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Anything AND Everything

THE attraction of the week has been an excellent exhibition in the Choral Hall by the Auckland Academy of Art. This, the second annual show of the Society, is in every way a brilliant success. Although more pictures have been hung on other occasions, the quality of the present exhibition more than compensates for the quantity. It is something to say that out of about 100 paintings there is only one which should not have been hung, and probably found a place from a somewhat strained sense of politeness. The hall is beautifully decorated and excellent music provided by Mr. Burke's band. Many young ladies wistfully remarked that a dance under such conditions would be quite too lovely. Only for the dust which might injure the paintings, a ball would be a splendid wind up. Space will not allow us to criticise in detail the many fine paintings which everybody should see. Of course Mr. L. J. Steele's splendid and imaginative canvas representing the last stand of Captain Starlight is always surrounded by a throng of admirers. It is undoubtedly the finest work yet produced in Auckland. With one or two of the details fault may perhaps be found, but the *tout ensemble* is a triumph. By the way, a critic in one of our contemporaries talks about "Morning Mists," but the hour is that of sunset. Mr. Steele also exhibits "The Story of a Saddle" and his magnificent "Crucifixion," which one of our Catholic churches should endeavour to secure for an altar piece. As the exhibition does not close until Saturday evening we would beg our readers to notice especially the following catalogue numbers:—No. 5 by T. Ryan, No. 8 by J. D. Perritt, No. 10 Mr. Watkins' grand picture of a boar at bay, No. 20 by O'Keefe, No. 23 by C. F. Goldie, Nos. 24 and 25 by J. D. Perritt, No. 34 by C. F. Goldie, No. 49 by Watkins, No. 60 by Miss L. White, No. 63 by Rev. P. Walsh, No. 62 by C. Blomfield (one of the best pictures he has ever painted), No. 79 by K. Watkins (in his best manner), and No. 81 by J. D. Perritt. In searching out those gems the visitor will find many others which space will not allow us to particularise. The Art Union (tickets 10s.) is to be drawn on Friday evening.

BABY OGDEN lately gave some performances at the Princess Theatre, Dunedin, under Miss Georgie Smithson's management. "Georgie" is now a hotel proprietress in that city.

WIRTH'S circus has been receiving a considerable amount of support in Melbourne, where they have been giving day as well as evening performances.

SLAVIN has been offered 400 dollars per week to appear on the stage in opposition to John L. Sullivan, while Sullivan has challenged him to fight for the championship of the world in September next, and has deposited £500 as an earnest. Peter Jackson has also offered to fight Slavin for a purse of 10,000 dollars, put

up by the Californian Athletic Club and the latter is now on his way to San Francisco to negotiate with them.

MISS AMY VAUGHAN has spared neither time nor expense in preparation for her Southern tour, she having engaged the best available talent from Sydney and Melbourne, and their strong point is their pantomimes of "Black-eyed Susan" and "Little Monte Christo." The scenery has been specially prepared by Mr. N. H. Thornton (probably the best scenic artist in the colony), who has been a considerable time engaged in its preparation. After leaving Auckland Miss Vaughan's company open first at Gisborne on Boxing Night, and play there four nights. She then proceeds to Napier, where she is booked for a week. From thence she goes to Christchurch, and after appearing there she opens in Dunedin about a fortnight before the races. On her return journey she purposes appearing at Wellington and other towns. We hope Miss Vaughan's Amazons will have the success on their Southern venture they so thoroughly deserve.

Music & Drama

Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?

MISS HARDING'S concert last week was in every way a brilliant success. The Choral Hall looked quite gay with tasteful decorations of flags, flowers, and foliage, and the seats were filled by a large and appreciative audience. Miss Harding, with thoughtful kindness, had sent invitations to the inmates of the Institute for the Blind. It was a pathetic sight to see them so thoroughly enjoying the one great treat which they can share with those who have so many other pleasures in this beautiful world. An orchestra of young girls and boys numbering upwards of thirty-five, including first and second violins, viola, cello, contra-bass, flute, oboe, clarionets, drums, triangle, and piano. Under the firm and steady beat of Miss Harding, and the excellent lead of Miss Maude Harding, the youthful orchestra gave a selection from Verdi's "Travatore," in excellent tune and style, the incidental solos being capitably rendered. Mr. T. Jackson next sang Blumenthal's "My Queen." He was not quite in his best form, but had to bow his acknowledgments repeatedly to an audience who, like Oliver Twist, wanted more, and did not get it. The trio from Sterndale Bennett's "May Queen" was next effectively sung by Miss F. Harding and Messrs. G. Reid and Hudson. St. Quentin's "Pensioners' March," by the orchestra, followed, and was crisply and tunefully played, Miss Edith Harding's clarionette solos being especially good. Mrs. Burgess next sang "Guy Mannering," a quaint old gipsy song by Bishop, which admirably suited her rich contralto voice. Mr. A. L. Edwards followed with Adam's lovely song "The Garonne." I have never heard that gentleman in better form. In response to an undeniable encore he sang the pathetic old Scotch song "Douglas Gordon." Costa's swinging march

from "Eli," played with an *ensemble* and a vigour which quite surprised me, wound up the first part. After the interval the clever juvenile orchestra gave their best performance during the evening, a selection from Donizetti's "La Fille du Regiment." The young players quite revelled in the sparkling music. Solos for clarionette (Miss Edith Harding), flute (Master C. T. Harding), and oboe (Master J. Jackson), were taken up with a precision and rendered with such taste and firmness as to be truly remarkable. The duet between oboe and clarionette deserves similar praise, and the entire number reflected much glory on performers and trainer alike. Mr. G. M. Reid made a judicious selection in Lohr's "Margherita," which suited the singer "down to the ground." In response to a persistent encore Mr. Reid bowed his acknowledgments, but could not be persuaded to sing again. Owing to domestic affliction Miss Whitaker was unable to sing "Trene Liebe," assigned to her on the programme. Mrs. Kilgour, at very short notice, kindly substituted "Alla Stella," with a cello obligato played with refined taste and skill by Mr. J. A. Beale. Well as I have often heard Mrs. Kilgour sing, that lady on this occasion quite surpassed herself, and sang exquisitely. The audience coincided with my approval, and insisted upon an encore. Mrs. Kilgour sang the serio-comic ditty "Tit-for-Tat," which met with an equally enthusiastic reception. Mr. S. Jackson's clarionette solo from Verdi's "Ernani," was the finished and delightful performance one always expects from him, and another imperative encore followed the last notes. In response he gave an exquisitely dainty Danish Lied, with which Madame Bahnsen has often charmed my ear. The spinning-wheel quartette, from Flotow's "Marta," received a spirited rendering from Miss F. Harding, Mrs. Burgess, and Messrs. Brook and Chester. The voices were well balanced, and the *ensemble* excellent. Mr. Hudson, who has not yet quite recovered from his recent illness, sang Jude's "Young Brigade" in dashing style. One of Strauss' characteristic waltzes, "Journalisten," by the orchestra, concluded a wonderfully successful and pleasant concert. Miss Harding played all the accompaniments, and conducted and managed in splendid style. A special presentation of wreaths and garlands was made to her, and she thoroughly deserved such a recognition of her genius and perseverance. So much growing talent augurs well for our musical future.

To indulge in a little mild blow. Auckland may well be proud of her musical resources. To begin with, we are sending two companies composed entirely of local talent on provincial tours. The Auckland Concert Company, with Mrs. Kilgour, Miss Rimmer, Mr. T. M. Jackson, Mr. Percy Dufaur, Mr. S. Jackson, Mr. Arthur Eady, and Mr. Alf. Bartley, will do us credit wherever they perform. It would be difficult to imagine a stronger combination. Then we must not forget Miss Amy Vaughan and her compact band of Amazons, who are about to sally forth to conquer other worlds, and will doubtless find innumerable victims to their bows and spears. The two burlesques, "Aladdin" and "Monte Christo," with perhaps "Black-eyed Susan," and certainly some splendid variety work form a strong and attractive repertoire.

THE Hugo Star Minstrels drew only moderate houses during their short season, but will, I feel sure, meet with better luck in the district tour they have inaugurated. In Miss Maggie Masters the company have secured a variety artist of great cleverness and promise.

"EVANGELINE," with our favourite Miss Liddiard, opens on Boxing night at the Opera House. Leon Driver is drawing good houses at Christchurch.

THE Auckland Choral Society will perform the "Messiah" on Tuesday next, with a good caste of soloists, including Miss Murray, who made such a good impression at the orchestral concert.

MISS AMY VAUGHAN had a good house on Saturday, and the performance was a great success. Look out for that young lady's benefit. ORPHEUS.

PINE ISLAND REGATTA.

THE regatta was rendered little less than a fiasco by the unsatisfactory and apparently haphazard manner in which the starting and finishing posts were laid off. The course itself was left altogether undefined, except when the umpire gave a specific direction, as he did in some cases to row between the beacon off Hellyer's Creek and the Hellyer's Wharf. The current runs hard up this side of the river, causing whirlpools and eddies, which entirely takes the way off the boats, and strikes Pine Island, doubling back and ebbing hard down the western shore. A notable example of the unfairness of the course was afforded in the Maiden under 10st. The West End crew had the western station, and in the first dozen strokes No. 2 broke the blade short off his oar. The boat, being stroked on starboard side, was of course pulled round into the ebb, and in spite of rowing only three oars, swept rapidly away from the other competitors—an impossible feat under equal conditions!—who were struggling hard against a four-knot stream. The Ponsonby crew saw the advantage the West End had gained, and followed them into the favourable water. These crews distanced those rivals who rowed the course prescribed by the umpire.

Maiden Whaleboats.—Waitemata, 1; City, 2. Hollow race. Waitemata had the pace and endurance, and took the lead as soon as they wanted it, and won by as much as they liked. This was a fearful exhibition of every fault imaginable, not even time being kept.

Maiden under 10st.—West End, 1; Ponsonby, 2 (these crews finished outside the marks); St. George's, 3. Winning crew won with three oars. The race was shorn of all interest from reasons set out above. The winning crew, although they rowed fairly well together, lacked dash, and contented themselves with using the slides only, without any body work. Ponsonby rowed gamely, with a very fast stroke, but the sliding was very faulty. St. George's exhibited best "form," rowing a clean stroke (with exception of stroke, who finished in the air), with plenty of swing. Stroke appeared to be out of condition and unable to set his men enough work. North Shore crew rowed well together and made a very creditable show. They lost several strokes through being pressed by other boats.

Junior-Senior.—Ponsonby, 1; Waitemata, 2. The latter was quite out-classed—the winning crew, really a first-class lot, rowing well together. No. 3 and stroke were originally in the crew selected to compete in the Championship. From the start the result could not be doubted, and the race was practically won at first half mile.

Champion Gigs, two miles.—Auckland, 1 (finished outside the marks); Waitemata, 2; St. George's, 3. This race was spoiled altogether by the bungling way the course was laid out. To begin with, the distance was barely one and a half miles (instead of two), a fact which told very materially against St. George's, who relied to a very large degree upon form to pull them through. The boats at the finish were spread over an expanse of water about one and a half miles wide, and the angle at which the posts were fixed gave a considerable advantage to the westernmost boat, the Auckland more especially, as it finished considerably wide of the mark. An examination

of the course showed that the boat that first passed the line of finish had rowed a considerably shorter distance than the Waitemata and St. George's, and the popular opinion is that Waitemata had won as fairly as ever crew could win. The start was very tedious, the boats being at the post a considerable time before being got off, Waitemata apparently having the best of it. They went off with their usual dash, rowing at 44, Auckland about the same, St. George's 40. The first named drew away at once, and very soon left St. George's, who were between them and Auckland, a length behind. At the half mile, bow side of Auckland boat seemed to get the better of stroke side, the boat being driven to the west side of the river, followed by West End—City and Poverty Bay dropping behind from the jump. Meanwhile Waitemata and St. George's were fighting out a duel in mid-stream. Waitemata rowed in much better form than ever before displayed by them. Their stroke at three-quarter mile was a little over 40, St. George's 34. At the mile Waitemata had increased their lead to two lengths, when St. George's quickened slightly, and abreast of the Hellyer's Wharf made a gallant effort, succeeding in reaching the leaders' rudder. From here out it was a ding-dong race, each crew alternately making a slight advantage, Waitemata's stroke quickening up to 44 and St. George's about 38. The finish was reached in 8min. 37secs.—conclusive proof of the shortness of the course. In the last quarter mile bow of Waitemata boat appeared a good deal distressed, looking out of the boat and rolling. No. 3 rowed a splendid race, responding to every spurt set by stroke. Jervis, the stroke of St. George's, rowed a splendid race with great dash, and had he been better supported by No. 2 the result would have been closer. The latter spoiled his crew by looking at his oar for almost the whole of the last half mile; he was also catching late and rolling. Bow and No. 3 rowed very game and hard, and were too strong for the other side. The Auckland and West End were so far away that the details of their rowing were not properly seen. The Auckland crew was not rowing together, and every man used just as much of his slide as he pleased. The effect was that each oar formed a different angle to the line of progression. Bow has a shocking habit of rowing with a kink in his inside arm. No. 2 did not appear strong enough for the rest of the crew. No. 3 is a tower of strength, but wants coaching. He does not put enough body work into his stroke, nor does he swing straight. Stroke rows very game, but his sliding is defective; the whole crew double over the oars and rush the slides. It will be interesting to see the various crews compete again—we hope in January, at the Anniversary Regatta.

