



AUCKLAND TANDEM CLUB.

ON Friday last, at the invitation of Dr. Arthur Purchas, the first meet of the season took place at the Albert Park Gate, Princes-street, at 4.30 p.m. A large gathering of spectators assembled to criticise the teams and witness the start. Shortly after the appointed hour Dr. Arthur Purchas led off an imposing procession in the following order:—

1. Dr. Arthur Purchas: a grey and a roan. Mrs. Purchas, in a neatly-fitting gray tweed jacket, with bonnet to match of gray poppies and velvet; and Miss Ida Pierce, in a handsome black frock, relieved by a posey of Marguerite daisies worn in her belt, accompanied the doctor.
2. Mr. John Ansenne, driving a black and a chestnut, was accompanied by his charming wife, who looked her very best.
3. Mr. R. Garrett: a fine pair of browns. Mr. Garrett was accompanied by the Misses Yonge.
4. Mr. Fred Yonge drove a grey and a bay. With him were Miss Tisey Gray, in a gray frock and Tom-Tug hat, and Miss Yonge, in an electric blue and white hat and feathers.
5. Colonel Carré: a dark brown and chestnut. Mrs. Kilgour, who accompanied the Colonel, wore a handsome black silk with jet trimmings, and fawn hat and feathers.
6. Mr. Chatfield: a grey and a roan. Mrs. Chatfield looked extremely well in a cream delaine, with hat and feathers to match.
7. Mr. Stewart: two nice bays. With him Mr. Stubbing, and Miss Nellie Kilgour in a very pretty pale pink gingham and bonnet of pink briar roses.
8. Mr. Hollgate drove Mr. Stewart's handsome bays, winners of the first prize at the recent Show.
9. Mr. J. Wansborough, with Mr. Noble, drove a bay and a brown in a neat cart built by the owner in his leisure hours, and a piece of workmanship reflecting great credit on an amateur coach-builder.
10. Mr. Walter Lawry: a dark and a light bay. With him were Mrs. Lawry, in a very becoming dress of dark blue silk with white spots, and Mrs. Thiele, in fawn silk faced with olive-green plush and bonnet of pale pink rosebuds.
11. Mr. Lockhart drove his compact polo ponies—a chestnut and a grey. Miss Mowbray, who accompanied him, looked exceedingly well in a neat frock of fawn tweed, brown hat and feathers.
12. Mr. Walker drove a grey and a black, and by his side was seated Mrs. Walker, in black, looking handsome and elegant, as is her wont.

The route was *via* Panmure to St. Helier's Bay, which was reached at about 6 p.m., after a delightful drive, the teams going splendidly.

Host Smith having provided for the nags, conducted the party into the roomy and commodious hotel dining-room, where a sumptuous dinner and capital wines, ordered by Dr. Purchas, was thoroughly enjoyed by his guests after so appetising a drive. Pleasant badinage and witty speeches enlivened the meal, and all spent a happy time until about 10 p.m., when the trumpeter sounded "boot and saddle," and a brilliant moon rendered the homeward journey a romantic and delightful one. Everyone voted the jaunt "quite too lovely," and Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Purchas have every reason to be gratified with the success of their hospitality and excellent management of the opening drive of the season.

THE other day, by falling off the wharf, Mr. John Abbott received an involuntary baptism by immersion. With his happy fecundity of quotation, he must have murmured, "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune!" At anyrate he acted upon it, for having quickly *made his pile* he tenaciously *clung* to it until Constable Kelly descended to the rescue. The officer doubtless would have quoted from the Village Blacksmith, "The *muscles* of his brawny arms are strong as iron bands," had the stringer-mussels not proved too strong for his garments. Probably he quoted *Shelley* without too much sibilation. Mr. Abbott fortunately escaped with a ducking, the *teredo navalis* offering him hospitality as a man and a brother button-holer!

THE Auckland Academy of Arts Exhibition closed on Saturday evening after a triumphant success. On Friday the afternoon tea and concert was quite a brilliant affair, and attended by a gay and happy crowd. Miss Elsie Chew, accompanied by her sister, played a very sweet solo on the 'cello and Mr. Milligan-Hogg sang two songs very nicely, "The Old Wherry" and Pacher's "Listening." Other good items were contributed by friends of the Society. By the plébiscite of members—an excellent and ingenious system—Messrs. Kenneth Watkins and O'Keefe were elected associates. In the competitions Mr. T. Ryan was awarded the silver medal for the best New Zealand landscape, and Miss Wright and Miss Bull, and Messrs. C. F. Goldie and F. S. Best, carried off bronze medals in their several classes.

BOXING.

The National Sporting Club of London entertained Slavin at a banquet on the evening of the 5th December.

In the forthcoming "bout" between Slavin and Jackson (should it eventuate) most persons fancy Slavin. Certainly Slavin is a "tiger," and usually knocks his man out in a few rounds. He will find Jackson as tough a nut as he has had to crack yet.

Melbourne notes to hand apprise us of the fact that Murphy and Griffio have accepted Foley's offer to fight for a £150 purse at the Olympic Club, Sydney. Great interest will attach to the result.

"How are the mighty fallen?" Jem Mace, an erst-while champion, is now instructor at the San Francisco Olympic Club and receives a salary of 150 dollars a month.



Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?

AFTER all we are not to have "Evangeline" and Fanny Liddiard, as circumstances have compelled Mr. MacMahon to abandon his visit. Not only is the disappointment a galling one, but worse still the Opera House apparently is doomed to remain idle and empty during the holidays. However, doubtless something will turn up. It is rumoured that efforts were made to persuade Miss Amy Vaughan to give a pantomime and burlesque season in Auckland; but the loyal little lady felt that she was pledged to carry out her provincial tour and would not listen to the voice of the charmer.

MR. POOLE'S concert company opens, in the City Hall on Christmas night, with a sacred concert. Of Miss Bertha Rossow, who was here with Madame Patey, all lovers of good singing retain pleasing recollections, and will be glad to hear the sweet and popular soprano again. Madame Vandervier Green, the contralto, hails from America, and brings with her a good reputation. With the additional attractions of an eminent solo violinist in the person of Herr Raimund Pechotsch and Kowalski, the famous pianist, the company should be assured of a successful season.

ON Saturday evening at the City Hall a large audience witnessed the last performance of Miss Amy Vaughan and her Amazons prior to their departure. The fire corps in their shining helmets and tasteful costumes looked very attractive, and the programme was faithfully given and heartily received. Mr. F. Willis was unfortunately too unwell to appear, but Misses Amy Vaughan, May Travers, Annie Wyniard, and Messrs. Harry Cowan, Max Rinkle, Hyland, Corbett, etc., were effective and amusing as usual. Especially good was Miss Amy Vaughan's "Where did you get that hat?" sung in a charming black frock with a pink sash, and a hat which certainly invited the question. Miss May Travers' fine contralto voice and pure style were capitally suited with "The Old and New." Miss Annie Wyniard sang "Piggyback" excellently, and Harry Cowan's "Oh-ah!" was irresistibly comic. On Monday evening at the Opera House a well-deserved benefit was tendered to Miss Vaughan by her company, and the popularity of that talented and hard-working artiste was again evidenced by a house crowded in every part. The bill was a generous one—the burlesque and pantomime, "Black-eyed Susan," which for the first night of the revival went splendidly, and with a few judicious cuts and a rehearsal or two more, will, I feel sure, be well received wherever played. The scenery and dresses are admirable, and must have cost a great deal of careful thought and hard work both in design and execution. A compact and competent orchestra of violin, piano, cornet, double bass, drums, etc., under the direction of Mr. Burke contributed its full share to the success of the piece. Miss Amy Vaughan as William

is, of course, the life and soul of the piece. Besides wearing some exquisite dresses, she sings, dances, and acts throughout with true burlesque spirit, verve, and gaiety. Miss Annie Wyniard, as Raker, looks simply magnificent in her splendid crimson dress. She acts, dances and sings with great dash and vigour. Harry Cowan makes a great hit with Doggrass, his get up being indescribably ludicrous, and his comicalities of speech, gesture, song and dance, never fail to excite inextinguishable laughter. How can he pull such faces? Miss May Travers makes an ideal Susan, and looks very sweet in the various changes of costume she adopts; her singing, too, is a tower of strength—always in tune and ever sympathetic. Miss Cissie Earle, as Dolly Mayflower, looks and acts her minor part very successfully. Dame Hatley, the widow, is simply immense, both in get up and grotesque fun. Max Rinkle shows great ability in his impersonation, and his dancing is super-excellent. Mr. Travers Vale's Captain Crosstree is quite a feature. He is always good in burlesque, and enumerates his lines with telling effect and emphasis, a point by the way which some of the performers should pay more attention to. I noticed a tendency to speak much too fast occasionally. Miss Daisy Thornton makes a comical Lord High Admiral, and her black, yellow and red subordinates, Misses Hamlyn and Addie Parvin, and Mr. Fredericks, played up to her very well indeed. Miss Annie Vaughan, as an Irish postman, reveals an excellent brogue, and adds not a little to the fun. Two little performers—the Midshipmite (May Moggridge) and the Marine (Master Bertie) make a good deal of their small parts. The former sang Adams' "Midshipmite" with wonderful correctness and expression, and the latter showed real farcial talent in some clever low comedy business. The harlequinade, under the able direction of Max Rinkle, is quite refreshing. To see the old poker, sausage, cat-pie business once more recalls the palmy days of old Drury Lane and Covent Garden. Max is really an accomplished clown, and knows how to make things hum. Fred Enden is a capital Pantaloon, and Harry Cowan came out in a new rôle as Harlequin, proving his wonderful versatility once more. The untiring Amy looked seraphic, and danced gracefully as Columbine, and her sister Daisy made a fairy-like pale pink Harlequina. Altogether "Black-eyed Susan," with its pantomimic third act, must be pronounced a success. Miss Vaughan was quite overwhelmed with floral tributes in various shapes and original devices. She returned thanks in a graceful and happily-worded little speech. Mr. Neville Thornton's scenery, especially the fine representation of the steamer Amazon, evoked repeated rounds of applause. I cordially wish the Amazons good luck, and a not too long absence from Auckland.

