

urges that the granting of facilities for the use of the totalisator to proprietary clubs, formed for the pecuniary advantage of the promoters. will undo the good which has resulted from the restrictions hitherto imposed by the Metropolitan Clubs. It suggests that a limit should be placed upon the number of such meetings in each district, so as to check proprietary clubs being formed by promoters whose main object is to prostitute the totalisator revenue for personal gain. It further points out that already there are five proprietary clubs within a radius of six miles of one town, and that if each of these clubs is permitted by the relaxation of the totalisator rules to hold four two-days meetings per annum, it would mean forty days given up to trotting each year within such district, whereas the local Metropolitan Racing Club provides only six days' racing, considering that ample for the amusement of the public. The letter concludes with stating that so far from the Metropolitan Clubs wishing to interfere with the operations of any trotting Association carried on solely in the interests of sport, they are sincerely anxious to work in harmony with them. I cannot conclude without referring to the loss the Club has suffered through the death of three prominent members during the past year, more especially as they were all warmly interested in its welfare and progress. The late Hon. W. Reeves in particular was a member of some thirty years' standing, and many of us well recollect him when filling the office of Hon. Treasurer some twenty-five years ago, from then almost up to the day of his death he was one of the Clubs stewards. Mr. Gresson also rendered valuable service, both as a Handicapper and a Committeeman, whilst Mr. Caro never failed to offer practical suggestions at our general meetings. Their places will not easily be filled. I have to move the adoption of the report and balance-sheet."

The Hon. E. W. Parker seconded the motion which was carried without discussion.

ENGLISH DERBY.

Or late years the great national event—the Epsom Derby—has greatly fallen off. It used to be 50 sovs each, half forfeit, and the nominations averaged 240. We cannot go back more than 45 years. In Surplice's year, 1848, they rose to 215; but in 1851, Teddington; 1852, Daniel O'Rourke; and 1853, West Australian, they fell. Until 1884 they kept pretty well up to average; since then they have fallen, so the condition of the race has lately altered to the following:—

THE DERBY STAKES, of 5000 sovs for the winner, 500 sovs for the nominator of the winner, 300 sovs for the owner of the second horse, and 200 sovs for the owner of the third horse. Colts, 9st; fillies, 8st 9lb; by subscription of 50 sovs each; half forfeit if declared by the first Tuesday in January, 1891; and 10 sovs only if declared by the first Tuesday in January, 1890; any surplus to be paid to the winner. About one mile and a-half, starting at the High Level Starting Post. [This course was altered some five years ago, we forget the exact date, from the hollow to the present course, which made it much easier.] 200 subs.

Lord Alington's br c Common, by Isonomy—Thistle..... 1
Mr. E. Blaine's ch c Gouverneur, by Energy—Gladia..... 2
Sir James Dukes' b c Martenhurst, by Wenlock—Hirondelle... 3

The accounts to hand are meagre, but from what we can learn Gouverneur made the running for a mile, when Common, the favourite, went to the front, and won easily by two lengths. The time, 2min 56 4-5ths sec, is slow, but it appears the race was run in pouring rain.

Common was bred by Lord Alington, and did not run as a two-year old, but was brought out for the Two Thousand, which he won. Common was trained by Porter, who has been connected with so many Derbies, at Kingslarc.

Gouverneur, who ran second, was bred in France, and as a two-year old he was a good performer, winning, amongst other events, the Middle Park and Critterion at Newmarket. During the winter he was a great favourite, but little money, however, would have gone on. Betting, now-a-days, on the Derby, is not like what it used to be, when at the great yearling sales Captain Batchelor, Hargreaves, H. Hill, Padwick, Jackson, Russell, and others, who had ten thousand books open, and the moment a yearling was knocked down to you, an offer was immediately made by them of 10,000 to 100. At the Middle Park sale, when Angus, St. Ronan, Marksman, and Hermit, were sold, they got over £3000 in their books on that day, and they were kept open and increased until the day of the race. Then it was no uncommon thing for owners to win large sums. Mr. Merry got £90,000 on Thormanby, and Sir

Joseph Hawley won that amount on Beadsman and Musjid, while no one knows what Mr. Chaplin won over Hermit; while Captain Machel landed a cool £50,000. Books at the present time are only open a few months before the race, so it takes a clever man to win £20,000 or £30,000, as there is not much hedging afforded.

