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## Anything AND Everything

BETWEEN the Customs officials and an eminent minister of one of the sects relations are strained. "Where did you get that hat?" is the *casus belli*. It seems that the reverend gentleman, who was returning to Auckland from a visit to Australia, expected a reception on the wharf from a large concourse of admirers, and wishing to look respectable, invested in a new hat costing 20s. In ignorance of our stringent revenue provisions, he neglected to hansom the new "potae," and the officers demanded and exacted 20 per cent. ad valorem duty. Prayers, protestations, pleas, and remonstrances availed not. Insult was added to injury. He was brutally told that he should have encouraged local industry by telegraphing to one of our hatters, who would have punctually executed his order. It is really too bad to inflict a fine of 4s. on the laudable desire to appear respectable. To have worn the old hat would, from King Gama's point of view, have been a piece of snobbery and cant. Holiness should not be flaunted before the eyes of the members of his congregation by a minister of religion possessed of a proper sense of humility. Charity, like a hat, oft covers a multitude of sins.

THE mile foot-race between S. Goodman and Wilson came off in the Domain on Saturday last at 2.30 p.m. Wilson conceded Goodman a start of 30 yards, and the stakes were £20 a side. Both men seemed in the pink of condition. Immediately after the start Goodman put on the pace, and at the conclusion of the first lap had increased his lead to some 60 or 70 yards. In the following two laps Wilson began slowly to reduce the lead, and in the last lap, coming with a good rush, almost caught Goodman on the post, the latter winning by three or four yards after a close and exciting finish, both men all out. The time is stated to have been 4min. 48½sec., which is not a very startling performance. Critics think that Wilson should not have allowed his opponent to get away so far in the early part of the race.

WHILE the football tournament was proceeding at Potter's Paddock the drag hunt afforded an interesting interlude—some 40 or 50 horsemen taking a stone wall in a paddock adjoining Wattie's Hotel. Some carping critics, accustomed to hunting in the old country, commented in very scathing terms on the spectacle before their eyes. They wanted to know if the men were hunting or riding a steeplechase? It was funny to see huntsman and hounds half a field behind a *posse* of men riding like so many demons, and hustling one another while jumping a gap in the stone-wall. Apparently the etiquette of hunting is either unknown to or entirely disregarded by not a few members of the Pakuranga Hunt Club.

POSSIBLY there is yet another *cause célèbre* in store for us. The purchaser of a pen of fowls in the Market, on sending for the birds, missed

the rooster. He was told that his chanticleer had cleared out of the coop and invaded a neighbouring crockery stall, smashing various articles, the proprietor of which held the bird in pawn for the damage. The purchaser was advised, "Perhaps if you address the holder so politely, so politely!" but received a blank refusal for his pains, and thereupon consulted his solicitor. We have heard of a bull in a china shop, but surely this must be a *Koch-in-China* rooster!

## Music & Drama.

*Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?*

ON Wednesday evening last week, "Princess Ida" retired into private life. Contrasting the last performance with the first, great credit is due to the company for the marked improvement displayed during the run of nine nights. The final effort brought out numerous "gags"—local, political and personal—which appeared to delight the very large audience in the Opera House. It is said that the Club received tempting offers for an extended season, and that the ladies were quite ready to go on, but the men cried "enough." Before saying "adieu" and "au revoir" I wish to mention that the splendid costumes were the result of the good taste and untiring labours of Mesdames Edmiston, Kilgour, Reid and Mumford.

ON Saturday evening Miss Amy Vaughan launched the magnificent clipper steamship "Amazon," manned with a smart crew of able seamen. The "back-cloth" is a splendid example of Mr. Neville Thornton's taste and skill. The ocean racehorse seems to prance blue waves, and fore-shortening and perspective are so excellent that one almost expects to hear the ponderous bows crash into the wharf which the stage represents. The company are dressed in becoming nautical costumes. One half of the ladies wear cream and cardinal, and the rest are effectively arrayed in pale blue and white. Miss Amy Vaughan in a dark blue sailor costume with white vest and an especially killing hat, looked her very best. It is intended to use the new scene and accessories in "Black-eyed Susan," to be produced on the Prince of Wales' birthday (November 9th). The first part brought forward some novelties capitally rendered, and almost every number received the customary encore. The finale was a comic skating sketch, in which Harry Cowan and Max Rinkle cut some extraordinary antics, evoking peals of merriment. In part II I was much struck with the beauty of one of Miss Vaughan's dresses. I am told that the lovely amber-coloured material once graced the shoulders of Charles Kean in the shape of a cloak which the great tragedian wore in some of his best parts. Harry Cowan as usual made a hit with "Lollipops." The Misses Vaughan and Daisy Thornton's "Tarentella," was again received with great enthusiasm, and Messrs. Cowan, Rinkle, Diamond, Corbett, and a new comic singer—Mr. Stevens—contributed good numbers to an excellent programme. In spite

of counter attractions a very full house testified to the continued popularity of "Our Amazons."

ON Saturday evening at the Opera House the Payne family gave their entertainment in aid of the "Helping Hand Mission," to an overflowing audience. A good programme with numerous encores ensured for everybody more than the worth of his money.

J. C. WILLIAMSON'S JUVENILE COMIC OPERA COMPANY.

DESPITE a somewhat inclement evening, a very good house greeted the first appearance in Auckland of the Juveniles in Audran's "La Mascotte," perhaps the first favourite among popular comic operas. I unhesitatingly pronounce the performance a big success in every way. The only qualification I have to make is in respect of intonation on the part of some of the principals, but when it is remembered that the company had just stepped ashore after a sea voyage, they could scarcely be expected to have lost their sea legs and regained their land voices. A brief rest and some bright weather will doubtless act as a tonic, and bring the vocal chords of each young larynx into its wonted state of efficiency. The piece is magnificently mounted and staged—the scenery and costumes being rich, rare, and tasteful. Rocco's Farm in the first act is a realistic picture of quaint rusticity. A dove-cote with real trained pigeons, and some barn-door fowls, who display perfect *aplomb* and no symptoms of stage-fright, make quite a feature. In the second act the curtain rises upon King Laurent's Palace, an exquisitely lovely scene, which compelled a spontaneous burst of applause. The Sylvan Wood in the last act is equally beautiful, and is quite a feather in the cap of Mr. Edmonds, who designed and executed it. The scenes before mentioned are by Mr. Little, whose reputation is well known. The chorus show at every turn splendid training bestowed upon intelligent pupils. Both musically and dramatically their work is excellent. As in the recent performance of "Princess Ida," so in "La Mascotte" the trump card is a grand military march, with wonderful lime-light effects. But good as our amateurs were, the juveniles easily outstrip them in the pantomimic handicap. In variety of mazy evolutions, executed with faultless precision and perfect dressing, and in effective groupings and tableaux, I doubt if anything so good has ever been produced upon an Auckland stage. Throughout the business is capitally worked up, and the libretto, although of necessity subjected to numerous "cuts," teems with original gags and clever hits. For example, when King Laurent and the infirm chair collapse together, he is pronounced to be like Mr. Bryce, because he is "over-balanced and has lost his seat." This sally and numerous others delighted the audience. The cast is a strong one, and proves beyond cavil that the company has large resources to draw upon. Miss Lily Stephens as Fianetta looked especially charming, and acted with wonderful grace for so young a performer. In place of the arietta, "Give me the swain," she sang "In Old Madrid," and won an encore and several bouquets. But her greatest success was undoubtedly "The Attractive Girl," in the last act. The song was prettily and correctly sung, and the dance with tambourine elegantly

and gracefully executed. The audience would not be denied, and exacted a double encore. Miss Lily Everett, in the title rôle, displayed a finish and appreciation of her work which quite won my heart. Besides a surprising dash and vigour, she has the rare art of graduating the tone of voice to suit exactly the meaning to be conveyed. *C'est le ton qui fait la musique.* Hers is a most arduous and responsible part, and she comes through the ordeal with flying colours. Especially did she shine in "Oh give me back," and in the Glu-glu duet. Miss Marion Mitchell as Pippo scored a genuine success. She has a mezzo voice with good compass and volume, and a distinct enunciation which told well both in the "Glu-Glu" duet and in the arietta "Mine Own." She infused so much taste and sympathy into the latter song as to win a well-deserved encore. The three pages—Misses Bella McEwen, Nellie Wilson and Nellie Foord—looked very sweet indeed. Frittelina in the hands of Miss Edith Zeigler was perfectly safe. An elegant stage presence, a sweet, true and pleasant voice, and genuine histrionic ability marked this character, which does not give much scope for the display of the talents which this young lady undoubtedly possesses. Miss Flo. Russell and Miss May Casello covered themselves with glory in the "Saltarello" dance. Turning to the young gentlemen, Master A. Stephen's impersonation of King Laurent is extremely clever and satisfactory. With the lion's share of the "fat," and consequently of the difficulties in the piece, he kept the ball a-rolling with unflagging energy and a degree of success which won almost incessant applause. Mr. A. Quealy is a born low comedian. His Rocco from an artistic point of view is the hit of a performance which is so good all round as to render such a compliment praise indeed. Unless I mistake he played Dick, the shoeblack, in the first Lord Fontleroy company, and then gave us a foretaste of the splendid work he is now doing. The other characters were competently filled, and the orchestra of about a dozen performers, under the able and discreet direction of Mr. C. Waud, proved thoroughly efficient, and avoided the too-common pitfall of drowning the singers' voices. A matinee is announced for Saturday afternoon, and "Mikado" and "Pirates" will be produced in due course. I must break off abruptly lest "Orpheus" be accused of monopolising the present issue of the SPORTING REVIEW. That the juveniles are certain of good houses and a successful season is a safe prediction.

ORPHEUS.

## RANDOM RACING REMARKS.

[BY PEGASUS.]

CLONARD, carrying 8st 7lb, ran second to half a head to Courteous, 7st 2lb, in a mile and a quarter race, in the fair time of 2min. 13½sec., on the 8th Sept. How will he manage over two furlongs further with 13lb less in the saddle? He is in the same stable is Richelieu.

Since reviewing the Caulfield Cup I find that Mirnee's weight (including penalties) is now 7st 13lb. I am therefore constrained to drop him out, and will substitute Granite's name in his place.

I have now information to hand that Steadfast is to be Mr. W. R. Wilson's selected for the three-year-old events at the forthcoming V.R.C. Spring meeting. Backers would do well to see that they "get a little bit on" before the market gets swamped.

The V.R.C. Derby seems at present to lie between Bengal, Steadfast, Oxide, and Albemarle.

Seemingly my query as to Melos' "cronkiness" is correct, as he still figures in the betting lists.

Sporting scribes in Victoria say that the horses in training there are a very mediocre lot if Carbine, Megaphone, Bungebah and Marvel be excepted. They do certainly appear on paper as "very poor stuff."

Perhaps the forthcoming spring meetings at Caulfield and Flemington may discover some equine wonder.

The result of the Second Foal Stakes showed that Sunshine would have been behind Stromboli and Oxide in the A.J.C. Derby had he started, as placed in my Derby tip.

The following horses engaged in the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups have incurred penalties as

follows: Cobham 7lb, Yowi 14lb, Fortunatus 3lb.

The conditions of the V.R.C. Derby do not necessitate any of the contestants putting up any penalties. The weights are—colts 8st 10lb, fillies and geldings 8st 5lb, and the distance 1½ miles.

In the Caulfield Guineas Oxide, Stromboli, Hartington and Corvette have each a penalty of 7lb to carry.

