



Anything AND Everything

At a recent sitting of the Supreme Court a case which seemed likely to be a very prolonged one was in progress. When six o'clock arrived, and the usual adjournment for tea was announced, the Sheriff, out of consideration for the families of jurors, sent an intimation to the wives of the married ones that in all probability the jury would be locked up for the night, and in any case they need not expect their husbands home until a very late hour. The case, however, on its resumption at seven o'clock, suddenly and unexpectedly broke down, and the jurors were discharged and reached their several homes long before 9 p.m. On the following morning, when the roll of jurymen was called, out of the twelve engaged in the case, in question, only seven answered to their names, and of these, three displayed "lovely black eyes," two showed swollen noses and other contusions, while one was so completely crumpled up that the judge immediately excused him from further attendance during the sessions. On being questioned, most of the invalids preserved a discreet silence, but one of the "swollen noses" triumphantly declared that in using the amount of violence which the law permits in ejecting a trespasser from one's premises he had "given the black-guard what for, and no mistake!" Perhaps it would hardly be fair to say "*ex uno disce omnes!*" but what had become of the other five?

APROPÓS OF TELESCOPES. Some years ago, in a certain town in Australasia, preparations were being made to observe the Transit of Venus. One enthusiastic amateur astronomer, having secured a splendid site for his instrument, put it about that he would gladly permit any person who pleased to have a peep at the transit. However, the authorised observers objected on the ground that the tramping of a crowd in the vicinity of their instruments might disturb their delicate poise and render their observations valueless. The authorities therefore issued an injunction against the amateur, which was conscientiously obeyed. After some days, however, he wrote to the newspapers complaining of the goings on in some baths which fell within the range of his telescope. He averred that the behaviour of bathers was neither seemly nor decent. The owner of the baths a few days later wrote in reply, stating that the reverend astronomer had ruined his business, and that he was taking legal advice with a view to an action for damages. Ladies absolutely refused to use the baths until that dreadful telescope, with its large and powerful object glass, had been removed! The astronomer sighed, and "telescoped"!

THE RINGING-IN CASE.

WE glean the following about the above case from the *New Zealand Public Opinion*. A meeting of the National Coursing Club was held in

Dunedin on Saturday, 12th inst., for the purpose of considering the complaint that the bitch Kathleen Mavourneen that competed in the second Sapling Stakes was not of the proper age nor of the breeding described (A.M.A. out of Fly), but was, in fact, Lady Lynton (by Smoker out of Lady Lynn). Mr. H. Gourley (president) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. A letter was read from the gentleman who acted as slipper, who said he looked into the mouth of Kathleen when in the slips, and she had a black tooth in front and a scar on the nose below her eyes; the hair was off both shoulders and the stoppers and dew claws were off. He believed her to be Lady Lynton, because that bitches' dew claws and stoppers were off, and she had a scar on her nose which she got at Oamaru, when he slipped her with Brilliant. As soon as the letter was read, Mr. J. Forward, who was in attendance with two greyhounds, said, pointing to one of the animals: "Here she is; she answers the description. Another letter was read from a Mr. Gardiner, who had examined the greyhound coming up in the train from Dunedin, corroborating and endorsing the slipper's statement. The bitch was booked to Mr. Martin Taylor, and he would swear that the description given was correct, as he wrote down the marks and particulars at the time he examined her. Mr. Forward wrote asking why the protest was not entered when the bitch was in Dunedin; Mr. Wise, who laid the protest, had not a leg to stand on; he did not own Lady Lynton, and her owner would not let her come to Dunedin unless in charge of himself or the writer. The chairman asked if Mr. Forward had a defence, and he replied in the negative—he had the dogs with him. Mr. Taylor could not identify the dogs. He would not know Kathleen Mavourneen if he saw her; he did not know she was sent to him till he saw her. He might guess which was Lady Lynton; and being pressed said if he was to give his opinion that was the one (pointing to it). Mr. Forward pointed out the same dog, and added that the other was Kathleen Mavourneen. He had been coursing twenty years, and had never had a stain on his character. Other evidence was taken, and the chairman having addressed the meeting at considerable length, it was then resolved: "That the decision in the case be adjourned till after the evidence of the breeder of Kathleen Mavourneen and Lady Lynton was taken." That having been done the inquiry concluded on Monday, 21st inst., when it was resolved to disqualify from training or coursing J. Forward, of Christchurch, and also the bitch Kathleen Mavourneen, otherwise Lady Lynton, and all concerned are to be notified to this effect. It was the unanimous opinion that the evidence for the defence had been given in a very unsatisfactory manner.

THE Auckland Amateur Athletic Club having fixed the date of their spring meeting for the 21st November, will clash with the Onslow Trotting Club. This is particularly unfortunate for the Trotting Club, who have already met with many vicissitudes of fortune in their infancy. It is also a pity for the Athletic Club, as it must make a difference to their attendance. Saturday, the 14th November, would probably have suited the athletics just as well, and we hope to hear of their decision being altered.

Music & Drama.

Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?

PRINCESS IDA.
SECOND NOTICE.

VIRES ACQUIRIT EUNDO—the piece is really going like a good clock as I write, but ere this issue of the *SPORTING REVIEW* is in print the curtain will have been finally rung down on what has developed from a meritorious into a first-rate performance. Each night has shown improvement in detail; bits of good business have been introduced, the waits between the acts have been shortened, and several witty "gags" relieve the monotony. Among those Gama's explanation of a rooted objection which the "women of Adamant" bear towards Arthur Nathan's teas—because they are grown by the *Single-hes*—and his quip at Cyril (Mr. G. Reid)—whom he addresses as "a bruised *Reed*"—are extremely clever, and convulse the house. An obvious retort on the part of Cyril occurred to me which he may perhaps have fired by the time these lines are being read—"Aye, my lord, but *A. Tayler* is but the ninth part of a man!" Last week I was compelled to break off at the third act, and will resume at that point. In again praising the splendid march of the Amazons—which undoubtedly is the main spectacular draw—I venture to hope that the Opera Club having achieved so great a success will aim even higher in the future. The evolutions good as they are might still be improved by a variety. Professor Carollo's pupils have shown us some strikingly pretty and effective variations, such as the serpentine convolutions and concentric rings moving in opposite directions. The professor would, I feel sure, willingly teach those movements. However, it would be impossible to overpraise Mr. Archdale Tayler for the splendid results he has achieved. It is easy enough to suggest improvements in minor details, but the man who can conceive and realise the general outline of stage business and work it up to the high standard reached in "Princess Ida" deserves well of his country. When he reflects also, that with such a weight on his shoulders King Gama made such a feature of his rôle, the carping critic should quote the lines:—"And isn't your life extremely flat, with nothing whatever to grumble at."

"Death to the Invader"—a martial and somewhat bombastic chorus—is well sung, the lachrymose contrast "Do not hurt us" being nicely rendered. Melissa acquits herself charmingly in her taking little solos, and Princess Ida sings with good enunciation and fine dramatic effect "I built upon a rock." This lady's only fault is uncertainty in intonation, but her merits in all other respects shine so brightly as to command enthusiastic applause and many bouquets. King Gama's ironical monologue, and the delightful song "Whene'er I spoke sarcastic joke," invariably won the tumultuous applause such capital work deserves. His dumb show is simply immense, and was an excellent variation in the inevitable repetition. The soldiers, who are magnificently arrayed—although I think the experiment of a little

originality in costumes, instead of always presenting an exact reproduction of professional traditions, might be worthy of a trial—make an undeniable hit with the chorus "When Anger spreads his wing," which is excellently sung. The quaintly funny disarming trio is capitally done by Arac, Guron and Scynthius—who deserve more *kudos* than they receive, the combat might I think be rendered more effective by arming the duelists with heavy stage broadswords, and allowing each pair to knock sparks out in fixed positions during a few bars of music, instead of waltzing around and coming into collision with each other. At present the attention of the swordsmen is divided between the fencing and the danger of falling over somebody, or inadvertently poking out the eye of a bystander. In the finale the audience welcome the tripping "Dainty Triolet" strains, which reappear set to the words "With joy abiding," and the curtain falls upon a most artistic tableau, in which the colours and grouping are a complete triumph. A few words about the dresses and orchestra. Mrs. Cooper and Miss Warren look especially charming, and reflect glory upon all concerned in designing such exquisite costumes. Melissa, in a harmonious blending of golden brown, old gold and fawn, which suits her style and complexion to perfection, is simply ravishing. The men, too, are capitally got up, King Hildebrand's golden armour being magnificent. Other dresses which are admirable, I regret to be unable to notice in detail. The orchestra under Herr Carl Schmitt's able and incisive direction did its work with thorough efficiency, and Mr. Impey deserves a pat on the back for the successful scoring of the band parts. Some critics would like a band of at least 20 performers, but I cannot agree with them. The band was quite powerful enough for amateur singers, although doubtless the overture and incidental music would have gained by the addition of some instruments. In my opinion what was wanted was more strings, say two more violins, and the replacing of the second cornet by a second clarinet. It is a well-known fact that in large buildings, such as the London Opera Houses, the Albert Hall and the Crystal Palace, the human voice tells above a very large orchestra, but in smaller places a large orchestra positively kills the soloist. Hence in our Opera House it would be egregiously folly to employ a large orchestra—but a careful attention to balance between strings, wood and brass is of essential importance. If I have not sufficiently noted the excellent work of individual performers such as Messrs. T. M. Jackson, C. Chambers, George Reid, and the ladies sustaining minor parts, want of space must be my excuse. I have endeavoured generally to do justice all round.

THE performances of the Payne family are *sui generis*, and deserving of great praise. Their part singing and instrumental selections, the exquisite hand-bell ringing, and Mr. Steele's comic singing and clever and tasteful work on the musical glasses, are all delightful. The violin playing is of its kind really excellent, although not quite reaching a high pitch of artistic refinement—tone is the great desideratum, and the ladies should cultivate that department by listening carefully to the work of great artists, and endeavouring to imitate their purity and delicacy. In the singing, too, the ladies while displaying many admirable qualities mar the effect of very good work by a tendency towards a slight nasal and twangy voice production. Of course the rule is to keep the voice against the teeth as much as possible, but what the French call the *nasarde* sound should be kept rigorously under control. One great merit in the company is their almost faultless intonation. Another is the exquisite light and shade precision which characterises all they attempt. They are drawing capital houses and deserve them. The entertainment is one which can be readily "understood of the people."

WE must not forget our local talent under the direction of Miss Amy Vaughan who pursues her triumphant career with unabated success. In spite of counter attractions the company continue to draw good houses, who welcome every novelty with warm approval.

AUCKLAND just now can certainly not complain of a dearth in amusements. Next week Mr. Pollard and his youthful operatic company will occupy the boards of the Opera House. The

southern journals teem with favourable notices, and I expect something very good. In the Pirates of Penzance, which forms one of their repertory, a Wellington lass takes the part of Mabel, and the verdict so far is that she has not mistaken her vocation.

ORPHEUS.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

The secretary, Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, receives entries for the following events up to 10 p.m. to-morrow, Friday, at the C.J.C. rooms:—

Spring Hurdles of 150 sovs., 2 miles
Middleton Hurdles of 100 sovs., once round and a distance
Stewards' Stakes of 200 sovs., 6 furlongs
Juvenile Stakes of 250 sovs., 5 furlongs
Metropolitan Stakes of 400 sovs., 1½ miles
Jockey Club Handicap of 300 sovs., 1 mile
Middle Park Plate (Summer meeting) of 200 sovs., 6 furlongs
Challenge Stakes (Autumn meeting) of 300 sovs., 7 furlongs

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

Tuesday, 6th October, 1891, nominations are to be lodged with Mr. M. G. Nasmith, secretary, Argyll Hotel, Gisborne, for the
Flying Handicap of 30 sovs., 6 furlongs
Hurdle Handicap of 40 sovs., about 2 miles
Grand Stand Handicap of 40 sovs., 1 mile
Park Handicap of 75 sovs., 1½ miles

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

To-day, Thursday, nominations close with Mr. J. H. Aislabie, secretary, for the
Spring Handicap of 120 sovs., 1 mile
Flying Handicap of 70 sovs., 6 furlongs
Hurdle Handicap of 60 sovs., 2 miles
Maiden Plate of 40 sovs., 1½ miles

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB.

