



ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.

DR. ARTHUR PURCHAS deserves a pat on the back for a brilliant conception, ably organised and very successfully accomplished. We allude to the parade and procession of tandems which took place on Saturday last. The meet was fixed for 2 p.m. in Princes-street, near the Northern Club, and quite a throng of expectant spectators had gathered at various points of vantage long before the appointed hour. At 1.45 p.m. the teams began to assemble, taking their preliminary runs up and down Princes-street, under the watchful eyes of many knowing critics. Contrary to expectation the leaders all behaved in a most gentlemanlike and considerate manner. It was manifest that not only had their education been attended to, but competent whips also held the ribbons. At a few minutes after 2 o'clock, His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lady Onslow, drove up in an exquisitely neat Victoria, and the teams having drawn lots for position, were marshalled into their respective places by Dr. Arthur Purchas. His Excellency led the way up Princes-street and through O'Rorke-street into Symond-street, where he drew up his carriage and reviewed the tandems as they passed him in the following order:—

- 1.—Messrs. Brassey and Wansborough (whip) neat bay cob and handsome chestnut leader.
- 2.—Lieuts. Fowler and Sparks of H.M.S. Rapid. Mr. Fowler, whip.
- 3.—Messrs. Sinclair (whip) and Stubbing; fine pair of upstanding greys.
- 4.—Messrs. Lockhart (whip) and Bloomfield; Stewart's pretty grey ponies in Mr. Bloomfield's dainty cart. Miss Kilgour and Miss Hilda Rack gracing one of the prettiest turnouts of the meet.
- 5.—Messrs. J. Ansenne (whip) and W. Clayton; bay wheeler and chestnut leader. Mrs. Ansenne and Miss Cameron added greatly to the elegance of this equipage.
- 6.—Mr. Worsp (whip) and friend drove a pair of bays, and were accompanied by the Misses Worsp, who wore charming costumes.
- 7.—Mrs. Walter Lawry and Miss Worker with a pair of substantial blacks, driven by Dr. Arthur Purchas' coachman.
- 8.—Messrs. Chatfield (whip) and Horace Walker drove the well-known grey trotting mare with a grey leader.
- 9.—Dr. Arthur Purchas (whip) accompanied by Mrs. Purchas and Major Goring, tooled a spanking black with a rare nice looking chestnut leader. This turnout was generally voted the most dashing and elegant of all.
- 10.—Messrs. Stewart (whip) and England drove a nice pair of bay ponies in an extremely neat cart.
- 11.—Messrs. Götz and Charles Bord ('Champlain') accompanied by the Misses Moss, looking their best, drove a black wheeler and a chestnut leader.
- 12.—Mr. Kettlewell and a friend in a neat turnout formed the rear guard of a most creditable show.

Numerous ladies and gentlemen on horseback accompanied the procession, among whom we noticed Miss Whitaker, escorted by Mr. Clark, and a number of private equipages added to the *état*. After passing His Excellency, the teams proceeded up Symond-street and followed the Mount Eden road as far as Cucksey's corner, where they turned to the left and crossed over to Manukau road; thence the route was via Epsom, Onehunga, Mangere, and Papatoitoti to the Criterion Hotel, at Otahuhu, where Dr. Arthur Purchas entertained his guests—a refreshing tea being provided, which was much enjoyed after the pleasant and appetising drive. After an hours' rest a start was made and all safely reached town at a few minutes past 6 p.m.

About a mile past Wattie's Hotel occurred the only accident of the trip. The leaders of

a passing 'bus took fright at the ubiquitous bicycle, and in pulling rather suddenly to the left to avoid a collision, Messrs. Fowler and Sparkes unfortunately capsized their trap. The occupants were thrown out, but were *quite pour la peur*, escaping unhurt. The wheeler was however severely injured, and the journey had to be resumed and completed with the leader only in the shafts. We are informed that the injured horse is making a good recovery.

UNDOUBTEDLY the sensation of last week was that wonderfully fascinating show of Chrysanthemums at the Choral Hall. During the three days and evenings of the exhibition, throngs of delighted visitors perambulated Fairy-land and praised everything—decorations, blooms, music and management. Towards the close, persons who previously were in a state of blissful ignorance on the subject of Japanese, Incurved, Reflexed, Anemones, and Pompons, had not only learned to differentiate those broad divisions, but might be heard discoursing knowingly on the several charms of the glorious Edwin Molineux, the resplendent Thunberg, the gorgeous Boule d'or, and Sunflower, the pure and flaky Avalanche, the chaste Stanstead, White, etc. In our opinion the 'boss-bloom' of the whole show was Mr. F. T. Ward's magnificent specimen of the Edwin Molineux variety. But Messrs. Dewes, Archdale Taylor, McIndoe and Whitely all exhibited splendid examples in several varieties. The competition for Certificates of the National Chrysanthemum Society in the open and amateur classes respectively, was regulated by the number of points scored in first prizes. In the open class a close race between Messrs. W. McIndoe and T. Whiteley was won by the former, who scored just one point more than his formidable rival. In the amateur class, Mr. Archdale Taylor was *facile princeps*, carrying off no less than seven first prizes. Mr. F. T. Ward came in second and Mr. A. E. Dewes third. In the champion class, Mr. Archdale Taylor again beat the field, scoring 18 points, Mr. F. T. Ward, second, and Mr. A. E. Dewes with 5 and 4 points respectively. Space will not permit us to deal with the various classes of bouquets and table flowers, which made a splendid glow of colour in the side room. The judging was on the whole equitable and satisfactory. An auction sale in which the popular Mr. T. Jackson wielded the hammer with characteristic humour wound up the exhibition, and the beautiful blooms were carried off in armfuls by our equally beautiful girls—'Sweets to the sweet' as the Prince of Denmark said when scattering flowers on Ophelia's grave.

SOME football practices were held at Potter's paddock on Saturday last, and judging from the musters, the grand old game bids fair to maintain its popularity. Ponsonby will be strong both in the forward and back divisions—Stitchbury being a powerful recruit to the latter. Grafton, too, is sure to show up well. Ginders, an ex-Wellington rep, is a splendid forward. Gordon and Auckland played a practice match with some 17 or 18 men on each side. The former club, we fear, will be weak in backs, though the forward team promises well. Ansley is likely to play for the club, but the absence of Arthur Rees, Herrold (probably) and the two Meldrum's, will leave gaps which will not easily be filled.

A LARGE gathering of tennis enthusiasts watched the match between Misses Hitchings and Mowbray on Saturday last. Some disappointment was occasioned by the easy win of the first-named lady, as everybody expected a hard fight and a close finish. Miss Mowbray, however, did not play anything like her usual game, losing both sets, the first, 6—2; the second, 6—3. Her clever opponent showed magnificent form, and enjoyed all the luck. It is remarkable to see a lady so severely handicapped by physical infirmity—for Miss Hitchings has but one arm—display such tennis ability. To begin with the ball in serving is held by three fingers of her only hand, the racket being adroitly balanced by the remaining finger and thumb. A slight toss of the ball, followed by a smart twisty tap with the racket results in a fast, low service, which is anything but easy to take. Although fairly accurate, Miss Hitchings necessarily gave away more double faults than her adversary, whose service however, is comparatively mild and simple. Miss Hitchings' tall and lithe figure and commanding reach, together with her accurate placing, good volleying and nimble activity more than compensated for the double faults. She has the additional advantage of experience, having played in Inter-provincial Championship matches against the picked lady players of New Zealand, and although defeated, always forced her conquerors to play their hardest. Both ladies succeeded in returning some apparently impossible balls in brilliant style, and despite the unfavourable condition of the lawn, some of the rallies evoked loud bursts of applause from the spectators. Subsequently two more sets were played, in which Miss Mowbray showed better form, although still far below her best standard. Miss Hitchings won the first, 6—4; Miss Mowbray the second, 6—2. We trust that another match between these accomplished wielders of the racket may be arranged before Miss Hitchings leaves for home. Should Miss Mowbray get enough practice to recover her form, we should certainly be treated to a series of most interesting and exciting games, and possibly she might even reverse the recent discomfiture and regain her lost laurels. But in Miss Hitchings she undoubtedly meets the most formidable lady opponent we have yet seen on our Auckland lawn.

MESSRS. MOUNTAIN and Winch hold a second Sheffield handicap at the Zealandia Rink on Saturday evening. The entries numbering 36 have been handicapped by Mr. E. O'Hare, and the starts will be found in another column of this issue. T. Wells, the winner of the last Handicap is placed on the 2yds. mark. Some close finishes and exciting contests seem assured.

The following are the principal winners at the Wellington Autumn Meeting:—F. Martin, £214; J. D. Ormond, £104 10s; H. H. Dodson, £104 10s; D. Knight, £99 15s; E. F. Yuille, £66 10s; Freeth, £47 10s; J. Wilson, £47 10s; J. Watkins, £38; J. Pringle, £33 5s; A. Clifford, £33 6s. Smaller amounts bring the total up to £821 15s. The Club has made a profit of about £576 over the meeting.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

On Tuesday next, 28th April, nominations for the Derby and Two-Year-Old Stakes of 1892 will close with the secretary, Mr. F. R. Jackson.

EGMONT RACING CLUB

On Tuesday next, 28th April, nominations, acceptances, for the following events will close with the secretary, Mr. A. G. Brett, Hawera, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, Auckland, at 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—

Handicap Hack Hurdles of 30 sovs., 1½ miles
First Handicap Hack Flat Race of 30 sovs., 1½ miles
Second Handicap Hack Flat Race of 30 sovs., 1 mile

ACCEPTANCES—

Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs., 2 miles and a distance
Egmont Handicap Steeplechase of 120 sovs., about 3 miles

LAKE TAKAPUNA RACES.

On Wednesday next, 29th April, acceptances and nominations for the following events will close with the secretary, Mr. R. Mackay, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—

Handicap Maiden Plate of 15 sovs., 1 mile
Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs., 1½ miles
Handicap Lake Cup of 30 sovs., 1½ miles
Handicap Settlers' Race of 15 sovs., 1 mile
Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 20 sovs., 1½ miles
Handicap Flying Stakes of 20 sovs., ¾ mile

NOMINATIONS—

Selling Race of 15 sovs., ¾ mile

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

On Friday next, May 1st, nominations for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. Wm. Percival, Durham street, at 8 p.m.

