



**ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.**

THAT great horse-racing enthusiast, Mr. Merry, once remarked that "he would rather see a donkey gallop than the finest yacht race." Had he joined the gay throng at Mercer last Saturday we think he would have found amusement better suited to his taste than yachting, even though he might miss his favourite pastime. Mercer was truly *en fête*, and remarkable for its mercery. Maori dames and damsels have an eye for colour. Such wonderful reds, greens, yellows, and blues, in startling contrasts and picturesquely hideous harmonies, we never saw. Wherever do the wearers purchase them? That is indeed a mystery. Pleasant it was to see the vice-regal party doing a river promenade in a curiously shabby and water-worn canoe, paddled by a most ancient and fish-like crew of *quondam* rebels. In the Charon of the party we seemed to recognise Ihaka, who once fought a desperate and blood-thirsty fight against the detested pakeha, and is said to have signally distinguished himself by various fearful deeds. Now he peacefully pilots the Kawana and suite over the very waters where occurred the *casus belli* which led to the Waikato campaign. Pleasant also it was to watch the occupants of a smaller canoe. Youth at the prow and pleasure at the helm, in the person of two comely maiden aborigines—in the centre, one of our most popular Auckland bachelors, whose genial countenance beamed like the orb of day; his eye-glass in his ocular and his tasteful *parapluic* arousing reminiscences of Bunthorne and Grosvenor. Little did he reckon of the dark plot which only the loyalty of his crew averted. It is whispered that some evil-disposed person attempted to bribe the crew with half-a-sovereign apiece. The *quid pro quo* was to be the capsizing of the canoe; and it was further urged that another *quid pro quo*, together with a Humane Society medal, might be secured by rescuing their immersed pakeha from a watery grave. But the dusky maidens proved staunch, incorruptible, and not to be bought. Still our friend should take warning; borrowing Widow O'Brien's gagging injunction to Major Tiffin, we bid him "look out for his leg" next time!

At Mercer there is a splendid piece of water for scientific rowing. Would that it were nearer Auckland! Yet even where it is, it should be extremely useful. If ever we improve enough in our rowing to warrant the sending of crews to compete at the regattas held at Wellington, Wanganui, Lyttelton, or Nelson, the selected ones should if possible put in a week or so at Mercer. Such a course would enable them to put on the final polish in style and preparation before leaving. What we saw of the rowing was in anything but good form. Faults in style that would bring down torrents of imprecations upon the heads of even a "torpid" crew—poor reach, bucketting forward, sluggish recovery, backs rounded like caterpillars, bad swing and wretched catch at beginning—all these pernicious defects and others were only too patent. One crew, we are informed—the St. George's Bay Juniors—had been well coached by Messrs. Bloomfield and Thomas, but they unfortunately broke a rowlock immediately after the start, so that we

lost the chance of criticising their form, which is reported to be sound and excellent. We cannot congratulate the promoters on their management of the meeting. Making every allowance for the serious difficulties they had to contend with—the greatest perhaps being the desire to fit in important events with the presence of the vice-regal party—still things might have been kept moving in a livelier fashion, and some attempt made to overtake the lagging time-table.

It is a long lane that has no turning. The Gordon C.C. has at length suffered a defeat, which will do the club good, as nothing is more dangerous than an unbroken series of victories. After an exciting finish United won on the first innings by 16 runs. It will hardly be disputed that the balance of luck was on this occasion largely on the side of the winners. But nevertheless Gordon courted defeat by their own suicidal carelessness. In the first innings only ten men batted—L. Meldrum, a good man, being the absentee. Then more catches were missed than we expect to see by a team with a reputation for brilliant fielding. It seems more than likely that a mistake was made by the umpire when Hawkins had scored about 40; but umpires' decisions must be upheld, so we shall not make further comment on the subject. Hawkins batted pluckily and brilliantly for his 81, and Stenson also did well. With so perfect a wicket on the second Saturday United should have done better; 123 was a poor performance for nine wickets. On Saturday week Auckland and Gordon meet. If Auckland can pull off that match the close of the season will receive fresh interest, as the three leading clubs will be equal in the race for the Cup. Each club would then have been twice defeated. Two matches—Press v. Fun on the Bristol Company—resulted in victories for the newspaper representatives. The ladies of the company mustered in fair force, and chaffed and teased their champions not a little when they ruefully returned to the Pavilion, or muffed the ball in fielding. The first Junior Cup seems now to be narrowed down to a contest between Ponsonby, Wanderers and Gordon II., of which the chance of the last named looks a trifle the best. Three rounds are to be played to decide this contest, so there is no time to be lost, as we shall presently be thinking and talking football.

One cannot help admiring the self-laudation and exultant tone of a section of the Press over its great achievement in the matter of the recent Hospital inquiry. Only a garbled report of the results of the Commission has as yet seen the light, but all sorts of conclusions are founded upon evidence which by no means warrants them. So far as we can make out the very worst that can be alleged is a possible error of judgment on the part of doctors who did see the patients at the time, supposed to be proved by the testimony of medical men who did not see the patients at all, and consequently were not in a position to give opinions of the slightest value in regard to the question of "shock" and the danger or otherwise of operating. The dreadful allegations of neglect, etc., vanished like smoke. The Charitable Aids Board have received far rougher treatment than their action merited. They were

placed in the position they hold by those who contribute to the funds, to see that the rate-payers' money was not wasted. They did their best to decide certain questions before them by pronouncing further inquiry unnecessary. But the Press, worked up by certain interested persons, who wished to abolish the present system and restore the old one of an honorary medical staff—which had already proved quite as faulty—demanded a new inquiry. The Board consented, but that did not satisfy the enemy. No!—they must have a Commission. The result of that Commission, costing the ratepayers some £1,200 at least, has, in our opinion, clearly shown that the Board was right and the money spent on the Commission wasted. Dr. Abernethy once remarked that "My mistakes as a young man would fill a churchyard." How many serious blunders lie buried in our cemeteries—blunders committed by medical men in private practice? A certificate of death in due form saves the reputation of the physician or surgeon, upon whom the fierce light of Inquiries and Commissions does not beat. Truly killing is no murder when a diploma duly registered can be flourished in the faces of impertinent questioners. In the present case doctors as usual differ as to the alleged error of judgment, and, as we said before, those who saw the patients should know better than those who merely say what they might have done if they had seen the patients. Truly "*parturiunt montes, nascetur ridiculus mus.*" A storm in a tea-cup! and we have to pay £1,200 for it. Who stirred it up?

Coming so soon after the recent Championship meeting of glorious memory, one might reasonably expect the athletic sports fixed for to-day to fall rather flat. But exceptional circumstances happily lend their aid, and the gathering promises to be as large and successful as the last one. Entries and acceptances are quite satisfactory, both in quantity and quality. The presence and patronage of His Excellency and Admiral Scott, who take a keen personal interest in athletics, together with the special events placed on the programme for the officers and crews of the squadron, must attract a large attendance. An obstacle race is announced. We hope the barrels of dry paint will not be forgotten, and that the competitors will emerge in colours bright and gay as the leaders of Mercer fashions could desire. That feature of an obstacle race is especially delightful to lady spectators, and we all like to please our fair friends.

It is reported that several dark horses will open our eyes at this meeting. One young gentleman, with three yards start in the 100 yards, is said to have done a trial in 9½ secs. Another, rumour hath it, covered his mile in 4min. 32secs., so possibly we may see more record-breaking, if the weather holds up and our fine grass track is in good condition. But seriously, we doubt if a Macpherson or a Derry Wood can be unearthed in Auckland just yet.

The veteran Capt. Jackson Barry's lectures are unique, and in their way amusing and interesting. Artemus Ward once begged President Lincoln to give him a testimonial. Lincoln in his impassive manner took up a pen and wrote: "This is to certify that I have read Mr. A.

Ward's lectures, and I pronounce them to be admirably calculated to please those persons who like lectures of that description!" We will follow the precedent laid down by the great American statesman and humourist. His sentiments *mutatis mutandis* are ours. At his first lecture Captain Barry quoted freely from a poem written in his honour by "Paddy Murphy." The lecturer gravely recited each stanza, and then with evident satisfaction exclaimed, "All true! every word of it." Now it happened that "Paddy Murphy" (Mr. Thomas Bracken) was seated in the Dress Circle not far from ORPHEUS, who watched with keen delight the expression of bewildered enjoyment which presently illuminated the pleasant features of genial T.B. It is scarcely necessary to say that those verses which the great Barry took *au grand sérieux* were "wrote *sarcastic!*"

## ATHLETICS, ETC.

[BY NIMBLEFOOT.]