Nominations close with the secretary, Mr. A. T. Danvers, at the Club's office, Market-street, Napier, at 10 p.m. to-morrow, Friday, for the following races:—

Trial Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs., 1½ miles
Criterion Stakes Handicap of 60 sovs., 1 mile
Sapling Stakes Handicap of 75 sovs., 4 furlongs
Ahuriri Handicap of 40 sovs., once round
Second Trial Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs., 1½ miles
Caledonian Handicap of 40 sovs., six furlongs
Telephone Handicap of 40 sovs., 1 mile
Juvenile Handicap of 75 sovs., 4½ furlongs
Grand Stand Handicap of 50 sovs., 7 furlongs

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

Friday, October 9th, nominations close with the secretary, Mr. W. L. Lockhart Otahuhu, or at Mr. W. Blomfield's office, Durham-street East, Auckland, at 10 p.m., for the

Handicap Maiden Trot of 40 sovs., 2 miles
Handicap Maiden Pony Race of 20 sovs., 6 furlongs
Otahuhu Handicap Trot of 70 sovs., 3 miles
Railway Pony Handicap of 30 sovs., 1 mile
Selling Trot of 20 sovs., 2½ miles
Handicap Pony Hurdles of 30 sovs., 1½ miles
Pony Trot Handicap of 30 sovs., 2 miles

HAWKES BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

Saturday, October 3rd, acceptances due by 3 p.m., for:—

October Handicap of 60 sovs., 1 mile and a distance
Corinthian Handicap of 40 sovs., 1 mile

Monday, October 5th, acceptances due by 10.30 p.m., for:

Trial Handicap of 40 sovs., once round
Second Handicap Hurdles of 80 sovs., 1½ miles
Nursery Handicap, of 100 sovs., 4 furlongs.
Welter Handicap of 40 sovs., 1 mile.

Mr. F. D. Luckie, secretary, Criterion Hotel, Napier, receives the same.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

On October 9th (Friday), at 10 p.m., acceptances close with the secretary, Mr. H. H. Hayr, at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, for the following races:—

Open Maiden Plate of 25 sovs., 7 furlongs
Farmers' Plate Handicap of 20 sovs., once round the Steeple course
Pakuranga Hunt Club Cup of 50 sovs., about 3½ miles
Open Hurdle Race of 40 sovs., 1½ miles
Pony Race Handicap of 15 sovs., ½ mile
Members' Hurdle Race of 40 sovs., 2 miles
Open Flying Stakes of 35 sovs., 5 furlongs
Also, at the same time and place, nominations for the Ladies' Bracelet (Welter Handicap), of 10 sovs., 1 mile and a distance

The New Premises erected by the Sydney Tattersall's Club, with the ground on which it stands, cost nearly £50,000.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PONY HANDICAPPING.

(TO THE EDITOR.)

SIR,—In the interest of truth I crave your indulgence to insert the following lines in answer to a letter signed "Little Pony," which appeared in your last week's issue. "Little Pony," who is identical, if I make no mistake, with an owner of a certain pony in this district, implies in his letter that racing clubs in Taranaki have passed ponies over the 14.2 standard for pony races for that height and under. This statement I know to be a pure fabrication, for the clubs in this district have always been most particular in measuring ponies. The real cause of "Little Pony's" evident dissatisfaction arises out of personal pique against an owner, who has a smarter pony than he owns. The letter showed very bad form appearing at the time it did, for the apparent intention of "Little Pony" was to prejudice the Auckland Trotting Club against an owner who had the enterprise to take his horses to Auckland to compete at their meeting. I sincerely trust the shaft has missed. When "Little Pony" takes up his pen he should stick to the truth, and not make rash statements against racing clubs, who have always treated him with a spirit of fair play, which, judging by the letter I take exception to, is foreign to the nature of "Little Pony." The assertions in his letter are but repetitions of statements he has made in public, principally in hotel bars.

I am, &c.,

TARANAKI.

RANDOM RACING REMARKS.

[BY PEGASUS.]

AN interesting item would be a list of all those horses that did *not* try during the A.J.C. meeting just concluded.

Is Melos trying the Bravo dodge by going amiss? I shall believe he is "gone wrong" when he is scratched for the Cup.

Some backers think there were a few "stiff 'uns" at our A.R.C. meeting on the 19th inst. More unlikely things have happened before.

How is this for "high"? Last autumn, when mares are usually better than in spring, Yowi, with 6st 2lbs, ran third to Highborn, 9st 3lbs, in the Sydney Gold Cup, and over the same distance in the Metrop. the other day, each with 2lbs. more on their backs, Yowi wins, and fairly "buries" Highborn, who was not even placed. Where does the laugh come in?

Under the circumstances I hardly felt justified in "tipping" her for the Metrop.

My anticipations re the Hawkesbury Handicap were not realised. Only Jack succeeded in gaining a place. A small field of six faced the starter. Whether any of my half-dozen were there does not appear—except Sunshine, who must have gone off.

Oxide and Aster are good articles for the Caulfield Guineas

Next week I intend summarising my remarks on the Caulfield Cup, and will give a "tip" for the Guineas. I shall also begin a review of the Melbourne Cup, giving my tip for the Caulfield Cup in the issue of the 15th inst.

Bungebah is a red hot favourite for the last-named event. He is now quoted at 5 to 2. Too feverish! Result—itch, eh!!!

CAULFIELD CUP.

(Continued from last week.)

Glancing retrospectively over the seven stone division, and taking into consideration my remarks thereon, I am forced to the conclusion that if the winner be there it must be G'Naroo, The Tyler, Laverock, Clonard, Forest King, or Mirnee.

Of course I shall be in possession of good information from my Australian adviser before the day of issue, which will be at the disposal of backers through these columns at some early date.

So far, then, I have picked out as the "plums of the pudding" Correze, Richelieu, Gresford, The Spot, G'Naroo, The Tyler, Laverock, Clonard, Forest King and Mirnee.

Having waded through the formidable list of horses down to 7st., I must now attempt a review of the mixed

6 STONE DIVISION.

I use the remark attempt advisedly, for every one must know that this division contains untried three-year-olds, out-classed and ancient animals, and often a "waiter" or two. That is to say some, although they have to put up little "weight," have already put up with a lot of "wait." For example, last year Vengeance and Highborn could well be termed "waiters." Vengeance's attempt was successful; but Highborn had the bad luck to drop against a "snag"—Carbine.

It is these waiters that non-plus a sporting writer or tipster, and knowing this, I am inclined to use the word *attempt* when dealing with this division.

Bengal, 6st 13lbs, is evidently "on the job" somewhere this season. I hardly fancy, however, that this event is his "dart." Should he be "slipped" for it some of them in the race will have their necks stretched.

Tirallerie, 6st 12lbs, is undoubtedly a good filly, but when I take into consideration the season of the year, her age and sex, and her short time in Australia, where she needs to be thoroughly acclimatised, I cannot find myself partial to her chance. She will have a far better show in the autumn.

Sternchaser, 6st 12lbs, another New Zealander, is reputed to be a regular "hammer," but notwithstanding the report that a heavy commission has been executed in his favour, I can't stand him. The commission does not prove his goodness, as the greater part of it might be judicially hedged from time to time as the odds shortened.

Albemarle, 6st 12lbs, is a rare game colt, as he showed by his second in the A.J.C. Spring Stakes, run under w.f.a. conditions. I am inclined to think he will be "sent" for this race, and his owner will reserve Bengal for something later on in the season. Albemarle seems more forward in his training than his stable-companion, and I must strongly recommend him as "good goods."

Yowi, 6st 11lb, has a penalty of 14lbs to put up for her Metrop. win, thus bringing her weight up to 7st 11lb. This quite upsets her chance. I should have been inclined to favour her at 6st 11lb; but now, like the darkey, I "guv her up." I believe she is only "built" for carrying light weights.

Freedom (Vic.), Sadim, Affiance, and Empire are each allotted 6st 11lb. I presume the last-named is the "daddy" of the other three. He has the advantage of a year in age against Sadim and Affiance, which gives him a big pull over them. Empire is reported to be training satisfactorily, and may require a little careful watching. As to Freedom, he would be more in his element at the "illegitimate game." He is now 7 years old, and must be losing any little pace on the flat that he ever had.

Courteous, 6st 10lb, Tea Rose and Bandit, 6st 9lb each, I cannot see anything in to cause me to recommend them.

Aster, 6st 9lb, at the A.J.C. meeting performed very creditably, and beat Albemarle in the Wycombe Stakes, 1 mile and 3 furlongs, carrying 7st 9lb each. But taking into consideration Aster's win in the Member's Handicap, he will have a 7lb penalty, which will give Albemarle an advantage of 4lbs. This will be just about enough to give the latter the advantage. Besides, I opine that shorter distances will suit Aster better.

Merriwa, 6st 9lb, a five-year-old, by Goldsborough—Habena, is "up to the neck" in it as far as weight goes. I cannot say I like his dam, though, as a racehorse producer. Anyhow I keep him on my side as one of the "dark" division.

Fortunatus has the same weight, but I expect him to be nothing more than a "sprinter."

Accident, 6st 8lbs, has so far run in nothing but sprint races. He is a five-year-old son of Newminster, whose progeny are not usually partial to long journeys. Vengeance was about the best of the family at long distances, and he was just five when he "bobbed up serenely" in last Caulfield Cup. Will history repeat itself? If Vengeance's half-brother should win the Cup of '91, it can be said very truly, I think, in more ways than one, that it was "won by accident."

There are eight of them weighted at 6st 7lb. Amongst them is one named Choice. Notwithstanding this Choice amongst them I think

there is really no choice when discussing their abilities.

Yolande belongs to Mr. "Tradition" Yoe-man, and might "spring a mine" as did Tradition in his seconds in the two Cups of 1888.

Euroka is in charge of J. Chaafe, the well-known trainer of Yowi.

I can't find anything else in the lot likely to "upset the apple-cart," and in the whole of the six stone division am only tempted to consider Albemarle, Empire and Merriwa.

TARANAKI SPORTING NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, Sept 25.

FROM all accounts Fraternité, by Dauphin—Sissie, is going to bear out his two-year-old form in his three-year-old career. I am told he is bounding along in his work at Momahaki, and that those behind him consider he has a great chance of winning the Hawke's Bay Guineas on October 5.

OUR CHRISTCHURCH LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

[BY WIRE.]

CHRISTCHURCH, Sept. 29.

CRACKSHOT is going well, and will certainly be a dangerous candidate for the New Zealand Cup. Erin-go-bragh was certainly a bit lame this morning again; he may not stand long.

The four foals—two by Maxim, one by Chainshot, and one by Stoneyhurst—are beauties.

CHRISTCHURCH, Sept. 24.

It is now reported that Harry Lunn will take Clanranald to Hawke's Bay on the strength of his Timaru performance. I do not know whether the report can be actually relied upon, but I am perfectly sure that Clanranald can only win classic events or weight-for-age races in inferior company.

Eros is now in Cutts' stable, and he certainly looks a better horse than he did when trained here as a two-year-old. His hocks are bad, however, and beyond that, I do not believe he is more than a middling second-class handicap horse.