Maiden Gigs.—St. George's, 1; Ponsonby, 2; Waitemata, 3. This race was St. George's from the start; their form was good, and they had any amount of strength. Their stroke was very slow, not more than 30.

Senior under 10st.—City, 1; West End, 2. City won after the first three-quarter mile, rowing well together and losing West End.

Junior Gigs.—Three started. Ponsonby, who had previously won the Junior-Senior race, won by a length from St. George's, North Shore third. The race was a level one up to the first mile, when Ponsonby drew away, rowing well and strong. No. 3 in St. George's lasted grandly, and rowed a strong oar at the finish.

Senior Whaleboats.—Three started, Poverty Bay being scratched. This was the best race of the day. North Shore got away with a half length lead, Waitemata and West End level for the first half mile, when Waitemata spurted up to the North Shore, and the two boats were locked for nearly half a mile. Waitemata drew away and North Shore again drew up; a ding-dong race resulted in Waitemata winning by three-quarters of a length, West End a length behind North Shore.

Junior Gigs, under 10st., 1½ miles.—A pretty race, the three starters being abreast for three-quarters of a mile, when North Shore and St. George's left City. At one mile St. George's stroke showed signs of distress and North Shore got a length away. After passing Hellyer's Creek, Gordon, recovering a bit, made a plucky effort and got almost on level terms with the Shore, who spurted in response, and

won by three quarters of a length. City struck the beacon and capsized.

In the Sculling Race there was practically only one man, Keefe rowing powerfully and winning as he liked.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

THE Avondale Jockey Club held their Summer Meeting last Saturday. They were rather unlucky in the weather, as about half-past twelve o'clock the tail of a thunderstorm broke over Auckland, extending to the course. This prevented many from turning out for the first two races, but it afterwards cleared up, and the attendance was about 900 to 1000 during the afternoon. The soil at Avondale is very tenacious, which made getting about the lawn and saddling paddock during the commencement of the races unpleasant, while the horses that came unprovided with plates had some difficulty in keeping their feet. There was nothing to be found fault with in either Mr. Halstead's handicapping or starting. There were some very close finishes, especially in the Avondale Cup, when the outsider Tulloch got home a short head from Leorina; Ingorina close up. There was some fiddling at the post in some of the races, but this was partly owing to some of the jockeys being anxious to get away while others were not. The stewards who were present did all they could to make the meeting a success, and it was pleasing to see the prompt way they called upon McMinamin to explain his riding of Antic. This jockey has several times lately had complaints made against him for his riding in various races, but as neither the objection to him for his riding in the Spring Handicap at the Onehunga meeting or this race has been decided, I will refrain from going into it. Mr. H. H. Hayr, as secretary, though he was far from well and suffering a good deal, tried all he could to make the meeting a success, but he could not rule the weather. The committee would do well to get the stand covered, as when it rained there was hardly a dry spot, and the ladies who had not carriages or umbrellas, looked very miserable until the sun came out and partly dried their clothes. Hunter's band was in attendance, who helped to enliven the proceedings. The fields ruled small; but that is not to be wondered at considering the amount of racing and the hardness of the training ground. The first race, owing to the rain, was forty-five minutes late in starting, but Mr. Halstead picked it all up before the finish, and it is hoped he will be made starter for all the meetings in the Auckland district, as he is by far the best we have seen for a long time, and he is getting control of the jockeys. It is quite time that some of them were brought into order. £2351 was put through the machines.

The first event was the Maiden Plate, for which six started. Morion was made a great favourite, and justified his backers' confidence, as he waited on Antic, Jessica and Lorace until rounding the bend for home, when he moved up. Once fairly in the straight he came away, and won in a canter from Antic, 7st 5lb; Jessica, 6st 7lb, third. Brian Boru, 6st 12lb; Lorace, 7st 11lb (5lb overweight), and Transit, 6st 7lb, also ran.

Only four started for the Handicap Hurdle race. Colonel, 11st 4lb, 1; Barshot, 9st 3lb, 2; Tommy, 9st 2lb (and 2lb over), 3. Yardman, 9st, also ran. At the fall of the flag Yardman and Barshot made the running for rather more than a mile, Tommy and the Colonel waiting. On rounding the bend they began to move up. Entering the straight Yardman was done with, and the Colonel, coming away, won easily by four lengths: Barshot second; Tommy third. The latter having no plates on slipped about a good deal.

All five acceptors started for the Avondale Cup, 1½ miles. Tulloch, 6st 7lb, 1; Leorina, 9st 6lb, 2; Ingorina, 9st 2lb, 3. Warrior, 7st 4lb; and Ida, 6st 12lb, also ran. The flag fell to a good start, Warrior being the first to show in front, but was soon pulled back, leaving Ida to make the running; Ingorina and Tulloch next; Leorina last. In this order they passed the stand and down the back of the course, where Tulloch went to the front and forced the pace; Ingorina second. Ida was here done with. At the turn for home Leorina began to

mend her position. When fairly in the straight the three were altogether, and a slashing race ensued, the light weight holding his own, won by a short head, half a length between second and third, Warrior pulling up, passed the post last.

Octopus had no difficulty of disposing of Flint, 7st 3lb, for the Selling Race, and was bought in by his owner for £52.

Five faced the starter for the Steeplechase. Hopeful Kate, 11st 4lb, 1; the Colonel, 11st, 2; Tommy, 9st 7lb, 3. Neck or Nothing, 9st 10lb, and Yardman, 9st 7lb, also ran. At the fall of the flag Yardman and Neck or Nothing made play at a slow pace in advance of Hopeful Kate and Tommy, the Colonel lying off last. There was very little change until going down the back of the course the second time, when Hopeful Kate went to the front, and increased the pace. At the back of the course the last time Tommy ran into second place, and the Colonel began to move up. The pace now was very good, and before entering the straight had told on Yardman and Neck or Nothing. The Colonel then came in earnest, passed Tommy, but could never reach Hopeful Kate, who won cleverly by three lengths; a neck between second and third. It was the opinion of many that if the Colonel had come a little sooner, and not allowed Hopeful Kate to get so far away from him, he might have won, as he is a fast horse but not a good stayer.

Only three came to the post for the Stewards' Handicap, resulting as follows: Tulloch, 6st 9lb, 1; Leorina, 9st 4lb, 2; Ida, 7st, 3. They got away to a good start, Leorina showing the way, closely followed by Tulloch. At the bend for home Ida ran up to the leaders, but soon fell back beaten. Tulloch led into the straight, and half way up looked to be winning easily, but Taylor, on Leorina, coming with a rush, nearly got up; but Tulloch, answering to the call of Davis, got home by a length; Ida a bad third.

The Pony Race brought out seven. Romeo, 7st 7lb, winning by three lengths from Antic, 10st 9lb; and Sepoy, 8st 7lb, who ran a dead heat for second place. Fusilier, 8st 4lb; Rakau, 6st 9lb; Coquette, 6st 7lb; and Gipsy, 6st 7lb, were the other starters. There was a good deal of fiddling at the post, some of the jockeys apparently being disinclined to get away. An objection to the rider of Antic has not been decided at the time of writing.

Seven came out for the Flying Stakes, the race resulting as follows: St. Clements, 6st 10lb, 1; Vieux-Rose, 7st 12lb, 2; Octopus, 7st 12lb, 3. Helen McGregor, 7st 9lb; Bon Voyage, 7st 7lb; Lorace, 6st 10lb, and Kupe, 6st 9lb, also ran. The flag fell to a good start; Octopus jumping off with the lead, which he maintained to the distance, when he was passed by St. Clements, who won easily by half a dozen lengths, Octopus pulling up on the post.

This brought the meeting to a close, and all arrived in town in good time.

RANDOM RACING REMARKS.

[BY PEGASUS.]

THE Auckland Cup of '91 will offer a strange display of funny sights. *Hilda* will be seen holding the *Queen of Trumps* very safe, and waiting to "Bobbett" down; a *Brigand* will be observed, kicked behind by a *Fraternite*. There will be a male creature as "*Le belle of ze ball*," and a *Dreamer* buried by the *Patchwork* (quilt). *Leorina* will be seen running with her *Pinfire* but never a *Cartridge* is there on hand; but the most wonderful sight of all will be the *British Lion* going as hard as he can with a *Coalscuttle* on his tail.

The above was perpetrated by one who was returning from the Whau—no, I mean Avondale—races on Saturday last. At least I understood he was from the races. I thought, however, that he belonged to a large brick or stone residence out there, and ought to be going home to it—the reverse way to which he was travelling.

I am afraid if racegoers who visit the Whau—ah, there again, Avondale—races come home in such a mental state as that, it will be necessary, in the public interest, for the A.R.C. to discontinue the license of the above club.

But perhaps there may have been some "method in his madness" of which we are ignorant.

ON STARTING.

Next to the handicapper is the important office of starter. Like handicapping, nearly everyone thinks he would make a good starter. But this is just as great a fallacy as the fancy of many people that they can make a handicap. It is a difficult matter to get a starter free from some reason or other for letting horses get away with an uneven start. The starting at Takapuna and Otahuhu was worth going a long way not to see. Still I do not for a moment think the starter made these uneven starts for any personal gain or from any unworthy motive. Quite the reverse. Men in business, especially those who have to keep late hours can not (although they think so themselves) be as strong in the nerves as they otherwise would. And we know that a starter, to be successful, must be possessed of wonderful nerve and tact; the latter quality being in great part dependent upon the former. Seeing how the public grumble at bad starting, more care will have to be exercised by clubs in future when appointing this officer. How often has a race been won by half a length where the second horse got fully a length the worst of the start. What a huge difference depends then upon the start, whether it be good or bad. The more we think of this the more do we feel called upon to draw the attention of racing clubs to the importance of this appointment. I would suggest that several persons should be chosen, and each one's starting judged. Then, when one has been selected, that person should be appointed by all the clubs, both Metropolitan and Suburban, to start for every race meeting. The public could then depend on good starting at all the meetings. More anon.

How does Ma Boughal look for the Maiden Plate and Welter at the South Auckland races to-morrow?

Barshot reads a "moral" for the Maiden Hurdles.

Who said Dolosa couldn't win the South Auckland Cup? Well, look out, then!

The following read well for the Thames races:—Bulrush in the Maiden Plate; Try Fluke in the Hurdles; Ma Boughal in the Cup; and Platch in the Steeples.

Justice is pretty well a "dead bird" (on the score of weights) for the South Auckland Steeplechase. Perhaps he may wait for the Ellerslie event.

The S.A. Hurdle Race should be rather interesting. I can't pick it. Can you? Capella should not be quite out of it at the finish if she doesn't fall.

Priscilla ought to go "very near" winning the Flying Stakes; and Antic should get first in the County Plate next Friday at Claudelands.

I trust the patrons of racing will not forget to subscribe liberally to the fund being raised for the jockey Tommy Hodson. He has the rare reputation of a thoroughly straight going rider, and it is to be hoped that the public will remember the fact when giving their "mites" to such a worthy object.

AUCKLAND CUP.

The acceptances for this event are to hand, and I find that the list, in a manner, bears out what I "remarked" last week, viz., that "the handicap was not such a grand one when closely inspected as it appeared at first sight." It does seem a pity that we can only get eleven acceptors for a six hundred pound prize, and only a very few of the "classics" at that. *Hilda*, 8st 11lbs, now heads the list, and it seems like tautology to say a great deal about her—we hear it so often. All my confreres fancy her "muchly." I am not quite so sanguine, but must give her a place. *British Lion*, 8st 5lb, comes next, and although he won the N.Z. Cup with 6st 11lb, still it must be borne in mind that he now carries 22lb more weight, and furthermore, being an old horse, it is quite likely he will find the track much drier and harder than then, which may not be the "best thing out" for an old horse's legs. He may perhaps squeeze into a place.

