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Anything AND Everything

MUSINGS IN MAORI-LAND.

MR. THOMAS BRACKEN has published an *édition de luxe* of his poems, with a preface by Sir George Grey and an introduction by Sir Robert Stout. The volume and its contents are a credit to local industry, and should lie on the drawing-room table of every patriotic New Zealander. Besides being a poet, Mr. Bracken is a humourist of the first water, "Paddy Murphy's" witty verses having won and deserved a reputation in and beyond the Australian Colonies. One poem in the volume under notice contains some delicate and playful touches which we really must quote. It is entitled "Waiaronui," and tells the love-story of Te Raupa and Kareora. Mr. Bracken might perhaps have added as a sub-title, "or the Two Grand-pas!" as the old gentlemen seem to have acted most cruelly, never having read Victor Hugo's tender poem, "The Art of being a Grandfather," for two excellent reasons. First, because the old gentlemen died before the poem was written, and next, because no one has thought fit to translate into Maori any of Victor Hugo's delightful poetry. That one of the two old gentlemen had some provocation can scarcely be denied, when we read that Te Raupa, not content with abducting Kareora, actually *scaled* her grandfather, who, we must suppose, was a *Taniwha*. Of Te Raupa, the text says:

He feared not danger, knew not fear,
And to secure a prize so dear
He scaled her father's Pa!

"Father's Pa!" for grandfather, is truly poetic. Further on comes this passage, in a passionate burst from Te Raupa's lips, when Kareora, feeling a little homesick, insinuates that she "wants to go home to her Pa!"

Thy father's love is cold compared
To that within my breast—I've dared
The terrors of his Pa for thee!

Truly, having faced and scaled a Taniwha, Te Raupa here makes no empty boast. So far the allusions point only to the young lady's elderly relative, but presently Te Raupa, doubtless much incensed by the slight appreciation bestowed upon his valourous deeds by Kareora, fiendishly threatens her:

From thence 'tis but a little pace
Unto the dwellings of my race;
Within my father's Pa, my sweet,
There thou shalt find a safe retreat!

Poor girl! had she then bravely and unselfishly abandoned father, grandfather, kith and kin, only to be devoured by a greedy old cannibal in the shape of her grandfather-in-law! Poetic justice, however, appears to have triumphed in the end, for with the vague and mystic diction which marks the true poet, vengeance, like a sleuth-hound, tracks the ravisher and murderer in this concluding passage:

Give up thy secret—say what strange Romance
Hangs over thee, Waiaronui. Ah!
Methinks I see fierce braves with spears advance
Unto thy peaceful shores from distant Pa!
Revenge! revenge! and "blood"—these are their cries!

"Distant Pa," having had his father scaled and his daughter abducted by a bold, bad Lothario,

was naturally annoyed; but when the poor girl was devoured by her grandpa-in-law and called "sweet," *utu*, swift, sure, and ample, became an imperative necessity.

TOUCHING the Auckland College and Grammar School Sports, held in the Domain on Friday last, "Old Boy," in the *New Zealand Herald*, writes a letter which is both sensible and opportune. If the sports are to become popular and the success they should be, some control must be exercised over the spectators. "Old Boy" suggests the roping in of the course and the appointment of stewards to maintain order. In the case of large crowds, such as are seen at the Amateur Athletic meetings, it is absolutely necessary to have the ground securely roped, but we think that for school meetings a row of flags and an adequate number of stewards would suffice. The management might absolutely forbid any race to start until the spectators were ranged behind the flags, and the stewards, by a little moral persuasion, could surely prevent so respectable a crowd from encroaching on the arena during the progress of any event.

A PLEASING incident of the New Zealand tour of the Juvenile Opera Company was the presentation by a Wellington friend of five handsome volumes to be awarded to the best-behaved girl in the company. The children themselves decided the question by ballot, and Miss Flo Russell headed the poll by two votes. She may well be proud of the result, as the children, taken all round, are a remarkably modest, respectful, polite, and docile set. Miss Lily Stephens, who came in a splendid second, should feel almost equally flattered at so convincing a proof of the high opinion she has won from her "chums." It is extremely gratifying to note the entire absence of jealousy among the Juveniles, who seem just as delighted with the success scored by any member as if bouquets or applause had fallen to their own lot. In fact *esprit de corps* pervades the company, and contributes largely to its efficiency.

A LARGELY-ATTENDED meeting of the Auckland Polo Club was held in the Auckland Racing Club's rooms on Monday evening. Amongst those present were:—Messrs. Lockhart, Francis, Gilmour, Wansborough, Colegrove, O'Rorke, and Stewart. Dr. Purchas was voted to the chair, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—Captain, Mr. O'Rorke; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Lockhart; Committee, Messrs. Wynyard, Stewart, Colegrove, and the Secretary and Treasurer; Hon. Secretary (*pro tem*), Mr. O'Rorke. It was resolved that Mr. Thomas Morrin be requested to accept the position of President of the Club. A letter was read from the New Zealand Polo Association requesting the Auckland Polo Club to nominate a representative for the ensuing year, and Mr. O'Rorke was re-elected to that position. The Secretary was instructed to cable to Sydney for a fresh supply of polo sticks and to get everything ready for an early start. Thirteen new members were elected, and as twenty-two gentlemen have intimated their intention of playing this season, there is every prospect of it being a very prosperous one. A vote of thanks to the Chairman, and a similar one to the Auckland Racing Club for the use of their rooms, ended the proceedings.

Music & Drama.

Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?

MESSRS. WILLIAMSON, GARNER & Co., it is said, have at length finally decided to prohibit the performance by amateurs of any of their copyright operas. If opera clubs, then, are debarred from representing the best of Gilbert and Sullivan's pieces, as well as those by other famous composers of comic opera, they must perforce either shut up shop or seek fresh pastures. In Auckland we have had almost a surfeit of comic opera, and a change in the shape of one of the less ambitious works of a higher standard would, I feel sure, not only be welcome, but certain to score a brilliant success. Why should not our Opera Club try Flotow's pretty little opera "Marta?" It would be found well within their resources. It is not too "leggy," a piece for amateurs, and the cast could readily be filled with competent performers. I will suggest a provisional cast. Lady Henrietta (soprano), Mrs. Archdale Tayler or Mrs. Cooper; Nancy (contralto), Miss Reeve or Mrs. Coates; Lionel (tenor), Mr. T. Jackson or Mr. A. L. Edwards; Plunket, Mr. G. Reid or Mr. Archdale Tayler; Sir Tristräm, Mr. Percy Dufaur; Sheriff, Mr. Worrall. The few subordinate parts could easily be filled, and the chorus would admirably suit the excellent staff of singers enrolled in the Club. While giving scope for taste and originality, scenery, mounting and costumes would not be either difficult or costly. There is nothing in the business which need daunt our amateurs, with so competent a stage manager as Mr. Archdale Tayler to guide them. So far it has been the fashion to copy almost exactly the traditional business and mounting of pieces performed by professional companies. But a new departure in the direction of originality would, I feel convinced, be crowned with success in every way. Of course an English version would be given, and I will mention in that language a few of the gems which stud the graceful little work. In the first act the exquisite duet sung by Lionel and Plunket, and their tuneful solos; a couple of fine choruses, and a splendid quartette. In the second act the famous "Spinning" quartette, the "Last Rose of Summer," and a very taking *Terzetto*. In the third act a grand hunting chorus, "Hark! the Huntsman's horn," the magnificent tenor aria, "M'Appari" (Fair as the Rose), and a lovely quintette and finale, "Ah! naught more." The fourth act is short and sweet, working up to a most effective conclusion. I trust that the Auckland Amateur Club will consider my suggestion, and I venture to predict that, if they see their way to adopt it, they will not only cover themselves with glory by successfully attempting a higher flight, but also gladden the heart of the treasurer with overflowing coffers.

ON Saturday, at the opening of the Mount Eden Lawn Tennis Club, which by the way was a most enjoyable and brilliant success, the management provided some capital music, ren-

dered by the Italian trio of "Wandering Minstrels." For such an occasion nothing could be more suitable than the sweet and harmonious strains of harp and violins. The more blatant tones of the customary brass band are wont to irritate the guests by rendering conversation as difficult and unsatisfactory as in a railway-train or tram-car. The trio play good selections in excellent taste, and those present seemed more inclined to listen than to talk, which in such a gathering is indeed a high compliment. Among the *morceaux* were Braga's La Serenata, Gounod's Serenade, Schubert's Serenade, Carissima, and some pretty waltzes, mazurkas, polkas, etc. The musicians display considerable skill in arranging such good music, distributing the parts with nice judgment and good effect.

I HEARD a rather cruel remark at the dog show the other evening. Considerable ululation was going on among the canine prodigies, and a spectator asked a musical visitor how it agreed with his delicate tympanum. "Oh!" was the reply, "I have just left a rehearsal, and on the whole I prefer this music!" I also noticed a curious feature in the show, which if not quite within my musical department reveals a singular agreement between human and canine frailties. All the prize winners seemed in an amiable frame of mind, and welcomed most cordially any little attention or proffered caress. There was no exception. But among the despised and rejected ones were found the only surly members, one of whom made a vigorous effort to bite a gentleman who made friendly advances.

ON Saturday evening an immense house patronised Miss Amy Vaughan, and were gratified with an extremely good programme. The first part took place in "Our Drawing-room," a very tasteful bit of mounting, which harmonised well with the charming costumes displayed by the ladies. The usual musical *mélange* was very successfully rendered. The overture and opening chorus were especially good. Mr. F. Willis, in splendid voice, sang a tuneful ballad, "Birds and Blossoms." Miss Amy Vaughan's comic "Medley" made a distinct hit, as also did Miss May Travers with her ballad "Kathleen." Mr. Hyland's pleasant and true voice was well suited in "Dear Robin, I'll be true." Max Rinkle's comic song kept the audience "All Alive." With "Oh, Julia," Harry Cowan as usual scored a screaming success, and Miss Annie Wyniard sang her ballad, "Piggy Back," extremely well. One of those laughable finales, for which the company has made quite a reputation, terminated the first part. In the second part Harry Cowan was again to the fore with his "Funnysims." Miss Amy Vaughan gave her effective scena "Not Guilty." Miss Daisy Thornton danced a splendid Irish jig. The Misses May Travers and Wyniard shone brilliantly in "Molly Bawn," a clever double song and dance. Max Rinkle's "Clown Frolics" revealed him at his very best, and the audience, like Oliver Twist, wanted more. Miss Amy Vaughan, Messrs. Corbett, Diamond and Hewson supplied the remaining items of a really strong and excellent programme. Owing to Mr. Thornton suffering from a troublesome affection in his eyes, which renders it impossible for him to complete the necessary scenery, "Black-eyed Susan" has for the present been reluctantly laid on the shelf, but the favourite burlesque "Monte Cristo" will be produced on the 9th.

