

from Tasmania), Cromwell by Merry Tom, will be at the service of the public at East Tamaki, and will travel the surrounding districts. Young Champion stands a little over 16 hands, has plenty of substance, good flat bone, with plenty of hair of a fine silky nature. He has good action and does not dish. He is well worthy of the attention of breeders who are desirous of breeding a good paying animal, as mated with proper mares he will get the class of horse that commands a ready sale.

MR. SANDALL announces in another column that his trotting stallion Daylight will stand at his stables, New North Road, and travel the surrounding districts. Daylight is a grey, standing about 15 hands, with good shoulders, back, and loins. He shows a great deal of quality, and has splendid trotting action; it is not too high, at the same time he has great liberty. Daylight's pedigree is first-class as a trotter, being by Fitz-James (imported from America) out of Creeping Jenny (dam of Midnight), by Dainty Ariel. Put to suitable mares, he should get some valuable trotters, as his stock are not likely to have any lumber about them, which is too often the case with Auckland trotters.

Sporting Items.

Mr. O'Brien has sold Tom Field to Stratford for £150.

The Auckland Trotting Club are preparing a training ground at Potter's Paddock.

Mr. S. C. Caulton has backed the pony Jip to trot 14 miles under one hour.

The South Auckland Racing Club have selected Mr. E. D. Halstead as their handicapper.

Jupiter was so badly injured while running at the Moonee Valley that it is doubtful if he will ever run again.

Mr. G. G. Stead left for Sydney on September 2nd, in order to see his horses run at the A.J.C. meeting.

We beg to acknowledge from Mr. Sydney James the receipt of the programme of the Dunedin Jockey Club.

The Drury Racing Club have fixed upon Monday, the 28th December, for their annual race meeting.

It appears that Dan O'Brien purchased Freeman, the steeplechaser, for the cross-country rider of Victoria, T. Corrigan.

S. C. Caulton and Co. advertise in another column for a light-weight boy, whose passage will be paid by them to Gisborne.

From Australian files we learn that backers in Melbourne received a nasty shock by the withdrawal of Megaphone from the Caulfield Cup.

Mr. T. Messiter, of Wanganui, has just had broken-in a three-year-old filly by Puriri—Falsehood. She is very small, but shows good quality.

Mr. J. Chadwick ("Spectator") of the *Weekly Press and Referee*, was in Wanganui during last week on business connected with that paper.

Hares are becoming so numerous in and around Whangarei that it is with difficulty vegetables can be raised in several places in the district.

Hilda and Cissy are both nominated for the principal races at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's meeting, which takes place on Monday and Tuesday, 5th and 6th proximo.

The Auckland Trotting Club received over £20 worth of nominations too late for acceptance. One was a delayed telegram, put in on the afternoon of Friday, at 4 o'clock, and delivered on Saturday morning.

Ramage's broken leg is fast getting better. He was able to ride Colleen Bawn for steady work on the Flemington course on the 24th ult. As Ramage's leg gets better Carbine's gets worse.

A hint for the Onslow Trotting Club and Mr. T. D. Halstead, who strongly advocates boys' pony races:—One of the Club's in New South Wales has added to their programme an event for Shetland ponies, to be ridden by their owners, the winner to receive either cash or trophies to the value of the stake.

It is reported that more than one well-known jockey, has been refused his license by the V.R.C., and that several others underwent a carpeting before the required permit was granted them.

We have to thank Mr. Robert Blaikie for his Annual Sporting Guide. It is a handy little book, giving you the performances of the New Zealand Cup horses, besides a lot of useful information.

Mr. S. H. Gollan's team, consisting of Tirailleur, Tirallerie, Sternchaser, Medjidie, Darnley, Waterbury, and Leonardo, were passengers by the "Waihora," which left Wellington for Sydney on Thursday last, in order to fulfil their Australian engagements.

In our advertising columns will be found the programme of the Waikato Hunt Club races, to be held at Hamilton, on the 3rd of October. The programme consists of six events, and the total added money amounts to £110. Nominations are due on 19th inst.

The news of the death of Captain Trafford, late of the 67th Regiment, was received by the last mail. He was one of the earliest breeders of blood stock in the Wanganui district, and many of the best horses there have descended from his mares.

According to "Spectator," Mirnee, Little Bernie, and Paris have been dreamed of here (Wellington) as the placed horses for the Caulfield Cup by a well-known sport, who saw the race so clearly run that he wishes his dream recorded. Wellington is a dreamy place, and always will be.

We learn from the *Australasian* that Mr. N. R. D. Bond, the secretary of the Victoria Amateur Turf Club, who went home a few months ago for the benefit of his health, is very ill in London, and his medical advisers have forbidden his return to Australia for some time.

It is rumoured that Mr. J. Barron, of Uranus fame, has purchased the well-known Napier horse, Pani, by Papapa—Lady Jane Grey, for 300 guineas, the first £50 having already been deposited. The horse, we are told, is to come to Auckland after running a race in Gisborne and Napier, and will be placed in J. B. Williamson's hands, and kept at the illegitimate game.

