



**ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.**

"MERCUTIO'S" eel story is a chestnut of most venerable age. Surely, even if he has not dipped into Maine's Ancient Lore, he must have heard of the Ingoldsby Legends, written by one Thomas Barham, divine and humourist. We have been patiently waiting and watching for some of the Herald's correspondents who are steeped to the lips in English literature, e.g. the versatile Mr. John Abbott or the many-sided Mrs. Mary Steadman Aldis, to enlighten our darkness. In despair we are compelled to roast the chestnut ourselves. One of Tom Barham's best efforts, entitled "The Knight and the Lady," opens thus:—

"The Lady Jane was tall and slim,  
The Lady Jane was fair—  
And Sir Thomas, her lord, was stout of limb."

The knight was an enthusiastic naturalist and entomologist, and, like our T.S.F., wore spectacles. The Lady Jane, a notable housewife, consoled herself for Sir Thomas' neglect by indulging in pure Platonics with her cousin, Captain Dugald MacBride. One day the knight fails to return from a prolonged beetle-hunt, his mysterious disappearance being thus accounted for by Captain MacBride—

"Poor old buffer! he's certainly dead."

MacBride thereupon proposes to the widow, but is interrupted by the gardener, who arrives post haste, exclaiming, "We've found master," followed presently by two retainers bearing the remains of the defunct Sir Thomas, who it seems had tumbled into the fish-pond while chasing some scientific quarry. He was half eaten by eels.

"And out of each shoe an eel they drew,  
And from each of his pockets they pulled out two."  
MacBride and the widow, while sorrowing over the untimely fate of poor Sir Thomas, have the eels cooked and banquet thereon. The Lady Jane subsequently remarks to Thompson, the valet—

"Eels a-many I've ate, but any  
So good ne'er tasted before.  
They're fish, too, of which I'm remarkably fond,  
Go pop Sir Thomas again in the pond;  
Poor dear! he'll catch us some more!"

The above then is the original of "Mercutio's" eel story, so far as we know. Very likely George Augustus Sala, if appealed to, could trace the legend to some source even more remote. But to reach that rare and ancient English classic, of which probably not more than a million or two of copies remain in the collections of Bibliophiles, is enough. Poor Tom Barham is quoted by so many and read by so few! "Mercutio" is a terrible wag, and dangerously pawky!

ARRANGEMENTS for the tandem procession have now been completed, and about a dozen teams will parade on Saturday next at 2 p.m. in lower Princes-street, between the Museum and the Northern Club. The start should be a sight well worth witnessing.

THE cricket cup-matches are likely to end more speedily than was anticipated. If Parnell, as seems likely, defeat United, and Gordon, as seems certain, conquer St. Mary's, there will be no need to further protract the season, since Gordon must win the Senior Cup. The Junior Cup, however, will yet require to be decided—Ponsonby and Gordon II. should arrange a special match to settle the matter. On Satur-

day last H. B. Lusk compiled his second century this season, showing some fine hitting, but being greatly favoured by Dame Fortune during the latter half of his 116 not out, as he was let off at least eight times. Ike Mills, for Parnell against United, put together 92 in capital form—a much better performance than Lusk's, though it must not be forgotten that the latter had to contend against odds in the shape of four extra men in the field. United bowlers seemed to be entirely off the spot.

MR. H. SCHWARTZKOFF has written a long letter anent the recent Championship meeting to the N.Z. Referee. He attacks the report in that journal and handles it roughly, propounding some tough queries. In an editorial note the sophisticated method is adopted of smashing an adversary's weak points and utterly ignoring his strong ones. One sentence breathes gentle self-conceit so irresistibly naïve that we must quote it. The editor says: "The statement has been volunteered to us over and over again by many who witnessed the meeting, and who are good judges, that our correspondent's report was the best published!" Again, in respect to the official time for the 100 yards, the editorial note says: "We are informed by one of the time-keepers that 10sec. was taken as the time for the 100 by all the reporters in mistake. Certainly all the papers we saw gave it as 10secs., but in our issue of February 26 we stated that 9 4-5ths was the official time." In future the Referee will do well to follow the SPORTING REVIEW, which in its issue of February 14 correctly gave the time as 9 4-5ths. We have from the first upheld Macpherson's performances, giving reasons which so far have not been challenged—in fact the Canterbury Press receded from the position assumed at the outset. In regard to Burton's walking and Bailey's disqualification we quite agree with the Referee, and on these questions think Mr. Schwartzkoff in error.

Now that football is beginning, and practice matches are fixed for Saturday next, it is reasonable to remind players that training wins many a match. To encourage suitable preparation, it would be a good plan to promote occasional long-distance races and cross-country steeplechases. Such contests should not be confined to members of individual clubs, but should be open to footballers generally. They would not only be interesting in themselves, but would serve the purpose referred to above.

TO-MORROW (Saturday), on the Parnell Tennis Ground, a match will be played which should prove close and exciting. Miss Mowbray, the Auckland Lady Champion, meets Miss Hilda Hitchings, Lady Champion of Hawke's Bay. Opinions as to the result are equally divided, and doubtless a large gathering of admirers of good tennis will flock to the arena should the day prove favourable for play. Last Saturday the Parnell and University Clubs played six matches—three on each home lawn. In the end honours were divided, each club winning three contests. It would be better in such matches to arrange for an odd number of events—say seven—so that the *præmium virtutis* might be awarded and the unsatisfactory "tie" averted. On the same day the Parnell Club gave a very enjoyable garden party, the large assembly being photographed by Mr. Hanna.

Now that rinking seems to have gone out of fashion, some winter amusement for ladies is a desideratum. The game of ring-goal, which the Rev. Mr. Hawtreay has endeavoured to introduce, might serve the purpose. There is more in the exercise than many people imagine, and in a future issue we shall give some account of the game and explain its leading features.

THE Auckland Rowing Association's Regatta was at last got off on Saturday after two provoking postponements owing to boisterous weather. A light southerly breeze and smooth water rendered the conditions favourable for good rowing. In the Maiden Whaleboats Waitemata won all the way. Good race between North Shore and City for second place until about 300 yards from winning post, when City No. 2 cried *peccavi* and the crew ceased rowing. Champion Gigs was a mere procession, Waitemata winning comfortably, Ponsonby second, with North Shore close up. Maiden Gigs proved a surprise. Ponsonby reversed Waitemata's former win at Takapuna. A hard race. Junior Senior Whaleboats City led, with North Shore a quarter of a length behind, until 50 yards from home, when North Shore spurted and won by nearly a length. The winner's steer-oar backed up splendidly at the finish. Junior Gigs: The St. George's Bay crew showed splendid form, rowing with a good catch and even swing, and have manifestly profited by the good coaching bestowed upon them by Mr. Thomas. They were never asked to row, and won as they pleased. Pity they did not start for the champion event. Senior Whaleboats brought about another comfortable win for Waitemata. Maiden Gigs and Junior Gigs under 10st. (a good race, just won at the finish) both fell to Ponsonby. Senior *bona fide* Gigs: The same St. George's Bay crew gave another fine display of scientific rowing, winning by something like 100 yards. Altogether the Regatta was a success, despite some shortcomings in regard to delay and poor starting, but so many postponements are calculated to discourage crews, and we trust that some more sheltered course will be discovered for future meetings, at which we think the Senior Whaleboat race should be struck out and a second class Senior Gig event substituted. We append results:—

- Maiden Whaleboats, one mile.—Waitemata Boating Club—C. Johnson, G. Buck, J. McCloud, C. McDonald, A. McDonald—1; North Shore, 2; City, 3.
- Champion Gigs, two miles.—Waitemata Boating Club—Mat. Keefe, G. Moore, R. Moore, T. O'Connor—1; Ponsonby, 2; North Shore, 3.
- Maiden Gigs (under 10st.), one mile.—Ponsonby Rowing Club—J. Farquhar, S. Farquhar, A. Duthie, J. Graham—1; Waitemata, 2.
- Junior-Senior Whaleboats, one mile and a half.—North Shore Rowing Club—B. Lambert, H. Dacre, J. Conley, G. Chester, J. McDonald—1; City, 2; Waitemata, 3.
- Junior Gigs, one mile and a half.—St. George's Rowing Club—A. Busby, F. Hull, C. Harington, F. Jervis, 1.
- Senior Whaleboats, two miles.—Waitemata Boating Club—Mat. Keefe, H. Cordes, Heffernan, R. Moore, T. O'Connor—1.
- Maiden Gigs, one mile.—Ponsonby Rowing Club—S. Farquhar, J. Farquhar, A. Duthie, J. Graham—1; City, 2; West End, 3.
- Junior Gigs (under 10st.), one mile and a half.—Ponsonby Rowing Club—A. Finlayson, W. Cossar, A. McIndoe, H. Cooke—1; Waitemata, 2.
- Senior *bona fide* Gigs, two miles.—St. George's Rowing Club—A. Busby, F. Hull, C. Harington, F. Jervis—1; West End, 2.

## CHRISTCHURCH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)  
Saturday.

THERE has been a lot of talk over the Derritt—Prime Warden business this week, and the Canterbury Jockey Club have been somewhat roundly abused for not having made Derritt's punishment more severe, and for not having got at the nominator of the animal in question directly instead of disqualifying the horse only. "Lookers on see most of the game" is an old saying, and as the public cannot always get behind the scenes, they do not learn the ins and outs of things, and somehow our Metropolitan Racing Clubs manage to exclude the press from their enquiries, and let as little be known as possible. From what I can gather Derritt was examined, denied having pulled the colt, but admitted that he lost the race through bad riding; but his story was unsatisfactory in the eyes of the stewards, and they examined the nominators, who, it appears, were only partly interested in the animal with others who leased him from his breeder, Mr. Yates, a decent settler near Ashburton, who receives a certain per centage of his winnings. It was proved by some of those connected with the colt that they had backed him, and totalisator tickets were forthcoming to show this, and as Derritt stoutly denied having received instructions to ride other than in a straightforward manner, the stewards were in a dilemma who to punish, so they decided that as one partner should be responsible for the actions of another to disqualify the colt for six months, and thus deprive the lessees of his services would be the best way. A spell will do the colt good, and the innocent will suffer with the guilty if any one other than Derritt is to blame. I have not heard that the syndicate found fault with Derritt's horsemanship, or whether there will be any split amongst the sleeping partners in the running of the horse; but while they and Derritt were very lucky in not getting wiped out altogether, it is pretty well certain that owners round this way will not be backward in overlooking Derritt's offence, and he will doubtless be put up quite as often as he was before.