ORPHEUS.

AUCKLAND POULTRY, PIGEON, CANARY AND DOG ASSOCIATION.

THE above Association held their fifth annual show last Friday and Saturday at the Drillshed. This year's show does not in many ways compare favourably with the last. There appeared, in the first instance, to be no management, so things did not work smoothly, and the arrangements were not as good as they have been previously. The Committee were certainly placed at a disadvantage in not getting the shed until the previous evening, therefore it was a question of all night working to get things ready. The pens were much too small, especially for the larger class of dogs—the consequence was they were not able to show themselves properly. The Committee were also unfortunate in their judges. The gentleman

they had selected to judge missed his steamer, so they had to fall back on Messrs. Henderson, Alexander, and White, who had to judge all the classes. There can be no greater mistake than having all classes judged by the same judges, as no man can have a thorough knowledge of all kinds of dogs. Everyone has his own particular fancy for certain breeds, therefore he knows all their points. Two of the judges confessed themselves that they knew nothing of two or three of the classes; the consequence was that there were some great mistakes made. The sporting dogs as a rule were well judged—the mistakes occurred chiefly in the fox terriers, bull dogs, spaniels, and fancy dogs. If the Committee wish to make these shows a success they should spare no pains or expense to obtain the best judges possible for the different classes. One could easily be found to take three or four kinds, as a shooting man ought to be well up in setters, pointers, retrievers and spaniels; another could take terriers, and so on. The judging was not concluded until after four o'clock, so the show was not open until then; the consequence was the attendance was meagre in the extreme, but in the evening and on Saturday afternoon more paid for admittance, though not what it should have been. Taking the show all through, the dogs were not up to the mark, and a great many were quite unfit for the benches. There was only one mastiff shown. He was far from a good specimen, but as he was only thirteen months old he may improve with age. There were only two exhibits of Newfoundlands, and they were sorry specimens, showing very little of the pure breed about them. The next were the St. Bernards. They were a fine lot of dogs, but were not the kind you generally see at the monastery, being all very heavily coated, taking more after the Rev. Mr. Macdonna's breed. Some of the owners must think a great deal of them, as the one that took the third prize was marked £250, whilst the one that took second, and ought to have been first, was only marked £25, and a very nice puppy, just under twelve months old, that was placed first in his class, was only marked £6, but they are a class of dogs that might be called fancy ones. The greyhounds were a good class all through, and were well judged. The retrievers—black, both wavy and curly coated—were another good lot, there being some useful-looking dogs amongst them; but the other variety of retrievers were very moderate. The pointers were neither numerous or good. The first prize winner in the champion class was not much, though he may be a good worker. The English setters were good all through, and well judged; but the Irish setters were inferior. The majority of them were poor in colour and not of good carriage, the best of them being No. 83, in the open class for bitches. There was only a small show of Gordons, but there were two or three nice ones amongst them. The collies were the feature of the show, and were very numerous, there being 29 entries in the different classes. There were some really first-class dogs amongst them. Several of the winners gave you the idea of being more for the show bench than for working—in fact, were pets; The entries for the different classes of spaniels were numerous, especially those that came under the head of "Field," but they were not a good class, nor were they well judged. The same may be said of the "Cockers," most of them being too big and heavy-coated for the genuine type of a cocker; Nos. 127 and 129 were two nice-looking clumbers. There were only three entries in the bull dog class. They were far from good ones; and in the bitch class the two might have been reversed. There were only two exhibits in bull terriers, neither of them being good specimens, being too thick in the nose and not broad enough in the head. The fox terriers were not so numerous as one would have expected, nor were they as good all round as they were last year. In the open class for dogs the judges were, in my opinion, greatly astray. Spice ought to have been placed first and Bob second, while No. 180 should have been placed third instead of Pickles III. In the class for dogs and bitches, under twelve months old, Mr. Waymouth took first prize with two very nice ones, Diggory and Snow—the latter having the makings of a first-class bitch. There was no competition for the other classes of terriers. In the class for any other variety of dog was an extraordinary-looking animal. What his

breeding was no one could tell, though he was called an Airedale terrier. He weighed over 50lb., and looked more like a cross between an otter hound and an old Southern harrier, What made the judges give him a first prize puzzled a good many, unless it was, as one gentleman remarked, on account of his ugliness. The Pakuranga Hunt Club exhibited the imported foxhounds Stringer and Gadfly, with four puppies. They are a nice-looking lot, and with judicious crossing should improve the pack. As several of the dogs, especially collies, will be exhibited again next week, it will be interesting to see how the judges place them.

RANDOM RACING REMARKS.

[BY PEGASUS.]

FOLLOWERS of my "tips" had a good time last Saturday at Potter's Paddock.

In the Selling Trot I found entered Rhoderick Dhu £20, and a large string of names at *nil*. I never touch a selling race, and of course was sure to be right when I gave Rhoderick Dhu or *Nil*.

Those readers who backed Rover had a nice little start for their 10s. investment, as he paid a div. of £5 7s. This would give a man £2 cash and a ticket on every race for the rest of the day. By following up the tips and using a little judgment on the course as events progressed, a nice afternoon's pocketful should have been netted; and to wind up with a div. of £6 odd on Ladybird was decidedly a "crown."

Judging by the amount of the dividends, I fancy readers can't stand my "random" tips, so I had better give up the job, and go there and back them myself instead.

Steadfast—my V.R.C. Derby fancy—turned up "trumps" in the Maiden Plate at Flemington on Saturday. He did not stand by me for the Derby, but I predict once again that he will yet prove the most brilliant colt of the three in that stable.

The Maribyrnong Plate was a very slow run race—1 min 7½ sec.

THE "bustle" of the Australian spring racing having ended, attention must now be turned nearer homeward, and a little space devoted to New Zealand racing matters. I shall deal first with the

NEW ZEALAND CUP,

to be run at Christchurch next Monday.

"Changes are lightsome," so they say. Well, in this case it is certainly true, for after "tackling" the great classic races with their mammoth fields of the other side it does seem a very light task to review the N.Z. Cup. Only 12 acceptors are left to cope with.

Notwithstanding this, however, there is not such a great disparity in the percentage of acceptors to nominations as one might think, when we consider the scope of the racing material there and here. The Caulfield and Melbourne Cups had about a 20 per cent. acceptance, whereas the N.Z. Cup shows about 16 per cent. Returning to the thread of my "remarks" though, the change is really very lightsome in more ways than one; firstly in point of numbers, and secondly in the quality of the "cattle." During the last few weeks I have been "wallowing" amongst the "nobs," and now I take a turn with the "plebs" so to speak. Yet my "scribbling" requires equally as much care, forethought, and study as when treating of the "classics."

I must now go ahead with the "music," and "start the ball a-rolling" with

Crackshot, 9st 2lb, who holds the pride of position both regarding weight as well as breeding. His running has been a good deal "in and out;" and there is just a faint doubt about the soundness of his "pins," which may be "agin" him. Otherwise, fit and well, he should be racehorse enough to *bury* the lot in it. Meanwhile I must leave him aside as a "good probable" only.

Freedom, 8st 12lb, comes next, but what to make of his and Crackshot's running together is rather a puzzler. Take the Canterbury Derby and Cup last year for instance. In the former race—1½ miles—Freedom is second, Crackshot third; and in the Cup—2½ miles—Crackshot wins, Freedom only third, thus leading one to infer that the latter had a disinclination to make long journeys. Still we find he wins the Otago Cup, 1¼ miles, in 3min 9½ sec,

carrying 7st 7lb, and with 8st 3lb up also wins the Dunedin Cup, 2 miles and a distance, in 3min 57sec. But I fancy he was the best horse out on those particular occasions, as the registered times are not "watch-crackers." However his weight is not burdensome, and this may help him home, unless I find something lower down the list that can "stretch his legs" for him. I believe I have dropped upon a "mare's nest."

Cynisca, 8st 3lb, is a nice mare, but I am always "chary" of the sex at the season of the year. She was a good deal *en evidence* during last Autumn, when she won the Wellington Cup, 1½ miles, with 7st 12lb up, in 2min 40sec; and again carried 8st 7lb to victory in the Hawke's Bay Cup, 1½ miles, in 3min 8½secs. Comparing Freedom's weight and time in the Otago Cup with Cynisca's Hawke's Bay performance, one would say she is as good as he, but then the event under review is a quarter of a mile further, and I should prefer Freedom's chance of lasting it out.

Blizzard, 7st 9lb, is looked upon by some as the "real stingo," but I opine the distance will prove a little too far for him. Compared with my next, I think he has about 3lb the worse of the weights. He and Cruchfield are about on a *par*, but perhaps the handicapper allowed the latter a concession on account of being aged, whereas Blizzard is in his prime, 5 years old. Still, aged or no aged, I like those horses that have proved they *can stay*, or are bred on staying lines.

Cruchfield, 7st 6lb, is "thrown in" on the score of weight, and is the "mare's nest" previously alluded to. His age must be rather "agin" him though, and reducing his pace. I look upon him as a "dangerous cuss," and quite likely to "crop up" at the end of the journey for this Cup. He meets Freedom on 11lb better terms than in the Dunedin Cup, when the result was Freedom, 8st 3lb, 1st; Occident, 8st 8lb, 2nd; Cruchfield, 7st 8lb, 3rd. Freedom goes up 9lb, and Cruchfield comes down 2lb, making the 11lb all in the latter's favour. Judging by past performances too, Cruchfield should hold Blizzard safe. When the former gave the latter 6lb Blizzard won, and with the 6lb difference the reverse way, the result was also reversed. These two performances you will find bring them about equal, but Blizzard hasn't yet got over a 2 mile journey. Furthermore, Cruchfield, if my memory serves me aright, won the Timaru Cup, 1½ miles, with 8st or over, in the splendid time of 2min 39sec. That is, the mile and a half was "carved up" in *only three seconds* slower time than G'Naroo's Caulfield Cup, and with a heavier weight up besides. I select this "joker" as a likely one.

Whisper, 7st 5lb, is in the same stable with Cynisca, who must, I think, be too good for her. She may prove Mr. Hunter's rep., but I have no great inclination for either.

Rosefeldt, 6st 13lb, including a 3lb penalty, comes next on the list, and is the sole representative of Mr. W. Douglas's stable. Evidently Strephon has gone lame, as he did not accept, although the best-treated horse as to weight. I have repeatedly referred in previous issues to Rosefeldt and her chance. Although she has had varied luck lately at Napier and Wanganui I yet think she will only have thereby run herself "fit" by Cup day. I give her a place 1, 2 or 3.