Glenloth with 7st up won the Last Handicap at Elsternwick Park races on 17th September, beating Lapstone and Portland. Glenloth is engaged in the Caulfield Cup at 7st 7lb.

The Last Handicap, 1 mile 1½ furlongs, was run in 2min 6½sec.

## CAULFIELD CUP.

(Concluded.)

IN summing up my previous remarks on the Cup, I must select the bakers' dozen, mentioned by me from time to time, as the best of the horses engaged therein.

Although I have stuck to the weight theory in a very marked degree, still in gauging their capabilities I have lent due weight to other considerations as well—to wit, ownership, their present condition, their likelihood to stand a preparation, and many other little "moves" which lead me to draw up my conclusions.

The thirteen "plums" alluded to are Correze, Richelieu, Gresford, The Spot, G'Naroo, The Tyler, Laverock, Clonard, Forest King, Granite, Albemarle, Empire and Merriwa.

Besides these I have also favourably noticed Ethelbert, Harbour Light, and Forty Winks.

From this lot I again reduce the number to eight, from which I expect the winner to "turn up." These eight are as follows, and I prefer their chances in the order given, viz.:—Richelieu, G'Naroo, Clonard, Gresford, Correze, Albemarle, The Tyler, and Laverock.

The others I leave on one side as a *very likely* division.

Once again referring to these eight and their chances, I have placed Richelieu first, principally on the score of comparison of weights. He is, however, dangerous on the score of breeding (Richmond—Miss Harriett), as also of ownership. By information from Australia he is in great "buckle," but suffers somewhat from rheumatism. Nevertheless, old hands in Auckland will remember that Ravensworth had a remarkably successful season in this district when suffering intensely from the same complaint. Notice, too, that R is the initial letter of Richelieu, Rheumatism, Ravensworth, Remember, Random, Racing, and Remarks. Compared with the other seven also Richelieu meets them on last year's performances as follows:—G'Naroo 5lb, Clonard 3lb, Correze 24lb, The Tyler 6lb, Laverock 18lb, and Granite on 14lb better terms. On w.f.a. conditions he meets Gresford at an advantage of 2lb and Albemarle on 2lb worse terms, but I am inclined to prefer him at 5yrs to a 4-year-old or a 3-year-old for "lasting" in a severe journey like the one under review.

The other seven have advantages over each other in due proportion, and, all going well in training operations, they should have command of each other in the order named. G'Naroo has an advantage of only 2lb over Clonard, but his previous performances are more meritorious. I place Clonard third, as he may be the chosen one of the stable in preference to Richelieu. Of the other three, although The Tyler does not compare favourably in weight, still I think he is a more likely horse than either Laverock or Granite. He may be probably a "waiter."

By next week I should have more definite private information to set before my readers, and some of the horses already reviewed may have to be "passed in" in favour of others not yet unearthed. From what information I may have to hand by then, together with my own judgment, I shall give a "tip" for the event.

The final acceptances for the Caulfield Guineas fall due to-day. I expect the result to be—Oxide, 1; Mr. Clark's selected, 2; Aster, 3. Of Mr. Clark's I think Bengal or Albemarle are most likely to be "on the job."

On Saturday my final tip will appear at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, where readers may see and peruse it.

Having "threaded my way" through the intricacies of the Caulfield Cup, I shall now commence and carry out on similar lines a prospective sketch of the

## MELBOURNE CUP.

which I hope will be instructive and serviceable to my readers. If the Caulfield task was a heavy one, this will, I fancy, prove likewise, only in the superlative degree. This I consider "shent per shent" more worser nor the other one. However, a man may but do his best, and the *best* can do no better.

To begin, there is "only one" in the 10 stone division, and he is that far-famed warrior Carbine, about whom remarks are almost superfluous. He has been under "fire" lately, as all sporting men know, but I don't believe it will have any effect upon him in the race when the day comes. The only things that, to my mind, are against him are: 1st, his age, which must be gradually reducing his pace; 2nd, the chance of his stable-companion Megaphone, who has proved himself a splendid "second fiddle," being the "chosen" of the stable; and 3rd, his weight, which is a crusher. Nevertheless, by referring to my remarks on the six best weights, I still fancy that if he starts he is worth backing for a place.

In the

## 9 STONE DIVISION

we have a goodly array of "warm members" that will bear watching.

Tirailleur, 9st 6lb, has already been alluded to by me in the article on the six best weights. Beyond those remarks I have nothing to offer as to his chances. The strongest point in his favour is the fact that his party reckon he is within a stone of Carbine. If so he must hold a great "mortgage" over the Cup.

Melos, 9st 5lb, comes next on the list, and is not unkindly treated on the score of weight. His performances are as "familiar as household words." Fit and well he will be "in the van," when the Cup is being decided, but whether he can "do the trick" is still an open question. I fancy he must "go down" before my next.

Megaphone, 9st 2lb, is "red hot," but I fancy he will only be a second fiddle to Carbine, should that warrior be started for the race. I prefer the best three-year-old to Megaphone, seeing that Albemarle ran third to him in the Randwick Plate, 3 miles, at last A.J.C. meeting. Certainly Albemarle was a poor third, but it must be borne in mind that three miles is a long journey for a three-year-old to undertake.

Cuirassier, 9st 2lb, I cannot fancy for this event. I have dealt with him in the Caulfield Cup, and the same remarks are applicable in this event.

Bungebah, 9st 1lb, has yet to be tried over a two mile course. I prefer everything above him in weight. His doings are already too well known to need comment.

Highborn, on the same mark, has good 2 mile records to his credit. He did not shape well in the Metrop., but of course he might not have been "wanted on the voyage." I rather incline to the belief that he can't manage the Melbourne Cup.

The Admiral, 9st, is the only other of this division left. His weight is w.f.a., but although he won last year's V.R.C. Derby, I fancy the "physicing" he got to prepare him for that event will have an injurious effect on him for some time to come. I don't expect to hear of anything brilliant from him this season in consequence.

Up to this stage Carbine and Megaphone read best.

## LATEST BETTING.

## CAULFIELD CUP.

2 to 1 Bungebah, taken  
10 — 20 to 1 The others

## MELBOURNE CUP.

8 to 1 Megaphone  
12 — 1 Vengeance, and Malvolio  
15 — 25 to 1 The others

## NEW ZEALAND CUP.

5 to 1 Strophon  
6 — 1 Freedom, and Medallion  
10 — 20 to 1 The others

## V.R.C. DERBY.

2 to 1 Stromboli  
3 — 1 Oxide  
5 — 1 Pennance  
8 — 10 to 1 The others

Very little business doing on anything.

## EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

## OTAHUHU TROTting CLUB.

Friday, October 9th (tomorrow), 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

## PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

Friday, October 9th (tomorrow), at 10 p.m., acceptances close with the secretary, Mr. H. H. Hay, 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 15 sovs., 1 mile and a distance

## NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB.

Friday, October 9th (to-morrow), at 10 p.m., acceptances close with Mr. A. T. Danvers, secretary, at the Club's office, Market-st., Napier, for—

Trial Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs., 1½ miles  
Criterion Stakes Handicap of 60 sovs., 1 mile  
Park Stakes Handicap of 200 sovs., 1½ miles  
Sapling Stakes Handicap of 75 sovs., 4 furlongs  
Handicap Hurdles of 80 sovs., 2 miles  
Ahuriri Handicap of 40 sovs., once round  
Railway Handicap of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs

## DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

Saturday, October 10th, nominations close with the secretary, Mr. Sydney James, at 10 p.m., for the following races:—

Spring Handicap Hurdle Race 100 sovs., 2 miles and a distance  
Dunedin Stakes 150 sovs., 5 furlongs  
St. Kilda Welter Handicap 120 sovs., 1 mile  
Tally-ho Handicap Hurdle Race 100 sovs., 1½ miles  
Onslow Plate 150 sovs., 1½ miles  
Pacific Handicap Hurdle Race 100 sovs., about 2 miles  
Commemoration Plate 200 sovs., 5 furlongs

## POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

Monday, October 12th, acceptances close with Mr. J. H. Aislabie, secretary, for

Spring Handicap of 125 sovs., 1½ miles  
Flying Handicap of 70 sovs., 6 furlongs  
Hurdle Handicap of 60 sovs., 2 miles  
Maiden Plate of 40 sovs., 1½ miles

## HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

On Tuesday, 13th October, at 10 p.m., nominations for the Hawke's Bay Guineas of 1893, 300 sovs., 1 mile, close with Mr. F. D. Luckie, secretary, Criterion Hotel, Napier.

## AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

A COMMITTEE meeting of the Auckland Racing Club was held at their rooms, Durham-street, on Friday afternoon, the 2nd inst. Considerable interest was taken in the proceedings by sporting men generally, as it had got abroad that the Metropolitan Club having taken pony racing under their wing, they would most probably disqualify those ponies and jockeys that took part in the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting at Potter's on the 26th ultimo. Quite an army of jockeys and trainers congregated at the usual rendezvous at the corner, eagerly awaiting their expected doom in fear and trembling. Our representative in the interests of the sporting public endeavoured to gain admittance, but was refused, and as the interest in the Club's deliberations was rapidly working up, our reporter presented himself a second time, and handed in the following note which was read to the meeting by the secretary, Mr. W. Percival: "I am instructed to respectfully request admittance to your meeting, I await an answer." The following reply was given at the door, "This is a committee meeting and no members of the Press will be admitted." Reporter: "Are there any members of the Press present now?" Answer: "No; not one." Reporter: "Thank you," (exit). After a protracted meeting, we gained the following information from the secretary:—

The Potter's paddock disqualification difficulty was deferred till next Friday.

Three new members were elected, and it was agreed to subscribe to the New Zealand turf register.

A sum of £10 was voted from the distressed jockeys fund to the widow of the late James Carey, jockey, who it will be remembered was killed by a fall from his horse on the Panmure road last year.

The consideration of three letters from the Takapuna Jockey Club was postponed till next Friday.

The programme of a proposed meeting by the Papakura Racing Club for February 20th, was submitted for approval, but was declined.

The following programmes were approved of:—South Auckland Racing Club, December 18th and 19th; Takapuna Jockey Club, November 28th; Northern Wairoa Racing Club, December 26th and 27th.

## ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

ON Monday October 5th, the weather being beautifully fine, trainers took the opportunity of getting through some serviceable work before breakfast. The following horses worked on the course proper—The Dancer and Puwere were went a couple of rounds slow. Karewa and Fishmonger put in two circuits at a good half pace, as did also Hopeful Kate. Ingorina had King Cannibal for a companion for a couple of rounds at steady pace, while Ma Boughal in company with The Barb did two circuits at a good sound pace, the former moving very freely. Priscilla put in a good twice round, and Macaroni a circuit at about half pace. Sambo went once round at about three-quarter speed. The Workman and Orakei, both with sweaters on, were sent two rounds steady. Reprisal, Welcome, Queen Rose and Nile were restricted to slow work. St. Clements and Chance each did a couple of rounds at half pace. Lorace, with sweaters, had Kapai for a mate for a useful three rounds on the plough. Fiesole went once round on the plough slow.

On Tuesday all the horses worked on the plough. Lorace went three times round at about half pace. Orakei, Priscilla, and Ingorina each did a couple of circuits steady. Reprisal was sent 1½ miles, being joined by Swiftsure at the six furlong post, both coming home at a good pace. Ma Boughal and The Barb were sent a couple of rounds steady, the Titania filly accompanying them the last round. Macaroni traversed a steady once round, and the jumper Chance did three times round steady. Fishmonger and Karewa put in a useful three rounds. The Dancer and Puwere were associated together for a couple of rounds steady.