Fraternite, 7st 13lb, although he won the Wanganui Derby, etc., will find the company rather "fast." He should, however, beat *Brigand* at 7st 9lb.

Lebel, 7st 7lb, is a great fancy of mine for the event, and I opine that whatever beats him should win. His second to *Freedom* in the Canterbury Cup proves his ability to "get" the distance.

Queen of Trumps, 7st, would, I fancy, prefer

a shorter journey, and I incline to the belief that although she is the *Queen* the right and left bower and ace are in the pack to beat her.

The *Dreamer*, 7st, will find himself out-classed. In any case I should say a mile and a half would be more about his "height."

Leorina, 7st, is well treated in weight, but I doubt her ability to "stay" and finish in the company. A heavier weight would not have troubled her any the more.

Patchwork, 6st 10lb, is "thrown in," but is such a "scamp" that one is afraid to speak about his chances almost. Should he "take a fright at himself" and run away, it would not surprise me to see his light weight helping him home into first place. Meanwhile we will reserve him as a "surprise party."

Coalscuttle, 6st 9lb, I cannot recommend at any price.

Next week I shall deal with the Steeplechase, and I find I shall then be in time to make a final Cup selection, which readers can expect to see in next issue.

On New Year's Day, the great sprint race, the Carrington Stakes, over a six-furlong track, is run at Randwick. Herein *Marvel* has been allotted 10st 12lb to try and anchor him; and even then I cannot find a thing in the six stone division that could stretch his neck. If he accept he will make the pace a cracker. If called on to select a half dozen to furnish the winner, I would select *The Gift*, 8st 6lb; *Prelude*, 8st 10lb; *St. Blaize*, 8st 2lb; *Markee*, 7st 8lb; *Trieste*, 7st 6lb; and *Marvel*, 10st 12lb. Other good 'uns are *Tridentine*, *Hero*, *Elymas*, *Dan O'Connell*, *Mitre*, *Empire*, and the *Rebel*.

On the following day is run *Tattersalls' Club Cup*, two miles. The handicap is a good one, and if any have a slight advantage they are as follow:—*Correze*, 8st 9lb; *Yowi*, 6st 9lb; *Sunshine*, 7st; and *Magnus*, 7st. Others that ought to be "in it" are *Tiraille*, 9st; *Scots Grey*, 8st 2lb; *St. Blaize*, 7st 9lb; *Rover*, 7st 4lb; *Theodore*, 7st 2lbs; *Sir Anthony*, 7st; *Wandsworth*, 6st 6lb; and *Empire*, 6st 4lb. Of course there are heavy penalties attached to a win, and it is next to impossible for one horse to win the double; should the acceptance lists be to hand in time I shall try my hand at a final selection before the dates of issue.

The V.R.C. Champion Stakes should be an interesting race this time. What a surprise if *Carbine* should win it.

The ever-grumbling public thought there was more than one *Antic* going on in the *Avondale Pony Race* last Saturday. Perhaps it was a disappointed backer who made the *sally* on the *Auckland Cup* referred to above. I may say I selected *Romeo* in my last week's tips solely on the score of weight. Let *Antic* be ever so good he must be a "howler" to give a good pony like *Romeo* three stone and two pounds and expect to beat him. I'll take him against *Antic* if the £100 challenge is taken up.

"A straw will turn a bullet," they say, and a horse's nose destroyed my tip for the *Avondale Cup*. Close shaving.

Next week I shall have a heavy "contract" to pick the A.R.C., as well as the *Trotting Club* events. I am hoping to get a 75 per cent. dividend by selecting three-fourths of the winners.

Many persons, including myself, would be glad to know the "ins and outs" of the circumstances which cause so many omissions in the acceptance lists that appear before the public. Last year we had quite a surfeit of paragraphs in the papers, some two days after the acceptances, saying that "so-and-so had been omitted from such-and-such a race." Already this season several cases of the disease have made their appearance, and naturally we are anxious to know "why this is thus." Surely if the secretaries of clubs attend thoroughly to their duties and keep their books properly, no such errors or omissions could possibly occur. I hope I shall not have occasion to again refer to this matter, and that secretaries will place themselves outside the "bounds of suspicion" by carefully avoiding such mistakes in the future. The racing public, like the sharemarket, is a very sensitive party, and when such omissions appear, they are ever ready to say unkind things, which things must tend greatly to the disparagement of racing affairs generally.

Most all the turf scribes but "Pegasus" have been "doing" the stables round about. Perhaps he may receive an invitation some day later on.

I must congratulate Mr. E. D. Halstead on

the finishes generally at Avondale. The acceptance list for the A.T.C. events must also be highly gratifying to that gentleman. Although of opinion that some of his compilations are "thrown" together rather hurriedly at times and little errors creep in, still no person can accuse him of weight-juggling, which I have before "remarked" upon, and which is so common amongst so-called handicappers.

I hear that the Pukekohe, Mauku, and neighbouring clubs have agreed to amalgamate and form one good club. This is as it should be. I expect to see their advertisement shortly in the SPORTING REVIEW.

NAPIER SPORTING CHAT.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

December 10, 1891.

MESSRS. COHEN AND STOCK, the well-known totalisator proprietors, will have six machines going at races in various parts of the North Island on Boxing Day—two at Hastings, one at Palmerston North, one at New Plymouth, and one at Mohaka.

Strephon (Ingomar—Elphin) is to be given a short spell.

Mr. Jas. Munn, formerly trainer for Mr. Donnelly, is now in Sydney, but I have not heard of him dropping into a billet. I don't think he will be long out of collar.

Tireur, Tirailleur's full brother, being by Nordenfeldt—Florence Macarthy, will sport silk for the first time at the H.B. Jockey Club's Boxing Day meeting. On his breeding he has been allotted top weight (8.8). The limit horse is Starlight (Ariel—Rangipo), who has 7st.

The officials of the Waipawa County Racing Club instructed the secretary, Mr. E. Gray, to write to the committee of the Metropolitan Club (the H.B.J.C.) the other day, asking if they could not pay the new Government tax of 1½ per cent. out of the ordinary 10 per cent., instead of charging the public 11½ per cent. in all. In reply Mr. D. Luckie stated that it was not possible for his committee to allow such a deviation from the course adopted by clubs since the tax came into operation, inasmuch as the rules of the totalisator at present in force distinctly laid down that the Government tax was to be first deducted from the dividend, and the ordinary 10 per cent. to be computed upon the balance. I understand that the committee of the Waipawa Club were anxious to pay the tax out of their own funds—a resolution to that effect being carried unanimously—but the Metropolitan Club decreed that it could not be, and the country club's effort to secure additional popularity was consequently unsuccessful.

It is stated that so dissatisfied is Mr. W. Douglas with the manner in which his horses have been handicapped in the North Island of late, that his colours will not appear on a race-course next year. Mr. Douglas is one of the very few genuine sporting men we have in the colony, and it is to be hoped that this contemplated step on his part will not be taken.

It has been stated here that the connections of the Hastings horse Medjidie, did not back him when he went out at 10 to 1 and won the Mentone Handicap (Victoria), but I hear privately that the stable had their little bit on the son of St. Leger—Rosette.

A handicapper is generally fixed upon as an object to throw literary mud at by sporting scribes, but sometimes their mud-throwing is provoked by the issue of weight compilations palpably bad on the face of them. Criticism is always healthy, though, if written in a fair and impartial manner, and should be taken in a proper spirit by handicappers, who soon seem to get impervious to hard knocks. I cannot say that I like Mr. Evett's adjustment for the Summer Handicap, of one and a half miles, to be run at the Jockey Club's Boxing Day meeting. I know that it was produced during a time of sickness, but I don't think that a sufficient reason for the mistakes made. Cynisca (Apremont—Nautilus) is an unmistakable mile and a-half, and is a good mare entitled to her weight; but Rosefeldt (Nordenfeldt—Rose d'Amour) cannot have a show to win with 8.4, when one examines the weights of those below her. For instance, Huerfana (Vasco di Gama Sydney), who is an older mare and has eight pounds less, could beat her easily over a mile and a-half at the weights, and I would not mind backing Krina (Foul

Play—Katie Ferguson), who won the double at Wellington the other day (the second day with 8.5. up), to beat her at a difference of five pounds. Free Lance (St. George—Becky Sharp) should not be entitled to 7st 10lb—the same weight as his stable companion Thane (Sword Dance—Lady Mersey) who ran second in the New Zealand Cup; but the handicapper is probably frightened of giving Free Lance less weight, he being an unknown quantity over the distance. Link (Mute—Swiveline) has only three pounds less than Thane, and I was not surprised to see her scratched. Kapua (Mute—Uira) is on the same mark as Link, who had to give him weight last time they met at Tara-dale, when he beat her easily. I think that Triton (St. Leger—Naiad) should have less than 7.6, in view of Pearl Powder and Namao being given only 7.2 and 7.0 respectively. Merganser should have had less than 7.5, and Hakimana more weight than 6.8. I think that the latter will be found to be a good horse over a long distance before long. He ought to stay as long as a boy in a lolly shop, according to breeding. Although a man can pull a handicap to pieces, where there is warrant for it, it does not follow that the absolute winner of the race is not well concealed. One always prefers to wait for the acceptances before making a choice, but in this case I fancy either of Captain Russell's pair, with Queen of Trumps, Dream-land and Hakimana as next best.

Renata (Albany—No Name) was advertised to be offered by auction, at Kirk's bazaar, Melbourne, recently, but was not put up.

There is promise of some good sport here at Christmas time. Good fields have entered for the Metropolitan meeting on Boxing Day, for Waipawa on the following Monday, and for Napier Park on the first day of the New Year.

The filly Patience (by Somnus) entered for the Waipawa races, is the animal that was entered for the last V.R.C. Oaks, won by Tirailleur.

No less than 20 entries have been received for the Woodville Club Handicap, to be run on New Year's Day.

One would be led to think that we must have very good hacks in Hawke's Bay when Mr. Gollan's Prairie Grass, by Albany—Spear-grass, and Mr. Broughton's Flaxbourne, by Stonehurst—Wai, are put at the bottom of a hack handicap, in which there are 14 starters, with 6.12 each. That is their impost in the seven furlong race at Waipawa.

It is generally conceded that if one desires to indulge in luxuries he must pay for them, and this may be applied to racing. We pay for our equine sport in New Zealand, but we get it good. It is stated in some quarters that the Colonial Secretary will pull up the Metropolitan Clubs with a round turn for having imposed the extra 1½ per cent. on the public, instead of paying it out of their own funds, but I doubt if any such notice will be taken of the matter. What care the Government whence the money comes—from the people or the clubs—so long as the treasury is kept going. A member of the present House, with whom I conversed the other day, expressed the opinion that the 1½ per cent. tax would never be abolished, and he agreed with me that the public were very lucky indeed at getting off so lightly, for the tax was originally fixed at 2½ per cent., but was reduced at the solicitation of the Clubs. There seems to be plenty of speculation at the race meetings throughout the colony; the sporting nature of the public always asserts itself, and the assertions freely made that the tax will kill racing, will not, in my opinion, be borne out by fact.

Every New Zealand jockey or trainer who visits Australia says that New Zealand is a grand place to live in and breed horses, but Australia is the place to race and make money. I believe that Mr. Percy Martin, the well-known Hastings trainer, is enamoured of his present surroundings across the water and does not intend to return to Martindale.

Although Hawke's Bay is well represented in the Auckland Cup, it is thought very few will go up to compete. Some judges down here think Freedom ought to win, but I prefer Mr. Stead's chance with Palliser or Lebel, the next being Hilda and Fraternité.

Mr. Gollan's Nordenfeldt—Frailty colt, Mosquetaire, and Nordenfeldt—Nellie Moore colt, Culloden, are furnishing nicely, and as they will be taken across to Australia a week after the Auckland Cup by Mr. J. Hickey, to-

gether with any other blood stock Mr. Gollan may purchase in Auckland, they will get the advantage of acclimatisation and proper training, and their future career will be watched with interest by all New Zealanders.