THE Autumn Meeting of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club takes place this day (Saturday), and granted fine weather promises to be a great success. The fields are large, and the handicappers seem to have concealed the winner pretty well. That no one seems to be thrown in is evident from the number of acceptances, no one of any consequence having dropped out. The Governor and suite and Admiral Lord Charles Scott have given their patronage and have promised to be present. The Club, with their usual liberality, have placed several events on the programme for the sailors of H.M. Navy. These comprise flat and hurdle racing, obstacle races, three-legged and sack races. Afternoon tea will be provided as usual for the ladies. The programme is unusually large this meeting, comprising no less than thirty-two events, the first of which starts at half-past one. I have gone through the entries, and the following are my selections for the various events:—

100 Yards Handicap.—C. Hesketh, 1; H. Mowbray, 2; W. C. Rhodes, 3.  
200 Yards Handicap.—H. Mowbray, 1; W. J. Martin, 2; R. D. Kelly, 3.  
Quarter-mile Handicap.—R. S. Caulton, 1; H. W. Boyd, 2; J. Hill, 3.  
Half-mile Handicap.—R. S. Caulton, 1; H. N. Goldwater, 2; A. S. Clarke, 3.  
One-mile Walk.—A. W. Creamer, 1; G. Peace, 2; C. J. Collings, 3.  
120 Yards Hurdles Handicap.—H. Worsp, 1; C. Motion, 2; P. Hackett, 3.  
One-mile Flat Handicap.—A. S. Clarke, 1; G. W. Lewis, 2; T. W. Taylor, 3.  
One-mile Maiden Bicycle Handicap.—R. Logan, 1; L. Boulton, 2; C. Waters, 3.  
Two-mile Roadster Bicycle Handicap.—H. Nicholson, 1; J. Flemming, 2; R. Logan, 3.  
Three-mile Bicycle Handicap.—A. G. Buchanan, 1; J. A. Stewart, 2; C. Waters, 3.  
Five-mile Bicycle Handicap.—A. G. Buchanan, 1; J. A. Stewart, 2; N. P. N. Aickin, 3.

## LAWN TENNIS.

THE matches for the Championship of Auckland are very nearly concluded, the third round having been played off during the past week.

At the Eden and Epsom Lawn Miss Spiers beat Miss Paton, 6—3, 7—5; and at Parnell Miss Spiers beat Miss Gorrie, who played in splendid form, and some very long rallies were indulged in, Miss Spiers winning the match, 6—1, 5—7, 6—0, which places this lady in the final with Mrs. Chapman. The match is arranged to be played at Parnell on Thursday at 4 o'clock, and the winner will meet Miss Mowbray, last year's champion, during the following week.

In the Gentleman's Single (Championship) Messrs. Morrison and Hooper met for the third occasion, on the two previous meets the matches having to be postponed on account of the weather. The match was played off at the Eden and Epsom Lawns, Morrison winning after good play, 6—4, 4—6, 3—6, 6—2, 6—3.

On the 25th at the Parnell Lawn Messrs. Tonks and Rich played off, and the former won after four sets, 6—1, 6—3, 3—6, 6—3.

On Saturday last at the Eden and Epsom Lawn Messrs. Morrison and Tempest, the

latter having claimed a bye from Uphill in the second round, played off, Morrison winning after close sets, 6—4, 9—7, 6—3.

On the same day at the University Lawn Messrs. Tonks and McFarlane played off. The latter played in his best form, but was unable to score a set against Tonks, who won after good rallies, 6—4, 9—7, 6—3. The peculiarity of the two matches played on the same day was that Tonks and Morrison won all three sets alike against their opponents.

The final between Messrs. Tonks and Morrison will be played off at the University Lawn on Thursday at 3 o'clock, and the winner meet Goodhue during the following week to decide the Championship of 1891.

## CHRISTCHURCH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THE idea of sending a team of athletes to England seems to have died a natural death. With the exception of the C.A.A.C. all the other clubs seem to have been against the proposal, but Mr. Cuff intends bringing up the scheme again next year.

The next meeting of the Wellington A.C., which takes place on the 14th, promises to be a great success. Both A. and J. Hempton are likely to compete, and a race between the ex-champion and King is sure to be worth seeing.

It is understood that Batger will not compete in any of the events.

The Pioneer Bicycle Club have decided not to hold a meeting at Easter this year, as the Lancaster Park will be in use for a trotting meeting.

## AQUATIC.

The Championship Regatta, decided at Wanganui last week, seems to have been a decided success. The only Christchurch club represented was the Canterbury, who sent Laurie's crew to compete in the Champion Fours. It will be remembered that at the Lake Forsyth Regatta, when both the Canterbury, Wellington, and Star competed in the Senior Fours, they finished in the order named. As I predicted last week, however, the deep waters of the Wanganui suited the Wellington men, and with the extra practice they had obtained, they were enabled to carry off the Championship in a comparatively easy manner. As was generally expected, the Champion Pairs proved to be a gift for Wellington, who won almost without an effort. By their rowing at Lake Forsyth, the Champion Double Sculls should also have fallen to their lot, and the Star Club, who won this event, had certainly all the best of the luck in the matter of obtaining the best water. At Lake Forsyth, when exactly the same crews started, Wellington went off with the lead and won in a very hollow fashion. As both they and Canterbury, who finished second, had gone inside a post, both were disqualified, and Star, who finished about two hundred yards to the bad, were awarded first prize. Bridson fully bore out the high opinion formed of him by simply walking away from his opponents in the Single Sculls, and it would appear that in him the Wellington Club have a worthy substitute for the erstwhile champions—Sullivan and McKay.

## CRICKET.

After a two weeks' interval, owing to the wet weather, the Cup matches were resumed on Saturday last, under favourable circumstances. The match between Lancaster Park Eleven and Addington, which had been left in an interesting stage, was concluded, and ended in favour of the Park team by 22 runs. The Midland-Lancashire Park Fifteen match has advanced another stage, and looks like furnishing a close finish. The scores now stand:—Lancaster Park: First innings 152, second innings 55 for six wickets; Midland: First innings, 132.

Ashley County gained their first victory this season by defeating United. Scores: United, 85 and 110; Ashley, 107 and 61 for four wickets. This is the first match Ashley have won this season, and the victory came like a shower of rain in the middle of summer to them.

The Lancashire Park Junior teams are still leading for the Junior and President's Cups.

## VOLUNTEER NEWS.

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### RANGE TIME TABLE.

March 14—Clark's District Belt.  
March 21—District Medal

[BY CARBINE.]

THE members of the "A" mustered strongly on Saturday afternoon last at the Mt. Eden Range to compete for six money prizes presented by their comrades who had represented the company at the New Zealand Rifle Association Meeting. The match was by handicap, the limit being 20 points. The conditions were, 7 shots at 200, 300, 400, and 500 yards, carbines only to be used.

The shooting, considering the day, was very fair, as there was a very strong puffy wind blowing.

The principal scorers are, the first six being prize winners:—

	Hdep.	200	300	400	500	Tl.
Sergt.-Major Doughty	sc.	30	22	23	18	93
Corp. Kearsley	...	25	27	23	14	91
Sergt. Hatswell	...	4	22	26	22	86
Gunner Hazard	...	5	24	20	20	83
Gunner Dunningham	...	12	18	24	11	82
Corp. Lipscombe	sc.	21	20	25	8	74
Capt. Geddes	...	5	17	9	13	73
Gunner Moore	sc.	5	26	17	10	72
Gunner Niddrie	...	8	17	12	15	67
Bomb. Hutchison	...	8	23	17	17	67
Gunner Wishart	...	8	25	15	8	61
Gunner Cornish	...	15	9	4	10	50

The first competition for the Ponsonby Navals Company's Belt was fired at the Mt. Eden Range on Saturday afternoon last. The conditions are—two matches of 21 shots each, the ranges being 200, 300, and 500 yards. 1st class P.O. J. Spinley is the present holder of the Belt, but this time I think it is a moral for 2nd P.O. G. Spinley. The scores are:—

	200	300	500	Tl.
2nd P.O. W. Sherson	27	19	22	68
2nd P.O. G. Spinley	25	23	19	67
1st P.O. J. Spinley	26	22	18	61
2nd P.O. Ewen	23	17	20	60
2nd P.O. Nesbett	24	20	16	60
1st P.O. Lenihan	22	19	6	47
Seaman Pearson	18	16	4	36
Seaman Pasley	14	13	8	35
Seaman Martin	8	13	4	25

This afternoon the competition for Clark's Belt takes place at the Mt. Eden Range, and should prove very interesting. It is open for competition to the active and honorary unattached list and efficient and reserve members of the Auckland District. Members, on entering, must produce a certificate, signed by the officer of the corps, that they were efficient for the previous year. The weapons to be used are rifle or carbine as served out to the corps. Distances have been fixed at 200, 300, 400, and 500 yards; 7 shots at each range, one sighter being allowed at each distance at a charge of 5d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Ammunition to be found by the competitors. The surplus money, derived from entrance fees, sighting shots, and disputed shots, after paying expenses, is to be devoted as follows: One prize of 30 per cent., one of 20 per cent., two of 15 per cent., two of 10 per cent. Any protests must be handed in to the secretary within forty-eight hours of the question being raised. This Belt has now been a long time in existence, for it has to be won twice in succession or three times at intervals. Gunner Taylor ("A" Battery) and Vol. Fairs (Victoria Rifles) have both had it twice, and intend this year to make a big bid for it. Corporal Doughty ("A" Battery) is the present holder, and I think between these three the winner should be furnished.