## WANGANUI LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WANGANUI, October 3.

THERE is not much doing in sporting matters this week. The only item of interest that has taken place was the Horse Parade, which took place last Wednesday, the following thoroughbreds taking part in it:—Natator, Traducer—Waterwitch; Gipsy King, Le Loup—Gitana; St. James, Leolinus—Pungawerewere; Wapiti, King Cole—Realisation; Puriri, Towton—Waimea; Vanguard, Traducer—En Evant; Sou'wester, Goldsborough—Seabreeze; Ascot, Kelpie—The Thorn; Strenacous, St. George—Strenua. All of these stallions were greatly admired by breeders, and the judges had no very slight task in awarding the prizes. However, their arduous work was got through, and the following was the result:—Mr. R. Ross's ch. s. Natator, by Traducer—Waterwitch, 1st; Messrs. Nolan, Tonks & Co.'s b. s. Gipsy King, by Le Loup—Gitana, 2nd. Natator is looking better than I have ever seen him, and looks every inch a splendid specimen of the thoroughbred; and as he has proved what a sterling performer he was on the turf he should not have any difficulty in getting his list filled. Natator's progeny have increased the amount of winnings every year that they have been racing. In the first year he was represented by Redwood, who ran one first, one second, two thirds, and once unplaced, the amount of winnings being £175. In the season 1888-89 Natator's progeny won the amount of £308 15s. In the season 1889-90 the amount of winnings totalled £731 3s., and for the last season, 1890-91, they further increased the

winnings to the amount of £1,294. The above shows that Natator can get racehorses, and if he is given a good class mare he should get a racehorse of first-class quality.

Mr. L. Holmes' horse Phormium Tenax broke down this morning (Friday) while doing a gallop on the course. It is a bad break down, and I am afraid that he will not race for a lengthy period, if ever he does again. This is bad luck for Holmes, as the horse was considered to have a first-class show of winning the six furlong hack race at the forthcoming Wanganui J.C. meeting.

The trainers and jockeys played their first football match last Tuesday against a team picked from the employees of the Freezing Company. After a tough struggle the game ended in a draw. The knights of the pigskin meet a team from the Kaierau Football Club on Saturday, and they are pretty confident on making a hard fight for victory. On the following Tuesday they play a return match against the Freezing Company, and as they have gone in for an elaborate banner of white satin, with a horse painted thereon, it is to be hoped that they will be able to finish well under the whip and snatch a head victory on the post.

Harry Pell, who has just returned from Australia, has taken charge of Mr. Nugent's horses, consisting of Stranger, by St. Clair (by Deadshot) out of a sister of the hurdle mare Koromiko; Attaché, by The Governor—Neta, dam of that well-known steeplechaser Ngata; and Otara Lass, by Natator—Rangitira, who was a good steeplechase mare in her day. Pell will ride these horses whenever the weight suits.

## TARANAKI SPORTING NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, Sept. 28.

THE success of J. J. Russell with the trotter Charlie was received with much satisfaction here. Surprise was, however, expressed at the indifferent display made by Lady Onslow; but this was due to the fact, I conjecture, that her ladyship is a bit too big for galloping, and that she would do better with some of the beef off her. I had not much faith in Rodney doing anything, but still he is a good pony, and will pick up a race or two some day.

Mr. A. Goodson, who was a large purchaser at the Sylvia Park sale, informs me that his youngsters are all coming along nicely, and will don silk this coming season on the coast. He has Yattaway, Vivat, Repeater and another in training.

The committee of the Taranaki Jockey Club have re-appointed Mr. J. O. Evett as handicapper for their Anniversary Meeting, and they have accepted an offer from Cohen & Stock of Napier, to work the totalisator for the season. October 2.

I notice a paragraph in your last issue blaming Mr. J. George for naming his three-year-old colt by Armourer out of Confident. The colt appears in the Auckland nomination list—from which you doubtless get your information—as Melos, but this is a mistake, as his name is Melas (meaning black). Mr. George cannot therefore be blamed for duplication in nomenclature. If the colt keeps well he will be a starter for the Wanganui Derby at the end of the month, but I don't incline to his chance much, as he is rather backward in his condition, on account of not being long enough in hand.

The local owner, Jay Russell, and his brother Bill, returned home from Auckland this morning.

Mr. F. Watson's chestnut filly, by St. Leger, dam Miss Laura, is furnishing into a fine-looking youngster.

The fact that the ponies Lady Onslow and Rodney were passed under the 14.2 stand at Epsom on Saturday last goes to prove that the Clubs in Taranaki had not neglected their duties, as hinted in a letter signed "Little Pony," which appeared in your columns last week.

Mr. F. Watson has, I hear, leased the four-year-old Ionic from Mr. E. Wood for the racing season.

The four-year-old filly Shela has gone into Mr. Teed's stables.

A half-brother to Norton has been given the name of Pills.

## OUR CHRISTCHURCH LETTER.

[BY WIRE.]

CHRISTCHURCH, Oct. 6.

MR. O'BRIEN tells me that he will run Florrie in the Derby, and I fancy he has a very good show of winning both Derby and Oaks.

There are three good rattling two-year-olds in Lonsdale Lodge. I saw them galloped over half-a-mile the other morning, and there is no doubt about their pace. They are Launceston, Captive, and a sister to Flinders. Launceston is supposed to be the fastest, but Captive is a fast one, whatever Launceston may be.

The season's business is just commencing at Riccarton now. Half the trainers go out at daybreak. We have not got a Chaaf here, but Cutts is pretty well on the same mark.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CONSIDERABLE grumbling has always been on evidence at Riccarton regarding the training tracks, and my own impression is that Riccarton trainers cannot be very well pleased in that respect. Hawkins has certainly been hampered to a great extent by official orders in regard to galloping on the grass, but it seems to me that the tracks would have to be in perfect order beyond the effects of heavy rain throughout the year before they would give perfect satisfaction. Experienced men at Riccarton desire no undue concessions certainly, but it is beyond doubt that the grass track in particular could have been used more frequently during the winter. Now Hawkins the caretaker is laid up, Mr. Nosworthy, the breeder of many good horses, is in charge of the course, and he knows the requirements of trainers as well as they do themselves, and it may be relied upon that the tracks will be as good as they can be made right up till New Zealand Cup time. There is only one plough at Riccarton at present, and it appears to me that something more than harrows is requisite to keep that in good order all through the year; some implement after the grubber fashion is required. Still, there will be no adequate reason for grumbling at the exercise grounds up till November anyhow, and trainers with horses for the Metropolitan meeting here might do a great deal worse than putting in an early appearance, should their own tracks not be in perfect order. There are very stringent rules regarding training fees at Riccarton, and these might be altered with advantage. Too little time is granted trainers from a distance, and the payment of training fees quarterly instead of half-yearly would be a great improvement on existing rules, and I do not know that annual payment would not be even more equitable. The fees are low enough, but in the method of collection they effect one trainer more than another.

The local horses for the New Zealand Cup are going capitally. Freedom is bowling along in his work in rare style, and he has no end of followers here, and Flinders and Tassy in the same stable are as well as possible.

A good many people think that Charlie O'Connor will bring Crackshot to the post for the New Zealand Cup in perfect trim, and he may do so, but I do not care for his hind action somehow. He does not move like he did at this time last year. Should Charlie get him to his best form however, "he will win and nothing else."

Cajolery is going on splendidly, and he is supposed to be "good goods" for the Derby, but should Mr. O'Brien start Florrie against him, he will have all his work cut out to get home first. Florrie is a slippery lady.

I do not know yet whether there be anything exceptionally brilliant in the two-year-old line at Riccarton this season, but there are some useful youngsters nevertheless. Though it has been rumoured that Goodman has a very smart two-year old at the Forbury, I should not be surprised where Riccarton to beat the more Southern centre in that class.

I am afraid that Cutts' Tasman—Nautilus filly will not stand. Here forelegs are bad. She was bad actioned to begin with, but she might have got out of that in itself; now, however, Cutts is afraid to gallop her, and he has spelled her a bit, too.

The two foals by Maxim at Chokebore Lodge are good ones, and if foals be any criterion, their will be little doubt about either Maxim or

Chainshot being first-class sires. The Nautilus foal by Chainshot is a beauty.

Erin-go-Bragh is a peculiar horse; one morning you see him lame, and the next you see him do a rasping gallop twice round. Sheenan may win a race or two with him yet.

Sheenan's accident at Dunedin has proved to be a severe one. He has been very "dicky" since his return home, and certainly Dunedin has never been a lucky place for him; he never wins a race down there hardly.

Stewart has now got Regina in training. I do not know whether he has changed hands or whether Thomson has handed him over to Stewart for training. He is a "cow" anyhow.

Messrs. Claridge and Wynn-Williams have got two new horses in training. One is Silver Queen and the other a moke by Cassivelannus. I do not think the mare is up to much, and I do not know what the Cassivelannus horse can do beyond pull hard. He strikes me, however, as one having some pace at any rate.

Tom Field looked a bit limpy one day last week, but I do not think there is much wrong with him notwithstanding.

Butler is looking after a place at Riccarton, but he has not got one up to the time of writing. Doubtless he will be here presently however.

As a sire, Kentucky is supposed to be the best of Berlin's stock so far. He was greatly admired at the Christchurch horse parade, and a good season is anticipated for him.

Sheenan has given Master George up in regard to racing, I believe. A horse that breaks down on two or three canters after a year's spell, is not a likely one to win many races.

## BENEFIT SPORTS MEETING.

AN attractive programme and so deserving an object, should have ensured a much better attendance than the seven or eight hundred who patronised Potter's Paddock on Saturday. The sports, under the auspices of the A.A.C. and Cycle Club, together with the Rugby Union, would, it was hoped, have added a substantial sum to the fund which the athletic bodies throughout New Zealand are raising to send a team to the old country. But various causes took the gilt off the ginger-bread. To begin with, the mile match between Goodman and Wilson was run on the domain ground at 2.30 p.m., the hour fixed for the first race at Potter's. Many persons being under the impression that 3 p.m. was the hour appointed at Potter's, went to the domain with the intention of seeing the mile race, and going on to Potter's immediately after. Until the last moment the advertisements did not state the hour at which the first race was to start. Hence, when it became known that both events started at 2.30 p.m., many of the domain visitors gave up the idea of attending Potter's. Surely it would have been possible to arrange with Goodman and Wilson to run their event at Potter's, and so benefit all concerned. The 110 yards Handicap for amateur footballers was the first event on the programme. Mr. F. Edwards, who controlled the starting with his customary decision and watchfulness, was justly severe on those who broke away, and several were penalised. The heats resulted as follows—first heat: T. Roberts (4yds) 1, J. C. Hutchison (scratch) 2; second heat: C. Hesketh (scratch) 1, A. Kilfoyle (4yds) 2; third heat: L. M. Myers (9yds) 1, H. A. Norris (5yds) 2; fourth heat: F. Gaudin (4yds) 1, W. L. Pritt (5yds) 2. From the ease with which Myers won his heat most people picked him as a "dead bird" for the final, which he won with consummate ease in 11 1/5sec. Kilfoyle and Norris making a close fight for second and third place in the order named. For the non-amateur 110 yards Handicap, seven started, Keenan winning cleverly from scratch in 12 1/5sec. S. Roberts (7yds) ran a fair second, just beating J. Cole (4yds) who secured third place. The other starters were Hughes, Box, Tidmarsh and McGuinness. The Bicycle Handicap, 1 1/2 miles, proved an interesting event, eight out of ten entries coming to the post. The going being rough in places, was all in favour of the pneumatic-tires. Aickin (60yds) won easily, with Service (100yds) second, both riding safeties with the patent tires. Selby (scratch) rode gallantly and well, and secured third place. The popular 'Buke' did not ride up to form. A Steeplechase 2 1/2 miles, brought out thirteen starters out of sixteen entries. The absentees were J. W.