Sheenan broke his collarbone through the accident he met with in Dunedin. It was set by a Dunedin doctor immediately, but on arriving home it was out again. That is attributed to bad setting, but I do not know so much about that. Surgery is the only thing I would call in a doctor for, and most of them are pretty expert at that game. In regard to other matters, things are different. I will never forget Mrs. Weldon's case.

Mat Cowan has now got Stonyhurst at home, and he will travel him throughout the covering season. I know Stonyhurst is a horse that will get good hunters, and I do not know that Mat Cowan is far wrong in saying he will get good racers if properly mated.

I hear that Harry Piper will be appointed trotting handicapper for Sockburn Park. He has been at that game before, but "there are wheels within wheels."

Murphy, the stud groom who looks after Chainshot, says he has got thirty mares on the list. A good many of them will be half-breeds, however.

After his Timaru experiences, Cutts says that Mr. Dowse will never have a chance of handicapping Von Tempsey again. My own impression is that Mr. Dowse and Mr. Evett are the only two good handicappers in the Colony. There is no getting away from what they can do.

Morpheus has got a bad leg, I hear, and he is only being cantered at Timaru.

It is said that Quibble was never better than he is now. I never liked his hocks, but Cutts tells me he is as sound as on the day he was foaled.

A Leeston man, who has been brought up in a racing stable, tells me that Idler would have beaten Couranto had the National meeting come off a bit earlier. Idler was overdone.

Butler is likely to have a decent string of horses at Riccarton again presently.

Bar Florrie, I do not think there is a really first-class racer at Riccarton at the present moment. Cajolery is a lot behind Florrie.

WANGANUI LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Friday, September 25th.

THE dam of La Petite Fille, Lady Grey, has given birth to a colt foal, by Sou' wester, full brother to La Petite Fille. Lady Grey has visited Natator.

The Wanganui J.C. have added another grand stand to their course, having built one on the top of the outside booth, capable of seating 500 people. A small lawn will be fenced off in the front of this stand, the entrance to which will be a shilling. This will be a great improvement, and will add to the comfort and convenience of the visiting public, and as all the games usually played on a racecourse will be at the back of the booths, a clear view of all the racing may be seen from this newly-erected edifice.

La Petite Fille, by Sou' wester—Lady Grey, and Oaklands, by The Clown—Reserve, are leaving for Napier at the beginning of the week. Both these horses are in good condition, and should run well forward in their events. La Petite Fille should go very close to winning the Flying Handicap, as she has proved herself to be a flyer over short distances.

The trainers and jockeys have arranged a football match with one of the local clubs (Kaierau), to take place on the 3rd of October. The knights of the pigskin are in active training, but they complain that it is jolly hard work, and are to be seen returning from practice thoroughly tired looking, some limping slowly along, whilst others are marked by scratches and bruises.

Fraternite, by Dauphin—Sissie, is to leave Momohaki for Napier next Wednesday, to fulfill his engagements at the forthcoming meeting. I am informed that he is in grand fettle, and has done a lot of work; and as he will I believe have the services of Alick McCormick in the saddle, I shall expect to see him returned the winner of the Hawke's Bay Guineas for 1891.

For the horse parade to be held on the racecourse next Wednesday, under the auspices of the Wanganui Agricultural and Pastoral Association, twenty-five entries have been registered. The entries show a good variety of classes.

I regret to hear that Mr. C. Robinson's (of Foxton) horse Sligo, by Somnus—May King mare, met with an accident the other day, which will put an end to his being trained on. It appears the horse was turned out in a yard for a few minutes, and whilst indulging in a roll he got entangled in a barb wire fence, with the result that one of his hocks got terribly cut, several of the sinews being completely severed. This is bad luck for his popular owner, as not long ago a full brother to Waiter, Somnus—Barmaid, met with a similar accident which prevented him from standing a preparation.

Boulanger will make the journey to Napier to fulfil his engagements, about the middle of the week. This horse is moving along in first class style, and is very fit; he will make the best of them shift on the day, and I shall expect to see him win one of the events.

Cretonne, Ascot—Leonessa, the Guineas candidate, has gone a bit wrong in one of his hocks, and has not been worked for the last week. He will not make the journey. This is a pity, for had he kept all right he would have taken a lot of beating, judging by his two-year-old performances.

AUCKLAND PONY AND TROTting CLUB.

THE above Club inaugurated their trotting season with their Spring meeting at Potter's Paddock last Saturday under the most unfavourable auspices. A cold sou'-west wind, accompanied by heavy squalls, swept across the course, making everything cold and miserable. The attendance was rather meagre. The Club have been unfortunate all through as regards the weather, which is to be regretted, as the Committee work hard to make their meeting a success. The following acted as officials:—Mr. A. Harris as judge, who had not a difficult post, for, with one exception, all the races were won easily; Mr. F. W. Mark, clerk of the scales; Mr. E. D. Halstead, starter, and was most successful in getting some large fields of ponies away. The handicappers, Messrs.

Adams and Halstead, cannot be congratulated on their handicapping. The trotting races were won absurdly easily—Myrtle, notwithstanding her penalties, winning three out of the four events without difficulty. She is a nice pony, trotting very fairly. It is said that she comes from the Bay of Islands. Messrs. Caulton, Halstead, and Wattie were judges of trotting, and did their work on the whole satisfactorily, but they all seem to ignore "skipping," which was very prevalent. It would not be allowed on any American course nor in England. We know that it is a very difficult thing to break old horses of it (most of those running coming under that head). Many persons would not notice it, but it decidedly gives a clever "skipper" an advantage. Mr. C. F. Mark, the secretary, was as indefatigable as ever, superintending everything. Notwithstanding the cold weather, the genial smile was there as usual, and it is hard to believe that he can be put out of temper. The following rule was strictly enforced, thus enabling good time to be kept:—"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 weighed out ten minutes before the advertised time for starting the race. Any jockey not being weighed out at least ten minutes before the advertised time will be fined in a sum of not less than 2 sovs. and not exceeding 10 sovs. Every trainer not having his horse at the post ready to start at that time may be fined in a sum not exceeding 10 sovs." The management was good throughout the afternoon. We heard of no disputes or disagreements as regards racing or the totalisator. A rather curious incident occurred just before the first race, but as it is mentioned elsewhere we will only give the bare facts. Several bookmakers came to the gate and were refused admittance, while two that were inside were ordered out. The reason given was that they had not paid the £5 fine the Club had inflicted on them some months ago for betting without a license.

There are two things that we would suggest to the committee, which would be a great improvement to their meetings. The first is that they should have a new telegraph board. The present one is of a most primitive construction. The numbers cannot be seen from the stand; even those in the paddock have to squeeze between the rails and the board to obtain the numbers. The other is, to insist on the jockeys either riding in butcher or top boots, not in trousers, as it looks very bad. The Artillery Band, under Mr. Hunter, was in attendance and played during the afternoon, but looked very miserable in the cold and wet.

The Maiden Trot Handicap, two miles, brought out a field of fifteen, to whom the old adage might be applied—they were "rum'uns to look at, but d—s to go." Myrtle, 35secs., a nice goer, soon went to the front, and won by any number of lengths; Jock, 40secs., and Rover, 40secs., finishing second and third, the remainder strung out in a long line. The Flying Stakes Handicap, of five furlongs, brought out the large field of fourteen ponies. The flag fell to a good start. Sweet Lavender, 3yrs, 8st 5lb, went to the front immediately, and making all the running, won easily by three lengths; Red Rose, 7st 10lb, defeating Lady Onslow, 9st, by about half a length, the rest widely scattered. The winner last season showed considerable pace, so it is no wonder she did the ponies. The Handicap Trot, two and a half miles, brought nine to the post, and was a repetition of the Maiden Trot. Myrtle, 48secs., having incurred a 12secs. penalty, soon began to make up her ground, and went to the front. In the second round she was eased up, and indulged Ladybird with the lead, but when asked she again went to the front and won very easily by about half-a-dozen lengths; Sailor Boy, 50secs., and Maud S., 35secs., who were trotting very well, finishing second and third. The Tramway Handicap, seven furlongs, produced a field of seven ponies. Vampire, 9st 7lb, got away the quickest, and making all the running, just got home a neck in front of Pica, 10st, who was half a length in front of Romeo, 7st 5lb. Sweet Lavender, 8st 7lb, did not get away well in this race, and also found the distance too far for her. Twelve faced the starter for the Spring Handicap, three miles. This was the principal race of the day. Charlie, 30secs., began to make up his ground from the start, and in the second round assumed the lead, and without being pressed won as he

liked by at least a dozen lengths; Disappointment, 70secs., finishing second and third, the rest being tailed off all round the course. The winner is a chestnut horse that comes from Taranaki, and is a good goer, though inclined to "skip"; he gets over the ground at a great pace. Captain Russell is a nice cut of a trotter, and a good goer; however, he has a way of his own, as he twice bolted for the gate of the saddling paddock and also at the back of the course. If he had gone kindly he would in all probability have troubled the winner. The Hurdle Race, one and a half miles, brought out five ponies, and it was wonderful to see how all but Tormentor, who fell at the first hurdle, jumped. Antic, 11st, made all the running from Pica, 10st 7lb, and won by two lengths, Despised, 8st 9lb, third. The winner is a really nice looking pony, and might win a hurdle race among horses. The Handicap Pony Trot, two miles, showed us that Myrtle was something out of the common, for with 22secs. penalty, reducing her start to 13secs., she waited until the last round when she went to the front and won easily, Ladybird, 20secs., second, and Jock, 40secs., third, in 6min. 8secs., or 12secs. faster than the Maiden. The public picked the winners pretty well, so there were no big dividends, as usually is the case. The totalisator put through £2,454 10s. It was quite evident that some of the competitors were in waiting, and it is to be hoped that the handicappers had their eye on them.

AUCKLAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.

THE annual meeting of the above club was held in the British Hotel on Friday evening last, there being a large attendance of members. The meeting was most enthusiastic throughout. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Mr. B. J. Esam read the annual report as follows:—

"In submitting the balance-sheet for the season 1890-91, I propose to supplement the reports with a short analysis of the "incomings and outgoings" of the club. The number of members has increased from 160 to 181. The amount of money from our two meetings and the championship meeting aggregates £854 11s. 6d; and of this large sum it will be of interest to the general public to know (to whom we gratefully acknowledge our success) almost the whole has been re-circulated amongst the tradesmen and others. The gate money totals £636 1s. 6d; entrance fees, £114 18s. 6d; members' subscriptions £84 6s. 6d; and sale of programmes, and interest and incidentals make up the balance. The expenditure has been abnormally heavy, and the cost of entertaining visitors at the Christchurch meeting has been £51 0s. 11d. over our share of the profits. In addition to £12 incidental expenses in the same connection, £29 3s. 11d. has been spent in the purchase of plant and gear, £333 in prize money, City Council for rent and tramway fee £53, and labour £32 8s. 6d. Notwithstanding the heavy strain on our finances, it is a pleasure to find we have improved our financial position. Briefly, the position of the club is this: Assets in cash £101 1s. 1d., against £97 3s. 9d. last year. Other assets £96, against £62. The "Victor Ludorum" cups have been altogether written down at £20. The value of the banner has been taken at actual cost of materials only."

The chairman (Mr. J. H. B. Coates) moved the adoption of the report in complimentary terms, and congratulated the club upon the success they had met with last year. The report was then put and carried unanimously. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Patron His Excellency the Governor; vice-patron, His Worship the Mayor of Auckland; president, Mr. J. H. B. Coates; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Garrett, J. F. Logan, and B. J. Esam; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Halyday; hon. treasurer, Mr. B. J. Esam; committee (ten representing the Athletic Club, and three the Cycle Club), Messrs. Arneil, Cotter, Speight, George, Service, Cooper, Uphill, Mackinney, Powley, Howard, Edwards, Lusk, and Smith; captain of the Cycle Club, Mr. Nicholson; deputy captain, Mr. Reynolds.