The Rangitikei Hunt Club Steeplechase meeting took place last Thursday, being attended by a large number of spectators. The racing was good and fair dividends the order of the day. £2,091 was put through the machines, the largest dividend being £5 8s., paid on The Doctor in the Ladies' Bracelet. A full report appears in our "Turf Record" column.

Montrose II. got back part of the 525gns. his present owner gave for him by winning the Hurdle Race last week at the Victorian Club races, but the win was mainly due to the way Martin Burke rode him, as he struck the first hurdle heavily and ran unkindly throughout the race, but his jockey never gave him a chance to shirk his work, and eventually he won pretty easily.

La Flèche, by St. Simon—Quiver (sister to Memoir), for which Baron de Hirsch, at the Hampton Court sales last year, gave the sensational price of 5,500 guineas, made her first appearance in the Chesterfield Stakes at the Newmarket Second July meeting, which she won cleverly. As Lady Hermit, her best opponent, carried a 12lb penalty, it cannot be put down as a great victory. Memoir won the July Cup.

Our Wanganui correspondent writes:—Lethe left here last Thursday by train for Wairarapa. During the journey from Wanganui to Fordell the horse was left by himself, when by some means he got his fore-legs through the trap-door of the horse-box. When discovered the box was taken off the train and left at Fordell, as it was thought the horse had seriously injured himself, but I am glad to say that such was not the case, and he continued his journey the next day.

There are a great many different reports regarding the way Cuirassier is standing his preparation. From what we can learn, up to the present time E. Kelly has had no trouble with him, but he is still very much on the big side, and is restricted to long sweating gallops, occasionally striding along at a steady pace. This is hardly the class of work for a horse of his description only two months before the race. It would lead to the supposition that his trainer is still afraid of his legs.

From private information received from the other side, we learn that Bobby Collins, who is, we believe, in Jack Chaaffe's stable, has only had Takapu out of his box once since his accident, and it is said the horse will never be the same as when Aucklanders saw him last.

Mr. W. Douglas, of Napier, has returned home, as well as his trainer, D. Munn, and the jockeys Pell, Ellingham, Morrigan, Holmes and Price. "Hampton" writes:—"Mr. Douglas obtained fairly good prices for his horses, and it is to be regretted that such a good sportsman did not have a bit more luck while racing in Australia. Jupiter certainly won one race, and at least a couple more events should have gone to the stable, but bad luck, assisted by indifferent riding, prevented the trip being as successful as it should have been."

"Ringing the changes" are not alone confined to racing and trotting, but it has now extended to coursing. At a meeting of the New Zealand Coursing Club, held at Dunedin on the 7th inst., a charge was brought before them of alleged ringing-in of a dog in the Sapling Stakes. The complaint was laid by Mr. Wise, of Oamaru, who stated that Kathleen Mavourneen was not of the proper age or properly described. In his evidence he said he was convinced that Kathleen Mavourneen, who won the Second Sapling Stakes, was Lady Lyndon, a sister to Carbine, who had previously won at Christchurch, Dunedin, and Oamaru. Brownlad, who had the dogs in charge, first said that he had sent two dogs to Christchurch after the meeting. On being pressed, he confessed that he had only sent one, and that was to Tom Taylor's. He had been told to say he had sent two by James Forward. Capstick, the nominator said he had intended to run his own dog, but not being fit, he telegraphed to Taylor for a dog and received a wire giving Kathleen Mavourneen as a nomination. Forward told him that the dog was by A.M.A., and had never run, and that he was the breeder. On investigations being made he changed the breeder's name to Jas. Nelson. The secretary produced an undated letter signed Nelson, stating that he was the breeder of the dog in question. It was decided to take further evidence, including that of Taylor and Forward, the latter being called upon to produce Kathleen Mavourneen and Lady Lyndon. If ringing the changes is introduced into coursing, where it can easily be done, there will be no safety for anyone, and the only way to put a stop to it is by legal proceedings against the perpetrators for attempting to obtain money under false pretences. This can be done. The stewards in many instances do not seem to be competent to deal with cases like this, therefore the perpetrators get off easily.

Volunteer News.

[Contributions to this column are invited. All communications should be addressed to "Torpedo," and reach this office not later than Tuesday in each week. Notes from country corps will be specially acceptable.]

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION PARADES.

Sept. 22—Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles.
" 28—Auckland Engineers, Royal Irish Rifles.

RANGE TIME TABLE.

Sept. 12—Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles, Royal Irish Rifles.
" 19—Auckland and Ponsonby Navals, "A" Battery and Engineers.
" 26—Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles, Royal Irish Rifles.

I LEARN that Mr. J. H. Bower of Timaru entered for some of the events at the Edinburgh Rifle Association's meeting, and pulled off the second prize in the All-comers match, 200 yards kneeling, with 23, two inners and three bulls. The winner was Chaplain Cameron, who made the possible 25.

The Auckland Navals had a splendid muster on the occasion of their monthly inspection last Friday. Lieut.-Commander Parker and Lieuts. Smith and Little were present, with between 70 and 80 rank and file. Lieut. Grant, of the Staff, put the men through battalion drill, after which the company had a march out, headed by the Garrison Band.

The idea of sending a team of riflemen to New South Wales is being taken up very warmly by volunteers generally. There was a