

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

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| Nov. 26, 28, 30, Dec. 1. | Dunedin J.C. Spring Meeting |
| Nov. 28, 30 | Wellington R.C. Meeting |
| Nov. 28 | Takapuna Jockey Club Spring Meeting |
| Dec. 5 | Onahunga Racing Club |
| Dec. 13 | Avondale Jockey Club |
| Dec. 18, 19 | South Auckland Racing Club |
| Dec. 25 | Heathcote Racing Club |
| Dec. 26 | Hawke's Bay J.C. Summer |
| Dec. 26 | Northern Wairoa Racing Club |
| Dec. 26 | Alexandra Race Meeting |
| Dec. 28, 29 | Manawatu R.C. Summer |
| Dec. 28 | Waipawa County R.C. Summer |
| Dec. 28 | Drury Racing Club |
| Dec. 28 | Taranaki Jockey Club |
| Dec. 29 | Otorohanga Race Meeting |
| Dec. 26, Jan. 1, 2 | A.R.C. Summer Meeting |
| Dec. 29 | Auckland Trotting Club |
| Jan. 1 | Napier Park Racing Club |
| Jan. 8, 9 | Whangarei County Racing Club |
| Jan. 9 | Auckland Trotting Club |
| Jan. 12, 13 | Poverty Bay Turf Club |
| Jan. 16 | Onahunga Racing Club. Summer |
| Jan. 19, 20 | Gisborne Summer Meeting |
| Jan. 22, 23 | Wellington R.C. Summer |
| Jan. 23 | Onslow Trotting Club—summer |
| Jan. 30 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Jan. 29, 30 Feb. 6. | Takapuna Jockey Club Summer Meeting |
| Feb. 8, 4 | Nelson Jockey Club |
| Feb. 13 | Otago Trotting Club |
| Feb. 17, 18 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Feb. 24, 25, 27 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Feb. 27 | Lake Racing Club |
| Mar. 3, 4 | Wanganui Jockey Club |
| Mar. 17, 19 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| Mar. 23, 24 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Mar. 23, 24 | Napier Park Racing Club |
| Apr. 18, 19 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Apr. 18, 19 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Apr. 25, 30 | Wellington Racing Club |
| May 24, 25 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| May 24 | Takapuna Jockey Club Winter Meeting |
| June 4, 6 | Auckland Racing Club |
| June 24 | Hawke's Bay J.C., Winter |
| July 9 | Wellington Racing Club |

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

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| Nov. 27 | Auckland Trotting Club |
| Nov. 27 | South Auckland Racing Club |
| Dec. 1 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| Dec. 9 | South Auckland Racing Club Entries |
| Dec. 11 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Dec. 18 | Auckland Trotting Club |
| Dec. 19 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Dec. 24 | Onahunga Summer meeting |
| Jan. 2, 16 | Nelson Jockey Club |
| Jan. 5 | Wellington Racing Club general entries |
| Jan. 8 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Jan. 8, 15 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Jan. 12 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Autumn |
| Jan. 16, 23 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Jan. 21 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Jan. 23 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Feb. 5 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Feb. 12 | Lake Racing Club |
| Feb. 13 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Mar. 1 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Autumn |
| Mar. 1, 12, 25 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Mar. 4 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Mar. 8 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Apr. 1, 14, 20 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Apr. 4 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Apr. 8, 22 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Apr. 9 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| May 10 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| May 10 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Winter |
| May 27 | Auckland Racing Club |
| June 5, 27 | Wellington Racing Club |
| June 17 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| June 20 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| July 25 | Canterbury Jockey Club |

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

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| Nov. 28 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Nov. 30 | Onahunga Spring |
| Nov. 28 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Nov. 27 | Northern Wairoa Racing Club |
| Dec. 2, 18 | South Auckland Racing Club |
| Dec. 8, 21, 28 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Dec. 8 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| Jan. 1 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Jan. 8 | Onahunga Summer |
| Jan. 9 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Jan. 4, 8, 12, 22 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Jan. 11 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Jan. 16 | Nelson Jockey Club |
| Jan. 25 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Feb. 3, 24, 26 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Feb. 4, 17 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Feb. 16 | Lake Racing Club |
| Mar. 7, 28 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Mar. 17 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| Mar. 19 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Apr. 4, 18, 18 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Apr. 8, 18 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Apr. 20, 29 | Wellington Racing Club |
| May 8, 24 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| May 10, 30 | Auckland Racing Club |
| June 4 | Auckland Racing Club |
| June 8 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| June 25, 30 | Wellington Racing Club |