On Tuesday evening, at the Choral Hall, the Society gave their annual performance of the "Messiah," but I cannot notice it this week.

I MUST now take this opportunity to wish all readers a "Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year." Especially may the New Year be a bright, pleasant, and profitable one from the musical and dramatic points of view.

ORPHEUS.

OUR WANGANUI LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Mr. W. Wilson's mare Eclat, by Natator—Fame, has dropped a colt foal to Armament, and visits him again.

Mr. Sam Powell has sold the bay gelding The Banker, by Somnus, to Mr. Grant, of Wairarapa, the price being £50.

Stranger, by St. Clair—Kaikatea, has gone in to W. H. George's stable, who has also in hand Mirabelle and She. Stranger was, until recently, under the charge of H. Pell.

It is rumoured that Mr. F. Hill's horses will be taken to Australia shortly. Whether all of them will go I do not know, but I believe Prestige and Cheque will be included in the team. Cheque will most likely be nominated for the Newmarket Handicap.

The Wanganui Jockey Club have received good entries for their Autumn Meeting, the total number being 180, made up as follows:—Wanganui Cup 40, Flying Handicap 26, Earle

Stakes 23, Wanganui Stakes 38, Nursery Handicap 15, and Autumn Handicap 38. Amongst them are such well-known performers as Dudu (winner of the Wanganui Cup three times), Reculse, Rosefeldt, Fraternité, British Lion, etc. With such a class of horses it only remains with the Club's handicapper, Mr. J. O. Evitt, to make the meeting a most successful one. In the Cup race Mr. Gollan is represented by Captain Webb and Pearl Powder, Mr. Hunter by Whisper and Cynisca, Mr. Stead by Lebel and Palliser, Mr. Ormond by Thame and Queen of Hearts, Captain Russell by Krina, Katinka, and Huerfana, Mr. Douglas by Kapua and Rosefeldt, and Mr. Donnelly by Kotuku and Hakimana, the rest of the field being made up by single nominations. Wanganui is represented by La Petite Fille and She. None of Mr. Paul's horses have been nominated for any race at the meeting, and I am informed that Mr. Paul says he will not race another horse on the Wanganui course. The reason why I believe, is that some time ago B. Coyle sued Mr. Paul for £3 for looking after the race-horse Boulanger, which case Mr. Paul gained, and he retaliated by bringing Mr. Coyle before the stewards of the W.J.C. for trying to obtain money when it was not due to him; but after hearing the evidence, the stewards threw the thing out, hence Mr. Paul not nominating at the W.J.C. Meeting, but I suppose the Club will not feel the loss of Mr. Paul's nominations.

The Manawatu Racing Club have not received very good acceptances for their meeting on the 26th inst., but what are left in are pretty well of the same class, so therefore, some good racing should be the order of the day. The Hurdles should be won by Doncastor, with Rere second, and Empire third. The Trial Handicap has nine acceptors, Weka, 8st 12lb, being top weight, and as she has proved herself a speedy mare she should take a lot of beating. Torpedo, 6lbs less, I think, will be held safe by her. Recluse is, to my mind, the pick of the lot, and as I hear that he is somewhere near his old form, I shall expect him to secure an easy victory. The best of the others I take to be Rufus and She. To select the placed horses I shall place them—Recluse, 1; Weka, 2; She, 3. For the Boxing Day Handicap ten have accepted, Retina, 8st 9lb, heading the list, but I have no particular fancy for her. Recluse, 8st 8lb, should have a show, but his running in the Flying will give a clue to his pretensions. Pyramus, 7st 13lb, if as well as he was at Fielding, will take a lot of beating. Torpedo, 7st 12lb, showed good form at the May Meeting of the W.J.C., that I certainly reckon he has a show. Weka, 7st 8lb, I fancy, will find the distance too far. Ros, 7st 7lb, is a good horse, and will beat more than beat him, and he should have a good outside chance. Paradox, 6st 13lb, is the only one of the others I fancy has a chance, so to vote for the winner I shall go for Pyramus, 1; Torpedo, 2; Ros, 3. The Park Stakes should be won by Recluse, 1; Torpedo, 2; Fortune, 3. The Tradesman's should go to Ros, 1; Weka, 2; Pyramus, 3.

TARANAKI SPORTING NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, Dec. 15.

SPORTING matters in this district have assumed a fairly brisk aspect on account of the hack trysts that will come off during the holidays. On Saturday (Boxing Day) the Manaia people will hold their meeting, and judging by the number of horses engaged, there should be a good day's sport for the people "on the plains."

The following acceptances have been received for the Taranaki J.C. Meeting, to be held on December 28:—Hurdles, 1½ miles—Atlantic 9st 10lb, Recruit 9st 7lb, Wizard 9st. Spring Handicap, 1½ miles—Tattler 8st 8lb, Flukem 7st 12lb, Ionic 7st 10lb, The Orphan 7st 10lb, Maroro 7st 6lb, Shela 6st 10lb, Volley 6st 7lb, and Rainbow 6st 7lb. Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs—Tattler 8st 11lb, Flukem 8st 2lb, Shela 6st 12lb, Volley 6st 10lb, Cigarette 6st 7lb, Thunderbolt 6st 7lb. Maiden Plate, 1 mile (nominations)—Atlantic, Maroro, Katiri, Silverlock, Hypatia, Bradshaw.

For the Hurdles I tip Recruit; Spring, Tattler or Flukem; Flying, Flukem; Maiden, Maroro; First Pony, Poppy or Coronet.

W. F. Stohr has purchased the trotter Charlie for £40, and is now training the chest-

nut gelding for the Auckland Trotting Club's big money, in which he has 15sec. The horse will go North next week. The pony Lady Onslow will also be taken North next week to fulfil her engagements at the same meeting. I notice in the handicap that Lady Onslow was asked to give The Orphan weight in the Pony Cup. The handicappers must have made a big bungle, otherwise they could not have been aware of The Orphan's performances not only in pony but in hot hack company. Why, her latest performance was at Momahaki in Nov. 9, when she beat a field of hacks in the Railway Handicap, 1½ miles. As The Orphan has not accepted of course the matter ends, but how she got in so light puzzles a few down here.

The nominations for the Opunake Hack Meeting on New Year's Day, and also for Pungarehu in January 4th are excellent, and good fields should be witnessed on both days.

The nominations for Waitara, which are appended, are rather poor, the cause being that the meeting is on the same day as the Opunake, where the money is bigger. The weights for the meeting are:—

New Year's Handicap, 1½ miles.—Ionic, 8st 12lb; Wizard, 7st 12lb; Cigarette, 7st 3lb; Katiri, 7st.

Pony Race, 6 furlongs.—Poppy, 8st; Nox, 7st; Firelock, 7st; Cigarette, 7st; Storyteller, 7st; Disowned, 7st.

Waitara Cup, 1½ miles.—Flukem, 8st 12lb; Ionic, 8st 8lb; Maroro, 8st 4lb; Silverlock, 7st 4lb; Armoury, 7st 4lb; Nugget, 7st 1lb.

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Flukem, 8st 12lb; Ionic, 8st 9lb; Wizard, 7st 9lb; Silverlock, 7st 2lb; Katiri, 6st 11lb.

Welter Handicap, 1 mile.—Flukem, 10st 9lb; Ionic, 10st 6lb; Armoury, 9st 4lb; Wizard, 9st 4lb; Gunner, 9st; Hypatia, 9st.

Ionic should win the New Year's Handicap, Cigarette the Pony Race, Silverlock the Cup, Ionic the Flying, and Wizard the Welter.