Great Northern Steeplechase of 300 sovs., about 3½ miles

Handicap Hurdles of 100 sovs., two miles

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

On Friday next, May 1st, nominations for the following events will close with the secretary, Mr. R. Wynyard, at 9 p.m.

Handicap Maiden Plate of 25 sovs., 1 mile
Handicap Hurdles of 45 sovs., 1½ miles
Handicap Steeplechase, of 70 sovs., about 3½ miles
Birthday Handicap of 70 sovs., 1½ miles
Victoria Handicap of 45 sovs., 5½ furlongs
Welter Handicap of 30 sovs., 5 sovs., 1 mile
Handicap Pony Race of 30 sovs., 5 furlongs

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

On Friday next, May 1st, nominations for the following events close with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, Durham street.

Handicap Pony Race of 20 sovs., 5 furlongs
Handicap Maiden Trot of 40 sovs., 2 miles
Epsom Stakes Handicap (Pony) of 30 sovs., 7 furlongs
Handicap Trot of 60 sovs., 3 miles
Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs., 1½ miles
Handicap Pony Trot of 30 sovs., 3 miles

ATHLETICS, ETC.

[BY NIMBLEFOOT.]

The people of Opotiki intend holding an athletic meeting on 24th May next, the programme of which will shortly appear.

All athletes and friends of the late "Hooker" Conway will be glad to learn that the monument, to which many of them so liberally subscribed, has been erected in the Catholic Cemetery, Symonds-street. It is of white marble, and presents a handsome appearance, reflecting great credit on all connected with it. It cost £40, which was so readily subscribed considering the bad times, and is a token of the high esteem in which Conway was held. He will be greatly missed on the football field this season, as his gentle and unselfish play gained for him many friends.

The following are the handicaps for the Five-mile Bicycle Road Race run for to-day:—Short, Dickson, and Lecky, scratch; Nicholson, 15sec; Selby, 45sec; Dacre, 1min 30sec; Firth, 1min 45sec; Aicken, Gissling, Gilbert, 2min; Hammond, 2min 30sec; Waters, Fleming, Harrison, Winks, 2min 45sec; Boulton, Harris, Rendall, Hill, and Hulme, 3min; Bright, 3min 45sec; Watkin, 4min; Taylor and Moore, 5min.

The following handicaps have been declared for the Sheffield Handicap, to be run this evening:—T. Wells, 2yds; C. Madigan, 4yds; J. Linden, 4yds; M. Roberts, W. Purdie, J. McDermott, F. Murphy, 5½yds; C. McManus, E. Collins, S. Murphy, 6yds; Brierley and Riley, 6½yds; H. Simson, 8yds; A. Bailey, W. Cummins, 8½yds; S. Roberts, R. Keenan, F. Lewis, J. McKean, S. Goodman, H. Hales, 9yds; C. McDonald, T. Robertson, T. Williams, J. Nicholson, 10yds; J. Simson, W. Frost, J. W. Askew, 11yds; Somers, 11½yds; W. Donald,

Carter, 12yds; J. Miles, E. Sandall, A. B. Craig, W. Scading, 13yds; J. Healy, 14yds. Acceptance, 2s., has to be made at the post.

The Zealandia Skating Rink is now opened for skating from 7 until 10 o'clock. The floor has been re-laid and the rink lighted with gas. There are also a great many pairs of new skates, so everything is in first-class order, and should attract a great many people, as it is the best of the kind that has been in Auckland.

The Sheffield Handicap, to take place this evening, has a good entry, and as the handicap appears to be a well adjusted one a good race may be anticipated.

ATHLETICS IN CHRISTCHURCH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WITH the conclusion of the Senior Cup match on Saturday last, the cricket season of 1891, and that for all summer athletic pastimes, may be said to have closed. Footballers, in their various colored jerseys, may now be seen on all the recreation grounds each Saturday afternoon, and in a week or so play will be in full swing.

To fill in their spare time, the various clubs played friendly games on Saturday last, and some good play was the result. Merrivale (last years champion) had an exceeding warm time with Christchurch, and though they eventually came out victorious by 9 points to 6, the score by no means indicates the strength of the teams. Christchurch had all the worst of that important factor, "luck," and it was only superior condition on Merrivale's part that enabled them to score on several occasions during the second spell. The only other game played was that between Canterbury College and Linwood, and after a really good game Linwood came off best by 5 points to 3. The result of this match was a great surprise as it was Linwoods first appearance in Senior matches. The club was only started five years ago, and during their first season they defeated all comers in the fourth fifteen ranks. Since then their progress has been very rapid, and last year while competing for the Junior Flag they went through the season without a single defeat. This year they have entered the Senior ranks and by defeating the College in the manner they did, have thus early given promise of being well up the list in Senior contests.

The Association Football Club start playing next week, and it is quite on the cards that they will make a tour of the North Island in a few weeks. Whether Auckland will be included is very doubtful.

Football matters in Otago are looking extremely healthy, and a good season is looked forward to. Dunedin has always been a football stronghold, and this year bids fair to be one of the best on record. Canterbury is also well to the fore and the first meeting of the two provinces will be sure to create great interest in football circles.

MUSIC, DRAMA, ETC.

Spectatum admitti risum teneatis amici?

ON Thursday a concert organised by Herr Carl Schmitt was given at the Choral Hall during the Chrysanthemum Exhibition. The conditions were hardly favourable for solo performers. Studied silence could scarcely be expected from a large crowd, many of whom were more interested in discussing the respective merits of their favourite blooms than in music, however tastefully selected and skilfully interpreted. Mr. Archdale Taylor essayed the Torreador's song from Bizet's *Carmen*, which does not quite suit his voice and style; however he acquitted himself—as he always does in a manner very acceptable to his audience. Miss Stevenson bravely attacked Vieuxtemp's celebrated *Reverie*, which was marred to a great extent by the hum of the busy multitudes. Her instrument is not of a pleasing quality in tone, being crude and somewhat coarse, but the young lady plays very nicely indeed. Mrs. Alexander sang one of Maynard's songs of the modern emotional type, "O say once more I love thee." She has a powerful voice of pleasant *timbre*, and made the most of a song which always appears to be straining to produce an effect and never

succeeding in the effort. The orchestra played two rather common-place selections, of which the one from *Trovatore* was decidedly the better. In the second part, Miss Whitaker's song, "Dr. Hymen," by Pontet, was a good selection admirably executed, which caused an appreciative lull among the gay gossipers. Miss Essie Chew followed with a charming German Romance, her sweet cello being quite audible above the chatter which by this time had re-commenced. However, everybody "telescoped" while Mr. T. M. Jackson was singing Robertson's "Because I love thee so." This song proved the success of the evening, the performer manifestly enjoying his theme, and infusing more vigour and dash into its execution than we are accustomed to expect from one who does not always make the most of his magnificent natural voice. A peremptory encore was perforce complied with, Mr. Jackson singing one of the songs recently added by Sullivan to the revived "Sorcerer" very effectively. Miss Buckland's violin solo, "Souvenirs de Bellini," by Artot, is a brilliant *morceau* of the Fantasia order. It was well played and won much applause. Miss Quinn sang a song by Lindsay Lennox entitled "Love's Absence," which has nothing remarkable about it. Miss Ada Yates accompanied the various selections with great taste and discretion.

LAST week Herr Carl Schmitt delivered his opening lecture of the Musical series under the auspices of the Auckland University College. About thirty—chiefly young ladies—listened to a very able and interesting discourse on the "Third Period." Of course a great portion of the lecture was devoted to Beethoven, whose characteristic genius was cleverly and exhaustively analysed. His contrapuntal weakness in some compositions, and his occasional liberties with "form" were pointed out. *Aliquando dormitat Homerus*. Some most interesting illustrations were well played by Miss Puckey on a somewhat indifferent instrument. The contrast in contrapuntal work between Mozart and Beethoven was by this means irresistibly conveyed to the ears of the audience. Mozart's magnificent overture to "The Magic Flute," so melodious and exquisitely worked out, concluded these selections. Most of the audience responded to Herr Carl Schmitt's invitation to intending students, and remained to enrol their names in the list of pupils for the course. The lectures are undeniably doing much to encourage the technical study of music among our young aspirants, and deserve all praise and the support of everyone who desires to see Auckland become the recognised nursery of musicians in the colony, and therefore an attraction to visitor students.

A CHRISTCHURCH paper says: "It is not improbable that the Dunedin Amateur Opera Company, who recently gave several performances in that city will pay a visit here at an early date. They are spoken of as being exceedingly good, and no doubt will be warmly welcomed here." What a future does that announcement open before us! Fancy, amateur companies drumming the country! What will *pros.* say, and what will copy-right agents do?

LAST week Miss Jennie Lee was playing "Jack in the Box" at Christchurch. The *Press* says: "The names of George R. Sims and Clement Scott associated in dramatic authorship certainly invite expectations of a more artistic product than this play. Sketchy in outline, tedious in development, and obvious at the outset, the plot is uninteresting, and the play void of suspense. The action of the play is subserved to the necessity of giving opportunities to Jock Merryweather—the central character—and to Carlo Toroni, the wicked villain." Miss Lee's impersonation of Jack Merryweather is highly praised. She introduces dances and songs into the rôle. "Enniscorthy," a ditty of the "Villaloe" family seems to be catching on, and bids fair to become popular. Mr. Carey's Carlo Toroni receives favourable mention, and Miss Leighford appears to be a capable comic actress.

THE Moonlight Rivals, comprising 22 performers, are billed to appear at the Opera House to-morrow (Saturday) evening.

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SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

Apr.	25	Onehunga Racing Club
May	2	Lake Takapuna Races
May	9	.....	Papakura Race Meeting.
May	13	.....	Egmont Racing Club.
May	23	.....	Auckland Trotting Club
May	25	.....	Thames Jockey Club Winter
May 23 or 25	.....	.....	Takapuna Jockey Club.
May 23 25	.....	.....	Dunedin J.C. May Meeting
May	25	.....	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.	19	.....	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	8	.....	Thames Jockey Club Winter meeting
May	12	.....	Hawkes Bay Steeplechase and Hurdle Race
May	15	.....	Takapuna Jockey Club. General entries.
May	18	.....	Tattersall's (Sydney) Steeplechase meeting
May	21	.....	Thames Jockey Club General Entries
May	29	.....	Auckland R.C. Winter meeting. General entries
June	15	.....	Wellington R.C.
June	16	.....	Hawkes Bay Jockey Club. General entries
June	20	.....	N.Z. Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase
July	25	.....	N.Z. Grand National General entries

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

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	14	.....	Thames Jockey Club Winter meeting
May	26	.....	Auckland R.C. Winter meeting
June	28	.....	Wellington R.C.
July	13	.....	N.Z. Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase
Aug.	1	.....	N.Z. Grand National Minor events

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	15	.....	Auckland Trotting Club
May	21	.....	Thames Jockey Club Winter meeting
May	29	.....	Auckland R.C. Winter meeting
June	1	.....	Auckland R.C. Winter Meeting
June	3	.....	Great Northern Steeplechase Sweep (5 sovs)
June	16	.....	Hawkes Bay Steeplechase and Hurdle Race
July	3	.....	Wellington R.C.
July	25	N.Z. Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase
Aug.	8	N.Z. Grand National Final payments

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Sporting Review.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1891.