Burgess (owes 25sec), J. H. B. Bull (owes 45sec) and A. S. Clark (owes 60sec). After an excellent race H. Burton (owes 15sec) sailed in an easy first. C. Speight (owes 5sec) ran well and secured second place, with Osborne (owes 20sec) a fair third. Burton could have won by much more than the 20 or thirty yards which divided him from Speight. Farquhar fourth, and May fifth, also ran pluckily and well. The 110 yards race for footballers, carrying a football, was won cleverly by Roberts, who, after a bad start just beat Kilfoyle by a very few inches, T. Whiteside ran third by a bare yard. This was a splendid race, and the time, 12 1/5 sec. was very good, when the handicap of carrying a football is reckoned. Besides the placed men J. Meldrum and Peter Mackie also competed.

The Football Tournament was a novelty to both spectators and players. The latter have evidently not realised the difference made in the game by playing only seven a side. The importance of having a good fast and sure collaring full-back, who should keep in his place, was demonstrated by the number of clear runs resulting in tries. Parnell met Grafton first, and after some good passing, Gaudin got away smartly and scored. Kilgour took the place, but failed. Gordon and Madigan were conspicuous, and a poor bit of play presently let Jervis in. Kissling failed at the place and the score was 1 everybody at half-time (5min). In the second five minutes after a free kick to Parnell, Gaudin got on a fine dribble well stopped by Rees, but Kilgour took the ball on and scored behind the posts. Gaudin placed a goal, bringing Grafton's score to 4. Immediately after Pearce made a grand run and presently Jervis ran in and scored, converting the try himself. Score—4 everybody. Elliott next, by a tremendous run got in, and Whyte placed a goal, leaving Parnell the victors by 7 points to 4. This was perhaps the most interesting heat in the Tournament. Second heat—City v. Newton. Comparatively dull and slow. Stevenson scored, and Stone placed a goal for City, which was the only score in the two spells. City 3, Newton 0. Third heat—Ponsonby v. Parnell II. Ponsonby did all the scoring and won by 7 to nil. Roberts and Masefield scored two tries each and Hales one. O'Connor placed one goal. Second round—Ponsonby beat City by 4 to 1. Masefield after a fine run, scored, and O'Connor converted. Hayles also scored, but the place was fruitless. In the second five minutes Albie Braund secured a clever try, but Stone did not succeed in the place. The final heat between Ponsonby and Parnell was fast and interesting. Ponsonby showed excellent passing, and Madigan worked like a Trojan. Madigan scored a try in the first spell, but Whyte failed to improve. Shortly after Madigan was badly wounded. In the second half Roberts made a grand run, but was speedily stopped by Madigan. Next Masefield got well away, and after a fine run secured a try, which O'Connor converted. Airey all but scored, but contrary to football etiquette, was somewhat roughly pushed into touch by Madigan from behind. Ponsonby thus won the final heat by 3 to 1.

In the Tug-of-War (5 a side), City won the first and last pull against Newton. Ponsonby beat Parnell and after a good struggle with City, won the final. Although overmatched in weight, City pulled grandly. The management of the sports was by no means up to the A.A.C.'s wonted high standard. Spectators were allowed to encroach on the ground during the events, and occupants of the grandstand justly complained that they scarcely received the value of the extra fee paid for the privilege of occupying that coign of vantage.

We have received the Egmont Racing Club's programme for their Summer meeting, to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 17th and 18th of February, at Hawera. It comprises seven events for each day, the aggregate amount to be given in stakes being 1050 sovs. The principal race on the first day, is the Egmont Handicap of 300 sovs., two miles; 150 sovs. are devoted to the Waimate Handicap on the second day. Special attention seems to be given to hacks, for they have no less than four events assigned to them on the programme, two of them being over sticks. Mr. Alex. G. Brett is the club's secretary, while Mr. H. H. Hayr is their Auckland representative, and Mr. A. T. Danvers is the same for Napier.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1891.

It is not an agreeable thing to have continually to point out the shortcomings of the Auckland Racing Club Committee, but in the interest of the racing public—who are our chief supporters—we must do so, or else we should very soon have to close the paper. Last Friday the monthly meeting of the Committee took place. The Press, as usual were excluded. Why is this? The Committee are not a private body—they are elected not only for the Auckland Racing Club, but they have the control of the racing over a very large district; therefore those interested should know how the members vote, and who brings forward the different motions, so that at the next annual meeting they could vote for those that have racing at heart, and are not lead by a party. Are they either ashamed or afraid of their doings becoming known? As things are at present, the Press being excluded, it is very hard to find out the truth about what is being done in this chamber of inquisition. A writer that may be favoured and can be trusted to write what is told him, is informed of what they think fit. Others have to get their information as best they can; while to find out how the different members vote and what is their opinion on the resolution is next to impossible. A question of

great interest to many was brought up last Friday. Were all the owners, trainers, jockeys and ponies that took part in the races held at Potter's Paddock under the auspices of the Auckland Pony and Trotting Association on Saturday, 26th ulto., to be disqualified or not, it being an unregistered racecourse? Rule 20 reads thus: "All race meetings held in the districts comprised in Rule 1 shall be run under these Rules. If a horse runs in a race at any meeting within such district which is not held under these Rules, such horse shall be permanently disqualified from running, and the owner, nominator, trainer and jockey of any such horse, from owning, nominating, training or riding at or for any race meeting held under these Rules, unless the Committee of the Jockey Club see just and sufficient cause to remove the disqualification."

This rule reads pretty clear, but the question is, was it when framed ever supposed to have reference to pony or trotting races. When the Colonial Secretary made the Auckland Pony and Trotting Association a Metropolitan Club he virtually gave them the control of this class of racing in the Auckland district—apart from the Metropolitan Racing Club.

To show the inconsistent way the A.R.C. Committee act, towards the end of the season 1889-90 they brought in a resolution that no pony races should be allowed on any club's programme. The consequence was that the Auckland Pony and Trotting Association was immediately formed, and met with so much success that the A.R.C. Committee passed a resolution that any owner, trainer or jockey taking part in any pony or trotting race should be disqualified, but it was not confirmed. At the late Conference held at Wellington one of the delegates of the Auckland Racing Club proposed a resolution that pony racing should be included in the rules of racing. As far as we can learn the answer was that ponies were included. Now, we have gone through the rules many times, and fail to see by any stretch of imagination how ponies can come under them. If pony races are allowed on a programme, the money given to them, it is generally understood, must not be included in the sum total. Look at it as you like, things appear in a regular mess, and it is not to be wondered that the Dunedin Jockey Club decline joining the proposed New Zealand Jockey Club. The A.R.C. Committee showed last Friday both incapacity and a lamentable want of self reliance in dealing with the trouble, as after a long consultation it was resolved instead of deciding the case themselves, to consult with the Committees of the other Metropolitan Clubs—Dunedin Jockey Club excepted—before coming to a decision on the matter. In the meantime the Committees of suburban and country clubs are in a quandary what to do pending the decision, while those that are supposed to have offended by taking part in the pony and trotting races are like Mahomet's coffin. The majority of the racing public in New Zealand do not approve of the high-handed way some of the Metropolitan Clubs are exercising their authority, and there can be little doubt that the day is not far distant when there will be a revolution in racing in this colony, and if owners, trainers and jockeys combine, what then will those Metropolitan Clubs do who are heavily in debt and whose committees are unpopular? The A.R.C. Committee showed a great want of firmness and exhibited their weakness when they decided to consult the other Committees before coming to a decision. Their course was clear enough. All they had to decide was were they to recognise pony racing or not. The question of the course was neither here nor there.

Taking into consideration the dilemma that the V.R.C. Committee are in as regards pony racing, as at present there are 170 ponies disqualified, and the chances are that the different clubs racing under the V.R.C. rules will have to eliminate pony racing from their programmes, we would recommend the following course to be adopted, and it is not too late for the A.R.C. to do so, which would be far better than the vacillating policy they are now pursuing. That is, let them separate pony and trotting races by recognising the former, and bringing them under their own rules, also permitting racing clubs to have a certain number of pony races on their programmes, and disqualify owner, nominator, trainer, jockey or pony that have taken part in a pony race held at a trotting meeting, but do not let this be retro-

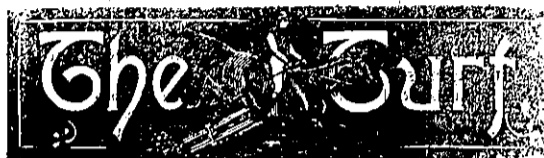
spective. This would compel the trotting clubs to confine themselves to their proper races, instead of having their meetings for the most part gate ones. It would also greatly improve outside clubs and contribute more to the pleasure of the general racegoers and those that really like sport, as it would be much more interesting to see half a dozen good ponies start in either a flat or hurdle race than the same number of miserable screws in a selling race—which in all probability has been arranged beforehand. If this was done it would be of the greatest benefit to suburban race meetings, as what lover of racing would not much sooner see a few ponies like Antic and Pica contest a hurdle race than the screws that generally start for them. If this rule was made it would greatly benefit Auckland, as it must be borne in mind that to one decent racehorse there are half a dozen good ponies, and more would soon be forthcoming.

There is another thing that the A.R.C. Committee have done which not only surprises many racing men, but also us, and we are surprised that it has not been ventilated before, and we hope that some of the members of the A.R.C. will assist us to solve the problem. We were always under the impression—and rightly so—that all racing clubs in New Zealand were compelled to race under "The Rules of Racing as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs of New Zealand." We find, however, that the A.R.C. have a rule of their own in contravention to the Rules of Racing—that is as regards geldings. They are allowed five pounds in all races run at Ellerslie under the Auckland Racing Club, while the recognised rules state that the allowance shall be only three pounds. If the Committee make rules of their own and violate those they are supposed to race under, how can they control and compel other clubs to adhere to the recognised rules. We have heard several comments on this question since the late Ellerslie meeting, and that is the reason we have brought the question forward.

The stewards of the Victorian Amateur Turf Club appear to be a very sharp lot, at the same time they are not always right. It will be remembered that some time ago they disqualified Mr. Dumberie, the owner (who was secretary of the Adelaide Racing Club), his horse Dillon, A. Miller, the trainer, and Milna, the jockey, for two years for suspicious running at their meeting. An appeal was made to the Victorian Racing Club who referred it back to the Caulfield stewards to reconsider their decision, which they did, but refused to alter it though there were no real grounds for it. The case being this—Dillon, 7st 13lb, won the Murrumbidgee Handicap, one mile and three furlongs; Bloodshed, 7st 3lb, being second. The same afternoon they met in the Kambrok Handicap, seven furlongs, Bloodshed, 7st 5lb; Dillon, 8st 12lb. They finished third and fourth. The stewards in their wisdom never took into calculation that 11lb difference in the weights, and a four furlong shorter distance might make a great deal of difference, also that the fourth horse might have been pulling up. The committee of the V.R.C. much to the chagrin of the stewards refused to endorse the disqualification, thus the advent of Dillon in the betting for the Caulfield Cup. They have now another case which has also resulted in an appeal. In the Hurdle Race on September 12th, Revenue, an outsider, beat Leroy, who had been well backed. The winner was objected to on account of interfering with the second, and it ended in his being disqualified. There really was no cause for it the fact being Fergusson, who rode Leroy, came with a fast run and tried to get up on the inside, but was disappointed. He then had to pull on to the outside, and failed to get up. Revenue went very straight the whole of the journey. Elland, who was the favourite, finished third, and objected to Leroy. The stewards, however, dismissed it. There is a good deal of interest taken in the appeal, as there is a large sum of money depending on the result. The stewards all through have displayed either want of knowledge or jump at conclusions too quickly, as great dissatisfaction is shown at their decisions.

