



**ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.**

A GOOD-NATURED skit is often far more effective than vituperative abuse. In burying their self-deposed monarch with all the pomp and ceremony of a well-organised mock-funeral the boot operatives have aroused sympathy instead of the disgust which would assuredly have attended any boo hooing or personal violence inflicted upon their recalcitrant president. Trades Unions should learn a lesson from the transactions which have terminated so peacefully and humorously. In choosing officials they should be always careful to select the real working man, and not place those in power who are so to speak connecting links between masters and men.

A WRITER in the *Canterbury Press* by drawing invidious comparisons between British and Colonial society girls greatly to the disadvantage of the latter has saddled himself and his journal with a lengthy and acrimonious correspondence. In twitting the local girls with a sad want of refinement, a lack of politeness and gentleness, a lamentable ignorance of topics outside the ordinary society gossip, he is perhaps not altogether wide of the mark. But when he asserts that the average British girl is physically superior in regard to endurance in athletic exercises to the average colonial girl, we must join issue at once. In truth each has her merits and defects. Being reared under conditions and influences so widely different such a result must of necessity be inevitable. We must not forget that the typical colonial girl—in New Zealand at least—has scarcely yet reached her fullest development. If she studies to temper her charming freshness with a less abrupt manner, and a greater consideration for the feelings of others—modifying her tendency to gush with something of her English sisters' lady-like reserve—she will in our opinion develop ere long into as delightful a type of the 'female-woman' as this imperfect world can produce. But we would not have her imitate the artificial and constrained propriety usually so noticeable in the English maiden, who while striving to sacrifice to Mrs. Grundy, is by no means incapable of outwitting that detestable tyrant when the eleventh commandment, "Thou shalt not be found out," is not likely to be broken.

LAST Saturday night another of Mr. Winch's capably managed Sheffield Handicaps was run off at the Zealandia Rink in the presence of a large crowd. In the first heat of the second round Johnson and S. Murphy ran a dead heat. On running off Murphy won easily, Johnson getting off badly. The final heat brought together Keenan (11½yds.), Murphy (7yds.), Laxon (12yds.), and Cummings (11yds.). A capital race resulted in a win by nearly two yards for Laxon, S. Murphy and Cummings running a dead heat for second place. On running off the dead heat the judge's verdict was in Murphy's favour by two or three inches, but the referee who watched the other side of the tape declared another dead heat. After some discussion the pair agreed to run again, when Cummings won easily, Murphy not persevering. Results in detail are given elsewhere. The next Sheffield Handicaps are fixed for Saturday and Monday nights, May 23 and 25 (Queen's

Birthday). One for £25, 120 yards flat, and a second for £7, 120 yards hurdles. The fence at the finish has been nicely padded, by Mr. Winch's directions, and the arrangements are now perfect in every respect.

GORDON II. by defeating Ponsonby II. on Saturday win the Junior Cup with an unbeaten record for the season. The cup becomes their absolute property, as they have now won it three times. Ponsonby II. won all their matches save the two against Gordon II. The unfinished senior cup match between Gordon and United was fixed to be played out on Saturday, Gordon having eight wickets down for 462 runs, but United did not put in an appearance, and Gordon in due form claimed the match by default. Notwithstanding the ridiculous claim advanced in the *Star*—not by the United club, but by an individual whose impudence emphatically gets the better of his discretion—the cup goes to Gordon. In the finish for the junior cup Ponsonby wanted 28 runs and had 7 wickets to fall. T. Ball and W. Kenderdine disposed of the seven wickets for 13 runs, being favoured by the state of the pitch. Cricket we presume has ended for the season.

So successful was the tandem meet of some three weeks ago that steps were at once taken to form a club of gentlemen interested in that branch of the Jehu's art. On Saturday last the newly formed club held their first meet at the junction of Princes and O'Rorke Streets, near the Police Barracks. His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lady Onslow, drove two splendidly matched dark chestnuts in a neat cart of local manufacture, built to order in the short space of three weeks by W. J. Cousins, of Lorne Street. The starting point presented a lively spectacle, as quite a crowd had assembled to see the sight. Shortly after 2 p.m. the teams got into line, and His Excellency led off, the rest dropping into position as follows: Dr. Arthur Purchas and coachman, who handled the ribbons, the doctor's left hand being *hors de combat*; Colonel Carré, with the Hon. Mr. Seddon, who quite beamed with happiness, whose leader gave a little trouble at first; Messrs. McLaughlin (a famous whip) and Kettlewell; Mr. Stewart accompanied by Miss Taylor; Mr. Sinclair and the second Miss Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Chatfield; and eighth and last, Captain Guthrie and Mr. H. Whitaker. The route was Symonds Street, Kyber Pass, via Remuera and the cross lane to Manukau Road, past Epsom, where his Excellency left the party, returning to pay a visit with Lady Onslow to Mr. L. J. Steele's studio. The teams subsequently drove via Mount Albert to Avondale, where afternoon tea and light refreshments were much enjoyed. After a rest the order of march was resumed, and all reached home safely in high good humour over the pleasant outing. The muster was not so large as on the previous occasion, several teams being unavoidably absent. Messrs Fowler and Sparkes and Mr. Lockhart have left Auckland, and Mr. J. Ansenne was booked to finish his not-out innings for Gordon cricket club against United, but the match did not come off after all. The Tandem Club is now an established fact. It will serve a purpose useful as well as ornamental by cultivating a

taste for good and elegant harness-cattle and encouraging the breeding and importing of horses of the best stamp, besides creating a wholesome rivalry among our local coach builders.

GLORIOUS football weather on Saturday last drew some 1,100 lovers of the game to Potter's Paddock, where the first cup matches of the season were held. Ponsonby v. Grafton was naturally the chief attraction, and spectators were not disappointed, the game proving a hard-fought and interesting one. The system recently adopted in England of making the referee sole arbiter—the umpires merely acting as line-men—was tried, and, in the opinion of most, found wanting. Mr. McCausland, good and impartial referee as he undoubtedly is, could not be everywhere, and some extremely doubtful decisions resulted. One notable miscarriage of justice occurred in connection with the first try and goal awarded to Ponsonby. Those on the pavilion could see the incident perfectly. A Ponsonby man in possession of the ball being half tackled fell within a few yards of Grafton's goal line, and in falling threw the ball forward some five or six feet at least. Cole, coming with a wet sail, dashed over the line with it, and the referee, who was not in a position to see the palpable throw-on, allowed the try, from which Breen placed a neat goal. In our opinion this mistake only affected the score, not the result of the match, for Ponsonby played with better combination throughout, and deserved their win. But the scores should really have read—Ponsonby 3, Grafton 2. On the whole, as one might expect so early in the season, the exhibition of football was neither satisfactory or scientific. Many excellent examples of individual good play were discounted by a lack of combination and coolness. The "man in possession" too frequently omitted to watch what he was about before deciding upon his course of action. Some of the Grafton dribbling rushes—in which Smith, Mackenzie and Ginders shone brightly—were brilliant, but Ponsonby backs were always equal to the emergency, and displayed clever and determined defensive powers. Masfield, Braund, Rhodes, Breen and Cole distinguished themselves repeatedly, but the other Ponsonby backs were all there, save perhaps Stichbury, who was not quite at his best. Among the forwards Caulton, Poland, Heffernan, Mills and Bruce were prominent, but it is almost invidious to select special names from such a consistent and hardworking lot. Grafton, in our opinion, after winning the toss made a mistake in choice of goals, as a strongish breeze blew in their faces during the first spell—the Ponsonby backs wisely taking advantage of this by kicking high. When the second spell commenced the breeze had dropped, but Grafton did not make the most of what still remained. Among Grafton's backs Madigan, Elliott, the Hill brothers and Kissling did good work, but were inferior in combination to their opponents, who themselves are anything but perfect. Wilson played a brilliant game for Grafton, and is likely to be of great value to his club. Rob Mackenzie was unfortunately knocked out towards the end of the first spell, but recovered and played well in the second. L. Hill, Caulton, and Beamish also received some nasty jars, the latter severely wrenching his great toe, which with rough and ready surgery was kicked

into place by his mates. A fine run by Masefield ending in a try was the best individual feat during the game. Madigan and Penalligan (who played a staunch game) scored the tries for Grafton, and took both places. The first from a difficult angle was only a moderate attempt, but the second, which was by no means easy, was a splendid shot, just outside the post and at the right elevation.

GORDON v. AUCKLAND resulted in a win for the former by six points (goal and 4 tries) to three (goal and 1 try). Auckland had rather the best of the first spell, being a good deal in their opponent's twenty-five. Gaudin very soon scored, and placed a good goal from a difficult angle. Play continued mostly in Gordon's territory until towards the end of the first spell when Auckland were driven back, and some good passing among the Gordon backs resulted in a try obtained by Otway. Jervois took the place, but the ball went low and wide. In the second spell (30min spells) Gordon staying better pushed Auckland throughout, although several good rushes were got on. Smart after a good run scored, but Macminamin failed to improve. Next Cooke distinguished himself by a magnificent run from Gordon 25, passing everybody and touching down. The score was not improved by the place which Jervis took. Next Jervis ran in from half distance and touched down behind the post. He took the place and landed a goal. Mr. T. Henderson gave great satisfaction as referee. To-day (Saturday) Grafton meet Gordon, and Ponsonby play Auckland.