A sweepstakes match takes place this afternoon between Sergt. McCallum ("O" Battery) and Vol. Dore (Onehunga Rifles), the amount being £5 per man.

On Saturday next the "A" Battery proceed to Wairoa, by invitation from the Wairoa Rifles, to have a friendly shooting contest. These two corps have already fired three matches, the Wairoa's winning the first two and the Battery the last. The Battery Shooting Committee met during the week, and selected the following to represent them:—Lieut. Haultain, Sergt.-Major Doughty, Sergts. Sherson, Hatswell, Parslow, Corps. Doughty, Kearsley, Lipscombe, Bombs. Webster, Hutchison, Gunners E. Buchanan, J. G. Buchanan, Taylor, Henderson, Moore. Waiting men:—Gunner Hazard, Capt. Geddes, Gunners Payne, Dunningham, Wallis, J. J.

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## SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

## COMING EVENTS.

Mar. 17	Henderson's Mill Turf Club
Mar. 17	Cambridge Jockey Club
Mar. 17	Ohinemuri Jockey Club
March 17	Popoti Race Meeting
Mar. 17, 18	Greymouth Jockey Club
Mar. 17, 18	Hawkes Bay J.C. Autumn Meeting
Mar. 20	Te Aroha Jockey Club
Mar. 21, 23	Dunedin J.C. Anniversary Meeting
Mar. 21	Otahuhu Trotting Club Inaugural Meeting.
Mar. 20, 21	Dargaville Jockey Club.
Mar. 23	Waiuku Racing Club
Mar. 24	Mauku Racing Club
Mar. 24, 25	Napier Park R.C. Autumn Meeting.
Mar. 25	Waerenga-a-hika Races
Mar. 26	Waipu Jockey Club Autumn
Mar. 30	Fielding Jockey Club
March 30	Bay of Plenty Race Meeting
Mar. 30, 31	Canterbury J.C. Autumn Meeting
Mar. 30, 31	Auckland R.C. Autumn Meeting
Apr. 1, 2	Taranaki J.C. Autumn Meeting
Apr. 4	South Auckland R.C. Autumn Meeting
Apr. 4	South Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 7, 8	Nelson Racing Club
Apr. 11	Auckland Tattersall's Club
Apr. 16, 17	South Canterbury J.C. Autumn Meeting
April 16, 18	Wellington R.C. Autumn Meeting.
April 18	Avondale Jockey Club
Apr. 25	Onehunga Racing Club
May 2	Lake Takapuna Races
May 23, 25	Dunedin J.C. May Meeting
June 8	Auckland R.C. Winter Meeting
June 25	Hawkes Bay J.C. Winter Meeting

## NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

Mar. 16	Napier Park R.C. Autumn Meeting (minor events)
Mar. 23	Wellington Racing Club Autumn Meeting.
Mar. 24	A.R.C. Autumn Meeting; general entries
Mar. 26	Taranaki Jockey Club; general entries
March 27	Auckland Tattersall's Club.
Mar. 28	Dargaville Jockey Club
April 1	C.J.C. Champagne Stakes—1892
Apr. 3	Onehunga Racing Club
Apr. 8	Avondale Jockey Club

## WEIGHTS APPEAR.

Mar. 14	Napier Cup and Flying Handicap.
Mar. 14	Waiuku Racing Club
Mar. 17	Mauku Racing Club
March 19	South Auckland Racing Club.
March 19	First day Napier Park R.C.
Mar. 19	Napier Park R.C. Autumn Meeting, first day's events.
Mar. 20	C.J.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
Mar. 20	Auckland Easter Handicap and Steeplechase
Mar. 20	Taranaki Jockey Club.
Mar. 25	A.R.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
March 30	Auckland Tattersall's Club.
April 8	Wellington R. C. Autumn Meeting.
April 14	Dargaville Jockey Club
April 16	Avondale Jockey Club
Apr. 10	Onehunga Racing Club

## ACCEPTANCES DUE.

Mar. 14	Hawkes Bay J.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
Mar. 16	Napier Cup and Flying Handicap
Mar. 18	Te Aroha Jockey Club
Mar. 18	Waipu Jockey Club, Autumn.
Mar. 20	Fielding Jockey Club
Mar. 20	Napier Park B.C. Autumn Meeting (minor events)
Mar. 20	Waiuku Racing Club
Mar. 24	A.R.C. Easter Handicap and Steeplechase
March 28	South Auckland Racing Club.
Mar. 28	C.J.C. Great Autumn Handicap; final payment
Mar. 26	A.R.C. Autumn Meeting; handicaps
Mar. 26	Taranaki Jockey Club.
Mar. 31	Taranaki J.C. Handicap; final payment.
April 8	Auckland Tattersall's Club.
April 10	Wellington R.C. Autumn Meeting.
April 10	Avondale Jockey Club
April 11	Dargaville Jockey Club
Apr. 17	Onehunga Racing Club

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## Sporting Review.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1891.

On Wednesday March 3rd the A.R.C. Committee held their usual monthly meeting, four members being present, which just formed a quorum. After passing several country programmes they brought forward a resolution that Rule 20 should be strictly enforced. This was a side-wind to thoroughly put a stop to all Pony and Trotting Races to which it appears these gentlemen—or at least two of them—are decidedly adverse, therefore, read the rule to suit themselves. As their reading is of great interest to a large majority of racing men, we will go thoroughly into the question and leave it to the public to decide who is right.

Rule 20 reads thus: "All race meetings held in these districts comprised in Rule 1 shall be run under these Rules. If a horse runs in a race at any meeting within such district which is not under these Rules, such horse shall be permanently disqualified from running, and the owner, nominator, trainer, and jockey of any such horse prohibited from owning, nominating, training, or riding at or for any race meeting held under these Rules, unless the Committee of the Jockey Club see just and sufficient reason to remove such disqualification." Now in reading any Laws or Rules you cannot take one particular one to suit your own purpose, but you must read both previous and subsequent Rules to see how the particular one you wish to use bears on the question. Now by doing that it is quite evident that when this Rule was framed it was only intended to apply to flat and hurdle racing, also to steeplechases, not to pony or trotting races. Take the following extracts from foregoing and subsequent Rules:—(Rule 2), "Race includes Plate, Sweepstakes, Hurdle Race or Steeplechase;" (Rule 4), "A Maiden means a horse which has never won an advertised plate or sweepstake on the flat. A Maiden Hurdle Race or Steeplechase horse is one who has never won an advertised Hurdle or Steeplechase;" (Rule 36), "Age is to be taken from 1st August;" (Rule 37), "Two-year-olds shall not run over a distance exceeding six furlongs, or prior to 1st of February, or in any handicap in which horses of other ages are engaged;" (Rule 38), "No horse shall carry less than 6st in any race on the flat, or 9st in hurdle race or 9st 7lb, in any steeplechase." Go through them all and any sensible man will see that by no stretch of imagination can he believe that these Rules were ever intended to interfere with pony or trotting races. Still, in the face of all this, four gentlemen sit in solemn conclave, and decide that Rule 20 does apply to pony and trotting races, therefore they must be abolished.

We will take the next thing. Pony and trotting racing is allowed all over the world with the exception of Auckland. Properly managed it is the source of amusement and legitimate profit to thousands. There are many who cannot afford to keep a racehorse, but can a pony. The owner trains his pony himself, and if a light weight he rides him. It gives the owner amusement, healthy exercise, and a knowledge of horses. Instead of knocking about all night fooling with barmaids and playing billiards, he goes to bed early in order that he may be up in good time in the morning to look after his pony before going to business.