It is currently reported that the A.R.C. Committee have requested their Secretary to make some suggestions as regards the alteration of the Rules of Racing for the benefit of their delegate at the forthcoming Conference of the Metropolitan Clubs. Therefore we beg to suggest, not only to the delegate of the Auckland Racing Club, but also to all other delegates, some alterations in the rules that from long

practical experience we are sure will prove beneficial, as at present some of the rules are incomprehensible. We will now go through the rules that require attention.

Rule 4.—A "maiden" means a horse which has never won an advertised plate or sweep-stake on the flat. A maiden hurdle or steeplechase horse is one that has never won an advertised hurdle race or steeplechase. A maiden means a maiden at the time of start. (Vide Rule 50.)

Rule 50.—Conditions referring to maiden allowances shall mean maidens at the time of start unless specially provided for to the contrary.

These two rules might well be amalgamated, which would greatly simplify the reading of them, explaining distinctly, "Maidens at the time of start, unless provided for to the contrary."

Rule 19.—"The stewards, in case of urgent necessity, may from time to time put off any races from day to day, or for such time as they may deem expedient, notwithstanding a Sunday intervening." "In case of urgent necessity," The meaning of these words should be properly defined, as there are many meetings postponed on account of a little rain or dull weather with squalls—in fact, anything that might militate against takings at the gates. This is manifestly unfair, for some horses like dirt while others do not. Besides that, a clever trainer, and one that thoroughly understands his work, has his horse fit and trained to the day. Then, because the chances are that the gate will not be good enough, the races are postponed, perhaps for a week; in the meantime your horse goes off. We have known instances where the stewards have postponed races for a week because at ten o'clock in the morning it has been raining—at the same time there was every prospect of the weather clearing, as the wind had changed and the sky become clearer. Is there any genuine racing man that would object to a little rain? If some of the stewards paid a visit to the Carholme or Aintree in the Spring, or Newmarket Heath during the Autumn Meetings, and at the same time owned horses, perhaps they would not be so squeamish about a drop of rain.

Rule 39.—Two-year-olds shall not be allowed to start in any race over a distance exceeding six furlongs prior to the 1st February, nor in any race exceeding seven furlongs after that date; nor shall any two-year-old be allowed to run in any handicap in which horses of other ages are engaged.

This rule takes a good deal of consideration, and in our opinion should be framed so that no two-year-old, prior to the 1st February, should be allowed to start in any race exceeding a distance of six furlongs or in a handicap with horses of different ages. After that date they should be allowed to run any distance, but not in handicaps with horses of different ages a distance exceeding one mile. Our experience shows us that it does not hurt running a matured two-year-old over a distance of ground, and no proper trainer would think of doing so with an overgrown one. In England, thirty and forty years ago, two-year-olds ran all distances up to three miles. There are many who will remember different Nurseries one mile, notably at Goodwood, Doncaster First and Second Nurseries, Newmarket, and many others of the same description. Umpire won the Goodwood Nursery, and immediately became a favourite for the Derby. Victorious also beat a large field for it, carrying either 9st or 9st 7lb, the lowest weight being 5st 7lb. There were also the Feather Plate at Newmarket, three miles, the Lord-Lieutenant Plate at the Curragh, one and a half miles, and many other races over a distance of ground that were worth winning. In those days there were many real stayers, such as Harkaway, Rataplan, Grape-shot, Kingston, Fisherman, and many others that could be mentioned. The Whip at Newmarket often in those days was challenged for, and a race was the result. At the present time stayers are very scarce in England. Old trainers say that the reason is owing to the great increase of sprint races and the valuable stakes for two-year-olds over short courses; the consequence is they are cracked up before they are matured. Another reason is, there are not sufficient long-distance races to keep a good one for, and all trainers know that if you train a horse for long distances they generally lose their speed. Coming nearer home, Australian two-year-olds are not limited to seven furlongs. In the weight-for-age scale

they have their weight allotted to them all the year round up to a mile and a half, and there are better older horses running and better stayers than in any part of the world. In France they encourage running two-year-olds a distance in the autumn; in fact, the Government go in for long-distance races by offering prizes. There you will find better stayers than in the United Kingdom, though they are all of English blood. We are perfectly convinced in our own mind that if there were more long races and some mile Nurseries introduced into the programmes that there would not be so many weeds running in New Zealand and that the general breed of horses would be improved. Let it be tried for a year or so.

Rule 38.—No horse shall carry less than 6st in any race on the flat, or 9st in any hurdle race, or 9st 7lb in any steeplechase. The weight on the flat might be raised with advantage to 6st 7lb. How many handicaps are run where you see many pounds overweight declared among the lower weights, thereby nullifying the handicapper's attempt to bring horses together? In England, where there are a hundred races to one that is here, boys that can ride 6st are very scarce and command high retainers. We have known as much as a thousand pounds and contingencies given for the call of Jimmy Grimshaw and Sam Kenyon when they could ride 5st 7lb. Kitchener's retainer was a large sum, especially in his day. But in New Zealand let us ask how many boys there are who can scale six stone that can sit a horse, much less manage and properly finish in a race on one? Look through races past and you will find that welter handicaps generally command the largest fields. The reason is easily understood—owners can get jockeys, not children to ride their horses, therefore they can put their money on with confidence, not being afraid of having the race thrown away at the finish by bad riding. Then, again, when there is a fatal accident, such as the one at Caulfield, the cause is generally traced to an incompetent boy not being able to manage his horse. There can be no just argument for not raising the weight to 6st 7lb—it has been done in Australia.

It is our intention to go through the remainder of the Rules next week.

DISPERSAL OF THE MIDDLE PARK STUD COMPANY.

At the commencement of the year we had to chronicle the dispersal of the Sylvia Park Stud, which for a time was one of the sights of Auckland. No one came here who had any interest in horse flesh that did not go and see that famed establishment, where some of the best horses south of the Line had been bred. Through gross mismanagement thousands were squandered, and after all the capital had been called up and all the money borrowed that could be got, it eventually had to be brought under the hammer and finally dispersed, to add another blot to Auckland, where not a single company has ever flourished. The time has now come for us to record the dispersal of the Middle Park Stud at Christchurch. The question naturally arises, How is it that these Stud Companies do not pay? The question is easily answered. Too much goes out in salaries to the managing director, manager, etc., thus taking away the profits of the shareholders. The Middle Park Stud was not of the same magnitude as Sylvia Park, but from what we can learn quite enough has been lost over it. They had several things to contend with which was not the case in Auckland. First of all, climate and the site chosen was not one suitable for breeding blood stock, being bleak and the ground cold. That it pays to breed blood stock in Auckland is proved by Mr. Morrin's farm at Wellington Park; but then he has no managing director or expensive manager to pay, neither is money thrown away in luxurious buildings.

The dispersal of the Middle Park Stud took place last Tuesday. Taking into consideration that many of the mares were very old, and also that St. George, who has proved a failure at the stud, had been extensively used, the sale must be considered a good one. One thing that surprises us is, that though the stock was advertised "to be sold without reserve," Apremont was bought in and for St. George there was no bid. The Australians were well represented by Messrs. Blackwood and Wallace,

while as usual Hawke's Bay was to the fore with the Hon. J. D. Ormond and Mr. Gollan. To these fell the principal lots. Mr. Philson, presumably for an Auckland gentleman, bought the well-bred young mare Escalade, by Apremont—En Evant, by Lord Lyon—Lady Mary (dam of Gang Forward), by Orlando—Splitvote, for 525 guineas. Mr. Gollan took another nice mare, Fair Nell, by Apremont—Idalia, at 575 guineas. The Hon. J. D. Ormond gave 130 guineas each for Idalia and Rupee. This must be considered their full value, as the former is 21 years and the latter 20 years; also Martyr, by Daniel O'Rourke—Raupo, 14 years old, for 125 guineas. The Hon. D. S. Wallace purchased two well-bred young mares within their value—Ravenswing, by Apremont—Idalia, 475 guineas, and Sierra, by Apremont—Hammock, 205 guineas. The foals realised good prices. The following are the highest figures:—B c by St. George—Rupee, Hon. J. D. Ormond, 200 guineas; b c, St. George—Fair Nell, Mr. D. O'Brien, 165 guineas; br c, St. George—Escalade, Mr. Randall, 170 guineas, and br f, St. George—Ravenswing, Mr. Stead, 115 guineas. The yearlings also fetched more than was expected. Mr. Allan, of Timaru bought the br c by St. George—Fair Nell, for 550 guineas, which must be considered more than he is worth. Mr. Rathbone took the b f by St. George—Hammock, for 210 guineas, and Mr. Gollan a blk f by Artillery—Escalade, at 230 guineas. The others averaged about 100 guineas apiece.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

THE above Club held their meeting at Avondale on Saturday last. Although the weather in town looked threatening, the rain kept off with the exception of one or two slight showers, which in no way affected the going. There were some 700 people present. The arrangements for the conduct of the meeting were carried out in first-class style, and the sport was fairly interesting. Hunter's band was in attendance, and helped to keep up the excitement. All the events were got off fairly in time. The railway arrangements gave every satisfaction. A posse of police was in attendance, but the public appeared to be in a very orderly mood. The Committee and Mr. Hayr, the secretary, worked hard to make the meeting what it was—an unqualified success.