## MUSIC, DRAMA, ETC.

*Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?*

LAST Friday evening the Mount Eden Collegiate School delighted a crowded audience in the Lorne-street Hall with an entertainment so far above the level ordinarily reached by performers *in statu pupillari* as to merit more than a passing mention. Although admission was by invitation tickets, I am informed that the young ladies do not object to criticism in the public press. Punctually at 7.30 p.m. the Misses Bush, pupils of Mrs. St. Paul, took their seats at a very excellent piano, and executed in capital style a tuneful and dashing "Hungarian March," which was loudly applauded. Immediately after its conclusion the curtain rose upon the *pièce de resistance*, an extravaganza-cantata, founded upon the time-honoured fairy tale of Beauty and the Beast, by Myles Birket Foster. The libretto, from a literary point of view, has considerable merit, and the music is graceful and appropriate. The opening prologue revealed a veritable "rose-bud garden of girls," who presented a charming *mise en scène*, and sang in good tune and time the pretty chorus of roses. Miss Winnie Buddle, as Queen of the Roses, in a sweet contralto solo, reads her subjects a lesson on the vanity of beauty, and discloses Prince Azor's spell-bound condition. The Roses promise amendment. Part I., Scene I., then introduces a sailors' chorus, the young ladies dressing the characters and singing in capital style some breezy music, set to words which smack refreshingly of the "briny." A duet follows between Beauty (Miss Bayldon) and her father (Miss Maude Harper), in which the latter asks his daughter to name the present she would like him to bring on his return. Modest Beauty merely asks, "Oh! pluck thy child a rose." The sailors resume their chorus, and wind up with a splendidly danced hornpipe. In Scene II. Beauty's father has reached the Beast's domain, and is invited by a charming Chorus of Roses to enter and rest in the lovely garden. In Scene III., mindful of his promise to Beauty, the merchant rashly plucks a rose, and is straightway confronted by the indignant Bear, who will only condone the offence on receiving a promise that Beauty shall be sent to him. The Bear (Miss Rosie Rees) sang and acted in this scene most effectively, but perhaps hardly looked sufficiently formidable, her sweet face scarcely according with the bear-like costume. A mask would have added to the terror of the guilty thief. The Roses, in a graceful chorus, allay the merchant's dread, and tell him to mount Bucephalus, the magic steed, and bring Beauty forthwith. Part II., Scene II., shows the merchant telling his adventures to Beauty,

and contains a charming bit of comedy well portrayed by Miss Harper. The merchant paints in glowing terms all the beauties of the Beast's garden, but tempers his ecstasies with a groaning ejaculation, "But oh! that Bear!" Miss Harper marked the antithesis with admirable emphasis, and the effect was quaintly comic. Beauty, in a pretty ballad very nicely rendered, promises to go to the rescue and save her father's life. In Scene II. Beauty and her father are welcomed by a tastefully-dressed chorus of slaves. The Bear dismisses his court, and the three principals discuss the situation. An exquisite little trio ends the scene, the Bear deciding that Beauty must remain for a year in his custody. In Scene III. Beauty is sleeping, pillowed on a mossy bank and guarded by the attendant Roses. The Bear sings a graceful serenade, and the Roses in chorus chaunt a sweet lullaby, led by their Queen, who sings a tuneful solo very effectively. Part III., Scene I., opens with an arduous solo for Beauty, in which Miss Bayldon acquitted herself so well that a shower of bouquets marked the approval of her hearers. The year has expired, and the Bear, who is sick unto death, appeals to her to save his life. Beauty declares that she must first visit her father, and promises to return before sunset. Scene II.—The Bear, surrounded by his slaves, is on the point of expiring, and calls tremulously for Beauty. The slaves sing a mournful dirge of despair, but Beauty on Bucephalus returns in the nick of time to marry the Bear, who is of course immediately transformed into the dazzling Prince Azor, and all ends happily. I cannot too highly praise the performance. Costumes, scenery, grouping, acting, singing and management were all admirable. Miss McHarg wielded the conductor's bâton with *aplomb* and decision, while Miss Miller played the accompaniments accurately and with true musical taste. No stage-waits and no single hitch marred the smooth run of the dramatic action. Foot-lights were wisely dispensed with. Seeing that in some scenes upwards of sixty performers crowded the small stage, dresses might easily have come in contact with the gas-jets. Much earnest labour must have been bestowed in the preparation of a piece which has its reward in the satisfaction of those who were privileged to witness its performance. After the interval a miscellaneous entertainment formed the second part. Miss E. R. Jones, a youthful performer, played a rather ambitious solo on the pianoforte in a style highly creditable both to the performer and her teacher. Next the younger girls of the school recited in chorus, under the bâton of Miss Matthews, a "Dutch Lullaby" and "The Dead Doll." Everyone admired the marvellous time, precision, and accuracy of inflexion displayed by those fresh young voices. Miss Gibbs sang "In Old Madrid" so well as to win an encore. She should be very careful about her intonation, which in some notes was not quite true. A three-part glee—that old favourite, "Ye shepherds tell me"—was next sung most effectively by the elder girls, some twenty or twenty-four dividing the parts. Another semi-choral recitation, "The Bells of Lynn," was next admirably given by the elder girls under Miss Matthews' direction, meriting praise of a character similar to that awarded to the younger girls' recitations. The Misses Winnie Buddle and Rosie Rees very creditably went through the scolding scene in Julius Cæsar. Both did excellently, but Miss Buddle (Brutus) especially well. Two pupils of Mrs. St. Paul next played a pianoforte duet, "Les Jolis Oiseaux," and covered themselves and their clever teachers with glory, the execution being, for such youthful performers, almost faultless. As a finale the upper school sang "Protect us through the coming night," set to music which is familiar to many as the exquisite trio "Ti Prago." "God save the Queen" brought the pleasant evening to a close, and with many congratulations the audience dispersed.

MISS JENNIE LEE opens her season in the Opera House with that old favourite "Jo" on Monday night. After so long a blank it will be a pleasant change, and doubtless good audiences will be the order of the night. Good wine needs no bush.

MADAME PATEY opens on the 23rd instant, and the music-loving public may with confidence

look forward to a real treat. Miss Bertha Robson the soprano, won golden opinions at the Dunedin Exhibition. Messrs Jones and Patey are respectively the tenor and basso. M. Lemmone whose exquisite flute playing was heard and appreciated in Auckland some years ago, will greatly strengthen the company by his solos, as well as by his *obligatos*.

ORPHEUS.

## EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE—

Tattersall's (Sydney) Steeplechase Meeting, on Monday, May 18th, 1891.

Thames Jockey Club (general entries), on Thursday, May 21st, 1891.

ACCEPTANCES DUE—

Waipa Racing Club, to-day (Saturday), May 16th, 1891.

Thames Jockey Club, on Thursday, May 21st, 1891.

## VOLUNTEER NEWS.

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RANGE TIME-TABLE.

May 16.....Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton and Royal Irish Rifles.

[ BY CARBINE. ]

THE members of the South Franklin Mounted Infantry have just completed their half-yearly course of training. The men looked forward to a visit from Major Goring, but he was unable to be present. They have decided to form a shooting club, the first one to be Married v. Single. Messrs. Maxwell and Rutter have offered prizes for the highest scores on both sides.

The "A" Battery held their usual monthly inspection on last Thursday week over forty men answering to the roll-call, under Captain Geddes and Lieut. O'Brien. Major Goring inspected the guns and men, and stated he was well pleased with their appearance and also with the cleanliness of their field pieces. The Major intends to have two classes formed for instruction on the projectiles, fuses, etc., to start at an early date. After the inspection the corps had a march-out, with the Artillery Band under Drum-Major Kearsley.

Last Saturday being another off day at the range a number of casuals took the advantage of having a practice, and succeeded in making some very good scores.

It is the intention of the residents of Northcote to form a Cavalry corps, about 30 names have already been given in, and Mr. Jackson Palmer has written to the Defence Minister for assistance.

Corp. H. Doughty is to be elected Sergeant in the "A" Battery vice Sergt. J. A. Hatswell, resigned on account of leaving for England.

The "O" Battery, I am glad to hear, are gaining new members, and very shortly I expect to see them up to the minimum strength.

The recruit classes are being well attended every Monday evening, but sadly want weeding out, as some are mere school-boys, and a long way off the regulation size and age.

The "Barb" correspondent for the Sydney *Sporting Standard* is responsible for the following par. If such is the case there are many New Zealanders that will contribute. An effort is being made to organise a benefit to Mr. E. De Mestre, the well-known sportsman. As an owner, rider, and breeder of horses, there is no name entitled to more respect than Mr. De Mestre's, and in the "old days" he and his colours were ever welcome and popular on a racecourse. Mr. De Mestre owned Grandmaster, Archer (who won two Melbourne Cups running) Robinson Crusoe, Vulcan, Grand Prix, Chesterfield, and a host of other good horses, and as whenever any of his horses ran the public felt convinced that they were having a straight and good run, it is little wonder that his name should be widely respected. He has of late years experienced reverses, and it is to be hoped that the A.J.C. will lend Randwick to a complimentary committee, for a day, and thus enable the veteran to reap a handsome testimonial.

**SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.**

**COMING EVENTS.**

May 23	Auckland Trotting Club
May 25	Thames Jockey Club Winter
May 25	Waipa Racing Club
May 25	Takapuna Jockey Club
May 25	Waihou Jockey Club
May 28	Dunedin J.C. May Meeting
May 28	Wanganui Jockey Club
June 5	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. 13	N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase meeting

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE.**

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.**

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

**ACCEPTANCES DUE.**

May 15	Takapuna Jockey Club.
May 15	Auckland Trotting Club
May 16	Waipa Racing Club.
May 21	Thames Jockey Club Winter meeting
May 29	Auckland R.C. Winter meeting
June 1	Auckland R.C. Winter Handicap
June 3	Great Northern Steeplechase Sweep (5 sovs)
June 18	Hawkes Bay Steeplechase and Hurdle Race
July 8	Wellington R.C.
July 25	N.Z. Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase
Aug. 8	N.Z. Grand National Final payments

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**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

WAGER (Tauranga).—Ace, king, queen, jack, and ten straight beats three aces.

**Sporting Review.**

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1891.

The annual meeting of the Pakuranga Hunt Club was held at the A.R.C. rooms last Tuesday. Mr. W. Percival, the master of the hounds, took the chair. There were also present Lieut.-Cols. Carre and Dawson, Messrs. G. Dunnett, E. D. O'Rorke, D. B. Tonks, and R. Garrett.

Mr. Garrett read the annual report and balance sheet. The Committee congratulated the Club on the present satisfactory state of affairs. During the year the net income was £309 10s 9d, made up by members' subscriptions £46 14s 6d, profit of two race meetings £236 10s 3d, hire and sale of hounds £26 6s.