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

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| Dec. 1 | Onahunga Spring |
| Dec. 3 | Northern Wairoa R.C. |
| Dec. 9, 18 | South Auckland Racing Club |
| Dec. 11, 18, 30 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Dec. 14 | Taranaki Jockey Club |
| Dec. 15 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| Dec. 31 | Onahunga Summer |
| Jan. 15, 20 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Jan. 15, 28 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Jan. 21 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Jan. 23 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Jan. 28, Feb. 3, 4 | Nelson Jockey Club |
| Feb. 5 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Feb. 11, 17 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Feb. 19 | Lake Racing Club |
| Feb. 22, 24 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Mar. 1, 14, 17 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| Mar. 12, 23 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Apr. 1, 14, 18 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Apr. 8, 14, 18 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Apr. 25 | Wellington Racing Club |
| May 10, 24 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| May 20 | Auckland Racing Club |
| June 1, 4 | Auckland Racing Club |
| June 17 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club |
| June 1, 6 | Wellington Racing Club |

GENERAL NOTICES.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1891.

THE Auckland Racing Club Committee have at last come to a final resolution regarding pony and trotting races. At their meeting last Friday they passed the following resolutions:—

That in view of the position taken up by the Metropolitan Conference in postponing the consideration of the question of trotting and pony races until the Conference of the Metropolitan Clubs in July, 1892, the committee of the A.R.C. have passed the following resolutions:—

1. That a pony race shall be allowed in the programme of each day of a meeting, and the stake given shall count as part of the added money.
2. That at any meeting a second or third pony race may be allowed in the programme, but the stakes given shall not be counted in the added money.
3. That the Auckland Racing Club take no cognizance of trotting races.
4. That any jockey, trainer, or owner taking part in any race, flat race, hurdle race, or steeplechase at any unregistered meeting will be disqualified by the Auckland Racing Club.

We are quite in accordance with resolutions one and two. It is what we have advocated all along in the SPORTING REVIEW, and we are sincerely glad that the question has at last been settled. There is another important matter that has not been arranged. That is what is to be done with the ponies that ran at the Otahuhu Trotting Meeting. They have been disqualified. It is *on dit* that they are to be fined £10 and the disqualification removed, but those that ran at the Onslow Trotting Meeting are to be disqualified. This is manifestly unfair. The excuse, we believe, that is made is that they ran after the above resolutions had been passed. These resolutions were only passed on Friday afternoon and appeared in the paper the following morning a few hours before the races commenced; most likely many of the owners had never seen them. It would, therefore, be much better for the A.R.C. Committee to fine them also, but in future strictly enforce the second resolution. We shall then see pony racing properly carried out, and a good deal of the ill feeling that has existed will now cease.

Resolution 3, "that the Auckland Racing Club take no cognizance of trotting races," we think is wrong. The Committee perhaps are diffident in taking a leading part in this question, therefore hold aloof until the other clubs make some move regarding trotting races. As it now stands, any club can hold as many trotting races as they like on any course, the only question being, will they get the use of the totalisator? This, however, does not so much matter, as trotting races can be made to pay without the use of the machine. This is not as it should be. Trotting is a legitimate sport which has taken a firm hold in this colony. It is enjoyed by thousands, so it cannot be easily put a stop to, nor is there any reason why it should be, therefore it would be much better if the Metropolitan Clubs recognised it by assisting the New Zealand Trotting Association to carry out the sport legitimately. As it now is, and we have mentioned it before, any amount of rascality can be carried on, and when found out the persons who are warned off the trotting track can commence the same tactics at legitimate racing, owing to the Metropolitan Clubs ignoring trotting they will not confirm the disqualifications inflicted by the Trotting Association. Trotting for many years was at a low standard in England, but at last the National Trotting Club was formed, which was recognised by the Jockey Club and the National Hunt Club; now the sport is enjoyed by all classes, and "roping," "ringing the changes," etc., is seldom if ever attempted, as everyone knows the penalties attached to it. Our contemporary, the *Canterbury Times*, has taken this question up strongly, and if the other sporting papers will also take up this matter equally strongly, there is some chance of inducing the Metropolitan Clubs at the next Conference to acknowledge trotting. Then legitimate racing, trotting, and pony races will be brought under proper regulation. Then many of these mushroom or what may be called proprietary meetings will be put down, enabling every one to enjoy his particular class of sport without the danger of being robbed more than they are at what is called the legitimate game.