Cajolery, 6st 13lb, does not please me as a two-miler. I shall call it a "hupset" if he should win.

British Lion, 6st 11lb, has been "about" at Napier and Wanganui, but I can only fancy him in races that don't exceed 1½ miles. The other half-mile must fetch him back to his field, even although he has only a feather weight. I am not "in love" with his chance.

Flinders, 6st 11lb, is Mr. D. O'Brien's "second string," but as he has no win to his credit it is quite impossible to gauge his merit. I incline to the belief that he will be pace-maker to his stable-mate Freedom.

Thane, 6st 2lb, ran well as a two-year-old, but I'm afraid she must find the company here "too hot." She should, however, beat Dilemma badly at even weights. I might safely own to being in a *dilemma* over these two last ones.

Having exhausted my "remarks" I shall now "sum up" and give my verdict for the following four to supply the winner of the N.Z. Cup of '91, viz., Crackshot, Freedom,

Cruchfield and Rosefeldt, and if asked to place them would say—

CRUCHFIELD OR FREEDOM	.. 1
ROSEFELDT	.. 2
CRACKSHOT	.. 3

The Canterbury Derby run next Wednesday calls for little comment. I fancy the following three in the order given, viz., Flinders, Rosefeldt and Cajolery.

A.R.C. SECOND SPRING MEETING.

The above meeting takes place on Monday and Tuesday next, 9th and 10th inst. Given a fine day on Monday, a large concourse of "sports" ought to be seen wending their way towards Ellerslie. Being a public holiday, the attendance ought to be good. The Club is to be congratulated upon their excellent fields for the first day; and it is to be hoped the second day's acceptance list will not be spoiled by hurried handicapping. Much grumbling has been indulged in oftentimes by owners, &c., because of the hurried throwing together of the weights for a second day's racing.

At the time of writing I have before me only the two events to be run on the first day, viz., Prince of Wales' Handicap and Spring Hurdles.

The former race is over 1½ miles course, and has an acceptance of fifteen.

Glancing down the list I find Hilda has top weight, but as she is reported amiss, I must pass her by.

Leorina is a good consistent mare, but will do better, I think, later in the season.

The Baron, however, reads very well at 8st 7lb, and will take a deal of "putting down."

If Patchwork, 7st 10lb, were good-tempered enough I would not search further for the winner, but he is not to be depended upon.

Loch Ness I hardly think will be forward enough.

Reprisal and The Dreamer read well at 7st 7lb each.

Pinfire and Dolosa, each 7st 4lb, are not to be trusted.

Morion is a rare good 'un at 7st 4lb.

Brigand, 6st 11lb, is not overburdened with weight, and ought to be close up amongst the first flight.

Of the others I only care for Warrior, and with him I am very much "in love" What-ever beats him should win.

I expect the result next Monday will read thusly:—WARRIOR or THE BARON, 1; MORION, 2; BRIGAND, 3, with Reprisal for a boil-over.

The Hurdle Race is, as usual, a very open affair. I prefer Dan, Fishmonger and Bit o' Blue in that order.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

To-day (Thursday), November 5th, Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, secretary, receives entrance and sweep up to 10 p.m. at the C.J.C. Rooms, Christchurch, for the—

- Maiden Stakes of 150 sovs., 1 mile, 3 sovs.
- Tattersall's Plate of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
- The Shorts of 30 sovs., 4 furlongs, 1 sov.
- Auction Handicap of 50 sovs., 5 furlongs, 1 sov.

Sweep for—
Stewards' Stakes of 200 sovs., 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.

Final payments for—
New Zealand Cup of 1000 sovs., 2 miles, 10 sovs.
The Derby of 500 sovs., 1½ miles, 10 sovs.
Welcome Stakes of 250 sovs., 4 furlongs, 4 sovs.
The Oaks of 200 sovs., 1½ miles, 4 sovs.

Tuesday, November 10th, at noon, at the same place, entrance for the

- Selling Two-Year-Old Plate of 100 sovs., 4 furlongs, 1 sov.

Also acceptances for the following events:—

- Criterion Handicap of 150 sovs., 7 furlongs, 2 sovs.
- Middleton Hurdles of 100 sovs., once round and a distance, 1 sov. [1 sov.]
- Epsom High-Weight Handicap of 100 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.

Acceptance and sweep for
The Juvenile Stakes of 250 sovs., 5 furlongs, 7 sovs.

Sweep for the
Metropolitan Stakes of 400 sovs., 1½ miles, 5 sovs.

Acceptance for—
Auction Handicap of 50 sovs., 5 furlongs, free

Thursday, Nov. 12th, at noon, sweep due for the Canterbury Cup of 500 sovs., 2½ miles, 10 sovs.

Sweep for—
Spring Nursery Handicap of 100 sovs., 4 furlongs, 2 sovs.

Acceptance and sweep for—
Jockey Club Handicap of 300 sovs., 1 mile, 5 sovs.

Acceptance—
Ladies Purse of 100 sovs., once round and a distance, 1 sov.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

To-day (Thursday), November 5th, the secretary, Mr. H. M. Lyon, receives nominations up to 9 p.m., at the Club Hotel, Wellington, for the following races:—

- Grandstand Handicap of 60 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.
- Hurdle Handicap (first day) of 60 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- Hutt Park Spring Hdec. of 175 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- Flying Handicap of 60 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
- Welter Handicap of 60 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov. [sov.]
- Hurdle Handicap (second day) of 50 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- November Handicap of 125 sovs., 1 mile and a distance, 1 sov.
- Wellington Cup of 400 sovs., 1½ miles, 2 miles, 2 sovs.
- Wellington Racing Club Handicap of 200 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

To-morrow (Friday), November 6th, at 10 p.m. nominations, close with Mr. R. Wynyard, secretary, to be sealed and addressed care Mr. W. Adams' office, Durham-street East, Auckland, for the following events:—

- Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, ½ sov.
- Devonport Handicap of 40 sovs., 5½ furlongs, 1 sov.
- Handicap Maiden Plate of 30 sovs., 1 mile, ½ sov.
- Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- St. Andrew's Handicap of 80 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- Handicap Hack Race of 25 sovs., 5½ furlongs, ½ sov.
- Handicap Steeplechase of 80 sovs., about 3½ miles, 1 sov.
- Spring Handicap of 50 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov. [sov.]

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

Saturday, November 7th, by noon, Mr. Wm. Percival will be present at the Club's rooms to receive the forfeit of 5 sovs. for the Auckland Guineas. If not declared by the above time the nominator will be liable for the whole sweepstake—10 sovs.

Monday, November 9th, at the post, acceptances for the

- Welcome Stakes of 150 sovs., 5 furlongs, 2 sovs.
- Auckland Guineas (sweep) of 150 sovs., 1 mile, 10 sovs.
- Prince of Wales' Handicap of 200 sovs., 1½ miles, 2 sovs.

Monday, November 9th, at 10 p.m., acceptances close with the secretary, at the Club's rooms for the

- Spring Handicap of 70 sovs., 7 furlongs, 1 sov.
- Nursery Handicap of 100 sovs., 4 furlongs, 1 sov.
- Handicap Hurdles of 70 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- City Handicap of 100 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- Maiden Plate Handicap of 50 sovs., 1 mile and a distance, 1 sov. [sov.]
- Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs., about 3 miles, 1 sov.

Friday, November 13th, by 10 p.m., nominations for

- Auckland Guineas (1892) of 150 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.

ONSLow TROTTING CLUB.

Friday, November 13th, acceptances close with the secretary, Mr. E. P. Goldsbro', at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, for the following events:—

- Maiden Trot of 40 sovs., 2½ miles, 1 sov.
- Handicap Maiden Pony Race of 15 sovs., for 14 hands, 1 mile, 7s. 6d.
- Handicap Trot of 70 sovs., 3 miles, 35s.
- Omslow Handicap Hurdles of 30 sovs., for 14.2 ponies, 1½ miles, 15s.
- Selling Trot of 20 sovs., 2½ miles, 1 sov.
- Omslow Stakes Handicap of 35 sovs., for 14.2 ponies, 1 mile and a distance, 15s.
- Pony Trot of 30 sovs., for 14.1 ponies, 2 miles, 15s.

OUR CHRISTCHURCH LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ST. ANDREW, Queen of Trumps, Thane, British Lion, Hippomenes, North Atlantic, Strephon, and Rosefeldt, are the latest arrivals at Riccarton, and all of them have been cantered and galloped.

Like Strephon, Rosefeldt is a capital mover, and when extended she is a very taking mare; and to follow, she is one of exceptionally good conformation, and it appears singular to me, how Clanranald ever defeated her at Napier. I do not know what her pace is against the watch, but when well, I should think she is faster than Clanranald over a mile or a mile and a half under classic weights.

Queen of Trumps is a slippery looking iron grey mare that is fit enough, and I believe it is thought there is a race or two in prospect for her during her sojourn here.

Crackshot was tried over two miles yesterday morning, Black Diamond and Christmas being the tackle used to bring him along. The gallop was only partially seen on account of fog, but the time was got for the full distance, and though that was not exceptionally good, the Cup horse is certainly improving. A good many people think he will win, but it appears to me that a New Zealand Cup candidate

would have to perform something sensational on the tracks in their present state ere his chance could be made anything like a "moral" of.

Cynisca and Cruchfield were galloped together to-day over a mile and three quarters, but the mare could not be induced to go up to the horse, and the gallop was a disappointing one to the trainer of Cruchfield; the distance was half covered before the pair got properly extended. There was nothing lazy about Cynisca as a two-year-old, but she appears to require a pair of "hooks," and plenty of riding now.

Since her arrival, Whisper has not done much work, and what she has done has been mainly sprinting. She looks in capital condition, however, and there is no doubt about her pace.

It is said that Wakawatea can gallop so well that his connections think he cannot be beaten in the Welcome Stakes, but we have two or three here that can cover half a mile quite as quickly. Though he was gelded as a yearling there is a good deal of the Apremont temperament apparent in Wakawatea. Still the history of the "Welcome" shows that the Apremont's can frequently get well away, and race fast as two-year-olds.

Both Launceston and Tamar, are very often spun out over half a mile, and the former can foot it with anything of the same age seen on this course for some time. Tamar is also fast, but Launceston can "down" her over four furlongs nevertheless.

Freedom has done a sound preparation for the Cup, and whatever beats him will just about win. His stable companion, Flinders, is thought a lot of in some quarters, but I have frequently seen Freedom have the best of the finish with Flinders.

British Lion, like Arthur Smith's other horses, is very well. When he was last trained here, his legs gave a lot of trouble, but they are now all right, and he will win a race or two in the immediate future, whatever he may do at the Metropolitan Meeting.