The expenditure during the year was £295 12s 11d; a balance of £39 4s 6d has been carried forward. This year they had paid their way and also got rid of some old liabilities, expended £30 on improvements, and had a cash balance in hand of £53 2s 4d; they were also free from debt. The kennel was in good order, and the pack, which consisted of twelve couple, was in capital condition. They had bought another horse, but the huntsman's though in good condition would soon have to be replaced, as they were getting old. Through their master they had obtained two fox hound bitches and a stud hound. Since their arrival in New Zealand they had a litter of pups, so now they would be enabled to improve the pack by this importation of new blood. The report and balance sheet on the motion of the master seconded by Col. Dawson was adopted. The master called attention to the necessity of getting more subscribers, as it was very doubtful if they would be allowed two race meetings another year. At the present time the subscriptions were very small and quite inadequate to meet expenses.

Mr. Percival was re-elected master, Mr. R. Garrett hon. treasurer, Mr. H. H. Hayr, hon. secretary. The Committee elected were—Col. Dawson, Messrs. G. Dunnett, A. Harris, W. McLaughlin, and E. D. O'Rorke. The opening meet will take place to-day, at Col. Dawson's residence, Ellerslie.

**THE TURF.**

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

BOTH loud and deep anathemas have been hurled at Mr. Knight since he issued the weights for the Takapuna Jockey Club's winter meeting, and not without reason. It is wonderful why the Committee employ him, they must have seen long since that he was incompetent for the work. It is not my intention to go thoroughly into the handicaps to try and pick a winner until after the acceptances appear, as this is the last meeting, and many may go for what is called the "off chance," in hopes that they may get their winter oats, as after the lesson lately given to jockeys there will not be much fear of anything crooked being done. The Hurdle Race is incomprehensible. Kate and Bit-o'-Blue only meet at 2lb difference, though at the Lake meeting the latter ran clean away from her. Why has The Peer to give weight to Cloth of Gold, Parnell and Takapu? At the A.R.C. meeting Sentinel, who won, gives Nap 14lb and beat him easily; now they meet at 10lb. In the same race he gives Cloth of Gold, who did not get a place, 21lbs; now they meet at 19lb. Bit-o'-Blue, who was third, received 20lb from the winner; now there is only a difference of 14lb; and so on all through the handicap. In the Birthday Handicap Leorina meets Tamora at the same weights as at Otahuhu, when they were second and third. Kapo, who has won several races over a distance, is let in the same as Priscilla and The Dreamer, who have done nothing. It is impossible to wade through the handicaps, but the fields will prove what is thought of them, so I will only take the Maiden and Welter, both one mile. In the first Octopus gives Theorem 7lb, Forget-me-not 14lb, Warrior 18lbs, but in the Welter Theorem gives Octopus 2lb; Forget-me-not and Octopus meet at level weights; while Warrior gets in on a great deal better terms. The handicapper when asked about these discrepancies said it was a different scale of weights. So it is, but is that the reason why Forget-me-not, who is only a pony and has been racing as such, should have to meet Octopus and Warrior, who have won Welter races, on worse terms. Theorem has won two hurdle races, therefore should be supposed to be able to carry a heavy weight. In the Maiden Handicap, one mile, Mr. Knight has handicapped Brown Bess, a two-year-old, at 8st. I thought a handicapper should know the rules of racing. (No two-year-old shall run more than seven furlongs.) Taking the different races as they are now, Sentinel if on "sentry go" should win the Hurdle Race and Steeplechase, while the majority of the others should go to the selected one of the "North Shore stables."

In the *Canterbury Times* of May 7th there are two articles referring to remarks that were made in the SPORTING REVIEW regarding the dispersal of the Middle Park Stud, also saying that they were devoid of truth. It is not

difficult to see from whose pen they emanated. Opinions of course differ in the management and expenses of a breeding establishment. The *Canterbury Times* says that the dispersal was necessary to close a partnership. Many the same as myself were under the impression that it was a Company. One thing struck me forcibly—the sale was advertised as *without reserve*, at the same time the two stallions were bought in. As regards the site not being a suitable one, I must say I coincide in it, having had many years experience in breeding in England, with the late Sir Joseph Hawley and Mr. Blenkiron as my mentors. I have my own opinions whether right or wrong. Middle Park is situated too flat and the ground was devoid of lime. The old saying is that where Elms and the Hawthorn grow best, is the proper place to breed the thoroughbred. The remark that horses bred in Canterbury are more lasting though not so precocious as those bred in a balmy climate, is hardly carried out by the record in the stud book. As regards St. George being a failure at the stud, is a matter of opinion; the best of his get after being some ten years at the stud is Merrie England; and he is a long way off a good one. Stud Companies have always been failures. You have only to look back to the Rawcliffe, Cobham, and many other companies who all failed, while the late Mr. Blenkiron, Crowther Harrison, Paiskey, Smith, and other private breeders have made it pay. The reason is not hard to find—the money that should be profit goes in the salaries of managing director, manager, secretary, etc. It is not in hay and oats the expense comes in. Mr. Blenkiron, the most successful breeder ever known, has often told me that he only averaged 12½ per cent on his capital; then he only had to pay one stud groom and helpers, all the rest of the work he did himself. If he had not, where would the profit be? Stud companies never will pay, especially in New Zealand.

"CRANBROOK," of the *Sportsman*, writes:—During a chat with Mr. W. E. Dakin the other day, the name of the outsider who won the Two Thousand Guineas at Newmarket last week—Common, by Isonomy from Thistle, by Scottish Chief from The Flower Safety, by Wild Dayrell—cropped up, and Mr. Dakin kindly furnished me with some interesting particulars anent this colt's maternal ancestry. It appears that The Flower Safety, grand dam of the Two Thousand winner, at one time belonged to Mr. Dakin, and he still retains a very vivid recollection of a nasty jar she gave him at the Warwick Spring meeting in 1863. On referring to the 'English Racing Calendar' for that year in the Public Library, I find that Mr. W. E. Dakin purchased The Flower Safety after winning a Selling Race, for 135 guineas on the first day of the Warwick meeting. The morning after the purchase Mr. Dakin tells me he tried her with another horse of his called Inkerman, who had started the week previously at Liverpool in the Grand National Steeplechase, won by Lord Coventry's Emblem, with the result that Inkerman beat the mare badly over a mile at level weights. On the last day of the same meeting Mr. Dakin started both Inkerman and The Flower Safety for a Welter Handicap, and on the strength of the private spin backed the horse to win a good stake down to 5 to 4. To his utter surprise, The Flower Safety gave the lie completely to her private form, and, though meeting Inkerman on pounds worse terms than in the trial, she won in a canter by three lengths. Shortly after that Mr. Dakin, who was in the 6th Dragoon Guards at the time, won the Grand Military Steeplechase over the Rugby course with Inkerman, and the horse's victory so pleased him that he made a present of The Flower Safety and a very handsome *douceur* besides to his then trainer, W. H. Scott, of Plymouth Copse, Holywell. The Flower Safety was, Mr. Dakin says, a wiry-looking mare, rather light of bone, and, like most of Wild Dayrell's stock, very much on the leg. She, however, was a rare bred one. Her dam, Nettle, who belonged to Palmer, of Rugby poisoning fame, was a rattling good mare, and started a great favourite for the Oaks that Marchioness won. Marchioness, that year's Oaks winner, was afterwards purchased and brought out here by Mr. Fisher, and was one of the gems of the famous Maribyrnong stud—producing Rose of Denmark (whom Harry Tohill, the South Australian trainer, will long remember), the dam

of Hamlet, Horatio, etc.; also that clinking good racehorse Fishhook, and Angler. Perhaps, after reading the above, some of Mr. Dakin's detractors, who were scarcely born when he was racing horses in England, may feel inclined to confess that that gentleman knows a trifle more about "legitimate" racing than they give him credit for. By the way, the Hon. W. Pearson imported a half-sister to Thistle, the dam of Common, named Thistle-down, but she was not a success at the Kilmany Park Stud, and she eventually died.—Well do I remember the above. She gave me a jar.

## ATHLETICS, ETC.

### SHEFFIELD HANDICAPS.

THE Sheffield Handicap, run at the Zealandia Rink on Saturday night was very successful, many of the heats being very closely contested. There was not so good an attendance as there should have been, as it seems impossible to wean the public from the old Queen-street haunt on a Saturday night. These Sheffield Handicaps are all genuine and should be encouraged. Mr. Winch would do well to hold them either on a Wednesday or Thursday night, as the young men engaged in the shops would then be able to get away. The proprietor has gone to a great deal of expense to make the thing popular, and deserves to be supported. There is not the slightest doubt that several contesting last Saturday, were running with an eye to the big event on May 23rd, but it is to be hoped the handicapper, as well as others, had his eye on them. Mr. E. O'Hare on one or two occasions rather exceeded his duties. We hope, however, that the next one will prove a big success. The following are the results:—

#### FIRST ROUND.

First Heat—R. Keenan, 11½yds, 1; H. Simson, 7½yds, 2; time, 11sec. Won by two yards.

Second Heat—S. Murphy, 7yds, 1; Purdy, 6yds, 2; time, 11 1-5sec. Won by a yard.

Third Heat—Laxen, 12yds, 1; Webber, 9yds, 2; time, 11½sec. Won easily.

Fourth Heat—J. Johnston, 8½yds, 1; A. White, 14yds, 2; time, 11 2-5sec. Won easily.

Fifth Heat—F. Murphy, 8yds, 1; C. McDonald 12yds, 2; time 11 4-5sec. Won by a yard.

Sixth Heat—J. McDermott, 7½yds, 1; W. Cummins, 11yds, 2; time, 11sec. Won on the tape.

Seventh Heat—T. Robertson, 11yds, 1; J. Simson, 13yds, 2; time, 12 1-5sec. Won by a yard.

#### SECOND ROUND.

First Heat—Johnson and Murphy (dead heat). Time, 11 1-5sec. Murphy eventually won.

Second Heat—Laxen, 1 (beating McDonald and Webber); time, 11sec. Won easily.

Third Heat—Cummins, 1 (beating White and Robertson); time, 11 1-5sec. Won very easily.

Fourth Heat—R. Keenan, 1 (beating Purdy, McDonald, and Murphy); time, 10 3-5sec. Won by a yard.

Final Heat—Laxen, 1; Cummins, 2; Murphy 3; Keenan, 4.

