

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

Aug. 21	Ashburton Hunt Club
Aug. 27	North Canterbury Steeple
Aug. 29	Green Island Trotting Club
Sept. 8	Rangitikei Hunt Club
Sept. 8	New Brighton Trotting Club
Sept. 8	South Canterbury Hunt Club
Sept. 11, 12	Otago Hunt Club Meeting
Sept. 12, 15, 17, 19	A.J.C. Spring meeting
Sept. 17, 18	South Canterbury
Sept. 19	A.R.C. 1st Spring Meeting
Sept. 24, 26	Hawkesbury R.C. Spring meeting
Sept. 26	North Canterbury J.C. Spring Meeting
Sept. 26	Auckland Trotting Club
Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Geraldine Racing Club Spring Meeting
Oct. 5, 6	Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring Meeting
Oct. 10, 17	Victoria Amateur Turf Club
Oct. 10	Onslow Trotting Club
Oct. 13, 14	Napier Park E.C. Spring Meeting
Oct. 17	Caulfield Cup
Oct. 17	Pakuranga Hunt Club
Oct. 20	Poverty Bay Turf Club
Oct. 22, 23	Wanganui Jockey Club
Oct. 31	V.R.C. Derby
Nov. 3	Melbourne Cup
Nov. 7	Lancaster Park Trotting Club
Nov. 9, 10	A.R.C. 2nd Spring Meeting
Nov. 9	New Zealand Cup
Nov. 9, 11, 14	Canterbury J.C. Spring Meeting
Nov. 19, 20	Ashburton R.C. Meeting
Nov. 23, 30	Wellington R.C. Meeting
Dec. 25	Heathcote Racing Club
Dec. 28, Jan. 1, 2	A.R.C. Summer Meeting
Jan. 8, 9	Whangarei County Racing Club
Jan. 12, 13	Poverty Bay Turf Club
Jan. 31	Canterbury Jockey Club
Apr. 18, 19	Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 18, 19	Canterbury Jockey Club
June 4, 6	Auckland Racing Club

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

Aug. 27	Geraldine Racing Club Spring Meeting
Aug. 29	South Canterbury J.C. Spring Meeting
Sept. 1	Hawkes Bay Jockey Club
Sept. 4	Auckland Racing Club
Sept. 14	Auckland Trotting Club
Sept. 15	Wanganui Jockey Club
Oct. 12	General entries V.R.C. Spring meeting

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

Aug. 21	Rangitikei Hunt Club Steeplechases
Sept. 4	South Canterbury J.C.
Sept. 7	Auckland Racing Club
Sept. 8	Hawkes Bay Jockey Club
Sept. 11	Auckland Trotting Club
Sept. 19	Geraldine Racing Club Spring Meeting

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

Aug. 22	Rangitikei Hunt Club
Aug. 25	2nd payment Caulfield Cup
Sept. 11	Auckland Racing Club
Sept. 12	South Canterbury J.C.
Sept. 18	Auckland Trotting Club
Sept. 24	Geraldine Racing Club Spring Meeting
Sept. 29	Hawkes Bay Jockey Club
Oct. 18	Final payment Caulfield Cup
Oct. 27	2nd forfeit Melbourne Cup

HUNTING.

Aug. 22	Mr. McLaughlins [Puhinui]
Aug. 23	Bleak House
Sept. 6	New North Road
Sept. 12	Panmure
Sept. 19	Mangere Bridge
Sept. 26	Green Lane
Oct. 3	Mount Albert
Oct. 10	North Shore

COURSING.

Aug. 26	Canterbury Plumpton Park [acceptances close]
Aug. 27, 28	Canterbury Plumpton Park Company
Aug. 28	Ladies' Stakes, Oamaru

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. THOMAS writes: re Murphy-Griffo fight (in which latter wins on a foul), are bets off by winning on a foul? Answer—no. Bets hold good; all bets follow the stakes.
 "WAGER" asks—In the present senior contest, supposing Ponsonby win next Saturday, and Suburbs beat Parnell, and they play off and Suburbs lose, how would they then be placed? Answer—Parnell 1st, Suburbs 2nd, Ponsonby 3rd. The rule says, "the club having won the greatest number of matches be declared the winner." "In the event of two or more club's having won an equal number, then the club which has lost the least number, if still a tie, they play off."

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Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1891.

At a committee meeting of the A.R.C., held on Monday, the *New Zealand Herald* was appointed the Official Calendar for the Provincial District of Auckland. In the *Herald's* report of the meeting, which appeared on Tuesday morning, it is stated that the *Weekly News* was unanimously appointed. We deem it only right to point out to the various country Racing Clubs that by Rule 17 they are compelled to advertise their programmes at least once in the Official Calendar. As the *Herald's* report may lead to the belief that the *Weekly News* must under that rule be the organ for such advertisements, we would remind secretaries that such is not the fact, but that the *New Zealand Herald* is the only paper in which they are compelled to advertise their meetings. The resolution passed at the meeting (by no means unanimously, as the *Herald* states) runs as follows, according to the minute book:—"Resolved, that the *New Zealand Herald* be appointed the Official Calendar for the district." The entire report in regard to this question, as it appears in Tuesday's *Herald*, is a mere tissue of misrepresentations. We wish to thank our friends on the Committee for the large measure of support accorded to the application of the SPORTING REVIEW, and feel proud to have earned the good opinions of so many of its members. Doubtless the Committee as a whole felt the necessity of making a change, as the *Weekly News* is certainly not a suitable organ for the purpose, seeing that it does not circulate among the class of readers who require information on racing matters. Had it not been compulsory on country racing clubs to advertise their meetings in the *Weekly News*, probably no such advertisement would have appeared in its columns from the 1st of January to the 31st of December. The SPORTING REVIEW can afford to take the matter philosophically, in view of the splendid support it is receiving from all quarters.