The abolition of trotting races is of a most serious consideration. An independent gentleman, a merchant, butcher, baker, or in fact any business man, has what he thinks is a good trotter, he therefore takes a pride in him. He sees some of his friends and neighbours with what they think good ones, therefore they enter their horses in a trotting race to see who has the best. Those that get beaten are naturally aggrieved, so they try and get a better one. Where are they to find one? Certainly not in Auckland, for in no part of New Zealand are there a worse lot of horses. The consequence is they send to Wanganui, Napier, or elsewhere to get a better. The money naturally goes out of the Province. We have often heard farmers say it does not pay to breed, as we cannot get a price that will pay even for a good one. Now, forsooth, there is a little encouragement for a man to get a good roadster, as he runs the risk of being stamped out by the caprice of the A.R.C. Committee, who should be on the side of the sporting public

instead of against them, as it is from them they get their chief support.

Some thirty years ago the Newmarket Jockey Club would have nothing to do with hurdle racing or steeplechasing. The consequence was that this kind of sport was getting into disrepute. Seeing that it could not be put a stop to they got some gentlemen interested in steeplechasing to form the Grand National Hunt Club to manage that branch of sport, promising at the same time to support them. What a success that has been, and how steeplechasing has increased! Ireland followed, suit, and so did France. In former years galloway, pony and trotting races were the scenes of the greatest swindles ever perpetrated. There are some of our readers who may remember the Pigeon, Black Jacks, and "The Bishop of Romford's" cob cases, that not only ruined many but consigned others to long terms of imprisonment. Owing to pony and trotting racing being persisted in, the National Galloway, Pony, and Trotting Association was formed in conjunction with the other two, and things are now going on smoothly, and the sport is greatly increasing.

New Zealand at the present time is not far enough advanced to have the three Clubs, but there is no possible reason why all the branches of sport should not be brought under one head.

Now let us point out to the A.R.C. Committee in a friendly spirit the brink of the precipice that they at the present moment stand upon. Of late their attitude, etc., to the smaller clubs has been most autocratic. As a continuous ministry has been the ruin of the Colony so will a continuous Committee be the ruin of the Auckland Racing Club. It has virtually been the same Committee for the last fourteen or fifteen years. At the present time two or three are the governing power, construing the Rules to suit their purposes. One of the Committee told us one day that *shall* was optional, and another said there were men here who understood racing just as well or better than the stewards of the Newmarket Jockey Club. The Rules of the A.R.C. say that the Committee shall consist of twelve members, and that four shall form a quorum. Such is the case, but many of the Committee never attend a meeting from one year's end to another, and others very seldom. There are only three that regularly turn up, and often they have to hunt up another to make a quorum. There are some who ought to have resigned long ago, and who would have shown better taste by not offering themselves for a re-election. Several attempts have been made to introduce new blood, but the opposition has been too strong, so now the members show apathy and at the annual meeting very few attend. They also ignore this fact, that if the Club comes to grief each of them are liable *pro rata* for the debts, unless they have ceased to be members for three years.

Let us suggest one or two plans to the A.R.C. Committee for getting out of the difficulty regarding pony and trotting racing.

This we think would be the best plan. Let a Committee be formed of persons of standing who possess a thorough knowledge of sport. They should not hold any meetings of their own, or be interested in any course, but should issue permission to those Clubs that want to get up pony and trotting races, at the same time supervise everything, and if there is a case of swindling punish the offenders, and let the A.R.C. Committee endorse the same. The other plan would be for the A.R.C. Committee to register one course and let the trotting and pony racing take place there. If some plan is not adopted, and that soon, there is sure to be trouble over the matter, as the Auckland people are determined to have trotting meetings to test the merits of their horses. Comments not favourable to the A.R.C. Committee are rife in every quarter where the sporting class of the Auckland public attend.

The Wellington "Own Correspondent" for the N.Z. Referee has an article in last week's issue which is uncalled for and unjustifiable. We therefore feel it incumbent on us to criticise it and express our astonishment that Mr. Bird, whom we know well, allowed it to go in. It is as follows;—

Wellington, March 2. An unusual amount of speculation took place here over the Dunedin races, and great was the consternation of backers when it was found that Hilda had failed to

gain a place in the Cup. Sinister hints such as, "Wanganui Cup over again," "Morrin and O'Brien standing in," "look out for Hilda second day," &c., &c., were heard on all sides, and many backers here, having in mind Hilda's peculiar performance at Wanganui last year, doggedly invested their money on her for the D.J.C. Handicap, and when she won they were more than ever sanguine that her running in the Cup was all wrong. However, "all's well that ends well," and the Auckland mare's admirers must rest satisfied at having got a decent price about her in the D.J.C. Handicap.

The victories of the Hon. G. McLean and Major George were very popular here. These gentlemen's horses when defeated are made the subject of no disparaging remarks, their owners tactics being, like Caesar's wife, "above suspicion."

Everyone knows that Mr. Morrin never interferes with the running of his horses, leaving it entirely to his trainer, and does not even go to see them run when away from home, which on our part we think a great mistake. Let us ask how it is that Mr. Morrin's horses are always favourites and get heavily handicapped? When the weights first came out for the Dunedin Cup the public rushed over one another to back Hilda. We steadily went against her, and maintained that both Freedom and Occident would beat her, stating as our reason that we had never seen her get a distance in a strong run race. Has our "own correspondent?" That Hilda was very badly ridden and that the Dunedin Cup was a false run race no racing man can deny, and that it was also run to suit Freedom. The fact is that they only really raced about three-quarters of a mile. The latter part of "our own correspondent's" article shows on the face of it that he has little practical knowledge of racing, if so, will he explain the cause of the difference of Fiesole's running the second and third days at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting, also at the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, and her performances at Dunedin. If he can, he will confer a great benefit to many of the readers of the *Referee*. With regard to the Hon. G. McLean's horses, all we know is that when they win (which is seldom) they generally pay good dividends.

## THE TURF.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

### HENDERSON MILL RACES.

The annual meeting of the Henderson's Mill Turf Club takes place on Tuesday next (St. Patrick's Day). Having lost their own course, the races will, by the permission of the A.R.C. Committee, be held at Avondale. The acceptances and general entries are, on the whole, very good.

There are twelve in the Maiden Plate. As they are a moderate lot, it is difficult to pick the winner. Brian Boru and Maccaroni read as well as anything.

The Hurdle Race has an acceptance of nine horses. If Sentinel was to start, one need not look further for the winner, but it is doubtful if he will be up from Wanganui in time, so the finish ought to be between Cloth of Gold, who is daily improving, and Fishmonger.

St. Patrick's Handicap of five furlongs has twelve remaining in. These sprint races are bad races to touch, even if first-class horses are engaged, but they are still worse when they are confined to fourth-raters. Master Pat and Maccaroni should fight out the finish.

For the Henderson Mill Cup, one mile and a quarter, the principal race, eleven have cried content. Antelope, on her running at Ellerslie for the Pakuranga Hunt Club Cup, holds all the rest safe, but as her form has been of a very in-and-out character, backers must please themselves about putting their money on her. Here again crops up a beautiful piece of handicapping. Antelope wins over a mile and a quarter at Ellerslie in a canter, now she has only to allow Belmont, who was a bad second, 6lb more, and Patchwork, who was a still worse third, 6lb for at least a stone beating, while Leorina and Ingorina, who were never in the race, receive respectively 10lb. The others are of such wretched quality they can have no chance with her. With Antelope out of the way, Leorina, Ingorina, and Tamora might fight it out. Minnie is one just up from the West Coast, where she has been doing good service in hack races, and she might land a coup for her owner first time of asking. As a final tip I will go for Antelope and Ingorina, as the latter ran very well at Helensville.

There are twelve in the Selling Race, and if all is on the square Octopus, ought to add this to his list of races of this description.

I now come to the Steeplechase; for which there are nine left in. After the exhibition we had at Ellerslie, where four out of the present lot attempted to perform, it must be a bold man who puts his money down. As mentioned before, it is doubtful if Sentinel will be here. If he starts, he would be the best investment, and in his absence I prefer Nap and Hopeful Kate.

For the Railway Handicap, six furlongs, there is the large field of seventeen remaining in. As almost all of them have other engagements, it all depends on previous running, and as the Handicap is a very funny one, I will not attempt to pick the winner as I may lead some astray.