Fraternité's chance of pulling off the double (Auckland Cup and Derby) is thought a lot of down this coast. "Billy" Holmes will steer him in these events.

On Thursday last the first eleven of the New Plymouth Cricket Club beat Huerangi easily, and another eleven defeated the Star Club in the same day. Cricket has "caught on" in this town after many tries.

The Auckland Concert Company, comprising some of your best amateur talent in vocal and instrumental lines, are advertised to do this and the East Coast. The tour begins at New Plymouth, where the Company appear on Dec. 30 and 31. Mr. Farrington is advance agent, and an untiring one he is. The Company will, I am certain, have a successful tour.

OUR NAPIER LETTER.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

ROLLO's Pohehe has broken down.

The Danevirke Jockey Club hold a hack race meeting on January 27th, when a good amount of money will be given away in stakes.

Kotuku, by Musket—Maid of Athol, will probably start in the Flying Handicap at Hastings on Boxing Day. She is entered for the Wanganui Cup, and it is expected she will be got fit by that time.

The chance of Queen of Trumps in the Auckland Cup is not fancied here at all, but her party seem to think she ought to have a show. I think she will run well forward with her light weight, but doubt her ability to last out the two miles. My tip for this year's Cup is—British Lion, 1; Hilda, 2; Fraternite, 3.

The locally-owned horse Swivel (by Mute—Swiveline) was disqualified at the Aspendale Meeting for twelve months, so a private cable from Melbourne informs me. The stewards probably thought he was out for an airing, and should have won after his win in grand style at Wyndham on the Saturday previous. Since the above information came to hand another cable has been received to the effect that the disqualification has been removed, which, to say the least of it, is very peculiar. Why the ban was removed does not appear, but further particulars will no doubt come to hand by next mail. Swivel is being looked after on account of his owner, or owners, who live here, by Mr. Carmody, the erst New Zealander, whose horse Glencloth was thought to have a big show in the last Caulfield Cup.

It has come to my knowledge that a resident

of this district who sent over some money to a sweep promoter in Melbourne has had it returned. It appears that under the new law in Victoria all post-office orders sent to known sweep promoters will not be cashed, but the money will be returned to the sender. I have not made myself acquainted with the details of the new law, but I should think that if notes or gold were sent over the postal officials would not stop the letters. It would be very hard to believe that in this enlightened age an embargo could be placed on letters addressed to sweep promoters allowing them to be opened in the post-office. Under existing circumstances I would advise people not to invest in sweeps in Australia at all, but keep their money in their pockets. Why they were abolished in New Zealand it would be very interesting to know. Our legislators probably had a virtuous fit at the time from which they have never recovered. Sweeps would not, if allowed to exist, do a twentieth part of the harm a totalisator would. When a person has a pound ticket in a sweep he has as much excitement—and healthy excitement at that—as if he had a hundred pounds on the machine on a single race. If sweeps were again sanctioned the Treasury would make a nice pot by the post-office revenue, and also by stipulating that each ticket sold should have a sixpenny stamp attached to it.

Very good acceptances have been received for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Meeting, the starters for each event being up to the average, except in the Hurdle Race. My selections are:—Summer Handicap: Huerfana, 1; Hakimana, 2; Rosefeldt, 3. Hurdles: Somnambulist, 1; Otaieri, 2; Taurakaitai, 3. Christmas Handicap: Seraph, 1; Thane, 2; Rosefeldt, 3. Trial Handicap: Bay Bell, 1; Como, 2; Triton, 3. Two-year Old Race: Tireur, 1; St. Katharine, 2. Welter: Free Lance, 1; Turehu, 2; Blue Mountain, 3.

There was general regret expressed here at the death of Mrs. Edwards, wife of Mr. W. Edwards, trainer for Captain Russell. The funeral of deceased was very largely attended.

On the proposition of the Hon. Captain Russell, M.H.R., the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club have adopted the idea of allowing each member four ladies tickets for every race gathering of the club. It was thought that the innovation would not have a detrimental effect on the finances of the club, but would result to the contrary, inasmuch as the membership would be considerably increased, and the meetings would be rendered more popular and attractive. Captain Russell had the support of the committee, and no opposition was offered the proposal, which, at a general meeting of members, was carried unanimously.

Mr. H. Gaisford, of Waipukurau, has purchased Carmo, *alias* Problem, *alias* Warepa, for 65 guineas. This is the Wellington horse that gave the Town and Suburban and the Metropolitan Clubs such a great amount of trouble recently.

Wally Clifford leaves by boat to-day for Auckland, where he will ride Mr. Stead's horses at the forthcoming meeting.

The Jockey Club recently refused to sanction the programme of the Waipatu Club, on the ground that the meetings of the club were unnecessary. The Waipatu officials petitioned for reconsideration of their request, but the metropolitan committee resolved to adhere to their former decision.

OUR CHRISTCHURCH LETTER.

[By Wire.]

CHRISTCHURCH, Dec. 22.

AUCKLAND will have all the sport worth seeing during the Christmas holidays. No doubt there will be minor races all over the Colony. There will be some here that may have pretensions to elucidate good form, but beyond the Metropolitan meetings of New Zealand I do not believe much in the equity of racing executives on the form of horses, and beyond racing executives subordinates are employed that are not anything like on an equality with stewards practically or intellectually, and too much power is granted to them. Of that I am perfectly certain. Many of the people they—the subordinates—employ, too, are nothing better than roughs either. There is a great deal of that in Canterbury, and it is prejudicial both to the racing and trotting turfs. I am writing

absolutely in the interests of sport in the Colony, and I have had very considerable experience in that line of business, but if the Canterbury Clubs, or some of them, do not attend to the duties of their employes in regard to instructions being carried out, Canterbury will sadly go down in racing and trotting. It is all very well to talk at Riccarton about Dunedin, but I have not seen anything particularly wrong there, and I have seen something particularly wrong at Riccarton. I have conversed with such members of the Canterbury Jockey Club Committee as Mr. Stead, Mr. Clifford and Mr. Horsford—and better sportsmen you cannot find in the world—but there is something wrong in the conduct of the Canterbury Jockey Club all the same. However it may have been run on the first off go, it is now run too much on purely business lines. I live at Riccarton Racecourse, and there is a vile radical business about the official part of its conduct.

The trotting at New Brighton on Anniversary Day was of the ordinary description. Some of the finishes were fairly close, but I believe there was a deal of "cronk" running down there.

RANDOM RACING REMARKS.

[BY PEGASUS.]

LAST week I made a hurried review of the Cup horses, which is now a small and select field. All things considered, I am inclined to think the race does not bear the same open aspect which it did a fortnight ago. Many changes have taken place since then, and the Cup of '91 seems almost a "moral" for Hilda, if fit and well. She has, however, sexual troubles to contend with, and I drop her down "one" in case she be not quite herself on the day.

Summing up my last week's "remarks" and from the information I have since obtained, I have decided upon placing the Cup horses as follows:—Fraternite, 1; Hilda or British Lion, 2; Dreamer, 3.

On the Cup day the programme includes the Trial Stakes, one mile, for which the conditions are w.f.a. Looking over the list and conditions this race ought to fall to Flinders or The Baron.

The Great Northern Foal Stakes, six furlongs, for two-year-olds, should be an interesting item. This is a difficult race to pick, but everything considered, the result ought to read, Stepniak, 1; Whakawatea, 2; Brown Alice, 3.

The next item is the Hurdle Race, two miles, for which there remains a small field of nine. Whether some of them will wait for the second day or not and undergo a "reversal of form" it is hard to say, but I can't see why this event should not result in Try Fluke, 1; Fishmonger, 2; Lonely, 3.

The next event on the list is the Nursery Handicap, for which we have a field of thirteen. I am compelled to go "straight" for Glenora for this event. To fill the places I prefer St. Hippo and Wyvern in that order.

The Railway Handicap, a "sprint" race over three quarters of a mile, bears a very open aspect indeed. After carefully scanning the list I incline to go for Reprisal, 1; The Baron, 2; Lady Belle, 3.

The Maiden Steeple is a very poor lot, and looks like a fight between Irishman, Orakei, and The Colonel.

The final event on the programme for the day is the Christmas Handicap. After the South Auckland running one would be voted a "hass and a hidjit" if he chose anything but Lochness. I shall say then for this event—Lochness, 1; Dolosa, 2; Roie, 3.