With great regret we learn of the death of Mr. Pilbrow, who was drowned while fishing. Some ten years ago Mr. Pilbrow's colours—

green jacket and salmon sleeves—were well known on the Ellerslie and other racecourses in New Zealand. The best horse he ever owned was Welcome Jack, who as a three-year-old in the season 1882-83 won the O.J.C. Handicap, the Auckland Cup, A.R.C. Handicap and Auckland Plate; in the autumn he did a wonderful performance by winning the Great Autumn Handicap with 8st 4lb, doing the mile and a half in 2min 38½sec. Clarence, one of the best steeplechasers ever known, was running at the time, belonged to him. Canard, another good jumper, won several of his best engagements in Mr. Pilbrow's nomination, while Fusilade won the New Zealand Cup of 1885 in his name. Mr. Pilbrow took Welcome Jack and Clarence over to Australia, where luck seems to have deserted him. Of late years he has been residing at Ashburton, but has had no horses, though he was a constant attendant at Riccarton. He was a first-class judge of racing, and was generally well liked.



[BY OLD TURFITE.]

The Australian files are now to hand, thus giving one the details of the running at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting. Therefore before going into the principal races to be run for at the V.A.T.C. meeting, I will retrospect the running at Randwick of the principal horses engaged in future events. Marvel showed wonderful form by the way he won the Epsom Handicap, with 10st, beating a good field; in the Craven Plate defeating Megaphone, Melos and Sir William; winding up by winning the Waverley Handicap easily, with 10st 9lb on his back. It must, however, be borne in mind that he was very fit, while Megaphone, Melos and Sir William were all on the big side. It is the general opinion of Sydneites that he would beat Carbine up to a mile and a half. If these two should meet with Bungebah in the Melbourne Stakes at Flemington, it would be a race worth going a long way to see. Megaphone won the Spring Stakes cleverly from ten others, including Highborn, Melos, King Olaf and Correze, but they were all more or less backward. In the Randwick Plate he commanded his field all the way and won easily from Melos, but neither of them would have cared to go much further. The fourteen that ran for the Metropolitan were, with the exception of Highborn—and perhaps Sunshine and Elymas—a very moderate lot. Yowis—the winner—subsequent form greatly discounted from her performance in this race. Bungebah made a fearful example of Aster, Albemarle and four others in the Wycombe Stakes, when he fairly romped home, thus hardening to a very short price for the Caulfield Cup. Correze will improve on his running in the Spring Stakes, and so will King Olaf and Sir William, as they were all backward. Forty Winks, that was at one time supposed to be Mr. H. Oxenham's dark horse for one of the two Cups, ran very badly. The same remarks apply to Buttons, the Queenslander, who at one time was supposed to have a good outside show. Cobham, on the strength of his seconds, to Chatham in the Squatter's Handicap and to Marvel in the Waverley Handicap (but it was thought that Harris, who rode the winner, had a bit in hand), and his subsequent win in the Sydney Handicap, has come into notice for the Melbourne Cup, though he has to put up a 7lb penalty which brings his weight up to 7st 11lb. Oxide and Stromboli were by far the best three-year-olds that ran. According to their running they are much the same form, but if anything the former is the better stayer and the gamest. Nerricker in the Derby took great liberties with him, racing with the leaders all the way instead of waiting with him as was done in the Second Foal Stakes; after all he was only beaten by a short half head. Bengal, in the same stable as Stromboli, is worth watching, as in the Derby and Foal Stakes he made the running for his companion. In the Randwick Plate his mission was the same, making the pace pretty merry for two miles and a half. He is considerably on the big side, so these gallops will do him good. He is in the Caulfield Cup with 6st 13lb, and

Melbourne Cup with 6st 11lb. The running of Wilga, who is generally a consistent performer was too bad to be true, so no notice must be taken of it. Report also says that she did not look herself. With the exception of the horses mentioned above it is not likely that anything that ran at Randwick will make a sensation at any of the forthcoming big meetings.

ONE now comes to the difficult task of analysing the principal races that are to be run at the V.A.T.C. meeting which takes place at Caulfield on the 10th and 17th. The first on the list is the Caulfield Stakes, one mile and a furlong, for which thirty-two are entered, including Marvel, Megaphone, Bungebah and Whimbrel. Until the numbers go up one will not know what starts. There are also penalties for winners of weight-for-age races. If Marvel and Bungebah meet the race will be of great interest.

The Caulfield Guineas with 96 subscribers comes next. As the horses are only scratched the Thursday before the race it is impossible to know what will start. The best-known names among the entries are Steadfast, Zalinski, The Rebel, The Magistrate, Stromboli, Bengal and Oxide. Messrs. J. B. Clarke and W. R. Hall have respectively nine and five engaged, so they may keep their cracks in reserve for the V.R.C., and trust to one of the others.

#### CAULFIELD CUP.

We now come to the Caulfield Cup. This is a most difficult race to pick the winner of, as so many of the horses are engaged in the Melbourne Cup, and also to find out which race their owners intend sending them for. Last year I was fortunate enough to select Vengeance, so I must attempt it again. When I went through the weights when they first appeared the following were mentioned as being well in: Bungebah, Mikado II., Laverock, Elfie, Wild Rose, Paris, Wilga, Loyalstone and Dillon. It is not my intention at this date to go through the horses *seriatim*, but will confine myself to those that strike me as being the most likely to furnish the winner. Bungebah, 9st 7lb, comes first. At the present time he is a tremendously hot favourite. That he is a first-class horse no one will deny, and his form in the Wycombe Stakes when he romped home shows that he can get the distance. There is no knowing what weight a first-class horse can give away to inferior ones, but still 5 to 3 is a dreadfully short price to take when there are likely to be somewhere about thirty starters, especially when you bear in mind that though he may be the best horse there is risk of getting blocked, being crossed, or even horses falling and bringing him down, as was the case once before at Caulfield. Whimbrel, 8st 10lb, is worthy of respect. He showed good form last year, but lost some of his races through temper; but from the latest accounts Nicholson has got rid of that. The question now arises what race does he go for? Greygown, 8st 9lb, has lately come into the market. Last season his running was of rather an in-and-out character, but should he run up to his best form he must have a great chance. Report also says that this will be his journey. Paris, 8st 6lb, when the weights first came out appeared to have a chance second to none, but he has lately been backed for the Melbourne Cup. From his previous running one would have thought that he would have preferred the shorter distance, but at present no move has been made in his favour. The same remarks apply to King Olaf, who at the present time is going very well, and appears all right. Loyalstone, 8st 11lb, last year ran second to Vengeance, and it was said at the time that if he had not been interfered with he would have won. He is also engaged in the Melbourne Cup, with 7st 10lb. Up to the present he has not been mentioned in the betting, so it is hard to say what his owner intends to do with him. Gladstone, 8st 11lb, has lately come into the market, but his book form does not show his ability to get the distance, but he belongs to a clever party, and if one could be sure it is the stable's money that is going on he would be worth following. Wilga, 7st 12lb, was one of my early fancies. Her running, however, at Randwick was so bad that it must be ignored, and if she comes fit and well to the post she will take a great deal of beating, but until some sign in her favour is made she had better be left alone. Little Bernie, 7st 11lb,

reads well, but there is something mysterious about him, and in all probability he will show up in the longer race. Mikado II., 7st 11lb, has been talked about in connection with this race, but his book form does not point to much. The same remarks may be said about Dillon, who is in at the same weight, but I believe that he is backed by the right party, so there must be something more than book form to go upon. Wild Rose, 7st 7lb, is one that I have a great fancy for. She has never got the distance, but her party appear satisfied that she can. Last season she proved that she had a great turn of speed, and I fully expect her at least to finish in the front division. Glenloth, 7st 7lb, is a public fancy, and has shown good form at up-country meetings. Forest King has incurred a penalty; he is a good consistent performer, but I think that he is hardly good enough for this company. Gold Reef, 7st 6lb, belongs to Mr. J. B. Clark's strong stable, and is comparatively a dark horse, but if the selected one he is sure to prove dangerous, as they have plenty of tackle to try him with. It is quite likely that the winner may spring from the three-year-old division. Bengal, 6st 13lb, and Albemarle, 6st 12lb, have nothing to complain of at the weights. I shall have another opportunity of making a final selection, but those I like best at the time of writing are—Bungebah, Whimbrel, Greygown, Dillon and Wild Rose. With the exception of the former they will in all probability afford good hedging.

#### MELBOURNE CUP.

WHEN the weights first appeared for the Melbourne Cup I selected the following twenty horses (which at the time was under the proper odds) to furnish the winner:—Megaphone, Vengeance, Correze, Greygown, Buttons, Malvolio, The Spot, King Olaf, Sinecure, G'Naroo, Little Bernie, Leviathan, Laverock, Penance, Oxide, Yarran, Forty Winks, Bengal, Sanctuary, and Bel Giorno. It is now time to reduce the number, as we are within a month of the great event. I will therefore begin by discarding ten of them. Sinecure was disposed of at the first declaration of forfeits. Greygown will in all probability have a cut in for the Caulfield Cup, which is more his distance. Buttons ran so badly at Randwick that he can have no show, and his owner is not a person likely to run a "bye," but is taking him to Melbourne as he says he likes hard ground. G'Naroo will not like the distance, while Leviathan and Laverock may be passed over. Oxide, though he ran well in the A.J.C. Derby and Second Foal Stakes, will find other three-year-olds that can beat him at the weights. Forty Winks was supposed to be a dark one of Mr. Oxenham's, but he ran very badly indeed at Randwick, and must improve many pounds before he can have a show for a race of this description. Sanctuary and Bel Giorno are two three-year-olds that are well spoken of, but as one can learn nothing certain about them I must pass them over. This reduces the number to ten. Megaphone, 9st 2lb, should beat all the top weights, if he is Mr. Wallace's selected one. If Carbine—the public idol—should come to the post, Megaphone's duty will be to assist him, therefore spoil his own chance. At Randwick, though well, he was far from being wound up; he went down by a neck before Marvel (who was very fit) in the Craven Plate; but though tired from want of condition he defeated Melos (who was also on the big side) cleverly by three lengths in the Randwick Plate. The latter now meets him on 5lb better terms, but then again he beat Melos easily in the Spring Stakes. Melos is an undeniably good horse, but I believe he is none of the soundest. Last year he met with an accident that caused his retirement for the greater part of the season, and it was reported that after his three mile race he showed symptoms of unsoundness, and went back in the betting, but has now come up again. His party are very sanguine of his chance, but it is my opinion that it requires a thoroughly sound horse to stand the preparation required to win the Melbourne Cup. Vengeance, 8st 11lb, has been steadily backed, and kept firm in the market. His win last year in the Caulfield Cup was a surprise to many, but his best performance was winning the Australian Cup with 7st 13lb. He has now 12lb more on his back; horses at his age do not generally improve much. Megaphone, who was third, gave him a year and 5lb—now they meet at