Great sympathy was expressed for the widow and relatives of Mr. T. G. Sibbin, who was killed at Potter's Paddock, and on the motion of the chairman it was resolved "That a letter of condolence from the club be forwarded to Mrs. Sibbin."

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. John Gallagher, the proprietor of the British Hotel, for the use of the room, which was specially fitted up for such purposes; as was also a vote of thanks to Miss Dobson, and Mr. G. H. Powley, for their joint labours in producing the club's banner; this was carried amidst great applause. A large amount of business of minor importance was discussed, and a most unanimous, and successful meeting; closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

AUCKLAND TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

A SPECIAL meeting of the above club was held on Tuesday evening at the club's premises, Swanson-street, Mr. L. A. Levy being voted to the chair. The meeting was called at the request of a number of the clubs' members, for the purpose of altering Rule 16, which provides that only two members of the committee shall retire annually. The question having been put by ballot, the alteration was agreed to by 21 to 9, and the whole of the committee will now retire annually, but are eligible for re-election. The annual general meeting of the club was then held. The report and balance-sheet as read, was adopted. The following committee of management were appointed—Messrs. L. A. Levy, J. Dickey, M. D. Malavey, W. Percival, J. Armitage, T. Craig and R. Garrett. Messrs. M. M. Levy and J. Stichbury were re-elected auditors. Mr. C. Philpot brought forward a motion to the effect that the rule requiring bookmakers to pay £4 4s. per annum be rescinded, but the chairman ruled that notice should be given in the usual manner, and a special meeting called for the purpose. The advocates of the proposed change became very energetic in their arguments that the rule was in order, but the chairman peremptorily upheld his previous ruling, and declared the meeting closed. A vote of thanks to the chair and last years committee closed the meeting. A requisition is now in course of preparation for a special meeting for the purpose.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Your Committee have much pleasure in submitting to the members the Balance-sheet for the year ending September 30th, 1891, which shows the Club to be in a very sound financial condition, the profit for the year being the substantial sum of £49 12s 4d, and in addition to this, the sum of £21 6s has been added to the furniture account.

Your Committee during the year have steadily kept before them the idea of building up a Reserve Fund, and are glad to report that they have further increased this fund by depositing £50 in the Post Office Savings Bank. This, in addition to the £75 already lodged in the Auckland Savings Bank, makes £125 of a reserve, to which must be added the sum of £7 2s 7d for interest due, besides a cash balance of £81 0s 11d, making a total cash asset of £168 3s 6d.

The various matters during the year coming before your Committee to adjudicate on have been dealt with in accordance to the rules. There is nothing of serious importance to report. The attendance of the various members of Committee has been regular.

Two members of your Committee retire (Messrs. Garrett and Armitage). These gentlemen are eligible for re-election.

The race meeting was inore of a success this year than the former one, the nett profit being £22 0s. 6d.

BALANCE-SHEET.

| RECEIPTS. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----|----|----|------|----|----|
| 1891. | To Balance from last year..... | | | | 81 | 8 | 7 |
| | Members' Subscriptions..... | 74 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| | Bookmakers' License Fees..... | 21 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | Rent of Rooms..... | 107 | 12 | 10 | | | |
| | Rent of Shop..... | 22 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| | Hearing Fees..... | 4 | 14 | 0 | | | |
| | Sundries..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | 281 | 7 | 10 |
| RACE MEETING ACCOUNT— | | | | | | | |
| | Totalisator..... | 199 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| | Nominations and Acceptances..... | 56 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | Grandstand..... | 16 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | Gates, Booths, etc..... | 74 | 8 | 6 | | | |
| | Bookmakers' Fees..... | 7 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | 352 | 11 | 6 |
| | | | | | 2815 | 7 | 11 |

| EXPENDITURE. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| 1891. | By Rent..... | 78 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | Gas Account..... | 19 | 14 | 4 | | | |
| | Rates..... | 14 | 9 | 2 | | | |
| | Secretary..... | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | Caretaker..... | 30 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| | Sundries..... | 11 | 12 | 6 | | | |
| | Coal, Firewood, etc., £3 14s. 9d.; Newspapers, etc., £7 10s. 4d..... | 11 | 14 | 1 | | | |
| | Repairs W.C., Gas Fittings, etc..... | 6 | 13 | 0 | | | |
| | Stationery, Stamps, etc..... | 4 | 3 | 5 | | | |
| | Furniture, etc..... | 14 | 13 | 0 | | | |
| | Printing, Advertising, Paper, Envelopes, etc..... | 11 | 9 | 6 | | | |
| | Refund Hearing Fee..... | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| | Deposit Post Office Savings Bank..... | 60 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | 278 | 18 | 0 |

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| RACE MEETING ACCOUNT— | | | | | | | |
| | Stakes..... | 240 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | Rent of Course, etc..... | 21 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| | Advertising, Printing, etc..... | 18 | 13 | 0 | | | |
| | Band, £4 10s.; Lunch, £4..... | 8 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| | Handicapper, £4 4s.; Starter and Clerk of Course, £4 4s..... | 8 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| | Police, 65s.; Gate Keepers, 80s.; Totalisator Clerk, 80s..... | 8 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | 305 | 11 | 0 |
| | Balance on hand and in Bank..... | | | | 584 | 7 | 0 |
| | | | | | 81 | 0 | 11 |
| | | | | | 2815 | 7 | 11 |

| ASSETS AND LIABILITIES. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------|------|----|----|
| ASSETS. | | | | |
| Cash in hand..... | | 81 | 0 | 11 |
| Cash in Auckland Savings Bank..... | | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest due by Auckland Savings Bank..... | | 7 | 2 | 7 |
| Cash in Post Office Savings Bank..... | | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Unpaid Subscriptions, estimated to be worth..... | | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Unpaid Nominations, estimated to be worth..... | | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| Furniture, etc..... | £127 | 19 | 0 | |
| Less 10 per cent. depreciation..... | 12 | 15 | 10 | |
| | | 115 | 8 | 2 |
| | | 2833 | 8 | 8 |
| LIABILITIES. | | | | |
| NIL. | | | | |

Mr. W. Paul, of Mangere, has purchased the jumper Maire, by Endymion—Maid of Honour, for £20.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

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COMING EVENTS.

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| Sept. 30, Oct. 1 | Geraldine Racing Club Spring Meeting |
| Oct. 8 | Waikato Hunt Club |
| Oct. 5, 6 | Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring Meeting |
| Oct. 7 | Hawke's Bay Trotting Club |
| Oct. 10, 17 | Victoria Amateur Turf Club |
| Oct. 13, 14 | Napier Park R.C. Spring Meeting |
| Oct. 14 | Marlborough Racing Club |
| Oct. 17 | Caulfield Cup |
| Oct. 17 | Pakuranga Hunt Club |
| Oct. 21 | Poverty Bay Turf Club |
| Oct. 22, 23 | Wanganui Jockey Club |
| Oct. 23 | North Canterbury J.C. Spring Meeting |
| Oct. 31 | Otahuhu Trotting Club |
| Oct. 31 | V.R.C. Derby |
| Oct. 31, Nov. 2, 5, 7 | Victoria Racing Club |
| Nov. 3 | Melbourne Cup |
| Nov. 3 | Lancaster Park Trotting Club |
| Nov. 9 | Gisborne Spring Meeting |
| Nov. 9 | Momohaki Hack Meeting |
| Nov. 8 | Town and Suburban R.C. (Hawke's Bay) |
| 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. 21 | Onslow Trotting Club |
| Nov. 26, 28, 30, Dec. 1 | Dunedin J.C. Spring Meeting |
| Nov. 23, 30 | Wellington R.C. Meeting |
| Nov. 28 | Takapuna Jockey Club Spring Meeting |
| Dec. 5 | Onehunga Racing Club |
| Dec. 13 | Avondale Jockey Club |
| Dec. 18, 19 | South Auckland Racing Club |
| Dec. 25 | Heathcote Racing Club |
| Dec. 28 | Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer |
| Dec. 28, 29 | Manawatu R.C. Summer |
| Dec. 28 | Waipawa County R.C. Summer |
| Dec. 28 | Drury Racing Club |
| Dec. 26, Jan. 1, 2 | A.R.C. Summer Meeting |
| Jan. 1 | Napier Racing Club |
| Jan. 8, 9 | Whangarei County Racing Club |
| Jan. 12, 13 | Poverty Bay Turf Club |
| Jan. 16 | Onehunga Racing Club Summer |
| Jan. 19, 20 | Gisborne Summer Meeting |
| Jan. 22, 23 | Wellington R.C. Summer |
| Jan. 23 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Jan. 29, 30 Feb. 6 | Takapuna Jockey Club Summer Meeting |
| Feb. 13 | Otahuhu Trotting Club |
| Feb. 27 | Lake Racing Club |
| Mar. 23, 24 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Mar. 23, 24 | Napier Park Racing Club |
| Apr. 18, 19 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Apr. 18, 19 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| May 24, 25 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| May 24 | Takapuna Jockey Club Winter Meeting |
| June 4, 6 | Auckland Racing Club |

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

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| Oct. 1 | Poverty Bay Turf Club |
| Oct. 2 | Napier Park R.C. |
| Oct. 2 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Oct. 8 | Gisborne Spring |
| Oct. 9 | Otahuhu Trotting Club |
| Oct. 10 | Momohaki Hack Meeting |
| Oct. 10 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Oct. 12 | General entries V.R.C. Spring meeting |
| Oct. 12 | Poverty Bay Turf Club General Entries |
| Oct. 30 | Auckland R.C. General Entries |
| Oct. 30 | Onslow Trotting Club |
| Nov. 13 | Onehunga Spring |
| Nov. 14 | Dunedin Jockey Club—general entries |
| Dec. 24 | Onehunga Summer |
| Feb. 12 | Lake Racing Club |

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

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| Oct. 1 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| Oct. 7 | Napier Park R.C. |
| Oct. 8 | Poverty Bay Turf Club |
| Oct. 16 | Otahuhu Trotting Club |
| Oct. 28 | Gisborne Spring |
| Nov. 7 | Onslow Trotting Club |
| Nov. 11 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Nov. 20 | Onehunga Spring |
| Jan. 8 | Onehunga Summer |
| Feb. 16 | Lake Racing Club |

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

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| Oct. 3, 5 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| Oct. 9 | Napier Park R.C. |
| Oct. 9 | Pakuranga Hunt Club |
| Oct. 10 | Marlborough Racing Club |
| Oct. 12 | Poverty Bay Turf Club |
| Oct. 18 | Final payment Caulfield Cup |
| Oct. 18 | Wanganui Jockey Club |
| Oct. 23 | Otahuhu Trotting Club |
| Oct. 23 | Canterbury Jockey Club Spring |
| Oct. 27 | 2nd forfeit Melbourne Cup |
| Oct. 30 | Auckland R.C. 2nd Spring Meeting |
| Nov. 3 | Gisborne Spring |
| Nov. 5 | Final Payment N.Z. Cup, Derby and Oaks |
| Nov. 14 | Onslow Trotting Club |
| Nov. 19 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Nov. 27 | Onehunga Spring |
| Dec. 31 | Onehunga Summer |
| Feb. 19 | Lake Racing Club |

HUNTING.