### FOOTBALL.

THE Football Season commenced last Saturday when the following matches were played:—

#### PONSONBY V. GRAFTON.

After some good play the match resulted in Ponsonby scoring 6 points, Grafton 2 points. Tries were obtained for Ponsonby by Cole (2), Masefield and Murray, one of which Breen converted into a goal. Madigan and Pennaligan scored for Grafton. There were no umpires appointed. Mr. E. McCausland acted as referee and Messrs. Wells and Hobson as line judges. This is certainly an innovation. The public did not seem satisfied with the result.

#### GORDON V. AUCKLAND.

The Auckland team were lighter than their opponents, but made a good fight of it. Gordon did some good dribbling. The match ended in a win for Gordon by 6 points to 3. Tries were secured for the winners by Otway, Smart, A. Cooke, and Jervis, the last-named converting his try into a goal. For Auckland Ramsay got a clever try, from which Flynn kicked a neat goal.

#### GORDON II. V. UNIVERSITY.

This match, greatly to the surprise of many, resulted in an easy victory for Gordon II. by 6 points to nil. The victory was due to the superior combination and dash of their forwards. For the winners E. Rees, T. Adcock, and F. Phipps obtained tries, and Moreton potted a goal from a pass by Meldrum.

#### PONSONBY II. V. VICTORIA.

A good contest took place between these teams, but the last year's cup winners were too good for their opponents and won by 8 points to 2.

#### GRAFTON II. V. NORTH SHORE.

This match was played at the North Shore. Grafton II. proved much too good for the local players, and won easily by 12 points.

#### NATIVE ROSE V. JERVOIS.

This was a regular runaway match, Native Rose winning by 14 points to 4. The Jervois showed some good play, but had disadvantage in weight, strength and experience.

The Pokeno Football Club held their annual meeting on May 8th, when there was a fair attendance. Mr. Rust in the chair. The club through the kindness of Mrs. Lumer has secured a paddock close to the railway station. The following officers were elected:—President: Mr. W. Motion; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. M. Rust and Hamlin; Captain: Mr. A. Findly; Deputy-Captain: Mr. A. Craig; Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. J. Dean; Committee: Messrs. J. Dean, A. Craig and A. Findly.

Hutchinson, the crack quarter mile runner, played for Gordon last Saturday. Although somewhat of a novice at football, Hutchie showed promise of developing into a capital back in the near future.

The Wellington Rugby Union have decided to send a team South during the present season.

A football club has been formed at Russell, much to the delight of the natives, who take a great interest in the Rugby game. We wish them every success.

The Tabernacle Gymnasium resumed operations on Friday (yesterday) evening under the conductorship of E. Jones. The membership having reached a considerable number, efforts are being made to secure the use of a larger building.

The following letter is taken from the *Sydney Referee*:—

#### RENFORTH'S DEATH.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE REFEREE.)

Sir,—I often hear it emphatically stated by people here that the sculler, Renforth's, death while rowing in a race at St. John's New Brunswick, was caused by drugs administered by interested parties before the race. I know there were shady rumors after his death, as there always are in cases of sudden death like that, but I never knew that the drugging was proved, as some assert, or that there was ever anything more definite than a rumor. I wish you would kindly let me know the truth about the matter, so far as you know, and give me all the circumstances, suspicious or not, that you know of in connection with Renforth's death; that is, if it does not intrude too much on your space. His untimely end is often thrown up to Americans as an example of the unfair spirit in which sporting strangers are received in America. The charge of unfairness is a gross libel on the American people. In no country in the wide world will a stranger—be he a sporting man or not—be received with more hospitality and be treated more fairly than he will be by the American public. Hoping you will oblige in next issue,—I am, &c., W. H. Sydney, April 14.

[Will some of our readers, who have perfect knowledge of the case, oblige by writing us on the subject?—ED. R.]

We were residing in Newcastle at the time of Renforth's death, when it was currently reported that he had been poisoned, but on the best medical testimony, his relations and all connected with him were convinced that the cause of his death was heart disease, which neither himself or any one connected with him suspected.—ED. S.R.

## ATHLETICS IN CHRISTCHURCH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

May 2.

FOOTBALLERS were again unfortunate in the way of weather for last Saturday's matches, as rain fell at intervals throughout the afternoon. In no case were the matches postponed, but what with a high wind and a wet field and ball, nothing brilliant was to be expected. At Sydenham great interest was centered in the game between those old rivals, Canterbury College and Sydenham, and despite the adverse state of the elements the large number of spectators were treated to a fast and even game. The College backs proved to be decidedly above the average, and though by playing four three-quarters they have only eight forwards, the new style adopted by them seems to give great satisfaction. Sydenham had the best of the forward play, but their backs did not show to advantage. During the first spell the game was essentially a forward one, and Sydenham more than held their own, with the result that McLean scored a try. Shortly afterwards fine passing amongst the College backs took the ball to their opponents' line, and from a free kick Creswell scored a goal. On changing ends both teams played with more dash, the ball rapidly travelling from one end of the ground to the other. Brilliant play amongst the College backs again had its effect, and Craddock got in between the posts, a goal resulting. From this out the game was very fast, and but for the safe tackling of the Sydenham full back more points would have been added to the score, which stood College 5, Sydenham 1.

At North Park what was expected to furnish a good game between Linwood and Christchurch was shorn of a lot of interest by the weakness of the latter's team. From the kick-off it looked as if Linwood meant business, as in the first few minutes they had twice crossed their opponents' line. After this Christchurch shook themselves together, and for the rest of the spell successfully defended their lines against the invasions of the ex-juniors. In the second spell play was made more even, but Linwood were not to be denied, and another three points were added to the score. Two of the Christchurch forwards had the misfortune to meet with accidents early in the first spell, and for the rest of the game their club was without their services.

Another round for the Junior Flag was decided with the following result:—Rangiora first beat Linwood second by nine points to four; Sydenham second and East Christchurch second made a draw. Merivale second beat Christchurch second by eight points to three; Cambridge defeated Christ College by eighteen points to one; and Kaiapoi beat Lyttelton by eight points to one.

In Otago practice matches are still being indulged in, but so far the weather has been all against good play. Union and Alhambra are showing best form, and it is the general opinion of enthusiasts that the premiership will lie between these two teams and Kaikorai.

May 9.

The senior football matches on Saturday last all furnished capital contests, and though the ground was again rather greasy, this did not prevent some really splendid play being shown. At North Park a large number of spectators assembled to witness the game between East Christchurch and Canterbury College. From the jump it was evident that both teams were in real earnest, and the College forwards foolishly made the game a tight one, which was right into their opponents' hands. While this lasted the East made full use of their opportunity, and had registered a goal to their credit before half time was called. On changing ends the College evidently saw their mistake, and for the rest of the game gave their backs more opportunities. The result was that both Creswell and Balch scored tries, the former being improved upon. This put the College a point to the good, but within a few minutes of time Lee, one of the East backs, ran right through his opponents and equalised matters, the game thus ending in a draw.

A much more brilliant game was that between Merivale and Christchurch, and though the former team won by the substantial margin of 11 points, the game was not at all one-sided. During the first spell the Merivale backs made themselves particularly prominent, and by brilliant runs had succeeded three times in

crossing their opponents' line, two of the tries being improved upon. On changing ends Christchurch took the aggressive, and on several occasions should have scored, but foolish passing marred their attempt. Merrivale then woke up, and their backs playing like one man, secured two more tries, one of which was improved upon.

The game between Linwood and Sydenham, at Lancaster Park, attracted a good number of spectators, some of whom would have done more service by stopping away, as they insisted on crowding over the lines and between the goal posts. Throughout the game forward play and packed scrums were greatly indulged in, and at this Linwood more than held their own. Twice only did the Sydenham forwards manage to clear their lines during the first spell, and on both occasions their backs took the advantage and secured two tries. In the second half Linwood had Sydenham busy defending their lines, and though on several occasions the former broke through, only one try was scored; Sydenham thus winning by two points to one. Linwood had decidedly the best of the game, and were robbed of two certain tries by the ball touching spectators.

During the East Christchurch-Canterbury College match a peculiar point occurred, which was eventually laid before the Rugby Union. West, the College full-back, potted an unmistakable goal, but on appeal to the officials the East umpire gave it no goal, and the College umpire was also understood to give a similar decision. This gave the referee no option but to give it no goal, although he was of opinion that it was a goal. The College umpire then stated that he had given it a goal, upon which the referee gave it a goal also. The Rugby Union, however, decided that the referee would have to abide by his first decision, and the College were thus done out of a sure goal.

Through continual wet weather no matches have as yet been played in Dunedin. This is sure to put the Otago men back considerably, and does not improve their chance in the inter-provincial match against Canterbury.

**EGMONT STEEPLECHASE MEETING.**

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Wednesday, May 13.

THE attendance was good, and the racing of an interesting character. The steeplechase course is a severe one. The Auckland horse Ingarangi greatly disappointed his backers. The principal race—the Steeplechase—fell to the Auckland-owned horse Takapu.

The following are the results of the races:—

**HANDICAP HURDLES** of 60 sovs., two miles and a distance.

- Christmas 1
- Jupiter 2
- Worth 3

Jupiter went away with the lead, Worth going on second. After a mile had been covered Waterbury, while going well, fell. Coming up the straight Jupiter and Christmas were neck and neck, the latter gained a little over the last hurdle, and eventually won by a length and a half. Time, 4min 31½sec. Dividend, £7 1s.

**HACK HURDLE RACE**, one and a-half miles.

- Marksman 1
- Karewa 2
- Corsair 3

Marksman at the fall of the flag went to the front, and jumping well was never headed, and won easily. Time, 3min 12sec. Dividend, £3 2s.

**MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE**, 50 sovs., about two miles:—

- Sir Maurice 1
- Whalebone 2
- Ridge 3

Whalebone jumped off with a lead of fifty yards, but he ran off at the hurdles in front of the stand, but being pulled round got safely over it and caught Sir Maurice. Coming up the straight there was a slashing race, Sir Maurice winning by half a length; a bad third. Time, 5min 27sec. Dividend, £1 17s.

**HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE**, one and a-half miles:—

- Heamoe 1
- Durus 2
- Viola 3

Won by a head. Time, 2min 54sec. Dividend £5 15s.