5lb. Correze, 8st 9lb, was very backward when he ran at Randwick. His performances last year were good, especially in the V.R.C. Handicap. It is said that he has a leg. Malvolio, 8st 4lb, is reported to be one of the finest horses in training, and at the present time is very well. He showed good enough form last season to be held in respect. The Spot, 8st 3lb, is in Mr. Cook's stable, and was not much behind the best of this year—proving almost as good as The Admiral, who he went to assist in the Derby. King Olaf, 8st 1lb, is at the present time doing well. His book form is not at all a bad one. From what can be learned his Sydney running must be ignored. Little Bernie, 7st 9lb, is leniently treated, but until something further is known about him he had better be left alone. He had been backed for the Metropolitan, which he won last year, but to the surprise of many he did not make the final payment. After last spring his running was of a very in-and-out character. However, he is worth watching for a move in the market. Penance, 7st 6lb, was an undeniably good colt before he went amiss last season. From what can be learnt he has grown into a fine Derby horse, and should he win that he will hold his his own in the Cup. Yarran, 7st 3lb, was another good two-year-old, though he was described as being rather small. It is reported that he has thickened out a good deal, and may now be called a little big one. He is in Mr. Cook's strong stable, who will soon find him out, and more unlikely things might happen than he should turn out the selected one. The last I come to is Bengal, 6st 10lb. He is also in a strong stable, belonging to Mr. J. B. Clarke. His running at Randwick must be put on one side, as in the first place he was on the big side, secondly his mission in each race was to make the running for his stable companion. In the Randwick Plate he cut it out pretty strong for over two miles, and was at one time leading by at least a hundred yards. After the Caulfield meeting the betting will most likely liven up; at present it is very dull. The running also will in all probability throw some light on the matter, especially if any of the best horses engaged run in the Cup. Of the ten above mentioned I prefer the chances of Megaphone, if he is Mr. Wallace's selected one (report says that there is another in the stable that may carry his colours), Correze, Malvolio, King Olaf, either The Spot or Yarran (both being in the same stable) and Penance. Later advices may cause one to alter one's mind, but with the exception of Megaphone the others are almost sure to afford hedging. I will just mention those that I have heard about. Carbine, who was backed some time ago at absurdly short prices, as everyone knows met with an accident which caused him greatly to recede in the betting. He is however, said to be all right, but report differs greatly as to his present condition. The most reliable is that he is on the big side, and that his legs after the work he has done look none of the best, and that it is very unlikely that Hickenbotham will get him thoroughly fit to the post. There have been a few horses nibbled at, notably Cobham, whose weight is now 7st 11lb. It was most likely done on the spur of the moment after his two seconds and win in the Sydney Handicap. The same may be said about Patrol. Theodore is reported to have grown into a fine colt that may be heard of some day, as he is very backward at the present time. It appears to be the general opinion of the Sydneyites that Melos, if he keeps well, will have the best chance of annexing the Cup of those that ran at Randwick.

MR. STEAD'S horses, Medallion, Palliser and Lebel, have returned from Sydney, after what must have not only been an unprofitable season, but, if what the Sydney reports say is correct, an unlucky one. Medallion, it is stated, is unsound, and is not likely to stand a severe preparation. Palliser went amiss during the voyage over, and will require a long spell before he comes round again, while Lebel proved himself very moderate. Taking the second voyage into consideration it is not likely that there will be much danger from the trio at the forthcoming C.J.C. meeting, though their arrival will make some difference in the N.Z. Cup and C.J.C. Derby betting. But until something certain is ascertained as regards their condition they had better be left alone, as it is a dangerous stable to meddle with.

THE racing on the first day of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Spring meeting was of an interesting character, but does not throw much light on the New Zealand Cup. Mr. Ormond's Thane, one of the defunct Sword Dance's stock, defeated Kapua, who was giving the winner a year and four pounds, by a length. British Lion, who was giving lots of weight away, finished third. Six others started. The Hurdle Race brought out only five runners, Somnambulist winning easily from Oaklands. Taking them all through they were a moderate lot. The Guineas was a most interesting race, the whole six coming to the post. Fraternite was in front all the way with Hippomenes, but coming up the straight Clanranald, who had been waiting, came with a brilliant rush, winning by half a length from Fraternite, Rosefeldt, who came at the finish, being the same distance away, third. That this running may be altered before long is very probable, as some of the runners were rather short of work. The winner was in the pink of condition, and his running at Timaru showed that he had a great chance, but some of the judges at Christchurch thought that he could not carry weight. Fraternite was short of a few fast gallops, the same may be said of Rosefeldt. Namao did not run up to her two-year-old form, but I have no information how she is or whether she has grown. Last season she did not give you the idea of furnishing into a good three-year-old. The others will improve with time. The Welcome stakes brought out a field of six fairly promising two-year-olds, but all of them will be served by time. Whakatawea and North Atlantic had it all their own way, the former winning by a length; Guncotton, who came fast at the finish, being third. The Auckland filly, Adelaide, never showed prominently. It seems a great pity that she should be knocked about so early in the season, as she is a December foal, and as she is a promising one, lots of time ought to have been given her. Couranto shows that he has lots of pace besides being a good hurdle racer, as he won the Corinthian Stakes easily. The Flying Handicap brought out a field of nine, which resulted in a splendid race, and reflects great credit on Mr. Evitt the handicapper, as after a severe finish Boulanger just got home a head in front of Thane, who was receiving 29lb, while Fraternite who was giving the second 9lb and a year, was beaten a short head for second place. This is a good performance of Fraternite when it is considered he had a severe race out of him. Strephon and Whisper ran, but never showed prominently. Dolosa cut up very badly, and must be put down as an arrant jade, and the sooner she is put out of training, the better for her owner.

THE second day's racing of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club was of great interest, as the Spring Handicap gave some insight to the New Zealand Cup, as several horses were engaged in both events. As I shall have occasion to refer to the meeting again when details of the racing are to hand, I shall only in this issue touch lightly on the principal events of the second day. In the Hurdle Race the difference of 19lb enabled Oaklands to turn the tables on Somnambulist, who ran a grand horse under the weight. The Spring Handicap brought out the good field of thirteen. The result was another congratulation for Mr. Evitt, as the outsider, British Lion, 7st 9lb, who paid a dividend of £51 1s, won by a head from Rosefeldt 7st, Whisper 8st 6lb, finishing third, half a length away. According to the meagre report received, Rosefeldt should have won, as coming into the straight she was at least blocked twice; but on getting clear, nearly collared British Lion, and fighting it out only just got beat. Clanranald 7st 5lb ran well up to a certain point, but the pace and weight told on him, and he died away. Hilda, as I expected, never showed prominently in the race. Strephon also cut up badly, and unless some good excuse is made for him, he can have no show for the New Zealand Cup. Further remarks on this race I will keep until the next issue. Eight came to the post for the Nursery Handicap. The flag fell to a bad start, of which Adelaide 7st 3lb, had all the best of it. On entering the straight Wakawatea 8st 12lb, who got badly away, caught his horses, and half way down the straight went to the front and won easily by a couple of lengths. The other races call for no comment at present.

In my notes last week I mentioned that Mr. J. George had entered his horse Melos for a couple of races, and pointing out the absurdity of naming their horses after celebrated horses that are running in Australia, and the confusion that is likely to arise in a future day by this practice. I have been informed by our Taranaki correspondent that Mr. George's colt's name is not "Melos" but Melas. I certainly received the nominations from head quarters, the name being Melos, so cannot be held responsible for the mistake.

ACCORDING to the *Canterbury Times* Medallion has been backed for the New Zealand Cup for all the money there is in the market at 10 to 1; also that a commission has been sent over from Sydney to back him for that event. He may be now considered first favourite. From information received that I can rely upon Medallion is none of the soundest. Even if he was his performances—unless they were crooked last season—do not entitle him to the premier position in the New Zealand Cup. I therefore warn my readers to be careful before they rush into what may turn out a trap.

## Sporting Items

Mr. Breakall's colt by Fusilade—Kattie is said to be a beauty.

Mr. B. Thompson's well-known mare Friendship has been sent on a visit to St. Leger.

The Pakuranga Hunt Club meet will be held at the North Shore on Saturday next.

Sam Fergus, the well-known cross-country horseman, has joined George Hope's stable.

Harry Pell is back again in Wanganui, and has taken charge of Mr. "Nugent's" horses.

Mr. L. Binnie has been appointed handicapper to the Town and Suburban Racing Club at Napier.

The ex-Aucklander, Billy Hatfield, is now in the employ of Mr. H. Dargin, of Hawkesbury, N.S.W.

The Auckland Trotting Club made a profit of close on £50 over their late meeting, held on 26th September.

Mr. Nat Nathan, of Wellington, is about again, after having been laid up for some considerable time.

Pyramus, who won the Hawke's Bay Hurdle Race last June, has again commenced his training preparations for coming events.

Acceptances, and entries for the Ladies' Bracelet, in connection with the Pakuranga Hunt Club meeting, are due to-morrow evening.

Mr. E. D. O'Rorke returned from Wellington on Monday last, and we may therefore expect to see him in the saddle at the Pakuranga Hunt Club meeting on 17th inst.

A correspondent sends us the following:—"Having a few hours to spare I journeyed to Waitara to have a look at Mr. W. Elliot's newly-purchased horse Cruiser, by Robinson Crusoe—Radiance. This horse is one of the most evenly made that I have ever had the pleasure of running my eye over. He shows great quality, and from his conformation you can see that he must be gifted with great pace. He is as docile as a lamb, and is only to serve a limited number of mares this season, as his owner intends to race him at the back end of the year. I was agreeably surprised on arrival to find that Mr. Elliot had secured the services of Harry Knight, who is well known in Canterbury as being a thoroughly reliable and trustworthy trainer, having been in the employ of the late Hon. W. Robinson, Mr. E. Cutts, Stead, and others. Mr. Elliot finding that his time was so taken up with his entires, and of late not enjoying very good health, deemed it advisable to lighten his duties. Knight, on arrival, expressed himself satisfied with the horses and the conveniences, and Mr. Elliot has handed over to him the entire management of the racing string, which will be got under way at once for the Taranaki and Waitara meetings. Knight is somewhat fortunate in having a very promising light-weight in Jimmy McLoughlan, who he will be able to instruct to his own liking. I will touch on the inmates of this stable later on.

Messrs. Stock and Cohen have been appointed to work the totalisator at the meetings of the Town and Suburban Racing Club of Napier for the ensuing season.

The first meeting of the newly-elected committee of Tattersall's took place at the Club Room on Monday evening, when Mr. L. A. Levy was elected Chairman and Mr. M. D. Malavey, Treasurer. Mr. W. Moore, a new member, was licensed as a bookmaker.

The two-year-old colt Sir Roland, by The Dauphin—Avaunt, was submitted for sale at the Haymarket on Friday, and was knocked down to Mr. F. G. Whiting at £19, but has since reverted to his original owner.

Messrs. D. Tonks & Co. offer for sale to-morrow (Friday), at noon, the gates, booths, cards and stalls for the Pakuranga Hunt Club's annual race meeting, to take place at Ellerslie on Saturday, October 17th, and should realise good prices, as this is invariably a very popular gathering.