The V.R.C. Autumn Meeting concluded last Saturday, in very hot weather. In the All-Aged Stakes, one mile, four started, resulting in a win for Carbine, though Penance, 2yrs old, by Grand Flaneur—Penitent, ran him very close, the Champion only getting home a neck all out; Yarran, 2yrs, being third. Before putting Penance down as a flyer it would be as well to watch his next performance, as the chances are that Carbine having been trained for long courses may have begun to lose his speed, and another thing Ramage may have been taking things too easy, forgetting that at times a good two-year-old will come with a tremendous rush when called upon. The Place Handicap, one and a-half miles, resulted as follows:—Highborn, 9st 3lb, 1st; Wilga, 7st 12lb, 2nd; Enucl, 7st 12lb, 3rd. Taroola, Jesusite, Wycombe, Swing, Wattie, and Pingara also started. Won by a length; a neck between second and third. This shows Highborn either a greatly improved horse, or that his owner and trainer narrowly escaped landing a tremendous coup in the Melbourne Cup, and also proves that the Australian Cup was lost by the penalty. The Steeplechase was a series of blunders, Sir Wilfred managing to get home first. The Loch Plate only brought out three runners, and Megaphone had no difficulty in landing the odds on him from The Spot and The Serf, who finished in the order named.

The Helensville Annual Race Meeting took place last Saturday, and calls for little comment as the racing was most uninteresting, and the horses that ran, with one or two exceptions, of the most inferior quality. The day's racing might be dismissed with very little notice if it had not been for one thing that occurred. In the Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race the owner of the subsequent winner knew that he had no right to run his horse, as he had won a hurdle race since the time of entry, and the new rule says that a "maiden" means a maiden at the time of start, according to the way it is interpreted by the A.R.C. Committee. The owner, wishing to be certain before he started, asked the stewards if he was eligible, and though warned by several persons that if they allowed Cloth of Gold to start they would be wrong, agreed that under the circumstances they would pay on him. He accordingly started and won easily. Begorrah, who was second, objected to the winner, and was in his turn objected to, having won a steeplechase. However, the first horse got the stakes and the totalisator money. Now there is a talk of an appeal. There cannot be a question that Rule 4 and Rule 47 are rather conflicting, and it is extraordinary that different Committees and the delegates at the Conference tried to improve on the Newmarket rules, but as this will be the subject of another article, as well as regards passing the programmes of so many country meetings without proper supervision, it had better be left alone for the present. The racing as before mentioned calls for no special comment. The principal race—the Helensville Cup—fell to Ingorina, Priscilla second, and Orakei third, Leorina only finishing fourth. This mare considering the racing and knocking about she has gone through this season must be a wonderfully sound mare, and of great constitution. Cloth of Gold won both Maiden and Open Hurdle Races, but he defeated nothing of any merit, and is a long way off a good one. Full particulars of the racing may be found in the Turf Record column.

Huguénot, who won her races in such a clever manner at the late Dunedin Meeting, was purchased as a yearling for 25 gns. at the Middle Park Sale.

## THE WANGANUI MEETING.

The Wanganui Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting commenced last Wednesday. The weather was fine, the course in good order, and the racing interesting. Before the Cup was run Mr. Hunter asked what weight Cynisca should carry. It will be remembered that when Mr. Hatley first issued the weights her impost was 8st. At this she was certainly leniently treated. It is supposed that there was a cry out among the sporting division at her getting in so lightly. The consequence was that the next day the handicapper published in the morning papers that her weight was 8st 9lb, and a local appeared stating that Mr. Hatley had made a mistake in transcribing his notes. In answer to Mr. Hunter's question the stewards decided that Cynisca's weight was 8st 9lb. Both the handicapper and the stewards, according to all precedent, were decidedly wrong, for when a handicap leaves the handicapper's hands it cannot be altered, unless there has been a clerical error. The stewards erred in supporting their official in the blunder he had made. Cynisca carried the extra weight and ran second. It is generally believed that Mr. Hunter will not proceed further in the matter, but has expressed his determination not to enter another horse for any future meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club. In this he is quite right. The Wanganui meetings, though the Club give plenty of added money, are gradually falling away as regards the size of the fields. This may, in a great measure, be put down to the handicapping. Crackshot, to everyone's surprise, was weighed out for the Cup, but he was so lame and manifestly unfit that Mr. Butler, at the remonstrance of his friends, had his number taken down. Tirailiere and Cretonne, by their running, show that they may be nearly classed in the front rank of two-year-olds. In the Flying Handicap, Tommy Hodson, the rider of Lochness, was had up before the stewards for foul riding in blocking Boulanger, and they suspended him for the remainder of the meeting. Hodson ought to think himself lucky in getting off with such a light sentence, and should take warning by it. Mr. S. Powell was starter, and on the whole was successful. About £5,500 was passed through the machine, which is considerably more than last year.

The races commenced with the Hurdle Race, two miles and a quarter, resulting as follows:—Sentinel, 9st 7lb, 1; Montrose II., 9st 2lb, 2; Myrtle, 9st, 3; Chemist, 12st 8lb; Comet, 10st; The Peer, 9st 6lb, and Koromiko, 9st, also ran. Chemist was made the favourite. Sentinel laid well in front all the way, and on entering the straight came through full of running and won by four lengths, a length between second and third, Chemist a bad fourth. Time, 4min. 55secs. Dividend, £6 16s.

The Wanganui Cup only produced a field of five, and resulted in an easy win for Dudu, 8st 12lb; Cynisca, 8st 9lb, 2; Weka 7st 2lb, 3; Recluse, 8st 2lb, and Kiekie, 7st, also started. Dudu was made a hot favourite. From a good start Weka rushed away with the lead at a tremendous pace, and soon placed six lengths between her and her followers. At the end of a mile Cynisca and Dudu began to close up. Soon afterwards Matthews took Dudu to the front. The race was then never in doubt, and she ran home an easy winner by three lengths. Half way up the straight Clifford eased Cynisca, when he found he had no chance, and she finished four lengths in front of Weka, Kiekie a bad fourth, Recluse being last of all. Time, 3min. 8secs. Dividend, £2 1s.

The Wanganui Two-year-old Stakes brought out a field of four. From a bad start, of which Cretonne got the worst of it, Rosefeldt and Fraternite made the running, but on entering the straight they were done with and Tirailiere assumed the command, and appeared to have the race in hand, when Cretonne, who was supposed to be done with, came again. After a good race Tirailiere succeeded in getting home by a length, Rosefeldt a bad third.

Six faced the starter for the Welter Handicap. After a good race, Fleta, 8st 9lb, won pretty easily by a couple of lengths, a neck separating La Petite Fille, 8st 9lb, and Pyramus, 9st 3lb. Weka, 10st 2lb, Montrose II., 9st 7lb, and The Peer, 9st 5lb, also ran. Time, 1 min. 46secs. Dividend, £5 12s.

The Flying Handicap brought out a field of seven. They finished as follows:—Retina, 7st 10lb, 1; Boulanger, 8st, 2; Lochness, 7st 9lb, 3;

Whisper, 8st, Thackeray, 7st 10lb, Queen of Trumps, 7st 2lb, and Rufus, 6st 9lb, also ran. There was a bad start for this race. Retina got away in front, and won by a length, the same between second and third. Thackeray, who got badly away, was last. Time, 1min. 16 1/2 sec. Dividend, £ 4 3s.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB. On Monday next, March 16, nominations and acceptances for the following events will close with the secretary, Mr. A. T. Danvers.

ACCEPTANCES.— Napier Cup of 300sovs, 1 1/2 miles Flying Handicap of 100sovs, 1/4 mile

NOMINATIONS.— Trial Handicap Hurdles of 40sovs, 1 1/2 miles Sapling Stakes Handicap of 75sovs, 5 furlongs Redcliffe Stakes Handicap of 40sovs, 1 mile Handicap Hurdles of 100sovs, 2 miles Second Trial Handicap Hurdles of 40sovs, 1 1/2 mile Two-year-old Handicap of 75sovs, 6 furlongs Second Handicap Hurdles of 100sovs, 1/4 mile Hurry Scurry Handicap of 40sovs, 7 furlongs

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB.

On Monday next, March 16, nominations and acceptances for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. A. Menzies, Te Aroha, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, Auckland, at 8 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.— Maiden Plate of 10sovs, w.f.a., 1 1/2 miles Ladies' Purse of 10sovs, minimum weight 10st, 1 1/2 miles

ACCEPTANCES.— Handicap Hurdles of 20sovs, 2 miles Te Aroha Jockey Club Handicap of 50sovs, 2 miles Goldfields' Handicap of 20sovs, 1 mile

WAIPU JOCKEY CLUB.

On Wednesday next, March 18, acceptances for the above Club are due.

FIELDING JOCKEY CLUB.

On Friday next, March 20, acceptances for the above Club are due.

WAIUKU JOCKEY CLUB.

On Friday next, March 20, acceptances for the above Club are due.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

MONDAY.—The following horses worked on the trial track. Hopeful Kate twice round at half speed. Minnie and Tuna in company twice round at three-quarter pace. Moderator twice round at half speed. Capella and Maccaroni once round at three-quarter speed. Patchwork cantered twice round. Impulse twice round slow. Orakei cantered twice round. Antelope went twice round at half speed. Nap, Omata, and Williamson's b g went twice round the plough at a steady pace.