There is nothing trained on the Riccarton course better than Florrie over a mile and a half in my opinion, and she is as pink as a rose. I think she should be a very good double for the C.J.C. Derby and Oaks.

Oajolery is likely to be in good condition for the forthcoming meeting, and the worst feature in him may be whether he can be got off the mark all right, yet, I fancy Florrie has more pace over a mile and a half.

A pair of Oaks candidates, that can have very little show of winning are, May and Plum, both are fairly fast, and in a certain class they may win a race or two, but neither is up to middling classic form.

Merrie England is being given strong work over short courses, and doubtless a six or seven furlong Welter is contemplated for him.

Egotism, the sister to Tassy, goes well. Billy Brown told me he had bought her the other day, but I do not know whether that be right. She is a cheap mare to him if he has really purchased her.

Derrett thinks his colt by Tasman—Adulation, is a good one, though he is very small. He has been jumped off pretty often lately.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB RACES.

THIS club held their Spring Meeting last Saturday, at Potter's Paddock. The afternoon was fine, which was a great thing, notwithstanding that the attendance was poor, not more than 400 being on the ground during the day. The trotting was not very interesting, the majority of those engaged being very inferior animals, many of them having no pretensions to trotting, having more of the "go-as-you-please" style. The handicapping was not at all up to the mark; the starts in many instances were much too long, thus making it impossible for the scratch horse, or those nearly on that mark, to make up their ground, as it must be borne in mind that moderate horses cannot give so many seconds away to those of the same class; in fact it would take a horse with a two-third gait to have made up his ground from scratch in some of the races; and there are none of them in Auckland; besides the track is not favourable for making fast time. The management was not all that could be desired, though a few of the committee worked hard, while others did nothing.

There were no judges of trotting, or if there were they did not do their duty, as several horses ought to have been ordered off the track for breaking, and not being immediately pulled down, and also for unfair trotting; in fact it was running and pacing. The time was not well kept, the first race starting nearly half an hour late.

The Handicap Maiden Trot brought the whole of the sixteen entered to the post, the majority of them being regular scrubbers. Rover went to the front soon after the start, but broke very badly on the far side of the course the last time round, when he was passed by Model; but he was soon pulled down, and coming very fast up the straight just got up, and won by a neck. The tail was a very long one.

All six started for the Pony Race, six furlongs. Red Rose got the best of the start, followed by Cupid; she ran off at the top turn, but was quickly pulled straight, but did not get up to Cupid, who won easily by three lengths, Tormentor third.

Fourteen came to the post for the Otahuhu Handicap Trot, of 70 sovs; three miles. Model, with 50 secs, went to the front after they had gone a couple of hundred yards, and was never headed, winning by about thirty yards from Myrtle, 15 secs, who trotted very well, making up her ground fast; Maud S., 45 secs, third. Most of the others went as they liked, and were a long way in the rear.

All the six acceptors faced the starter for the Railway Handicap, one mile. Red Rose made most of the running, followed by Cupid and Pica, winning easily by a couple of lengths, Pica a moderate third. The owner of Vampire lodged an objection against the jockeys of Cupid and Pica for foul riding. The stewards, after hearing some of the evidence, adjourned the further hearing of the case until Monday evening, when it was decided that the owner, rider, and the mare Cupid be disqualified for twelve months; Pica and his jockey for six months; also that Mr. W. J. Greenwood be fined £10. After the sentences were passed Mr. W. J. Greenwood applied for a rehearing on the ground that his evidence was misunderstood, and that he could produce fresh evidence. The stewards granted the request, provided that Mr. Greenwood produced fresh evidence. Full particulars will be found in another column.

Eleven started for the Selling Trot. Maud S., who was in a good humour, went to the front, and trotting very fairly won easily from Model. Mickey Free a moderate third.

There were only three started for the Handicap Pony Hurdles, 1½ miles. Pica went to the front, and won as he liked.

The concluding race was the Pony Trot Handicap; 2 miles. Ladybird, 20 secs, was in the front all the way, and won pretty easily from Myrtle, who was making up her ground fast; Maud S. third. Another long tail in this race.

We have again to call the attention of the committee to the primitive telegraph board in use. The numbers cannot be seen from the stand, and even those in the paddock have to squeeze between it and the rails before they can see them. It is really a disgrace to the place. As three clubs use Potter's paddock for their races it would not ruin them if they combined and got a proper telegraph board erected with the numbers a good size, so that they could be seen from the stand and saddling paddock as well as the course.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

MONDAY.—The following horses were out this morning, all of whom did useful work.—Reprisal was the first to work, but only did a mile on the plough slow. Fiesole cantered the same journey. Coalscuttle, The Workman, and The Dreamer, each, in turn, put in a couple of rounds on the plough at stout half pace, after which, First Nelson in sweaters, was sent a couple of rounds at a good smart pace. Circus Girl did a good strong once round, then Lochness was sent three miles at a good swinging gallop, moving very freely. King Cannibal went once round, and Romeo three times on the tan slow. Fishmonger and Queen Rose ran four furlongs outside the hurdles at top. Orakei, Secret, Justice, Brigand, Scott Free, and Nap, all did two miles slow on the plough. Hopeful Kate in company with Ingorina did

a couple of times round the plough at a good working gallop, after which the mare continued on for another round by herself. The Barb and Tulloch in company, put in two good strong rounds on the plough, afterwards, Ma Boughal and Kupe went together for a couple of rounds slow. The Dancer did slow work on the tan. Puwerewere and Lorace ran five furlongs outside the hurdles, the time registered being, 1min 10secs. Welcome ran a good once round the course proper at about ¾-speed, the Titania filly doing the same distance at half pace. Dolosa ran a mile and a quarter outside the hurdles in 2min 25sec. Despised finished the morning's work by going two miles on the course proper at about ¾-speed.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

A LARGE attendance of sporting men, jockeys, and trainers assembled at the Star Hotel, Otahuhu, on Monday evening, the occasion being to decide the protest of Mr. McKenzie, the owner of Vampire, against the owner and riders of Pica and Cupid, Mr. A. R. Harris, J.P., was in the chair. As soon as the meeting had assembled, our inevitable bore of a reporter was found to be present, and claimed his right to be there. Being requested to make his claim in writing, the worthy "Barge" was not slow in finding him material, and that request being promptly complied with, our representative was admitted, his letter of application being placed on the minutes at his request. Full evidence was taken by Mr. Lockhart, the Secretary of the Club, and everything was done in the most open manner. A very strong impression had gained ground that Mr. W. Adams was a part owner of the ponies running under Mr. Greenwood's name, but this was fully shown to be a fallacy.

Mr. A. Greenwood was called by the Chairman, and stated that he rode Pica according to instructions, which were to win. He occupied the fifth position, Vampire being just ahead of him. Everyone was jostling and crossing and running wild. Red Rose, he said, was the best in the stable, although they did not know it at the time. Mr. Kelly remarked that they "either ran very wild or tried to bolt."

Mr. W. J. Greenwood having been called, was asked by the chair, "Did the best of your horses win that race?" A positive and peremptory "Yes" was the answer. He did not think Cupid could have won that race. He thought Red Rose the best horse in his stable, and he was the sole owner of the horses mentioned.

"Tom" Greenwood rode Red Rose, and said he could have won in any part of the race. He was leading at nearly every corner. Cupid came up on him once, but he got away again easily.

Mr. Mackenzie said that he would have been quite satisfied to say nothing about the race in question, but for the public's sake, he thought it right to inquire into the matter.

After a long consultation, resolutions to the following effect were agreed upon unanimously: "That the mare Cupid be disqualified for twelve months, and Pica, together with his rider, for a term of six months, and that Mr. W. J. Greenwood be fined the sum of £10."

After the meeting had been absolved and the above decision arrived at, there was, as usual, lots of talk in "the lobbies," which were packed by sleeping "jocks" like herrings in a tin, awaiting (as Amy Vaughan puts it) the verdict.

The Committee reassembled, and decided that Mr. W. J. Greenwood should have a rehearing in accordance with an application from him stating, as he did, that his evidence was misunderstood and he could produce fresh evidence.

The *Sydney Referee* of the 21st October in the following paragraph predicted that Maud S.'s record would be smashed. It said: "Mr. Marvin declares that he will send his great trotter Sunol for a record over the kite-shaped track; so the rumours of bad condition, etc., were greatly exaggerated. It would not surprise one to see Maud S.'s record lowered whenever they let Sunol out." Up to this time Maud S. held the world's record, but by late papers we see that Sunol's time for the mile is 2.8½, while Maud S.'s for the same distance is 2.8½.

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Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1891.

Main article text starting with 'We are glad to see that our contemporary the Canterbury Times takes the same view as ourselves regarding the arbitrary way the Committee of the Auckland Racing Club have dealt with pony and trotting racing.'

back of the course the riders of Cupid and Pica commenced to ride foul in order to prevent Vampire, the favourite, whose owner was not in the swim, from winning. The consequence was that Red Rose won easily.

The proceedings of the Conference of racing delegates that is to be held next week at Christchurch will be watched with interest, as up to the present time little has been done at these meetings, except to alter and make more confusing some of the rules, which were bad enough before.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Dunedin Jockey Club it was decided that the 1 1/2 per cent. tax on the proceeds of the totalisator should come out of the 10 per cent., not be added to it.

If any proof is required to show the necessity of having pony racing under proper control one had only to attend the late Otahuhu meeting at Potter's paddock last Saturday.

could out of the machine, they fixed the maximum sum allowed. This question should be settled at once, as if the Clubs charge different percentages there will be trouble, and the Government, who at present show great apathy, may suddenly wake up and interfere, either fixing a lower rate, or perhaps do away with the machine altogether.

The Hon. G. McLean and Messrs. Driver and Hazlett—three competent men—have been appointed delegates to attend the Conference, and they are instructed to oppose the creation of a New Zealand Jockey Club, and also to bring under the notice of the Conference that the resolutions passed at their last meeting were published as rules of racing without being submitted to the several Metropolitan Clubs for approval. It struck us at the time as being rather curious that the rules should be published before they were confirmed; but as they have done so many things that were not customary, we took no notice of it at the time. The Dunedin Jockey Club are also anxious to have some of the rules of racing either rescinded or altered. The chief is to do away with the rule fixing the number of races in a day's programme, also fixing the fees for jockeys. These two we agree in. As regards the totalisator rules, we think that Rules 19 and 20 should be allowed to remain as they are, and that in Rule 21, *may* to be inserted instead of "shall," ought to be covered by a new rule fixing the deduction at 10 per cent. on the whole amount, taking the Government tax from that, so leaving the Clubs 8½ per cent. By so doing no additional tax would be imposed on the investors. The new rule that is proposed, *i.e.*, "In the event of a horse or jockey being disqualified on the ground that the horse was pulled or fraudulently prevented from running, the stewards may order all moneys paid for tickets on all horses in that race to be returned, as they may think advisable, less the usual commission," we do not think would act at all satisfactorily, and it might be the cause of an innocent holder of a ticket losing a good dividend.