The hack racer Kathleen (half-sister to the hurdler Kimberley), who is entered for the Waipawa, Woodville, Feilding, and Marton races, is trained by Alf Woods, and ought to pay her way this season. This is the mare that led up the straight by six lengths in a race at Woodville, when she ran untrained, and it looked a moral for her, but her saddle slipped round, and she ran inside a post among some logs and then got home first with the jockey hanging over her neck. Had she not been disqualified she would have paid £104 dividend. There were two investors on her in the machine.

Mr. J. O. Evett, our handicapper, has had a very bad attack of the prevailing epidemic, but is now getting on all right.

COURSING CHATTER.

[By CONTANGO.]

MR. WILKINSON, a coursing enthusiast of Hobart, has purchased a bitch in England, by Herschel, and prior to her departure from the old country she was served by Fullerton. It is indeed gratifying to find some one with pluck enough to purchase new blood for the colonies, as we require it very badly, and I am sure all genuine coursers will join in wishing Mr. Wilkinson every luck with his new importation.

Mr. T. Chermiside's black and white bitch Pampy, by Welcome Jack—Lady, whelped on the 19th October six pups to his Blue Star, by Welcome Jack—Olivette, one white and blue bitch, one blue and white bitch, one black and white bitch, and three black and white dogs. This is in-breeding if you like, and I hope to hear of good results from such a close union.

By the arrival of the Te Anau on Monday Mr. T. Macready had sent over to him from Melbourne the greyhound stud dog Padlock. Padlock is one of the noted Rebellion—Westeria family, and is also full brother to Rhodanthe, dual winner of the Victorian Waterloo Cup. Padlock himself has been a real good performer, winning and running-up for many valuable stakes in Australia. After his coursing career he was put to the stud, and undoubtedly has proved himself to be a most successful sire. In his first season he sired some real clinkers such as Riot II., winner of that most fashionable puppy stake the Vice-President's Plate of £34; to which is added a piece of plate valued at £50: also Renown, winner of the Caulfield Stakes. In fact he has got winners from all the bitches served. He will now be at the service of breeders, and any one wishing to get a really good pup would do well to patronise this new sire.

Mr. T. Macready's Blue Rock, by Mornington (imp.)—Swallow (imp.) visited his Padlock, by Rebellion—Westeria on the 15th inst.

Miss Amy Vaughan's advance agent, Mr. Woolcott, leaves for Gisborne to-day to make arrangements for the opening night of their tour in that town.

Messrs. Digby Tonks and Co. will sell the Auckland Trotting Club privileges for their Summer Meeting at 12.30 p.m. to-day (Thursday). Half an hour previous to this the Auckland Racing Club's privileges will be submitted. Large prices should be obtained for both.

The Committee of the Onehunga Racing Club met at the Auckland Trotting Club's rooms last Friday morning, when letters were received from the jockeys Golding, Smith and Priest, asking to have the balance of their disqualification remitted, and it was resolved to leave the matter over pending Mr. Lawry's return from the South, as that gentleman had presided at all the meetings in connection therewith. If, however, he does not return before the 22nd the Committee will then decide the matter in his absence. These lads were disqualified over the foul riding in the Selling Race at Otahuhu some time since. A letter was also received from Mr. C. McMaster, asking for the removal of his disqualification, and the Committee saw no reason to remit any portion of the sentence.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

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| 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. 26, 28 | Manawatu R.C. Summer |
| Dec. 26, 28 | Thames Jockey Club |
| Dec. 26 | Matamata Racing Club |
| Dec. 26 | Waerenga-a-hika Racing Club |
| Dec. 28 | Opoitiki Race Meeting |
| Dec. 28 | Waipawa County R.C. Summer |
| Dec. 28 | Drury Racing Club |
| Dec. 28 | Taranaki Jockey Club |
| Dec. 29 | Otorohanga Race Meeting |
| Dec. 29, Jan. 1, 2 | A.R.C. Summer Meeting |
| Dec. 30 | Auckland Trotting Club |
| Jan. 1 | Napier Park Racing Club |
| Jan. 1 | Whatawhata Races |
| Jan. 5 | Waipu Racing Club |
| Jan. 8, 9 | Whangarei County Racing Club |
| Jan. 9 | Auckland Trotting Club |
| Jan. 12, 13 | Poverty Bay Turf Club |
| Jan. 16 | Onehunga Racing Club Summer |
| Jan. 19, 20 | Gisborne Summer Meeting |
| Jan. 22, 23 | Wellington R.C. Summer |
| Jan. 23 | Onslow Trotting Club Summer |
| Jan. 30 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Jan. 29, 30 Feb. 6 | Takapuna Jockey Club Summer Meeting |
| Feb. 3, 4 | Nelson Jockey Club |
| Feb. 13 | Otago Trotting Club |
| Feb. 17, 18 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Feb. 18 | A.R.C.—Onslow Farewell Meeting |
| Feb. 18 | Rotorua Racing Club |
| Feb. 20 | Papakura Racing Club |
| Feb. 24, 25, 27 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Feb. 27 | Lake Racing Club |
| Mar. 3, 4 | Wanganui Jockey Club |
| Mar. 17, 18 | 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. 24, 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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| Dec. 18 | Takapuna Jockey Club |
| Dec. 18 | Auckland Trotting Club |
| Dec. 19 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Dec. 24 | Onehunga Summer meeting |
| Jan. 2, 16 | Nelson Jockey Club |
| Jan. 5 | Wellington Racing Club general entries |
| Jan. 8 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Jan. 8, 13 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Jan. 12 | Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Autumn |
| Jan. 16, 28 | 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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| Dec. 18 | South Auckland Racing Club |
| Dec. 21, 28 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Jan. 1 | Auckland Racing Club |
| Jan. 8 | Onehunga Summer |
| Jan. 9 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Jan. 4, 8, 12, 22 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Jan. 11 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Jan. 11, 18, 29 | Takapuna Jockey Club |
| Jan. 16 | Nelson Jockey Club |
| Jan. 25 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Feb. 2 | Takapuna Jockey Club |
| Feb. 3, 24, 26 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Feb. 4, 17 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Feb. 16 | Lake Racing Club |
| Mar. 7, 23 | 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 3, 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. 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. 15 | Drury Racing Club |
| Dec. 18 | Thames Jockey Club |
| Dec. 31 | Onehunga Summer |
| Jan. 7 | Poverty Bay Turf Club |
| Jan. 15, 20 | Wellington Racing Club |
| Jan. 15, 28 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| Jan. 21 | Dunedin Jockey Club |
| Jan. 22, 29 | Takapuna Jockey Club |
| Jan. 23 | Egmont Racing Club |
| Jan. 23, Feb. 3, 4 | Nelson Jockey Club |
| Feb. 3 | Takapuna 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 |
| April 1, 14, 18 | Canterbury Jockey Club |
| April 8, 14, 18 | Auckland Racing Club |
| April 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 |

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AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

THE Auckland Trotting Club's Committee met at their rooms, Durham-street East on Friday afternoon to dispose of general business, there being a full attendance.

The first matter dealt with was the consideration of the Onslow Trotting Club's programme, which had been submitted for approval by Mr. W. Wallace, who is acting for Mr. Goldsbro' until he can get about again; the day asked for by the Onslow Club was the 23rd of January. The following is the reply forwarded:—"That the programme be referred back to the Onslow Trotting Club to reconsider the date selected, as this committee do not think it advisable to have trotting meetings coming so close to each other, and the committee of the Onslow Trotting Club must be aware that there is already a trotting fixture advertised for the 9th of January and a second on the 13th of February, and as these dates are only five weeks apart this Committee do not think it would be in the interests of trotting to pass any programme between these. Further this committee is not aware of any dates being taken up after the 27th of February, and desire to intimate that any date in March would meet their views."

A copy of the evidence taken by the Otahuhu Trotting Club in reconsidering their decision to disqualify Pica and fine Greenwood, etc., was received, and the decision arrived at by the Otahuhu Club to remove the same was, after a full and lengthy discussion, endorsed. As the case now stands, the pony Cupid and the boy Geach (his rider) are disqualified for twelve months. All the other sentences passed are cancelled.

OUR CHRISTCHURCH LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

[BY WIRE.]

CHRISTCHURCH, Dec. 16.

LEBEL, Stepniak, Wakawatea, Wyvern, British Lion, Clanranald, Flinders, Tamar, and Yattaghan, have left Canterbury to fulfil their engagements at Auckland. Of course British Lion, Wyvern, and Wakawatea, must be called West Coast horses, though British Lion and Wyvern are known at Riccarton, as they are now on the West Coast, and perhaps better. Cutts trained British Lion for a considerable time, and during the time he was at Chokebore Lodge he was troubled very much with windgalls, those hard windgalls, and I do not believe his best quality was seen while he was permanently located at Riccarton; but Arthur Smith now has him in excellent condition, although I really believed he fluked the New Zealand Cup. Had Freedom been left in that event British Lion would never have won; yet British Lion won again at Dunedin, but his victories in Canterbury and Otago were achieved under comparatively light weights, and in the Auckland Cup he has got 5lb to carry. He may win under that impost, but my opinion is that something lower in the list will lick him should the top weight fail to do so. I do not know much about Hilda, but should Lebel be beaten under 7st 7lb, the winner will have to travel should the going be as good as it was when Crackshot won.

Canterbury will have three representatives in the Auckland Derby, and the best of that trio will want a deal of beating. Flinders will run far better in that event than he ever did in public at Riccarton, and perhaps Mr. O'Brien fancies he can beat Lebel. I hardly think that, however. That I am certain Flinders' best form has never been seen in public. Lebel, though small, is a racehorse all over, and in my opinion the only one we have in these parts that can down him is Florrie. Wakawatea may run well in some of the juvenile events at Auckland, but I am perfectly certain he lost the Welcome Stakes here through distress, and not bad horsemanship. Arthur Smith had him as fit as hands could make him in November, but at the C.J.C. Metropolitan Meeting he could not stay, whatever he may do later on. North Islanders who have not seen Flinders will find

him a bit straight in the hind legs, and a bit stiff behind; but Stoneyhurst, a good performer, and now a rattling good stallion in this province, is just as straight as Flinders, and before ever I saw New Zealand I have seen horses of similar conformation that could gallop like locomotive engines.

It is now currently reported here that Mr O'Brien will go to Australia shortly, and take over Freedom, Flinders, and Florrie. I had a lengthy yarn with Mr. O'Brien yesterday morning, but a lot of people being about I did not interview him on the subject. I fancy, however, that the rumour is pretty correct.

Tasman, being located at Wellington Park, he may go to Auckland first, though I have an opinion that Yattaghan will not return to Riccarton again; she may do so, but it is a "moral" that she will be covered by Tasman sooner or later.

Messrs. Claridge and Williams have given up training, and it was recently reported that Mr. Butler will take the stable, but I know well he thinks the dwelling-house too small for him. At present that is the only stable to let at Riccarton, however.

Mr. Webb tells me that his colt foal by Chainshot, from Miranda, is a perfect beauty. I have not seen him personally. I get to Bush Inn very often, and Mr. Webb I know very intimately as a racing man.

Jimmy Webster is going to America with Maxim, and that will be a good trip for him. I shall not be surprised to hear that he remains there, though, for my own part, I should not like to live in the States. Play actors and journalists may say what they like, but the States are un-English, and not British at all.

Young Irvington, one of the best trotters we ever had, got kicked in the sheath when covering a mare last week, and the accident was supposed to be a bad one. No doubt it was bad too, but Mr. Free says the horse will be all right in a month or two. Mr. Free was recently offered £500 for him; delivery, sound and well, to be made after covering season.

Harry Fuller has got six mokes in training now, and he is not unlikely to make a "bit" out of them presently. There are very few about here that can give Harry Fuller a start in the treatment of horses. Inez has always been a bit stiff behind since her mishap at Rangiora, but Charlie Stratford is now giving her some good work, and it appears to me that she has lost some of her pace that characterised her last season. Tom Field is also in good work, and he goes sound enough for the present and looks like standing.

I should like to see Charlie Stratford have a win or two. He deserves it, and no doubt a few victories will come off presently for his stable.

I have not seen Crackshot since his foreleg ailment was discovered, and it is beyond doubt that "Charlie" has had very bad luck this season. Crackshot, for instant, is not anything like the horse he was at this time last year.

Diadem is picking up very rapidly, and she will presently come back to her best form. Mr. Webbe wants to win a race or two with her before having her covered.

Kulnine got a bit "cronk" in the near hind leg some months ago, but he is now all right and the impression of many good judges here is that he is too good for the timber topping game.