TUESDAY.—The following horses worked on the plough. Omata went three times round steady. Williamson's b g; Nap, and Begorra twice at a slow pace. Impulse once steady. Flint once round trial track steady. Antelope twice round the trial track at half speed. Moderator twice round the plough at half speed. Hopeful Kate twice round the plough at half pace. Satan trotted and cantered twice round.

WEDNESDAY.—The following horses worked on the plough: Omata went three times round steady, so did Williamson's b g and Begorra. Maccaroni twice round at three-quarter speed, and Capella once at the same pace. Patchwork once at three-quarter speed. Fishmonger went once round at a fast pace, Moderator then joined in and they went another round at top speed. Impulse went twice round the trial track steady. Antelope twice round the plough at a good canter. Hopeful Kate and Tuna twice at a good three-quarter pace, and Flint twice steady.

THURSDAY.—Nothing particular was done, all the horses doing slow work.

FRIDAY.—Fishmonger went once round the plough at three-quarter speed. Hopeful Kate and Minnie went once round steady, the second round Minnie came away, finishing fast, Hopeful Kate continuing the circuit slow. Orakei twice round slow. Nap, Satan, and Williamson's b g twice round at half speed. Maccaroni and Capella went once round at a good pace. Vendetta twice steady. Miss Cole twice steadily. Begorra and Omata twice round at a good sound gallop.

SPORTING ITEMS.

The meeting of the Dargaville Jockey Club, which was to have been held on the 20th and 21st of March, has been postponed until the 17th and 18th of April. Nominations are due on the 28th.

According to "Spectator" Mr. Stead secured the best of the Warrington yearlings—a chestnut colt by Le Loup—Lady Emma—for 275 gns. He is a loose made one, with plenty of room to fill out. Mr. Stead offered 200 sovs. for him as a foal.

Wairua by Somnus—Waiwareka, who has been winning all the hack hurdles races along the West Coast, has been sold to Mr. F. Panetti for £180, and goes to Australia. A patron of one of our Auckland stables endeavoured to secure Wairua, but could not come to terms with his owner.

Dudu has been scratched for the Great Autumn Handicap.

Gibraltar, the A.J.C. Derby and V.R.C. St. Leger winner, broke down badly in his off fore leg when running in the Australian Cup. He will remain in Mr. Allan's hands until fit to travel to Sydney.

Wolverine's break down is not as bad as expected, but he is a horse that requires a good deal of work, therefore it is doubtful if he ever stands a severe preparation again.

Pique, who won the Publicans' Handicap at Dunedin is said to have done the best and worst of trials at Forbury. She, however, did the bookmakers a turn, by giving those who had a double book a "skinner."

Little Arthur was sold to Messrs. M. and C. Hobbs for £150 after the Dunedin Meeting. As Dan O'Brien scored a win and two seconds with the son of Jangler it must be admitted that his luck still sticks to him.

Orlando, the steeplechaser, who was exported to Melbourne a short time ago, died at Caulfield on February 28th from the injuries sustained while being schooled over fences. It will be remembered that while jumping with Tyro he took too far off from one of his fences, and coming down heavily, he injured his stifles and the muscles of his neck and was also internally injured, while his rider Anderson had his arm broken.

The highest weight ever previously carried to riding in the Ascot Vale Stakes was 9st 7lb by that beautiful filly Hortense, who ran the distance in 1min 17sec or 1 1/2sec faster than Penance did with 3lb more on his back. — Sportsman.

According to the N.Z. Referee the Christchurch bookmakers did not fare so well over the Newmarket, as Bungebah was backed from the commencement, both straight-out and in doubles, and when Vengeance was reported to be heavily backed for the Cup the backers followed the money.

Cusden who had two winning mounts at Dunedin and was four times, second leaves for Australia by the next boat to try his luck on the other side. He is a decent lad, and is about as good a light weight as we have seen in New Zealand, and should have no trouble in getting into a good stable over there. — Weekly Press.

The finest two-year-old we have ever seen was stripped on Saturday in the Hopeful Stakes, this being Zalinski, by Nordenfeldt from Frailty, the dam of Trenton, Niagara, Cuirassier, Cissy, Mary, and others. He is of magnificent proportions, and with extraordinary bone, just the very colt to furnish into a Derby horse, and we shall be very much surprised if he do not start a hot favourite next Spring. At present he is very gross in condition, and quite green to racing, but nevertheless he showed capital galloping ability. Mr. W. R. Wilson will undoubtedly never regret the time he decided on purchasing this handsome colt, who has all Cuirassier's size, combined with Trenton's beautiful quality. — Melbourne Sportsman.

The Grand Sheffield Handicap, that takes at Potter's Paddock on Friday, March 27th, will be a great success, as all the preliminaries have been arranged. Mr. O. Kohn has consented to act as judge, Mr. W. F. Winch starter, Mr. E. O'Hare handicapper, and Mr. Mountain will act as referee if occasion should require it. In addition to this, Mr. Mountain, as mentioned before in last week's issue, has lodged the amount of stakes in Mr. Kohn's hands, so there can be no doubt as to its genuineness. There should be a good number of entries, and if Mr. Mountain finds sufficient patronage at this meeting, it is his intention to continue them. This is a stimulus for the youth of Auckland. Who knows that there may not be a future man equal to Lang, Deerfoot, or Nuttall. Mr. Mountain, to make this meeting more attractive to the public, has decided to give seven medals for two races, to be competed for by members of the Fire Brigades. The conditions are: Five medals to be given to the winning team at hose practise, and two medals to be given to the winners of the Baby Rescue Race. Nominations for the Sheffield Handicap close to-day (Saturday), March 14th. Acceptances for the Sheffield Handicap and entries for the Fire Brigade races on Wednesday, March 24th, close with Mr. Winch, secretary, at the Waverley Hotel.

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

A.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

EASTER HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Impulse, Ingorina, The Dreamer, Patchwork, Leolantis, Hilda, Cissy, Minnie, Antelope, Leorina, Belmont, Coalscuttle, Fiesole. AUTUMN HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Impulse, Ingorina, The Dreamer, Patchwork, Leolantis, Loch Ness, The Baron, Hilda, Cissy, Minnie, Antelope, Leorina, Te. Kooti, Belmont, Coalscuttle, Fiesole. STEEPLECHASE.—Fishmonger, Begorra, Omata, Waipipi, Bit of Blue, Hopeful Kate, Good Day, Relation, Nap, Satyr, General, Orakei, Justice, Ingorangi, Sentinel.

HENDERSON'S MILL TURF CLUB.

ACCEPTANCES.

Table with columns for horse names and weights for Henderson's Mill Turf Club. Includes sections for Maiden Plate, Handicap Steeplechase, and Selling Race.

OTAHUHU PONY AND TROTting MEETING.

WEIGHTS.

Table with columns for horse names and weights for Otahuhu Pony and Trotting Meeting. Includes sections for Handicap Maiden Trot, Pony Trot, Handicap Trot, Pony Cup, and Hurdle Race.

SYDNEY GOLD CUP.

Two miles. To be run 28th March.

Table with columns for horse names and weights for Sydney Gold Cup.

TE AROHA RACES.

WEIGHTS.

Table with columns for horse names and weights for Te Aroha Races. Includes sections for Handicap Hurdles and T.A.J.C. Handicap.

TURF RECORD.

HELENSVILLE RACING CLUB.

