mr. Wilfred Carr), Jerry Thompson, the steward (Mr. Charles Bovis), Hannah Dempsey (Mr. Walter Dalgleish), John Jones (Mr. Julius Ericksen), and Pinkerton Moxon (Mr. John Tudor), are all capably acted; nor must "Towser," the Russian retriever, be forgotten. He is letter-perfect, and speaks his lines with faultless emphasis and precision.

In the brothers Bovis the company possesses a talented pair. The feature of their work is a marvellous precision; their neatness of execution and accuracy of time I have rarely seen excelled. A trained pair of Siamese twins could scarcely do better. Miss Stella and Mr. John Tudor deserve and receive many plaudits for their excellent performances. The tin-plate drumming—a favourite old effect revived—is cleverly rendered and takes well. But for grace and elegance that mock sword combat, in shining armour with exquisite lime-light effects, surpasses all the efforts of this talented couple. I now come to the Sappho Ballet, one of the strongest features in a bill which teems with tit-bits. Grouping, harmony and contrasts of colours, movement, dancing, and lime-light effects, are all in charming taste. I was at first puzzled over the music—a pretty mazurka—of which the first movement is danced. It was familiar, and yet I could not place it. However, on consulting the programme, I found that the mazurka had been transcribed from the phonograph by Mr. Robertson. Mr. Archibald tells me that the piece was played into the phonograph by some members of Zewson's Band in Edison's work-room. Could any better testimony be adduced of the practical value of the apparatus. Musicians frequently hit upon an inspiration which is lost through laziness. It is too much trouble to write it down. But the phonograph will both demolish the excuse and save hunting for manuscript music paper. In transcribing the piece in question the value of the instrument was further demonstrated by its ability to repeat bar by bar, over and over again, until Mr. Robertson had secured an exact transcription, which he was of course able to score for the orchestra.

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NORMAN A. McLEOD,

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MERCER REGATTA,

SATURDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1891.

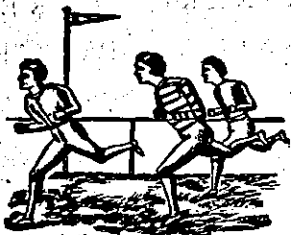
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NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, AND HANDICAP. NOMINATIONS close with the Secretary on SATURDAY, March 14, at Waverley Hotel, Auckland. HANDICAP to appear on or about March 19. ACCEPTANCES close with the Secretary, WEDNESDAY, March 24.

ENTRY FORMS TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY.

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PROGRAMME.

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1/2 MILE HANDICAP
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1 MILE HANDICAP
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200 YARDS HANDICAP
1/2 MILE HANDICAP
5 MILES BICYCLE HANDICAP
120 YARDS HURDLE HANDICAP.

Entries will be received by the Secretary, at the British Hotel THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING, February 28, before 9 o'clock. Acceptances on March 7. J. HALYDAY, JUN., Hon. Sec.

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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.—EASTER MONDAY, MARCH 30.

TRADESMEN'S PLATE HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. One mile.

NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 200 sovs., added to a Sweepstakes of 10 sovs each; 5 sovs. forfeit, or no liability if declared by 8 p.m. on the night of general entry. Second horse to receive 30 sovs. and third horse 10 sovs. from the stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st 10lbs; fillies, 8st 5lbs; geldings allowed 5lbs. The forfeit (5 sovs.) to be declared and paid to the A.R.C. Secretary by 12 noon on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake. The winner of the Auckland or Canterbury Welcome Stakes, or the Great Northern Foal Stakes, or any race not a handicap, of the advertised value of 200 sovs., to carry 7lbs extra. Six furlongs.

EASTER HANDICAP of 800 sovs, added to a Sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each. Second horse to receive 50 sovs. and third horse 15 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 2 sovs., and acceptance 3 sovs. each, to go to the funds. The winner of any race of the value of 100 sovs., after the declaration of the weights, to carry 3lbs extra; of 200 sovs., 5lbs; of 100 sovs., and one of 200 sovs., 7lbs, extreme penalty. One mile and a half.

HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 100 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

SELLING RACE of 50 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Three-year-olds to carry 9st 9lbs; four-year-olds, 10st 8lbs; five-year-olds and upwards, 10st 5lbs. The winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race for 150 sovs., and the whole of the surplus to go to the funds. If entered to be sold for 100 sovs. allowed 7lbs; if for 75 sovs., 14lbs; if for 50 sovs., 21lbs; if for 25 sovs., 28lbs; if for nil, 42lbs. Six furlongs.

EDEN HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Winner of any handicap after declaration of weight to carry 5lbs extra. Seven furlongs.

ONSLow STAKES (HANDICAP) of 80 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds that have never won a race of the value of 100 sovs. at time of entry. Winner of Champagne Stakes to carry a penalty of 10lbs. extra. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each, to the funds. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 31.

THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. One mile.

ELLERSLIE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sov., out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 200 sovs., added to a Sweepstakes of 3 sovs. each. Second horse to receive 30 sovs. and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 2 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. One mile and a quarter.

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 150 sovs., added to a Sweepstakes of 3 sovs. each. Second horse to receive 25 sovs. and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 2 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. About three miles and a half.

FLYING STAKES of 60 sovs. Second horse to receive 15 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Two-year-olds to carry 9st 4lbs; three-year-olds, 9st 9lbs; four-year-olds and upwards, 9st. Winners since 1st August, 1890, of weight-for-age race of the value of 50 sovs. to carry 5lbs extra; of 100 sovs., 7lbs extra; of 200 sovs., 10lbs extra; or of such races collectively of the value of 300 sovs., 14lbs extra. Three-quarters of a mile.

WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight 7st 8lbs. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. One mile.

SHORTS HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For two year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. The winner of any race after the publication of the weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC., AUTUMN MEETING, 1891.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, by 8 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Amount. Includes Easter Handicap (2 sovs), Autumn Handicap (2 sovs), Autumn Steeplechase (2 sovs).

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.—General Entry Night, by 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Amount. Includes Easter Handicap (2 sovs), Steeplechase (2 sovs).

NOMINATIONS.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Amount. Includes Tradesmen's Plate (1 sov), Hurdle Race (1 sov), Selling Race (2 sovs), Eden Handicap (1 sov), Onslow Stakes Handicap (1 sov), Stewards' Handicap (1 sov), Flying Stakes (2 sovs), Ellerslie Handicap (1 sov), Welter Handicap (1 sov), Shorts Handicap (1 sov).

Champagne Stakes, the nomination to be struck out, or the nominator will be liable for 5 sovs. forfeit.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Amount. Includes Tradesmen's Handicap (1 sov), Hurdle Race (2 sovs), Onslow Stakes Handicap (1 sov), Eden Handicap (2 sovs).

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, by 12 Noon.

Champagne Stakes, the forfeit of 5 sovs. to be declared and paid, or the nominator will be liable for sweepstakes, 10 sovs.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, at the post.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Amount. Includes Champagne Stakes (sweep) (10 sovs), Easter Handicap (sweep) (5 sovs).

MONDAY, MARCH 30, by 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Amount. Includes Stewards' Handicap (1 sov), Ellerslie Handicap (2 sovs), Autumn Handicap (2 sovs), Shorts Handicap (1 sov), Welter Handicap (1 sov).

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, at the post. Autumn Handicap (sweep) 3 sovs. Autumn Steeplechase (sweep) 8 sovs.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, at 8 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.

Northern Champagne Stakes, 1892. 1 sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR—AUTUMN MEETING, 1891.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

Easter Handicap, Autumn Steeplechase

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.

Tradesmen's Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Eden Handicap, Onslow Stakes Handicap

MONDAY, MARCH 30.

Stewards' Handicap, Ellerslie Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Shorts Handicap, Welter Handicap

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary A.R.C.

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB.

(Under the Metropolitan Rules.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1891.

ANNUAL MEETING,

ON THE

COURSE, AT WOOD'S FARM, TE AROHA WEST.