**EGMONT HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE**, about three miles.

- Takapu 1
- Dangerous 2

This was the principal event of the meeting. The flag fell to an excellent start. Ingarangi at once made play, leading past the stand for the first time, his nearest attendant being Takapu. Casualties commenced at the first jump, which Ivy failed to negotiate. All got over the second jump but Matchless, who came down. The fourth jump proved fatal to the chances of Waterbury and Sir Maurice, who both came to grief, the latter breaking his neck. Christmas ran off at the fifth jump, but was quickly pulled round, and got safely over, only to fall at the seventh jump, which also proved fatal to Jupiter. Christmas was remounted, but fell again in the second round, Ingarangi also coming to grief at the same time. Takapu and Dangerous were then left to fight out the finish. Takapu won easily by five lengths in 7min. 57sec., his supporters winning the fair dividend of £4 2s.

**THE SECOND HACK RACE** of 30 sovs, one mile.

- Durus 1
- Chance 2
- Heamoe 3

Won, after a good race, by half a length. Time, 1min. 56secs. Dividend, £4 3s.

**THE FINAL STEEPLECHASE.**

- Whalebone 1
- Ingarangi 2
- Ridge 3

Only these three started. Won easily.

**THE RING.**

OWING to an extremely wet and unpleasant evening the attendance at the Zealandia Rink to witness the glove fight between Nicholson and Collins, fixed for Monday night, proved so small that it was decided to postpone the match until Wednesday. To amuse those spectators who had braved the elements, a couple of boxing bouts were given. The brothers Paltridge boxed three rounds and a final, showing very fair form, but of course playing light. Next two lads, Burtenshaw and Donovan—the latter a chip of the old Barney block—boxed a couple of rounds with great vigour and no little skill. The young Barney-block stuck manfully to his taller and heavier antagonist, and both elicited frequent bursts of applause for clever hitting and stopping. Dick Sandall is schooling another young bantam, who will have a gentle turn-up some day with Barney's chick.

The postponed match came off in due course on Wednesday evening, in the presence of a much better attendance, although hardly sufficient to recoup Mr. Winch for his generosity in providing a £25 purse. Two preliminary boxing bouts amused the spectators while the combatants in the great event of the evening were preparing for the fray. The brothers Paltridge gave a neat display, boxing three rounds very similar to those given on Monday evening, but on this occasion the elder asserted his superiority more palpably. Next young Barney Bantam was announced, his opponent being a taller but slighter boy yclept Hunter. In him Barney met his match, and after three merry rounds the contest appeared pretty even, though if anything in favour of Hunter for choice. Both boys shewed no little quickness in hitting, but Barney discounts his powers by too many round-handers. Dick Sandall, before introducing the real warriors, announced that Saxon was prepared to make a match with the winner for £5 a-side. Immediately after this Nicholson and his dark antagonist entered the arena. Mr. Sandall was appointed referee, and Mr. Churchward—who has had some experience in a similar capacity at the famous Pelican Club—acted as time-keeper. Frank Burns looked after Nicholson, and Sidney Barnes tended Collins. On stepping into the ring a

marked contrast in development was noticeable between the two men. Nicholson seemed in good fettle, but certainly looked pounds heavier than 9st 2lb, at which weight he was supposed to fight. Collins looked lithe and muscular about the arms and chest, but appeared to fall away below, and his understandings were decidedly of the pipe-shank order. His fighting weight is usually 9st, but unless we are mistaken he scarcely reached that weight by some pounds.

**THE FIGHT.**

1st round.—Both men seemed cautious, and a long time was spent in sparring for an opening. At length Collins led off and got in a facer. Some quick exchanges followed, of which Collins got all the best, and Nicholson seemed a bit staggered, and a gentle streak of claret flowed from his nose. Rallying well, he speedily turned the tables, getting in a heavy right and left on Collins' jaw and forehead, under which the latter went down near the ropes. Collins was up like a shot, but after some quick exchanges again went down under a heavy visitation from Nich.'s right. He rose at once, but was again felled, and again with monotonous rapidity. After two more knock-down blows time was called, and the round ended all in Nicholson's favour.

2nd round.—Collins responded gaily to the call, but looked rather blown and discomfited after the frequent heavy visitations received in the last round. However, he pluckily went for the forlorn hope of getting in a severe knock-out blow, but his clever and weightier opponent again asserted his superiority, knocking him clean off his pins no less than three times in succession. The end came speedily, for Nicholson got in a very severe right and left, which laid out Collins on the floor. He failed to respond to the call of time, and Sandall awarded the fight to Nicholson.

We cannot speak highly of the display of science. It was a mere hard-punching match, of which the heavier and better conditioned man of course got the better. But the match was genuine, and those lively two rounds were worth a dozen tame sparring slints.

Sam Matthews' California Club in Castle-reagh-street was the scene of some capital fighting on Saturday night says "Upper Cut," and gruel was served out hot and strong in several of the bouts set down for rehearsal on the evening's programme. The principal biz. for the evening was the knock out between Maxwell and Burke, two heavy-weight boys from amongst the York-street draymen. Party feeling ran strong, and as the two entered the ring a howl of satisfaction went up on all sides. Our Yankee cousin, Joe Choynski, did duty as referee. Directly "time" was cried the pair set to and made a rush at each other, which would have knocked spots out of the fame of Maloney's renowned Fenian cat. Fierceness shone out from the eyes of both, and the first round was a regular ringer. Away they went, pummelling each other in red-hot style, and the fight was made exceedingly warm and fast. Too fast, indeed, it seemed, for on several occasions Referee Joe found it necessary to interfere and separate them. Round No. 2 saw things equally as warm as in the first, and it was evident that each were bent on making one of them see more stars than have ever come within the meteorological observation of Mr. Ellery. First one and then the other came in for a good old knock down, and the 10sec. grace allowed was never taken advantage of by either party, the motto and family crest of each of the boxers apparently being "Up, boys, and at him." After a really rosy time the third round came on, and in this Burke landed his opponent such a beautiful right on point of the jaw that he was completely knocked out. "Tick, tick," went Diamond's clock; but, after 10sec. had been counted out, Maxwell failed to respond, and Burke was therefore declared the winner.

The horses in training belonging to M. Lupin, one of the oldest sportsmen in France, were sold lately in Paris. There were twenty-three lots, and the average price realised was over £800. The highest priced one was Philadelphia, a chestnut filly by Xantrailes from Pensacola, for which M. Ephrussi gave £1,860. Several lots were purchased for America.

## SPORTING ITEMS.

Crackshot has gone into Charlie O'Connor's hands owing to R. Ray's ill health.

Mr. Stead has placed half a dozen of his mares in Harry Thompson's hands, at Middle Park, for a short time.

Colonel Gorton a well-known figure in sporting circles (?) up Rangitikei way, has gone home on a visit to the old country.

Bendigo's record of 1 min. 36 4-5th secs. for the mile in 1885, Lincolnshire Handicap, is still quoted by the London Sportsman.

The St. Leger—Necklace filly left for Sydney on Thursday last, in charge of George Wright, with a view of being trained for her Australian engagements.

Reports from all sides of increased totalisator doings make it look likely that this season's records in this form of gambling will be larger than ever known before in the Colony.

Hon. W. A. Long has a daughter of Barcaldine (sire of Mimi, the One Thousand Guineas winner): She is a three-year-old called Merry Agnes, out of Dame Agnes, by Hermit.

"Trumpeter" understands that the V.R.C. will make no fresh appointment now that Mr Harrie Smith has resigned the post of Stipendiary Steward.

A horse bearing the following extraordinary name took part in a hurdle race in Brisbane recently:—Schlecmucentriatic. It is needless to say that, owing to being so overburdened in name, if not in weight, the said horse did not win.

"Kaiser" Myers, who was disqualified by the V.A.T.C. stewards last year for twelve months, for the suspicious riding of Mercy Merrick, is once more free, as the time expired on the 3rd inst.

The Earl of Durham will succeed the Earl of March as senior steward of the Newmarket Jockey Club. The present Lord Falmouth is going to re-form the breeding stud that made the name of Falmouth famous in the racing calendar.

Mr. Clibborn, the Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club, says that three of Mrs. James White's horses—Somniloquist, Solanum, both by Somnus, and Thionville, by Cranbrook—were wrongly nominated for the A.J.C. Produce Stakes of 1893, as neither Somnus or Cranbrook were nominated for the stake.

It has been currently reported that Mr. Byron Moore, the popular secretary of the V.R.C., who has not been in good health lately, contemplates a trip to the old country. This he denies, and hopes to recuperate during the slack season.

Bookmaking must be a good thing in the colonies when "punters" are willing to take the following odds before the entries are even made:—For the Melbourne Cup, 20 to 1 Carbine, 40 to 1 Tirailleur, 40 to 1 Tormentor, 25 to 1 Correze, 25 to 1 Greygown, 25 to 1 Gresford, 33 to 1 Cuirassier, 33 to 1 Megaphone, and are offering 100 to 1 on the double, V.R.C. Derby and Melbourne Cup.

"Diamond" writes:—Judging from the number of clearing sales lately, breeding thoroughbred stock would not appear to be at all a paying game in the Australian colonies. Within the past four months the two principal stud farms in New Zealand have had to give the game best, and it is now announced that Mr. S. Gardiner's Bundoora Park stud is to be sold by order of the mortgagees at the end of the present month. For some years past there has been very little demand for Mr. Gardiner's stock amongst racing men, chiefly on account of their being got by unfashionable sires. During the last 12 months, however, thanks to the doings of the young Precious Stones, Bundoora Park was looking up again, and the last lot of yearlings put into the ring were a credit to the place, and they realised what must have been highly satisfactory prices. However the *fiat* has gone forth, and another choice collection of blood stock is to be dispersed to the four winds of heaven. There is sure to be considerable competition for the majority of the lots to be offered, and that rising sire Precious Stone should realise a good round sum, as nearly everything got by him can gallop. After Loyal Stone ran second for the Caulfield Cup last year Mr. Gardiner refused 2000 sovs. for the colt, and it will be interesting to note the price that he will bring now.

Mr. Stead has sold his colt Clanranald, and the brother to St. Andrew goes into H. Lunn's stable.

It is not known who are the aspirants for the post of handicapper to the C.J.C., but Messrs. G. P. Williams, J. Cresswell, J. Henry, Donne, and Murray, are known to have submitted their names.