I shall now attempt a review of the Steeplechase candidates. Sentinel, 11st 8lb, heads the list, and were he the Sentinel of old he should be a "dead bird." Being located in the Waikato it is a difficult matter to get a line as to his owner's intentions. To make sure, perhaps, it would be best to give him a place. Hopeful Kate, 10st 10lb, is a "red-hot" public fancy, and ought to run a great mare. I doubt her ability to put down Sentinel, however, Fishmonger, 10st 7lb, is handily weighted, and being a game little fellow should render a good account of himself on the 2nd of January. The Colonel, 10st 7lb, although he won at Avondale, is not, I think, to be trusted for this event. At Hamilton on Saturday last he ought to have won even had they all stood up. Rae's

pluck in remounting his charge was worth going a long way to see. I cannot say I have a strong fancy for The Colonel for the Auckland Steeple. Bit o' Blue, 10st, was voted a "dead bird" when the weights first appeared, but, luckily for Mr. Evt's handicap, the roan is hardly likely to be himself by the day of issue. According to all accounts he has "developed" a knee, and is an unlikely starter. Yardman, 9st 12lb, doesn't appear to have a hundred to one show. Good Day, 9st 11lb, would perhaps be more "at home" in commoner company. Dan, 9st 11lb, has every appearance of a "waiter," and it would not in the least astonish me to find him "upset the apple cart." Don't let him start without putting a few shillings on him. I pick him as a boil-over. Tawhana, Tommy, and Chance are each weighted at 9st 7lb, and to judge by past performances the only one that should have a say is Tommy. Further "remarks" are, I think, unnecessary, and to sum up the lot I opine the Steeplechase will be fought out between Sentinel, Hopeful Kate, and Fishmonger, always reserving Dan for the "upset."

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

This Club opens the ball on Wednesday next, the 30th inst., when eight events are to be "panned" off. Of course everybody will have a particular fancy for each event, and it really seems next to useless to trouble about trying to pick the winners, because, "if e'er convinced against their will, they are of the same opinion still." Nevertheless, according to usual custom, I presume the general public will expect a tip of some kind, so here goes.

I am not sure of the exact order of the events, but I shall wade through the list as they appear before me now.

The Trotting Cup of 200sovs, is a three mile race, and has an acceptance of twenty-three. This should prove a great contest, as the value of the prize ought to have the whole lot "jigging." I feel disposed to say for this event—Midnight, 40sec, 1; Scotchman, 50sec, 2; Shamrock, 60sec, 3.

The next item I drop across is the Pony Cup of £100, distance one mile. On the strength of Vampire being himself on the day, I should not go further for the winner, but it is hard to know exactly how he is. Presuming that he is alright, I shall place them—Vampire, 1; Lady Onslow, 2; Red Rose, 3.

The Handicap Trot, two and a-half miles, ought to result in Sailor Boy, 37sec, 1; Bess, 37sec, 2; Sandgate, 3.

The Maiden Trot, two miles, is like taking a pick in the dark, because many of the animals are out for the first time. Just to say I attempted it I shall try a pick at Puhoi, 30sec, and leave readers to choose something else to please themselves. If that doesn't come off don't blame PEGASUS.

I seldom or never touch a Selling Race, but this one looks such a "moral" for Martha that I cannot resist the temptation of saying so.

The Hurdle Race seems to rest between Despised and Lady Onslow, the latter for preference.

In the Pony Trot, two miles, I have a great sneaking regard for Shamrock, with a 40sec start, next to which I like Myrtle and Maud S. The result ought to read nearly like that.

The last item to cope with is the Flying Stakes, six furlongs. This event reads terribly "sultry" for Silkworm, 6st 12lb, who should be "chased" in by Red Rose or Fryngpan.

In order that readers may arrive at conclusions quickly, I shall recapitulate the events and the tips for each as follows:—Trotting Cup—Midnight, Scotchman, Shamrock. Pony Cup—Vampire, Lady Onslow, Red Rose. Handicap Trot—Sailor Boy, Bess, Sandgate, or Charlie. Maiden Trot—Puhoi or Something. Hurdles—Lady Onslow or Despised. Pony Trot—Shamrock, Myrtle, and Maud S. Selling Trot—Martha. Flying Stakes—Silkworm, Red Rose, Fryngpan.

Notes from Australia lead me to make the following selections for the principal events over there:—

Summer Cup, 1½ miles.—St. Blaize or Scots Grey 1, Prelude 2.

The Carrington Stakes, ¾ mile, should be fought out between Mitre, Paris, and Marvel, and I prefer them in that order.

For Tattersall's Club Cup a large field remains in still. Of course the former events may affect the result of this one. Should St.

Blaize not win the Summer Cup I should be very sweet on his chance for this event. Failing this, I opine the result will read somewhat after this fashion:—Yowi or Magnus 1, Albe-marle 2, Forty Winks 3.

It does seem "passing strange" that after the recent exhibitions of bad starting the A.R.C. should not have appointed Mr. E. D. Halstead as starter at their summer meeting. Mr. Halstead has proved beyond a doubt his ability to wield the flag, and has temporarily filled the breach before for the A.R.C. at their spring meeting with great credit. Notwithstanding this, and the confidence of the public in Mr. H. as a starter, the Club have actually appointed a Queensland resident to that important office. As to the ability of Mr. Buckland I say nothing, but I certainly think it is time the clubs about gave up "experimenting," and set themselves to appoint officers who have earned their places by repeated actual demonstration of their fitness for the office. Furthermore, if I am not mistaken, Mr. B. did not distinguish himself in any wonderful way when acting as a starter before. If we are to have an improvement in racing matters there must be given "Honour to whom honour is due," and it would be interesting to know what means were employed to bring about an appointment wherein that principle has been completely ignored.

ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES.

MONDAY.—All work was done on the plough. Harrison was out at daylight, and worked his team. Fraternite and Clanranald, in company, were sent a couple of rounds at a good pace. Flinders went twice round, finishing home the last time in company with Yattaghan, almost at top. British Lion had Whakawatea for a companion for a couple of rounds steady; the Cup candidate then put in another round by himself. Fishmonger was sent three circuits, the first two rounds slow, and the last at about half pace. Orakei went a steady three rounds. Dolosa was restricted to half pace work. The Dancer, in company with Puweroweru, put in a good smart round. Chance, Prospector, and Scot Free, each went three times round steady, the later in neck sweaters. Lochness went a couple of rounds at about half pace. Hopeful Kate strode over three miles in taking style at about half pace. Tuna did a couple of rounds at half pace. North Atlantic and Stepniak, in company, went once round, the last six furlongs being done fast. Tamar went a couple of rounds slow.

TUESDAY.—All on plough. Stepniak and North Atlantic did a real good six-furlong gallop together, both moving well. Flinders went a couple of rounds steady, finishing home the last six furlongs fast, being joined at the top of the straight by Yattaghan. Fishmonger put in a useful three rounds at half-pace. Kupe, Leofric, and Tit went once round, in company, at top. Tulloch had Ma Boughal for a companion for one round steady. British Lion did a couple of rounds steady, and Whakawatea once, while Dolosa was restricted to trotting exercise. Queen of Trumps went a couple of miles at half-pace. Prospector did three miles steady, as did also the jumper Chance. Clanranald went twice round the tan steady. Reprisal, Workman, and Coalscuttle were sent a mile at top. Ingorina did a couple of miles steady. Priscilla did likewise.

Dunkeld, the man-eater, is located in the Wagga district now, and is reported as being greatly cured of his bad habit.

Some persons believe in coincidences. For instance, we have heard of those who backed Waterfall at the Auckland meeting because it rained that morning just prior to the races. Now we have the report that in Australia a number consistently backed a horse called Storm in a hurdle race, because of the bad weather, and he rewarded them by winning easily.

According to paragraphs in the sporting papers from London, it would seem that Mr. "Joe" Thompson, the Australian leviathan, won a large sum over the Cesarewitch, but a number did not "pay up." He intends placing in the hands of Tattersall's Club a sum equal to that owing to him, and then give his "swell" customers the alternative of paying or be posted as defaulters.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

To-day (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 26th, at the post, acceptances are due with the secretary, Mr. W. Percival, at the Club's rooms, Durham-street East, for the

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

Saturday, December 26, acceptances will be received at the post for the

Great Northern Foal Stakes, sweep 10sovs.
Auckland Cup of 60sovs, 2 miles, sweep 10sovs.
Maiden Steeplechase of 10sovs, about 3 miles, 2sovs.

Wednesday, December 30th, by 10 p.m., acceptances are due for the

Midsummer Handicap of 150sovs, 5 furlongs, 2sovs.
Newmarket Handicap of 100sovs, 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
New Year's Hurdle Race of 100sovs, 2 miles, 1sov.
Auckland Racing Club Handicap of 400sovs, 1½ miles, 3sovs.

Maiden Handicap of 70sovs, 1 mile and a distance, 1sov.

Welter Handicap of 50sovs, 1 mile, 1sov.

Friday, January 1st, at the post.

Auckland Racing Club Handicap, sweep 5sovs.

Great Northern Derby, sweep 15sovs.

Thursday, December 31st, by noon.

The Great Northern Derby, the forfeit of 5sovs to be declared and paid, or the nominator will be liable for the whole of sweepstakes (15sovs).