The racing commenced with the Maiden Plate, which brought out six runners, and was won by Warrior, his next attendant being Tuna, who was conceding 12lb, which does not speak very highly of his form. Theorem, one of the runners, after passing the stand in rounding the turn slipped and fell, the horses legs going under him. Tommy Hodson, his jockey, escaped with a severe shaking. This race was succeeded with the Hurdles. Orakei made the running, which we would have hardly thought he would have done, being the top weight and having a bit of speed we fancy his position should have been in the rear, and have made a waiting race of it. At the finish Ingarangi came out and won easily.

The Avondale Cup followed with three runners, and here we fancy a mistake was made in the allotment of the weights. At the South Auckland meeting Leorina gave Try Fluke 35lbs, and if Leorina had been in at 9st 5lb, we should have thought her well worth backing. At Tattersall's meeting Try Fluke gave The Dreamer 4lbs and was close to him in the Tattersall's Cup, and now receiving 12lbs from him which made 16lbs difference, we thought very highly of his chance. He made the whole of the running for his two companions, and won by three lengths.

The Flying Stakes brought out a field of six, Maccaroni being made favourite, which he justified by winning; Octopus second, Warrior third.

A good deal of interest seemed to be taken in the Steeplechase, £426 being invested on the totalisator, Ingarangi carrying the most money. The race was a chapter of accidents, Takapu and Orakei ran off, Ingarangi fell at the hurdles in front of the stand, and Hopeful Kate continuing her journey won, followed by Orakei at a distance of twenty lengths; no third horse being placed. We are glad to see Hopeful Kate win, as her form has been most consistent and true, and although a moderate mare we trust her party has benefitted by the win.

This was followed by the Novel Race. The owner of Bacchus not being able to obtain a jockey, he was withdrawn at the last moment. Moderator won from Sambo, who carried 8lbs overweight. After being weighed the winner was submitted to auction by Mr. D. Tonks, and was knocked down to Mr. A. Buckland for a tenner.

The last race of the day, the Avondale Handicap, brought out four runners. Master Pat was made a favourite, but as he was giving Maccaroni 14lbs, and at the last Tattersall's meeting where Master Pat was giving him 2lbs and we fancied at the time could have been a bit nearer than third, we were to-day not at all surprised to see him win easily, Octopus being beaten a neck after the best race of the day. We heard several opinions that Octopus should have won, but we do not think so. Maccaroni is a speedy horse, but not a stayer, and Octopus never could get near him, although Maccaroni was stopping very fast at the finish.

This concluded the day's sport, and evening turning quite chilly a rush was made for home, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

DARGAVILLE RACES.

THE Dargaville Jockey Club's inaugural meeting took place on the 17th and 18th inst. It was not so successful as one could have wished. Owing to a mistake it clashed with the Avondale meeting, and it was too late in the season to hold an up country meeting, the consequence being that not many people or horses went from Auckland—the attendance therefore was small. The racing was not very interesting, as the handicapping was not of the best—the favourites in most instances winning easily and the dividends small. The course, owing to its being newly formed and the heavy rains, was very holding. The racing commenced with the Maiden Plate, for which five came to the post, Potentate, 7st 6lb, winning easily from Una, 7st 4lb; Clinch, 8st 10lb, the favourite, being third, Medley, 7st, and Shark, 7st, being the other starters. Dividend (10s, tickets), £1 7s. The Bushman's Purse only brought out two runners. Priscilla, 8st 2lb, defeated Sirloin, 7st, in a common canter by ten lengths. Dividend, 12s. Only four came to the post for the First Handicap Hurdle Race. Nap, 11st, won easily by three lengths from Jim, 9st 7lb. King, 9st 10lb, and Larrikin, 10st 2lb, being the other starters. King, when running well, struck the last hurdle, and coming down put his shoulder out, and gave Mahon, his jockey, a severe shaking. Larrikin broke down badly. Dividend, 14s. Four was again the main for the Dargaville Cup, 1½ miles, the principal race of the meeting, resulting as follows:—Priscilla, 8st, 1; Nap, 6st 12lb, 2; Potentate, 6st 7lb, 3. Leorina, 10st 7lb, also started. Won easily by three lengths. Leorina was favourite, but the heavy ground told on her. Dividend, £2 7s. Bravo easily beat by two lengths six others for the Handicap Hack Race. Dividend, £1. Six faced the starter for the Railway Plate, one mile. Leorina, 10st 5lb, the favourite, won cleverly by two lengths from Nap, 6st 12lb. Una, 6st 5lb, third. Sirloin, 7st 3lb, Landseer, 7st 2lb, and Lady Emma, 6st 7lb, also started. Dividend, 15s.

SECOND DAY.

The attendance was smaller than on the first day, and the course was in a very heavy condition. The racing commenced with the Publicans' Purse, for which seven faced the starter. Leorina, 10st 9lb, won by a head from Priscilla, 8st 12lb, Clinch, 7st 11lb, including 10lb overweight, third. Sirloin, 7st, Potentate, 6st 12lb, Una, 7st 2lb, including 4lb overweight, and Lady Emma, 7st 3lb, including 12lb overweight, also started. Dividend, 15s. In the Second Handicap Hurdle Race, Jim, 9st 7lb, won easily by two lengths from Nap, 11st 7lb. Dividend, £1 9s. The Northern Wairoa Handicap, 1½ miles, only brought out a field of four. Leorina, 10st 7lb, the favourite, won easily by a length from Priscilla, 9st 7lb, Nap, 8st 5lb, third. Potentate, 7st 9lb, also started. Dividend, 12s. Vampire, 7st 7lb, beat Sirloin, 8st, and Landseer, 7st 7lb, by two lengths for the Auction Stakes. For the Second Handicap Hack Race, Clinch, 9st, won by a length from Darkey, 7st, Gipsy, 8st 12lb, and three others. Dividend, 17s. The Gumdiggers' Plate, which concluded the meeting, brought four to the post. The favourite Bravo, 7st 6lb, including

6lb overweight, won by two lengths from Jim, 7st 12lb, Vampire, 7st, third. Landseer, 8st 12lb, including 12lb overweight, also started. Dividend, 13s.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

THESE races took place on the 16th and 18th inst. The weather being fine there was a good attendance. The racing was not of a very interesting character, the fields for the most part being small. In the Trial Stakes the stewards had Raynor, the rider of Revenge, up before them for suspicious riding, and suspended him for six months. On the second day they reopened the case, and subsequently removed the disqualification, considering there was not sufficient evidence to convict the jockey. This shows that they were rather hasty in their judgment, which, however, is a fault on the right side, as reports of suspicious riding are rife throughout the Colony at the present time. St. Malo whilst running well in the Autumn Handicap struck into the heels of some horse and came down. He, however, annexed the Stewards' Handicap later on in the day. About £11,000 was put through the totalisator during the two days, which should leave a good balance on hand.

The racing commenced with the Trial Stakes, for which four started, Liquidation, 7st 5lb, winning rather easily by a length and a-half from Revenge, 8st 6lb; Revolution, 6st 4lb; and Nanette, 6st 5lb, who had bolted and run round the course twice, last. Only three came to the post for the Hurdle Race. Beggarman, 9st, who was made a hot favourite, after going a mile went to the front, and won anyhow from May Day 10st 4lb, and Lone Hand 9st.

The Autumn Handicap, one mile and a-quarter, the principal race of the meeting, brought out a better field. Six faced the starter for it, resulting as follows: Queen of Trumps, 7st 11lb and 2lbs over, 1st; Retina, 7st 11lb, 2nd; La Petite Fille, 7st 3lb, 3rd. Exchange 7st 7lb, Loch Ness 7st 6lb, St. Malo 6st 7lb and 7lb over, and Comet 6st 7lb and 7lb over, also ran. The flag fell to a good start; Retina and Exchange making the running, Queen of Trumps lying off. This order was maintained until rounding the turn for home, when Queen of Trumps began to go up. On entering the straight Retina had a slight lead of her, but at the distance she went to the front and won easily by a couple of lengths, three lengths between second and third. St. Malo fell soon after the start. Time, 1min 13sec. Dividend, £3 11s.

Prestage beat sixteen others for the Hack race. Only four came to the post for the Stewards Handicap. St. Malo, 6st 8lb, won by a little more than a length from Weka, 7st 5lb, British Lion, 7st 10lb, third. Comet, 6st 7lb, including 4lbs overweight, also started. The Selling Race fell to The Laird, who defeated Peep o' Day, Empress, Satyr and Scraps.

The largest field of the day came to the post for the Railway Handicap, eight starting for it. From a bad start Rebellion, 7st 6lb, jumped off in front making all the running, won by a length from Weka 7st 7lb, La Petite Fille 7st 8lb a good third. The other starters were Heather Bell 8st 6lb, Fleta 7st 5lb, Egalite 7st 3lb, Josephine 7st 2lb, and Tukiturata, 6st 7lb.

The second day's races commenced with the Waiwitu Handicap, which produced a field of seven. Pyramus, 8st 3lb, who made the best of a bad start, won by half a length from St. Malo, 8st 6lb; Heather Bell, 8st 4lb, the same distance away third. Rebellion 8st 7lb, Weka 8st 3lb, Fleta 6st 11lb, and Comet 6st 10lb also ran.

Four came to the post for the Hurdle Race; Beggarman, 11st, repeating his previous day's performance by winning in a canter from May Day, 10st 5lb, Master Agnes 11st, and Lone Hand 9st 7lb. Roger defeated four others for the Second Hack Race.

The April Handicap of 110 sovs, one mile one furlong, brought out a field of only five, and was won by Retina, 8st 2lb; St. Malo, 7st 7lb, 2nd; British Lion, 7st 3lb, 3rd. Queen of Trumps 8st 10lb, and Loch Ness 7st 10lb, also ran. Retina was in the front all the way, on entering the straight she had two lengths lead, easily stalling off St. Malo's rush half way up the straight, she won by a length, the same between second and third. Time, 1min 59 7-10th secs. Dividend, £3 6s.

For the Third Hack Race Donovan defeated eleven others, and paid the good dividend of £86 17s. The Welter Handicap only produced a field of four. Weka 9st 5lb, who got a bad start, won by a length from Angler 10st; Pyramus 9st 3lb, two lengths away third. Liquidation 8st 5lb also ran. Empress, 6st 8lb, won the Selling Race by two lengths from St. Malo 9st; Satyr 6st 7lb, third. The Laird 8st 5lb also ran. The winner was sold to Mr. Healy for 41 sovs.