It is said that there is an intention to resuscitate the Middle Park Company, and the following names in connection with the projected Stud Company are freely mentioned: Messrs. Gollan, Stead, G. Rhodes, W. O. Rutherford, Blackwood, Pyne, and the Hon. E. W. Parker.

"Diamond" writes:—In connection with the next Melbourne Cup there is already a noticeable desire in numerous quarters to back Dreadnought. This is the more remarkable from the fact that, according to rumour, the understandings of the son of Trafalgar are not as sound as could be wished, and in view thereof I should advise punters to stand off Dreadnought while in the dark as to the horse's condition and surroundings.

At the Flemington Court, May 5th, one Robert Kurtz was charged with obtaining £5 by false pretences from Edward Aitkin, on the 4th November last, at Flemington. Inspector Brown, who prosecuted, stated that since the offence the prisoner had levanted to New Zealand, and had been brought back on warrant. After hearing the evidence of Detective Charles and that of the prosecutor, the Bench decided to commit the accused for trial. The defence raised was one of mistaken identity.

Harry Laing, the champion boxer of the Colony, has been committed for trial on a charge of having been connected with W. Noble in the alleged theft of £230 from Mr. Joseph Abbott, a settler up the Wanganui River. It was understood by some that Laing was going over the other side to try conclusions. This is unfortunate for St. Clair as he had come from Queensland to try conclusions with him. As the case now stands he will have to try conclusions with some one else, and he (St. Clair) will be found a hard nut to crack.

The following appears in the *Weekly Press*:— "A case of some importance to racing men and racing clubs will not unlikely have to be fought out in the law courts shortly—that is if a well-known local owner and a Metropolitan Racing Club cannot come to terms about some nomination money the owner wants returned. These are the facts that are represented by the owner. He nominated his horse, or rather mare, for a number of races at a two days' meeting at one of the northern Metropolitan Clubs. The weights appeared for the first day's events, and he was not satisfied with the impost his mare received and did not accept. For reasons best known to the Club, they did not, in posting the handicaps for the second day's events, include his gee-gee in the list. He now claims a return of his money on the ground that he paid to see how the handicapper would treat his mare and to know what the handicapper's estimate would be in the event of his again wishing to enter for the same meeting or at any other meeting where she would be likely to meet the same company—his contention being that the Club once receiving a nomination is bound to give *quid pro quo* in the shape of a handicap. The defence that the Club will no doubt advance is that it is known that the animal was not at the meeting and not likely to be a starter. The question left for the legal gentlemen to decide will be should such a plea be sufficient, and perhaps we cannot do better than have the legal version, and in the meantime committees of racing clubs might do worse than consider whether some rule on the subject is required. So far, we do not remember the point having been raised." If this case is brought before a jury it will be interesting to racing men and amusing: Years gone by it used to be the custom for owners in the old country to enter their horses at outside meetings, and go to such clerks of the course and handicappers as Frail, Topham, Merry, etc., either giving them a chopping-block or saying, "Put what you like on, I will not accept," or a favourite game has been, "If I win you can keep the stakes." One or two cases like this have been tried, especially one at Warwick, but it is to be hoped that such a pernicious habit will not be introduced into this young colony, though there is a suspicion it has been tried more than once.

Common is first favourite for the Epsom Derby—the last quotation being 6 to 4 against him.

Sir Maurice, who fell and injured himself while contesting in the Egmont Steeplechase, is dead. Neil Miller, who was riding him, was seriously hurt, and is at present in the hospital.

Mr. W. R. Wilson has conferred the following names on his yearlings:—Colt by Trenton—Paquita, "Wellyama"; colt by First King—Pilgrimage, "Repudiation"; filly by Trenton—Jessamine, "Trentonia"; filly by Grandmaster—Crystal, "Parthia"; filly by Nelson—Memphis, "Lady Nelson"; filly by Ouideis—Mary Gladstone, "Facta"; and filly by Neckersgat—Meg Merrilies, "The Shrew."

On May 5th a pigeon match was held at Yaldhurst. Mr. P. J. Mason won two sweeps and Mr. D. Roberts tied him for one of them, only being beaten in the shooting off. Hurcombe and P. White divided one sweep, and Hurcombe won another. Sparrows being used in the concluding match. Pigeons are very well when there are good shots engaged, but it is cruelty when the reverse. A good afternoon's amusement could be had in Auckland if sparrows were used, and proper traps obtained, as they would teach young colonials to be quick with hand and eye.

The following appears in an Australian exchange, and one may be quite sure that the same things occurs in Auckland, as there are many ponies (?) that run as such if properly measured would not pass under the standard. There is only one way of properly measuring them.—"It is really wonderful to note the difference in the heights of the various ponies as measured by Messrs. Kendall, Allen, and Harrie Smith. At Moonee on Friday there were ponies running in the 14 hands class that could not get under 14.1 when Mr. Smith ran the rule over them.

A contemporary, remarking on the hounds that have lately been imported to Auckland, makes the following statement:—"The strains imported are the most valuable in England." This may lead colonials astray. Without detracting from the merits of the hounds, which are good ones, it must be borne in mind that both the *Pytchley* and the *Cottesmore* hounds have changed hands several times during the last fifteen years: they are therefore what are called made packs. The real blood that is so much valued at home is the Belvoir (Duke of Rutland's), the Fitzwilliam, the Eggesfor, formerly Lord Portsmouth, and for large hounds the Duke of Beaufort's. These packs have been kept intact for years, as one can see by the Stud Book.

Discussing the importance of breeding trotters in a recent number of the *Fortnightly Review*, the Duke of Marlborough says:—"I am certain that if our breeders could realise the great work that has been done in Kentucky within the last forty years, they would go and judge the results for themselves, and it would not be long before the trotter had become naturalised in England. By this I do not say that trotting races would take the same place in our English sports as they do in America, but I am certain that the excellence of the breed in real utility as well as its acknowledged sporting and thoroughbred qualities would appeal to the mind of a sporting people like the English, and afford them an enjoyment and pleasure of which they have as yet no idea."

We have received a letter from "Sport" which we cannot publish in full, at the same time we agree with him in some things, therefore we will only deal with the first part of his letter. He says:—"I can quite sympathise with the remarks of 'Victim' in your last issue, and it is quite time there should be some unity among horse owners. The idea of Octopus giving Warrior 16lb over a mile is very handy to have something to start on." If it was possible to get unity among horse owners it would not be difficult to get rid of what "Sport" complains of, but such a thing is almost impossible; but if a few horse owners only agreed not to enter horses where the handicapping is so faulty the clubs would have to meet their views or give up their racing meetings. As regards Selling Races, that "Sport" writes about, they have always been and will be a curse to racing, the only thing they are any good for is to enable a man to get rid of an inferior horse at a fair price, but, as in Auckland, they are used only for gambling, the sooner they are done away with the better.

Peter Jackson and Jim Corbett fight to a finish in the California Athletic Club on May 21.

George Wright left for Sydney on Thursday evening last in the "Te Anau," taking with him the well-known horse Satyr, by Leolinus, who is engaged in the Grand National Hurdle Race. We hope George Wright will have better luck than that which fell to the lot of Jack Rae last season, when he left on a similar mission with Donald.

Occasional wagers on the New Zealand Cup have been booked during the week by the Christchurch pencilers, and the following transactions which have been recorded will sufficiently indicate the state of the market:—100 to 8 agst Palliser, 100 to 7 Sternchaser, 100 to 6 Prime Warden, 100 to 6 Freedom, 100 to 6 Merrie England, 100 to 5 Tassy, 100 to 5 Flinders, 100 to 4 Huguenot, 100 to 4 Fiesole.

Mr. T. D. Halstead appears to be in a dilemma regarding the horse Ironbark, which he claimed out of the memorable Selling Race at the late Onehunga Race Meeting, and has written to the Onehunga Racing Club Committee for a rebate of the money paid for him on the ground that he has since been disqualified and is practically worthless. The Committee declined, and quite right too. Mr. Halstead has his remedy under clauses 1 and 2 of Rule 148, which read thus:—(1) If the objection has not been made until after the horse has been bought the person who bought him shall, if the objection be declared valid, have the option of returning him or retaining him at the price of a beaten horse. (2) If the objection be made before the horse has been bought the time for delivering him is thereby postponed until such time after the determination of the objection as the stewards appoint, and if the objection be declared valid the person who has bought him shall have the same option as in the last mentioned case.

I do not, indeed, know a more remarkable instance (says the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*) of the way in which, with the best of all conceivable means of judging, an owner and his associates have judged wrongly. Here is the story:—The Stewards' Cup at Goodwood, founded in 1840, was a race at which Lord George Bentinck always aimed. It was his ambition to win it in 1843 with African, whom he backed for a very large sum, and who started first favourite at 3 to 1. On the day before the race Lord George's confederate, the late Duke of Richmond, resolved that he would start his four-year-old filly Balena for the Stewards' Cup, although she had been tried as being slightly inferior to African at the weights. They were, however, so near together that Balena was thought to be dangerous, and Lord George was obliged to back her, partly to cover his outlay on African, and also to make her a good winner, and here let me add that I cannot in the least understand what the Duke meant, or hoped, or anticipated. However, at the last moment it unfortunately occurred to Lord George that he had backed The Whaler, a three-year-old belonging to the Duke of Richmond, heavily for the Goodwood Stakes, and that Kitchener, who then weighed less than 3st, was to ride him. Thinking that it would give the little boy confidence if, before the Goodwood Stakes, he had a mount in another big field, Lord George desired John Kent to send for Yorkshire Lady, and to start her with Kitchener on her back. Yorkshire Lady was a four-year-old handicapped at 6st 4lb in the Stewards' Cup, but having been amiss she was totally untrained. A boy was immediately dispatched on John Kent's hack to the stables at Goodwood, and he galloped back to the course on Yorkshire Lady as hard as she could put legs to the ground. With her ordinary shoes on her feet, and blowing like a grampus, as she had been fed and watered, she was just in time to get to the starting post, with Kitchener up, before the flag fell. There were several false starts, during which Yorkshire Lady regained her wind, and to the horror of Lord George the end of the race resolved itself into a struggle between Yorkshire Lady and Balena, the former winning by half a length. In the race African met with two or three disappointments, but the lesson taught by Yorkshire Lady's unexpected victory was never forgotten by Lord George, and to this hour is frequently referred to by John Kent. It was the first race that Kitchener ever won. A more extraordinary turn-up than this is hardly imaginable.