President—E. W. Hammer, Esq. Vice-President—W. F. Herries, Esq. Judge—A. Downes, Esq. Stewards—Messrs. F. Pavitt, G. Lipsey, T. Bradley, A. W. Edwards, J. Wood, R. Brennan, M. Murphy, S. T. Smardon, and E. Gallagher. Starter—F. Pavitt. Clerk of Scales—J. Heathcote. Clerk of Course—R. Parr. Handicappers—The Stewards. Treasurer—A. W. Edwards. Secretary—A. Menzies.

PROGRAMME.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 20 sovs. Distance, two miles; over eight flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 10s.

MAIDEN PLATE of 10 sovs. Weight-for-age. Distance, one mile and a quarter. Entrance 10s.

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 50 sovs., with a Sweepstakes of 40s. to go to second horse. Distance, two miles. Nomination 25s.; acceptance 25s. The winner of any race £25 or over after the declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 7lbs.

FLAX JAMMERS' HACK RACE of 5 sovs. Once round the course. 9st. up. Horses to be owned and ridden by Flax Jammers. Post entries.

GOLDFIELD HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Distance, one mile. The winner of the Te Aroha Jockey Club Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination 10s.; acceptance 10s.

LADIES' PURSE of 10 sovs. Distance, one and a half miles. Gentleman riders. Minimum weight 10st. Entrance 10s.

FORCED HANDICAP of 10 sovs. Distance, one and a half miles. Nomination 5s.; acceptance 5s.

CONDITIONS.

Nomination for Handicap Hurdles, Te Aroha Jockey Club Handicap, and Goldfields Handicap must be made to the Secretary, Te Aroha, before 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd, 1891.

Weights will appear on or about Saturday, March 7th. Entries for Maiden Plate and Ladies' Purse must be made before 8 p.m. on Monday, March 16th.

Acceptances to be declared before 8 p.m. on Monday, March 16th. No Nomination or Acceptance will be received on any pretence whatever after the hour named or without being accompanied with the necessary amount of cash.

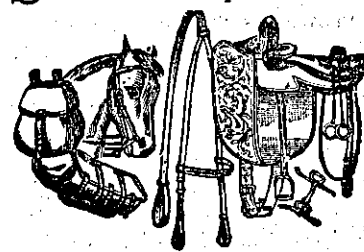
Performances, age, pedigree, description of horses and colours must be sent with Nominations and General Entries.

In case of protest the sum of 20s. must be lodged with the Stewards, which will be forfeited should the protest be considered frivolous or vexatious. The Stewards' decision to be final.

A. MENZIES, Secretary.

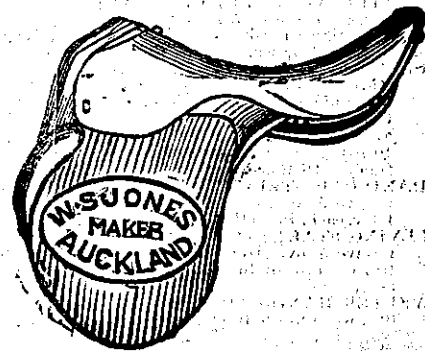
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CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

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.

W. H. E. WANKLYN, 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. STWARDS—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 1/2 sov., acceptance 1/2 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 1/2 sov., acceptance 1/2 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, 1 1/2 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 STEEPCHASE 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, 7lb. extra. Nomination 1/2 sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance, 6 furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ETC.

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, 1 sov.; Maiden Plate (Handicap), 1/2 sov.; Selling Race, 1 sov.; Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov. All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Durham Street East, Auckland.

R. WYNYARD, 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 to 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 1 1/2 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 STEEPCHASE of 50 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to 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.

DARGAVILLE JOCKEY CLUB.

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HANDICAPPERS: 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 8 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 50 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 8 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 35lb.; if for nil, to be allowed 42lb. 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 SATURDAY, February 28th.

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.

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. Parry.

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 5lb. 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.

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, 1/2 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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