The Electric Handicap, five furlongs, the last race of the meeting, brought out the good field of eight, resulting as follows: Weka, 8st 5lb including 10lb penalty, 1st; Retina, 9st 3lb including 10lb penalty, 2nd; Rebellion, 8st 6lb, 3rd. Loch-Ness 8st 3lb, Revenge 7st 11lb, Exchange 7st 10lb, Josephine 6st 10lb, and Tuhitarata 6st 3lb also ran. Rebellion, and Retina jumped off in front; at the distance the former appeared to have the race in hand when Retina came again, at the same time Weka on the outside made her effort, a tremendous race ensuing, the latter getting home by a neck, a head between second and third.

THE TURF.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

ONEHUNGA RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

THE Onehunga Racing Club hold their race meeting to-day on the Otahuhu racecourse. The acceptances and general entries are very good, so there should be some interesting racing for those who go, but to pick a winner until the numbers go up and you see how things are going is very difficult at these country meetings, as many things turn up at the last minute.

There are eleven in the Maiden Plate. Many of them have been running in maiden races for a long time; their owners apparently not being inclined to get them out of that class of races. Theorem, 6st 12lb, on his running at the Tattersall's Club meeting reads well in, but is engaged in both the Hurdle Races, and the stable is too clever to have accepted with him if he could not jump. Bon Voyage, 8st.10lb, also reads well. If I was sure that Theorem was going to start for it one need not look further for the winner, but as there is an "if" in the matter I will select Bon Voyage to furnish the winner.

Eight remain in the Maiden Hurdle Race, and as many of them are new to the game it is hard to pick the winner. Lonely, 10st, is in a dangerous stable, and it appears that they mean the little sticks to be Theorem's game, so he must be kept on the right side. Bacchus, 9st 7lb, has a turn of speed, and if he can jump ought to prove dangerous. Relation, 9st, in the same stable as Lonely, is well spoken of. Of a bad lot I will take Rae's selected—Lonely or Relation—and Theorem to furnish the winner.

The Selling Race is always a nasty race to touch. Octopus likes this kind of game, but as he has to give weight away to all the others, Iron Bark, from his running at the Tattersall's meeting, reads about the best.

The Onehunga Cup, the principal race of the meeting, has seven remaining in. It is not often that we see Major George condescending to "leather-flapping," so must consider that he thinks he has a good chance with Coalscuttle, 8st 4lb, but for my part I prefer Leorina, 9st 12lb, and Mr. Thompson's selected one—Tamora, 7st 8lb, or Warrior, 6st 7lb.

Seven have accepted for the Handicap Hurdles. This should lie between Hopeful Kate, 9st 10lb, and Williamson's selected one—Nap, 11st, or Theorem, 9st 5lb.

The Flying Stakes has an acceptance of ten. Of these Maccaroni, 7st 5lb, and Vendetta, 7st 7lb, read about the best.

Ten are left in the Welter Handicap. Leorina, 12st 4lb, is the top weight, and as the course will sure to be holding, that weight will in all probability stop her, so Lonely, 9st, and Warrior, 8st 12lb, ought to fight out the finish.

ON looking through the southern files one comes across the question of dealing with jockeys to prevent them from "roping" horses, and making them ride honestly. The thing is a difficult matter to deal with. Some advocate licensing jockeys, and that if they are found out in dishonest practices by taking it away

you deprive them of a livelihood. This might answer if there was one jockey club for New Zealand, but as matters stand at present it would be useless. Many stewards—especially at country meetings—never use their eyes, so jockeys can do pretty much as they like. The further one goes south the better things are managed. Looking back on what may nearly now be called the past season, one sees that the Dunedin Jockey Club have had several jockeys up before them, and have suspended two or three of them. In Dunedin, it is said, there is less "roping" done than in any other part of the Colony. That must be owing to the vigilance of the stewards, as most of the jockeys ride all over the Colony. At the last C.J.C. meeting the stewards suspended Derritt, one of the oldest riders in New Zealand, for suspicious riding. This is commented upon as a very light sentence, as it is the slack season, and it must be remembered that Derritt has not an entirely clean sheet. It is said that this light sentence was passed on account of his having lost the greater part of his savings through the default of one of their members; Derritt also said that he was quite unfit to ride Prime Warden, as he was so cut up at his loss. Therefore taking all things into consideration it would perhaps have been better if the stewards had let him off with a caution, but it shows they are on the watch to punish any jockey guilty of malpractices. Then come further North, and one hears of the Wellington stewards having jockeys up before them. Only last week they suspended Raynor, the rider of Revenge, for six months for suspicious riding, though the next day they re-opened the case, and after hearing the evidence of the trainer and others they annulled the sentence. The stewards might have been precipitate on the first day or it might have come out in further evidence that Revenge is one of those shifty brutes that so often get jockeys into trouble. However it shows that the stewards are up to their work, and intend seeing things carried out properly. Hawkes Bay Jockey Club, Napier Park and Wanganui Racing Clubs have all had jockeys up before them, and have punished some, warning others, thus showing they are determined to do their duty. Now we come to the A.R.C. stewards. We do not remember a single jockey being had up before them or the Takapuna J.C. stewards, which is the second club in Auckland, not because "roping" and "blocking" is not done here, some stables being particularly fond of both practices. Let any one who is fond of racing and understands it go through certain horses' performances during this season and he will see a difference of not only pounds but stones at different meetings. In some cases twenty-four hours and even less has made a wonderful change, still no notice is taken of it. The system of "blocking" is a most pernicious one, and in the United Kingdom is punishable by suspension for life. "Blocking" accidentally is bad enough. The jockeys that do it never think of the danger to those behind them—especially in a crowded field—if the blocked horse, or even another, comes down. Look at the fearful accidents that have occurred. One need not go further back than the one at Caulfield and see what the results were. Blocking is greatly carried on by two or three stables, especially on the Takapuna racecourse, which is very favourable for it; but as yet no attempt has been made to put a stop to it. An employer of one of the boys who is very fond of this kind of thing, was spoken to on the subject, and denied having any knowledge of it, though it transpired after that the boy had received his orders. When a smash happens some day and a jockey is killed, a verdict of manslaughter may be brought in, and a master is responsible for a servant's acts. The cause of no jockeys being had up before the stewards in Auckland is simply this—some do not know their duties, others only care about seeing their names on the card, while others are afraid to act on their own responsibility. Two were heard to say one day—We can do nothing, there has been no objection lodged. The duties of stewards are plain enough if they choose to exercise their powers. If they see anything that is not straightforward in the shape of suspicious running or riding, jostling, blocking, etc., they can of their own accord have owner, trainer, and jockey up before them, and investigate the case, and if found guilty punish them by suspension or fine.

THE unfortunate clashing of the Avondale and Dargaville meetings spoilt both. This piece of mismanagement was not due to the officials of either club. The Dargaville committee had been compelled to postpone their meeting owing to their course not being ready, as soon as possible they telegraphed to the secretary of the A.R.C. asking him if the 17th and 18th were vacant; and in reply received word that they could have these dates. As I was not present at either meeting I am unable to give any account of the running. From reports the Avondale meeting was very poor, the attendance being meagre and the fields small. The stewards did all in their power to make the meeting a success, but they had not the materials to work upon. Warrior appears to be coming (?) back to his two-year-old form, though it is rather late in the season. Ingarangi by winning the hurdle race showed that he is not quite the "duffer" some people try to make him out, as by the way he cut down Orakei in the Hurdle race shows that he has a bit of pace as well as jumping powers. Maccaroni annexed the Flying Stakes and Avondale Handicap, so, though Theorem fell in the first race and Ingarangi in the Steeplechase, the stable had not a bad day of it, coupling it with the Takapuna and Dargaville meetings the fortnight's work should leave a good balance. Hopeful Kate, owing to falls and refusals, won the Steeplechase. It has often struck me that the cause of so many mistakes is the bad biting of the horses, it is quite impossible to hold a horse together and collect him at his fences with a snaffle, still this is the general bridle used in the colonies. During many years experience at Steeplechasing, both in England and Ireland, I never knew but two horses that would go in a snaffle and then a very thick one. The late Mr. Ashton Smith, one of the finest riders and the best judge of horses in England, said he had only had one that went in a snaffle, and he went better in a double. There are two or three horses at the present time at Ellerslie that I should like to see ridden either in a Pelham or a Secundum, and unless greatly mistaken they would perform much better over a country than they have done heretofore.

SPORTING ITEMS.

Crackshot is now an inmate of Bob Ray's stables at Riccarton.

"Mick" Carmody has lately joined the ranks of the benedicts.

Moonrake, the hurdle horse, is now in Mr. A. Ellingham's stable at Napier.

Armourer, by Tubal Cain—Sea Shell, has been purchased by Mr. McIntosh of Waipukurau, for £150.

Don Cæsar after having had an operation performed on him for a tumour had to be destroyed.

We regret to notice that George Laing met with a nasty accident while schooling Wairua over the hurdles at Riccarton.

Moderator, the winner of the Selling race at Avondale last Saturday, was purchased by Mr. A. Buckland and re-sold to Mr. S. Bradley, of Onehunga, who has since disposed of him again to Mr. Birch of Awitu.

Mr. D. O'Brien has sold his trotter Calista, about whom there was some talk at a late trotting meeting in Canterbury, at a satisfactory figure during his last visit to Melbourne.

Rufus, the winner of the Victorian Derby of 1884, and Newstead, the winner of the Maribynong Plate the same year, met in a race at a small meeting up country in Australia, and failed to get a place.

The New Zealand horse Orator seems to be regarded with a good deal of suspicion in Australia, and the uncomfortable feeling is not allayed by the fact that the ownership of the horse is now in dispute before the Supreme Court.

A man named Crisp was charged at the R.M. Court, Oamaru, on the 14th instant, for working a pocket totalisator at the North Otago J.C. meeting. He pleaded guilty, and was convicted and fined £10, with 27s. costs, or in default of payment to be sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour in Dunedin gaol.

The Dunedin J.C. have received good entries for their May meeting.

The Baron has been scratched for all his engagements at the Onehunga Autumn Meeting.

Nominations for the Melbourne Cup of 1891 are due on 1st June, and the weights on or before 22nd of June.

The sum of £1984 was passed through the totalisators at the Avondale Jockey Club's meeting on Saturday last.

Mr. H. Chaplin has presented the skeleton of his celebrated racehorse Hermit to the Royal Veterinary College.

Mr. N. Grace has been asked to be relieved from the post of starter to the Wellington Racing Club.