The annual meeting of the Ellesmere Racing Club was held on Thursday, and the fields were weak the attendance was good, and the investments of the public totalled more than double those of last year, some £1,400 being put through. The Maiden Hurdle Race introduced us to Idler, a chestnut son of Bundoora and a mare called Lady Dagworth, and he proved himself a useful young gelding. He jumped very green, but showed pace, and afterwards won a Maiden Flat Race, but in neither case was the company good. Harkaway 7st 13lb, beat Red Cross 7st 9lb, Rangiora 6st, Devonshire Lass 6st 9lb, in the Cup race. Rangiora came very fast at the finish, but lost all chance of winning by getting away badly. The race was run in 2min 45sec. Red Cross, 8st 12lb, was made favourite in the Flying, but had to put-up with defeat at the hands of Adieu, 7st 2lb, who, like Harkaway, is by Chancellor. Harkaway's dam is not so well known as Farewell, who in addition to Adieu claims Marlborough as one of her property. In this race the largest field of the day started, and after Nellie Gray 6st, who was third, came Harkaway 9st 2lb, including a penalty of 7lbs for winning the Cup. The div. in this race was the only good one of the day, viz., £7 16s. Twenty-five horses started for the Trot, and Whakamio, a mare that has done nothing worth talking about, got home easily, after working her way through nineteen horses in front of her, but none of these worked well enough to go a mile, let alone three. Rangiora, 8st, beat Nellie Gray, 7st 11lb, and others in the Consolation. Rangiora is a big four-year-old gelding, by Bundoora from Rebecca, a daughter of Becky Sharp, and should make an out and out good stick horse if he trains on.

Dan O'Brien "the lucky" is the name applied to the Lonsdale Lodge trainer, and he came back from Australia the other day. Just before leaving he sold a half share in Whimbrel to Nicholson, the Melbourne trainer. Whimbrel has not turned out so good a spec as was anticipated, and lucky Dan no doubt finds that he made a mistake in not selling after the A.J.C. Derby.

Already the names of a number of well-known gentlemen are mentioned as likely

candidates to act as handicappers to the Canterbury Jockey Club, and Messrs. Evett, Danvers and Henry from the North, Dowse from the South, and Creswell and G. P. Williams, local men, are considered certain to send in applications. I have no doubt that past records will be taken into account, and each of the gentlemen mentioned have form to point to.

To discuss the prospects of any one man or each of those mentioned would be idle until it is more definitely known who will really go in for the berth—which for the information of likely aspirants I may say will not interfere with their working for other clubs, provided, of course, that dates do not clash, or that attendance at every meeting of the C.J.C. is ensured. This I believe will be required of the successful man. £150 is not a big screw, but other clubs would probably support a good man, in which case the billet would be worth going for.

## CRICKET.

The final match of the season was completed on Saturday, when the Lancaster Park eleven defeated the same club's fifteen, and thus won the senior cup for the season. The weather was extremely unpleasant during the whole of the afternoon, and consequently spectators were not numerous. With seven wickets down for 110 the eleven continued their first innings which closed with the score at 152. The bowling of the fifteen was fairly good. Cuff 34, Wilding 30, and North 35 not out, being the only ones to play it with any confidence. Being 73 runs behind the first innings, the fifteen again went in but were not as successful as in their first attempt, as the last wicket fell with the score at 65. The juniors cannot be complimented on the interest they took in the match as only nine of them put in an appearance, and this probably accounts for their one innings defeat.

The Park eleven who now take the senior cup have gone through the season without a single defeat.

At a committee meeting of the Cricket Association, it was decided not to go on with the junior cup matches. This gives the cup to the Lancaster Park team, but had the matches been played out it is generally thought that Midland must have won. A. Harman 41 of the United heads the list of senior cup batting averages, followed by Cohen 35, Cottrill 27, McDonald 27. In the Bowling averages, Labatt comes out best with an average of 6.60, then comes De Mans 7.22, Jones 7.42, Cant 8.20. It is remarkable that the six highest bowling averages are all Lancaster Park men.

## POLO.

On Saturday afternoon the final match for the Saville challenge cup was decided between Rangiora and Christchurch. The Rangiora is a newly formed club, and did not show to advantage against their older rivals. The game consisted of three spells of 20 minutes each and after having all the best of the game Christchurch won by 7 goals.

The result of the game entitles the Christchurch team to hold the cup for another season.

## VOLUNTEER NEWS.

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## RANGE TIME-TABLE.

April 18.... 'A' Battery, 'O' Battery, Engineers.  
25.....Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles, Royal Irish Rifles.

[BY CARBINE.]

THE final competition for the Ponsonby Naval Artillery Belt, took place at the Mt. Eden range on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for P.O. G. E. Spinley by 11 points; the total being 138 points against last years 123. A strong wind was blowing up the range and made it very difficult to keep on the target. The conditions were 7 shots at 200, 300, and 500 yards. The highest aggregates are:—

Name	1st stage	2nd stage	G. Totl.
2nd Class P.O. G. E. Spinley	67	71	138
1st Class P.O. J. Spinley	61	66	127
2nd Class P.O. J. Ewan	60	66	126
2nd Class P.O. W. Sherson	68	51	119
2nd Class P.O. W. Nesbitt	60	57	117

The following table will show the list of previous winners:—

Year	Name	Points
1888	Seaman A. Wright	50
1889	Seaman J. Hedley	76
1889	2nd Class P.O. J. Ewan	76
1890	1st Class P.O. J. Spinley	123
1891	2nd Class P.O. G. E. Spinley	138

The four infantry companies paraded for inspection by Major Goring last Tuesday evening. The attendance being very good, viz.: Victoria Rifles—Lieuts. Somers and Eagleton and 40 men; City Guards—Capt. Kohn and Lieut. Dormer and 33 men; Newton Rifles—Capt. Robertson, Lieuts. Durham and Taylor and 34 men; and the Royal Irish, Capt. Tobin and Lieut. Caulton and 29 men. The band was also well represented under Drum-Major Kearsley. The companies being formed in column Major Goring began the inspection, going over every part of each man's rifle. After the inspection the companies were formed into line and the Major addressed the men. He said on the whole he found the rifles clean but there were individual cases which he found very dirty. The battalions were then put through some movements by Capt. Kohn and afterwards handed over to their respective Captains.

The return match between the Newton rifles and South Franklin Mounted Infantry took place on Saturday at the Pukekohe range. A very strong wind was blowing, so the shooting was not up to the average. The match resulted in a win for the South Franklin team by 74 points, making the two corps even, as the Newton Rifles won the former one. The conditions were 5 shots at 200, 300, 400, and 500 yards, seven men a-side. Lieut. Durham (Newtons) and Lieut. Bilkey (South Franklins) were in command of the teams. The scores are:—

SOUTH FRANKLIN MOUNTED INFANTRY.					Total
	200yds	300yds	400yds	500yds	
Vol. Pilgrim	18	16	20	10	64
Corp. Harris	20	12	16	16	64
Vol. W. Adams	19	9	20	13	61
Corp. Adams	13	19	20	5	57
Sergt. Lucas	18	8	16	9	51
Vol. Jos. Adams	21	15	10	5	51
Lieut. Bilkey	5	12	20	4	41

NEWTON RIFLES.					Total
	200yds	300yds	400yds	500yds	
Vol. Good	22	18	18	6	64
Vol. A. Rotherham	16	13	14	10	63
Vol. W. Rose	20	11	10	7	48
Vol. J. Robertson	19	9	14	6	48
Lance-Corp. Koether	12	13	9	5	39
Sergt. Pitkethley	16	6	15	0	37
Vol. Henderson	15	7	2	4	28

Majority for South Franklins, 74.

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In the evening the visitors were entertained at a dinner and concert in the Pukekohe Hotel.

Private Neylon of the Victoria Rifles was presented with the attendance medal given by Surgeon Dawson at the inspection parade on Tuesday last. The Major made a slight mistake in pinning it on the wrong breast.

The "O" Battery was inspected on Wednesday night by Major Goring, who expressed himself as pleased with the neat appearance of the men and cleanliness of arms and accoutrements, but was greatly disappointed at the small muster. Several new members were elected. The Battery fire a friendly match at Mt. Eden range on Saturday next against the Royal Irish, the following being the team:— Lieut. Webster, Sergts. McCallum, Fairs, Ronayne, Corp. Walker, Gunners P. Browne, Greenshields, Head. Waiting men—Gunners F. E. Browne, Greenbough, and Hughes.

The Minister of Defence intends to place the fortifications and the Permanent Artillery in the four centres, under the control of the officers commanding the various district. There will be a Sergeant-Major in charge of each district. The volunteers and permanent men will occasionally drill together and a surprise alarm will be given shortly to test the efficiency of the working.

Speaking of curious matches, an exchange mentions one in which a hunter, for a wager made by his owner, jumped nine single hurdles in a field, and then came back over them without refusing one. To win a second bet a stranger rode the horse, which to the surprise of the onlookers, again jumped the obstacles without a mistake.—*Otago Witness.*

At a meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club held on April 3rd, Mr. Ormond in the chair, it was resolved that Mr. S. Powell, of Wanganui, be asked on what terms he would act as starter to the Club. Messrs. Cohen and Stork also wrote asking how to act when the starting bell rang and they had money in hand. It was resolved that no investment could be made after the bell rang, and that the proprietors be cautioned not to hand over tickets until the money representing those tickets had been rung on the machine. The secretary stated that there was a surplus of £460 as the result of the Autumn Meeting.

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## SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

## COMING EVENTS.

April 16, 18	Wellington R.C. Autumn Meeting.
April 18	Avondale Jockey Club
April 23	Waipawa County R.C.
Apr. 25	Onehunga Racing Club
May 2	Lake Takapuna Races
May 8	Papakura Race Meeting.
May 13	Egmont Racing Club.
May 23	Auckland Trotting Club
May 23 or 25	Takapuna Jockey Club.
May 23 25	Dunedin J.C. May Meeting
May 29	Wanganui Jockey Club.
June 3	Auckland R.C. Winter Meeting
June 6	Tattersall's (Sydney) Steeplechase meeting
July 11	Wellington R.C. Winter meeting
June 25	Hawkes Bay J.C. Winter Meeting
Aug. 18	N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase meeting

## NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

April 28	Wanganui Derby and Two-year-old Stakes, 1892.
May 1	Takapuna Jockey Club.
May 1	Great Northern Steeplechase and Hurdles
May 1	Auckland Trotting Club
May 15	Takapuna Jockey Club. General entries.
May 18	Tattersall's (Sydney) Steeplechase meeting
May 23	Auckland R.C. Winter meeting. General entries
May 12	Hawkes Bay Steeplechase and Hurdle Race
June 15	Wellington R.C.
June 16	Hawkes Bay Jockey Club. General entries

## WEIGHTS APPEAR.

April 21	Egmont Racing Club.
April 27	Lake Takapuna Races.
April 28	Wanganui Jockey Club.
May 5	Dunedin Jockey Club
May 7	Takapuna Jockey Club.
May 8	Auckland Trotting Club
May 26	Auckland R.C. Winter meeting
June 28	Wellington R.C.