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| Oct. 3 | Mount Albert |
| Oct. 10 | North Shore |

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At the Auckland Pony and Trotting Club meeting, held last Saturday at Potter's Paddock, an unpleasant occurrence between the Committee and the bookmakers took place. Last season it appears that the Club were desirous of charging the bookmakers a guinea and a half for the privilege of plying their calling. This they considered too much, and refused to pay it, but one of their number tendered twenty-four pounds for the whole lot, which meant about seventeen shillings and sixpence per head for the afternoon. This was declined by the Committee, and as some of them continued betting they were fined five pounds apiece, which they declined to pay. The Club afterwards applied to the Committee of Tattersall's to recover the amount, which they declined to do on the ground that they had no jurisdiction, the bookmakers not having miscondacted themselves or in any way broken the rules of betting. Thus the matter rested until last Saturday, when several of them went out to Potter's Paddock to see the races, but with no intention of betting. After having paid their entrance money they were refused admittance, while two who had already gone on the course were ordered off. The bookmakers were very wrath at their treatment, and naturally so, for they all declared they were only there as spectators; but that was of no avail, and they had to return home.

Now the first question is, who are in the wrong? We think that the impost of a guinea and a half for the privilege of betting for one afternoon at a meeting like the one in question was extortionate. As the bookmakers justly said, "If we agree to pay this all the little meetings would charge the same, and in the face of the competition against us by the machine we could not afford to pay it, and our calling would be done for."

If the committee (as it appears they are desirous of stopping betting on their course, owing to the tickets on the machine being ten shillings) had said we shall charge you ten pounds for the privilege of betting, it would simply mean we will not permit you to bet, as we do not wish you to interfere with our machine. Asking a guinea and a half was only a half-hearted way of doing the thing, and was calculated to irritate the bookmakers. Then comes the question, are club's able to charge certain sums for permitting men to carry on an illegal calling, for betting is certainly a thing the law does not sanction, but only tolerates under certain circumstances. The majority of racing clubs get over the difficulty by charging the bookmakers outside a certain sum for the privilege of erecting small stands, ignoring the fact that they were to be used for betting purposes.

The action of the committee in refusing the bookmakers admittance after they had paid their money, was, in our opinion, wrong. The men had given no evidence that they intended to carry on their avocation; they merely went there as spectators; they had not broken the rules of racing or betting; they had simply declined to pay a fine which they considered unjust. Look at in another way. Suppose the bookmakers had not been known, and the officials had turned out a stranger in no way connected with the ring, what would the position of the committee have been then? We have known cases in England where the racecourses being private property, the stewards have appointed detectives to turn out objectionable persons from the grandstand and enclosures, but we do not think it appertains to a case of this kind, as the bookmakers are not objectionable persons. We are informed that the bookmakers intend to test the legality of the question. We, however, strongly advise them to come to some amicable settlement, as lawyers are generally hot favourites, and invariably win at the finish.

It is a curious thing that, considering trotting races have become a favourite sport with the Auckland public, there are so few persons that either know how to train or ride a trotter. In our issue of the 24th inst. we were induced, having seen them advertised, to publish an article regarding the use of "toe weights" in training a trotting horse, as we thought it might

be useful to those intending to use them. Judge our astonishment, or we might say amusement (as the thing was so ludicrous), on entering the paddock at Potter's Paddock last Saturday, just before the Maiden Trot Handicap, to see an owner, trainer, and a blacksmith all busily engaged putting "toe weights" on a horse. On remarking to them the folly of so doing, we received for an answer that he had always been trained with them. He also carried about four stone overweight. After the race one of them came up to us and said, "You see our horse was second." But what a second! The winner had it all her own way almost from the start, winning by any distance. If Jock had not had "toe weights" on, and had carried his proper weight, we are perfectly sure that he would have done the distance in considerably less time. One might just as well run a racehorse in platina plates, as Ten Broeck once did, as with these weights. A horse's natural trotting action is from the shoulder. Knee or high action, though nice to look at, is false, and you seldom find a really first-class trotter with it; if you do, they are very valuable animals. The object of using "toe weights" is to give him liberty of action, or what is technically termed "shoulder action." The idea of giving the horse extra weight to raise is that he will lift his feet well off the ground, and then feel the necessity of using extra exertion to place his legs straight out, and the effort which he must make to accomplish this feat satisfactorily causes him to cover a good deal more ground in his strides, which is giving him plenty of shoulder liberty. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, and it will be found that by the indiscriminate use of these weights more horses will be ruined than improved by them. There is no hard-and-fast rule how often or long these weights are to be used; your own judgment must tell you that. We are of the opinion that "toe weights" are of very little use on old horses, whose action is confirmed, but they are invaluable, when used with discretion, in teaching a young horse his gait. It is a good plan to commence with 2oz and then increase the weight to 8oz, but never exceed that.

It is a pity the various club's in the Auckland Provincial District—in fact throughout New Zealand—do not offer more encouragement to owners to bring out a better class of jumping horses. We feel sure if a reasonable increase in the stakes were offered by the various Club's—especially near Auckland—we should very soon find any number of this class of horse coming out. No one can hesitate to say that a hurdle race or steeplechase is not a profitable event for a club to have on its programme, as it certainly increases the attendance of the general public; furthermore, it is invariably the best race on the programme for betting purposes. As showing the profit derived through the totalizator, we would draw attention to the investments at the Auckland Racing Club's first spring meeting, from which it will be seen that the amount invested on the Steeplechase totted up to £752, while the investments on the September Handicap (the principal event of the day) only amounted to £590, thus showing that the public support cross country events quite as well—if not better—than the flat racing. Another important reason why this class of racing should be encouraged is from the fact that the expenses both for entrance money and jockey fees are considerably more than that asked for flat races; besides this, the risk of running a jumper is very great. Taking as an instance of the profit to be derived by a club, the following statement may be taken as a guide as showing the amount of profit in one race as against the loss in another in connection with the Auckland Racing Club's first spring meeting. In the first instance for the Steeplechase, the amount received for nomination and acceptance money amounted to £48, and the commission received from the machine at 9 per cent., £67 13s. 7d., making a total of £115 13s. 7d., to pay the amount for stake of £95. The amount received for nomination and acceptance for the September Handicap amounted to £22, and the totalizator commission £53 2s., making a total of £75 2s. to pay the stake of £114. It will therefore be seen that the club made a profit of £20 13s. 7d. over the Steeplechase, while they made a loss over the September Handicap of £38 18s.

OUR PRIZE COUPON.

WE beg to announce to our subscribers and others that our £20 prize coupon appears for the last time in our present issue, as by the conditions under which it is published, fourteen days are allowed in which to return them; that brings us to the 15th inst., two days before the Saturday on which the Caulfield Cup is decided. Up to the present time we have received a very large number which will take some little time to go through. A committee will be appointed to scrutinize the opening of the coupons, the names of which will be published.



BEFORE going into future events it would be as well to retrospect the condition and running of the different horses at the A.R.C. First Spring Meeting. The majority of the horses that went to the post were very backward, while some of them were totally unfit. Of the six that started for the Trial Stakes, Tupara, the winner, was the most forward, but they were all very moderate, and except at some of the minor meetings will not show to advantage. For the Hurdle Race, The Colonel was pretty forward in condition. He is possessed of a fair turn of speed, and is a splendid hurdle jumper, as he takes them in his stride, not dwelling as many others do. Unfortunately he makes a noise, and if hustled about at the start it completely stops him. Therefore it will not do to stand him in a race with good horses, and that is likely to be fast run from the fall of the flag. Theorem was in fair condition, but is, I find, such an uncertain horse. Fishmonger was short of work. The running of Bit o' Blue was "curious," and one can make no excuse for him. The other two—Cynical and Kate—will never, in my opinion, do anything in good company. In the September Handicap The Dreamer was as fit as anything; also being well served by his weight and the going, which was very heavy. Morion is a nice colt, but he will be better with more time, and a stronger boy on his back. Dolosa was fit enough, but she is a soft one, and does not like it when the pinch comes. Hilda was rather backward. The way she was ridden would not suit a critic, but as I understand she will run at Napier next week she may perform better. However, I should be very loth to stand her for any spring engagement, unless in very moderate company. Coalscuttle is only a "plater," while Dishonor is a fine colt, but backward. He met with an accident in the race that may lay him up for some time. The two-year-olds with the exception of Brown Alice were very backward. She is a nice filly, and is sure to pay her way. Queen Rose and Dorothy will both be heard of as the season advances. The others, unless in very moderate company, are not likely to gain winning brackets. The steeplechasers were all pretty fit, but they are only a moderate lot. Omata was decidedly lucky in getting home, as his legs are none of the best. He afterwards walked lame, and it appeared as if his sound leg had given way, which is very likely, as horses are very apt to do so, for in trying to save the bad one they throw their weight on the other. Bit o' Blue's fall was unfortunate, as he was going well at the time, and if he had stood up some light would have been thrown on his running in the Hurdle Race. The Baron was far away the most forward of those that ran in the Flying Stakes. He looked well and healthy, though rather on the big side, and will be sure to show to advantage over his own distance during the season. It strikes me that Vieux Rose was only second on sufferance. Lady Belle wants more time. Cissy looked anything but herself, and her running was bad, as she could never go the pace. Dolosa again ran like a soft one. Master Pat will pay his way at country meetings. The remainder must be put down as very moderate. Mangere rather astonished the public in the way he won the Hunter's Race, and as I believe he is a good fencer he will be heard of again if properly placed. From the foregoing it will be seen that there are not many good horses training in Auckland, and I do not think there are any

"dark" ones outside the Ellerslie training ground. The Workman is really a good colt, but at the present time he is under a cloud, and I have doubts if he will stand a preparation, therefore it appears probable that the bulk of the money will go to Napier and Christchurch.

LAST Friday night was a busy time for owners and trainers, as the nominations closed for the principal events at the A.R.C. Second Spring and Summer meetings, also those for the Pakuranga Hunt Club races, which take place on October 17th. The entries for the A.R.C. Second Spring meeting, which takes place on November 9th and 10th, may be considered satisfactory, as they are confined to local horses, owing to its clashing with the C.J.C. Metropolitan fixture. The entries for the Spring Hurdle Race, 80 sovs., two miles number 19. The Prince of Wales Handicap, of 200 sovs., one and a half miles, has an entry of 20, while those for the City Handicap, of 150 sovs., one mile and a quarter, are 23. The nominations for the Auckland Cup, of 600 sovs., two miles, are not so satisfactory, there being only 30, while only 35 are entered for the A.R.C. Handicap, of 400 sovs., one and a half miles. The quality, however, is good, most of the best horses in the Colony being engaged. Even at this period it appears long odds that these two stakes will leave the district, as the majority of the horses trained here are of a very inferior quality. The Auckland Steeplechase, of 300 sovs., about three and a half miles, has obtained the good entry of 28, and as Auckland is better off for jumpers than flat racers, the chances are that this race will be kept here.

AMONG the entries for the A.R.C. Second Spring meeting appears Mr. J. George's blk c Melos, 3yrs old. Although there is not much chance of his being mistaken for the Australian horse of the same name, it is a great pity that some persons will persist in naming their horses after celebrated Australian ones, as some time or other it may cause confusion, especially to breeders, for there always is an interchange of horses with the other side, and as racing in New Zealand progresses there will be more. Even at the present time an unwary breeder might be taken in by the similarity of names. It is stated in a contemporary that this season there are some stallions travelling under false pedigrees and performances, but the similarity of names help them through the season and obtain a few extra mares. If the following words in Rule 64, "by which name any other horse in New Zealand had been previously known," was altered by striking out the words "New Zealand" and inserting "the Australian Colonies," or even "Australasia," the objection would be remedied at once.

THE acceptances and general entries for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Spring Meeting are exceedingly good. This being the first fixture in Hawke's Bay it is difficult to find out the condition of the horses as well as the intention of owners. Some of those that have accepted in the Spring Handicap are also engaged in the New Zealand Cup; notably, Strephon, who was for some time the favourite for the latter event. Will they, if they have a show for the Cup, run the risk of incurring a 5lb. penalty? In suggesting the more likely winners, I am compelled to rely on the slight information received, and book form.