On public form Morton ought to have been good enough for Auckland, but Lunn is careful, though carefulness in racing is of little good some times. Perhaps Morton would have won as much for him at Auckland as Clanranald will.

The following scratchings are announced:—Auckland Cup: Patchwork. Great Northern Foal Stakes: Puwerewere. Hurdle Race: Hopeful Kate and Bit o' Blue.

Mr. "Tommy" Creighton deserves special notice in our sporting items for his perfect costume as clerk of the course at Avondale, and he evidently knows that it is neither the correct nor the proper thing to make too free a use of his voice and his whip on such occasions. His work was done unostentatiously and well.

Messrs Adams and Andrews, totalisator proprietors, negotiated the sum of £2,351 for the Avondale Jockey Club at their meeting on Saturday, which is regarded as highly satisfactory, considering the unfavourable state of the weather. This means another contribution to the Colonial Treasurer's "poor box" of £35 5s. 4d.

The Turf

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

THE acceptances for the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting and general entries were received last Friday. Though fairly numerous the quality is not as good as was anticipated, a great many of the Southern horses failing to pay up for the principal events. There are only eleven remaining in the Auckland Cup. Freedom's defection caused me some surprise, as Dan O'Brien had nothing to complain of as regards the weights of either him or Flinders. He should, however, have got a line of most of the horses in New Zealand, so he is in all probability intending to take Freedom to the other side. Most of the others I was prepared to see drop out, as they were either infirm or had done a great deal of racing this season. Of those left in Hilda, 8st 11lb, heads the list. If she was the Hilda of old she might have had a chance, but her running of late has been of such an in-and-out character that I cannot fancy her, notwithstanding the weakness of the field. It must be remembered that she has only 5lb less than weight for age, and there is a smart youngster or two in the race. British Lion, 8st 5lb, has been running well lately, but chiefly under light weights, but if all right on the day he will be galloping on when others are stopping. Fraternite, 7st 13lb, is a nice colt, and has not had too much racing this season. When he ran at Napier and Wanganui he had not been wound up, so I fully expect him to run a good horse. Brigand, 7st 9lb, is reported to have been off, but let that pass; he has never done anything to entitle him to that weight. He is a little horse, and his wins in the spring were chiefly due to his condition. One next comes to Lebel, 7st 7lb. D. O'Brien ought to have his line to an ounce, and if it was only for the reason that he scratched his pair, Freedom and Flinders, he should be treated with respect. Queen of Trumps, 7st, is leniently treated, but she has never given one an opinion that she can stay; but as she is the only one Mr. Ormond has paid up for, there may be something more than meets the eye. The Dreamer, 7st, is out of place. Leorina, at the same weight, is getting too much of it. Patchwork, 6st 10lb, is an arrant rogue that ought to have been added to the list long ago. If Pinfire, 6st 10lb, could be brought fit and well to the post he would have an outside show, but if the ground continues hard that contingency is very remote. Coalscuttle, 6st 9lb, is better adapted for country meetings. Until all the horses arrive it would be folly to try and pick the winner, although it would not surprise me if either Lebel or Fraternite was returned the winner, with British Lion close up, but I will make a final selection nearer the day.

Ten have paid up for the Derby, which is a great many more than could have been expected, but as they can get out with the payment of a fiver the night before the race several will be sure to drop out, and the race will be left to the following:—Mr. Stead's Silver Knight or Lebel, Flinders, Fraternite, and Clanranald. The Workman can not have done sufficient work to meet the above, and the rest are moderate.

There are nine remaining in the Great Northern Foal Stakes, which reads a good thing for Stepniak or North Atlantic, though it is reported that St. Hippo can gallop a bit.

The weeding out for the Steeplechase has been great, and those left in are very moderate. There will be plenty of time to consider the chances of the different horses engaged nearer the day, but at time of writing I prefer the chances of Sentinel, Bit o' Blue and Fishmonger.

The other stakes have filled fairly well, and if the hard ground does not find some of them out there should be some good racing during the three days.

THE Takapuna Jockey Club have issued a capital programme for their Summer Meeting. Entries for Takapuna Cup of 200 sovs., Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap of 75 sovs., First Handicap Steeplechase of 120 sovs., and Second

Handicap Steeplechase of 80 sovs., close next Friday. These meetings are the pleasantest of any in the neighbourhood of Auckland, as the course is easy of access. The committee are most liberal in all their dealings, and this year have largely increased the stakes. Two things, however, mar the pleasure. The first is bad handicapping. You see two or three horses at the most that are brought together, but the rest of the field are spread all over the course. This does not show competent adjustment of weights. The other is the wretched starting there has been for the past two years. People do not mind losing their money when they find that they have backed the wrong horse, but they are dissatisfied when they do so owing to bad starting. Are the committee bound to these two persons? The recent meetings around Auckland have proved there is one that is able to act in the dual capacity. Why should they not try him at their forthcoming meeting, and let us for once have some good handicapping and starting? It is sure to be appreciated.

THE minor handicaps for the first day of the Auckland Racing Club's meeting do not at all redound to Mr. J. O. Evitt's credit. The compilation of the weights for the Nursery Handicap is the most wonderful production I have ever come across. Is it Mr. Evitt's intention to introduce a new system of handicapping, so as an influential man can keep his horse in the stable until he is thrown into a handicap, and then come out and slaughter his field? Mr. Evitt must well know that it was always Admiral Rous' (the best handicapper there ever was) custom to allot a horse that had never run weight for age—most of the others following his example. Secondly he should well know that it is impossible to make a good handicap unless he sees the different horses run or has a competent man that he can rely upon to send him a report of the condition of the horses, how the race was run, and how many stiff ones there were. It is not my intention to go thoroughly through the handicaps until the acceptances appear next Friday, only point out what I consider the most glaring mistakes. There being most of them in the Nursery Handicap I will take that first. St. Hippo and Swiftsure, two two-year-olds that never started, are let in with 6st 12lb each. They are well-bred horses that are thought good enough to pay the first forfeit for in the Great Northern Foal Stakes, in face of the cracks. Lower down the list we come to Cabri, 6st 6lb, E.Q.V. and Lottie, 6st 7lb each, all non-performers. Now take those that have run. His Worship is placed within 9lb of Whakawatea. What has he done to be placed there? In the Welcome Stakes he got home third, being a length away from Glenora, who was beaten a head by Adelaide. In the Nursery Handicap he gets home half a length, receiving 14lb from Brown Alice, who was a length in front of Glenora, and was giving the winner 10lb. Now he has to give the latter 33lb, while it makes Brown Alice better than Whakawatea. His other race was the Devonport Handicap, when the wretched start would have enabled the most moderate two-year-old to win. Then for what reason has Tit to give 7lb to Puerewere and 9lb to Glenora. Her only performance was when in receipt of 24lb from His Worship in the Devonport Handicap she could not get within four lengths of him, though she got away second best—Adelaide never persevering. If this can be called handicapping by any judge of racing I shall be surprised. In the Hurdle Race Orakei receives 4lb from The Colonel, who he beat easily at the A.R.C. Meeting the second day, 1½ miles (his favourite distance), when meeting him at a difference of 11lb, so now he only receives 7lb for a stone beating and an extra quarter of a mile, which does not suit The Colonel. Sentinel is the best horse over sticks in Auckland, and if the handicapper had ever seen his performance at Ellerslie he would never have kept him at the same weight while the others are most of them raised. There are several that have to give weight to Try Fluke, when it ought to be the reverse way. When the acceptances appear it does not seem as if it will be a difficult thing to pick the winner

SOUTH AUCKLAND SUMMER MEETING.

THE acceptances for the South Auckland Racing Meeting are very good, and complimentary to the handicapper, but when one comes

to analyse the different events it will be seen that there are more than one horse from the same stable accepting, so when the numbers go up there may be a diminution in the starters. Mr. Halstead has dealt very leniently with J. B. Williamson's stable, which he should not have done, as it is not one to be trifled with when they mean business. The course is said to be in first-rate condition, and the committee have done all they could to make the meeting a success. The railway arrangements are completed, the return fares being fixed at 18s. first and 12s. second class, available until Monday. There will also be a cheap excursion on Saturday. Two good day's racing may be anticipated, though it was rather a mistake publishing the weights all at the same time, though penalties are attached to certain winners.

There are nine remaining in the Maiden Plate. Should Tulloch, 7st, be sent for it he should have little trouble in winning it. In his absence Vieux Rose, 7st 12lb, or Ma Boughal, 7st 2lb, might do it.

Williamson's stable should win the Maiden Hurdles with either Capella, 10st, or Yardman, 9st 7lb.

Eight have declared content for the South Auckland Cup. Tulloch carries a 10lb penalty, which brings his weight up to 7st 3lb. Ingorina, 8st 13lb, should beat Leorina, 9st 8lb, on recent running, but he is not a safe horse to back. Dolosa, 8st 3lb, is an uncertain animal. Loch Ness, 8st, reads well, and his owner would like to win this race. Pinfire, 7st 12lb, does not like the hard ground, so the race should, I think, fall to either Ingorina or Loch Ness, though Dolosa might take it into her head to try.

The Steeplechase has six very moderate ones engaged. Bit o' Blue, 10st 12lb, if he is sent for it, should have no difficulty in winning, but if he is kept for the A.R.C. meeting, Yum Yum or Yardman should win.

There are twelve remaining in the Tradesman's Plate. As there is a penalty of 10lb for the winner of the South Auckland Cup, and 7lb for the winner of any race after the declaration of the weights, it is not a race to touch before the numbers go up, but Pinfire or Tulloch read the best.

The Novel Race had better be left alone.

There is the good acceptance of thirteen for the Flying Stakes, to which penalties are attached, so it will greatly depend on previous running, but either Helen McGregor, Vieux Rose, or Kupe should furnish the winner.

This concludes the first day's racing. The weights for the Christmas Handicap, Publicans' Purse, Railway Stakes, and South Auckland Steeplechase are published the night of the first day's racing, also the second forfeit for the Waikato Produce Stakes, for which six have paid up, has to be declared. From what I can learn it is looked upon as a good thing for Mr. Breakell's E.Q.V., by Fusillade—Kit.

There are only five remaining in the Handicap Hurdles, which reads well for Bit o' Blue, 10st 12lb, but in his absence Barshot or Tommy should win.

The other races I shall not attempt to touch, as they are dependant on previous running.

Brigand has been scratched for all engagements at the forthcoming A.R.C. Summer Meeting.

It is now reported that the doctor has pronounced "Tommy" Hodson's collar-bone broken. His face is healing up remarkably well.

The following horses arrived from the South by the "Te Anau" for the A.R.C. Summer Meeting:—Lebel, Stepniak, Clanranald, Flinders, Tamar, Yattaghan, British Lion, Whakawatea, and Wyvern.

We regret being unable to oblige those of our subscribers who have asked for "Old Turfite's" review of the Wellington Park yearlings to be sold shortly. We wrote Mr. Morrin to that effect, but have not received any reply. Our readers are well aware that "Old Turfite" writes his own opinion of what he sees, and not what is told him. We are informed by a competent judge who has lately visited the farm that there are a few good lots to be offered, but that some of them would show to better advantage if unnoticed by a truthful pen. For all we know there may be a few *Hildas* among the lot.

Sporting Items

G'Naroo's dam, Athena, died the other week. She was bred in '76 by James Wilson, and was got by King of the Ring from Rescue.

Special attention is directed to our "Events Requiring Attention" column this week, where it will be found that nominations for the most important events at the Takapuna Jockey Club's summer meeting close to-morrow.

We have to call the attention of our readers to an advertisement appearing in this paper of "Strong," the great and only sporting adviser in the colony. Intending backers should apply at once for advice on the forthcoming Auckland races.

At the A.R.C. Summer Meeting admittance to the saddling paddock by means of the gate abutting the course, and at which horses enter the enclosure, will be strictly confined to horses and their attendants, and no passes will be given under any circumstances.

The stewards of the Avondale Jockey Club have decided to hold a full enquiry into the running of Antic in the Pony Race on Saturday last, and all parties concerned have been requested to meet the stewards at the secretary's office, High-street, at 3 p.m. to-day.

We beg to call the attention of racing men generally to the Wangarei Jockey Club's programme, which appears in another column. The meeting is fixed for Friday and Saturday, 8th and 9th January, and is always an agreeable trip to Aucklanders apart from the racing, which is always good.