The accounts of the last race reminds one of 1852, when Daniel O'Rourke won; Barbarian, second; Chief Baron Nicholson, third. Willie Noble, for whom Mr. Merry had given £6,500 for as a two-year old, on purpose to win the Derby, Stockwell and other good ones being behind, Frank Butler (who rode the winner), immediately on coming round Tattenham Corner, made for the upper side of the course, close under the rails, where the people had been walking, therefore obtaining a sounder going, the others keeping the middle. He afterwards said he could have won on either of the first three. So he would if the same tactics had been taken. Time, 3min 2sec. In Ellington's year, 1856, the course was very heavy, though it did not rain during the race. The time, 3min 4sec, the longest on record. Hermit's race, in 1867, was run in a snow-storm, his time being 2min 52sec. These are the three worst Derbies we ever remember having seen. One thing that surprises us is, though the course has been made much easier, Kettledrum and Blair Athol's time, 2min 42sec, has never been beaten. We will treat on the winners of the olden days in future issues.

The Epsom Oaks, which takes place on the Friday, which is generally called the "ladies' day," having met the same fate as the Derby, has been altered, and resulted as follows:—

THE OAKS STAKES, of 4000 sovs for the winner, 400 sovs for the nominator of the winner, 300 sovs for the owner of the second, and 200 sovs for the owner of the third, by subscription of 50 sovs each. For three-year-old fillies, 8st 10lb each. About one mile and a-half.
Mr. Noel Fenwick's b f Mimi, by Barcadine, dam by Lord Lyon—Sadie 1
Lord Rosebery's br f Constopphine, by Foxhall—Chopette 2
Mr. H. A. Harrison's br f Lady Primrose, by Rosebery—The Empress Maud..... 3

Mimi has proved herself a smart filly. Last year she won four out of six engagements, and this season she has placed the One Thousand Guineas and the rich Newmarket Stakes to her owner's credit. She was bred at Sledmore, and purchased at Doncaster by her present owner.

The following race at the Epsom Meeting has recently come into notice, though at one time it was little thought of:—

THE EPSOM GRAND PRIZE, of 1000 sovs for the winner, and 200 sovs for the nominator of the winner, added to a sweepstakes of 25 sovs each. For three-year-olds. The owner of the second horse to receive 100 sovs out of the stakes. About one mile and a-quarter.
Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's br c Benvenuto, by Galopin—Queen of Diamonds 1
Mr. Henry Miller's b f St. Kilda, by Clairvaux or Macheath—Emma Melbourne 2
Duke of Westminster's b c Ordinance, br Bend Or—Bright Beauty..... 3

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB WINTER MEETING.—ACCEPTANCES AND GENERAL ENTRIES.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE, about 3 1/2 miles.

Table with 3 columns: Name, st lb, and Time. Includes entries like Sentinel, Ingorangi, Nap, Omata.

HURDLE RACE, 2 1/2 miles.

Table with 3 columns: Name, st lb, and Time. Includes entries like Sentinel, Nap, B'vano'Lyrnio.

THE WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Leorina, Dolosa, Ingorina, Loch Ness, Capella, Priscilla.

*Capella and Ilma were scratched.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE, about two miles and a half.—Mistletoe, Highland Laddie, Bryan O'Lynn, Justice, Neck-or-Nothing, Ival, Karewa, Yardman, Chance, Kate, Yum Yum, Dan.

SELLING STEEPLECHASE, about 3 miles.—Kapal nil, Relation £20, Justice £20, Off Chance nil, Jim nil, Karewa £50, Begorrah nil.

LADIES' BRACELET, one mile.—Leorina, Lad, Theorem, Chance, Ingorina, Priscilla, Dolosa.

TURF RECORD.

WAIPA RACING CLUB AUTUMN MEETING. MONDAY, MAY 25th, 1891.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, of 25 sovs. Distance 2 miles, over 8 flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. John Brown's b g Pretender, Mr. D. McKinnon's g Barshot, Mr. C. Pye's g g Peter, Mr. John T. Hettit's ch g Wideawake, Mr. Wm. Thornton's g g Pirate, Mr. R. Henwood's b g Muscatella.

62 Pretender led from start to finish, and won easily. Muscatella fell. Wideawake refused to leave the post. Time, 4min 22sec. Dividend (10s tickets), £1 17s.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE, of 20 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised race of 20 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. C. R. Hewitt's b g Sentinel, Mr. Matengaro's br m Kismet, Mr. Collins' br m Mountain Maid, Mr. H. Windsor's b m Helen McGregor, Mr. John Brown's ch m Duchess, Mr. H. Brown's b g Contempt, Mr. D. McKinnon's g Barshot.

