

Brigadier and a Clydesdale Stallion were parading the streets on Friday last, to the general admiration of the public, until they were warned off by the police.

Billy Weston, well known in Auckland as a billiard player and bookmaker, beat Roberts in a billiard match in Sydney, the champion attempting to give him one half the points of the game.

We have to call the attention of our readers to the altered advertisement of "Strong," the only sporting adviser in this colony, who is prepared to give advice on all forthcoming races. Strong was most successful last season in his tipping, and his charges are very moderate.

Messrs. Adams and Andrews have secured the right to work the totalisators at the Waikato Hunt Club's meeting, to be held on the Claudlands racecourse, near Hamilton, on Saturday, October 3rd., and also for the Onslow Trotting Club's inaugural meeting at Potter's Paddock, on Saturday, November 21.

Messrs. B. Tonks and Co. sold yesterday, at the Brunswick Mart the privileges of the First Spring Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, to be held at Ellerslie on Saturday next. The prices realised were:—Grandstand bar, £16, Mr. J. Hawkins; publican's booth, outside, £17, Mr. P. F. Purcell; cards, £31, Mr. W. Blomfield; Good Templar's booth, £2 2s 6d, Mrs. McIntosh; stabling, £2, Mr. S. Parker.

Mr. Harry Walsh has in his Greyhound Stables a very useful and beautifully made little horse in Dividend, by Kalo, out of Sybil, that could be turned into a very useful selling plater. He has cannon bone as large as a draught horse, and is said to be very fast. He can be purchased, I believe, at a very low figure, and should soon be taken up.

Old Bill "Payne," as he is called by his friends, took Lady Norah and her foal by Nordenfeldt over to Sydney yesterday in the Tarawera. George Hope, who superintended the shipping of them, got them on board without a scratch. As far as you can judge a foal of his age, he is a beauty, and should repay Mr. Hordern well for his investment.

We are pleased to hear that Bill Payne, after a second examination of Antelope, has declared his opinion that she is in foal to Nordenfeldt. How such an experienced man was deceived the first time is rather puzzling, as one would have thought he would have tried her before passing his opinion on such a momentous question.

To the Editor.—Sir, I enclose a programme of consultation from Mr. Walter Graham, Box 656, G.P.O. Sydney. I think in the interests of sport that through your valuable medium you should make known to the public of Auckland and out districts the fact that sweeps advertised under the management of this individual Graham are denounced by all the Australian papers. There is no such club as the "Sydney Jockey Turf Club," and as he is posting to residents in and around Auckland programmes of his so-called consultations, yours being the only legitimate sporting journal, should notify the sporting public to be on their guard. I enclose one of three programmes forwarded to me, and doubtless he has posted to a number of other unsuspecting victims. Trusting you will in the interests of those he intends to catch or fool, expose his unworthiness,—I am, etc., A.G. [We have long known that the annual consultation on the Melbourne Cup advertised by Walter Graham, Box 656, G.P.O. Sydney, has not been trustworthy, but until our attention was drawn to it by the above letter we did not think that any of the Auckland public had any faith in it. One has only to read the prospectus to see the fallacy of it. Especially asking subscribers to invest in making up a £10,000 book on the Melbourne Cup "by a system adopted by us only (in connection with the Champion) for the past 8 years, and which has proved so successful." If Walter Graham can make a certainty for his clients on a £10,000 book, and guarantee every member a prize (by-the-hye, where does the guarantee come in?) why does he not start a smaller book on his own account? We believe Walter Graham is only one of the numerous aliases that have been adopted. If our information is correct, he once flourished in Auckland, and "did Brown" a good many, leaving them lamenting.—Ed. S.R.]

At the annual meeting of the Bendigo Jockey Club, Mr. W. E. Dakin, who has taken Mr. Frank F. Dakin's place as public handicapper, was unanimously elected to the post vacated by his brother. We hear that Mr. W. E. Dakin has also been selected by several other clubs to frame their handicaps.—*Sportsman*.

Messrs. Yuille and Co. have disposed of Escutcheon, by Musket—Rosette, to Mr. D. Hill, Lindenow, Gippsland; Manton, by Musket—Tres Deuce, to Mr. A. Hay, of New South Wales; and Tormentor, by St. Albans, out of Nightmare, to Mr. Robert McIntyre of Waga.

Mr. Weeks, the Indian trader, left Melbourne in the P. and O. Co.'s steamer Paramatta, his horses having previously started in the Bulimba under the charge of C. Rudings, the well-known Caulfield trainer, comprise:—Good Hope, Query, Peggy, Hortense II., Coliban, Yatapa, Lyrebird, Vladivostock, Coronation, Lucifer, Plebeian, Colleen, Juna, Approbation, Inniskillen, and Belvidere.

In accordance with a requisition from the members of Tattersall's Club, the secretary convenes a special meeting of that body for Tuesday, 29th inst., at 7.30 p.m., to take into consideration the advisability of amending the rule which provides that two members of the committee shall retire annually; with a view to making it read that the whole committee shall be elected yearly.

We beg to call attention to the fact that ladies will be required to pay one shilling entrance fee to the Ellerslie racecourse on Saturday next. For a considerable time past the fair sex have been admitted free, and this looks like a retrogressive step, but when we explain that the sterner sex will only be required to pay one shilling instead of two as heretofore, that impression will be dispelled.