Jay Russell returned home to Taranaki last week, taking with him the trotters Charlie and Fibre, also the pony Lady Onslow. It was Jay's intention to leave Lady Onslow here for the purpose of taking part in the pony race at the Pakuranga Hunt Club's meeting on the 17th inst., but he was not satisfied with the handicap allotted to the mare.

A special general meeting of Auckland Tattersall's Club is called for Monday next, the 12th inst., at 8 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of rescinding a resolution passed last year charging bookmakers a three-guinea license fee and an annual subscription of one guinea. An advertisement giving full particulars appears in another column.

Messrs. S. C. Caulton & Co. appear to be doing a good business in their Stud and Pedigree Stock Agency. Already they have negotiated a number of valuable sales to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. This week we have to record the sale by them of The Bean, bred by Mr. J. Alwill of Waikato, to a Southern runholder at a good figure. The sale was effected on behalf of Mr. J. Goodwin of Waitara.

We have received the following from Whatawhata:—"A very successful meeting of all interested in forming a Jockey Club was held in the hotel after Mr. Lake's address on Tuesday evening. Over thirty gentlemen put down their names as members of the proposed Club, and expressed themselves in favour of it, as all the settlers about here are disgusted with subscription lists. The meeting was adjourned till the 6th October, when I will forward you all information." We wish our country friends every success in their venture. Hitherto the Whatawhata annual race meeting has been very attractive to the outlying country districts about Alexandra, Raglan, etc.

We have been deluged with applications for our last week's issue, presumably on account of it being the last paper in which our prize coupon will appear. We would gladly have published it again this week to meet the pressing demands of our regular subscribers and others who have applied for large numbers of copies, were it not so palpably unfair to our subscribers in the South, who would be unable to return them in time. The success of our coupon as judged by the large number of envelopes on hand has exceeded our most sanguine expectations.

The Wellington Racing Club's programme for 1891-92 is to hand, during the season they purpose giving £4155 in added money, distributed over four meetings as follows:—Spring two days £895, Summer two days £1625, Autumn £1050, Winter £585. The Spring Meeting is fixed for Saturday and Monday, November 28th and 30th; the chief event of the first day being the Hutt Park Spring Handicap of 175 sovs., 1 mile and a quarter; 125 sovs. is the amount fixed for the November Handicap, 1 mile and a distance, on the second day. There are eight events to be decided each day, and the bill of fare is very varied and attractive. The Wellington Cup of 400 sovs. is fixed for the Summer Meeting, first day (January 22nd). The Wellington Racing Club's Handicap of 200 sovs. 1 mile and a quarter, is the event of the second day. The Autumn and Winter Meetings are also well arranged and provided for. Mr. H. M. Lyon as secretary, attends to the business of the club as usual at the Club Hotel Wellington.

## Athletics, Etc.

### CRICKET.

PRACTICE matches were the order of the day on Saturday. Auckland mustered 26, and sides being chosen by R. Neill and A. M. Beale, a good game followed. Gordon also mustered strong, nine of last years eleven playing the rest of the club. The rest put together upwards of 100 runs, Gilfillan and Palacrit being the principal scores, and H. Lusk, Kelly, Ansenne, Brown, and Williams, trying their hands with the ball. The turf looks in splendid condition, and with a new club—the "Onslow"—starting, as well as increased energy on the part of the Shore men, we may reasonably expect a more lively season than the last. United, Parnell, Grammar School, etc., also had good practices.

### TARANAKI FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TARANAKI, October 2.

THE season is practically ended here, the Star Junior Club being the only one to keep the ball rolling. On Saturday last they were to meet the Manganui II., but the latter could not raise a team. To-morrow the Stars play the Bell Block, whom they ought to polish off easily. On November 9 the Star Club intend to have a carnival on the racecourse.

### TARANAKI BICYCLE RACING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, Sept. 28.

THERE has been a little excitement in local bicycling circles during the last few weeks, in consequence of a series of events arranged by the Pioneer Cycling Club.

The races were on the road, the distances 1 mile, 3 miles, and 5 miles. The first race was won by J. Bennett, with 200 yards start; J. Ramson (scratch) second, and C. Lever (400 yards), third. The other starters were J. Searle (450 yards), Felloire (200 yards), G. Hendry and H. Inch (180 yards).

The second race was won easily by H. Inch, who had 1min 50sec; G. Hendry (3min) second, and C. Lever (4½min) third. The other starters were Ramson (scratch), and J. Bennett (1min 20sec).

The final event fell to Bennett (1min 20sec), with Ramson (scratch) second, and Lever (5 min) third. Hendry (3min) was the only other starter. The points scored were Bennett 6 (two firsts), Ramson 4 (two seconds), Inch 3 (one first), Lever 3 (three thirds), and Hendry 2 (one second).

A great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed over the last race. It appears that after the handicap for the event was issued, Ramson went to Auckland and bought two machines, one of which he sold to Bennett. The other competitors objected to the use of these machines in the race, as the handicap was made out on the understanding that the machines would be ridden that were used in the previous events, Inch, who had 15secs, would not start for this reason. Bennett persisted in riding his new machine, but Ramson at the last moment very properly rode the one on which he had competed previously. In consequence of Bennett's action all bets were declared "off" before the race, as with a good machine the race was simply a "dead bird" for him. It was absurd for him to argue that he could use what machine he liked, as the handicappers would never have given him 1min 20sec start except for the fact that his original machine was not of the best.

It is to be hoped for the sake of the sport that there will be no more "ringing-in" of machines after the handicap is declared.

We are most reluctantly compelled to hold over our report of the Waikato Hunt Club races, as well as our turf record thereon, till next issue, the same having reached us later than we anticipated. The meeting was an unqualified success.





[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.]

A CORRESPONDENT sends me the following:—"Volunteers should be careful when giving their services to theatrical companies to see they do not fall victims to disappointment. Such was the case with twenty-one riflemen who were engaged by the Dobson-Kennedy Company, who faithfully promised some remuneration."

I think there must be an oversight on somebody's part. I had a good many transactions with the Company in Auckland, and found them very straight on every occasion.

It is not generally known that Sergt. Oakes is hon. secretary to his corps (the City Guards), which office he has filled for the last two years. I am sorry to say that young Greenshields, of the "A" Battery, has abandoned his intention of going over to Australia with the rifle team, on the score of expense.

He considers the £15 offered by the committee insufficient to cover expenses. This vacancy brings young Hazard into the fourth place. It is also rumoured that Theo. Fairs will also drop out for the same reason, and in that case the vacancy will be filled by Webster.

It is not every corps that can say they possess a secretary, and great dissatisfaction prevails in some of our companies in consequence. Speaking to an old volunteer the other day, he said his captain held all these minor offices.

In other words he runs the show, and the men are kept in ignorance as to the position of the corps. Old volunteer wants to know why our buglers are not trained, so as to form a bugle band and relieve the brass band when on the march.

Ex-Drum-Major Kearsley has thrown up his staff, and has been succeeded by Seaman Brown of the Auckland Navals, who turned out in "full fig" the other night, and right well he looked and carried himself and his staff.

The Auckland Naval Artillery had a good muster at their inspection parade last week, after which they had a march out, headed by the Artillery Band.

One of the new Kharki uniforms has been on view at the door of the N.Z. Clothing Co.'s premises during the week, and has attracted considerable attention.

The "A" Battery contemplate taking a trip to the Thames on the Prince of Wales' birthday, for the purpose of firing a match against the Thames Navals.

The Auckland Engineers, Victoria Rifles, City Guards, Newton Rifles, Royal Irish Rifles, with Hunter's Garrison Band, parade for daylight inspection at 3 30 p.m., on Saturday, at the Drill Shed.

The Martini-Henry Rifle Club held their monthly competition at Mount Eden, on Saturday. The ranges on this occasion being 200, 500, and 600 yards. As will be seen by the scores, some splendid shooting was made.

Webster made six bulls and an inner at 500yds:—

Table with columns: Name, Corps, 200, 500, 600, TL. Includes entries for Gun. McCallum, Corp. Webster, Pte. McCarthy, etc.

A large party of shooting men had a drive round the country districts the other day, exploring for a rifle range for the next meeting of the N.Z. Rifle Association, to be held next March. Parslow pointed out a likely looking spot to the party near Otahuhu, and it is said, no trouble will be experienced in getting the permission of the owner for its use.

The proposed intercolonial rifle team has been weeded to such an extent by disqualifications and dissention, that it cannot now be said to be anything like a representative one.

The Martini-Henry Rifle Club hold their November competition next Saturday, to enable those members who propose going to N. S. W. to get in the prize list, if they can.

The Wairoa South Rifles' monthly inspection parade was held last Saturday week in the Public Hall, there being a good muster present. All the officers were present under Captain Crawford. Drill-Instructor Scully represented the staff, and put the Company through a long course of company and battalion drill in a very creditable manner to himself and the men.

The Wairoa's have decided to form a drum and fife band in connection with the corps, and the matter is being worked up energetically by the residents of the place.

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB.—NOMINATIONS.

TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLES.—Newmarket, Goodshot, Oaklands, Chester, The Witch, Disturbance, Worth, Prospect, Sonnambulist, Primate, Nikau, Pirate.

CRITERION STAKES.—Heather Bell, Man Friday, Queen of Trumps, Thane, Sabra, Fortuna, Maid of Lorne, Cretonne, Kupunga, Salisbury.

SAPLING STAKES.—Whakawatea, Adelaide, St. Kathrine, Mystic, Ua, Guncotton, Zattaway, Lustré.

AHURIRI HANDICAP.—Liquidation, Bay Bell, Kapua, Kamo, Tritan, Sabra, Kathleen, Maid of Lorne, Irene, Zaccho, Lopez, Link.

SECOND TRIAL HURDLES.—Newmarket, Goodshot, Oaklands, Chester, The Witch, Disturbance, Worth, Prospect, Sonnambulist, Primate, Pirate.

CALEDONIAN HANDICAP.—Man Friday, Bay Bell, Mark, Triton, Sabra, Kathleen, Cretonne, Salisbury, Zaccho, Lopez, Kupunga, Link.

TELEPHONE HANDICAP.—Liquidation, Bay Bell, Tea Rose, Turehu, Kamo, Triton, Sabra, Kathleen, Maid of Lorne, Lopez.

JUVENILE HANDICAP.—Whakawatea, Adelaide, St. Kathrine, Mystic, Ua, Gun Cotton, Zattaway, Lustré, Iliad.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP.—Heather Bell, Man Friday, Lenore, Kupunga, Rosefeldt, La Petite Fille, Fortuna, Sereph, Irene, Queen of Trumps, Triton, Sabra.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.—NOMINATIONS.

SPRING HURDLES of 150 sovs. two miles.—Christmas, Cheshunt, Wirth, Isidore, Kilmarnock, Freeman, Norton, Sonnambulist, Couranto, Harkaway, Iroquois, Lyndocora, Inchkeith, Middleton.

HURDLES of 100 sovs., once round and a distance.—Christmas, Cheshunt, Regalia, Wirth, Isidore, Kilmarnock, Freeman, Norton, Erin-go-Bragh, Sonnambulist, Couranto, Harkaway, Iroquois, Inchkeith.

STEWART'S STAKE of 200 sovs., six furlongs.—Irene, Richlike, Gaites, Heather Bell, Whisper, Cynisca, Inez, Huguonot, Retana, Mammoa, Pearl Powder, St. Andrew, Hippomenes, Thane, Emmanon, Conjuror, Dornier, Swordbelt, Turehu, Florrie, Merrie England, Clanranald, Sincerity, Von Tempaky, Regina, Carronade, The Idler, Ruby, Lebel, Medallion, Aqualate, Palliser, Boulanger, Dreamland, Morpheus, Prime Warden, Lady Zetland, Strephon, Rosefeldt, Corolla, Miss George.