Friday January 1st, by 10 p.m., acceptances for the

Grand Stand Handicap of 100sovs, 1½ miles, 1sov.
Sylvia Handicap of 100sovs, 6 furlongs, 2sovs.
Victoria Handicap of 100sovs, 7 furlongs, 1sov.

Saturday, January 2nd, at the post, acceptances due for the

Steeplechase (sweep), of 300sovs, about 3½ miles, 5sovs.
Auckland Plate of 200sovs, 1½ miles, 3sovs.
Musket Stakes of 150sovs, 6 furlongs, 2sovs.
Recovery Stakes Handicap of 60sovs, 5 furlongs, 1sov.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

Saturday, December 26th, at 9.30 p.m., acceptances close with Mr. H. J. Greenslade, secretary, Bradley and Co's. Building, Brown-street Thames, for the

Midsummer Handicap of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
Thames Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs., about 2 miles, 2 sovs.

Thames Goldfields Handicap of 65 sovs., 1½ miles, 2 sovs.

Thames Handicap Steeplechase of 80 sovs., about 2½ miles, 1½ sovs.

WHANGAREI PARK RACING COMPANY.

Tuesday, December 29th, 1891, by 8 p.m., nominations for the following handicaps to be forwarded to the secretary, Mr. G. E. Alderton, and endorsed "nomination," or Mr. W. Adams, Durham-street East, Auckland.

Maiden Plate of 15sovs, 1 mile and a distance, 15s.

Hurdle Race of 25sovs, 2 miles, 15s.

Trial Stakes of 20sovs, 1 mile, 15s.

Whangarei Racing Company's Handicap of 50sovs, 1½ miles, 15sovs.

Maiden Steeplechase of 25sovs, about 2 miles, 10s.

Marsden Handicap of 15sovs, 1½ miles, 10s.

Flying Handicap of 15sovs, 7 furlongs, 10s.

Publicans' Purse of 20sovs, 1½ miles, 15s.

Northern Steeplechase of 35sovs, about 3 miles, 1sov.

Kensington Park Handicap of 30sovs, 1½ miles, 1sov.

Pony Handicap of 15sovs, for 14.2 ponies, 7 furlongs, 10s.

Farewell Handicap of 15sovs, 1 mile, 10s.

ONEHUNGA RACING CLUB.

Thursday, December 31st, at 10 p.m., Mr. C. F. Mark, secretary, receives nominations at his office Durham-street East, up to the above hour for the following events:—

Handicap Maiden Plate of 20 sovs., 1 mile, ½ sov.

Handicap Hurdles of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Onehunga Cup of 50 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Handicap Pony Race of 15 sovs., for 14.2 ponies, 5 furlongs, ½ sov.

Handicap Flying Stakes of 20 guineas., 6 furlongs, ½ sov.

Handicap Steeplechase of 50 sovs., about three miles, 1 sov.

Welter Handicap of 20 sovs., 1 mile, ½ sov.

Many persons have inquired the meaning of the name Whakawatea. One scribe has given it as "Clear the way," but according to several good Maori scholars the definition of the word is equivalent to "Behold! the light is appearing."



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

THE annual prize firing of the Auckland Rifle Association is exciting much more interest this year than it has done for some time. About fifty entries have been received by the secretary (Lieut. Dormer). The inclusion of a nursery match for young shots has been a wise addition to the programme for Boxing Day, and no doubt the "colts" will take full advantage of it.

The various matches are as follows, and I will venture to tip the top men in each. Officers' Match, 7 shots at 200yds and 300yds, standing and kneeling—Osborne 1, Parslow 2, Head 3. Nursery Match, 10 shots at 300yds, any position—Baddiley 1, Head 2, Chatfield 3. Beck's Cup, 5 shots at 200, 400, and 500yds—Tobin 1, Taylor 2, Doughty 3. Citizen's Match, 7 shots at 200, 300, and 500yds—Doughty 1, Tobin 2, McCallum 3. The Grand Aggregate should be fought out by Tobin, Doughty, Osborne, Head, Taylor, Weir, McCallum, Henderson, and Fairs. The Martini-Henry Match, 7 shots at 300, 500, and 600yds, will probably not be fired on Saturday. McCallum, Tobin, Nutt, and Taylor should be near the front. The Teams' Match, 3 men, should be a good competition, and should result in a close fight between the A Battery's best and the Vics.

It is estimated that over fifty competitors will fire on Boxing Day for the A.R. Association's prizes, made up as follows:—Auckland Navals 2, Ponsonby Navals 2, A Battery 15, Engineers 1, Victoria Rifles 5, City Guards 6, Newton Rifles 6, Royal Irish 5, Thames Navals 3, Wairoa Rifles 3, Coromandel 2, Whangarei 1, Dargaville 4, Civilians (local) 5.

Farrier Sergt. Prince, of the A Battery, is a good man to have in charge of the ginger (?) beer keg on a big day, and was in his element on Saturday week at the Narrow Neck.

The Gordon Shield is to be fired for again in January, and should result in a keen struggle between the Gordons, Vics, and A Battery. The Battery team has been strengthened by the accession of four of the O Battery's old team, which was third last year, and the Vics by Vol. Mort. Fairs, also one of the O's. It is hardly likely that as many teams will compete as last year. It will be remembered the visitors from the country were rather "out of it."

The A Battery shootists are looking forward with pleasure to a visit from the South Wairoa team, and hope to score a win.

Iron targets for rifle shooting has now been entirely abolished in England, and canvas is now invariably used, and is found to be much superior in wet weather. The marking is simpler, as the colours do not run. It is quicker and more certain, and it is almost impossible for an accident to happen, as there are no splinters and the bullet goes right through into a clay bank which may easily be constructed for the purpose.

At Wyndham (Victoria), the ex-New Zealander Swivel, by Mute—Swiverline, won the Spring Handicap the other day in the most hollow manner. The result might almost read "won in a walk."

The stewards of the Onehunga Racing Club passed the following resolutions at a meeting held on Tuesday afternoon:—"That the stewards after carefully considering all the evidence have come to the conclusion that W. McManemin is exonerated from all blame in the matter of riding Ingorina and the accident to Glaucus in the Spring Handicap at the Club's Spring Meeting." "That in the opinion of the stewards of this Club the boys Smith, Priest, and Golding have been sufficiently punished, considering their good conduct, and the stewards hereby resolve to remit the balance of the term of disqualification imposed on the said boys in April last, and that the A.R.C. be requested to endorse the removal of disqualification."

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COMING EVENTS.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1891.

ONE more revolution of the "whirligig" of Old Father Time finds us landed at the threshold of another Christmas Eve. Although our fair colony has just passed through the "ordeal" of a prolonged and severe depression, still we feel constrained to notice that the "silver lining to the dark cloud" bears an enlarged and ever-increasing aspect...

It will be interesting to note what action the Auckland Trotting Club will take with regard to Mr. C. Philpott, who has bought the stabling rights for their two days' meeting at £2, and who is regarded by them as a defaulter.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

THE inauguration of a two days summer meeting of the above club was most successfully brought to an issue on Friday and Saturday last, 18th and 19th inst., in the presence of a large concourse of people of all classes and distinctions. By the 9.35 a.m. train from Auckland about two hundred passengers journeyed to Hamilton on Thursday, and to the most casual observer it was at once apparent that there were more than the usual number of "speelers," three card gentry, their companions and accomplices on board...

from town being present. Friday morning broke beautifully fine, although in the early morning there was a heavy fog. Everyone seemed to be early astir, and after a hurried breakfast wended their way to the course, which is about a mile from Hamilton West post office, on the opposite side of the river towards Ngaruawahia. It is pleasantly situated close to the Hamilton East Railway Station. Nearly half of the course (the whole of which is visible from all parts in any situation) is backed by a clump of picturesque native bush, which gives a charming picture to the colours of the various riders and their mounts as they stride along in their exciting and sometimes dangerous task. The Ngaruawahia and Pirongia ranges are in the distance, and indeed all the surroundings make a most enjoyable change to anyone who is a constant visitor to our immediately surrounding meetings. The course was, contrary to the expectations of a great number of owners and trainers, in the best of order, and was a credit to Messrs. Jupiter Pluvius and G. H. Carter, the hon. secretary. The latter had the harrow and roller going immediately after the former gentleman had done some of his work (he did the best half of it on Wednesday night); he did nothing to help the worthy honorary secretary on Thursday and Friday, but again put in a heavy claim to his right to assist the South Auckland Racing Club by coming down heavily on Friday night. The accommodation on the course is "first class," there being a nice grand stand with ladies' rooms most conveniently attached. A large publican's booth and luncheon room underneath, which was under the charge of Mr. Buxton of the Royal Hotel, and did a good business. The new totalisator house was a special feature on this occasion, it being the most conveniently constructed place for the purpose in the Province of Auckland—not even excepting Ellerslie, and although the present structure is only a temporary one it was built with the intention of making it a permanent one if found suitable, and it more than fulfilled expectations. The machines were worked for the Club by Mr. W. Blomfield most satisfactorily, the amount put through amounting to £2,984 10s. For the first time on any course in this Province three of the Jenkins-Hayes patent machines used in one totalisator house, their furnishing and appearance being quite an attraction.