Blizzard had the weakest of weak fields to beat in the North Otago Cup the other day, and it was not surprising that he won easily.

From private information we learn that the two mares that Dr. Ross took by the mail steamer have arrived safely at San Francisco.

We are informed that all horses under Fletcher's care are to be sold by auction next Friday.

On May 24th a sweepstake flat race of 2 sovs, with 12 sovs added, will be run at Te Puke between the following horses May, Gillie, Saint, and Uncle Bob. The distance is two miles, with 8st up.

The six-year-old gelding Bacchus, by Anteros—Ratafia, full brother to Tupaki, and the racing pony Minnie Grey are in the private sale list.

It is a true saying we must go from home to learn news. The following is taken from "Carbine's" notes in *Public Opinion*: "At the Auckland Tattersall's Club annual meeting on Saturday, at Onehunga course, the Cup, one mile and a half, was won by Leorina 9st 4lb; Try Fluke 7st 9lb second, and The Dreamer 7st 6lb third. Five started. Dividend, £2 16s."

We have received from Mr. Wanklyn, the secretary of the Canterbury Jockey Club, the programme of the N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase meeting, to take place on August 13th. The programme consists of the following events, viz., Hunters Hurdle Race of 50 sovs., Grand National Steeplechase of 500 sovs., Ladies Bracelet of 60 sovs., Grand National Hurdle Race of 300 sovs., Maiden Steeplechase of 75 sovs., Welter Flat Handicap of 50 sovs., Final Handicap of 100 sovs. The entries for the Grand National Steeplechase and Hurdle Race are due on the 20th June next.

Mr. C. Dawes on Thursday morning met with a severe accident on Ellerslie racecourse. He was riding Minnie Grey at exercise when she bolted. On going through the gates she collided with the post, throwing Mr. Dawes heavily. On being picked up he was found to be badly hurt about the head and face. It was also thought that his leg was broken. He was taken as soon as possible in a cab to the Hospital, when it was found that no bones were broken, but his knee was hurt, and he was considerably knocked about the head and face, and that one eye was injured.

We regret to record the death of that good horse Isonomy, by Sterling out of Isola Bella, who was foaled in 1875. As a two-year-old he ran four times with only one winning bracket, having won the Nursery Handicap at the first Newmarket October meeting, beating a field of fifteen and starting at 8 to 1. As a three-year-old he only ran once, winning the Cambridgeshire Stakes at the Houghton meeting, carrying 7st 1lb, beating a field of thirty-eight, starting at odds of 40 to 1, and winning easily by two lengths. As a four-year-old he ran eight times, winning six, and as a five-year-old he ran twice, winning each time. He carried 9st 12lb in the Manchester Handicap, one mile five furlongs, and won by a neck, beating a field of twenty, and starting at the nice price of 100 to 6. Mr. Gretton, his owner, over this race is supposed to have won £80,000. During his short racing career he annexed the most valuable Cups in England, having won the Gold Vase twice and the Gold Cup at Ascot, Goodwood, Brighton, and Doncaster Cups; and during his three year's racing he won a sum of £10,382.

We have received the Ninth Edition of the New Zealand Stud Book from the publisher, Mr. A. D. Willis, of Wanganui, and copies can be had at the office of this paper. Price 30s.

F. Holmes, who is one of the most accomplished and trustworthy jockeys we have in this country, contemplates a trip to Australia.

It is stated on good authority that Mr. S. H. Gollan will send Tiraille, Na Moa, and Tiraille to Australia during the coming winter.—*Canterbury Times*.

On Monday there was but little doing on the Ellerslie course, but on Tuesday Priscilla was walking. Takapu did a steady gallop four times round the training track. Prestissimo and Chance had a sharp spin for seven furlongs on the course proper. Flint also went once round at a steady pace. Forget-me-not did the same. Neck or Nothing went three times round the trial track at a steady pace. Bon Voyage went once round the course proper at a good gallop. Memorandum was schooled over the hurdles in the middle of the course. On Wednesday Takapu went four times and Flint once round the trial track at a slow pace. Satanella cantered twice and Chance three times round the course proper. Williamson's and Macminamin's teams were working away from the course. On Thursday Memorandum went three times round the trial track at a slow gallop, Takapu doing the same distance at a steady pace, and Bon Voyage once round a fast gallop. Hopeful Kate did a good working gallop twice round, while Priscilla did slow work in the middle of the course.

In the *N.Z. Referee* there is a most uncalled for and unwarrantable paragraph under the heading of "our special wire from Auckland," referring to the steeplechase that took place at the late Tattersall's race meeting held on the Takapuna racecourse. It reads thus: "Ingarangi, the Autumn Steeplechase winner, started for the Steeplechase, but it was palpable from the fall of the flag that the son of Bothwell was not wanted for that particular voyage, and finished fifth or practically last." When our comments appeared on the handicap we remarked that it was doubtful if a big, long-striding horse like Ingarangi could act on an up and down hill and twisting course like Takapuna, at the same time expressing our preference for Nap, who had previously won over the course. We also know as a fact that his owner and friends backed him. Let us ask any reasonable racing man if a trainer was likely to throw his employers over for some paltry £200, which is the most he could have made, even if he had skinned all the book-makers as well as the totalisator. Unless the *N.Z. Referee* has recently changed its correspondent he was neither in the saddling paddock or the grand stand, though he might have been among the *oi palloi* outside. The young fellow who has been their correspondent, and for what we know is still, has presumption enough for anything, and from what we hear this par is likely to lead to a law suit, so we will refrain from making any more remarks.

London *Truth* says:—It is rarely indeed that the most heavily engaged two year olds in the Calendar win a sufficient sum in stakes to pay their forfeits. Last season, however, Mr. Louth's Cleator, by Charibert, who was entered in 70 stakes, won five races worth upwards of £4000. Lord Zetland's Friar Lubin by St. Simon, who was entered in 64 stakes, won two races worth a little over £1100. Colonel North's Sheldrake, by Isonomy, which cost 2500 guineas, as a yearling, was entered in 56 stakes, and won nothing; and his Sir Fredrick Roberts, by Wisdom, a 2300 guinea yearling was in 50 stakes, of which he was credited with one, the Hurstbourne at Stockbridge, worth £972, only because Cereza, who won in a canter, had carried the wrong weight, and was therefore disqualified. Lord Zetland's Retribution, by Isonomy, was engaged in 55 stakes, but won only a single race worth £198, and this was the Cheveley Stakes at Newmarket for which she ran a dead heat with Bumptious, who was giving her 18lbs. The Duchess of Montrose's Hermence, by Isonomy, was in 51 stakes, and won nothing. The Duke of Beaufort's Choralist, by Philammon, was in 52 stakes, and started five times without winning. Mr. Louth's King's Evil, by Charibert, was in 50 stakes, and won two races value £746. Colonel North's Penzance, by Hampton, who cost 3000 guineas at the Hampton Court Sale, was in 51 stakes, and won nothing.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

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

RANGE TIME-TABLE.

April 25.....Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles, Royal Irish Rifles.

[BY CARBINE.]

A RIFLE match was fired between the "O" Battery and Royal Irish Rifles at the Mount Eden range on Saturday last, the scores being very fair considering the strong wind that was blowing. The conditions were eight men a-side, and seven shots to be fired at 200, 300, and 500 yards. The scores are:—

"O" BATTERY.				
	200yds	300yds	500yds	Total
Quarter-Master Sergt. Fairs	23	24	26	78
Gunner Greenshields	24	22	22	68
Gunner Head	23	20	14	62
Sergt. McCallum	25	24	12	61
Corp. Walker	26	24	10	60
Sergt. Ronayne	21	15	13	49
Gunner P. Browne	25	10	13	48
Gunner F. Browne	20	9	2	31

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.				
	200yds	300yds	500yds	Total
Private O'Connor	26	18	20	64
Capt. Tobin	23	23	18	64
Private Payne	28	25	10	63
Sergt. Tobin	29	21	12	62
Private Murphy	18	13	12	43
Sergt. Williams	18	11	9	38
Sergt. Coyle	16	18	2	36
Private Bryne	14	6	13	33

Majority for "O" Battery, 54 points. 403

The members of the "A" Battery met on the Mount Eden range on Saturday last to compete for the money prizes presented by hon. member W. Thorne. The conditions were 200, 300, and 500 yards, seven shots at each distance. The shooting was not up to the usual, owing to the strong wind they had to contend against. The principal scores are (the first three being the prize takers):—

	200yds	300yds	500yds	Total
Gunner A. Henderson	23	18	27	73
Corp. H. Doughty	25	15	24	64
Sergt. Parslow	26	19	18	63
Corp. Keasley	26	18	14	58
Gunner Taylor	25	23	10	58
Gunner Hazard	26	20	11	57
Gunner E. Buchanan	21	18	16	55
Sergt.-Major Doughty	24	22	19	65
Hon. Member Thorne	22	13	17	52
Gunner Wishart	20	10	9	39
Gunner Meddrie	16	16	14	46

On Monday evening the Ponsonby Navals paraded at the Drill Shed to the number of 35 under Capt. Miller, for inspection by Major Goring. The Major made a most careful inspection of the arms, and found them fairly clean on the whole. Sergt.-Major Grant (staff officer) then took over the men, and put them through a course of infantry movements in the Drill Shed reserve. During the parade Major Goring, in a few chosen remarks, presented to P.O. G. E. Spinley the Company's belt, which he had won in the shooting competition a few weeks since.

On Friday evening last the members of the City Guards mustered to the number of 25 under Capt. Kohn and Lieut. Dormer to proceed to North Shore, where they are holding a camp of instruction. No doubt the poor muster was owing to the very wet evening. They arrived at the camp pretty wet, but everything was in readiness for them, a fatigue party having gone over in the morning and erected the tents, etc. Hot coffee and sandwiches were awaiting the men in the mess, and was received with pleasure. Owing to the men being wet no guard duty was done on Friday night, but in the morning the men set to digging trenches and settling up the camp.

On Sunday the Company numbering 35 mustered for church parade. They marched to the Victoria Wharf and met the infantry corps from town, and then marched to the Holy Trinity church, headed by the Artillery Band, the Rev. J. Bates conducting the service. After service the band marched back to camp, and were the guests of the Guards at dinner.

A sham fight took place on Tuesday night, the whole of the infantry corps being the defending part, and the Auckland and Ponsonby Navals in their cutters the attacking. The Navals were to try and effect a landing between the North Head and Narrow Neck and attack the camp. The infantry had a lot of skirmishing, but Capt. Parker effected a landing at Narrow Neck, and came down on the camp, taking some of the infantry men prisoners.