The fourth resolution might be altered with benefit to every one by adding "that any pony running at an unregistered meeting shall be disqualified." It is quite evident that the

A.R.C. Committee intended that such should be the case, but the wording is ambiguous, which it should not be, as it is difficult to trace the ownership of a pony.

ONSLow TROTTING CLUB.

THE above newly-formed Club held their first meeting at Potter's Paddock last Saturday. The weather was fine, but a fresh breeze blowing made it at times rather dusty. The attendance was large, notwithstanding the counter attractions of the Amateur Athletic Sports in the Domain, there being at least 1,200 persons on the ground, the grandstand and paddock being inconveniently crowded. Mr. Buckland, who had been appointed judge, was not present, so Mr. James Hayr filled his place, which was rather a sinecure, as there were no close finishes. Mr. E. P. Goldsbro', the secretary, worked hard, but he could not be everywhere, and he was not efficiently backed up. Mr. W. T. Davies was the clerk of the course. The handicappers, Messrs. Laurie, T. D. Halstead, and Quinlan, made the same mistake as all Auckland trotting handicappers do, that is giving too much start. It is quite impossible for the scratch horse to have a chance, especially as many of them have what you may call "the go as you please" style, and it is a track that a true trotter cannot make fast time over as it is too uneven. The horses that started in the different races were of a very mediocre character, there being only four or five true trotters amongst them, the first being Sandgate, whose day will soon come, as he gets over the ground at a good pace, and Maud S.; but neither of them have the true trotting gait, being more adapted for the road than the track. One thing must have astonished those that know anything of trotting. For the Handicap Trot of 70sovs, three miles, Rambuster, 50sec. won easily; Chili, 55sec, being second. They came out for the Selling Race, two and a-half miles, later in the afternoon, all horses being entered to be sold for nil. Maud S., the pony, won anyhow, Chili being second, Rambuster third. Rather a reversal of form, but no notice was taken of it, Maud S. being a great favourite. There were two protest during the afternoon. The first was against Scotchman for not trotting fairly in the first race. Much to the surprise of many the case was dismissed. Scotchman, as usual, came out with toe plates, knee pads, etc. He broke more than once, breaking badly in the last two hundred yards, and was not pulled down immediately. At the best he is only a "racker," and should never be entered for a trotting race. Both the second and third broke several times, especially towards the end of the race. Bess, 5sec, who passed the post fourth, should have got the race, as she trotted the fairest of any of them. The second protest was as regards the ownership of Red Rose, she being objected to as being the property of Greenwood, who has been disqualified for foul riding, but Mr. Hill proved that she had only been leased to him, so it also was dismissed. The results of the racing will be found in another column. The Committee have a good deal to learn before they make these races a success. In the first thing they must be more particular about the trotting, as a fair trotter does not stand much chance with the "go as you please" sort. It is the same fault with all the meetings at Potter's Paddock. There should be at least four judges that understand their business placed around the course to call out any that are not going fair. If this was done a few times one would see much fairer trotting. It would, at the same time, induce owners to get better horses, the trotters at present in Auckland are not worthy of the name, and would not suit a West End London butcher.

The races commenced forty minutes late, but the fields being small Mr. Goldsbro' was able to make up time, so all were able to get home in good time, the tram service being well worked. The results of the different events will be found in another column.

INDIAN RE-MOUNTS.

A LETTER appears in the SPORTING REVIEW of November 19th regarding Indian re-mounts, signed by T. Morris McLaughlin. There is a great deal of truth in what he says, at the same time there is much that will lead breeders astray. It is some years since I left the service