The Duchess of Montrose pays her chaplain £100 a year. She gives her jockey £1500 a year.

Mr. Noel Fenwick's b f Mimi, by Barcaldine, won the Newmarket Stakes of 10,000 sovs., Mr. D. Cooper's Melody being the runner-up.

Col. North has followed up his success at Waterloo by dividing the Gold Cup at Haydock, his Young Fullerton and Simonian being left in at the conclusion of the running for the stake. Like Fullerton, who so easily won the blue riband last month, both Simonian and Young Fullerton are by Greenstick out of Bit of Fashion.

Mons Meg, by Martini-Henri—Malacca, ran third to Amphion for the March Stakes (Newmarket, England) of 1000 sovs., one mile, but as Mark Price, who has never won a race, was second, this performance may not have been anything, as when details come to hand perhaps it will be found that Amphion, the champion mile and half horse, won in a canter.

OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE BOAT-RACE.

THE *Sporting Standard* has the following, which being by far the best account we have seen we beg to copy:—Your readers will have already heard by cable the result of this all-important race, but as there are doubtless many who still would wish to follow the course from start to finish—more especially those in your country who have been or are in any way connected with University life—additional particulars are given. While in Australia you were enjoying the balmiest of summers, we here were experiencing the severest of winters, and the morning of March 21 brought with it a keen biting wind, accompanied with blinding sleet and snow. Notwithstanding this, thousands were congregated at Putney, Hammersmith, Barnes, Mortlake, and at various other points along the banks where good views could be obtained of the race, while the river itself was as usual alive with all sorts of craft, barges, tugs, and boats of every shape and kind, making up a motley collection not to be seen in any other part of the world. For weeks previous the Oxford had by virtue of time test been established the favourites, 3 to 1 being the odds people were prepared to lay on their chance, and when it was found they had won the choice of stations a point more was given. The start was made from staked boats about 90 yards above the Stone Bridge—Oxford, of course, selecting the advantageous Middlesex side. When the pistol was fired the Oxonians, having a firmer grip of the water, struck more in unison, and were consequently the first to show in front, putting in 19 for the opening 30sec., and 36 for the minute, to the Cantabs' 20 and 38. Up to the London Rowing Club the difference was merely a matter of a couple of feet, but opposite Clasper's boat building works Oxford had increased their advantage to a quarter of a length, passing Bishop's Creek in 1min 16sec. Off Craven Steps (2min 41sec) there was just half a length between the boats; but here, meeting with rough water and head wind, Oxford, sheltered by the high bank, while the Cantabs were out in the open, looked like drawing right away; but at Mile Tree (4min 47sec) still half a length was between the boats. From this point the conditions were equally bad for both, and excitement grew intense when it was found the Cantabs were gradually improving their position, until at the Crab Tree (6min 5sec) they were only a third of a length to the bad, and shortly after passing the Soap Works drew up dead level. Both crews now made the pace warm for Hammersmith Bridge, which was first passed by Cambridge in 8min 56sec, a yard or so to the good. Opposite the Sailing Club the Oxonians held premier position, but were again passed by the Cantabs, who at the foot of Chiswick Eyot were a quarter of a length ahead. By the time Chiswick Church was reached (13min 38sec) the light blues had gained another quarter, after passing which the Oxonians commenced to draw up, and at the end of the Lyric Club grounds the crews were again level. Pulling then stroke for stroke neither could claim an advantage, until shaping for Barnes Bridge, when the Cantab's cox. steered rather erratically, allowing the Oxonians to shoot the centre arch three-quarters of a length to the good, in 18min 10sec. Favoured by the bend, Oxford all but drew clear; but again spurting in splendid fashion, the Cantabs closed up foot

by foot, and finishing with a burst of 40 to the minute, they were only defeated by a short half length, the time taken in covering the course of four miles and a quarter being 21min 48sec.

The dimensions of the boats were as follow:—Oxford: Length, 61ft.; breadth of beam, 23½in.; depth amidships, 9½in.; height forward, 7in.; aft, 6in.; length of slide, 16½in. Cambridge: Length, 61ft.; breadth of beam, 23in.; depth amidships, 8½in.; height forward, 6½in.; aft, 5½in.; length of slide, 16½in. The oars for Oxford were 12ft. 5in. in length, with a leverage of 3ft. 11in.; and those for Cambridge 12ft. 3in. in length, with a leverage of 3ft. 10in., the blades being of barrel pattern, and fitted with the patent unbreakable button.

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

SHEFFIELD HANDICAPS.

THE following handicaps have been declared for the races which take place at the Zealandia Rink on May 23rd and 25th:—

120 YARDS HURDLES—(Acceptances at post); prize, £7.-8 Murphy 1yd, F. D. Parsons 3yds, T. Wells 4yds, L. Riley 4yds, J. Roberts 5yds, C. McManus 5yds, C. Madigan 6yds, F. Murphy 6yds, H. Simpson 6yds, G. Laxon 7yds, D. Somers 7yds, E. Collins 7yds, W. Purdy 7yds, M. Roberts 7yds, J. McDermott 8yds, Egan 9yds, A. R. Bailey, 10yds, J. Simpson 10yds, J. W. Askew 11yds, D. Grubb 11yds, R. Sandall 12yds.

SHEFFIELD HANDICAP, 120 YARDS, £25, on May 23rd and 25th. Acceptances on 21st inst.—T. Wells 5yds, W. Purdy 7yds, W. Howie 7yds, A. McKinnon 7yds, A. J. White 8yds, C. Madigan 8yds, S. Murphy, 8yds, M. Roberts 8yds, J. Linden 8yds, F. D. Parsons 8yds, J. McDermott 8yds, L. Riley 9yds, R. Murphy 9yds, C. McManus 9yds, E. Collins, 9yds, W. McGlynn 10yds, H. W. Brierly 10yds, H. Simpson 10yds, R. Keenan 10yds, G. Laxon 10yds, D. Somers 11yds, J. A. Carboy, 11yds, A. Webber 12yds, H. Tidmarsh 12yds, J. Frost 12yds, W. J. Trubshaw 12yds, J. McKean 13yds, H. Hales 14yds, G. Dye 14yds, C. McDonald 14yds, J. Wright, 14yds, A. R. Bailey 14yds, T. McEntree 14yds, A. McKay 15yds, J. Simpson 15yds, S. Roberts 15yds, J. Roberts 16yds, H. Stephenson 16yds, C. E. Carter 16yds, Egan 16yds, D. Grubb 16yds, A. White 16yds, W. Sadgrove 16yds, J. Miles 17yds, J. W. Askew 17yds, R. Hughes 17yds, J. Quaid 17yds.

FOOTBALL TEAMS.—MAY 16TH, 1891.

PONSONBY V. AUCKLAND.—Ponsonby: Stichbury, Masfield, Breen, D. Ross, Rhodes, Braund, Brady, Heffernan, Hobson, Poland, Cole, Bruce, Mills, Murray, Beamish. Auckland: Major, Mercer, Ramsay, Riley, Farrell, Flynn, O'Connor, Cooke, Wilson, Williamson, Walker, Andrews, Ridings, Hackett, Farquhar, Macdonald. An Auckland brake will leave Ponsonby via Newton at two o'clock.

GORDON V. GRAFTON.—Gordon: Jervis, Macminamin, Otway, Rees, J. J. Poland, Cooke, Anslay, Cantley, Gordon, Harvey, Murray, H. Poland, D. Smart, Stewart, Whyte. Grafton: Sherriff, Kinsling, Hales, Elliott, Mackie, Davison, Stephenson, Smith, Marshall, McKenzie, Stone, Wilson, Speight, Pennalligan, Ginders.

PONSONBY II. V. UNIVERSITY.—Ponsonby II.: Taylor, Masfield, McConnell, Beamish, Keegan, Reed, Harvey, Chaplin, McMillan, Farrell, Fagan, Curtis, McPhail, Freer, Young. University: Heather, Wilson, Battley, Pilkington (2) W. Goldie, Major (captain), Horton (2), Wells, Tisdall, Thomas, Thomson, Gittos, Jackson. Emergencies: C. F. Goldie, Wernham and Buckland.

GRAFTON II. V. VICTORIA.—Grafton II.: Sexton, Wylie, Creagh, Hales, McKeown, Siddle, Pearce, Wakerly, Mellis (2), Carroll, Busby, Clark, Rudd, Speight, Wright. Victoria: J. Mitchell, Gallagher, Laird, Freeman, Larkins (captain), Woods, Buchan, O'Leary, O'Brien, Drummond, Moore, Crosher, Hicks, Mann, S. Conroy, Sainty.

GORDON II. V. JERVOIS.—Gordon II.: Airey, Atkinson, Adcock, Belcher, Boone, Dickey, Hammond, Hawkins, Duffin, Meldrum, Walton, Dunn, Phipps, Wynyard, Morton. Jervois: Worms, Cheshire, Conway, Warner, Brown, Bell, Katters, Jackson, F. Kelly, Miller, Hales, F. Corbett, Lowry, Gray, Cobrough, Gill, Griffiths, Greenbough, Carlaw, Loneragan.

VICTORIA II. V. ALBANY.—Victoria II.: Todd, Brannigan, Waymouth, Johnson, T. Smith, A. Clark, H. Clark, G. Smith, R. Symons, Sheldon, Gallagher (captain), Martin, Benjamin, Gibbons. Emergencies: W. Smith, Wilson and Soutter.

AUCKLAND PONY AND TROTTING CLUB'S MEETING HANDICAPS.

HANDICAP MAIDEN TROT OF 40 SOVS; two miles.—Kate, scratch; True Blue, 5s; Napier, 5s; Rambuster, 8s; Bogus, 8s; Jip, 8s; Mary Jane, 8s; Kitty O'Shea, 8s; Kitty, 8s; Mermud, 8s; Dolly, 8s; Haurita, 8s; Midget, 8s; Noah (late Tommy), 8s; Brandy, 8s; Razzle Dazzle, 8s; Nellie II., 20s; Scotchman, 20s; Dick, 20s; Nightingale, 25s; Jock, 30s; Bill, 30s; Disappointment, 30s; Rover, 30s; Chili, 30s; Laddie (Gorrie's), 30s; Zachariah, 30s.