## ACCEPTANCES DUE.

April 28	Egmont Racing Club.
April 29	Lake Takapuna Races.
May 12	Dunedin Jockey Club
May 12	Wanganui Jockey Club.
May 15	Takapuna Jockey Club.
May 16	Auckland Trotting Club
May 29	Auckland R.C. Winter meeting
June 1	Auckland R.C. Winter Handicap
June 3	Great Northern Steeplechase Sweep (5 sovs)
June 18	Hawkes Bay Steeplechase and Hurdle Race
July 8	Wellington R.C.

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J.B.—Rocket is by Welcome Jack out of Olivette, and never won a stake.

## Sporting Review.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1891.

## TATTERSALL'S RACE MEETING.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

TATTERSALL'S Club held their annual race meeting on the Takapuna racecourse last Saturday. The weather was fine, but the attendance was not so good as was anticipated, as Takapuna is the favourite suburban course, as you

not only see the racing but you get the sea breeze and beautiful scenery; so it is really a relief to get away from the turmoil of the city on a Saturday afternoon, especially if you have been stuck in a Queen-street office all the week. Hunter's band was in attendance; there is no use commenting on them, as they are so well known. The officials worked in their usual energetic manner; the secretary being ubiquitous. The meeting passed off pleasantly, and all returned to town well pleased. The only fault I feel it my duty to point out is the negligent way the stewards performed their duty. They seem to be content to have their names on the cards, and take no cognizance of what is going on. This is the great fault, one may say, throughout the Auckland province; the consequence is there is sometimes very suspicious running, but no notice is taken of it. Even on the Ellerslie course, under the supervision of the A.R.C. stewards, it is overlooked; so one cannot be surprised that country stewards do the same thing. On Saturday last there were two or three things that should not be permitted to pass. In the Maiden Plate Forget-me-not started. On her running at Avondale she had a great show for this race, but she was never in it from start to finish. In the Tattersall's Club Handicap an incident occurred that should have been taken notice of. Minnie, immediately on starting, slipped her hip, and of course fell into the rear. It was evident to everyone that something had happened. Instead of her jockey immediately pulling her up, he went on flogging her the whole way round, and it was only when passing the stand that, people calling out to him, he pulled up. The mare now, it is expected, will be useless, though if pulled up at once she might have been saved. Priest is no "chalk" jockey, having ridden horses not only in New Zealand but also in Australia, therefore he must have known that something had happened to the mare. The fields generally throughout the afternoon ruled small, but some of the finishes were close, and one or two intended good things did not come off. The Maiden Plate was the first event. Only four—Octopus 8st 6lb, Forget-me-not 7st 6lb, Theorem 6st 12lb, and Tuna 6st 12lb—came to the post for it. The latter on her running at Ellerslie was the most fancied; Forget-me-not was also supported. Thereom, from Williamson's, was the rod in pickle, but it did not come off. Theorem led first time past the stand, but Octopus, followed by Tuna, took up the running at the back of the course, Theorem next. On entering the straight his jockey tried to bring him up on the inside, but got blocked, and had to pull round on the outside. A good race ensued, Tuna getting home a neck in front of Octopus, Theorem who came very fast at the finish being only a neck behind the second. Forget-me-not never was near the front. Four was again the number that went to the post for the Hurdle Race—Bit-of-Blue 10st 2lb, Nap 10st, Shotover 9st 10lb, and the General 9st, being starters. At the fall of the flag Nap and General went to the front, Bit-of-Blue laying last. In this order they entered the straight, Bit-of-Blue then began to go up, but want of condition told, Nap running home an easy winner by about a couple of lengths. Bit-of-Blue it will be remembered cut his leg badly above the knee in the Autumn Steeplechase, and has never had a gallop since the A.R.C. meeting; unfortunately he opened it again. If he had been fit he would have won easily. General is not worth his oats, while Shotover in his old age has lost all his pace, so take it all together it was not a very brilliant performance of Nap's. Tattersall's Club Cup, the principal race of the day, brought out a field of six, The Dreamer 7st 6lb, and Leorina 9st 4lb, being the most fancied. The other starters were Ingorina 8st 12lb, Try Fluke 7st 10lb, Minnie 7st. Tamora 7st 6lb. The flag fell to a good start, Try Fluke, The Dreamer, and Ingorina, being in front, Leorina waiting. From the first it appeared evident that something had happened to Minnie, as after she had gone fifty yards she was toiling hopelessly in the rear, and after having gone a mile she was pulled up. On returning to the saddling paddock it was discovered that her hip was out, and in all probability she will have to be destroyed. On coming round the bend entering the straight Leorina came to the front, half way up the straight she had the race in hand, and stalling

off The Dreamer's challenge, won easily by a couple of lengths; a good third. Time, 2min 39secs. Four out of the six entered came to the post for the Selling Race, and Iron Bark who was entered to be sold for nil followed Blarney and Moderator into the straight when he went to the front, winning easily from Blarney nil, Moderator £10, and Captivator £50. The Steeplechase, which is always an interesting race with Auckland race-goers, brought six to the post, resulting as follows:—Nap 10st 6lb, 1st; Hopeful Kate 10st, 2nd; Justice 9st 7lb, 3rd. Also started—Ingarangi 10st 6lb, Bit-of-Blue 10st 5lb, and General 9st 7lb. Justice made the running the first time round, followed by General and Nap. The latter went to the front at the water jump, leading on to the flat. On ascending the hill to go into the country Justice again took command, Hopeful Kate going on third. For the second time Nap again led over the water and made the running on the course, Hopeful Kate going on next. The third time round Justice led up the hill, but Nap and Hopeful Kate however, soon passed him—condition telling. In this order they landed on the course; Nap, full of running, came on, and won easily from Hopeful Kate. Justice, who is a good looking horse but quite out of condition, finished third. Ingarangi, the stable companion of the winner, was made a red hot favourite, but did not appear to like the up and down hill, and was never prominent in any part of the race, finished some distance away. Bit-of-Blue refused at the top of the hill, but was persevered with. It is a pity that his owner ran him; he was advised not to, as the cut above the knee had broken out again, and he was totally unfit. If he had been kept until the winter meeting he would have won a good race. General was pulled up on the top of the hill, and can only be put down as a duffer. Four was again the main for the Flying Stakes. Master Pat, 7st 6lb, was made a great favourite, but his supporters had a squeak for it, as after making most of the running he only got home a neck in front of the two-year-old Bulrush, 6st 7lb, who if he had not run so green, would have won. Maccaroni, 7st 4lb, was a length away third. The Welter Handicap brought out the largest field of the day. It would not have been a Takapuna meeting if the North Shore stable had not brought out a surprise. They started three. Warrior, 7st 10lb, made all the running, closely shepherded by Octopus, 8st 12lb, Tamora, the stable companion, lying last. On entering the straight Leorina came with a great rush, but being blocked more than once, could not get up, and was only defeated by a head, Tuna being third. The winner has been running all over the country, and has never gained a situation. Few thought this was his journey, though he had shown form as a two-year-old. He paid the best dividend of the day. This form is not much, as Leorina gave him four stone and had a race out of her. Of the horses that ran on Saturday Forget-me-not is worth watching. Ingarangi will be sure to win another good steeplechase some day, but he will require a raking course. Bit-of-Blue will also win both over hurdles and a country when fit, but owing to the bucketing he got on Saturday it will take some time before he is fit, as his knee looks none of the best. Bulrush is a queer one to look at, but can gallop, and properly placed will pay.

## AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB MEETING.

This meeting takes place at Avondale to-day. Fifty-nine horses have accepted for seven races, and if the weather is propitious a good afternoon's sport should come off. The course being conveniently situated to the railway and adjacent to the city, the meeting also being held on Saturday, a fair number of people should be present. From a perusal of the programme my fancies are:—

The Maiden Plate, ten acceptors, is rather difficult to pick, but if I choose Forget-me-not and Millifera I may not be far away.

The Hurdles, for which ten have been left in, one mile and three-quarters, may be won by Orakei, who from the way he put down Sentinel in the Hurdle Race at the North Shore showed he is possessed of good speed. If well he should take a lot of beating. Relation, with 9st, cannot be out of it.

For the Avondale Cup, one and a half miles, eight have cried content, and the weights seem fairly adjusted. Ingorina, 8st 12lb, Try Fluke, 6st 12lb, and Warrior, 6st 7lb, appear to me to be the best.

The Flying Stakes, eight acceptors, should be won by Maccaroni, who, if wanted, at the weights appears well in. If beaten it might be by Warrior.

The Steeplechase, for which there are ten acceptors, Hopeful Kate may win, from the way she got over the course at the last meeting; but the field is so moderate that Ingarangi, with the top weight, might take it.

The Novel Race, Bacchus, if intended, might win.

Avondale Handicap, seven furlongs. Eight have accepted. Master Pat, who from his two last performances at Takapuna and Ellerslie must be a fair horse, should win, but might be upset by Octopus.

It is to be hoped that strict time will be kept, so as to enable visitors to see the whole of the events, as at last meeting the last race had to be viewed by a great number from the railway in the dark.