For the First Handicap Hurdle Race five remain in. The top weights being struck out, Oaklands and Otaieri should finish in the order named.

Five have paid up for the Guineas. Clanranald from his running at Timaru has proved that he is very fit. Namao and Clanranald should fight out the finish.

There are fourteen remaining in the Flying Stakes. Rosefeldt, Boulanger, and Fraternite read best, but should Dolosa take it into her head to try, she may upset all calculations.

The Spring Handicap has the good acceptance of sixteen. Hilda, 9st 3lb, heads the list, but after her exhibition at the A.R.C. meeting at Ellerslie I cannot stand her, though I should not be surprised at a reversal of form. Strephon, 8st 9lb, reads well, but there is the New Zealand Cup to take into consideration. British Lion 7st 9lb, Fraternite 7st 3lb, Dolosa 7st 2lb, Rosefeldt 7st, and Clanranald 7st 3lb (including 5lb penalty), all read well, but I

fancy they will finish in about the following order—Rosefeldt, British Lion and Fraternite.

The Welcome Stakes had better be left alone, as it is impossible to judge of two-year-olds at this time of year, but if Adelaide, who is a December foal, wins, the rest must be moderate.

The other races are dependent on previous running.

THE Waikato Hunt Club's meeting takes place next Saturday. The races are chiefly confined to local horses, so it would be absurd to try and pick a winner out right. The entrances are fairly good, and with fine weather there should be a good afternoon's sport. Mangere and Muscatelle read well for the Steeplechase, while Never Miss might land the Hurdles. If true what is said about Lady Marion, she has a great show for the Maiden and Flying Stakes; though Tupara on recent form may trouble her for the latter race.

THE New Zealand Cup does not attract as much attention as in olden days; in fact, there is very little betting on it, and the quotations are nearly nominal, as the investments are very small. At the present time forty-one remain in, but when the second payment becomes due there will be found a great reduction. On looking down the list it does not appear as if the field will consist of more than ten or a dozen, but the Hawkes Bay Jockey Club meeting may throw some light on it, as no less than fifteen horses engaged in the Spring Handicap are acceptors for the Cup; therefore the running must affect this race. Up to the present I see no reason to alter my opinion that the Cup will fall to Dan O'Brien's selected one, Strephon or Cynisca, though Blizzard must be looked upon as dangerous. The question that will puzzle backers up to the day of the race will be which will be Dan O'Brien's selected one. Freedom has nothing to complain of with his weight, and he is doing plenty of work and going well. Flinders as I have stated before will, I think, if good enough, be kept until later on in the season. Tassy is greatly improved, and has the appearance of being a stayer. If I was compelled to back one of the trio it would be Tassy, if only for this reason—Freedom and Flinders have been nominated for the Auckland events, for which Tassy has been omitted. Cajolery appears to have improved in his temper, as he displayed none of it in the Timaru Guineas, and is evidently an improving horse, therefore he must have a chance. The more one looks down the list the more convinced is one of the lot of moderate horses and ones that cannot stay engaged in the race.

THE Hawkesbury Meeting does not throw much light on future events. As usual, the accounts to hand are very meagre, but as Stromboli won the Guineas, with his stable companion (Piecrust) second, it must be presumed that he had nothing to beat. The Hawkesbury Handicap only brought out a field of six. The aged gelding, Bustler, 6st 9lb, was made favourite, and holding a good position throughout, won by a couple of lengths from Pastime, 5yrs, 6st 10lb, Jack, aged, 7st 12lb, being third. Sunshine, who was greatly fancied for this event from his previous running, finished nowhere. When full particulars arrive they will give further study for those that back horses by the book.

THERE is very little doing on the Caulfield Cup, Bungebah having paralyzed the betting market—nothing being backed except him for money, and absurdly short prices are taken about him. That Bungebah is undeniably a good horse over his own distance, and that he does not care for a bit of weight, has been fully proved, but it is asking him to do a great thing to carry 9st 7lb first past the post in a race of this description. If he was at a longer price he would be worth standing, for you would then have a chance of hedging; but at present odds you must stand it out. It is not my intention to go through the handicap again until the next Australian mail is to hand, but only point out a few that are worth watching. Until the final payments are made on October 13th, four days before the race, it will be difficult to find out which of the Cups some of the horses will go for, as they have been backed for small sums for both. Whimbrel, 8st 10lb, is one

that must not be overlooked. He is also in the Melbourne Cup with 4lb less. He was very nearly at the head of his year last season. Dan O'Brien is supposed to have sold him last season, and he went into Nicholson's hands, who is undoubtedly one of the cleverest men in his profession; look what he did with Dunlop, who was unsound, which Whimbrel is not, though he has a temper, but from last accounts he was going on all right. It is not unlikely that he still retains an interest in Whimbrel. Paris is another that is more likely to prefer the shorter distance. Lapstone, Dillon, Forest King, and one or two of the three-year-olds are worth watching.

For the Melbourne Cup Megaphone is first favourite. On his recent running he should hold all the top weights safe, and if Carbine is out of the way he will take a great deal of beating, but at present he might be left alone. Vengeance continues firm, but he is not likely to have improved much since last season, but I shall leave further remarks until next week.

DAN O'BRIEN may well be called the mysterious owner and trainer. One week the Southern papers report that he is leaving immediately for Australia with certain horses, the next it is contradicted. It seems pretty certain that his movements are as well watched as are his horses' gallops. Why this is done it is hard to understand, as should he leave for the other side, his horses will be in the hands of a competent trainer, and one that knows how to place them. Our conferees in the *Canterbury Times* has the following, which should settle whether Mr. O'Brien is going to Australia or not:—"The statement which appeared in a contemporary that Mr. O'Brien proceeds shortly to Australia is incorrect. It is his intention to remain at home and superintend his horses until after the November meetings. He has the steeplechaser Freeman in work, but has not made up his mind in regard to his future destination."

MESSRS. BUCKLAND & SON will sell on Friday next at 11 o'clock, without reserve, the two-year-old brown colt Sir Roland; by The Dauphin—Avaunt by Andover—Brund by Blair Athol. This colt is of fair size with plenty of substance, and takes very much after his sire. He has evidently not been well handled, and gives you the appearance of been hurried. If properly done for, and brought on gradually, he will be a useful horse for country meetings, as he appears of a hardy constitution.

Sporting Items

Owners of brood mares desirous of obtaining the services of Brigadier should make early application to Harry Hickton, as Mr. Duder informs us that his list is rapidly filling.

It has been stated that £26,000 has been sent across to the Australian Colonies for investment in consultations during the last five years, only £3,700 of which has been returned in prizes.

A Jockey Club Company is being formed at Westport, and they are negotiating with the Midland Railway Company for two sections of land for a course. One thousand shares have already been applied for, and the floating of company appears to be in a fair way to success.

The following resolution was carried at the recent Dunedin Racing Conference:—"If any State tax be levied upon the investments in the totalisator, the amount of the tax on the total for each race may be first deducted therefrom, and the commission of 10 per cent. be computed upon the balance."

Mr. Houlihan, who has leased The Clown for the season, informs us his list is rapidly filling up, and intending patrons will do well to make early application for his services. He is a very handsome horse in condition, and stands 15 hands 3 inches high. He is a light chestnut, with a white blaze and two white socks behind. Amongst his performances, which we previously noticed, we omitted to state that he put Wapiti down in the South Auckland Cup, 1½ miles, winning comfortably.

Jay Russell had a soft thing on with Charlie in the Spring Trot Handicap last Saturday. The race was never in doubt from the fall of the flag.

We notice that a number of our exchanges are acknowledging the receipt of the New Zealand Turf Register. We may state that although we have not yet been similarly favoured, we have seen the book, and can corroborate the encomiums of our contemporaries on the work.

The trotter Captain Russell gave the spectators an exhibition of his temper in the trotting events at Potter's Paddock. It took a considerable amount of perseverance on the part of his jockey (Charlie Mack) to get him past the saddling paddock gate, but when he did get "going" he showed a great amount of pace, and therefore may be heard of in some future events.

It is scarcely credible, but nevertheless a fact, that any owner would be stupid enough to carry 15lbs more weight than the handicapper's adjustment. Such a case occurred in the Auckland Pony Hurdles last Saturday, when Tormentor, who had 8st allotted to him, left the paddock with 9st 1lb in the saddle. Perhaps this extra weight was the cause of his mishap, as he came a terrible cropper at the first hurdle.

Mr. W. Bloomfield and his assistants had a very busy time of it at Epsom on Saturday last. 4,909 investments were recorded on the machines during the afternoon, the 10s. tickets being evidently very popular. The £2,454 10s. was considerably ahead of what was expected to pass through the totalizators during the day; but notwithstanding this, everything went with its customary smoothness and dispatch.

The Pakuranga Hunt Club must feel gratified at the excellent nominations they received last Friday for their annual meeting to be held at Ellerslie on the 17th October. All lovers of true sport enjoy this Club's fixture quite as well, if not better, than any other race meeting throughout the year, and when the day comes we trust the public will turn in good numbers and give this popular Club the support it deserves.

There has been a great deal of talk in Pony racing circles, regarding the throwing out of Reuben, by the Auckland Trotting Club as being overheight. The general contention being, that a horse never grows at his age, and that he ought not to have been passed last year. We have the best authority for saying that Reuben (who is now six years) has grown 1½ inches since last season, his owner Mr. Evans, says he knew Reuben was growing, and had him measured every month for satisfaction sake, and in answer to Messrs. E. D. Halstead, E. Page, and W. Adams, the authorised measurers, he said he was quite satisfied with their verdict as indeed it was obvious he could not be otherwise. The only explanation of Reubens extraordinary growth is that this season he has been continuously fed and stabled, whereas formerly he was only taken out of the paddock a fortnight or so before he raced.

The special representative of the *Sporting Standard* says of Mr. S. H. Gollan's horses:—"I was shown the great gun Tirailleuse, but confess I am somewhat disappointed with the Musket horse. I expected to see a horse somewhat of the Manton or Cuirassier type; but Tirailleuse is a dwarf in comparison with his famous countrymen, and, moreover, is rather narrow across the quarters. Still, close inspection discovers plenty of good points, and while there is nothing of the show horse about him, he looks one of the wear-and-tear sort of customers that can stay "as long as a poor relation." Leonardo, a gelding by Leolinus—Erycina, and thus half-brother to the flying Mitrailleuse, was the occupant of the next box. He is a powerful-looking bay, and should pay his way over hurdles, that being his game. Last, but certainly not least, was the Derby colt, Stern-chaser. A powerful upstanding bay by Nordenfeldt—Crinoline, he looks up to any weight, and, having plenty of heart and lung room, should stay a distance well. A rather course head, set on a muscular neck, gives him rather a heavy topped appearance at a first glance, but a good look at him dispels this idea. Although showing plenty of white about the eye, he is as quiet as a kitten, and looks as game as the proverbial pebble, being one of the lazy, nonchalant sort. He looks healthy and well at present.

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.]

The North Dunedin Rifles, Waikari Rifles, Engineer, and "B" Battery in Dunedin all go in extensively for Morris tube shooting, and find the practice immensely beneficial to their range firing.

The Government having made no provision for the required improvements for the construction of a permanent Colonial Rifle Range at Silverstream, near Upper Hutt, Wellington, the Association have practically decided to hold their next meeting in Auckland.