89 Won by a length. Dividend (10s ticket) 18s.

THE AWAMUTU CUP HANDICAP, of 40 sovs. Distance, 1 1/4 miles.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. John Brown's ch g Snake, Mr. D. McKinnon's Scot Free, Mr. W. C. Breckell's br m Leila, Mr. R. Brown's ch g Clarion, Mr. John T. Hettit's ch h Possuin.

101 Won easily. Time, 2min 55sec. Dividend (10s tickets), £1 19s.

NOVEL RACE, of 30 sovs. Weights—3yrs, 8st 4lb; 4yrs, 9st; 5, 6, and aged horses, 9st 2lb. The winner to become the absolute property of the Club. Once round the course, about a mile.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. Collins' br m Megoulet, Mr. John Brown's b g Pretender, Mr. John McCnicoll's b g Ernest.

44 Won by a head. Dividend, £2 9s.

MAORI RACE HANDICAP, of 5 sovs. Once round the course, about a mile. Horses to be owned and ridden by Maoris.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Kismet, 10st 12lb; Clipperina, 10st 2lb; Matinei, 10st; Protest, 9st 9lb; Whangapai, 9st 8lb.

33 Dividend, 18s.

KIKIKIHI PLATE HANDICAP, of 25 sovs. Distance, one and a quarter miles.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. John Brown's ch g Snake, Mr. D. McKinnon's b g Scot Free, Mr. C. R. Hewitt's Sentinel, Mr. R. Brown's ch g Clarion, Mr. W. Brecknell's br m Leila, Mr. Wm. Thornton's b m Mountain Maid.

73 Dividend (10s ticket), £2 3s.

TOWN AND SUBURBAN RACING CLUB BIRTHDAY MEETING.

THERE was a large attendance on the Taradale course on 25th May, and some good racing was witnessed. The totalisator put through £3898.

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, of 20 sovs., second to receive 8 sovs. from the stakes. 1 1/4 miles.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. P. Hunter's ch g Rough, Mr. J. D. Ormond's b g Forty Winks, Mr. W. Proffitt's ch g Lopez.

4 Maiden Plate Race of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. 1 mile.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. B. Ferris' Carmo, Mr. W. Douglas' Lady's Maid, Mr. R. Mason's Hexham, Pera, Waimakariri, Kaorikaha, Miss McIvor, and Exchange.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP, of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. 7 furlongs.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. Collins' Link, Mr. Oakenfall's Brown Duchess, Mr. Soudan's Pourere, Como, Musketeer, Silvermine, Kathleen.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes; over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in high. Winner of the Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race to carry a penalty of 7lb. 2 miles.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. P. Hunter's ch g Rough, Mr. G. Lind's ch g Chester, Mr. W. Stock's b g Prospect, War Cry, Titbit, and Forty Winks.

TARADALE HANDICAP, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 8 sovs from the stakes. 1 1/4 miles.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. J. Maher's Couranto, Mr. W. Clifford's Liquidation, Mr. Macandrew's Claud, Legacy and Hukatere.

SELLING RACE, of 20 sovs. Top weight, 9st; 7lb allowed for every £5 off selling price. 1 mile.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. T. Parotene's g g Silvermine, Mr. D. Taylor's b g Exchange, Mr. W. Proffitt's ch g Lopez, Crummy, Waimariri, Pera, Kaikaha, May, Era, Wideawake, Disgrace, and Wooneya.

WELTER HANDICAP of 30 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Minimum weight, 9st. 1 1/4 miles.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. B. Ferris' Carmo, Mr. Macandrew's Claude, Mr. W. Douglas' Scar, Hukatere, Bateman, Primate, and Titbit.

FLYING HANDICAP of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. The winner of the Taradale Handicap to carry a 7lb penalty. 3/4 mile.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. Collins' b m Link, Mr. Oakenfall's b m Brown Duchess, Musketeer, Miss McIvor, Pourere, May Flower, and Friendship.

BELL BLOCK RACES.

THE first meeting held under the auspices of the new club was held at Mr. C. Rundle's paddock on Monday, May 25. The weather being fine, an attendance of about 700 was present. The following are the results of the various events.—

HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 15 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. out of stakes. Over five flights 3ft 6in high. 1 1/4 miles.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Time, and Odds. Includes entries like Mr. S. McGuinness' ch m Jaffy Onslow, Mr. G. Sole's b g Atlantic, Mr. Richardson's Tommy, Honeyfield's Pawa, and Lady Onslow.