The arrangements for the camp are:—The men return to camp as soon as they have finished their day's work, and dinner is served

at six o'clock, and parade from seven to nine p.m., the first post being sounded at half-past nine, lights out at half-past ten. In the morning the reveille is sounded at five o'clock, and the parade called at quarter to six, which lasts till seven, when the men have breakfast and return to their daily work.

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

ONEHUNGA RACING CLUB.—ACCEPTANCES.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE, one mile.—Orakei, 8st 6lb; Forget-me-not, 7st 7lb; Premier, 7st; Millifera, 7st; Theorem, 6st 12lb; Forangi, 6st 12lb; Bon Voyage, 6st 10lb; Relation, 6st 10lb; Revenge, 6st 7lb Moderator, 6st 7lb; Tonjour, 6st 5lb; HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES, one mile and a-half.—Bryan O'Lynn, 10st 5lb; Lonely, 10st; Memorandum, 9st 10lb; Bacchus, 9st 7lb; Mariana, 9st 7lb; Theorem, 9st 7lb; General, 9st; Relation, 9st; Moderator, 9st. SELLING RACE of 25 sovs. seven furlongs.—Octopus, 30 sovs; Iron Bark, nil; Premier, nil; Prestissimo, nil; Moderator, nil; Jannie, nil. ONEHUNGA CUP, one mile and a-half.—Leorina, 9st 12lb; Coalscuttle, 8st 4lb; Tamora, 7st 8lb; The Dreamer, 7st 8lb; Iron Bark, 6st 10lb; Stamford, 6st 7lb; Warrior, 6st 7lb. HANDICAP HURDLES, two miles.—Nap, 11st; Orakei, 10st 10lb; Hopeful Kate, 9st 10lb; Bryan O'Lynn, 9st 10lb; Theorem, 9st 6lb; General, 9st; Moderator, 9st. HANDICAP FLYING STAKES, five furlongs.—Octopus, 7st 8lb; Vendetta, 7st 7lb; Maccaroni, 7st 6lb; Warrior, 7st; Millifera, 7st; Bacchus, 6st 12lb; Stamford, 6st 10lb; Prestissimo, 6st 9lb; Forangi, 6st 7lb; Flint, 6st. WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Leorina, 12st 4lb; Tamora, 10st 6lb; Octopus, 9st 7lb; Nap, 9st 4lb; Lonely, 9st; Warrior, 8st 12lb; Premier, 8st 10lb; Tuna, 8st 10lb; Revenge, 8st 7lb; Moderator, 8st 7lb.

LAKE RACES.—NOMINATIONS.

LAKE CUP.—Tuna, Nap, Bryan O'Lynn, Try Fluke, Iron Bark, The Dreamer, Warrior, Tamora. MAIDEN PLATE.—Dan, Vall, Brigade, Premier, Millifera, Sentenella, Bon Voyage, Prospect, Fusilier, Theorem, Waitai, Clifton, Badger, Red Rose, My Queen. MAIDEN HURDLES.—Vall, Irish Agitator, Kate, Lad, General, Sentenella, Theorem, Decision, Bryan O'Lynn, Kitty. HURDLE RACE.—Bit of Blue, Kate, General, Nap, Theorem, Bryan O'Lynn, Nigger. FLYING STAKES.—Octopus, Lady Belle, Blarney, Premier, Prestissimo, Bon Voyage, Try Fluke, Iron Bark, Sweet Lavender, Warrior. SETTLERS' RACE.—Warrior, Brigade, Badger, Our Boy, Kitty, Nigger.

TURF RECORD.

DARGAVILLE JOCKEY CLUB'S INAUGURAL MEETING. FIRST DAY, 17TH APRIL.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 20 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For all horses that have never won an advertised flat race exceeding 15 sovs in value. Distance one and a-half miles. 85 Mr. J. McLeod's ch g Potentate, aged 7st 6lb, Manning... 1 10 Mr. W. Sill's blk m Una, 4yrs, 7st 4lb, Patterson... 2 60 Mr. G. S. Seiver's b h Clinch, 4yrs, 8st 10lb, McKinnon... 3 4 Mr. T. Bassett's b g Meadley, 6yrs, 7st, O'Donnell... 0 9 Mr. T. Stewart's Shark, aged, 7st, White... 0 108 Won easily by three lengths, the same second and third. Dividend (10s tickets), £1 7s. Time 3m 2s. BUSHMAN'S PURSE HANDICAP of 25 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. The winner of any handicap on the flat of the value of 20 sovs. after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 5lbs. Distance one and a-half miles. 17 Mr. M. S. Laurie's b m Priscilla, 3yrs, 8st 2lb, Priest... 1 6 Mr. Thomas' ch g Sirloin, aged, 7st, Manning... 2 23 Won hard held by 10 lengths. Dividend (10s tickets), 12s. FIRST HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 25 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Distance 2 miles over 8 flights of hurdles about 8ft. 6ins. in height. 96 Mr. H. C. Tonk's b g Nap, aged, 11st, Collins... 1 14 Mr. A. Raynes' gr g Jim, aged, 9st 7lb, McKinnon... 2 26 Mr. H. Chapman's Larrikin, aged, 10st 2lb, Nealey... 3 19 Mr. Downer's br g King, aged, 9st 10lb, including 10lb overweight, Mahon... 0 165 Won easily by three lengths. Dividend (10s tickets), 14s. DARGAVILLE CUP HANDICAP of 60 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. and third horse 3 sovs. out of the stakes. The winner of any handicap on the flat of the value of 40 sovs. after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb. Distance one and three-quarter miles. 25 Mr. M. S. Laurie's b m Priscilla, 3yrs, 8st, Smith... 1 7 Mr. H. C. Tonk's b g Nap, aged, 6st 12lb, Priest... 2 8 Mr. J. McLeod's ch g Potentate, aged, 6st 7lb, White... 3 92 Mr. W. Robertson's ch m Leorina, aged, 10st 7lb, Taylor... 0 132 Won easily by three lengths. Dividend (10s tickets), £2 7s. Time 3m 32s. FIRST HANDICAP HACK RACE of 12 sovs., second horse to receive 20 per cent. of entrance money. For all horses that have never won an advertised race (hack race excepted) and being the bona fide property for at least two months immediately preceding race day of persons residing North of Riverhead. Distance, 1 mile. 45 Mr. E. Hillary's b g Bravo, 8st 2lb, Patterson... 1 2 Mr. Downer's b m Gipsy, 7st 12lb, Priest... 2 13 Mr. H. Mahon's Badger, 9st 6lb, Collins... 3 23 Mr. G. S. Seiver's b h Clinch, 9st 8lb, Morgan... 0 1 Mr. H. Johnson's b m Netty, 8st 2lb, Smith... 0 7 Mr. W. Pollocks' r m Mapu, 7st 9lb, Manning... 0 1 Mr. F. McCowan blk m Gipsy Maid, 7st 9lb, O'Donnell... 0 101 Won easily by two lengths. Dividend (10s tickets), £1. Time 1m 49s. RAILWAY PLATE HANDICAP of 25 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. The winner of any handicap on the flat of the value of 20 sovs. to carry a penalty of 5lbs. and the winner of any handicap on the flat of the value of 40 sovs. to carry a penalty of 7lbs. Distance, 1 mile. 26 Mr. W. Robertson's ch m Leorina, aged, 10st 5lb, Taylor... 1 26 Mr. H. C. Tonk's b g Nap, aged, 6st 12lb, Priest... 2 6 Mr. W. Sill's blk m Una, 4yrs, 6st 6lb, White... 3 8 Mr. A. Thomas' ch g Sirloin, aged, 7st 3lb, Manning... 0 10 Mr. J. Negus' b g Landseer, aged, 7st 2lb, Patterson... 0 8 Mr. H. Kemp's b m Lady Emma, 6yrs, 6st 7lb, Topp... 0 144 Won easily by two lengths. Dividend (10s tickets), 15s. SECOND DAY.—APRIL 18. PUBLICANS' PURSE HANDICAP of 20 sovs., second horse to receive 3 sovs. out of the stakes. Distance, 1 mile. 69 Mr. W. Robertson's ch m Leorina, aged, 10st 5lb, Taylor... 1 33 Mr. M. S. Laurie's b m Priscilla, 3yrs, 8st 12lb, Reid... 2 2 Mr. G. S. Seiver's b h Clinch, 4yrs, 7st 11lb, including 20lb overweight, O'Donnell... 3 2 Mr. Thomas' ch g Sirloin, aged, 7st, White... 0 7 Mr. J. McLeod's ch g Potentate, aged, 6st 12lb, Manning... 0 4 Mr. W. Sill's blk m Una, 4yrs, 7st 2lb, including 4lb over weight, Priest... 0 1 Mr. H. Kemp's b m Lady Emma, 5yrs, 7st 3lb, including 12lb overweight, Mahon... 0 118 Won all out by a head. Dividend (10s tickets), 15s.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 25 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Distance, 2 miles; over 8 flights of hurdles about 8ft 6ins in height. 22 Mr. A. Raynes' gr g Jim, aged, 9st 7lb, McKinnon... 1 51 Mr. H. C. Tonk's b g Nap, aged, 11st 7lb, Collins... 2 73 Won all out by two lengths. Dividend (10s tickets), £1 9s. NORTHERN Wairoa HANDICAP of 35 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Distance, one and a-half miles. 74 Mr. W. Robertson's ch m Leorina, aged, 10st 7lb, Taylor... 1 15 Mr. M. S. Laurie's b m Priscilla, 3yrs, 8st 7lb, Reid... 2 8 Mr. H. C. Tonk's b g Nap, aged, 8st 5lb, Priest... 3 6 Mr. J. McLeod's ch g Potentate, aged, 7st 9lb, Manning... 0 103 Won easily by a length. Dividend (10s tickets), 12s. AUCTION STAKES of 20 sovs. Top weight 10st. Winner to be sold for 40 sovs. An allowance of 7lbs will be made for every 5 sovs. reduction in selling price to 20 sovs. If entered to be sold for 15sovs to be allowed 35lbs, if for nil to be allowed 42lbs. Any surplus from sale of horse over price at which he was entered to be sold to go to the funds of the Club. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. 57 Mr. Roache's ch g Vampire, aged, 7st 7lb, Priest... 1 46 Mr. A. Thomas' ch g Sirloin, aged, 8st, Manning... 2 26 Mr. J. Negus' b g Landseer, aged, 7st 7lb, Smith... 3 129 Won easily by two lengths. Dividend (10s tickets), £1. SECOND HANDICAP HACK RACE of 15 sovs., second horse to receive 8 sovs. out of the stakes. Distance, one mile. For all horses that have never won an advertised race (hack races excepted) and which shall have been the bona fide property for at least two months immediately preceding race day of persons residing North of Riverhead for at least two months immediately preceding race day. 44 Mr. G. S. Seiver's b h Clinch, 9st, Morgan... 1 0 Mr. A. Thomas' Darkey, 7st, White... 2 7 Mr. Downer's b m Gipsy, 8st 12lb, Smith... 3 28 Mr. H. Mahon's Badger, 9st 6lb, T. Mahon... 0 3 Mr. W. Pollocks' r m Mapu, 7st 9lb, Priest... 0 2 Mr. T. Bassett's b g Meadley, 6yrs, 7st, O'Donnell... 0 84 Won easily by a length. Dividend (10s tickets), 17s. GUMDIGGERS' PURSE HANDICAP of 25 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For all horses owned and actually being in the Hobson County for at least one month immediately preceding race day. Distance, one and a-quarter miles. 31 Mr. Hillary's b g Bravo, 7st 6lb, including 6lb overweight, Patterson... 1 5 Mr. A. Raynes' g g Jim, aged, 7st 12lb, O'Donnell... 2 9 Mr. W. F. Roche's ch g Vampire, aged, 7st, White... 3 1 Mr. Negus' b g Landseer, aged, 8st 12lb, including 12lb overweight, McKinnon... 0 46 Won all out by two lengths. Dividend (10s tickets), 13s.