On reference to our advertising columns our readers will find an advertisement from Messrs. Hunter and Nolan, the well-known auctioneers, announcing the sale by them, at Wapiti, Epsom, of the Glenora Park yearlings, on Thursday, 31st inst., consisting of five lots. Four fashionably-bred matrons will also be submitted for sale. We have received a catalogue of the above sale, which contains the full tabulated pedigrees and other particulars, and is a credit to the printers, being most tastefully arranged and got up. Copies of the same may be had from the auctioneers.

A meeting was held at the British Hotel on Monday evening for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a Pony Association, a fairly representative number of racing men being present. Mr. R. Wynyard, as convener of the meeting, was voted to the chair, and read the advertisement which had called them together, and pointed out to the meeting the difficulties in which owners of ponies were placed by the differences existing between the trotting club and the Auckland Racing Club, and by forming an association for ponies such troubles would be obviated. Mr. W. J. Ralph thought it was desirable to form a pony association, as it was generally thought the Auckland Racing Club would accept it for affiliation. Mr. Philpott agreed with Mr. Ralph, and said things were in a very unsatisfactory state at present. Mr. E. W. Alison thought an expression of disapproval of the action of the Metropolitan Clubs should first be placed on record, and he moved, "That in the opinion of this meeting the action of the delegates of Metropolitan Clubs in declining to recognise pony racing in any form is arbitrary and unfair." This was seconded by Mr. T. Foley, and carried unanimously. Mr. Alison further moved, and Mr. Philpott seconded, "That it is unreasonable for the Auckland Racing Club to expect that pony owners will be loyal to its rules unless a reasonable number of pony races are allowed on courses under the control of the Metropolitan Club." This was also carried without dissent. Mr. W. J. Ralph then proposed, and Mr. L. Harris seconded, "That it is desirable that an association, to be called the Auckland Pony Association, be formed." This was also carried unanimously. It was then resolved, on the motion of Mr. Alison, seconded by Mr. T. Foley, "That a provisional committee be appointed to take into consideration the best means of initiating the association, such committee to consist of Messrs. Hayr, Ralph, Wynyard, and Philpott." Mr. R. Wynyard was appointed secretary *pro tem*.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

To-morrow (Friday), December 18, at 10 p.m., Mr. R. Wynyard, secretary, Devonport; or care of Mr W. Bloomfield's office, Durham-street East, Auckland, will receive nominations addressed as above for their Summer Meeting.

Takapuna Cup, of 200sovs, 1½ miles, 1sov.
Takapuna J.C. Handicap, of 75sovs, 1¼ miles, 1sov.
First Handicap Steeplechase, of 120sovs, about 3½ miles, 1sov.
Second Handicap Steeplechase, of 80sovs, about 3 miles, 1sov.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

To-morrow (Friday), December 18, at 10 p.m., nominations close with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, Durham-street East, Auckland, for the following events, which take place on the second day, January, 9.

Stewards' Handicap of 40sovs, 5 furlongs, ½sov.
Second Maiden Trot of 50sovs, 2 miles, 1sov.
Christmas Handicap of 50sovs, 7 furlongs, 1sov.
President's Handicap Trot of 100sovs, 3 miles, 2sovs.
Pony Steeplechase of 50sovs, about 2½ miles, 1sov.
Second Pony Trot of 40sovs, 2 miles, 1sov.
Electric Handicap Trot of 50sovs, 1 mile, 1sov.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

To-morrow (Friday), December 18th, at 10 p.m., acceptances are due with the secretary, Mr. W. Percival, at the Club's rooms, Durham-street East, for the

Handicap Hurdle Race of 100sovs, 2 miles, 1sov.
Christmas Handicap of 100sovs, 1¼ miles, 1sov.
Railway Handicap of 70sovs, 6 furlongs, 1sov.
Nursery Handicap of 80sovs, 5 furlongs, 2sovs.

Thursday, December 24, by 12 noon.

Great Northern Foal Stakes, the forfeit of 5sovs to be declared and paid, or the nominator will be liable for the whole sweepstakes, 10sovs.

Saturday, December 26, at the post.

Great Northern Foal Stakes, sweep 10sovs.
Auckland Cup, sweep 10sovs.
Maiden Steeplechase, sweep 2sovs.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

To-morrow (Friday), December 18, at 8 p.m., Mr. H. J. Greenslade, secretary, receives acceptances up till the above time for their summer meeting which takes place on Saturday and Monday, 26th and 28th December.

Maiden Handicap of 25 sovs., 1 mile, acceptance 15s.
First Handicap Hurdles of 35 sovs., about 2 miles, 1 sov. [sov.
Thames Handicap of 45 sovs., 1¼ miles, 1 sov. [sov.
Local Handicap of 25 sovs., 1 mile, 15s.
First Handicap Steeplechase of 50 sovs., about 2½ miles, 1½ sovs.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

To-morrow (Friday), December 18, Mr. G. H. Carter, hon. sec., Hamilton, will receive the second declarations for the Waikato Produce Stakes before noon, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake.

On the same date acceptances will also be received as above up to 9.30 p.m. for the

Christmas Handicap of 30 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.
Publicans' Purse of 50 sovs., 1½ miles, 1½ sovs.
Railway Stakes of 30 sovs., 6 furlongs, 15s.
South Auckland Steeplechase of 70 sovs., about 3 miles, 35s.

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

Saturday, December 19th, at 9 p.m., nominations close with the secretary (Mr. A. G. Brett), at the office of the Club, Hawera; Mr. Alfred T. Danvers, Napier; or, Mr. H. H. Hayr, at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, Auckland, for the following events.

First Handicap Hurdles of 75sovs, 2 miles and a distance, 1sov.
Second Handicap Hurdles of 80sovs, 2 miles and a distance, 1sov.
Egmont Handicap of 300sovs, 2 miles, 1sov.
Waimate Handicap of 150sovs, 1¼ miles, 1sov.
Hawera Welter Handicap of 50sovs, 1 mile, 1sov.
Flying Handicap of 75sovs, six furlongs, 1sov.
Normanby Stakes Handicap of 50sovs, 1 mile and a distance, 1sov.

The A Battery had their annual shot and shell practice at Narrow Neck last Saturday afternoon, there being a fair muster under Capt. Geddes and Lieut. O'Brien. On reaching the firing point Major Goring took command, Sergt.-Major Bush being present as instructor. For the first time, by prearrangement, the Battery fired at a moving target, towed by the Government launch (brave men the crew), and at an anchored target at a 1000yds range successfully. The shooting on the whole was successful, and the catering, as it usually is with the A Battery, was equally so. Three cheers were given for Sergt.-Major Bush, who has been instrumental in bringing the battery to its present state of efficiency by his lectures, etc., in theoretical and practical gunnery.

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.]

FOURTEEN civilians of Waiuku fired a match against a similar number of the Waiuku Cavalry last week, and beat them by 10 points, the following being the scores:—

TROOP.

A. May, 43; W. Cobourne, 41; R. Honey, 37; McPherson, 36; B. Bright, 35; Hedge, 35; Hull, 34; Watts, 33; Ryan, 32; Neal, 31; W. Flexman, 29; Spargo, 19; Deed, 14; Greenhead, 7. Total, 426.

CIVILIANS.

Rossiter, 39; Bartlett, 39; A. J. Barriball, 37; T. Bright, 37; W. Hockin, 36; A. Cobourne, 36; Finlay, 35; Williams, 32; Walsh, 29; Macnamara, 27; Large, 25; Beswick, 23; W. May, 22; Makgill, 19. Total, 436.

The Waiuku Cavalry went into camp last Monday week, Capt. Manning, Lieuts. Barriball and Currie, and a good muster of the troop being present. They marched to the parade ground, headed by their own band (which was also mounted), under Bandmaster Batchelor. They have assembled for their customary three day's half-yearly drill. Dr. Carolan, the hon. surgeon, was also present.

As if to corroborate my remarks in our issue of the 5th ultimo about the insecurity of the butts at the Mount Eden Rifle Range, "Old Davy" Anderson, the permanent marker, came near losing his right eye from a splinter on Saturday last. He was severely cut, and had to be led down the range, where after being washed it was feared he would have to go to the hospital. The old man is, however, a very hard one to kill, and contented himself by offering up his usual blessings, and proceeded to the nearest chemist to be stitched together again.

Last night the members of the Ponsonby Naval Artillery were examined in proficiency at the 8 inch disappearing gun, etc., those submitting themselves did satisfactory work. The examination will be continued on Saturday afternoon and on Monday evening.

The Auckland Navals are entitled to thirty-three torpedo men and the Ponsonby Navals to only ten. I am open to correction on this point, but I am informed that it is correct.

The A Battery had three detachments out in the drill shed, and are beginning to believe, under the able lectures of Sergt.-Major Bush, that they knew absolutely nothing beyond prize-firing.

The Ponsonbys have shot and shell practice with the disappearing gun early next month.

"Straight bar" Osborne was in rare fettle on Saturday, and if he shoots as well on the 26th, he will stand an excellent chance of repeating his brilliant performances of three years ago and "scoop the pool."

I have been asked to explain the relative positions of the two volunteer naval officers in command of our local naval corps. My answer is rather a delicate one to undertake, as both officers are admirable men for their positions, and no collision has ever taken place between them. Lieut.-Commander Parker, of the Auckland Navals, has held his lieutenant's commission longer than any other volunteer officer in the colony, and that creditably too, but as Captain Le Roy took perhaps too much interest in the corps at the time when military promotions were profuse, it deprived Lieut. Parker of his well-earned promotion, whilst nonentity schoolboys were being promoted to field rank over his head. Captain Millar, of the Ponsonby Navals, was promoted over Lieut.-Commander Parker under the above circumstances, but is not one of the gentlemen I refer to, and although he is the regulation senior officer and does his duty as such, he recognises Lieut.-Commander Parker's equitable claim to the honour and treats him accordingly. Briefly put then, my explanation is that the senior naval volunteer officer is Captain Millar, of the Ponsonby Navals, Lieut.-Commander Parker, of the Auckland Navals, being next to him in rank as recognised by the existing volunteer regulations.

The sympathy amongst volunteers is universal for Gunner "Monty" McCallum in the heavy loss he has sustained by the total destruction of the business premises, in which he was a leading partner, by fire. He was one of a syndicate of four young, energetic, and steady young fellows who were embarking in the iron-mongery business on their own account, when the fire-fiend nipped their apparently brilliant future in the bud, but their worst friends hope they will speedily survive their loss.

The City Guards decided, by competition on Saturday, to enter the following members for the Auckland Rifle Association meeting on Boxing Day:—Private W. Osborne, Sergt. W. Craig, Private W. Sterling, Corpl. E. Dormer, and Bugler W. Dormer. The volunteers' old friend and ever welcome "Dad" Soall will enter on his own account.

TORPEDO.



CRICKET.

THE matches commenced on the Saturday previous were continued last Saturday under favourable conditions, a slight rainfall having improved the pitch.

SENIORS.

AUCKLAND V. UNITED.

Howlett, having left on a trip to Melbourne, lost a rare chance of increasing his 68 not out to the coveted century. The other batsmen, however, did well, raising the total to 277, to which Wilson contributed a freely hit 67, I. Richards 32 not out (a good innings), Webster an excellent 19, and R. Neill a neat 15. The United men failed to roll up in full force, and had to borrow substitutes. Hawkins and C. McCormick did best with the ball. United, in their second innings, batting three short, only scored 75, Hawkins being not out with a smartly hit but lucky 50. Yates was stumped for 14. Beale bowled grandly, getting five wickets for 43 runs. Auckland won by an innings and 112 runs.

GORDON V. ST. MARYS-ONSLOW.

Continuing their innings the Hyphens made an effort to reach Gordon's 138, but all were out for 98, which Walton made 33 by patient and correct cricket. Gordon in their second venture rapidly hit up 163 for three wickets. Moresby, 60 not out, played a dashing innings, and H. B. Lusk with an excellent 54, and R. B. Lusk with 35 made in good style, were the other successful batsmen. Gordon won by 40 runs on the first innings.

15 OF AUCKLAND 2ND V. PARNELL.

Auckland, with 71 for nine wickets, resumed their innings, and amidst great excitement reached Parnell's score of 136, but could only make a tie of it, as Mills bowled Johnson for a duck at the supreme moment. Howard (33) and MacLaurin (24) batted well. Parnell scored 180 in their second innings, and Auckland had lost one wicket for 54 when the bell rang. Pity this match could not be played out.

JUNIORS.

As our report of the junior matches, although in type, was crowded out of last issue, we give this week a full account of the most exciting game of the two Saturdays.