About two hours before the start of the first race the fraternity were seen to be hard at work in four different groups playing the "three card trick," and the representative of this paper asked a friend to have a look at the game (?). There was an interesting crowd of Maoris, including wahines, present. We were there ten minutes, and with the aid of two "pals" two young Maoris were fleeced to the extent of £23. The operator used an open umbrella as his table, and it was only the approach of a man who looked like a police officer that stopped his nefarious practices for the time. The educated goose was there, so was the precocious monkey (but perhaps we can find plenty of them in Auckland). There was a boxing tent erected on the first day, and numerous sham impromptu fights were started to advertise it. The first exhibition was well patronised, and the Maori women showed their appreciation of the love they had for the "noble art" by arranging themselves in a prone position on the ground outside the marquee, as thick as "herrings in a tin," to watch the proceedings under the fly. This scene would have made a better subject for Mr. Steele's brush than his "Starlight's Last Stand," which was on view at the Choral Hall last week. The stewards of the Club, however, did not such appreciate scenes, and ordered the "boxing saloon" to be pulled down next day. The Maori women made free use of the totalisator, and were peculiarly fortunate in their investments. Ice cream was in abundance at a refreshment stall, the lessee of which appeared to do a "roaring" trade both days. The stewards of the Club, we think, were unwise in deducting 1½ per cent. from the totalisator, in contradistinction to all other Clubs using the machine in Auckland, although there were few complaints from the public at the time, the majority being apparently quite indifferent as to what percentage was deducted. The energy displayed by the hon. secretary, Mr. G. H. Carter, cannot be too highly commended, and it is in a great measure due to his ability that the success of the gathering is due. Mr. George Edgcumbe was also most assiduous

in rendering him all assistance, and made a most efficient totalisator steward, while Dr. Kenny and Mr. Sandes also worked hard.

The ball opened with the Maiden Plate, for which nine figured on the card, Onslow, Antic and Tulloch being scratched. It was eventually won by Vieux Rose comfortably.

The second event was the Maiden Hurdles, only three coming to the post. Barshot was made a warm favourite, but did not justify the confidence placed in him, and would have finished a bad last had not Capella, who was pressing the winner, Scaltheen, not come to grief at the last hurdle in the straight.

The South Auckland Cup was the next event on the card, six of the eight acceptors putting in an appearance, the absentees being Dolosa and Scot Free. Pinfire was considered the "dead bird" by the knowing ones, but had to be content with second place to Lochness. Haricot led for the first mile, but "peaked" when challenged by Pinfire at the entrance to the straight, who now looked all over a winner, but Lochness came with a well-timed run and beat him on the post, cleverly by half a length, Ingorina third.

The Steeple on the first day was a hollow race, only bringing out three starters. Yardman balked repeatedly, and eventually returned to the paddock. Scaltheen fell, and left Justice to win as he liked, Scaltheen finishing about ten minutes behind him.

Pinfire won the Tradesmen's Plate easily, Tulloch, Mountain Maid and Tupara in that order.

Mistake won the Novel Race, Sceptress second and Mararoa third, the field of nine having an exceptionally long tail.

Ingorina annexed the Flying Stakes, followed home by Vieux Rose, Helen McGregor, and three others. This was the last event of the day. In the evening heavy rain fell, which again favoured the course, the good order of which is testified to by the good times recorded.

The first event of the second day was the Christmas Handicap. Five, crying content, faced the starter, Leorina being made a warm favourite, but she could get no nearer than third to Priscilla and Clarion, the latter being beaten by a head after a splendid finish.

Only two faced the starter for the Hurdles, and Yardman beat Barshot as he liked in the straight.

Great interest was taken in the Produce Stakes, the whole of the acceptors coming to the post. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the youngsters away, and a wretched start was the result. Peerless won comfortably, beating Lottie, Secret, and two others. The winner is by Muskapeer out of a Derby mare.

The Publican's Purse proved to be the race of the meeting. Leorina, Ingorina and Tulloch, who have recently fought several tough battles, were the only starters. The start was an excellent one. The proverbial blanket would have covered the three at any part of the mile and a half journey, and numerous spasmodic exclamations of admiration of the race could be heard from all quarters of the stand and paddock. The owners of the two "Rinas" could be observed to be nervously excited during the progress of the race, and that is sufficient evidence of the keenness of the contest, as both gentlemen are well known for their cool and calm demeanour under more than ordinary circumstances. On entering the straight for home nobody knew who was first or last, and the three jockeys were hard at work with heels and whip twenty yards from home. However, Leorina gradually wore Mr. J. Hill's horse down, and won the best race this season by a neck, Tulloch close up.

The next race that followed was the South Auckland Steeplechase, and it is equally as worthy of note as its predecessor, although, taken in the order of merit, it is far removed from the Publican's Purse. There were four starters. Justice went away with the lead, but fell at the sod wall at the back of the course, allowing Scaltheen to lead going through Edmonds' paddock to the left of the stand. Coming out of this Yardman ran off, but soon got over the obstacle, and Scaltheen was first into the straight, while The Colonel, Yardman, and Scaltheen all negotiated the water jump together, with Justice, whom Byers had remounted, apparently out of the race. At the wattle Colonel came down, rolling over Jack Rae, and before the horse could recover

himself the plucky horseman was in the saddle, and rising with his mount, resumed his journey, catching his two leaders at the next jump. Evidently the surprise of such a recovery was too great for the riders of Scaltheen and Yardman, for the former fell and Mr. Kurp's horse ran off. It now looked "a guinea to a gooseberry" on The Colonel, and Rae was taking matters at his leisure, but came down at the next jump. Scaltheen, who had pulled up, on seeing this again started, and came in second to Justice, who walked in. Rae finished third on The Colonel about ten minutes afterwards. The steeplechase country is a very good one, but the jumps are very stiff.

Nine faced the starter for the County Plate. There was some trouble at the start, and in one of the breaks away Helen McGregor fell and threw her rider. She eventually won the race hard held from Mountain Maid and Lupin.

The Railway Stakes brought out four starters. Clarion proved best by winning easily from Capella and Vieux Rose.

Five faced the starter for the last event of the meeting, the Welter Handicap, and Ingorina proved too much for Priscilla; Ma Boughal being third after a good race.

A rush was now made for the Auckland train, which was waiting at the station, and the visitors were all landed safely in town at the appointed time, shortly before midnight. Our representative, however, remained behind, and had some lively experiences in a drive and ride between Hamilton and Mercer with some friends on the following afternoon and night, some particulars of which will be given in our next issue. A special word of praise is due to Mr. E. D. Halstead for his excellent handicapping on both days. A pound difference to any of the three placed horses in several of the races would, to all appearances, have reversed the verdict.

The Surf

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

THE Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting commences next Saturday; unless rain falls the course will be very hard. The fields, as a rule, promise to be small, as the late dry weather has already found out the weak spots in horses, and trainers are having an anxious time of it. Lebel, who is doing his work at Kohimarama, is reported to be moving very sore, and he may not be started for the Cup. Too much faith must not be placed in this report, and until the pen is put through his name he must be looked upon as a certain starter. Hilda is at present a tremendous favourite for the Cup, but probably it is the public money which makes her so, and they may again find out their mistake as heretofore—the last Dunedin Cup to wit.

The races commence with the Trial Stakes, one mile, with maiden allowances, for which there are six entries. It should lie between FLINDERS and CLANRANALD, the former for choice, THE BARON being the best of the others.

There are eight in the Great Northern Foal Stakes, some of which are sure to drop out when the forfeit is declared. On public form the race seems at the mercy of STEPNIK, who should be followed home by NORTH ATLANTIC and WHAKAWATEA, though it would not surprise me to see HIS WORSHIP run forward, as he is an improving colt.

There are nine remaining in the Auckland Cup, two or three of them may not come to the post. I have been through it so often that I see no reason to alter my former selection, and shall expect to see the winner come from FRATERNITE or BRITISH LION, and expect Hilda or Queen of Trumps to run into a place.

Only six out of the twelve original entries have accepted for the Hurdle Race, which is not very complimentary to the handicapper. Orakei, 10st 8lb, reads well on paper, but he is a horse that runs so in and out that unless you are "in the know," had better be left alone, and so I prefer FISHMONGER, with TRY FUXE as a cockboat.

There are eleven remaining in the Railway Handicap. QUADRANT, 9st, if in his best form,

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should have no trouble in winning. If not, the result should be *LADY BELLE* or *ROIE*.

There are eight acceptors for the Nursery Handicap, which I venture to say is the most extraordinary one which has ever appeared on paper. Five of them have never started, yet they are let in with 6st 12lb and under. Of the public performers *GLENORA* should win, though an upset is very likely to come from one of the dark division, and from what I hear *ST. HIPPO* may do the trick.