From what we can learn the Hon. J. D. Ormond and Captain Russell will represent Hawke's Bay and Mr. Mitchelson the A.R.C. Who the other delegates will be we have been unable to ascertain, but it must be remembered that Taranaki was opposed to the formation of a New Zealand Jockey Club, so it will rest with their delegate and the D.J.C. to fight the battle, and in all probability they will not be strong enough to carry the day. It would not at all surprise us to find that after all is over things have not advanced a bit further than they are at present as regards a New Zealand Jockey Club.

The Turf

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

THERE is an erroneous impression among the racing public that I am writing under two *nom de plumes*. During my lengthy career as a turf writer I have never had any other than the above, and I am only responsible for what is under that heading. "Pegasus" is quite another writer.

THE V.R.C. meeting commenced last Saturday. The racing on the whole was exceedingly interesting. The attendance of the general public, owing to the threatening weather, was not up to the average, though the stands and paddocks were well filled. The racing commenced with Maiden Plate, which Mr. Wilson's Steadfast (by Nordenfeldt—Nelly Moore) won easily from Havilah, Norbert, and nine others. The winner started first favourite. Mr. Wilson made no mistake when in Auckland in purchasing the Nordenfeldt yearlings, as all of them can gallop. There is always great interest taken in the Melbourne Stakes, as it is supposed to give a line for the Cup. Marvel gave us another taste of his quality, as, following the same tactics as in the Caulfield Stakes, he waited till about a furlong from home, and coming away with a brilliant rush he cut them down one after another, and catching Bungebah, who at the distance appeared to be win-

ning easily, beat him cleverly by half a length. Whimbrel, who did not struggle very gamely when once collared, finished third. Megaphone was fourth and Annesley fifth. The other starters were King Olaf, Sir William, Malvolio, Correze, Muriel, The Tyler, Paris and Tirailleur, who finished last. The winner started at 2 to 1 on him. Twelve horses started for the Hotham Stakes. Pigeontoe, 7st 8lb, was made a great favourite, and justified the confidence of his backers, as he won easily by two lengths and a half from Portsea, 6st 10lb, Bendigo, 8st, third. The winner is a well bred five-year-old horse by St. Albans—Pardon. Up to this season he has done nothing. This is another instance of how horses sometimes improve with age.

The next race was the V.R.C. Derby, for which nine faced the starter, resulting as follows: Strathmore (by Nordenfeldt—Ouida), 1st; Stromboli (by Chester—Etna), 2nd; Oxide (by Sardonyx—Geraldine), 3rd. The Rebel, Swordbearer, Albemarle, Penance, Sternchaser, St. Albans, and Yarran also ran. The betting was even on Strathmore, 3 to 1 Oxide, 5 to 1 Stromboli, 8 and 10 to 1 the others. The flag fell to a wretched start, St. Albans being left at the post. Stromboli jumped off with the lead, followed by Yarran, Strathmore and Penance. Passing the stand Penance went to the front, but soon after Yarran assumed the lead, Strathmore, Albemarle, Penance and Oxide following in the order named. Along the river stretch Albemarle went to the front; increasing the pace at the back of the course, he was leading by about eight lengths. The Rebel and Strathmore lying next. Albemarle led into the straight on the inside, Strathmore, Oxide and Stromboli together in the middle of the course, Penance going well on the outside. At the distance Strathmore had everything beaten, and striding along won very comfortably by a length and a half, four lengths between second and third. Albemarle was fourth. Strathmore is the first horse that has won the Caulfield Guineas and the V.R.C. Derby, and has confirmed his running with Stromboli. Taking into consideration that he commanded his field all through and came when wanted, he must be an extraordinary good colt, and his great trial was no mistake. Huxley, who rode Stromboli, bored Oxide on to the rails when he was coming on the inside at the distance post. If he had not been interfered with then he would in all probability have been second, though he would not have beaten the winner. Albemarle made the running for his stable companion Stromboli, who did not appear to finish very game. Sternchaser and Swordbearer collided at the two-furlong post, and the latter fell, but his jockey escaped uninjured. Cusden rode the winner with a great deal of judgment, and never once appeared flurried. The win was a very popular one, and the the stable threw in for a good stake. As it has been a good betting race all through, the ring should not take much harm.

Twelve two-year-olds faced the starter for the Maribyrnong Plate, which Etra-Weenie (by Trenton—Nellie) won easily by five lengths from The Captain, Nobody third. Moonray, who was greatly fancied, ran very fast to the distance, when she tired. The Coburg Stakes brought out the biggest field of the day, twenty-six coming to the post for it. Cardoness, 6st 12lb, got home a length and a half from La Tosca, 7st 2lb. Ascot Vale, 7st 8lb, who started favourite, was third. The winner's price was 10 to 1.

THE attendance on the Cup day was immense. The Cup this year was of unusual interest, as from the first it was declared a very open race, nearly every horse in the race being backed, no horse long continuing his position as favourite. At the start the turned-loose Pigeontoe was favourite, but had nothing to do with the finish. Strathmore was next in demand, and he ran a remarkably good colt, but being blocked on the rails he could not get clear until too late, then, though he ran with unflinching gameness, he could only finish a good third. Paris, who the Sydneyites looked upon as a certainty, never showed prominently in the race after the first mile and a quarter had been traversed. The winner held the position of favourite until a few days preceding the race, when several passed him in the betting, and his price at the finish was 20 to 1. Cobham fell, Megaphone, G'Naroo and Prelude falling over him. Ramage,

the rider of Megaphone, was uninjured, but Cobham had to be destroyed.

The first race of the day was the Hurdle Race, for which fourteen started. Kimberley made all the running, winning easily from Yabba, Fireking finishing a bad third.

The Railway Handicap attracted a field of twenty-one. The favourite, St. Blaise, won by a length from Quality. Prattler two lengths off, third.

Seven horses faced the starter for the Kensington Stakes. Ermine won easily from Fox-tail, Kossuth third.

Then came the Melbourne Cup, for which thirty-four started, the race resulting as follows: Malvolio, 8st 4lb. 1; Sir William, 8st 7lb. 2; Strathmore, 7st 6lb. 3. Tirailleur, Megaphone, Highborn, G'Naroo, Correze, Greygown, Whimbrel, Tantallon, Paris, Annesley, Lyndhurst, King Olaf, Muriel, Prelude, Litigant Gatling, The Tyler, Yowi, Cobham, Oxide, Ronald, Dundas, Carrington, Yarran, Swordbearer, Lancer, Forty Winks, Aster, Firelocks, Pigeontoe, and Portsea, also started. The flag, after some delay, fell to a good start. Annersley first showed in front, Tantallon, Paris, Carrington, Malvolio, Yarran and Correze following. In front of the stand Prelude led, followed by Paris, Whimbrel third. Going along the river Prelude was still in front, Strathmore having moved up to the front division. At the abattoirs Prelude retired beaten, Sir William taking up the running. Cobham, who was here moving up, fell, Megaphone, G'Naroo and Prelude falling over him. Turning towards home Highborn, Oxide, and Correze began to show in front. Strathmore here got blocked on the rails. Oxide led into the straight, Highborn, Sir William, Malvolio, Forty Winks, and Whimbrel following, all in a bunch. Strathmore then got clear, but too late. At the distance Redfern brought Malvolio with a well-timed challenge, and getting the best of Sir William, won by three-quarters of a length; Strathmore, who was coming fast, a neck away, third; Highborn fourth, and Forty Winks fifth.

Thirteen came to the post for the Nursery Handicap, Trieste winning by a neck from The Captain; Vangrave third.

The Yan Van Stakes was won by St. Blaise by three lengths, after a dead-heat with Quality; Bendigo third. The winner was the favourite.

THE Auckland Trotting Club are determined to hold their own if they possibly can, notwithstanding that the A.R.C. Committee have expressed their intention of disqualifying any owners, trainers and jockeys taking part in any of their meetings. The Committee have fixed December 30th and January 9th for their summer meeting. The programme is a most attractive one, no less a sum than £930 being given for the two day's racing. This should certainly produce some good fields. The principal events on the first day is the Auckland Cup Trotting Handicap of 200 sovs., 3 miles; and a Pony Cup Handicap of 100 sovs., 1 mile; and on the second day the President's Handicap Trot, 3 miles, and a Pony Steeplechase of 50 sovs., 2½ miles. There are eight races each day.

A.R.C. SECOND SPRING MEETING.

THE acceptances and general entries for the A.R.C. second spring meeting were declared last Friday, and though chiefly confined to Auckland horses must be considered very good. As the weather has been fine, the training ground has been in fair order; the consequence is trainers have their charges in much more forward condition than they were at the last meeting, therefore if the weather continues fine, there should be some good racing during the two days.

The first race is the President's Handicap, 1 mile. There are thirteen entries, but the acceptances will be declared too late to make any comment on them in this issue, so I must take the handicap as it stands. Many of the horses entered are engaged in several races, therefore at the time of writing, before the acceptances appear, I can only take them as they read on paper. If Baron starts, one need not look further for the winner, but I expect he will be kept for the Prince of Wales' Handicap. Of the others I prefer Quadrant, Warrior, and Kupe.

There are nine two-year-olds in the Welcome Stakes, which should prove an interesting race, as there are some really well-bred ones among them. Brown Alice won the Juvenile Plate at the last meeting easily enough, but then she was the only one that had any pretensions to being fit. She is a useful filly, but I do not think that she is a flier. Queen Rose and Dorothy, who finished respectively second and third, are two nice youngsters, but they were very backward, and ought to perform very differently with the extra seven week's preparation. Adelaide is a mere pony, and ran very badly at Napier. Then there is First Nelson and Puwerewere to be reckoned with, as well as Glenora, Pansie and His Worship, all of whom did not perform at the last meeting. Puwerewere should make a smart filly, but I do not think that she will be seen at her best until later on in the season. The winner should come from Brown Alice, Queen Rose, or Puwerewere, though she is backward. At this time of the year you have no line to go by with two-year-olds, so they had best be left alone until you see them at the post.

Seven remain in the Auckland Guineas, some of whom must be going for the chance of second or third money, as if The Workman is at all fit he should have no difficulty in winning.