NORTH SHORE V. GORDON II.

The Shore, batting first, made 98, G. W. Harden making 33 in fine style; his cutting was very good. A. Lankham played well for 15, and Chapman made 11 not out. Kissling and Kenderdine secured five wickets each. The first Gordon wickets fell for 10 runs, when Gorrie joined Gilfillan, who had been batting steadily, and at 33 the former was given out off a bump ball, after making 15. Kenderdine then went in, and the score rose to 68 before Gilfillan was caught by Bengé, after having made 46 by good cricket. Four wickets only adding nine runs, and Gordons batting one man short, the innings closed for 77. Kenderdine being 10 not out. A. Lankham and Coupland secured three wickets each and Goudie two. Gordon therefore, are 21 behind

on the first innings. North Shore, with a lead of 21 runs, started their second innings on Saturday last. The first five wickets fell quickly for 20, when G. Lankham joined Harden, and the score was taken to 57 before Bell secured the latter's wicket after he had made 36 in first-class style. Lankham (sen.) played steadily, and with 11 not out to his credit, and the score at 66, he saw the last wicket fall, leaving the Cordons 88 to get to win. Bell secured three wickets for nine runs, and Kissling four for 15. The fielding was not so good as on the first day. Kenderdine was bowled by Lankham, jun., in the first over for nil, and Gilfillan by Coupland in the next. Robinson made nine out of 12 so far. Gorrie was bowled first ball by Lankham, and Jackson out for one, saw the score at 17 for 5 wickets, when Mowbray joined Bell, and the first stand was made, the score being taken to 37, when the latter was caught after making 12 in most careful style. Kissling remained at the wickets without scoring, while Mowbray put on 10, and with 31 runs required with three wickets to fall, Hesketh went in and batted most carefully, while Mowbray, who was now well set, laid on the wood, scoring pretty fast. After making 56 in splendid style, he was bowled by Lankham, sen., when only five runs were wanted to win. Arkill going in saw Hesketh get the required runs by a leg hit for three, and a drive for two. After a most exciting finish Gordon won by two wickets. Hesketh made 10 not out. A. Lankham secured most wickets, getting four for 32. The Shore fielding was very good in the second innings.

TURF RECORD.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB, December 12th, 1891.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 25 sovs. Open to all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 20 sovs. in value at time of entry. Distance, 1 mile.

Table with 2 columns: Race details (number, name, age, sex, etc.) and results (position, time, etc.).

416 Won easily by a length. Time, 1min 51secs. Dividend, 10s. tickets, 16s.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Race details and results.

463 Great race, won by a nose. Time, 2min 17secs. Dividend, £1 tickets, £10 8s.

SELLING RACE of 25 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-year-olds to carry 9st; four-year-olds, 9st 12lb; five, six, and aged, 10st 4lb. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for 50 sovs. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs., allowed 7lb; if for 30 sovs., 14lb; if for 20 sovs., 21lb; if for 10 sovs., 28lb; if for nil, 42lb. Distance, 5 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Race details and results.

10 Won easily. Time, 1min 7secs. Dividend, £1 tickets, £1 10s. The winner was bought in by the owner for £52.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Distance, about three miles.

Table with 2 columns: Race details and results.

471 Won easily. Time, 6min 40secs. Dividend, £1 tickets, £1 10s.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Distance, 1 mile.

Table with 2 columns: Race details and results.

354 Won in a canter, dead heat for second place. Time, 1min 39 1/2 secs. Dividend, £1 tickets, £3 12s.

HANDICAP FLYING STAKES of 25 sovs. The winner of the Avondale Cup to carry 7lbs penalty. Distance, 5 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Race details and results.

448 Won easily. Time, 1min 5secs. Dividend, £1 tickets, £8 8s.

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.—ACCEPTANCES.

MAIDEN PLATE.—Omslow 8.4, Vieux Rose 7.12, Antic 7.5, Ma Boughal 7.2, Tulloch 7.0, Mistake 6.12, Lupin 6.10, Duchess 6.7, Caprice 6.7.
MAYDEN HURDLE RACE.—Barshot 10.0, Capella 10.0, Yardman, 9.7, Scaltheen, 9.7, Alex, 9.0.
SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP.—Leorina 9.8, Ingorina 8.13, Dolosa 8.3, Loch Ness 8.0, Finfire 7.12, Scot Free 6.10, Haricot 6.9, Tulloch 6.7.
HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Bit o' Blue 10.12, Yum Yum 10.7, Neck of Nothing 9.12, Justice 9.10, Yardman 9.7, Scaltheen 9.7.
TRADESMEN'S PLATE.—Leorina 9.10, Ingorina 8.0, Dolosa 8.8, Finfire 7.10, Priscilla 7.8, Tupara 7.3, Ilma 7.0, Scot Free 7.0, Ida 6.10, Ma Boughal, 6.7, Tulloch 6.7, Mountain Maid 6.7.
FLYING STAKES.—Leorina 9.10, Ingorina 9.2, Loch Ness 8.7, Capella 8.0, Priscilla 8.0, Helen Macgregor 7.12, Onslow 7.12, Vieux Rose 7.10, Ilma 7.9, Clarion 7.7, Kupe 6.12, Lupin 6.7, Tulloch 6.7.
HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.—Bit o' Blue 10.12, Capella 9.5, Yardman 9.0, Tommy 8.0, Barshot 9.0.
COUNTY PLATE.—Ilma 8.3, Haricot 8.2, Helen Macgregor 8.0, Antic 7.7, Mountain Maid 7.0, Lupin 6.7, Mistake 6.9, Konia 6.7, Matina 6.7.
WELTER HANDICAP.—Leorina 12.7, Ingorina 11.12, Priscilla 10.10, Yum Yum 10.7, Ilma 10.5, Ida 9.6, Ma Boughal 8.9, Mistake 8.9, Lupin 8.7, Mountain Maid 8.7, Marara 8.7.
NOVEL RACE.—Bess, Slug, Brevier, Bob, Deceiver, Mistake, Taipu, Marara, Sceptress.

WAIKATO PRODUCE STAKES, 1891, NOMINATIONS.

Mr. Harris' ch c Sir Esmond
Mr. Livingstone's b f, Muskapeer—Fishplate
Mr. Livingstone's b f, Muskapeer—Lady Bird
Mr. J. R. E. Ellison's b f, Fusilade—Norah
Mr. Bradley's Ingomar—Pacific
Mr. Breakell's b c E.Q.V., Fusilade—Kit
Mr. A. B. Suttors' b f, Muskapeer—Derby mare
Twenty-one nominations have been received for the Sires' Produce Stakes, 1893-94.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.—ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CUP of 200sovs, three miles.—Myrtle, scratch; Clyde, scratch; Nellie, 15sec; Charlie, 15sec; Barus, 25sec; Hurricane, 25sec; Midnight, 40sec; Mount, 40sec; Rudan, 40sec; Sherry, 40sec; Frederic, 40sec; Rover, 40sec; Brandy, 45sec; Bess, 45sec; Dandy, 50sec; Scotchman, 50sec; Larry, 50sec; Tyrone, 60sec; Shamrock, 60sec; Pioke, 60sec; Ingar, 60 sec.; Corina, 60sec; Puhoi, 65sec.
HANDICAP TROT of 40sovs, two and a-half miles.—Sandgate, late Lord William, scratch; Nellie, 12sec; Charlie, 12sec; Maud S., 20sec; Hurricane, 20sec; Rarus, 20sec; Sherry, 33sec.; Commodore, 35sec; Bess, 37sec; Dis-appointment, 37sec; Sailor Boy, 37sec; Scotchman, 42sec; Napier, 50sec; The Broker, 50sec; Nellie II., 55sec; Tyrone, 55sec; Shamrock, 55sec.
MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP of 50sovs, two miles.—Frederic, 10sec; Rudan, 10sec; Maid of Killarney, 10sec; Sherry, 10sec; Dorkie, Gisborne, 10sec; Tater, 10sec; Agnes, 10sec; Kerel, 10sec; Brandy, 10sec; Sailor Boy, 15sec; Shamrock, 25sec; The Broker, 25sec; Dandy, 25sec; Corina, 25sec; Ingar, 25sec; Napier, 25sec; Nellie II., 30sec; Juno, 30sec; Puhoi, 30sec; Vixen, 35sec; Jip, 35sec; Sandfly, 35sec; Jock, 35sec.
PONY CUP HANDICAP of 10sovs, one mile.—Vampire, 10.0; Red Rose, 9.7; Lady Onslow, 8.9; The Orphan, 8.9; Gillie, 7.4; Cocoon, 7.0; Despised, 6.12; Silkworm, 6.12; Deamond, 6.12; Salvator, 6.9; Gipsy, 6.7; Electric, 6.7.
HANDICAP HURDLES of 40sovs, one mile and a-half.—Lady Onslow, 10.7; Red Rose, 10.0; Despised, 9.0; Gipsy, 8.7; Little Jane, 8.7; The Lark, 8.7.
FLYING STAKES HANDICAP six furlongs.—Vampire, 9.10; Red Rose, 9.10; Lady Onslow, 8.7; Fryngpan, 7.5; Silkworm, 6.12; Desmond, 6.12; Coquette II., 6.7; Leo, 6.7; Rata, 6.7; Vindex, 6.7.
PONY TROT HANDICAP of 30sovs, two miles.—Myrtle, scratch; Captain Russell, 16sec; Maud S., 16sec; Moko, 30sec; Dorkie, 30sec; Puhoi, 35sec; Shamrock, 40sec; Chips, 45sec.
The following entries were also received:—
SELLING TROT of 30sovs, two miles and a-half.—Martha, 6sovs; Rambuster, nil; Jim, nil; Bogus, nil; Countess II., nil.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND CUP. 2 miles.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb.

AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE. About 3 1/2 miles.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb.

GREAT NORTHERN DERBY of 500 sovs. One mile and a half.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 300 sovs. Six furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb.

WEIGHTS.

HURDLE RACE (first day), two miles.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb.

NURSERY HANDICAP, five furlongs.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter.

Table with 4 columns: Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb., Name, st. lb.

RAILWAY HANDICAP, three-quarters of a mile.

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| Quadrant | 9 0 | Lady Belle |7 12 | Scot Free |7 0 |
| The Baron | 9 0 | Roie |7 7 | Helen McGregor | 12 |
| Reprisal | 8 7 | Vieux Rose |7 0 | The Dancer |8 10 |
| Fiesole | 8 0 | | | | |

NOMINATIONS.
TRIAL STAKES of 80 sovs., one mile.—Flinders, Roie, The Baron, Priscilla, Lady Belle, Clanranald, The Workman.
MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs., three miles.—Yardman, Nightcap, Irishman, Tawhana, Chance, The Colonel, Good Day, Dan, Kate, Orakei, Tommy.
NEW YEAR HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs., two miles.—Capella, Yardman, Lorace, Fishmonger, Sentinel, Irishman, Tawhana, Bit of Blue, Barshot, Lonely, Good Day, Orakei, Try Fluke.
NEWMARKET HANDICAP of 100 sovs., six furlongs.—Warrior, Resentment, Vieux Rose, Loch Ness, Van Dieman, Quadrant, Roie, The Baron, Lady Belle, Bulrush, Master Pat, Queen of Trumps, Reprisal, Fiesole, The Dancer, Ida.
MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 150 sovs., five furlongs.—Tit, Lottie, Peerless, Tamar, His Worship, Dorothy, Adelaide, St. Hippo, Stepiak, Brown Alice, First Nelson, Glenora, Whakawata, Wyvern, North Atlantic, Swiftsure, Calvi, Puwerewere.
SELLING STAKES of 50 sovs., one mile.—Essie, nil; Brian Boru, 25 sovs.; The Barb, nil; Macaroni, nil; Octopus, 50 sovs.; The Laird, 25 sovs.
MAIDEN HANDICAP of 70 sovs., one mile and a distance.—Brian Boru, Ma Boughal, Tulloch, Stamford, Yattaghan, Warrior, Vasator, Van Diemen, Tuna, Lonely, Glaucus, Brigade, Bulrush, The Dancer.
WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs., one mile.—Leorina, Ma Boughal, Ida, The Colonel, Priscilla, Te Kooti, Fiesole.
GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 100 sovs., one mile and a half.—Leorina, Tulloch, Ida, Loch Ness, Patchwork, Glaucus, Hilda, Ingorina, Pinfre, British Lion, Queen of Trumps, Coalscuttle, Dolosa.
SYLVIA HANDICAP of 100 sovs., six furlongs.—Tit, Lottie, Tamar, His Worship, Dorothy, Adelaide, St. Hippo, Stepiak, Brown Alice, First Nelson, Glenora, Wyvern, North Atlantic, Calvi, Puwerewere, Swiftsure.
AUCKLAND PLATE of 200 sovs., one mile and a half.—Flinders, Lebel, Brigand, Hilda, Clanranald, Fraternite, The Workman.
SELLING STAKES of 50 sovs., six furlongs.—Brian Boru, 25 sovs.; Kupe, nil; Stamford, 50; Octopus, 50; Vasator, nil; Van Diemen, 100; Transit, 50; St. Clements, 50; The Laird, nil.
MUSKET STAKES of 150 sovs., six furlongs.—E.C.V., Flinders, His Worship, Ida, Morion, Roie, St. Hippo, Lebel, Stepiak, Brown Alice, Lady Belle, Glenora, Whakawata, Wyvern, North Atlantic, The Workman, Swiftsure, Puwerewere, Resentment.
VICTORIA HANDICAP of 100 sovs., seven furlongs.—Leorina, Ma Boughal, Tulloch, Warrior, Resentment, Vieux Rose, Ida, Loch Ness, Van Diemen, Quadrant, Roie, The Baron, Glaucus, Hilda, Lady Belle, The Dreamer, Clanranald, Bulrush, Master Pat, Queen of Trumps, Fraternite, Reprisal, Fiesole, The Dancer.