## MUSIC, DRAMA, ETC.

*Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?*

On Tuesday evening the Auckland Choral Society tackled Haydn's *magnum opus* "The Creation," and scored an undeniable success. In dealing with a work so familiar and so justly famed, it is hardly necessary to go into details, but I should like to refer to the fact that Haydn's has anticipated the modern "programme music" in the wonderful descriptive illustrations with which his masterpiece teems. The representation of chaos in the overture, the creation of light, the tone pictures of raging sea, babbling brook, boisterous storm, soaring birds, hail, rain, snow, and the characteristic movements of all living things are marvellously true and strikingly effective. The libretto, originally written in German, is in its English garb somewhat intractable, and in certain passages renders the soloists' task most difficult, syllables and notes being scarcely in sympathetic accord. The Choral Hall was crowded to its doors. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Onslow, and Lord Charles Scott, with their respective suites were present, and applauded frequently with genuine appreciation. Miss Bleazard (Gabriel) sang magnificently throughout, having conscientiously mastered her very arduous part. "With verdure clad," "The marvellous work," "On mighty pens," were triumphs of intelligent conception and fine vocalization. Her C in alt was a perfectly pure note, and rang through the hall clear as a bell. For an amateur she possesses "staying powers" which are quite exceptional. She was equally successful in the concerted *morceaux*, and attacked and overcame the florid difficulties of the soprano solo passages above the chorus "The Lord is great" with perfect ease and fluency. Rarely have we heard Mr. Archdale Taylor to better advantage. His recitatives were admirable in enunciation as in phrasing. The resources of his fine and well-cultivated voice proved quite adequate for one of the most exacting parts ever written for a basso—the necessary compass embracing the high F and the low double D. The dashing "Rolling in foaming billows," the exquisitely smooth and sustained "Softly purling," and the majestic "Now Heaven in fullest glory," were examples of a sound method, correct phrasing and excellent taste. In the duets, trios, etc., he acquitted himself almost faultlessly. The part of Adam which he doubled with the greater one of Raphael, gave him an opportunity of singing with Mrs. Taylor in *ensembles*, which proved the value of home rehearsals. Mrs. Taylor—although not quite in her best voice—amply satisfied her audience, singing the portions allotted to her correctly and in good taste, and with more firmness than usual. I think, however, she might use the *portamento* more sparingly, and thereby greatly enhance the effect of her sweet and true voice. Mr. A. L. Edwards as Uriel sang very acceptably, his sympathetic voice being well suited to the music. "In splendour bright" was nicely sung, but he surpassed himself in his rendering of "In native worth," which was brilliantly effective. He would have done even better had his engagements permitted him to devote

more time to the study of his part. The choruses were splendidly sung throughout, and the tone contrasts well marked—the *fortissimo* burst on the word "light" being a splendid crash, in perfect time and tune. I am especially pleased to award a meed of praise to the orchestra, which has been weakened by the secession of many of its oldest and most efficient members. They have perforce been replaced by young players, who in some instances naturally lack experience and confidence. Still under the competent leadership of Herr Tutschka, and under the watchful bâton of Herr Carl Schmitt, whose long experience and ready tact enabled him to bridge over many a dangerous pitfall, the orchestra acquitted itself far better than any one who had attended the rehearsals could have hoped. The clarinet and 'cello obligatos played respectively by Mr. Impey and Mr. J. A. Beale deserves special mention. To fill up blanks occasioned by the absence of certain instruments, the organ in the reliable hands of Miss Harding, who is a jewel, was wisely called into play in certain *morceaux*. Herr Carl Schmitt conducted with his wonted care and skill. I remarked that some movements were taken very much slower than the marked *tempo*, but doubtless the conductor who knows thoroughly well what to do with his resources, felt that disaster might result from taking the movements any faster than he did. To Herr Carl Schmitt a high meed of praise must be accorded for the very satisfactory performance, which will undoubtedly encourage every member of the Society. We have turned the corner at last, and the Auckland Choral Society bids fair to maintain the high reputation it has held for so many years, which until this last great advance, seemed in danger of collapsing.

ORPHEUS.

## SPORTING ITEMS.

Mr. S. C. Caulton, of the Central Hotel left on Thursday last on a visit to Gisborne.

Mr. George Ellis of Napier is in town on a holiday trip.

Mr. T. Scott paid £30 for Ruahine, a full brother to Tongariro.

The Napier Park Racing Club contemplate holding a winter meeting.

Irene paid a dividend of £40 12s at Waipukurau.

Bangalore won the Flying Handicap at the Karioi meeting on 28th March.

The total amount of added money to be given away by the V.R.C. for the season 1891-92 will be £44,000.

Leorina, Priscilla, and Nap have gone to Dargaville to fulfil their engagements at that meeting, to be held on 17th and 18th inst.

Bit-of-Blue, Tamora, Octopus, and Warrior have been scratched for the Dargaville Jockey Club's meeting.

Wally Clifford, the well-known Southern jockey, intends visiting Australia during the winter months.

We have received a programme of the Sydney Tattersall's Club Steeplechase Meeting, to be held on the 6th June. Local owners may think it worth while to nominate their "jumpers" for the Grand National Steeplechase of £250, as the fee required is only a sovereign to see your weight.

The champion billiard-player at home, John Roberts, has just suffered defeat at the hands of North, who received half the game, Roberts giving 12,000 in a 24,000 game. It took place at the Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly. The stakes were £1,000. But the beating of the champion at evens appears a long way from coming off.

As we passed Tommy Taylor's paddock yesterday we noticed Antelope grazing. We trust Mr. "Page" may have good luck at foaling time with her. We always have had a certain weakness towards the mare, for some years ago we were considerably benefited by a win or two of her grand-dam, who was a fairly smart two-year-old in England.

Mr. Wallace was a large purchaser at the Sydney yearling sales, all fillies, which report says are to help to form a stud for Carbine to preside over. They consist of three by Welcome Jack, one by Drummer, two by Trident, one by Newminster, one by Clevedon, two by Grand Flaneur, one by Monmouth, one by Trenton, one by Gloucester, one by Henchman, one by Grandmaster, one by Guinea.

Mick O'Brien, the popular Australian jockey, has left for Colombo for the benefit of his health.

The Hon. J. G. Ward, Postmaster-General of New Zealand, intends introducing a Bill to legalise sweeps in the Colony.

Dave Munn has got Torpedo, Kapo and Hiko in hand for the purpose of schooling them over the sticks.

Mr. R. E. McRae, of Manaia, has purchased the bay gelding Torpedo, the price being £190.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club intend building a new stewards' stand over the old totalisator buildings.

Dollar won both the Miners' Purse and District Handicap at the Kumara race meeting lately.

Mr. Sam Powell, of Wanganui, has been asked by the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club upon what terms he would undertake the position of starter.

The imported bitch Gadfly, by Cottesmere—Gaylord, dam Pytchley, Juliet, whelped ten pups—two dead—on April 16th, at the master of the hounds residence, Remuera, where they are quarantined.

Applications for the position of handicapper to the C.J.C. close on 2nd May. The salary is fixed at £150. We hardly think any will come from Auckland, but should think Mr. Evett about as good as any we know of, judging by his latest efforts at the A.R.C. meeting.

Nelly Moore, the dam of Lochiel, slipped triplet colts to Nordenfeldt at St Albans Stud. This is a bit of bad luck for Mr. Wilson, who paid 470 guineas at the late Sylvia Park sale for her, as at her matured time of life it may interfere with her further breeding.

Mr. D. O'Brien returned from Australia last week, and is satisfied with the result of his trip. He is particularly well pleased with the colt by Robinson Crusoe from Rustic Lass, which he purchased at the St. Alban's sale, but still thinks New Zealand the right place for raising thoroughbreds.—*Canterbury Times*. [And we would say particularly Auckland province.—Ed. S.R.]

Mr. C. C. Murray, an Australian, visiting Canterbury lately, secured the following race-horses:—Union Flag, by St. George—Red Rose; and the Albatross colt, bred by Mr. T. Morrin and purchased by Mr. P. Butler at the last yearling sale at Wellington Park; also a hunter named Three Kings from Capt. Popham, mine host of Coker's Hotel, and a horse named Lisbon.—*Referee*.

Mr. Dowse, the handicapper for the Dunedin Jockey Club, is to the fore with a letter in the *Otago Daily Times* defending the starting of Mr. H. Driver. The Sporting Press down South are of opinion that Mr. Dowse has made a weak defence, and are still of opinion that Mr. Driver should relinquish the starting business. We endorse that opinion, as some of his wretched starts have caused considerable monetary loss to Auckland racing men.

Americans seem to prize the Voltigeur blood very much, as they have just purchased Simon Magno, a son of St. Simon and Wheel of Fortune, at a high figure. We have a good strain of the same blood in Nelson through Qui Vive, a full sister to Vidette, who was a son of Voltigeur's, and as the nick at home seems to be Voltigeur on Toxophilite, owners of Musket sires should try the same cross here.

Mr. D. S. Wallace, the owner of Carbine, now heads the list of winning owners, his horses having won no less a sum than £50,000 in eleven seasons. The late James White, however, won a much larger sum in ten seasons, nearly £95,000 being the amount won in stakes by his horses. One thing may be said in favour of Mr. Wallace's amount, that he never had the same number of horses running as the late Mr. White.

Mr. G. Cutts' mare Nautilus, dam of Pygmalion, Cynisca, and others is, with her colt foal by Lochiel and in foal to Chain Shot, said to be worth 2000 guineas. We wonder what Lurline's price would be in similar condition? Florence McCarthy, Nelly Moore, and many others at the Sylvia Park sale made nothing like the money, and were superior in every way to Nautilus. Canterbury sporting writers seem to be pulling the long bow prior to the sale of Middle Park, as about a fourth of the price stated would have been the value at our big sale.

The yearling filly by King Cole—Rosalind, purchased by Mr. A. Austin at the sale of Mr. Redwood's yearlings in January last, has been placed in George Hope's hands.

Cloth of Gold, who was severely staked in the Steeplechase at the South Auckland Meeting, is now getting right, this week being able to return to his training ground.

James Kean purchased a chestnut filly, by Trident out of Gipsy Girl, for 80 guineas, at the Sydney sale of thoroughbred stock on March 31st.

The Pakuranga Hounds will meet at Kingsland this day (Saturday) at 10 a.m., with the intention of making a run, finishing up at Avondale in time to see the races to be held on that course.

Messrs. Anderson and Phillipson are advertising, in another column, the well-known racing stables in Bella-street, Ellerslie, containing six boxes, loft, and sleeping rooms, with nearly an acre of land.

Bit-of-Blue, who cut himself in the Steeplechase at Ellerslie, ran twice at Takapuna last Saturday. The jumping re-opened the wound, and it seems as if some little time must elapse before he is thoroughly right again.

George Cutts requests us to state that the paragraph in last week's *Canterbury Times* is incorrect. He has not any intention of applying for the handicapper's position at Christchurch.

In Mr. J. A. Cooper's shop may be seen a silver medal of neat design, to be given to the winner of the half-mile handicap, to be run in the Domain on the 25th inst., for members of the Albany Football Club.

The well-known racing pony Pica changed hands yesterday. Mr. Greenwood obtaining his figure, £40, from a local sport. We hear his destination is the other side—no doubt at the same game he has been so successful in here.

Takapuna Winter Meeting will as usual be held on the 25th May (the Queen's Birthday). From the programme issued by the Takapuna Jockey Club only a fine day is required to make it a thoroughly enjoyable one. The usual low fares at which persons wishing to cross will still be adhered to. One shilling for coming from this side to Devonport and entrance to the course as well will no doubt cause many to take their holiday there in preference to looking further afield.

A meeting of the Ponsonby Second Fifteen was held at the Central Hotel on Tuesday evening last. There was a large attendance, and a number of new members elected. A trophy, value £2, was presented by W. Evans for a ¼-mile foot race for members, to be run for on May 16th. The following officers were elected:—Captain—J. Chaplin; Deputy-Captain—J. Wakerley; Secretary—P. O'Kane; Committee—F. Gough, J. Kilgour, and J. McMillan.