A fortnight since I gave the scores of the City Guards against the Dargaville Rifle Club, which gave a total of 481 for nine men, this being 59 under magpies, or an average of 53 4-9ths per man. The Dargaville Club's scores are now to hand, which show a total of 578 for nine men, being an average of 64 2-9ths, or 38 over magpies. They therefore win the match by a majority of 97 points. Flushed with their victory, the country Club are seriously considering a challenge to the "A" Battery. I don't think they will persuade the Artillery to fire a match on such conditions; but if the Dargaville team came to town I have no doubt the Battery would entertain them here and fire on the Mount Eden Range, or probably they would not object to go up, but to compete on different ranges, with different weather, light, and surroundings, is no fair trial of strength, and on that account the "A" Battery usually decline such challenges.

Lieut. E. H. Montgomery, Auckland City Guards, Manager and Secretary Auckland Intercolonial Rifle Team. Ah!

Official notification has been received from Wellington that Private Nutt was dismissed from the Newton Rifles, such dismissal having been approved of by His Excellency the Governor. The letter received from Major Goring is stated to be a clerical error, the word *discharged* in that letter should have been *dismissed*. Although there are several things that should have been done to make the dismissal legal which were not done, I strongly recommend Nutt and his friends to use all their energies in getting the dismissal cancelled, which can probably be done by telegraph through Lieut. Jackson Palmer, M.H.R., who is expected here in a few days, and who will in all probability accompany the team to Australia. There is a very strong public feeling in favour of Nutt in this matter.

Joe Orr intends to go with the team on his own "hook." I would like to be able to announce that Si Webster and Harry Doughty were also going.

There is just one thing Nutt would do well to remember, and it is that competitors in the forthcoming Australian matches are compelled to fire in what is known as the "prone position," whereas he fires from his back.

A correspondent asks who the officers of the Newton Rifles are, and if they have passed their examinations. They are Capt. Robinson, 1st Lieut. Durham, and 2nd Lieut. Taylor. The latter officer has failed twice; the other two, I am informed, passed with credit.

The officers and non-coms. of the City Gnards fire a match against the full privates on Saturday. The former team is much the strongest, and should win easily.

The Victoria Rifles competed on Saturday last for the Company's Champion Belt, presented by the widow of their late member, Mr. L. A. Schapp. On this occasion volunteer M. Fairs proved the winner, Lieut. Sommers being in command. The following are the scores of the top eight:—

| | 200yds. | 300yds. | 400yds. | 500yds. | Tl. |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|
| Volunteer M. Fairs | 27 | 19 | 21 | 14 | 81 |
| Vol. T. Cantell | 23 | 20 | 26 | 21 | 90 |
| Vol. Pitkethley | 27 | 23 | 20 | 19 | 89 |
| Vol. Preston, son. | 24 | 18 | 17 | 26 | 86 |
| Vol. Beamish | 28 | 16 | 25 | 21 | 85 |
| Col. Sergt. Skinner | 28 | 14 | 24 | 18 | 84 |
| Sergt. Watson | 29 | 24 | 14 | 16 | 88 |
| Volunteer Skull | 27 | 19 | 17 | 19 | 82 |

The remainder were under 80.

Athletics Etc.

We beg to remind our athletic readers and others of the sports to be held on Saturday next under the auspices of the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club and Rugby Union at Potter's Paddock. The programme is one of great attraction and variety, and with fine weather should attract an exceptionally large attendance, especially as the object is a very deserving one, viz., to assist the N.Z.A.A. Association in raising funds to send an athletic team to England. Mr. J. Halyday, junr., is hon. sec., and that is a further guarantee that the meeting will be a success.

FOOTBALL.

FIXTURES.

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

TAURANGA V. AUCKLAND II.

THE above match, which was postponed from September 12th on account of the weather being too rough to land our team, was brought to a conclusion on Friday last, and resulted in our team being defeated by 5 points to 4. Rhodes of Auckland was an absentee, and A. Tanfield was selected to play in his stead, and did great service on behalf of the Aucklanders, although it was hardly fair to the Tauranga team, as Tanfield is a senior representative. Our boys had a fine smooth passage down, and reached Tauranga about 8 a.m. After a good breakfast at the Tauranga Hotel an hour's punt about was indulged in. A large number of Maoris and Pakehas had assembled from the outlying districts and Tauranga, was evidently "out for a holiday." The inevitable brass band enlivened the proceedings. Both teams were up to time on the field of play. Mr. J. A. Warbrick was chosen referee, and Messrs. W. George and Armstrong field umpires. H. Turner, having won the toss from J. Breen, started with a fresh breeze to aid him and his men. The kick-off was returned by J. Tanner to the visitor's 25. Some fast loose play soon had the oval back to centre, and there it stayed fluctuating for some time till by a sudden rush the ambers had it back in blue and white's territory. Breen punted back, and Airey got as far as Tauranga's quarter, where he was collared, and the leather was smartly punted back. Cole received it and made a fine run back. More loose play, and the Tauranga team got on another of their fast loose rushes, till Peace dodging through sent down the field, W. Robinson returning well to centre, where a scrum was formed, and a neat piece of passing by Pearce, Tanfield, and Cole followed with advantage till a long beautiful kick by F. Robinson sent the ball close to Auckland's corner flag. An attempt at goal from a free kick awarded to Tauranga went very wide, and Stichbury relieved his side. Tauranga kept making fast forward rushes, which the Auckland backs neutralised by running and punts. Cole got on a splendid dash, getting well into Tauranga's 25, where Auckland got a free kick which did not succeed. Clark, the Tauranga full back, returned well. Horne, W. Robinson and H. Tanner indulged in some passing, and reached Auckland's 25. Peace sent back to midfield; but W. Robinson returned, and Stichbury mulling the take, Tauranga rushed the ball over, A. Hawa securing it. H. Tanner failed to convert. Tauranga 1, Auckland 0. This seemed to wake the Aucklanders up, and Cole made himself conspicuous, and was well seconded by a fine kick from Peace, which invaded Tauranga. Marshall, Gordon and J. Poland headed a fine rush from a line up, the latter getting over the coveted line. Peace missed the place. Auckland 1, Tauranga 1. After the kick-out and a line up H. Tanner got well away until he was overhauled by Breen. Play of a give and take nature followed until a long high punt by a Taurangaite caused Peace and Stichbury to collide, and the opposing forwards were on them and J. Hawa scrambled over. Swainson essayed the place kick, which was again unsuccessful. Tauranga 2, Auckland 1. The spell ended without any further score.

On resuming, Auckland played with more combination. Peace started some neat passing, Breen, Brady and Tanfield doing their share, and Cole repeatedly tried to get through, but the ambers were too strongly on the defensive. From a scrum Peace sent out at Tauranga's 25, and in the line up Williams passed back to Tanfield, who wriggled through, and got fair between the posts. Peace took the place and landed a goal. Auckland 4, Tauranga 2. Auckland by some clever open work kept the ball in Tauranga's 25, and J. Breen picking up smartly sent it fair over the bar, but it had touched a Tauranga man, and was disallowed. Marshall followed up fast and claimed a try, but no appeal having been made no notice was taken of it. Tauranga now made fierce charges to regain their apparently lost laurels—H. Tanner, J. Tanner and F. Robinson being noticeable—but were stopped by Peace and Tanfield. Fast play continued, in which Airey and Leathart shone, as did also Cole and Robinson. The Tauranga forwards now broke through and sent the ball on to Stichbury, who muddled it, and a fierce scramble ended in J. Darrah securing the try. Burt took the kick, and placed a splendid goal amid great enthusiasm. Tauranga 5, Auckland 4. The Auckland forwards now woke up, and by fast and furious play endeavoured to put matters straight without avail, and but for Tanfield's smartness in kicking out of bounds behind, H. Tanner would have been in again. The game ended without any further score, in the centre of the ground. Tauranga thus won the match by 1 point, to the evident delight and satisfaction of the large attendance present. The visitors were most hospitably entertained, and in the evening both teams sat down to a banquet at Mr. Asher's hotel, which was concluded with the customary speeches, toasts, songs, etc., the principal item being a Maori haka by five Maoris. The Aucklanders had a fine trip back, arriving at 1 o'clock on Sunday, after having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Association players are still practising hard for their forthcoming match with Wellington on Saturday week, for which the match committee have chosen the following team:—goalkeeper, Mathie; backs, H. Heather and Chamberlain; half-backs, Hough, Smith and C. Heather; forwards, Thomas, Blair, Cantley, Evans and W. Heather. Emergencies, Goulstone, Rowe and Hughes. Umpire, C. Gould. When the Maoris and Pakehas meet in the football field in opposition, an exciting contest is usually the result. A Whatawhata correspondent sends us the following, dated the 22nd September:—"We had a very exciting football match here on Saturday last, between the white and native boys. The match was the cause of a big crowd turning out to see the play between the two different colours of skin. The whites went through them, with 13 points to nil."

TARANAKI FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, Sept. 25.

THE Star Football Club, a New Plymouth junior team, journeyed to Waitara on Saturday last, and met a native team named Ti Ti Rangi, whom they defeated by 5 points (goal from try and two tries) to 3 points (goal from try). The Star men had a regular treat with the natives, who were very pugilistic, inasmuch as every man in the Star team was challenged to fight. Rough play was the order of the day, the natives setting the example in this respect, and it was a wonder that some of the players came off uninjured. In the scrums the Star men were "overpowered"—the reason why I need not state. After the match the two teams settled their differences over a good dinner.

Evidently, judging by a par. that appeared in last week's issue, Jervis, the well-known Auckland three-quarter back, wishes to take all "the cake" in the direction of attempting to pot goals in the first spell of the recent Taranaki-Auckland match. I have no wish to withhold from Mr. Jervis the honour (?) of missing a pot at goal in the first spell, but at the same time I made no mistake in saying that E. Bayly went close to potting a goal for Taranaki in the same spell. I hope Mr. Jervis won't be offended at my reiteration.

I had a chat with Lambie, one of Taranaki's best forwards, the other day, and I was sorry to learn that he was unwell from the result of an accident at football. In the match at Wanganui Lambie fainted through an injury to his right side, which was caused by another player falling on him. He felt unwell afterwards, but injudiciously played the same week against Manawatu and Auckland, distinguishing himself greatly in the latter match. Once the excitement was over the injury became to manifest itself, and on seeking medical advice he was informed that some blood-vessel had burst in his right lung, or something to that effect, and that he would have to take great care of himself in the future if he wished to grow out of the injury. Verily the enthusiasm of a footballer is great!

NOMENCLATURE.

Mr. C. O'Donoghue's filly, by Foul Play—Water Colour, Waterlily.
Mr. C. O'Donoghue's filly, by Talebearer—Taurakaitai's dam, Tell-it.
Mr. H. Knight's colt, by Total Eclipse—Bavenswing, Chase.
Mr. H. Knight's colt, by Apremont—Gilda, Strephonon.

FOALINGS.

Adulation, colt to Chainshot.
Onyx, colt to Hotchkiss.
Welcome Katie, filly to Castor.
Brown Bear, filly to Castor.
Blanca, filly to Nordenfeldt.
Countess, filly to Hippocampus.
Empress, colt to Hippocampus.
The Maid, filly to Nelson.
Memphis, filly to Nelson.
Rose and Black, colt to Casman.
Titania, colt to Vanguard.
Ara, filly to Vanguard.
Tangy II., filly to Kimberley.
Tarda, filly to Maxim.
Golden Crest, filly to Stoneyhurst.
Sledmere, filly to Torpedo.
Bonny Blink, filly to Torpedo.
Laurel, filly to Cruiser.
Speculation, colt to Cruiser.
Traitor, colt to Sou' wester.
Lady Maxwell, twins to Hiko, (both dead.)
Maid of all work, foal to Hiko, (dead.)
Lady Evelyn, filly to St. Clair.
Miss Dargon, colt to Forerunner.
Helena, colt to Son of a Gun.
Gilda, colt to Apremont.
Pungawerewere, filly to Nordenfeldt.