Twelve out of the original nineteen entries have declared content for the Spring Hurdle Race. Sentinel, 11st 12lb, heads the list, and is not at all badly treated on his best form. Orakei, 10st 10lb, has got more than he is entitled to, but the owner thinks different, and so has The Colonel, 10st 9lb, as he makes a noise and does not like two miles. Dan, 10st 8lb, Mangere, 10st 7lb, and Cynical, 10st, have all a few pounds too much on them. Bit o' Blue, 9st 6lb, has been running very badly lately, and I think wants a little more speed for a race of this description. Try Fluke, 9st 7lb, can gallop a bit and might be dangerous. Fishmonger, 9st 5lb, is leniently treated. I do not fancy Barshot, Karewa or Tawhana. I prefer Sentinel, Orakei, and Fishmonger.

The Short's Race, 6 furlongs, with its curious conditions has attracted six entries.

Now comes the Prince of Wales' Handicap of 200 sovs., 1½ miles, which has the good acceptance of fifteen out of twenty-two entries, which is certainly creditable to Mr. Evitt; though why some of them have accepted I am at a loss to know. Hilda, 9st 10lb, has the post of honour, and I must confess that I am surprised to see her among the acceptors. At the last meeting she was far from fit. She then went to Napier where she ran very badly in both her races, so I fail to see how she can be got ready by the 9th, especially when you take the travelling into consideration. It would not at all surprise me to find that she has this season lost her form; if such is the case it is a pity that she was not relegated to the stud, as mares seldom regain it. Leorina, 8st 8lb, is a game, plodding mare, but there are two or three that will be too fast for her. The Baron, 8st 7lb, has a great turn of speed, and there is no reason why he should not get the mile and a half if his stable want him, but they have two others engaged, so he may be kept for one of the shorter races. Patchwork, 7st 10lb, has nothing to complain of with regard to his weight, but he is an awful rogue. Loch Ness, 7st 10lb, on his last autumn form is very well in. Reprisal, 7st 7lb, will hardly get the distance if it is a fast run race. The Dreamer, 7st 7lb, won the Spring Handicap easily enough, and he only goes up 7lb. He is going well and should take some beating. Pinfire, 7st 4lb, and Dolosa, 7st 4lb, I have no fancy for. The latter is a great jade, but she may some day take it into her head to try and astonish people. Morion, 7st 4lb, is a great fine colt who was rather backward at the last meeting. He is meeting The Dreamer on 4lb worse terms than when he ran second in the Spring Handicap, but he will run better with a stronger boy on his back. Belmont, 7st, has got in well enough for anything. Brigand, 6st 11lb, is a nice little colt, but he is held safe by two or three of the others. Mr. Thompson has accepted with both Warrior, 6st 10lb, and Resentment, 6st 9lb. The former should run well with his light impost. Bulrush, 6st 7lb, concludes the handicap but I think he will find himself out-classed. After carefully going through the list the winner in my opinion should come from the selected one of the Papakura stable, Morion or The Dreamer, though if the Warrior

does not start in the President's Handicap, he is worth an outside shot.

There are six in the Selling Steeplechase—a kind of race that is dangerous to touch here. Either Relation or Pawa should do it if all is right.

The Flying Handicap has no less than sixteen entries, and as the acceptance like the President's Handicap is declared too late for me I can only say that I prefer the chances of The Baron, Roie, and Master Pat.

The second day's racing is greatly dependant on the previous day's running, and as the handicaps will only be published the previous evening I shall have no chance to remark on them. They will be framed by Mr. Knight instead of Mr. Evitt, who will be at Christchurch, so they will be watched for with interest.

C.J.C SPRING MEETING.

THE C.J.C. Metropolitan Meeting takes place on the 9th, 11th, and 14th inst. The principal race, in which great interest is taken, is the New Zealand Cup. The weeding out has been great, only twelve remaining in, of these the chances are they will be still further reduced before the day, so there is not much likelihood of the field exceeding eight or nine. Crack-shot, 9st 3lb, is, on his last year's form, awarded top weight. His chance is favoured by some persons, but I do not like him. He is not only a speedy cutter, but he is none of the soundest, though he is doing well now he is not up to the mark, and he would require to be in his best form to have a chance with this weight. Dan O'Brien has accepted with both Freedom (8st 12lb) and Flinders (6st 11lb). The former ran remarkably well last autumn, and has thickened out during the winter. There is an idea that he prefers a circular course, and that he will not like the long striding one at Riccarton. The latter has grown into a fine colt. They will both strip very fit on the day. Their owner knows more than most people as regards racing, and as he has elected to remain at home instead of taking a trip to Australia as he at one time contemplated, he must think a good deal of his chance, so his selected one will go very near winning. Mr. Hunter, of Hawke's Bay, has also two left in. Cynisca (8st 3lb), on her running in Wellington and Wanganui ought to be in the forward division, especially as from all accounts she is doing well. His other string, Whisper (7st 5lb), is leniently treated. There is an impression that she cannot stay, for what reason I do not know, as from appearance she should do so. Blizzard (7st 9lb) is sure to get the distance, and with this weight he must be regarded as having a great chance. Cruchfield (7st 6lb) has come on well lately, but he has been shelved for sometime, and is none of the soundest, though his chance is fancied by his party. Rosefeldt (6st 13lb) I will pass, as her late running, and she has had a good deal of it, does not point to her being returned the winner. Cajolery (6st 13lb) is a fine colt with a good turn of speed, but he is not bred like a stayer. Last year he had a temper which lost him several races, but at Timaru, when he won the Guineas, he showed none of it, nor does he now when in work. British Lion (6st 11lb) is a turned-loose old horse. He has won two or three good races this season, especially the Napier Spring Handicap, but then he was more forward than most of the others, but this time he will have different company to meet, though he may run into a place, I doubt his winning. The only line for Thane (6st 2lb) is her win at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Meeting in the October Handicap, but that does not help one much. Dilemma (6st 2lb) may be passed over. The winner should come from one of the following:—Dan O'Brien's selected one, which will, I think, be Freedom, Blizzard, or Mr. Hunter's chosen one—Cynisca in all probability.

THE C.J.C. Derby has seven left in, either Dan O'Brien's Florrie or Flinders should supply the winner, with Libel and Cajolery to fill the places. From all accounts Florrie is a pretty smart one, and she should also win the Oaks unless Thane is better than any one has reason to suppose.

THE Canterbury Cup has only eight entries. This race is greatly dependant on the running in the Cup, but on paper it looks a good thing

for the Lonsdale Lodge stable unless Lebel is better than I think he is. There are ten youngsters in the Welcome Stakes. Wakawatea has shown that he can gallop, but from what I can learn he will find a dangerous competitor in Dan O'Brien selected.



George Wright has got a good hack up from the Coast.

The pony Cupid, who ran second to Sepoy at Pakuranga races, was sold privately on Friday last.

The Whangarei Racing Club have appointed Messrs. A. M. Rust and E. D. Halstead handicappers. There would be some difficulty in getting two more capable men.

The Onslow Trotting Club received very fair entries at this office on Friday for their inaugural meeting. They will be found in another column.

Prospector was brought up from the Thames on Tuesday last. He is a fine cut of a horse, something like Cloth of Gold, but more compact, with better loins and quarters.

The result of the Melbourne Stakes and Derby were posted up on the totalisator at Potter's on Saturday immediately after the result was made known in Auckland, the news having been telephoned out to Mr. Frank Lawry, M.H.R.

Mr. Douglas' mare Waitiri, that ran second to Nelson on two occasions for the Auckland Cup, has produced a fine colt foal to that horse. A peculiar coincidence, it will be remembered, was that Victoria was third on each of those occasions.

Now that the management of the tramways has changed hands, we would suggest that the two paddocks at Epsom be thrown into one and a good track formed that would be suitable for trotting in harness. This could be done at small cost, and we should then have trotting events well worth seeing, and probably do away with the pony difficulty.

Sunol, the trotting mare who has just broken the world's record, was bred by Governor Stanford, at his Palo Alto farm, San Francisco, was foaled on the 14th April, 1886. She was got by Electioneer out of Wexana, stands 15 hands high, and is of a bay colour. She is a very peculiarly-shaped animal, very high and large in the hind quarters. Her trainer, the great Marvin, predicted years ago that she would prove a perfect trotting machine. The result has borne out this prophecy.

The following prices were realised by Messrs. Digby Tonks & Co., at their auction mart, on Friday, for the privileges for the A.R.C. Second Spring Meeting, which takes place at Ellerslie on the 9th and 10th inst.:—Grandstand bar, S.C. Caulton, Central Hotel, £39; lean-to bar, A. Dunne, Market Hotel, £45; No. 1 booth, P. Quinlan, Edinburgh Castle Hotel, £25; No. 2 booth, J. A. Allan, Waverley Hotel, £12; stabling, Parker, £3; sole right to refreshment stalls, Mrs. MacIntosh, £12; cards, Mr. Blomfield, £32. The privileges of the Agricultural Association were next submitted, when the sole right to the booths was knocked down to J. Hawkins, Queen's Hotel, at £34, and the refreshment stalls to Mrs. MacIntosh at £7. The Demonstration Sports privileges, to be held in the Metropolitan Ground, were then offered, but there was no bid for either of the three booths or cards.

Adam Byers got an awkward shock at the Otahuhu Trotting Club races on Saturday. He had been speculating on the inside machine, and had given someone a ten-pound note for a one, and, as is usual in such cases, he was certain he gave it to the totalisator clerk, who was equally certain that he did not. Byers naturally was very excited over the matter, but had to take the inevitable and look elsewhere for his "tenner." He tried a boy to whom he had given a note, asking the boy to show him the pound he gave him, which was at once done, and it proved to be the ten-pound note, the boy being unconscious of its possession. Much to Byers' credit, he immediately returned to the totalisator clerk and explained matters, making a full apology at the same time.

The secretary of the Auckland Racing Club is now the happy possessor of a sulky. Probably this may be the initial step to sulky racing on the Ellerslie racecourse.

Only one out of the numerous tips sent into us on our prize coupon now remains good. Mr. C. A. W. having picked G'Naroo for the Caulfield Cup, and Malvolio for the Melbourne Cup, has now Freedom running in the N.Z. Cup to win him the prize.

The following New Zealand horses were to be offered for sale in Melbourne on the 21st ult.: Teksum, Whakawai, Leopold, Red Cross, Little Arthur, Lady Darling, Mikado II. G'Naroo, the Caulfield Cup winner, was to be submitted at the same time.

Adam Byers' horses narrowly escaped serious injury the other day. By some means the railway gates got open, and the horses got on the line as a train was approaching. Instead of running off they made up the line, and the train had to be eased up several times to save them. Eventually no damage was sustained.