The Hon. Mr. Reeves, whose death was lately telegraphed from Canterbury, was a liberal patron of sport, and an admirable judge of horses. He was one of the promoters and managing director of the Middlepark Stud, and for many years a steward of the C.J. Club. His pretty colours (Falmouth Magpie) black jacket, white sleeves, and red cap were not often seen in public, and their popularity rested on the fact that they represented an owner who raced, as he did everything else, beyond the breath of suspicion.—*Canterbury Times*.

At the Penola race meeting Mr. Gill's Laverness was beaten by a horse called Orator. It is stated (writes a Hamilton paper) that Mr. Gill thereupon inquired into the ownership of Orator, by whose instructions he had been entered, etc., but could gain no satisfactory information, the man in charge saying he knew nothing about that, he had merely been given the horse to train. Orator is the New Zealand bred horse about whom there was a case the other day in the Supreme Court, and which is still in abeyance.—*Sportsman*.

From what has lately come to our knowledge there would seem to be good grounds for the leniency of the C.J.C. towards the jockey R. Derrett. We are not with most of the Southern Press in wishing to kick a man when he is down. Derrett may have sinned, but the stewards of the C.J.C. seems to us to have kept the word of sportsmanlike before them in their hearts and acted up to the full meaning. We should like to see the spirit and meaning of the word come into play a little oftener.

The following results in connection with the Dargaville races came to hand before we went to press:—Maiden Plate, 1½ miles—Potentate, 7st 6lb, 1; Una, 7st 4lb, 2; Clinch, 8st 10lb, 3. Medley, 7st, and Shark, 7st, also ran. A good race. Bushmen's Purse, 1½ miles—Priscilla, 8st 2lb, 1; Sirloin, 7st, 2. The Dargaville Cup was won by Priscilla and the Hurdles by Nap.

The Takapuna Jockey Club intend submitting a programme to the Auckland Racing Club, asking permission to hold a steeplechase meeting during the winter. We consider it is a good idea, and should be permitted; in fact, the wonder is why it was not thought of before, as steeplechasers require more encouragement. All our horses here have been taken away, and fresh blood requires to be imported to restore our former prestige.

The petition asking the A.R.C. to rescind the resolution not allowing a pony race on a programme was taken into consideration yesterday by the A.R.C., and in future any Club wishing to have a pony race on their programme can have one, the money given not to count as part of the added money given away. The Takapuna J.C. programme was passed, also the Waipa, both clubs holding their meeting on the Queen's Birthday. The Papakura programme submitted was not passed. The Takapuna Jockey Club have taken advantage of the above and advertise a Pony Handicap of £30 in their programme of the 25th May.

The following is a copy of a letter received by Mr. C. F. Mark, secretary of the Auckland Trotting and Pony Club, from the Colonial Secretary, Wellington:—"To Mr. C. F. Mark: Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st March, applying that the Auckland Trotting Club may be made a Metropolitan Club for the Auckland provincial district. In reply I am directed by the Colonial Secretary to inform you that in accordance with your request the Auckland Trotting Club will henceforth be recognised as the Metropolitan Club of the trotting clubs in the Auckland provincial district.—I am, etc., (signed) G. S. Cooper."

On Tuesday last the Pakuranga Hunt met as advertised at the Three Kings, there being a large attendance, especially of the fair sex. His Excellency the Governor, Capt. Guthrie, his A.D.C., and several officers of the squadron and about fifteen ladies were present. A puss was found in The Pah, and made continual turns about that property, and although no kill took place a good day's sport to many of the additional members of the Hunt was given. The Hunt will meet next week at Otahuhu on the 23rd. Hounds will throw-off at 10.30.

A petition to the Auckland Racing Club, asking for ponies to be again placed on racing programmes (the money for which they run not to be included in the day's racing), has been signed by a large number of owners of racehorses and also by the principal part of the trainers. If this is granted by the Club, let us trust that in future we shall have a better show of ponies in Auckland than at present, for although there are some good ones they are few and far between. From what we have seen, pony racing properly carried out is interesting in more ways than one, and generally large fields contest for the stakes given.

A good story has just been divulged about one of our foremost jockeys, renowned for his small stature and great coolness and dexterity in a close finish. He is a Benedict, and a very interesting event has lately occurred, which makes him feel as proud as any other father. The little fellow was sitting on the verandah of his retreat anxiously awaiting the result, when the doctor emerged, and, not knowing him, but seeing him look so apparently cut up, said in a kindly voice, "Cheer up, my boy, and don't fret; your mother is all right, and you have a little sister to look after." The little fellow drew himself up to his 4ft. 10in., and said, "Sir, you mistake; I am its father." The doctor's amazement was quickly followed by loud laughter, and he hastily withdrew amid mutterings of "Vengeance." The proud and diminutive sire straightway encased himself in several suits of clothes, to enable himself to swell with sufficient importance to do honour to the great occasion. N.B.—The great race was won the day after this, and the famous jock says the little girl brought him his luck.—*Standard*.

The V.R.C. Committee have accepted the resignation of the veteran handicapper, and have advertised for a successor. It is generally expected that Mr. F. F. Dakin will receive the appointment. There is no gainsaying that he would make an efficient one, as he has had great experience both in racing and training not only in the Australian colonies but also in England.

It has often been remarked (writes our Sydney correspondent) that Grand Flaneur's stud career was practically a failure, but there is now every likelihood of the spell being broken, and it won't be altogether surprising to see two of his sons, now two-year-olds, emulating the great deeds of their sire. Penance has already show himself a flyer, and many assert that had the jockey not been weak through illness this youngster would have beaten Carbine. Of that we shall see later on. The other is Sanctuary, out of imported Terrara, who on looks and track form promises to be as good, if not better, than Penance.—*Sportsman*.

At the Postal Conference lately held in Sydney, the Hon. J. G. Ward stated that it was his intention to introduce a Bill into the New Zealand Parliament to legalise sweeps in this country. We suppose that he looks at sweeps being restricted as an encouragement for people here to send their money laid out for this purpose out of the country. This, in twelve months, amounts to a considerable sum, and as we have always thought people cannot be made righteous by Acts of Parliament, we trust the Act when brought in will have restrictions sufficient to keep them in order. We would suggest that the Postmaster General go one step further and legalise the bookmakers.

On Thursday the owners of Satyr took him to the Ellerslie course, and with Justice and Theorem as companions ran him three miles over hurdles, and the last mile of the course being joined in by Takapu, but Satyr settled the lot. This must evidently have been with the intention of trying him for the Grand National Hurdle Race in Victoria. We are not so sweet on private trials; public performances are a much more reliable guide, and if such is the intention of the owners, he will require a very light weight to enable him to win on the other side. Of course we are judging by his public performances, as witnessed by us.

On Monday two men named Forbes and Sheahan, who had been in the employ of the V.A.T.C., were brought before the Caulfield court on a charge of conspiring to defraud that club of £11, the price of twenty-two saddling-paddock tickets. The secretary of the V.A.T.C. suspected that some such game had been going on, and Detectives Ward and Macmanamy were told off to try and drop on to the suspects. These smart officers were not long in concealment on the course near one of the entrances ere they had gained sufficient evidence of a criminatory character to justify the arrest of the men named. A remand for a week was granted.—*Sportsman*.

From the tone of Mr. Page's remarks in one of the dailies, he appears to be under the idea that the Judge should not have anyone in the box with him when giving a decision. For the benefit of Mr. Page and others we would inform him Rule 30 says that the stewards have full power to appoint an assistant if they choose, to assist the judge in placing the horses. In this particular case the closeness of the finish between the first two showed the necessity of having someone to place the third horse. We do not hear any grumbling from Mr. Gollan, who on the second day had just as hard luck as Mr. Page, and Mr. Judge Kirkwood is too well known to leave the slightest doubt about his verdict.

It is announced that a fight to a finish between J. Nicholson of Auckland, and E. Collins of Queensland, will take place at the Zealandia Skating Rink and Athletic Ground, Stanley-street, on Monday, May 11th, at 8 p.m. The stakes consists of a purse of £25 and the feather-weight championship of New Zealand. Both men are in active training. Nicholson has a splendid record down Southland; Collins bears the same from Banana-land, and from our personal knowledge of the former, the Queensland man will require to be at his best. The public may rely on seeing a first-class set to, and as the price of admission is reasonable, viz., 5s. and 2s. 6d., we hope to see a large attendance.

We notice from the *Referee* that Mr. G. P. Williams has been appointed to handicap the three open events for the Kaikura Jockey Club programme.

Mr. W. T. Jones, a Victorian sportsman, has become the owner of *Penance*, by Grand Flaneur out of *Penitent*, the price paid was 2500 guineas.

Mr. D. Rutherford has sold *Ixion* to Mr. Blackwood, of Melbourne, for 3000s. From this it appears that good hurdle racers and steeplechasers are scarce in Australia, so that any horses showing form in New Zealand are eagerly looked after.

John Porter, who has charge of the Prince of Wales' horses, is said to have only one wish in his life and that is just for once he may succeed in training a horse for the Prince that would win the Derby. Then he would die happy he says. He has great hopes of the newly-formed breeding establishment at Sandringham, but still he is bound to confess that it is not this year that he will gain his ambition.—*Otago Witness*.

The Dargaville Jockey Club races take place on the 17th and 18th April. Being some distance away from Auckland and the weights for the second day not appearing until to-night, it is an impossibility to predict the winners. *Leorina*, *Priscilla*; and *Nap* have gone, and from their present form for whatever races they are started and wished to win their capability of annexing the stakes cannot be doubted. The principal company they will have to meet will consist of local horses, of whom we have not any authentic information as to whether fit to race or not. The fares issued by the railway to Helensville are not excessive, and the boat fare from there to Dargaville is exceedingly cheap.

The V.A.T.C. committee have decided on making an important innovation in regard to the conditions of the Toorak Handicap, to be run on the first day of the Caulfield Spring meeting. It has been resolved that the handicapper shall have power to re-adjust the weight of a horse that wins a race value £100 or over after the declaration of the weights. This departure from the ordinary custom has been much discussed in sporting circles, some approving of it, while others regard the plan as unworkable. A doubt has arisen as to whether the principle can be carried out under the rules of racing as at present constituted and it is thought that the V.R.C. committee may not, therefore, approve of the innovation.—*Sportsman*.

Canterbury papers shew that at a meeting of the N.Z. Trotting Association, the Northern Pony and Trotting Club, which was formed at North Shore, applied to be senior club for the Auckland district. It was duly appointed such by the Southerners, but as the Northern Pony and Trotting Club have never yet held a meeting, and that a formidable rival exists in the shape of the Auckland Trotting and Pony Association, which has held several successful meetings, it will be interesting to note what steps the New Zealand Trotting Association will take to enforce the power they have conferred on the Northern Trotting Club, more especially when the Colonial Secretary, we hear, has officially recognised the Auckland Trotting and Pony Club as the senior club for Auckland Provincial District.