The Maiden Steeplechase has obtained an entry of eleven, such as they are. Yardman's name, as usual, crops up among them. There must be something in this horse to induce his owner to pay his expenses all over the country as he has done. Neither Tawhana or Orakei will care about going for this race if they run in the Hurdles. The Colonel reads well, and should have a great show if the hill does not stop him. His stable companion, Good Day, also reads well. Dan and Tommy are two moderate ones. It is a difficult race to pick a likely winner, some being unknown to me, but I prefer the chances of Rae's selected one (*GOOD DAY* or *THE COLONEL*) or *TOMMY*.

The good number of eleven remain in the Christmas Handicap. Lochness puts up a penalty of 5lb for his win in the South Auckland Cup. Dolosa at 7st 7lb is well treated, but she is so uncertain that she cannot be trusted. The Dreamer, if he runs in the Cup, will have quite enough of it. Tulloch, 6st 8lb, should be held safe by Lochness. Glaucus, 6st 7lb, if recovered from his fall at the Otahuhu Meeting, should have a show at the weight. As *LOCHNESS* is at the present time in good form I shall look to him, *DOLOSA* and *MORION* to furnish the winner, though *GLAUCUS* is worth an outside shot on the machine.

I AM glad to see that the stewards of the Avondale Jockey Club did not allow McManemin's riding on Antic to pass unnoticed, and punished him by a £10 fine. It would be well if the stewards of all the racing clubs paid more attention to the riding of the different jockeys. Not a single meeting—Ellerslie not excepted—passes when there occurs one or more cases of suspicious riding. The stewards appear to think that they have no occasion to go into the matter themselves, and unless an objection is lodged take no trouble about it. There is no greater mistake. It is the duty of the stewards to have their eyes and ears everywhere, and the moment they see the slightest infringement of the rules of racing to have the offending party or parties up before them without waiting for others to complain. There is one thing we should like to bring before the notice of the stewards at the forthcoming meeting, and that is the disgraceful language used by certain trainers, jockeys, and stable boys in the saddling paddock. This occurs meeting after meeting. It is not very long ago since I heard some of the "choicest" Billingsgate used by some of them within half a dozen yards of one of the senior stewards. It is even carried on in the vicinity of the grand-stand. This makes it impossible for ladies to walk about the saddling paddock to look at the horses, as many of them would like to do, for gentlemen would not subject them to such language, and of course it prevents ladies taking as much interest in the horses as they would do if they were not effectually excluded by the means referred to. The whole thing might be easily stopped by detailing a person, even a policeman, whose duty it should be to watch for offenders, and if two or three were brought before the stewards and a substantial fine inflicted, according to the rules, the above would very soon be ended.

The question of pony racing and matters connected therewith, comes up for discussion by the Auckland Racing Club, at a special meeting of that body to be held on Tuesday next. It is earnestly to be hoped that the questions will be gone into carefully, and thoroughly discussed, so as to permit of something definite being arrived at in regard to this much-vexed question. The suggestions thrown out in our columns from time to time could be accepted perhaps as worthy of consideration at their hands, and might materially assist them in their deliberations. The result of the meeting will be awaited with interest by all supporters of genuine racing.

Impulse, the Auckland owned horse, is now second favourite for the Summer Cup.

The nominations for the V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup close on the 4th January next.

The vet's post-mortem of Chester, the celebrated race stallion, showed that death resulted from a rupture of the intestines.

Mr. G. Lewis, of Pokeno, has a splendid colt foal by Carbineer out of an Ake Ake mare, and has christened the youngster Detonator.

Priscilla got first out of five runners in the Christmas Handicap on the second day at Hamilton.

The Steeplechase was a very funny race. Every horse took a turn at falling. Eventually Justice pulled it off.

Justice broke down badly in the South Auckland Steeplechase. It is very improbable that he will be able to race again for some time.

The stewards of the South Auckland Racing Club made the public pay the one and a-half per cent. totalisator tax at their Summer Meeting held last week.

Mr. E. D. Halstead ought to feel proud of his handicaps at the South Auckland meeting. Several of the finishes were worth going a long way to see.

Egyptus, recently the property of Major George, won the Greystones Handicap at the Bacchus Marsh races on the 3rd inst., but could only get second to *J5* two days afterwards.

Whimbrel was awarded top weight, 9st 5lb, in the Standish Handicap by Mr. F. F. Dakin, but his owner ran the pen through his name as soon as the weights appeared.

Pygmalion, late of New Zealand, is to be put to the "sticks" over in Australia. Rather a come-down for one of such pretensions as he was when taken over there.

On Tuesday night, Mr. "Dan" McLeod offered to lay 100 to 5 Lebel for the Auckland Cup, and people went away wondering why it was not accepted. On Wednesday morning the horse was scratched.

Tommy Hodson, we are glad to say, is once more about again, and has called and asked us to convey his heartfelt thanks through our columns to his many friends, who subscribed to the fund on his behalf. He desires to acknowledge the receipt of £29 10s. 6d.

The following weights have been declared for the Novel Race to be run at Drury on Monday next, 28th inst.:—Mattie, 9st 7lb; Fusilier, 9st; Little Raven, 8st 4lb; Shark, 7st 10lb; Tip, 7st 7lb; Coquette, 6st 7lb; The Dane, 6st 7lb. Acceptances for this event are due at the post.

Turf patrons will regret to hear that the jockey Davis, rider of Brigand at the A.R.C. Spring Meeting, is unlikely to ride in the Cup on Saturday owing to having severely injured his hand when riding at the South Auckland races last week.

It now transpires that Merrie England was struck out of the Auckland Cup owing to a bad attack of influenza. His owner deserves a word of praise for striking him out at once, thereby saving the public any waste of money.

Narellan, by Chester—Princess Maud, one of the late Hon. James White's English contingent, is reported to have been sold in England recently for a sum of 160 guineas. Chicago, winner of the 1888 Caulfield Cup, was offered at the same time and place, but no bid was made for him.

Pakeha, by Britisher—True Blue, was struck dead by lightning about a month ago. Readers will remember that this horse was a great public fancy for the Melbourne Cup three or four years ago, in which he only gained fourth place. Mr. Weir, who was leading the horse at the time, was also struck, but was not killed.

Adelaide, by Nordenfeldt—Victoria, has been purchased by an Australian "sport," and departed for her new home on Tuesday last by the s.s. Manapouri.

Huerfana, who is owned by Captain Russell, of Napier, derives his name from the Spanish language, which being interpreted, means "The Orphan."

The Tauranga Racing Club have issued their programme for the annual race meeting on the 29th January, when £100 will be given away in stakes. Judging by the programme, the meeting should prove a success.

The following are the current quotations for the Auckland Cup:—6 to 4 Hilda, 3 to 1 Fraternite, 6 to 1 Queen of Trumps and British Lion, 10 to 1 offered any of the others. Cup and Steeple:—10 to 1 Fraternite and Sentinel, 10 to 1 Hilda and Sentinel, 10 to 1 Fraternite and Hopeful Kate, 8 to 1 Hilda and Hopeful Kate.

We are in receipt of a copy of the programme of the Whangarei Park Racing Coy. A splendid "bill of fare" is provided which should satisfy the most fastidious. Quite a large number should be found journeying down there on the 8th and 9th of next month.

Great interest amongst "shootists" was centered on the pigeon match between Dr. Carver, the American, and Mr. L. Clarke, the Australian. Owing to a chain of unforeseen and unfortunate circumstances the match has been discontinued, much to the disappointment of interested watchers.

Mr. E. Wilson, son of Sir James Wilson, and a good supporter of racing in Tasmania, has gone the way of all flesh. By all accounts the deceased gentleman has been the life and soul of racing in Tasmania ever since his father's death. He had the reputation of being a quiet unassuming doer of good.

"Augur," in the *Australasian*, thinks Joe Thompson, the leviathan, will act very foolishly if he posts those who have not paid up over the Czarewitch betting. The writer's remarks are very sound, and exceedingly well-timed. Notwithstanding the trouble of collecting the divs., those who have disappeared may "come another day" to advantage.

The Onehunga Racing Club have fixed the date of their Summer Meeting for Saturday, January 16th. The programme is a very attractive one, £226 being devoted to stakes as follows:—Maiden Plate of 20 sovs., one mile; Hurdle Race of 30 sovs., one mile and a half; Onehunga Cup of 50 sovs., one mile and a quarter; Handicap Pony Race of 15 sovs., five furlongs; Handicap Flying Stakes of 20 guineas, six furlongs; Handicap Steeplechase of 50 sovs., about three miles; Selling Race of 20 sovs., six furlongs; Welter Handicap of 20 sovs., one mile.