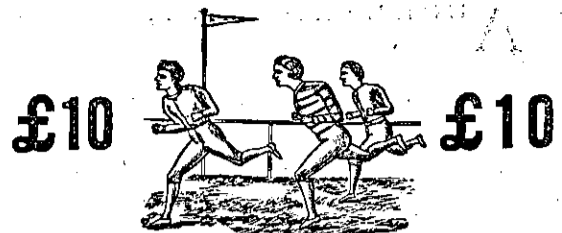
AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING. SATURDAY APRIL 18TH.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 20 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of the value of 30 sovs. Distance, one mile. 56 Mr. B. Thompson's blk h Warrior, 4yrs, 6st 12lb, Moore... 1 17 Mr. F. J. Lyon's b m Tuna, 5yrs, 7st 10lb, Golding... 2 11 Mr. C. Robertson's ch m Millifera, aged, 6st 10lb, Pennel... 3 24 Mr. R. Thorpe's blk m Forget-me-not, 5yrs, 7st 7lb, Smith... 0 60 Mr. J. Maitland's blk g Theorem, 4yrs, 8st 12lb, Hodson... 0 0 Mr. H. Wilson's Fusilier, 7st 10lb, including 15lbs over, Croskie... 0 168 Won by ten lengths, Theorem fell Dividend £2 14s. Time 1min. 53 1/2sec. HANDICAP HURDLES of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Distance, one and three-quarter miles. 65 Mr. J. McAlister's b g Ingarangi, 6yrs, 10st 4lb, Wright... 1 100 Mr. A. E. Byers' b g Orakei, 4yrs, 10st 9lb, owner... 2 24 Mr. Greenwood's ch g Shotover, aged, 10st 2lb including 9lb over, owner... 3 179 Won easily by a length. Dividend £2 18s. AVONDALE CUP (HANDICAP) of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, one and a-half miles. 88 Mr. N. Dickey's blk g Try Fluke, aged, 6st 12lb, Pennell... 1 132 Mr. J. Forth's b c The Dreamer, 3yrs, 7st 10lb, Hodson... 2 103 Mr. B. Thompson's b m Tamora, aged, 8st, Pyne... 3 323 Won by three lengths. Dividend £3 6s. FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 25 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, 5 furlongs. 137 Mr. A. Austin's gr g Maccaroni, 6yrs, 7st, Golding... 1 69 Mr. B. Thompson's br g Octopus, aged, 7st 8lb, Hammond... 2 68 Mr. B. Thompson's br h Warrior, 4yrs, 6st 7lb, Moore... 3 18 Mr. F. Macminamin's b m Prestissimo, 4yrs 6st 12lb, Smith... 0 29 Mr. H. H. Hayr's b g Flint, 4yrs, 6st 5lb, Pennell... 0 80 Mr. N. Dickey's br g Bulrush, 2yrs, 6st Golding... 0 391 Won by two lengths. Dividend £2 11s. HANDICAP STREPLECHASE of 55 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, about three miles. 133 Mr. W. Macminamin's br m Hopeful Kate, aged, 10st 3lb, owner... 1 30 Mr. A. E. Byers' b g Orakei, 4yrs, 10st 3lb, owner... 2 45 Mr. H. H. Hayr's ch g Takapu, aged, 9st 12lb, Wells... 3 183 Mr. J. McAlister's b g Ingarangi, 6yrs, 10st 7lb, Wright... 0 35 Mr. Bradley's ch g Justice, 9st 10lb, Fergus... 0 426 Won by twenty lengths, Ingarangi fell; Orakei and Takapu ran off. Dividend £2 17s. NOVEL RACE (HANDICAP) of 30 sovs. Winner to be sold and proceeds to go to the funds. Distance, five furlongs. 110 Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Moderator, aged, 6st 10lb, Golding... 1 32 Mr. A. Eaton's blk g Sambo, 6yrs, 6st 7lb, Clarke... 2 57 Mr. T. Phelan's b m Temuki, 6yrs, 6st 10lb, Pennell... 3 44 Mr. A. Austin's blk g Black Joe, aged, 7st, Hodson... 0 243 Won by half a length. Winner bought by Mr. A. Buckland for £10. Dividend £1 19s. Time 1min. 8sec. AVONDALE HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Distance, seven furlongs. 45 Mr. A. Austin's gr g Maccaroni, 6yrs, 7st, Golding... 1 23 Mr. B. Thompson's br g Octopus, aged, 7st 8lb, Hammond... 2 62 Mr. B. Thompson's b m Tamora, aged, Pyne... 3 124 Mr. J. McHugh b c Master Pat, 3yrs, 8st, Moore... 0 254 Won by a head. Dividend £5 1s.

George Laing, well-known in Auckland, while schooling Wairua, the Wanganui gelding purchased recently by Mr. Paneti, over the hurdles at Riccarton. Tomato was going in company and making the pace strong, and the pair negotiated all but the last successfully, and this proved a stumbling block to Wairua, as he came down through trying to gallop over a fallen hurdle. Laing was stunned, and had the back of his hand smashed, and it will be a few weeks before he can ride again. The accident was the first we have heard of over the schooling hurdles for a long time, but it appears that one of these were displaced, otherwise it is thought that it would not have occurred.

ZEALANDIA SKATING RINK AND ATHLETIC GROUNDS.

TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY), APRIL 25.



SHEFFIELD HANDICAP

100 YARDS 1st prize, £6; 2nd, £3 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 6 o'clock. Final at 10.

£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.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1891.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds, over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 80 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For all horses that have never won 50 sovs. at the time of entry. Four-year-olds to carry 11st 6lb; five-year-olds, 12st; six years and aged, 12st 3lbs. Entrance 2 sovs. and 2 sovs. each at the post. About two miles and a half.

WINTER WELTER HANDICAP of 80 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. One mile.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300 sovs.; second horse to receive 30 sovs. and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 2 sovs. and acceptance 3 sovs. each, with a final payment of 5 sovs. at the post, to go to the funds. About three miles and a half.

SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs. Entrance 3 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Four-year-olds to carry 11st 6lb; five-year-olds, 12st; six years and aged, 12st 3lbs. The winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race for 100 sovs. If entered to be sold for 50 sovs. allowed 5lb; if for 40 sovs. 10lb; if for 20 sovs 15lb; if for nil, to carry 9st 7lbs. No other allowances. About three miles.

LADIES' BRACELET value 30 sovs. for the first horse, and a bracelet value 10 sovs. to the second horse. Entrance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Gentleman riders. Three-year-olds to carry 10st 12lb; four-year-olds 11st 5lb; five-year-olds 11st 12lb; six-year-olds and aged, 12st 4lb. All horses to be nominated by ladies. One mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.,

(With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.)

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1891, by 8 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—
Great Northern Steeplechase 2 sovs.
Handicap Hurdles 1 sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1891—General Entry Night, by 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—
Great Northern Steeplechase 8 sovs.
Handicap Hurdles 2 sovs.

NOMINATIONS—
Maiden Steeplechase 2 sovs.
Winter Handicap 1 sov.
Selling Steeplechase 3 sovs.
Ladies' Bracelet 2 sovs.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1891, by 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES—
Winter Handicap 2 sovs.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1891, at the post.

Great Northern Steeplechase 5 sovs.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR TUESDAY.
MAY 26, 1891.

Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap Hurdles

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1891.

Winter Handicap

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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 1 sov. To start at 11.45 a.m. Two miles and a distance.

HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination 1 sov. 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 1 sov., 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 1 sov., 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 1 sov., 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 1 sov., acceptance 2 sovs. To start at 4 p.m. About two miles.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, &C.

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 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. Distance, 1 mile.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 25 sovs. Distance, one and three-quarter miles.

LAKE CUP HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Distance, one and a half miles.

SETTLERS' RACE HANDICAP of 15 sovs. Distance, one 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, 16s. Distance, three-quarters of a mile.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 20 sovs. Distance, one and a half miles.

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

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

ACCEPTANCES, and Entries for Selling Race, close on WEDNESDAY, 28th April, at 9 p.m., with the Secretary, Lake Hotel, Takapuna, or with H. H. Hayr, Sporting Review office, Vulcan Lane.

Maiden Plate, 10s; Handicap Hurdles, 15s; Lake Cup, 20s; Settlers' Race, 10s; Maiden Hurdles, 10s; Flying Stakes, 10s. Entries for Selling Race, 15s.

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SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1891.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB RULES.

HANDICAP PONY RACE of 20 sovs., second pony to receive 3 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, 14 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, 14 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 5lb 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 4 sovs., acceptance 4 sovs. 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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