My Adelaide *confrère* sent me the following:—I am told of an incident which occurred recently at a country meeting, which seems hardly creditable, but is vouched for in a reliable quarter. It was in a jumping event, in which two horses had fallen, and two non-triers were left to negotiate a jump partly hidden from the spectators by the scrub. One of the jocks, who kept running down the fence, and off at the side, told the other to go on, as he had no chance. "I have no chance, either" was the reply. "Yes, you have, your horse will jump anything; you're a blank blank." "What's that you say?" answered jockey No. 2; "I'll pretty quick show you what I am." And when some of the spectators got tired of waiting for the two jumpers to come out of the bush, they rode over and found the two jocks engaged in a six-round contest in which they were real triers, and not on Queensberry rules either.—*Sportsman*.

## MARLBOROUGH HUNT CLUB.

THE balance-sheet submitted at the annual meeting of the above club last week showed the receipts to be £124 17s and the expenditure £120 14s 6d, leaving a balance to credit at the bank of £4 2s 6d. The committee's report stated that that body were convinced of the wisdom of abolishing cap-money and allowing only members to follow the hounds, that policy having resulted in an increased subscription list, and a great saving of trouble and unpleasantness to those whose duty it is to prevent the destruction to fences and hounds, which, it was found in the past, was attributable to non-members. The committee's report concluded with a hearty recognition of the services rendered to the club by the master, Mr. Richardson, and the various farmers of the district, who had placed their lands at the disposal of the club for hunting purposes. The committee further recommended to a favourable consideration of members the question of holding a race-meeting on May the 24. The report and balance sheet were adopted, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. R. Soper; Vice-President, Mr. C. Watts; Master, Mr. Richardson; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. P. Dowlin; Committee, Messrs. H. H. Dodson, J. B. Green, C. Earp, Seymour and F. Dodson.—It was decided to hold a race meeting on May 24, details of the programme to be left to a sub-committee. Mr. Dowlin was voted an honorarium of 100s. in recognition of his services as secretary and treasurer.—*Referee*.

## RACING IN INDIA.

### A VICTORIAN JOCKEY'S EXPERIENCES.

DURING the last few years Australians have taken a great interest in all that concerns sport in India, principally because of the number of our horses sent over here. Jack Allen, the well-known cross-country rider, took a trip to India a little over twelve months back, under the impression that there was a splendid opportunity for riding; but he returned a fortnight ago, thoroughly disgusted with the whole country. He tells us that on arriving at Madras with letters of introduction to several gentlemen, they managed to secure a few mounts for him, in which, unfortunately, he proved unsuccessful. An Australian flat-racing jockey, he says, will get along all right, if he has the luck to win a race or two soon after landing; but if he should lose every one the owners and trainers fancy he cannot ride at all, and in a very short time make this very forcibly understood.

Owners of ponies in India seem to be very bad hands at paying, especially when they lose a race. They can get Indian boys to ride for nothing, and when a white gets beaten they imagine he does not want to be paid. Soon after Allen arrived he was given a mount by a well-known sportsman, and had to wait seven months for his fee.

As showing the hard work which Allen had in India, he produced the following letter, which he says he intends framing as a reminiscence of his trip:—

Gadag, Ahunidnagar, October 17, 1890.—Dear Sir,—Herewith a cheque for 50 rupees as a present for your riding Lottery at the Lucknow gymkhana. Had I thought that you expected to be paid for riding at a gymkhana where I could win little or nothing, I would have got a gentleman rider to ride.—Yours faithfully, E. K. GRAINGER.

The fee in India for riding in hurdle races is supposed to be 100 rupees for a losing and 200 rupees for a winning mount; yet it seldom appears to be carried out, according to Allen's version. Whilst in Madras he met Mr. Elliot, who is a son-in-law of Mr. Haywood, Caulfield, and has a big string of horses in training. Allen, after riding for some time for him, went over to Rangoon, in Burmah, and requested a captain to allow him to ride his ponies. The captain agreed; but judge of Allen's surprise when his would-be employer said there would be no pay. Under the circumstances, Allen did not stay there very long. Trahan, he says is doing splendidly, getting first-class mounts, and intends to settle down there. With regard to the style of riding in India, Allen is of opinion that there are very few good riders. Jimmy Robertson, an Australian, is the Hales of India, and the others are not near him.

Australian horses, too, appear to be a better class; but in ponies we are a long way behind. Allen, being a rider with a good reputation in Victoria, felt very much annoyed at being told by an owner that he did not think he had ever ridden in a race before, because he could not win with his pony in a hurdle race. They have brush fences standing a little over 4ft. high, with a ditch on each side, and the sod walls are about 3ft. 6in. Whilst in India, Allen saw *Escapade* and *Cupola* run a dead heat, the latter being made a very warm favourite on account of his having done a half-mile spin in 48sec., but the timing is very much faster than ours, resembling the American style very much. The last mount Allen had over there was at the Calcutta races, in which he unfortunately got his leg broken. In conclusion, Allen said he would not advise any jockey to try his luck in India, unless he has hosts of friends who are ready to back him up. As far as hurdle-race riders are concerned, there is no chance whatever, because either gentlemen or native riders do all the work.—*Standard*.

## IN A TIGHT FIX.

WE take the following article from the *Sydney Referee*, which will doubtless prove of interest to our readers:—

Human nature is unfortunately prone to err, and when anything contrary to honesty crops up in a race people are more likely to blame the jockey than the owner. It must not be imagined for an instant that we are attempting to take sides with jockeys and hold them up as paragons of uprightness; far from it, as we know beyond contradiction that in the ranks of our riders are men and boys whose whole careers have been nothing more nor less than a series of barefaced robberies and plunder. Still there are others who have to the best of their ability done that which is right, and were the two classes ranged in line no doubt whatever exists as to which division would be held in the highest respect, and which is the better off. It is all very well for those looking at a race to cast slurs about *So-and-So*, designate him an unmitigated scoundrel, and such like. People should remember that the lad is carrying out orders given him from his master, failing which he will be told to stand down, and another will be secured who will obey. This state of things has existed for all time, but it was never half so rampant as at present, which is attributable to the fact that we have so much racing. We are perfectly aware that many jockeys are only too willing to lend themselves to anything of a shady nature; and we know for a truth that some of them live almost entirely by pulling horses, a practice in which they have become so expert that it is almost impossible to detect them. Names could be mentioned, which a year or two ago always found a place in a race; but it would take some searching in later days to find them mentioned at all, unless records of the last horses were given. While this goes undisputed, the question may be asked, "How does that come about?" It can easily be answered. To our personal knowledge we know of cases where the services of riders attached to what are termed "square" stables have been and are ignored for no other reason than that the lads will not be allowed to ride "stiff." This gives the "Johnny Armstrong" division an opportunity for a mount when they are required to pull, but it seldom occurs that their services are brought into requisition when the same animal is "wanted." The "stiff" jockey, as everyone knows, is of the impecunious class, and a losing mount is always welcome. There is no such thing known to him as throwing over the stable and annexing a race when his orders are "not to win." That would be treason, and one *dirty action* on his part in that direction would be sufficient to relegate him to oblivion for the remainder of his existence, as his *disobedience to orders* would be made known to other trainers and owners who might be in quest of his services, when they would argue that if he threw over Jack he would also throw over Jill. The ambition of every youngster when he first takes to jockeying is to win, and no monarch is prouder of his position than the lad the first time he passes the judge's box a winner. The novelty in hundreds of instances, however, wears off too soon, no matter how honest the lad may be, and he is easily led or

compelled to do what he is told. In the long run it has its reward, and he finds himself despised by the very people who, when he was recognised as a straight goer, showered praises on himself and his skill, while those who are the means of bringing him to beggary and want turn a deaf ear to his entreaties for assistance in the hour of need.

Having pointed out some of the tactics resorted to by the unscrupulous trainer and owner, we wish to illustrate that it frequently happens that the best most honest, and leading jockeys fall in for an amount of odium being showered at them when they are not guilty. Everyone will admit that there are two sides to a question (the right and the wrong), and in order to illustrate how those who will not allow themselves knowingly to be got at are caught, we give an instance which occurred a few days ago, and is the cause of this article being penned. A certain trainer who is ever noted for crying about the weight his horses are asked to carry devised a scheme after the following fashion in order to take the handicapper off the scent. Knowing full well that the adjuster has good grounds for being acquainted with the "non-trying division," the idea struck him that he would get a recognised straight rider to steer his horses in their races, and succeeding in so doing, the public immediately backed the jockey's mount to such an extent that the horse was made a firm first favourite. In order to make everything look correct the horse was led out, and the final instructions to the rider were—"Get well away and keep him going; I think you'll win easy." The start was effected, the horse got well away, and was with the first flight for a couple of furlongs, when it collapsed, and no amount of persuasion could get it to go faster. On returning to scale the jockey, anticipating getting a win, looked somewhat dejected, and expected to be asked for an explanation by the stewards, but felt a heavy burden lifted when such was not demanded. Scarcely, however, had he left the dressing-room when he met the gentleman he invariably rides for, and without waiting to be questioned he remarked, "Lor' bli'me, he's a hot'un, he had the horse stuffed. I thought the — would fall with me after going two furlongs." Here then is one instance of how a harmless lad might easily have been disqualified and looked upon as a rogue through no fault of his own: but through the manipulation of an unscrupulous being, who was using him for his own ends—the lad all the time being ignorant of the job put up on him. Hundreds of similar cases could be mentioned, and doubtless hundreds of inoffensive riders relegated to obscurity, and deprived of a livelihood by such actions. The moral is this, "Don't always blame the rider, who is as often had as yourself, but transfer your disgust to older hands, many of whom when riding themselves became pastmasters in the art of thievery and wrong-doing, and who prefer carrying on the nefarious business to the legitimate, because they are more conversant with the former branch than the latter."

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.—ACCEPTANCES.

Table listing race results for Avondale Jockey Club, including Avondale Handicap, Maiden Plate, Avondale Cup, Novel Race, Flying Stakes, Handicap Steeplechase, and Handicap Hurdles.

DARGAVILLE JOCKEY CLUB.—ACCEPTANCES.