A largely attended meeting of Tattersall's Club was held at their rooms on Tuesday evening last, called for the purpose of rescinding a resolution which had been passed a few weeks since on the casting vote of the chairman, which made it imperative on book-makers to pay an annual license fee of three guineas. On this occasion that resolution was rescinded by a majority of one vote, 23 being favourable, and 24 against. Great interest was taken in the result, and book-makers are highly jubilant at their narrow victory, as the rule now stands, their annual license fee is one guinea, and any new members joining will be required to pay three guineas.

There was a large attendance at Messrs. D. Tonks and Co.'s auction mart on Monday, on the occasion of the sale of privileges for the Auckland R.C. Summer Meeting and the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting, as follows:—Auckland Racing Club: Lean-to bar, £143, Dunn, Market Hotel; grand-stand bar (inside), £112, Brown; Newmarket Hotel; No. 1 booth, £68, Dunn; No. 2 booth, £32, Tooman; Aurora Hotel; No. 3 booth, £29, Mrs. Hope; No. 4 booth, £29, Mrs. Ziegler; sole right to refreshment stalls, £36, Mrs. Macintosh; cards, £190, Mr. W. Blomfield; stabling, £8 10s, Parker. Auckland Trotting Club: Sole right to publican's booths, £80, Purcell; sole right to refreshment stalls, £5, Mrs. Macintosh; cards, £25, Mr. W. Blomfield; stabling, £2, Mr. C. Philpott; gates, £63, Mr. W. Blomfield.

December 24, 1891.]

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

Table with columns for race names, st. lb., and times. Includes Auckland Cup, Steeplechase, and Great Northern Derby.

Table listing race results for the Great Northern Derby of 500 sovs. One mile and a half.

Table listing race results for the Great Northern Foal Stakes of 300 sovs. Six furlongs.

Table listing race results for the Hurdle Race (first day), two miles.

Table listing race results for the Nursery Handicap, five furlongs.

Table listing race results for the Christmas Handicap, one mile and a quarter.

Table listing race results for the Railway Handicap, three-quarters of a mile.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB-ACCEPTANCES. Maiden Handicap, one mile. Vieux Rose, 8.9; Ma Boughal, 8.0; Mistake, 7.10; Barshot, 7.10; Van Diemen, 7.8; Bulrush, 7.4; Orewa, 6.7; Megoulet, 6.7.

TAKAPUNA SUMMER MEETING-NOMINATIONS.

TAKAPUNA CUP, of 200 sovs, one mile and a-half. Ingorina, Glaucus, Master Pat, Morion, Patchwork, Quadrant, Dolosa, Belmont, Focus, Ma Boughal, Tulloch, Fiesole, Coalscuttle, Roie, Bulrush, The Dreamer, Beanley, Pinfre, Maid of Erin, Warrior, Resentment, Leorina, Lady Belle, Brigade.

WAIPU RACES.-WEIGHTS. Cup.-Miss Sly 9.0, Feverole 8.12, Kapai 8.10, Brian Boru 8.10, Darkey 8.7, Deceiver 8.6, Silento 8.4, Venus 8.2, Mavourneen 7.10.

WANGANUI AUTUMN MEETING-NOMINATIONS.

WANGANUI CUP.-La Petite Fille, Cordelia, Recluse, Paradox, Lebel, Palliser, Crown Jewel, Musket, Cruiser, Captain Webb, Pearl Powder, British Lion, Fraternal, Occident, Dolosa, Whisper, Cynisca, Queen of Trumps, Cracksnot, Durus, Fortune, Cruchfield, Dudu, Katinka, Krina, Huerfana, St. Malo, Rosefeldt, Kapua, Prime Warden, Eclipse, Awarua, Rose, Lochnagar, Retina, She, Hakimana, Kotuku, Tulloch, Thane, Queen of Hearts.

POVERTY BAY RACES.-NOMINATIONS.

TURANGA STAKES.-Queen of Trumps, Loch Ness, Scot Free, Krina, Katinka, Huerfana, Hakimana, Dolosa, Rance Nuna, Pinfre, Kapua, Bay Bell, Tulloch, Wakatipu, Brigand, Pani, Pouawa, Stockfish, Zanzibar.

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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.

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

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.

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

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 Maribymrong 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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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.



TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB. SUMMER MEETING.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29. SATURDAY, JANUARY 30. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6. FIRST DAY.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 30sovs. Distance, one mile. FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 70sovs. Distance, two miles. ZEALANDIA HANDICAP of 40sovs. Distance, five furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 50sovs. Distance, one mile and three-quarters. TAKAPUNA STAKES of 100sovs. Distance, one mile and one and three-quarter furlongs. CALLOPE HANDICAP of 40sovs. Distance, five furlongs and a half.

THIRD DAY.

THIRD HANDICAP HURDLES of 50sovs. Distance, one mile and three-quarters. HOBSON HANDICAP of 40sovs. Distance, five furlongs. SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 70sovs. Distance, one mile one and three-quarter furlongs.

NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, January 15th, by 10 p.m. Handicap Maiden Plate, Zealandia Handicap, First Handicap Hurdles, Stewards' Handicap, Second Handicap Hurdles, Anniversary Handicap, Calliope Handicap, First Handicap Hack, Third Handicap Hurdles, Hobson Handicap, Suburban Handicap, Borough Handicap, Second Handicap Hack, Third Handicap Steeplechase, Welter Handicap.

WEIGHTS.

FRIDAY, January 11th, by 4 p.m.: Takapuna Cup, First Handicap Steeplechase. MONDAY, January 18th, by 4 p.m.: Handicap Maiden Plate, Zealandia Handicap, First Handicap Hurdles, Stewards' Handicap. FRIDAY, January 29th, by 5 p.m.: Handicaps for second day's racing.

ACCEPTANCES AND GENERAL ENTRIES.

FRIDAY, January 22nd, by 10 p.m.: Handicap Maiden Plate, Zealandia Handicap, Takapuna Cup, First Handicap Steeplechase, First Handicap Hurdles, Stewards' Handicap, Anniversary Stakes, Takapuna Stakes, Novel Race, Selling Race, Selling Steeplechase. FRIDAY, January 29th, by 10 p.m.: Second Day's Racing. WEDNESDAY, February 2nd, by 10 p.m.: Third Day's Racing.

All Entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Devonport, or at Mr. Bloomfield's Office, Durham-street East. R. WYNWARD, Secretary.

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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.

SELLING 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 15, 1891, by 10 p.m.

WM. PERCIVAL,
Secretary A.R.C.

AUCKLAND TROTting CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING,

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1892.

PROGRAMME.

SECOND MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 30 sovs. in value at time of entry. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Distance 2 miles.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 40 sovs., second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination 10s., acceptance 20s. Distance, 5 furlongs.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP TROT of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of the stake. The winner of any trotting race after the declaration of the handicaps to receive a penalty of 15 secs. behind its original start. Previous penalties added in case of one horse winning two or more races. Nomination, 2 sovs., acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, 3 miles.

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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 2½ 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, 3 secs. allowance made for every 1 sov. reduction in selling price. If entered to be sold for nil, 50 secs. allowed. Entries 20s. Distance, 2½ 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, 1½ 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, 1½ 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, 1½ 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, 1½ 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



ONEHUNGA RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON

OTAHUHU RACECOURSE,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1892.

PROGRAMME.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 20 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 20 sovs. in value. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 30 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

ONEHUNGA CUP of 50 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

HANDICAP PONY RACE of 15 sovs. For Ponies 14.2 and under. Entrance, 10s. Distance, five furlongs.

HANDICAP FLYING STAKES of 20 guineas. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 10s. Distance, six furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, about three miles.

SELLING RACE of 20 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-year-olds to carry 9st, four-year-olds, 9st 12lb; five, six, and aged, 10st 4lb. The winner to be sold for 40 sovs. If entered to be sold for 30 sovs. allowed 7lb; if for 20 sovs, 14lb; if for 10 sovs, 21lb; if for nil, to carry 7st. Entrance, 20s. Distance, five furlongs.

WELTER HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Minimum weight, 8st 7lb. Nominations, 10s.; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, Etc.,
SUMMER MEETING.

Nominations close on THURSDAY, December 31, 1891, at ten p.m.

Acceptances and General Entries close on FRIDAY, January 8, 1892, at ten p.m.

Weights to appear about January 5, 1892.

C. F. MARK,
Secretary.

EGMONT RACING CLUB, HAWERA.

SUMMER MEETING.

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

PROGRAMME.—FIRST DAY.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 75 sovs. Two miles and a distance.

FIRST HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 25 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

SAPLING STAKES of 60 sovs. Six furlongs.

EGMONT HANDICAP of 300 sovs. Two miles.

MAIDEN PLATE of 40 sovs. One mile and a distance.

FIRST HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE of 30 sovs. One mile.

HAWERA WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs. One mile.

SECOND DAY.

FLYING HANDICAP of 75 sovs. Six furlongs.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 80 sovs. Two miles and a distance.

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