HANDICAP PONY TROT OF 30 SOVS; two miles.—Chuznee, scratch; Maud S., 10s; Nellie, 15s; Ladybird, 20s; Mary Jane, 20s; Jip, 20s; Gipsy, 20s; Noah (late Tommy), 20s; Dick, 30s; Nightingale, 35s; Jessie, 40s; Jock, 40s; Docket (late Bones), 40s; Laddie, 40s.

HANDICAP TROT OF 60 SOVS; three miles.—Sandgate (late Lord William), scratch; Hard Times, 20s; Mount, 35s; Commodore, 35; Kate, 40s; Midnight, 40s; Maud S., 40s; True Blue, 45s; Napier, 45s; Nellie, 45s; Mary Jane, 50s; Rambuster, 50s; Kitty O'Shea, 50s; Bogus, 50s; Dolly, 50s; Harita, 50s; Brandy, 50s; Laddie, (Gorrie's), 75s; Chili, 75s; Rover, 75s; Bill, 75s; Zachariah, 75s.

EPSOM STAKES HANDICAP OF 30 SOVS; seven furlongs.—Vampire, 9st 10lb; Pica, 9st 7lb; Antie, 9st 7lb; Daisy, 9st; Blackleg, 8st; Too Soon, 8st; Opal, 7st; Hercules, 7st; Tiger, 7st; Gladys, 6st 12lb; Salvator, 6st 12lb; Blunderbuss, 6st 12lb; Revenge, 6st 12; Romeo, 6st 12lb; Bang, 6st 12lb; Cocoon, 6st 12lb; Coquette, 6st 7lb; Despised, 6st 7lb.

HANDICAP PONY RACE OF 20 SOVS, five furlongs, 14 hands.—Kitty Fisher, 8st 7lb; Meteor, 8st 6lb; Rakau, 8st; Hercules, 8st; Salvator, 7st 10lb; Maydower, 7st 7lb; Defiance, 7st 7lb; Tom-tit, 7st; Pet, 7st; Nina, 7st.

HANDICAP HURDLES OF 25 SOVS; one mile and a quarter.—Pica, 10st 5lb; Minnie Grey, 10st 5lb; Antie, 9st 12lb; Daisy, 9st 5lb; Blackleg, 8st 7lb; Meteor, 8st; Hercules, 8st; Defiance, 8st; Mosquito, 8st; Gladys, 8st.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.—WEIGHTS.

HURDLE RACE.—Orakei, 11st 6lb; Yum Yum, 10st 7lb; Platch, 9st 7lb; Blue Peter, 9st 5lb; Pretender, 9st 5lb; Charlie, 9st; Royal Mint, 9st; Sea King, 9st.

HURAKI HANDICAP.—Try Fluke, 9st 3lb; Snake, 8st 10lb; Ima, 8st 8lb; Pretender, 7st 12lb; Satanella, 6st 10lb; Macaroni, 6st 7lb.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Orakei, 11st; Yum Yum, 10st 10lb; Justice, 10st; Blue Peter, 9st 12lb; Platch, 9st 10lb; Royal Mint, 9st 7lb; Sea King, 9st 7lb.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP.—Try Fluke, 9st; Snake, 8st 7lb; Ima, 8st 4lb; Pretender, 8st 2lb; Orakei, 8st; Satanella, 7st; Charlie, 6st 7lb; Macaroni, 6st 7lb.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.—ACCEPTANCES.

STEEPLECHASE.

Table listing steeplechase participants with names like Ingarangi, Rere, Sir Maurice, Ival, Jupiter and their respective st and lb weights.

WINTER OATS.—Montrose, 8st 1lb; Pyramus, 8st; St. Malo, 7st 10lb; Weka, 7st 9lb; Torpedo, 7st 9lb; Rufus, 7st 2lb; Oaklands, 7st 2lb; She, 6st.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Weka, 8st 10lb; Pyramus, 8st 6lb; Torpedo, 8st 3lb; St. Malo, 8st; Montrose, 7st 12lb; Fleeta, 7st 7lb; Rufus, 7st 7lb; Petroleum, 7st; She, 6st.

NOMINATIONS.

FINAL STEEPLECHASE.—Whalebone, Oceola, Ingarangi, Ridge, Takapu, Sir Maurice, Te Ata, Gentle Annie, Waterbury, Worth, Matchless, Dangerous.

HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE.—Yardman, Te Ata, Attache, Cable, Dangerous, Piako, Abdul (late Rimini), Ratu.

TRIAL STEEPLECHASE.—Whalebone, Yardman, Ridge, Sir Maurice, Christmas, Karewa, Gentle Annie, Cable.

HACK FLAT HANDICAP.—Strike, Maggie, Corsair, Javelin, Lodore, Despised, Viola II., Waihi, Shamer, Attache, Hiamos, Norton.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB WINTER MEETING.

HAWKE'S BAY STEEPLECHASE.—Pursestring, Kaimaniwa, Rough, Chemist, Duadine, Rere, Otateri, Blue Mountain, Marery, Caitiff, Waterbury, Oceola, Darnley, Ival, Taurakaitai, Te Ata, Sir Maurice, Worth, Yardman, Whalebone, Ingarangi, Sentinel, Uranus, Oeo.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Pursestring, Prospect, Good Shot, Roscius, The Peer, Kapo, Criminal, Rere, Pyramus, Otateri, Blue Mountain, Sommbulisti, Caitiff, Waterbury, Oceola, Darnley, Ival, Comet, Newmarket, Taurakaitai, Couranto, Oaklands, Worth, Aorere, Bide-a-wee, Whalebone, Theorem.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S MAY MEETING.

ACCEPTANCES.

HURDLE RACE; two miles.—Ahus, 12st 12lb; Little Arthur, 11st 8lb; Trimolite, 10st 9lb; Waitara, 9st 12lb; Inez, 9st 10lb; Keith, 9st 7lb; Trapper, 9st; Smuggler, 9st; Blackboy, 9st.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP, one and a-half miles.—Occident, 8st 5lb; Blizzard, 8st 2lb; Hazel 8st; Pallsier, 7st 12lb; Retina, 7st 7lb; British Lion, 7st 2lb; Leinster, 7st; Coinage, 6st 8lb; Tempest, 6st 7lb; Stonehenge, 6st 5lb.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB WINTER MEETING.

WEIGHTS.

HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.

Table listing handicap hurdles participants with names like Sentinel, Lonely, Yum Yum, Omata, Kapai, Memorandum, Parnell, Nigger, Takapu, Kite, Try Fluke, Revenge, Satanella, General, and their respective st and lb weights.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.

Table listing birthday handicap participants with names like Leorina, Coalscuttle, Ingorina, Loch Ness, Try Fluke, Capella, Priscilla, Kapo, Warrior, and their respective st and lb weights.

MAIDEN HANDICAP, one mile.

Table listing maiden handicap participants with names like Octopus, Theorem, Forget-me-not, Brown Bess, Warrior, Satanela, Tuna, Relation, Premier, Bon Voyage, Porangi, Bacchus, Mascotte, Johnnie, Vall, Helen McGregor, and their respective st and lb weights.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, of three and a-quarter miles.

Table listing handicap steeplechase participants with names like Sentinel, Nap, Bit o' Blue, Good Day, Omata, Lonely, Yum Yum, Peer, Parnell, Takapu, Hopeful Kate, Bryan O'Lynn, Neckor Nothing, Kapai, Revenge, Jim, Lad, Kate, Shamrock, and their respective st and lb weights.

VICTORIA HANDICAP, five and a-half furlongs.

Table listing victoria handicap participants with names like Leorina, Loch Ness, Capella, Macaroni, Tamora, Masten Pat, Vendetta, Octopus, Lady Belle, Te Kooti, Brown Bess, Warrior, Bacchus, Stockfish, Stamford, Bon Voyage, Vall, Flint, and their respective st and lb weights.

WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.

Table listing welter handicap participants with names like Leorina, Ingorina, Kapo, Try Fluke, Priscilla, Tamora, Te Kooti, Theorem, Cloth of Gold, Octopus, Forget-me-not, Warrior, and their respective st and lb weights.

PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs.

Table listing pony handicap participants with names like Forget-me-not, Vamprite, Antic, Minnie Grey, Balcou, Sweet Lavender, Too Soon, Meteor, Waiti, Revenge, Tiger, Hercules, Dolly, Coquette, Leony, Blunderbuss, Blackleg, Cocoon, Despised, Nina, Cyclops, and their respective st and lb weights.

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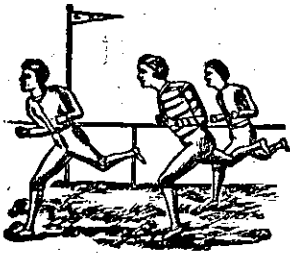
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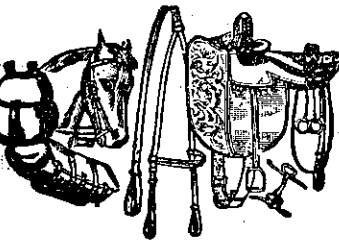
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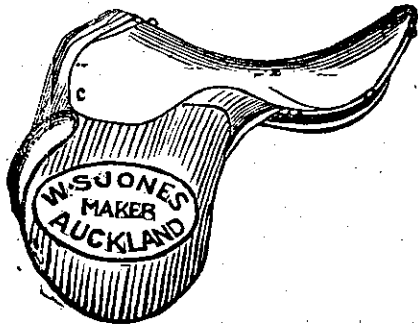
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Acceptances close with the Secretary on FRIDAY, May 15. In all trots time handicaps. Horses to be ridden in colours. Horses to carry 10st, ponies 9st (in Pony Trotting races only). Previous performances must be sent in with the nominations in all cases 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.

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

C. F. MARK, Secretary.



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WINTER MEETING.

MONDAY, MAY 25, 1891

(QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY).

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 30 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, 1 1/2 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, 1 1/2 sovs. Distance, about three miles and a quarter.

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 50 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 35 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. Winner of any race after the publication of the weights to carry a penalty of 7lbs extra. Nomination 1/2 sov., acceptance 1/2 sov. Distance 5 furlongs.

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

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