Cup, one mile and three-quarters.—Leorina, 10st; Tamora, 8st 3lb; Priscilla, 8st; Nap, 6st 12lb; Holly, 6st 10lb; Warrior, 6st 9lb; Potentate, 6st 7lb; Theorem, 6st 7lb. MAIDEN PLATE, one mile and a-half.—Cinch, 8st 10lb; Jim, 8st 4lb; Potentate, 7st 6lb; Theorem, 7st 6lb; Una, 7st 4lb; Merrileg, 7st; Meadley, 7st; Shark, 7st; Darkie, 6st 10lb. RAILWAY PLATE, one mile.—Leorina, 9st 12lb; Tamora, 8st 9lb; Priscilla, 7st 13lb; Landseer, 7st 2lb; Cinch, 7st; Nap, 6st 12lb; Holly, 6st 11lb; Potentate, 6st 7lb; Theorem, 6st 7lb; Lady Emma, 6st 7lb; Una, 6st 5lb. HURDLES, two miles.—Nap, 11st; Bit-o'-Blue, 10st 11lb; Larrikin, 10st 2lb; Theorem, 9st 7lb; Jim, 9st 7lb; King, 9st. BUSHMAN'S PURSE, one mile and a-half.—Leorina, 10st 2lb; Tamora, 8st 8lb; Priscilla, 8st 2lb; Sirloin, 7st; Nap, 7st; Holly, 6st 11lb; Una, 6st 9lb; Larrikin, 6st 9lb; Theorem, 6st 7lb; Potentate, 6st; Shark, 6st. HACK RACE (first day).—Badger, 9st 8lb; Cinch, 9st 8lb; Una, 8st 10lb; King, 8st 2lb; Nettie, 8st 2lb; Bravo, 8st 2lb; Meadley, 7st 12lb; Gipsy, 7st 12lb; Merrileg, 7st 9lb; Mapu, 7st 9lb; Gipsy Maid, 7st 9lb; Darkey, 7st.

GENERAL ENTRIES.

SECOND HACK RACE.—Cinch, Merrileg, Gipsy Maid, Mapu, King, Netty, Budget, Meadly, Una, Bravo, Darkey. AUCTION STAKES.—Holly, Jim, Landseer, Larrikin, Vampire.

WELLINGTON AUTUMN MEETING.—ACCEPTANCES.

TRIAL HANDICAP, one mile.—Captain Cook, 8st 11lb; Revenge, 8st 6lb; Liquidation, 7st 5lb; Torohanga, 7st; Olive, 6st 7lb; Noisette, 6st 5lb; Revolution, 6st 5lb. HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and three-quarters.—The Spy, 12st 5lb; May Boy, 10st 4lb; Jacob, 9st 5lb; Lone Hand, 9st; Beggarman, 9st. AUTUMN HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Boulanger, 8st 10lb; Renata, 7st 12lb; Queen of Trumps, 7st 9lb; Exchange, 7st 7lb; Loch Ness, 7st 6lb; La Petite Fille, 7st 3lb; Rebellion, 7st 1lb; Weka, 7st; St. Malo, 6st 6lb; Noisette, 6st; Comet, 6st. STEWARDS' HANDICAP, one mile one furlong.—Boulanger, 8st 11lb; Forester, 8st 0lb; British Lion, 7st 10lb; Weka, 7st 5lb; Captain Cook, 7st 2lb; St. Malo, 6st 9lb; Comet, 6st 3lb. RAILWAY HANDICAP, three-quarters of a mile.—Forester, 8st 12lb; Retina, 8st 7lb; Heather Bell, 8st 6lb; St. Malo, 7st 12lb; Loch Ness, 7st 11lb; Queen of Trumps, 7st 10lb; La Petite Fille, 7st 8lb; Weka, 7st 7lb; Revenge, 7st 6lb; Rebellion, 7st 6lb; Fleeta, 7st 6lb; Egalite, 7st 3lb; Josephine, 7st 2lb; Tuhitarata, 6st 7lb.

GENERAL ENTRIES.

HACK HURDLE RACE OF 25 SOVS. One mile and a half.—Melos, Disturbance, Acolyte, Jupiter, Hialoe, Somnambulist, Depression, Nikau, Roger. HACK FLAT HANDICAP OF 30 SOVS. Seven furlongs.—Empress, Donovan, Disturbance, Coquette, Brookfield, Ida, Hiamoe, Rooney, Dublin, Jupiter, Waihi, Escalade, The Joker, (late Puketapu) Deception, Blenheim, Worth, Merlin, Jack, Satyr, Liquidation, Lochinvar, Peep o' Day, (late Sedgwick) Corsair, Oaklands, Prestige, Hibernian, Happy Valley, Jack.

ONEHUNGA RACING CLUB.—WEIGHTS.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE, one mile.—Octopus, 8st 12lb; Orakei, 8st 6lb; Forget-me-not, 7st 7lb; Warrior, 7st 6lb; Premier, 7st; Millifera, 7st; Theorem, 6st 12lb; Porangi, 6st 12lb; Bon Voyage, 6st 10lb; Relation, 6st 10lb; Fusilier, 6st 9lb; Revenge, 6st 7lb; Temuki, 6st 7lb; Moderator, 6st 7lb; Tonjour, 6st 6lb; Contempt, 6st 5lb. HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES, one mile and a-half.—Nap, 11st 5lb; Bryan O'Lynn, 10st 5lb; Lonely, 10st; Maid of Erin, 9st 12lb; Memorandum, 9st 10lb; Kate, 9st 7lb; Bacchus, 9st 7lb; Maritana, 9st 7lb; Theorem, 9st 7lb; General, 9st; Relation, 9st; Moderator, 9st. ONEHUNGA CUP, one mile and a half.—Leorina, 9st 12lb; Ingorina, 9st; Coalscuttle, 8st 4lb; Baron, 8st 4lb; Tamora, 7st 8lb; The Dreamer, 7st 8lb; Capella, 7st 8lb; Priscilla, 7st 7lb; Minnie, 7st 4lb; Vendetta, 7st; Snake, 6st 12lb; Iron Bark, 6st 10lb; Stamford, 6st 7lb; Warrior, 6st 7lb. HANDICAP HURDLES, two miles.—Nap, 11st; Orakei, 10st 10lb; Cloth of Gold, 10st 8lb; Fishmonger, 10st 7lb; Bit o' Blue, 10st 4lb; Hopeful Kate, 9st 10lb; Bryan O'Lynn, 9st 10lb; Kate, 9st 5lb; Theorem, 9st 5lb; General, 9st; Relation, 9st; Moderator, 9st. HANDICAP FLYING STAKES, five furlongs.—Baron, 9st 4lb; Capella, 8st 8lb; Tamora, 8st 3lb; Priscilla, 7st 10lb; Minnie, 7st 10lb; Octopus, 7st 8lb; Vendetta, 7st 7lb; Maccaroni, 7st 6lb; Warrior, 7st; Millifera, 7st; Bacchus, 6st 12lb; Iron Bark, 6st 12lb; Stamford, 6st 10lb; Pretender, 6st 10lb; Prestissimo, 6st 9lb; Porangi, 6st 7lb; Flint, 6st. WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Leorina, 12st 4lb; Ingorina, 11st 5lb; Tamora, 10st 6lb; Minnie, 10st 6lb; Memorandum, 10st 5lb; Pretender, 9st 12lb; Octopus, 9st 7lb; Iron Bark, 9st 6lb; Nap, 9st 4lb; Cloth of Gold, 9st 2lb; Lonely, 9st; Bon Voyage, 8st 12lb; Warrior, 8st 12lb; Premier, 8st 10lb; Tuna, 8st 10lb; Theorem, 8st 7lb; Revenge, 8st 7lb; Temuki, 8st 7lb; Moderator, 8st 7lb.

HALSTEAD & KNIGHT, HANDICAPPERS.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.—NOMINATIONS.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Weka, Montrose, Oakland, Pyramus, St. Malo, Waltonia, Torpedo, She, Fleeta, Rufus, Petroleum. WINTER OATS.—Weka, Montrose, Oakland, Pyramus, St. Malo, Waltonia, Torpedo, She, Foxton, Rufus, Petroleum. WANGANUI STEEPLCHASE.—Cruiser, Takapu, Dangerous, Jupiter, Worth, Matchless, Whalebone, Taurakiti, Oceola, Jacob, Waterbury, Catiff, Darnley, Ival, Marine, Otaieri, Kimberley, Rere, Ingorangi, Sir Maurice.

TURF RECORD.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING. SATURDAY, APRIL 11.

Table listing race results for Tattersall's Club Annual Race Meeting, including Handicap Maiden Plate, Handicap Hurdle Race, and Tattersall's Club Cup Handicap.

SELLING RACE OF 30 SOVS. For three-year-olds and upwards. Distance, six furlongs.

Table listing race results for Selling Race of 30 sovs, including Mr. F. Stenning's b g Iron Bark, Mr. A. Joseph's br g Blarney, Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Moderator, and Mr. A. Greenwood's b g Captive.

198 Won easily by a length. Dividend, £3 12s. Winner bought in by the owner for £25.

HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE OF 60 SOVS., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. Distance, about three miles.

Table listing race results for Handicap Steeplechase of 60 sovs, including Mr. H. C. Tonks' b g Nap, Mr. W. McMinnamin's b m Hopeful Kate, Messrs. Bradley & Co's ch g Justice, Mr. J. McAlister's b g Ingorangi, and Mr. A. McMillan's rn g Bit-o'-Blue.

640 Won easily by four lengths. Dividend, £4 9s.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP OF 30 SOVS., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. Distance, three-quarters of a mile.

Table listing race results for Flying Stakes Handicap of 30 sovs, including Mr. J. McHugh's b c Master Pat, Mr. N. Dickey's b g Bulrush, Mr. A. Austin's g g Maccaroni, and Mr. F. McMinnamin's b m Prestissimo.

181 Won easily by half a length. Dividend, £1 9s.

WELTER HANDICAP OF 30 SOVS. Distance, one mile.

Table listing race results for Welter Handicap of 30 sovs, including Mr. B. Thompson's blk h Warrior, Mr. W. Robertson's ch m Leorina, Mr. F. J. Lyons' b m Tuna, Mr. B. Thompson's br m Tamora, Mr. N. Dickey's blk g Try Fluke, Mr. J. Forth's blk g Nigger, Mr. B. Thompson's b g Octopus, and Mr. H. C. Tonks' b g Nap.

468 Won by a head. Dividend, £5 9s.

FOXTON RACING CLUB.

The Autumn Hack Meeting of the above Club took place on Saturday, the 4th instant. The officers of the Club worked well to make the meeting a success—Mr. F. Robinson as Judge, the Committee as Handicappers, Mr. J. L. Proctor as Clerk of the Course, and Mr. J. R. McWilliam as Clerk of the Scales. Mr. "Sam" Powell wielded the flag successfully. Mr. J. R. Russell, the energetic Secretary, deserves a word of praise for the way he carried out his arduous duties, each event being got off strictly to time. Following are the results:—

Table listing race results for Flying Handicap of 25 sovs, including Mr. E. McElwain's Waterbury, Mr. D. Scott's Omaha, and Mr. F. Harrison's Viola.