The Onslow Trotting Club pony measurers went out to Potter's last week to put some ponies under the bar. The Auckland Trotting Club measurers were also there, and showed them a certain rule which makes it imperative that all ponies racing under their rules shall be measured by them and possess a certificate. The Onslow people did not appreciate this little attention from their mother club. It is explained that the Auckland Trotting Club made this rule simply to avoid mistakes and collusion, as on previous occasions ponies have been accepted by country clubs which do not possess a proper measuring stand that could not pass at Potter's, and refused others which were amply and fully proved to be eligible. By giving certificates all this is avoided and unanimity assured. The Metropolitan Club make no objection to the Onslow Club measuring for their own satisfaction if they desire to do so.

Athletics Etc.

CRICKET.

A better wicket naturally gave the batsmen a show and several good totals were amassed.

SENIORS.

Auckland I. v. Parnell.—Parnell batted first, but W. Gardner (19), Lawson (14) and Pritchard (11) were the only double figures, D. Testro playing well for 9. The innings came speedily to an end with the small total of 67. R. Neill bowled with phenomenal success on what could scarcely be called his wicket. He secured nine wickets for 44, and should have had the tenth, as Lawson was twice badly missed off his bowling. Auckland put together 91 for four wickets, four getting double figures, viz.: Howlett 19, Webster 15, R. Neill 12, and Hatton 11. Mr. "Extras" was also credited with 11. Two magnificent catches were made, Howlett catching J. Young at cover-point most brilliantly, and being in turn grandly caught by W. Gardner at long-on. So far the latter catch is the sensational one of the season. With two wickets to fall and a lead of 24 runs this match should be a "dead bird" for Auckland.

United gave St. Mary's-Onslow leather-hunting to the tune of 172 for six wickets. The veteran Bob Yates exploited his latest "idea" with complete success, hitting off 93 in fine style. Three or four chances marred the innings, but it was nevertheless a fine display of batting, and everyone regretted that the seven runs wanting to complete the century were not added to the veteran's score. W. Harvie (26 not out), C. Harvie (19) and C. E. MacCormick (17 not out) also played well. Rowe bowled steadily and sent in some hot ones.

JUNIORS.

Gordon II. kept Star in the field until nearly time gathering in 182, of which Gorrie collected 76 in most meritorious style. Mr. John Abbott could scarcely have done better for the Blind Institute! Gilfillan (45), Kenderdine (30), C. Bell (13), and Cantley (10) helped to swell the total. Dunne bowled very well, securing six wickets for 31 runs, but the other bowlers got "pepper."

Auckland II. have the best of their match

with Wanderers. Batting first, they ran up 102, J. Smith with an excellent 47, J. Johnstone 24, and Thompson 11, being the principal scorers. Donald permed best with the ball, capturing four wickets. At call of time Wanderers had 58 for nine wickets, J. Clarke (14) being the only double figure. With a substantial lead of 45 runs, less whatever the last wicket may produce, Auckland should win easily; but Wanderers, in their recent match against Gordon II., proved how well they can fight to a finish, and a difficult wicket next Saturday might bring about a close finish. A. Seccombe and Gaudin bowled capitally for Auckland.

North Shore v. Victoria.—The Shore made a poor show against the good bowling of Gillespie and Smith, the innings closing for 43 without a double figure—Harden, A. Lankham and G. Lankham (not out) being "all but" with 9 apiece. Victoria did much better with 101, to which Ellis not out 40, Holdsworth 16, and Craig 14, were the principal contributors. In North Shore's second innings Harden and Charles began well, and the score stands at 26 for no wickets. The match, therefore, is not quite a foregone conclusion.

On Friday last the members of the Native Rose Football Club held a smoke concert in the Shakespeare Hotel. About 30 members sat down, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. Foley, president of the club, in his opening remarks, stated that he was very sorry that the club had to disband on account of the district scheme, and that during their existence they had a record to be proud of. Since their existence (six years) they have played altogether 66 matches, won 52, lost 4, and drawn 9; scored 384 points, and had 70 points scored against them; they were 1st four years and twice 2nd for the Junior Championship. Mr. Hale, captain of the club, in a neat speech, then presented to Mr. Foley, on behalf of the members, a large photograph of the club, and also to J. Carlaw a very handsome and costly gold locket from the members, for his services as secretary of the club. Both replied in a very suitable manner, their speeches bringing forth applause from the members. During the evening the following toasts were drunk with enthusiasm: "Native Rose F.C.," "Rugby Union," "The President," "Kindred Sports," "Press," &c. Intervals were filled up with songs by the members, and a very pleasant evening closed with "Auld Lang Syne."

Volunteer News.

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

I HAVE received news about the doings of our rifle representatives in Sydney and their trip across. Webster was on his beam ends throughout the journey, never leaving his bunk, and is said to have lost over a stone in weight; the others suffered less severely. They were met by Mr. Jackson Palmer, M.H.R., and Lieut.-Col. Mahon, and shown the sights of Sydney, for which the two gentlemen named had obtained for them *carte blanche* everywhere. It appears that Auckland's four representatives are the only ones from New Zealand, and the N.S.W. people were much disappointed thereof. They had several meetings, which were largely attended, and had decided to postpone their firing to a later date to enable the New Zealanders to attend, but when it was announced that they had left, the New South Welchmen immediately decided to go on with their meeting, and made arrangements for the reception of a large body of Maorilanders. I am assured that our men will be allowed to compete for prizes amounting to £1,000, and it is a pity we were not fuller and better represented. Much to the surprise of most volunteers, young Hazard drew first blood from the N.S.W. Association prize list, making 62 out of a possible 70. The top score was 67. This was, however, in a match in which the others could not compete, viz., the Nursery Handicap. "Billy" Lumsden has joined them as a New

Zealander, so that now we may be considered to have a fairly good team.

Another disaffection has occurred in the Grenadier Guards. This time the rations was the cause of complaint, and on the officers ordering the men to eat the same they threw their food into the barrack yard. In consequence of this they were confined to barracks and several corporals arrested.

Corporal J. Williamson, secretary of the Artillery Band, is, I am glad to announce, sufficiently recovered from the effects of his poisoned hand to resume duties.

The Artillery Band have decided on the enrolment of two new members, viz., Wm. McCullough (bass) and S. D. Green (tenor horn). The latter is an old member, who has just returned from Melbourne, while both will be a decided acquisition to the band.

The popular captain of the City Guards has gone into a new line of business. He has entered into partnership with a number of Island natives and several Auckland gentlemen for trading purposes. This is the explanation of Capt. Kohn's absence from two successive parades. It must not be inferred from this that he has given up his old-established watch-making and jewellery business.

Dr. Walker, the popular surgeon of the Auckland Navals has been elected a City Councillor in the stead of Mr. J. M. Lennox, retired.

The Napier Rifles who had entered for the sword bayonet competition at the Wellington tournament have withdrawn.

From the *Napier News* I learn that the Napier Rifles recently had an enthusiastic meeting with reference to the new Karkee uniforms, and decided to adopt the same at a cost to the company of £200, and a number of members signed a guarantee to cover the cost of the same.

The shooting men of the "A" Battery went out to Onehunga in a brake on Saturday for practice. Harry Doughty topped the score, and on this occasion Monty McCallum broke up.

The Engineers had a muster of 38 on the Rifle Range on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of going through their annual class firing. Major Anderson was present, as was Quar.-Master-Sergt. Dawson, Sergts. Ward, Black, and last, but not least, my old friend Jack Harley, who cannot be severed from the "A" Battery or Engineers, although he is not enamoured of the former under the present management, and I coincide with him.

The Vics. were up on the range at their class firing at the same time, Captain Cooper being present. They had a splendid muster and made some capital shooting. At the standing position (200 yards) for their annual independent firing they absolutely made the black bar across the target white, while their volley firing under the inspection of Lieut.-Adj. Grant assisted by Sergt.-Major Scully was of a highly satisfactory nature to the old corps.

I have heard something lately *anent* the closing of the Mount Eden Rifle Range, and I have also been the unappreciative auditor of a great deal of "gas" from several professional shooting men in our midst. Considering this I have come to the unbiassed conclusion that in the interests of volunteers themselves nothing better could happen than the closing of the range by the Government. They would then perforce be bound to find a range, and with the benefit of past experience the volunteers could rectify errors which have most undoubtedly shown themselves in the construction of the present butts. This may appear a bold assertion to make, but as I have been in the present butts as often as any man excepting "Old Davy Anderson," I can prove it by the marks on my head and body from splinters, any one of which if it caught a man in the eye would blind him. They are strong enough to draw blood through both coat and shirt, and although the slots are closed "they get there just the same."

I must speak up for my old friend "Davy." Why is there no better provision made for paying him punctually his hard-earned inadequate salary? As the days lengthen so does Mr. Anderson's, personally and practically, and shooting men generally ought to be ashamed of themselves for the dilatory manner in which they put their hands in their pockets. I have known Mr. Anderson to be three months in arrear with his salary. Wake up, please!

TORPEDO.

TURF RECORD.

OTAHUHU TROTting CLUB, Saturday, October 31st, 1891.

HANDICAP MAIDEN TROT of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 30 sovs. in value. Distance, 2 miles.

347 Won by a head after exciting race. Dividend, 10s tickets, £5 7s.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PONY RACE of 20 sovs., second pony to receive 8 sovs from the stake. For all ponies that have never won an advertised race exceeding 10 sovs. in value. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Distance, six furlongs.

OTAHUHU HANDICAP TROT of 70 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. The winner of the Maiden Trot to receive a penalty of 15 seconds behind its original start. Distance, 3 miles.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 30 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. The winner of any race after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 5lb. Distance, one mile.

SELLING TROT of 20 sovs. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for 15 sovs. If entered to be sold for less, 8secs allowance for every 1sov. reduction in selling price; if entered to be sold for nil, 50secs. allowed. Distance, 2 1/2 miles.

HANDICAP PONY HURDLES of 30 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Distance, 1 1/2 miles, over 5 flights of hurdles.

PONY TROT HANDICAP of 30 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 1 inches and under. The winner of Maiden or Handicap Trot to receive a penalty of 10secs. behind its original start. Distance, 2 miles.

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The following acceptances were received on Friday evening for the Auckland Racing Club's Spring Meeting:—

Table with columns for race name, distance, and horse names with their respective weights and owners.

Table of race results for 'PRINCE OF WALES' HANDICAP and 'AUCKLAND GUINEAS'.

Table of race results for 'PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP' and 'FLYING HANDICAP'.

Nominations were also received as follows:— SELLING STEEPLECHASE, WELCOME STAKES, STEEPLECHASE, SHORTS HANDICAP, SPRING HANDICAP, NURSERY HANDICAP, HUNTERS' WELTER HANDICAP, MAIDEN PLATE.

STEEPLECHASE.—Neck of Nothing, Hurricane, Parnell, Bit o' Blue, Relation, Dan, Dundee, Hopeful Kate, Sentinel, Scaltheen, The Lad.