Saturday, 7th March, 1891.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE OF 150 SOVS. Second horse to receive 50s from the stakes. Distance, one and a quarter miles. 5 Mr. J. McLeod's ch g Potentate, 7st 8lb, including 8lb over, Priest, 1

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES OF 150 SOVS. Second horse to receive 50s from the stakes. Distance, one and three-quarter miles. 38 Mr. G. Wright's b g Cloth of Gold, 5yrs, 10st 9lb, A. Williams, 1

HELENSVILLE CUP OF 40 SOVS. Second horse to receive 50s from the stakes. Distance, one and three-quarter miles. 72 Mr. J. Fletcher's blk g Ingornia, aged, 8st 10lb, owner ... 1

HANDICAP NOVEL RACE OF 150 SOVS. Distance, one mile. 79 Mr. C. Newman's Jerry, aged, 7st 7lb, Mahon ... 1

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP OF 20 SOVS. Second horse to receive 50s from the stakes. The winner of the Helensville Cup to carry 6lb penalty. Distance, three-quarters of a mile.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF 25 SOVS. Second horse to receive 50s from the stakes. Distance, two miles. 53 Mr. G. Wright's b g Cloth of Gold, 5yrs, 10st, Williams ... 1

HANDICAP HACK RACE OF 10 SOVS. Second horse to receive 20s from the stakes. Distance, one mile. This race was won by Badger.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF 100 SOVS. One mile and a half. Mr. D. O'Brien's br Little Arthur, by Jangler—Lubra, aged, 11st 2lb, Clark ... 1

CHAMPAGNE STAKES OF 250 SOVS. SIX FURLONGS. Mr. H. Lunn's ch c Cajolery, by Apremont—Flattery, 8st 10lb, Derrett ... 1

DUNEDIN CUP OF 600 SOVS. WITH A SWEEPSTAKES OF 10 SOVS EACH; the owner of the second horse to receive 100s, and the owner of the third horse 50s. Two miles and a distance. Mr. D. O'Brien's b c Freedom, by Captivator—Maid of Honour, 8yrs, 8st 8lb, White ... 1

SELLING RACE OF 60 SOVS. One mile and a distance. Mr. W. Nicholson's b h Leinster, by Albany—Zelica, 4yrs, 8st 9lb, Smith ... 1

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP OF 200 SOVS. Seven furlongs. Hon. G. McLean's b f Pique, by Gorton—Malice, 3yrs, 6st 3lb, Holmes ... 1

Mr. G. Stephenson's b c Mariner, 3yrs, 7st, Buddicombe ... 0
Major George's ch m Fiesole, 4yrs, 6st 12lb, Goldie ... 0
Mr. P. Mangan's b m Lady Bell, 4yrs, 6st 8lb, Ray ... 0

MAIDEN PLATE OF 100 SOVS. One mile and a quarter. Mr. G. Stead's b c Palliser, by Nordenfeldt—Radiance, 3yrs, 8st 9lb, Clifford ... 1

SELLING TWO-YEAR-OLD RACE OF 100 SOVS. Five furlongs. Mr. J. Harris's b c Union Flag, by St. George—Red Rose, Clifford ... 1

STEWARDS' WELTER HANDICAP OF 120 SOVS. Six furlongs. Hon. G. McLean's b g Dormeur, by Gorton—Indolence, 3yrs, 8st, White ... 1

THE KAKANUI RELIEF FUND STAKES, OF 20 SOVS. was won by Old Judge, beating Windsor, The Wolf, Fanny, Cuiinar and Dunrobin. Time, 1min. 5 1/2sec. Dividends: Inside, £8 2s 6d; outside, £8 7s.

SECOND DAY.

TALLY-HO HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. Two miles. Mr. D. Rutherford's b g Ixion, by Le Loup—Cassivelannus mare, 6yrs, 12st 5lb, Stewart ... 1

CITY STAKES HANDICAP OF 150 SOVS.; for two-year-olds only. Five furlongs. Mr. R. Stephenson's b f Huguenot, by Apremont—Martyr, 7st, Thomas ... 1

NOVEL RACE HANDICAP OF 80 SOVS. One mile. Mr. S. G. Mercer's br m Gazelle, by Guy Fawkes—Viola, 4yrs, 7st 12lb, Brown ... 1

DOMAIN HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. Six furlongs. Major George's ch c Reprisal, by First King—Memphis, 3yrs, 8st, Brown ... 1

THE RAILWAY PLATE, OF 100 SOVS. Weight-for-age. Four furlongs. Mr. J. Stephenson's b f Huguenot, by Apremont—Martyr, 2yrs, 6st 11lb, Thomas ... 1

SUBURBAN WELTER HANDICAP OF 120 SOVS. One mile and a furlong. Mr. W. Russell's br c Bredalbane, by Cadogan—Albany Mare, 4yrs, 8st 10lb, Holmes ... 1

THE POST STAKES, OF £20, SIX FURLONGS, was won by Vaultress, with Cinnabar second and Coinage third. Dividends—inside £2 12s 6d, outside £2 17s. The winner was sold for £41 to Mr. J. Loughlin.

THIRD DAY.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF 100 SOVS., second horse 10 sovs., and third 5 sovs. from the stakes. Two miles and a quarter. Mr. D. Rutherford's b g Ixion, by Le Loup—Cassivelannus mare, aged, 12st 12lb, Stewart ... 1

Mr. D. O'Brien's br g Little Arthur, aged, 12st, Clark ... 1
Mr. S. Wright's b h Trimolite, aged, 9st 9lb, Allan ... 3
Mr. W. O. Rutherford's g g Erin-go-Bragh, aged, 9st 7lb, Holmes ... 0

HOPEFUL STAKES HANDICAP OF 150 SOVS., second horse 20 sovs., third horse 10 sovs. from the stake. Six furlongs. Mr. G. G. Stead's b f Carronade, by Nordenfeldt—Rosarina, 2yrs, 6st 12lb, Press ... 1

FORBURY HANDICAP OF 300 SOVS. One mile and a quarter. Major George's ch m Fiesole, by Ingomar—Florence, 4yrs, 6st 7lb, Golding ... 1

MARSHALL MEMORIAL STAKES OF 250 SOVS. Six furlongs. Mr. G. G. Stead's ch c Clanranald, by St. Leger—Scottish Lassie, 2yrs, 6st 7lb, Thomas ... 1

FLYING HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. One mile. Mr. W. Russell's br c Bredalbane, by Cadogan—Albany mare 4yrs, 7st 6lb, Cusdin ... 1

MAIDEN TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. Five furlongs. Hon. G. McLean's b c Conjuror by Gorton—Legerdemain, 6st 3lb, White ... 1

SCURRY STAKES OF 20 SOVS. No weight under 8st. Mr. G. Smith's ch g Old Judge, by Le Loup—Cigarette, Cusdin ... 1

CONSOLATION HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. One mile. Mr. W. C. Webb's ch h Ruby, by Albany—Wave, aged, 8st, 10lb, Derrett ... 1

Mr. Bobbett and the trainers George Wright, H. Harrison, and G. Hope, with the following horses: Hilda, Cissy, Reprisal, and Fiesole, returned from the Dunedin meeting in the Hauroto. Quadrant was taken ill on the voyage, and was left at Wellington, but is expected on Monday.

On Tuesday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), Professor Pannell, known as the "water wizard," takes his benefit at the Auckland Graving Dock, at 3 p.m. Though swimming in Auckland has been very much advanced during the past few years by the exhibitions of the Auckland Swimming Club, yet we venture to say that this event of Professor Pannell's will give the art an impetus never before dreamt of.

MUSIC, DRAMA, ETC.

Spectatum admitti risum teneatis amici?

I MUCH regret that owing to the SPORTING REVIEW's day of publication being Friday, I was unable to notice Mr. Sheridan's production of "Widow O'Brien, Esquire," which was performed for the first time that evening. It was so immeasurably superior to the pieces which had occupied the boards during the preceding part of the season, that I could not resist seeing the other two performances on Saturday and Monday evenings.