At the monthly meeting of the A.R.C. Committee only a moiety were present—the usual attendants, with the addition of the new member, Mr. Duder. It appears very strange to us that certain members of the Committee hardly ever attend, the management of the whole Club is virtually in the hands of three persons. The principal business was passing the programme for the ensuing season; this being an important matter, it is surprising that there was not a full meeting. The rule of most committees—racing or otherwise—is that a member absent from a certain number of meetings without leave shall cease to be a member of the same. It would certainly be of great advantage if such a rule was in force with the A.R.C. The programme as framed by the sub-committee—which was chiefly composed of horse owners—was adopted. The principal alterations were the addition of an extra spring meeting, and the increase of 150 sovs. to the Winter Hurdle Race, and 100 sovs. to the Steeplechase. The question arises, was this increase of liabilities a judicious thing. The Club is heavily in debt, extensive improvements to the course are contemplated, and in addition to all this there is the tax on the totalisator looming in the distance. We intend going fully into the whole affairs of the Club in a future issue; also through the programmes of the different meetings. At the present time we have only the Spring Meeting before us, but there are two races the conditions of which are so extraordinary that we cannot allow them to pass. The Maiden Plate for horses that never won more than 25 sovs.; then comes allowances for horses that have never won. We are not quite sure that this is not against the rules of racing. It certainly is not a Maiden Plate. The next is a Hunters' Flat Race, one mile. Who ever heard of such a thing? They are almost invariably two miles. It does not take much penetration to see at whose instigation this race was placed on the programme. The conditions of these two races will give as much amusement to some of our racing contemporaries as the resolutions sent down to the Conference at Wellington.

We are glad to learn that Mr. F. F. Dakin has been appointed by the V.R.C. Committee to

fill the post of handicapper, vacated by the resignation of Mr. Barnard, who had been in that position for twenty-two years. The choice of a handicapper could not have fallen to a better man than Mr. Dakin, as he has had a great deal of practical experience in racing, both at Home and in the Colonies. Lately he has been handicapping for several of the country clubs, therefore has got his hand in. He has also been a constant attendant at all race meetings for years, and it has been his delight to watch the performances of the different horses. As he has a thorough knowledge of condition, style of riding (he used to ride himself), etc., it will be rather a difficult matter to run a "stiff" one under his eye. It is rather a curious coincidence that Mr. Dakin, like Mr. Barnard, has been an officer in the army. Mr. Dakin was formerly in the Carbineers, and was most popular with all classes.

MANY of our readers, especially Irishmen, will learn with regret, but not with surprise, of the death, at his residence, Merrion Square, Dublin, of Mr. Horace Rochford of Ologrinnon, County of Carlow, at the advanced age of 83 years. He was a magnificent rider with hounds over any country. In his early days he used to hunt in Leicestershire, but for the last fifty years he confined himself to his own country. It was a treat to see him, even when getting on in years, go over the stiff Kilkenny country, which was his favourite, though at times he would pay both the Kildares and Meaths a visit. He never failed to make one of the party at Jenkinstown Park for the races. One year there were some of the 16th Lancers stopping there. Lord Waterford, at three o'clock one summers morning, proposed a stag hunt. It was agreed to, so they adjourned to Mr. Bryan's stables and got mounts, got out some hounds, and had a run round the Park in their dress clothes. The natives could not make out what was the matter. The fun in those days used to be fast and furious. The other favourite rendezvous used to be the Club at Kildare, for the Curragh meetings, and the Kildare-street Club, in Dublin, for the Punchestown. Very few, if any, of his Kilkenny and Carlow contemporaries are now alive—the Marquis of Waterford, Lord Howth, Lord Desart, Lord Clanricarde, Sir John Power, Mr. Geo. Bryan and Mr. Wade being all gone. Mr. Rochford was an enthusiastic cricketer, and did much to promote the game in Kilkenny and Carlow by getting down an eleven from the Phoenix Park Club to his place to play different teams, and a jolly time we used to have of it. He also introduced polo into Carlow, which has now two of the best clubs in Ireland. Mr. Rochford was a great whist player, and was playing at the Kildare-street Club a few days before his death. With his death we are afraid goes the last of the old school of Irish gentlemen. He was a genial friend, a popular landlord, and a good all-round sportsman.

THE death of Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Q.C., of the Inner Temple, took place on May 17th, at the ripe old age of 76 years. His name will be remembered by all rowing men as the founder of the Colquhoun Sculls. He was educated at Westminster, and was in eight that used to row Eton—a race in those days that was of as much interest as the Oxford and Cambridge boatrace; but somewhere about 1845 or '46 the authorities at Westminster took the idea into their heads that training was injurious to the boys, and the race was discontinued. He afterwards went to Cambridge, where he became a distinguished oarsman. In 1836 he started for the Wingfield Sculls, but was defeated by Mr. H. Wood. In 1837 he defeated his former conqueror, but in 1838 was again beaten by Wood. In those days the Sculls were rowed from Westminster Bridge to Putney. He then presented the Challenge Colquhoun Sculls to his college, for the amateur championship of the Cam, which the L.M.B.C. threw open to the whole University for competition. The race was first rowed from Westminster Bridge to Putney, but in 1842 the venue was changed to the Cam. Sir Patrick (then Mr.) Colquhoun, in conjunction with Messrs. Egan, Shadwell, Chapman and Fellows, were the delegates who formed the first laws of boatracing, commonly known as the Henley Rules, which were in force until quite recently, when they were modified to suit modern requirements.