JUVENILE STAKES of 250 sovs., five furlongs.—Fraternite, Day Dream, Wakawaka, Adelaide, Mystic, Huguonot, Namoa, Hippomenes, Thane, Wirth, Atlantic, Montmartre, Ozioso, Swordbelt, Turehu, Captive, Launceston, Tamar, Clanranald, Wyvern, Reflection, Vogengan, May, Aqualate, Stepniak, Baccarat, Refraction, Morpheus, Saracen, Bluster.

METROPOLITAN STAKES of 400 sovs., one mile and a half.—Fraternite, Irene, Blizard, Gaites, Prestige, British Lion, Hilda, Whisper, Cynisca, Crackshot, Mariner, Occident, Retina, Namoa, Pearl Powder, Queen of Trumps, Freeland, Hippomenes, Thane, Delimma, Conjuror, Turehu, Hakimana, Freedom, Tassy, Merrie England, Crutchfield, Fairchild, May, Medallion, Palliser, Boulanger, Rosa Bonheur, Dreamland, Burd Helen, Prime Warden, Gubbe, Strephon, Rosefeldt, Corolla, Coinage.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 300 sovs., one mile.—Fraternite, Irene, Blizard, Richlike, Gaites, Prestige, Heather Bell, British Lion, Whisper, Cynisca, Crackshot, Inez, Mariner, Huguonot, Retina, Pearl Powder, St. Andrew, Queen of Trumps, Hippomenes, Thane, Emmerson, Dilemma, Conjuror, Swordbelt, Turehu, Hakimana, Tassy, Merrie England, Clanranald, Cuiquine, Crutchfield, Fairchild, Von Tempaky, Eros, Bay King, The Idler, Ruby, Medallion, Aqualate, Palliser, Burlesque, Boulanger, Rosa Bonheur, Dreamland, Morpheus, Prime Warden, Lady Zetland, Strephon, Rosefeldt, Beau Nash, Corolla, Miss George, Coinage.

SUMMER MEETING.

MIDDLE PARK PLATE of 200 sovs., six furlongs.—Wolsley, Minstrel, Day Dream, Huguonot, Wakawatea, Steventon, Captive, Tamar, Clanranald, Cajolery, Wyvern, Reflection, Baccarat, Morpheus, Sacaren, Burlington, Veno, Vogengan, Aqualate, Stepniak, Reflector.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1892.

CHALLENGE STAKES of 800 sovs., seven furlongs.—Wolsley, Minstrel, Day Dream, Gaites, Wakawaka, Mystic, Huguonot, Sir Garnet, July filly, St. Andrew, Hippomenes, Leolinus—L'Orient filly, North Atlantic, Montmartre, Lebel, Conjuror, Vanity, Ozioso, Steventon, Morpheus, Launceston, Saracen, Captive, Prime Warden, Tamar, Clanranald, Cajolery, Vogengan, Reflection, Hands Across, Gun Cotton, Medallion, Stepniak, Baccarat, Aqualate, Hybrid.

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FLYING STAKES. Five furlongs. Table with columns: Name, st lb, st lb, st lb. Includes entries for Capella, Macaroni, Papakura, etc.

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**THOROUGHbred STALLION,  
RAGLAN,**

(Brown horse, about 15 hands three inches, 5 years old, by Cap-a-Pie, dam Tenambra, by The Marquis. Bred by Major George.)

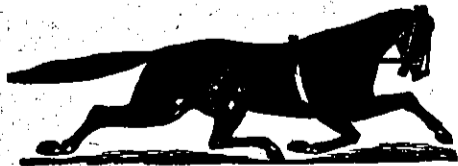
Will serve a limited number of mares this season, and will be at the service of breeders in Auckland and district.

RAGLAN started twice as a two-year-old, running second to Leopold in the Nursery Stakes. As a three-year-old he started in three races, running second to Hilda in the Auckland Guineas, and second to Tartar (8st 5lb) in the Christmas Handicap. As a four-year-old he won the Maiden Plate at Otahuhu, and on the same day won the Cup. At Onehunga Spring Meeting won the Cup, carrying 8st 10lb; Auckland Spring Meeting, won the Prince of Wales Handicap, beating Leopold, Lady Norah, Leorina, and others. Time 2.43. At the same meeting, next day, won the City Handicap, carrying 9st, defeating Leopold 8st 5lb (second), Cissy 8st 11b (third). Time, 2.12 1/2; same day, won the Welter Handicap, carrying 11st and defeating a field of eight. Time, 1.50. Won Jubilee Cup of 250 sovs., beating Hilda 8st 9lb, Antelope and others. Time 2.42. Same day won the Flying Handicap of 100 sovs., defeating Teksum, Lochness, and others. Time, 1.19.

**TERMS:**

Thoroughbred mare ..... Seven guineas.  
 Half-bred ..... Four guineas.  
 Two or more as per agreement.

For particulars, apply—  
 G. E. WHITE, Ellerslie;  
 Or, J. GALLAGHER, British Hotel.



**TO STAND THIS SEASON.**

The celebrated Grey Trotting Stallion

**DAYLIGHT,**

4 years old, by Fitzjames (imp. from America), dam Creeping Jenny (dam of the well-known trotting horse Midnight), by Dainty Ariel.

DAYLIGHT stands 15 hands high, showing a good deal of quality and substance, with good all-round action. DAYLIGHT will stand at his owner's stable, New North Road, and will travel the surrounding districts.

**TERMS:—**Three guineas a mare; two or more as per agreement. Arrangements can be made with the owner for visiting mares at their own stables. Good Grazing at 2s. 6d. a week. All care taken, but no responsibility.  
 E. GEO. SANDALL.

RACING PROGRAMMES



**OTAHUHU TROTting CLUB.**

Passed by the Auckland Trotting Club.

**SPRING MEETING,**

TO BE HELD AT  
**POTTER'S PADDOCK, EPSOM,**

**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 9th, 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.

**PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.**

**OFFICERS AND STEWARDS:**

Honorary Master: The Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G.; Judge: Mr. Thomas Morris; 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'Rourke, 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 3 1/2 miles.

**OPEN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 40 sovs.** Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance 10s., acceptance 10s. each, to go to the funds. Distance, 1 1/2 miles, over 7 flights of hurdles.

**HANDICAP PONY RACE of 15 sovs.** For ponies 14 1/2 and under. Nomination 5s., acceptance 10s. each, to go to the funds. Distance, 3/4-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.  
 Acceptances and Entries for Ladies' Bracelet close on Friday, October 9th, at 10 p.m.  
 Order of running subject to alteration.

HARRY H. HAYR, Hon. Sec.

RACING PROGRAMMES



**EGMONT RACING CLUB, HAWERA.**  
**SUMMER MEETING.**

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,  
17TH AND 18TH FEBRUARY, 1892.

**PROGRAMME.—FIRST DAY.**

**FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 75 sovs. Second horse 15 sovs. out of the stakes.** Over nine flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 12 o'clock. Two miles and a distance.

**FIRST HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 25 sovs.** Second horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Over five flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Entrance, 1 sov.; Acceptance, nil. To start at 12.45 o'clock. One mile and a quarter.

**SAPLING STAKES of 60 sovs. Second horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes.** Entrance, 2 sovs. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st. 10lb.; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb. Winner of any race or races of the advertised value of 50 sovs. and up to 100 sovs., 7lb. extra; of over 100 sovs., 10lb. extra. To start at 1.30 o'clock. Six furlongs.

**EGMONT HANDICAP of 300 sovs. Second horse 40 sovs. and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes.** Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 2 sovs.; and a final payment of 4 sovs. Winner of any handicap of the advertised value of 100 sovs. after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb. extra; of 200 sovs., or two races of 100 sovs. each, 7lb. extra. To start at 2.30 o'clock. Two miles.

**MAIDEN PLATE of 40 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes.** Entrance, £1 10s. Open to all horses that have never won any race exceeding 25 sovs. in value prior to entry, hack races excepted. Winner of any race of the value of 25 sovs. after entry to carry a penalty of 5lb. To start at 3.15 o'clock. One mile and a quarter.

**FIRST HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE of 30 sovs.** Second horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 10s. To start at 4 o'clock. One mile.

**HAWERA WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Second horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes.** Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov. Minimum weight, 8st. To start at 4.30 o'clock. One mile.

**SECOND DAY.**

**FLYING HANDICAP of 75 sovs. Second horse 15 sovs. out of the stakes.** Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 2 sovs. Winner of any handicap of the advertised value of 50 sovs. or more after declaration of weights to carry 5lb. extra. To start at 12 o'clock. Six furlongs.

**SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 80 sovs. Second horse 15 sovs. out of the stakes.** Over nine flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 12.45 o'clock. Two miles and a distance.

**SECOND HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 30 sovs.** Second horse five sovs. out of the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 10s. To start at 1.30 o'clock. One mile and a half.

**WAIMATE HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Second horse 20 sovs., third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes.** Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 3 sovs. To start at 2.30 o'clock. One mile and a half.

**NURSEY HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Second horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes.** For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 3.15 o'clock. Six furlongs.

**SECOND HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE of 35 sovs.** Second horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 10s. To start at 4 o'clock. One mile and a half.

**NORMANBY STAKES HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Second horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes.** Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, £1 10s. Winner of Waimate Handicap to carry 5lb. extra. To start at 4.30 p.m. One mile and a distance.

Nominations and Acceptances will be received at the office of the Club, Hawera, and by Harry H. Hayr, Tattersall's, Auckland, and Alfred T. Danvers, Napier, as follows:—

**NOMINATIONS.**

Saturday, 19th December, 1891, at 9 p.m.—First Handicap Hurdles, Second Handicap Hurdles, Egmont Handicap, Waimate Handicap, Hawera Welter Handicap, Flying Handicap, Normanby Stakes Handicap.

Saturday, 23rd January, 1892, at 9 p.m.—Sapling Stakes, Nursery Handicap, Maiden Plate, First Hack Hurdles, Second Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat, Second Hack Flat.

**ACCEPTANCES.**

Saturday, 23rd January, 1892, at 9 p.m.—First Handicap Hurdles, Egmont Handicap, Hawera Welter Handicap, Flying Handicap.

Thursday, 11th February, 1892, at 9 p.m.—First Hack Hurdles, First Hack Flat. Final payment Egmont Handicap.

Wednesday, 17th February, 1892, at 10 p.m.—Second Handicap Hurdles, Waimate Handicap, Nursery Handicap, Normanby Stakes Handicap, Second Hack Hurdles, Second Hack Flat.

Hack means a horse that has never won a race or is not nominated at date of entry for any race Hack and Hunter Races excepted.

Telegraph Office closes at Hawera at 5 p.m. Special facilities will be given to trainers from a distance for using the training track after the Egmont Meeting and prior to the Wanganui Jockey Club's Meeting on 3rd and 4th March.

**EXCURSIONS.**

Special arrangements will be made with the Railway Department and Shipping Companies between Auckland and New Plymouth or Waitara.

**DATES OF MEETINGS FOLLOWING THAT OF THE EGMONT RACING CLUB.**

Wanganui Jockey Club, 3rd and 4th March  
 Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, 17th and 18th March  
 Napier Park Racing Club, 23rd and 24th March.

A. G. BRETT, Secretary.

**NOTICE TO RACING CLUBS.**

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