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N.B.—Messrs. S. C. C. & Co. will give every attention to clients entrusting them with business; and our Mr. S. C. Caulton will be prepared to act as Agent at the forthcoming Annual Sales of Yearlings for clients at a distance. Having for a number of years devoted himself to breeding thoroughbred stock, enables him to offer special inducements to intending purchasers requiring yearlings. Messrs. Caulton & Co. are prepared to act as Agents for Investments on Totalizators; commission on winnings only will be charged.

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Manageress.....Miss Amy Vaughan. SATURDAY NEXT, AMY VAUGHAN'S AMAZONS, OUR FIRE BRIGADE. People's Prices—Dress Circle, 1s.; Stalls, 6d.

MONDAY NEXT.—OPERA HOUSE. MISS AMY VAUGHAN'S FAREWELL BENEFIT.—BLACK-EYED SUSAN AND A PANTOMIME. Prices—Dress Circle, 2s.; Stalls, 1s.; Pit, 6d.



THIS DAY (THURSDAY), At 12.30 o'Clock. AUCKLAND TROTting CLUB. SUMMER MEETING. POTTER'S PADDOCK, EPSOM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 1892. D. TONKS & CO.

Have received instructions to sell at Brunswick Mart, This Day (Thursday), at 12.30 o'clock, GATES, BOOTHS, CARDS, STALLS, STABLING. For the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting, to take place at Potter's Paddock, Epsom, on Wednesday, December 30th, and Saturday, January 9th.

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RACES! RACES! RACES!

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB

SUMMER MEETING.

To-Morrow (Friday), First Day,

AND

Saturday next, 19th December.

EXCURSION TRAINS

LEAVING AUCKLAND for HAMILTON at 9.35 a.m. on THURSDAY and FRIDAY.

RETURN FARES—

FIRST CLASSEIGHTEEN SHILLINGS SECOND CLASSTWELVE SHILLINGS

Available for return up to MONDAY, 21st.

SATURDAY NEXT,

A FAST SPECIAL

LEAVES AUCKLAND at 7 a.m., arriving in HAMILTON at 11.55, and leaving again at 8 p.m. and arriving in town same night at 11.30.

RETURN FARES—

FIRST CLASSTEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE SECOND CLASS.....SEVEN SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE

G. H. CARTER,

Secretary.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, At 12 o'Clock.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

BOOTHs, CARDS, STALLS, ETC., ETC., ETC.

D. TONKS & CO.

Have received instructions to sell, at Brunswick Mrt, on Thursday next, at 12 o'clock,

BOOTHs, CARDS, REFRESHMENT STALLS, STABLING, ETC.

For the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting, to take place at Ellerslie on December 26 (Boxing Day), and January 1 (New Year's Day) and January 2.



DRURY RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING,

To be held on the Club's Course, Drury,

On

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 1891.

A SPECIAL TRAIN WILL LEAVE AUCKLAND STATION AT 10.20 P.M. FOR THE ABOVE RACES.

DANIEL MAHER, Hon. Secretary.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31,

At Half-past Two p.m.

GLENORA PARK YEARLINGS, TO BE SOLD AT WAPITI, EPSOM

(By kind permission of Major George, immediately after the Wapiti Yearlings).

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL—

No. 1.—BAY FILLY, by Hippocampus, dam Venus Transit, by Sledmere from Peeress, by The Peer [imp.]

This filly is closely related to Muskeper and Eruption. No. 2.—BAY FILLY, by Nelson, dam Hipporina, by Hippocampus from Yatterina, by Yattendon from Kohinoor, by Vanguard.

This filly is related to Ingorina, who has been winning a number of races lately.

No. 3.—BROWN FILLY, by Nordenfeldt, dam Fishgirl, by Yattendon from Fanny Fisher, by Fisherman from Coquette, by Launcelot.

This filly is related to Glaucus and Fishwoman.

No. 4.—BAY FILLY, by Nelson, dam Muskerina, by Musket from Hipporina, by Hippocampus from Yatterina, by Yattendon. [First foal.]

No. 5.—CHESTNUT FILLY, by Nordenfeldt, dam Rosarina, by Traducer, from Yatterina, by Yattendon from Kohinoor, by Vanguard.

This filly is full sister to Carronade and Rosebud, both good performers, also Vieux Rose and Glenora, both very fast.

Also the following BROOD MARES—

No. 6.—VENUS TRANSIT, chestnut mare, by Sledmere [imp.], from Peeress by The Peer [imp.], with filly foal at foot and stinted to Hippocampus.

This mare won the A.R.C. Derby and Great Northern St. Leger.

No. 7.—COUNTESS, chestnut mare, by Anteros [imp.], from Grand Duchess, by Traducer from Peeress, with filly foal at foot, and stinted to Hippocampus.

No. 8.—EMPRESS, brown mare, by Maribymong from Peeress, by The Peer [imp.], from Miss Rowe, by Sir Hercules, stinted to Hippocampus.

No. 9. LADY FLORENCE, chestnut mare, by Foul Play from Nimble, by Herald from Bonnie, by Telegram, with colt foal at foot by Kalo, and stinted to Brigadier.

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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.
SUMMER MEETING.

BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26, 1891.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1892

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1892.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

TRIAL STAKES of 80 sovs. One mile.

THE GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 300 sovs. Six furlongs.

THE AUCKLAND CUP (Handicap) of 600 sovs. Two miles.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 70 sovs. Three-quarters of a mile.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Five furlongs.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. About 3 miles.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

SECOND DAY.

NEW YEAR'S HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.

GREAT NORTHERN DERBY of 500 sovs. One mile and a half.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Five furlongs.

SELLING STAKES of 50 sovs. One mile.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 400 sovs. One mile and a half.

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 70 sovs. One mile and a distance.

WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs. One mile.

THIRD DAY.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile and a half.

SYLVIA HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.

AUCKLAND PLATE of 200 sovs. One mile and a half.

AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300 sovs. About three miles and a half.

SEDLING STAKES of 50 sovs. Six furlongs.

MUSKET STAKES of 150 sovs. Six furlongs.

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Seven furlongs.

RECOVERY STAKES (Handicap) of 60 sovs. Five furlongs.

ACCEPTANCES

For Handicap Hurdles, Christmas Handicap, Railway Handicap, and Nursery Handicap, close TO-MORROW, Friday, December 18, 1891, by 10 p.m.

WM. PERCIVAL,
Secretary A.R.C.

RACING PROGRAMMES

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 50 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. The winner of any handicap after the declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 20s., acceptance, 20s. Distance, 7 furlongs.

SECOND HANDICAP PONY TROT of 40 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 1 inch and under. The winner of any trotting race after the declaration of the handicaps to receive a penalty of 10 secs behind its original start. Previous penalties added in case of one horse winning two or more races. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Distance, two miles.

PONY STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance, about 2 1/2 miles.

SECOND SELLING TROT of 30 sovs. The winner to be sold for 15 sovs. immediately after the race. If entered to be sold for less, 8 secs. allowance made for every 1 sov. reduction in selling price. If entered to be sold for nil, 50 secs. allowed. Entries 20s. Distance, 2 1/2 miles.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP TROT of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. No horse to receive more than 15 secs. handicap. The winner of any trotting race after the declaration of handicaps to receive a penalty of 5 secs. behind its original start. Nomination 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. Distance, 1 mile.

All communications to be addressed to the Secretary, Durham-street East, Auckland.

C. F. MARK,
Secretary.



WHANGAREI PARK RACING CLUB COMPANY.

(Approved by the A.R.C.)

SUMMER MEETING,

ON

KENSINGTON PARK RACECOURSE.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—JANUARY.

8TH AND 9TH, 1892.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

1. HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 15 sovs. For all horses that have never won a race of the value of 10 sovs. up to time of entry. Distance, 1 mile and a distance. Entrance, 15s.
2. HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 25 sovs. Distance, 2 miles. Over 8 flights of hurdles about 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 10s.
3. TRIAL STAKES HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Distance, 1 mile. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 5s.
4. WHANGAREI RACING COY'S. HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Distance, 1 1/2 miles. Nomination, 30s.; acceptance, 20s.
5. MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 25 sovs., 5 sovs. to go to second horse. Distance, about 2 miles, over such ground as the Stewards shall direct. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s.
6. MARSDEN HANDICAP of 15 sovs. Distance, 1 1/2 miles. Open to all horses the bona fide property of settlers resident within the electoral district of Marsden, the horse to have been in the possession of and owned by the nominator at least three months prior to this meeting. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 5s.

SECOND DAY.

1. FLYING HANDICAP of 15 sovs. Distance, seven furlongs.
2. PUBLICAN'S PURSE HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Distance, 1 1/2 miles. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 5s.
3. NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 35 sovs., 5 sovs. out of stakes to go to second horse. Distance, about 3 miles, over such ground as the Stewards shall direct. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 15s.
4. KENSINGTON PARK HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Distance, 1 1/2 miles. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 10s.
5. PONY HANDICAP of 15 sovs. Distance, 7 furlongs. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 5s.
6. AUCTION STAKES, of 20 sovs. Distance, 1 mile. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for £50. Top weight, 9st. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs., allowed 7lbs; if for 30 sovs., 14lbs; if for 20 sovs., 21lbs; if for 10 sovs., 31lbs; if for nil, 42lbs. Proceeds of the sale above the nominated value of the winner to be equally divided between the owner of the second horse and Club. Entrance, 20s.
7. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 15 sovs. Weights to be declared by 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptance at 10 p.m. Distance, 1 mile. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 5s.

NOMINATIONS.

Nominations for all handicaps to be forwarded to the Secretary under seal and endorsed "Nomination" on or before 8 p.m., TUESDAY, December 29th, 1891. Weights to be declared on Saturday, January 2nd, 1892.

ACCEPTANCES AND GENERAL ENTRIES.

Acceptances and General Entries will be received by the Secretary at Whangarei up till 1 p.m. on TUESDAY, January 5th.

Nominations, Acceptances, and General Entries will be received in Auckland on behalf of the Club by Mr. W. Adams, Durham-street, on the same date and hour as the said Nominations, &c., close at Whangarei.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All races to be run under the Auckland Racing Club Rules. Horses entered for these Races will be carried free from Auckland by the Northern Steamship Company, providing the owners get an order from the undersigned.

G. E. ALDERTON,
Hon. Secretary.

RACING PROGRAMMES



TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

TAKAPUNA CUP of 200 sovs 1 sov
TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 75 sovs 1 sov
FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 120 sovs 1 sov
SECOND HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 80 sovs 1 sov

Nominations for the above close on FRIDAY, December 18, by ten p.m., [with the Secretary, Devonport; or at Mr. W. Bloomfield's Office, Durham-street East, Auckland.

R. WYNYARD,
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.
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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.

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EXCURSIONS.

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Wanganui Jockey Club, 3rd and 4th March
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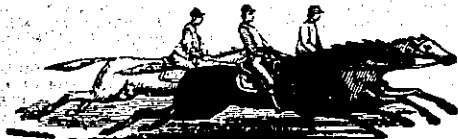
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