new play has cohesion and continuity of action (save in one respect, which I will presently deal with), the characters are well-balanced—the situations striking, effective, and in some places ludicrous in the extreme. The first act is almost perfect in construction, but there are one or two blemishes in the second act which will doubtless be removed when the final polish is put on. In the first place, the device of having a garden party in order to give an opportunity for some really excellent variety work is ingeniously contrived to suit the clever company now supporting Mr. Sheridan. But I think that the play as a play would be improved by elaborating the action and going straight on to a more complete *denouement*. For example, Major Tiffin, on failing to secure the dear old widow, might console himself with the Dowager, Mrs. Sparks, whose aristocratic prejudices might receive a gentle shock by discovering that the Major had omitted the prefix "Sergeant" from his title. Then in the cheque business between Mr. Sparks and Brewster the amount should be mentioned to keep up the verisimilitude of the incident; and when Tiffin suggest stopping the cheque by telephone message to the bank, some one should at once rush off to do so. Much more could be made out of a sub-plot in which Rose might coquet with the German valet, the Franco-Cockney footman, and Peter the policeman. Turning to the performers, I will first repeat that Mr. Sheridan's "Widow" is beyond all praise, indescribably funny, and now quite free from any excess of vulgarity. Miss Gracie Whiteford's Nora is like all that she does, ever better than the last thing she did. As she is in this play old enough to be engaged to be married, I think she should don the longer frock which damsels usually assume at that age. The love-making between her "chappie" suitor and herself is exquisitely naïve and charming. She here proves herself an *ingénue* of quite the highest order. Miss Tudor's Dora is a good performance on the whole, but the part is hardly calculated to display the strong points of this talented lady. Miss Austin as the soubrette Rose is quite admirable. She looks and acts the part to perfection. Miss Beatrice Lorne as the other mother-in-law fulfils a difficult task with great credit to herself. In the battle of precedence with Widow O'B., it is incongruous to hear the cultured lady pronounce the word wrongly, while the uneducated one—who is quite a Mrs. Malaprop in the way of solecisms of speech—makes precedence long in the penultimate as it should be. This should be corrected and marked in the book. For Mr. Royle's performance as Mr. Sparks I have nothing but praise. He is a gentleman even in his cups, and brings out every good feature of an excellently conceived character. Perhaps the farcical business behind the screen might be modified a little. Mr. Erickson's part of a German valet suits that gentleman down to the ground, and he does it full justice. The little Mr. Bovis has to do as the amorous constable could not well be bettered. One of the greatest hits is Mr. Tudor's Jenkinsini, a cockney footman, whom Widow O'B. persists in turning into a Frenchman. Mr. Tudor's make-up and acting are superably comic. Mr. Carr as Bleeter, a drawing swell, deserves almost as much praise as anyone else, and Mr. Imano's Brewster is the best piece of acting I have yet seen by that gentleman, who, as I have previously stated, seems to improve in histrionic art every night. Last, but not least, comes Mr. Alfred James as Major Tiffin, a clever but somewhat rough impersonation. Although I have said that the piece might be improved by cutting out the concert business, I do not wish to convey the impression that the variety work is inferior. On the contrary it is really first-rate, but in my opinion out of place in a piece which should aim at being a superior farcical comedy. Mr. Sheridan and Miss Whiteford in the lugubrious tale of woe anent "Johnnie Jones and his sister Sue" and the "Peach of Emerald Hue" were absolutely perfect. Lettie Lind and Frank Leslie never did better. Mr. and Miss Tudor in the English stick dance display some clever and graceful manœuvres.

In bidding farewell to Mr. Sheridan and his supporters, from whose work I have derived so much pleasure, I may venture to hope that nothing in my criticisms has wounded any member of the company. It has been my aim to "set down nought in malice, nor ought extenuate" where blemishes seemed to exist, I

have honestly indicated them, not from any wish to find fault—for to me it is always more pleasing to praise than to blame—but with the desire of assisting the performers to make their work *totus teres atque rotundus*. That I take to be the true function of a critic.

On Tuesday next the American Midgets, General and Mrs. Mite, are announced to make their first appearance at the Opera House. They are said to be the smallest couple in the world—but midgets always are smaller than any other midgets! In conjunction with the attractions of the diminutive pair, Dr. Canaris' Combination Company will offer entertainment of the variety order. I shall deal with the performance in due course next week.

Mr. Harry Cowan, who was one of the most brilliant members of the Harvey Minstrel Company which occupied the boards of the Opera House a couple of months ago, is remaining in Auckland for a few weeks. He generously offers his services, free of charge, for any benefits or charity performances which may occur during his stay. Any communication addressed to the care of ORPHEUS, SPORTING REVIEW OFFICE, will be forwarded to Mr. Cowan. ORPHEUS.

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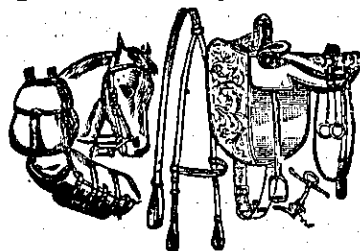
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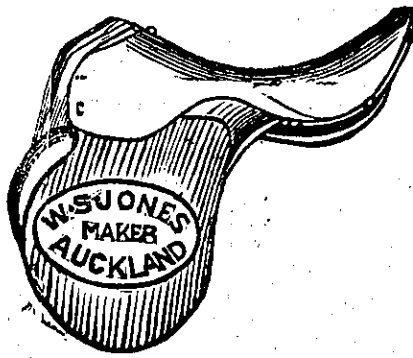
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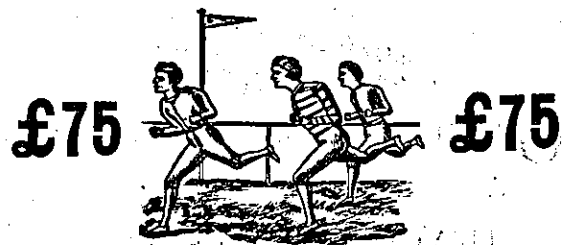
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FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1891.

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 TO-DAY, 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.,  
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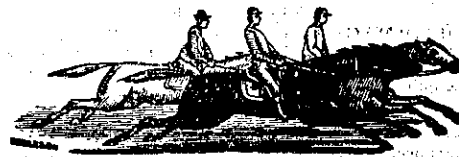
THIS DAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1891.

PROGRAMME.

- 100 YARDS HANDICAP
- 1 MILE MAIDEN ROADSTER HANDICAP
- 1 MILE WALK
- 2 MILES ROADSTER BICYCLE HANDICAP
- 1/2 MILE HANDICAP
- 3 MILES BICYCLE HANDICAP
- 1 MILE HANDICAP
- 1/2 MILE MOUNTING AND DISMOUNTING ROADSTER BICYCLE
- 200 YARDS HANDICAP
- 1/2 MILE HANDICAP
- 5 MILES BICYCLE HANDICAP
- 120 YARDS HURDLE HANDICAP.

Acceptances on March 7.

J. HALYDAY, Jun.,  
Hon. Sec.



HENDERSON'S MILL TURF CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON THE AVONDALE RACECOURSE,  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH, 1891.

(ST. PATRICK'S DAY.)

FIRST RACE STARTS AT 1.15 P.M.

SPECIAL TRAINS will leave Auckland Station at 12.10 and 12.35 p.m., returning from the Course at 6.10 p.m.

B. WYNYARD, Secretary.



## OTAHUHU TROTting CLUB.

### INAUGURAL MEETING,

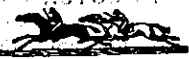
To be held on EPSOM COURSE,

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST, 1891.

Acceptances and Entries for SELLING TROT close with the Secretary on FRIDAY, March 13th, at nine p.m.

C. F. MARK,

Secretary.



## AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

Owners, Jockeys, Nominators, &c., attention is called to the following Rule 20:—

"All Race Meetings held in the Districts comprised in Rule 1 shall be run under these Rules. If a horse runs in a race at any meeting within such district, which is not held under these Rules, such horse shall be permanently disqualified from running, and the owner, nominator, trainer, and jockey of any such horse from owning, nominating, training or riding at or for any Race Meeting held under these Rules, unless the Committee of the Jockey Club see just and sufficient reason to remove such Disqualification."

By order, WW. PERCIVAL, Secretary A.R.C.



## DARGAVILLE JOCKEY CLUB.

### INAUGURAL MEETING.

The above Club's Race Meeting, announced to be held on 20th and 21st March, has been POSTPONED, by leave of the A.R.C., to FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 17th and 18th APRIL. Nomination money already paid will be refunded if applied for before 28th instant.

Nominations close with the Secretary, Dargaville, and Mr. H. H. Hayr, Auckland, at 8 p.m. on SATURDAY, 28th instant. Weights will be declared on or before SATURDAY, April 4. Acceptances and General Entries close at 8 p.m. on SATURDAY, April 11.

Sale of Privileges is postponed till further notice.

NORMAN A. McLEOD,

Secretary.

Dargaville, March 6, 1891.

## AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

(Run under the A.R.C. Rules.)

### RACE MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON THE

AVONDALE RACECOURSE, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH, 1891.

#### PROGRAMME.

**HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE** of 20 sovs. 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, one mile.

**HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 50 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.

**AVONDALE CUP (HANDICAP)** 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, one and a half miles.

**FLYING STAKES (HANDICAP)** of 25 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance, 10s.; acceptance, 10s. each, to go to the funds. Distance, five furlongs.

**HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 55 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.

**NOVEL RACE (HANDICAP)** of 30 sovs. Winner to be sold and proceeds to go to the funds. Entrance, 10s.; acceptance, 10s. each, to go to the funds. Distance, five furlongs.

**AVONDALE HANDICAP** of 30 sovs. Entrance, 10s.; acceptance, 10s. to go to the funds. Distance, seven furlongs.

#### NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ETC.

Nominations for all Handicaps close with the Secretary, at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, Vulcan Lane, on FRIDAY, 3rd April, at 8 p.m.

Acceptances and Entries for Selling Race, close on FRIDAY, 10th April, at 8 p.m.

Weights will appear on or about 6th April. Five per cent. deducted from gross winnings.

Order of running subject to alteration.

HARRY H. HAYR,

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. 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 30 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.



## 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, 8st 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 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.

## 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. Hamner, 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. Farr. 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. 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. Gentlemen 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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