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.—WEIGHTS.

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|------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | st lb | st lb | st lb |
| The Colonel | 12 7 | Tawhana | 10 10 |
| Dan | 11 12 | Relation | 10 10 |
| Hurricane | 11 7 | Dundee | 10 7 |
| Cloth of Gold | 11 7 | Kapai | 10 7 |
| Mangere | 11 0 | Tommy | 10 7 |
| Chance | 11 0 | Mac | 10 7 |

| HUNT CLUB CUP STEEPCHASE. About 3½ miles. | | | |
|---|-------|----------|-------|
| | st lb | st lb | st lb |
| Hurricane | 13 0 | Relation | 11 0 |
| Mangere | 11 12 | Tommy | 11 0 |
| Chance | 11 7 | Kapai | 11 0 |
| Killarney | 11 7 | Mac | 10 7 |

| MAIDEN PLATE. Seven furlongs. | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| | st lb | st lb | st lb |
| Morion | 8 10 | Fishmonger | 7 7 |
| Resentment | 8 0 | Bulrush | 7 7 |
| Vieux Rose | 8 0 | Ma Bonghal | 7 5 |
| Antic | 7 10 | St. Clements | 7 5 |
| Brian Bora | 7 10 | Lorace | 7 4 |
| Bon Voyage | 7 10 | Helen McGregor | 7 3 |

| FARMERS' PLATE. Once round Steeplechase course. | | | |
|---|-------|----------|-------|
| | st lb | st lb | st lb |
| Mangere | 12 0 | Dundee | 11 0 |
| Killarney | 11 10 | Tawhana | 11 0 |
| Falcon | 11 7 | Maritana | 10 7 |

| PONY RACE. Three-quarter mile. | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | st lb | st lb | st lb |
| Antic | 10 10 | Sepoy | 7 7 |
| Vampire | 9 12 | Romeo | 7 5 |
| Lady Onslow | 8 10 | Red Rose | 7 4 |
| Fryingpan | 7 12 | Despised | 7 0 |
| Rodney | 7 7 | Cupid | 6 12 |

| OPEN HURDLES. One and three-quarter miles. | | | |
|--|-------|------------|-------|
| | st lb | st lb | st lb |
| The Colonel | 11 5 | Karewa | 9 12 |
| Cloth of Gold | 10 8 | Tommy | 9 10 |
| Fishmonger | 10 5 | Crazy Kate | 9 10 |
| Bit o' Blue | 10 3 | Tawhana | 9 9 |
| Hopeful Kate | 10 2 | | |

| FLYING STAKES. Five furlongs. | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | st lb | st lb | st lb |
| Capella | 8 10 | Antic | 7 10 |
| Macaroni | 8 5 | Resentment | 7 10 |
| Papakura | 8 0 | Bon Voyage | 7 7 |
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| Locket | 7 10 | H. McGregor | 7 0 |

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| Mr. Richardson's b g Tommy, aged | |
| Mr. G. Cotton's b g Cloth of Gold, aged | |
| Mr. H. H. Hewett's b g Sentinel, aged | |
| Mr. C. H. Reid's m g Crazy Kate, aged | |
| Mr. F. Reid's m g Crazy Kate, aged | |
| Mr. M. D. Malavey's b g (ynical), aged | |
| Mr. E. Bank's b g Tawhana, aged | |
| Mr. D. McKinnon's b g Barshot, aged | |
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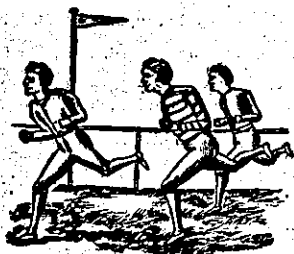
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It will be seen that CASTOR was a great performer at all distances, weights, and ages; and as his breeding is undeniable and descended from the most fashionable strains he should be a desirable horse to breed from.

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HOTCHKISS, by Musket (imp.) dam: Petroleuse (imp.) by Oxford (sire of Sterling, who sired the great Isonomy, Paradox, Energy, Beaudesert, and many others of the best bred horses in England).

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ST. LEGER (imp.), bred by Lord Falmouth; got by Doncaster from Atlantis (imp.) by Thornanby (winner of the Derby) out of Hurricane, by Wild Dayrell (Derby winner). St. Leger is the sire of St. Andrew, Impulse, Town Moor, Regal, Brown Bess, Clanranald, and Roie, all of which he got in his two first seasons.

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TASMAN, by St. Albans (imp.) dam Zillah, by Peter Wilkins (imp.) out of a mare by Jersey (imp.), out of Amella (grand dam of the celebrated Strop), by Mozart, out of Pet, by Bolivar, out of Whizgig (imp.), by Whalobona.

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RACING PROGRAMMES



OTAHUHU TROTting CLUB.

Passed by the Auckland Trotting Club.

SPRING MEETING;

TO BE HELD AT

POTTER'S Paddock, EPSOM,

ON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1891.

PROGRAMME.

HANDICAP MAIDEN TROT of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from stakes. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 30 sovs. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, two miles.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PONY RACE of 20 sovs.; second pony to receive 3 sovs. from stakes. For all ponies that have never won an advertised race exceeding 10 sovs. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 10s. Distance, six furlongs.

OTAHUHU HANDICAP TROT of 70 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. The winner of the Maiden Trot to receive a penalty of 15 seconds behind its original start. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 40s. Distance, three miles.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 30 sovs.; second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Winner of any race after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

SELLING TROT of 20 sovs.; winner to be sold for 15 sovs. immediately after the race. If entered to be sold for less, three seconds allowance made for every 1 sov. reduction in selling price; if entered for nil, 50 seconds allowed. Entrance, 20s. Distance, two and a half miles.

HANDICAP PONY HURDLES of 30 sovs.; second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under, over five flights of hurdles. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one and a quarter miles.

PONY TROT HANDICAP of 30 sovs.; second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For ponies 14 hands 1 inch and under. Winner of Maiden or Handicap Trot to receive a penalty of 10 seconds behind its original start. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, two miles.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.,

NOMINATIONS close with the Secretary on FRIDAY, October 8th, 1891, at 10 p.m.

HANDICAPS to appear about October 16th, 1891.

ACCEPTANCES and Entry for Selling Trot close with the Secretary on FRIDAY, October 23rd, 1891, at 10 p.m.

N.B.—All communications to be addressed to the Secretary, at Otahuhu, or at Mr. W. Blomfield's Office, Durham Street East, Auckland.

W. L. LOCKHART,
Secretary.

RACING PROGRAMMES



ON SLOW TROTTING CLUB.

INAUGURAL MEETING,

TO BE HELD AT

POTTER'S PADDOCK, EPSOM,

ON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1891.

PRESIDENT:

SIR G. M. O'RORKE.

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P. QUINLAN, M. S. LAURIE, W. BROWN, A. H. TRUBSHAW, M. FOLEY, A. KELLY.

PROGRAMME.

(Passed by the Auckland Trotting Club.)

1. MAIDEN TROT of 40 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 20 sovs. in value. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 2½ miles.
2. HANDICAP MAIDEN PONY RACE of 15 sovs. For ponies 14 hands and under that have never won an advertised race exceeding 5 sovs. in value. Gentlemen riders. Nomination, 7s. 6d.; acceptance, 7s. 6d. Distance, 1 mile.
3. HANDICAP TROT of 70 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stake. The winner of the Maiden Trot to receive penalty of 15 seconds behind original start. Nomination, 35s.; acceptance, 35s. Distance, 3 miles.
4. ONSLOW HANDICAP HURDLES of 30 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For ponies 14.2 and under, over 5 flights of hurdles. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, 1½ mile.
5. SELLING TROT of 20 sovs. The winner to be sold immediately after the race for 15 sovs. If entered to be sold for less, 3 seconds allowance made for every 1 sov. reduction in selling price. If entered to be sold for nil, 50 seconds allowance. Entrance, 20s. Distance, 2½ miles.
6. ONSLOW STAKES HANDICAP of 35 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For ponies 14.2 and under. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, 1 mile and a distance.
7. PONY TROT of 30 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. The winner of the Maiden or Handicap Trot to receive penalty of 10 seconds behind original start. For ponies 14.1 and under. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, 2 miles.

Nominations close with the Secretary on Friday, 30th October, at 10 p.m.

Handicaps to appear about the 7th November.

Acceptances close with the Secretary on Friday, 14th November, at 10 p.m.

In all Trots, time handicaps. Horses to be ridden in colours.

Horses to carry 10 stone; Ponies, 9 stone (in Trotting races only).

All nominations and acceptances must be accompanied with the necessary amount in cash; also name, age, colour, pedigree and performance, and also rider's colours.

On no account will nomination or acceptance money be returned owing to a horse being over height.

Stakes paid less 5 per cent. for expenses of the course.

The starter will be at the starting post 10 minutes before the advertised time of starting of each race, and will start punctually to time. Any horse not being at the post in time will be left, and fined a sum not exceeding 10 sovs.

E. P. GOLDSBRO', Secretary.



PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

OFFICERS AND STEWARDS:

Honorary Master: The Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G.; Judge: Mr. Thomas Morrin; Starter: Mr. E. D. Halstead; Clerk of Course: The Huntsman; Clerk of Scales: Mr. R. Garrett; Handicappers: Col. Dawson, Messrs. R. Garrett, and E. D. Halstead; Stewards: Messrs. Wm. Percival (Master), W. McLaughlin, Col. Dawson, D. B. Tonks, A. Harris, J. Bainbridge, G. Dunnett, E. D. O'Rorke, D. H. Stewart, W. R. Bloomfield, C. Roberts, A. Buckland, sen.

The ANNUAL RACE MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER, on the ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE.

PROGRAMME

(Passed by the A.R.C.)

OPEN MAIDEN PLATE of 25 sovs. For all horses that have never won any race exceeding 25 sovs. in value at time of entry. Nomination 10s., acceptance 10s. Distance, 7 furlongs.

FARMERS' PLATE HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For all horses the bona fide property of farmers in this district, at the discretion of the Committee, whose lands the hounds have liberty to run over. To be ridden by farmers, their sons, or amateurs. Entrance 10s., acceptance 10s. each, to go to the funds. Distance, once round the Steeplechase Course.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB CUP HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance 20s., acceptance 20s. each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 10st. Distance, about 3½ miles.

OPEN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 40 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance 10s., acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. Distance, 1½ miles, over 7 flights of hurdles.

HANDICAP PONY RACE of 15 sovs. For ponies 14.2 and under. Nomination 5s., acceptance 10s. each, to go to the funds. Distance, 7-mile.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 40 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Minimum weight, 10st. Entrance 10s., acceptance 20s. each, to go to the funds. Distance, 2 miles, over 8 flights of hurdles.

OPEN FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 35 sovs. Nomination 10s., acceptance 20s. Distance, 5 furlongs.

LADIES' BRACELET (Welter Handicap) value 10 sovs. to first horse, and piece of plate value 5 sovs. to second horse. Minimum weight, 10st. Entrance 10s. each, to go to the funds. One mile and a distance.

NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, &C.

That all races be open to Members of the Hunt Club. A certificate from the Master (if necessary) that the horse has been fairly hunted during the past season, to accompany each entry, with performances.

Nominations for the Open Hurdle Race, Farmers' Plate, Hunt Club Steeplechase, Members' Hurdle Race, Flying Stakes, Pony Race, and Maiden Plate, close with the Secretary, at the Office of the Sporting Review, City Chambers, Vulcan Lane, on Friday, September 25th, at 10 p.m.

Weights will appear on or about September 30th. Acceptances and Entries for Ladies' Bracelet close on Friday, October 5th, at 10 p.m.

Order of running subject to alteration.

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