Four others started. Won easily. Time, 1 min. 21sec. Dividend, £2 14s.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE, 15 SOVS.

Table listing race results for Maiden Hurdle Race of 15 sovs, including Mr. H. Stent's Jack's the Lad and Mr. A. Cameron's Honesty.

These were the only starters. Dividend, £1 15s.

HANDICAP HURDLES, 35 SOVS.

Table listing race results for Handicap Hurdles of 35 sovs, including Mr. E. Nicholson's Marksman, Mr. J. Prosser's Acolyte, and Mr. W. Pringle's Roger.

Five others started. Acolyte led until the straight was reached, when Marksman came with a wetsail, and won, after an exciting race, by a bare length. Dividend, £11 7s.

AUTUMN HANDICAP, 55 SOVS.

Table listing race results for Autumn Handicap of 55 sovs, including Mr. E. McElwain's Waterbury, Mr. E. Barnes' Kimberley, and Mr. D. Scott's Omaha.

Four others started. Waterbury won easily, hard held, by a length, two lengths separating Kimberley and Omaha. Time, 2min. 51sec. Dividend, £2 6s.

HURRY SCURRY, 25 SOVS.

Table listing race results for Hurray Scurry of 25 sovs, including Mr. H. Stent's O'Rorke, Mr. J. Prosser's Wairoa, and Mr. F. Harrison's Viola.

Eleven others started. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 58sec. Dividend, £2 18s.

PUBLICAN'S PURSE, 30 SOVS.

Table listing race results for Publican's Purse of 30 sovs, including Mr. E. Barnes' Kimberley, Mr. D. Scally's Corsair, and Mr. W. Gibson's White Rose.

Kimberley led all the way, and won all out by a length. Time, 2min. 20sec. Dividend, £6 9s.

ADVERTISEMENTS.



FRIDAY NEXT, APRIL 24, At 12 o'clock.

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100 YARDS

1st prize, £6; 2nd, £2 10s; 3rd, £1; 4th, 10s. Nominations, 2s., close with Secretary at Zealandia Rink, MONDAY, 20th April. Handicaps, 21st. Acceptances, 2s., at post. First Heat at 8 o'clock. Final at 10.

TO FOLLOW, MAY 23 AND 25,

## £25 SHEFFIELD HANDICAP,

120 YARDS

1st prize, £15; 2nd, £6; 3rd, £2 10s.; 4th, £1 10s. Nominations, 4s., close with Secretary, at Rink, MONDAY, May 11. Handicaps, 14th. Acceptance, 2s. 6d., 21st. Heats run Saturday Night, May 23. Also, Final Heat on Monday Night, May 25, with

## £7 HURDLE HANDICAP,

120 YARDS

1st prize, £4; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1. Nominations, 2s., close MONDAY, May 11. Acceptance, 1s., at post.

Entry Forms from Secretary. Nominators in previous Sheffield Handicap need only give performance since last competing.

## SKATING RINK WILL BE OPEN SHORTLY.

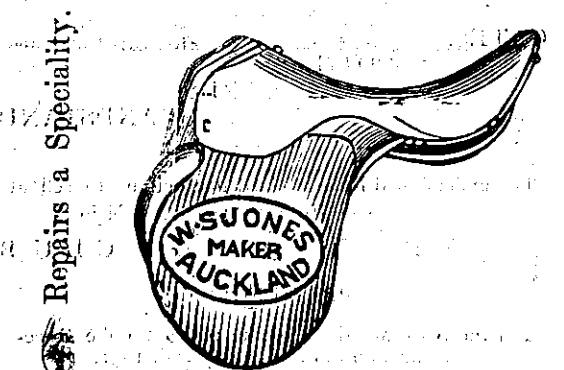
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## EGMONT RACING CLUB,

HAWERA.

### WINTER MEETING,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH, 1891.

#### PROGRAMME.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 60 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Over nine flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination 1sov., acceptance 1sov. To start at 11.45 a.m. Two miles and a distance.

HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 80 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination 1sov. acceptance 10s. To start at 12.30 p.m. One mile and a half.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Weight-for-age. Entrance 2 sovs. To start at 1 p.m. About two miles.

FIRST HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov., acceptance 10s. To start at 1.30 p.m. One mile and a half.

EGMONT HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 120 sovs., second horse to receive 20 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov., acceptance 2 sovs. Final payment 2 sovs. Winner of any handicap steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs. after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb. To start at 2.15 p.m. About three miles.

SECOND HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov., acceptance 10s. Winner of First Hack Flat Race to carry a penalty of 7lb. To start at 3.15 p.m. One mile.

FINAL HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination 1sov., acceptance 2 sovs. To start at 4 p.m. About two miles.

#### DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, &c.

Tuesday April 28th at 9 p.m. for Handicap Hack Hurdles, First Handicap Hack Flat Race, Second Handicap Hack Flat Race.

ACCEPTANCES.—Tuesday April 28th at 9 p.m. for Handicap Hurdles, Egmont Handicap Steeplechase.

At the Post—Handicap Hack Hurdles, First Handicap Hack Flat Race, Second Handicap Hack Flat Race, Final Handicap Steeplechase, Egmont Handicap Steeplechase (final payment)

Weights—Tuesday, April 21st—Handicap Hurdles, Egmont Handicap Steeplechase.

Tuesday May 5th—Handicap Hack Hurdles; First Handicap Hack Flat Race, Second Handicap Hack Flat Race.

Weights for Final Handicap Steeplechase will be declared immediately after running of Egmont Handicap Steeplechase.

Nominations and acceptances will be received at the time and on the dates mentioned, at the office of the Club, Hawera, and by Harry H. Hayr, Tattersall's, Auckland, and Alfred T. Danvers, Napier.

A. G. BRETT, Secretary.

## LAKE ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

To be held on

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1891,

On the Club's Course, Lake Takapuna.

#### PROGRAMME.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 15 sovs. For all horses that have never won a race of the advertised value of 20 sovs. Nomination, 5s.; acceptance 10s. Distance, 1 mile.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 25 sovs. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.

LAKE CUP HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one and a half miles.

SETTLERS' RACE HANDICAP of 15 sovs. For horses the property of settlers in Takapuna, Northcote, and Birkenhead Ridings, and the districts of Devonport, Lucas Creek, and Wade, which have been the property and located in either of these districts for four months previous to the date of meeting. Nomination, 5s.; acceptance, 10s. Distance, 1 mile.

SELLING RACE of 15 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, 15s. Distance, three-quarters of a mile.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 20 sovs., over six flights of hurdles. For all horses that have never won an advertised hurdle race or steeplechase of the value of 20 sovs. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one and a half miles.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Winner of Cup to carry 7lb extra. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 10s. Distance, three-quarters of a mile.

#### DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for Handicap Maiden Plate, Handicap Hurdles, Lake Cup Handicap, Settlers' Race, Handicap Maiden Hurdles, and Flying Stakes close on FRIDAY, April 17th, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS on MONDAY, April 27th.

ACCEPTANCES, and Entries for Selling Race, close on WEDNESDAY, 29th April, at 9 p.m.

Entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Lake Hotel, Takapuna, or with H. H. Hayr, Sporting Review office, Vulcan Lane.

All races run under the A.R.C. Rules.

R. MACKAY,

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## AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

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ON

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1891.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB RULES.

HANDICAP PONY RACE of 20 sovs., second pony to receive 8 sovs. from the stakes. For ponies 14 hands and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, five furlongs.

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 20 sovs. in value. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, two miles.

EPSOM STAKES HANDICAP of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For ponies 14.2 and under. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, seven furlongs.

HANDICAP TROT of 60 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stake. The winner of the Maiden Trot to receive a penalty of 15 seconds behind its original start. Nomination, 30s; acceptance, 30s. Distance, three miles.

SELLING TROT of 20 sovs. The winner to be sold immediately after the race for 15 sovs. If entered to be sold for less, 3 secs. allowance made for every 1 sov. reduction in selling price; if entered to be sold for nil, 50 secs. allowed. Entrance, 20s. Distance, two and a half miles.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 25 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For ponies 14.2 and under. Over five flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one and a half miles.

HANDICAP PONY TROT of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. The winner of the Maiden or Handicap Trot to receive a penalty of 10 secs. behind its original start. For ponies 14.2 and under. Nomination, 15s. acceptance, 15s. Distance, 3 miles.

Nominations close with the Secretary on FRIDAY, May 1.

Handicaps to appear about May 3.

Acceptances close with the Secretary on FRIDAY, May 15.

In all trots time handicaps. Horses to be ridden in colours.

Horses to carry 10st; ponies 9st (in Pony Trotting races only).

Previous performances must be sent in with the nominations in all cases where the horses or ponies have not already performed at a meeting run under the Auckland Trotting Club Rules.

On no pretence whatever will nomination or acceptance money be returned through a pony being over height.

Penalties not cumulative.

Stakes paid less 5 per cent. for expenses of course.

Every trainer shall have his horse at the post, ready to start, at the time appointed by the Stewards, and every jockey is to be at the post, ready to start, at that time. Every trainer or jockey making default therein may be fined in a sum not exceeding 10 sovs.

Special attention of owners and trainers is directed to the above Rule, which will be strictly enforced.

All communications to be addressed to the Secretary, Durham-street East, Auckland.

C. F. MARK,

Secretary.

## TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

### WINTER MEETING.

MONDAY, MAY 25, 1891.

(QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY).

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 25 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 30 sovs. Nomination, half-sovereign; acceptance, half-sovereign. Distance, one mile.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 45 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP of 70 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 10 sovs. Distance, one mile and a quarter.

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, to carry 6st 7lb. Nomination, 1 sov., on the night of General Entry. Distance, five and a half furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 10 sovs. Distance, about three miles and a quarter.

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 45 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Winner of the Birthday Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five and a half furlongs.

WELTER HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Winner of any handicap during the meeting to carry a penalty of 6lb extra. Lowest weight 7st 7lb. Nomination, half-sovereign; acceptance, half-sovereign. Distance, one mile.

PONY HANDICAP of 30 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For ponies 14.2 and under. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance 5 furlongs.

Nominations for Handicap Maiden Plate, Handicap Hurdles, Birthday Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase, Victoria Handicap, Welter Handicap, and Pony Handicap, close on FRIDAY, May 1st, by 9 p.m.

Weights by 4 p.m., THURSDAY, May 7th.

Acceptances and General Entries close on FRIDAY, May 15th, by 9 p.m.

R. WYNYARD,

Secretary.

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