SHORTS HANDICAP.—Ida, Dividend, Nosegay, Maire, The Nark, Solitaire, Vasator.

SPRING HANDICAP.—Onslow, Vieux Rose, Kupe, Loch Ness, Quadrant, The Dancer, Dolosa, Woodbine, Hilda, Priscilla, The Baron, The Workman, St. Michael, Roie, Master Pat, Warrior, Leorina, Lady Belle, Helen McGregor.

NURSERY HANDICAP.—Dorothy, Queen Rose, First Nelson, Puwerewere, Adelaide, Brown Alice, Welcome, Lottie, Glenora, Circus Girl, Pansie, His Worship.

HUNTERS' WELTER HANDICAP.—Despised, claims 7lb, Colonel, Mangere, Maritana, Chance, claims 7lb.

MAIDEN PLATE.—Vieux Rose, Tulloch, Ma Boughal, Morion, Woodbine, Bulrush, Signora, Never Miss, Resentment, Warrior, Brian Boru, Brigade, Onslow, Glaucus.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

DUNEDIN CUP.—Galtee, Blizzard, British Lion, Coinage, Workman, Thane, Queen of Trumps, Free Lance, Cruchfield, Don Pedro, Dilemma, Retina, Crackshot, Merrie England, Cajolery, Kulinine, Whisper, Cynisca, Fraternite, Rosefeldt, Kapua, Freedom, Tassy, Eros, Apology II., Bulrush, Prestige, Prime Warden, Morpheus, Occident, Mariner.

PUBLICAN'S HANDICAP.—Galtee, Lady Belle, Blizzard, Heatherbell, Fiesole, Workman, St. Andrew, Queen of Trumps, Thane, Hippomenes, Regina, Conjuror, Pique, Dormeur, Emmason, Retina, Richlake, Cannonade, The Idler, Clanranald, Bredalbane, Whisper, Cynisca, Fraternite, Ruby, May, Rosefeldt, Tassy, Apology I., Bulrush, Prime Warden, Morpheus, Lady Zetland, Sincerity, Mariner, Tempest, Huguenot, La Rose, Lady Mab, Miss George.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP.—Galtee, Blizzard, British Lion, Heatherbell, Coinage, The Workman, Thane, St. Andrew, Queen of Trumps, Free Lance, Cruchfield, Fairchild, Don Pedro, Dilemma, Conjuror, Retina, Crackshot, Merrie England, Cajolery, Calmine, Whisper, Cynisca, Fraternite, May, Rosefeldt, Kapua, Freedom, Tassy, Eros, Apology I., Bulrush, Prestige, Prime Warden, Morpheus, Occident, Mariner, Tempest, Huguenot.

FORBURY HANDICAP.—Galtee, Reprisal, Thane, Dilemma, Crackshot, Whisper, Kapua, Bulrush, Occident, La Rose, Blizzard, Fiesole, Hippomenes, Conjuror, Merrie England, Cynisca, Freedom, Prestige, Mariner, British Lion, The Workman, Emmason, Cruchfield, Cajolery, Fraternite, Tassy, Prime Warden, Tempest, Heatherbell, St. Andrew, Fairchild, Retina, Kulinine, May, Eros, Morpheus, Huguenot, Coinage, Queen of Trumps, Don Pedro, Bay King, Bredalbane, Rosefeldt, Apology II., Lady Zetland, Derby.

MARRALL MEMORIAL STAKES.—Dry Dream, Mistral, Wolsley, Whakawatea, Reprisal, The Workman, St. Andrew, Montmartre, North Atlantic, Hippomenes, Fairchild, Reflection, Olicso, Conjuror, Carronade, The Idler, Crackshot, Clanranald, Whisper, Cynisca, Rosefeldt, Fraternite, Vogegang, Bulrush, Morpheus, Saracen, Sir Garnet, Huguenot.

ONSLow TROTting CLUB INAUGURAL MEETING.

NOMINATIONS.

HANDICAP MAIDEN TROT of 40 sovs.—The Broker, Ingar, Laddie, Juno, Pukenui, Darkie, Disappointment, Micky Free, Sailor Boy, Jessie, Scotchman, Vixen, Bess, Rover, Shamrock, Puhoi, Nightingale, Fibre.

HANDICAP TROT of 70 sovs.—Midnight, Kate, Laddie, Pioke, Pukenui, Commodore, Chili, Rambuster, Martha, Captain Russell, Mount, Scotchman, Vixen, Sandgate, Rover, Hard Times, Fibre.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PONY RACE of 15 sovs.—Jock, Gladys, Coquette, Tit Bits, Little Tom, Nell, Pet, Witi, Salvator.

ONSLow HANDICAP HURDLES.—Tim, Despised, Pica, Taffy, Defiance.

ONSLow STAKES HANDICAP.—Vampire, Red Rose, Cupid, Fryingspan, Little Jane, Defiance.

HANDICAP PONY TROT.—Nightingale, Captain Russell, Shamrock, Pohui, Ladybird, Maud S., Fibre.

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MEETING.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Nominations for all Races close on FRIDAY, November 6, by 10 p.m., with the Secretary, Devonport. or at Durham-street East, Auckland.

R. WYNARD, Secretary.



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SECOND DAY.

SPRING HANDICAP of 70 sovs. Seven furlongs.

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HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Three miles.

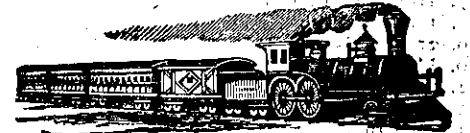
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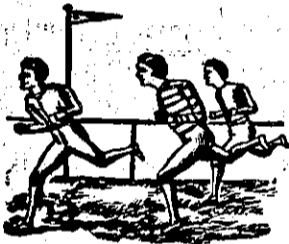
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1. MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 30 sovs. For horses (of any description) that have never won an advertised race of more than twenty-five pounds at time of entry. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, 7 furlongs.
2. HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 25 sovs. Over 6 flights 3ft 6in hurdles. For horses that have never won an advertised race. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.
3. SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP HANDICAP of 115 sovs. First horse, £100; second, £10; third, £5. The winner of any race of the advertised value of £50 after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb extra; of two such races, 10lb extra. Nomination, 40s.; acceptance, 60s. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.
4. FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 40 sovs. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, about 2 miles.
5. TRADESMEN'S PLATE HANDICAP of 40 sovs. Winner of the South Auckland Cup to carry 10lb extra. Winner of any other race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra. Penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.
6. NOVEL RACE of 25 sovs. The winner to become the absolute property of the Club, and to be sold immediately after the race. Weight for age. Entrance 25s. Distance, 7 furlongs.
7. FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Winner of South Auckland Cup to carry 10lb extra. Winner of Tradesmen's Plate to carry 7lb extra. Penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, 6 furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

1. CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Nomination 10s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 1 mile.
2. HANDICAP HURDLES of 40 sovs. Over eight flights of 3ft 6in hurdles. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 2 miles.
3. WAIKATO PRODUCE STAKES, 1891-92, of 60 sovs., added to a sweepstake of 2 sovs. each, 1 sov. ft., or no liability if declared by 8 o'clock p.m. on the night of general entry for the Summer Meeting, 1891; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb. The forfeit (1 sov.) to be declared and paid to the Secretary by 12 noon on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stakes. Closed with 27 subscribers. Distance, 6 furlongs.
4. PUBLICAN'S PURSE HANDICAP of 50 sovs. £5 out of stakes to go to second horse. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 30s. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.
5. SOUTH AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 70 sovs. £5 out of stakes to go to second horse. Nomination, 30s.; acceptance, 35s. Distance, about 3 miles.
6. COUNTY PLATE HANDICAP of 20 sovs. For horses the bona fide property, for three months previous to entry, of settlers in Waipa, Waikato, Raglan, Piako, and Ohinemuri. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 10s. Distance, 1 mile.
7. RAILWAY STAKES HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, 6 furlongs.
8. WELTER HANDICAP of 30 sovs. £5 out of stakes to go to second horse. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, 1 mile and a distance.

CONDITIONS.

Nominations for Maiden Plate Handicap, Handicap Maiden Hurdles, South Auckland Cup Handicap, First Handicap Steeplechase, Tradesmen's Plate Handicap, Flying Stakes Handicap, Christmas Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Publican's Purse, South Auckland Steeplechase Handicap, County Plate Handicap, Railway Stakes Handicap, and Welter Handicap, to be made to the secretary, Hamilton, before 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, 27th November, 1890.

Weights for Maiden Plate, Handicap Maiden Hurdles, South Auckland Cup, First Steeplechase, Tradesmen's Plate, Flying Stakes, Handicap Hurdles, County Plate and Welter Handicap, to appear on or about WEDNESDAY, 2nd December.

Acceptances to be declared before 9 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 9th December.

Weights for Christmas Handicap, Publican's Purse, Railway Stakes and South Auckland Steeplechase, to appear on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 8.30 p.m.

Acceptances for Christmas Handicap, Publican's Purse, Railway Stakes and South Auckland Steeplechase to be declared before 9.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, 18th December.

Nominations for Novel Race and first forfeit (20s.) Waikato Produce Stakes, together with acceptance (10s. 6d.) to be made to the Secretary, before 9 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 9th December (day of general entry).

Waikato Produce Stakes, second forfeit, to be declared by 12 noon on FRIDAY, 18th December, or nominator will be liable for the whole stake.

Five per cent. to be deducted from all stakes to go to improvement of course.

No nominations or acceptances will be received on any pretence whatever after the hour named, or without being accompanied with the necessary amount of cash.

Attention of owners is particularly called to this regulation. Any jockey riding except in the colours entered will be fined three sovs.

Performances and description of horses and riders' colours to be sent in with all nominations or acceptances.

Mr. H. H. Hayr, of Auckland, is authorised to receive nominations, etc.

WAIKATO SIRE'S PRODUCE STAKES 1893-94 (for now foals out of mares the bona fide property at time of service of settlers in the five counties of Raglan, Waipa, Waikato, Piako and Ohinemuri) of 65 sovs., added to a sweepstake of 2 sovs. each; 1 sov. forfeit or no liability if declared by 8 o'clock on the night of general entry for summer meeting 1893; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes, and owner of winner's sire to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For two-year-olds—colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb. The forfeit (1 sov.) to be declared and paid to the Sec-

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retary by 12 noon on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stakes. Nomination (with 21s.) to be made to the Secretary on or before 9 p.m., on WEDNESDAY, December 7th, 1891. Distance, 6 furlongs. No nominations receivable except for foals got by entirees whose owners are subscribers of 5 guineas to the funds.

G. H. CARTER,
Hon. Secretary.

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.
- NURSERY 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.

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