Mr. J. S. Buckland, who is a son of the well-known auctioneer, and is well known himself amongst racing men and others, has returned from Queensland, where he is in business. Mr. Buckland remains in Auckland a little while to recruit his health. He says business is much better in Queensland than in Auckland, but the climate is too warm, and in no way can it be compared favourably with that of New Zealand.

In another column will be found an advertisement announcing the well-bred mare Ma Petite Fille for sale, by Leonidas—Agadecca, by Macaroni—Fleur de Lis, by Pontifical (imp.)—Flirt. Leonidas, by Kelpie (by Weatherbit—Child of the Mist)—Bessie Bell, by Black Prince (imp.). It will be seen by this pedigree that Ma Petite Fille has some of the best staying blood in her veins, as the Weatherbit blood, which she has through Kelpie, is highly valued in England.

We clip the following from the *Otago Witness*: The following is a true story (writes an English exchange). Two young gentlemen, who strange to say knew not Mr. Blundell Maple, were discussing on the course a race that had just been decided. Quoth one to the other, "Here, I backed this man Maple's horse, and of course it is second. Hanged if I don't go there tomorrow and buy a bedstead, and not pay for it." Mr. Maple, who happened to be standing close by at time, was immensely amused.

"Augur," in his stray notes, comments on the Caulfield Cup, for which he says there will be about thirty starters. In speaking of the different horses, he mentions Whimbrel, 8st 10lb, saying that he has doubts about his staying two miles, but he can get one and a-half miles, and he should certainly be very handy for the Caulfield Cup, and if required will beat all the top weights; coupling him with Whakawai, G'Naroo, Bendigo, Chaldean, Linburn, Carrington, Wild Rose, and Courteous to furnish the winner for the Caulfield Cup, 1891.

La Flèche, the 5,500 guinea yearling (sister to Memoir), has added another bracket to her name by winning the Lavant Stakes, at Goodwood. Priestess, who was second, cost Mr. Maple 4,000 guineas as a yearling. Bruree was the only other starter. La Flèche won easily, so she will in all probability repay Baron de Hirsch his outlay. At the same meeting the Duke of Westminster's Orme, by Ormond—Angelica, won the rich Prince of Wales' Stakes easily by a length from five others. John Porter has now the three best two-year-olds in training at Kingsclerc, as Goldfinch, brother to Common, is also trained by him.



The programme of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club, for their meeting on Saturday, October 3, is published in another column. The sports are got up to assist the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Club to send a team to England, and a variety of events are arranged that will prove both interesting and exciting, including as it does events for professional athletes as well as amateurs. A 2½ mile steeplechase for amateur footballers and members of the Club, tug of war, and seven aside football tournament. The sports are to be held at Potter's Paddock, and with fine weather there should be a large gathering.

Jack Linden scents the idea of accepting two yards in 120 from Howie, and says he is prepared to run him off the same mark, 120 yards, for £20.

The final deposit in the Goodman-Wilson mile match was put up on Saturday evening at O'Dowd's Caledonia Hotel. The match is to take place on the Domain at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, October 3. Linden is to look after Wilson, and Houston will take care of Sammy Goodman. Wilson is still a strong favourite, and is reported to have done a trial on the Domain in 4min 40sec. Mr. R. E. Ellis is to be referee and starter. The match is causing considerable interest.

FOOTBALL.

FIXTURES.

Oct. 10—Wellington v. Auckland, at Potter's Paddock—(Association game.)

Otago beat Canterbury by 8 points to 3 last Saturday, after a good game. Canterbury made an exhibition of the Wellington team about a week previously, and the latter gave Otago "all they knew" just before. There is no accounting for form in football sometimes.

The Benefit Football Match being arranged for the widow and children of the late Mr. T. G. Sibbin is advertised in another column. The bill of fare is an exceptionally good one, and one that cannot be overlooked by all classes of the community, there should be a very large attendance at Potter's on Saturday afternoon. No doubt a very large number of persons who prefer to visit the races that day, but sympathise with the object, will take their tickets for Potter's to assist the same. The match, Wanderers v. the old Ponsonby Club, should be a very exciting contest, and the Parnell v. Suburbs should also be a good one. Too much praise cannot be awarded to Bandmaster A. Hunter and the members of the Artillery Band for coming forward with a gratuitous offer of their services for the occasion.

The Wanderers II. (Thames) will play the Native Rose at Potter's on Saturday, and a good game is expected. It will be remembered the match between these Clubs played at the Thames resulted in the former winning by three to two.

The Tauranga people were greatly disappointed at the non-arrival of the Auckland team last Saturday, large numbers having come in from out-districts to witness the match.

THE AUCKLAND FOOTBALL TOUR.

WANGANUI V. AUCKLAND.

THE Auckland team arrived at Wanganui on Tuesday, and put up at the Victoria Hotel. After a short practice on Wednesday morning, they were taken for a drive round the suburbs, and punctually to time both teams met on the arena. The weather was splendid and the attendance large, something like 1,200 persons witnessing the match. The teams were as follows:—Auckland—Fullback, Kissling; threequarters, Jervis, Gaudin, and Masfield; halves, Elliott, Braund (captain), and Tanfield; forwards, Bruce, Poland, Smith, McKenzie, Mills, Penalligan, Stone, and Murray. Wanganui—Fullback, Peake; threequarters, W. McLean (captain), Mason, and E. Woon; halves, Leys, Patterson, and Bullock; forwards, Harrison, Humphries, J. Blair, Gray, Glasgow, R. McLean, E. Whiteman, and Cornthwaite. Umpires, Mr. C. V. Powell and Mr. G. H. Dixon. Referee, Rev. T. Grace.