



GRANDSTAND AND LAWN ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

DERBY DAY is *par excellence* the ladies' day at Ellerslie, and Auckland may well be proud of the *coup d'œil* which the gracefully sloped lawn and the elegant tiers of the noble grandstand presented on Friday afternoon. Lovely weather, the heat tempered by a fresh southern breeze, good sport, and all sorts of dainties provided by genial Tom McEwin, combined to put everyone in the best of tempers. Morion's win was a popular one, and the scene when that promising young gentleman was invested with the Blue Ribbon gave a romantic touch to the meeting. Led up by his trainer, John Rae, the proud youngster, who seemed fully conscious of his great exploit, actually quivered with excitement while Mrs. L. D. Nathan adroitly cast the badge of honour over his glossy and shapely neck. Dismissed with an affectionate pat, the Derby winner, after shaking his head (he thought fit to *Bob it* in acknowledgement), then went capering off amidst loud plaudits from the enthusiastic throng of spectators. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stanley, who expressed themselves delighted with the brilliant scene and the exciting finishes. Among many elegant costumes we noticed especially Mrs. H. M. Stanley, in a charming cream flannel-cloth costume, large leghorn hat, with white feathers and a long white gauze veil; Mrs. Carré, brown silk, with gold bonnet to match; Mrs. Moss Davies, figured lustre, small cream bonnet; Mrs. Jackson, mauve dress, trimmed with white lace, and hat to match. Mrs. Honeyman, heliotrope silk, trimmed with lace; Miss Pierce, very stylish half-mourning plaid; Mrs. Lawry, cornflower figured delaine, bonnet with a dash of crimson; Mrs. Bloomfield, stylish grey and white silk, and bonnet to match; Mrs. Ruck, grey tailor-made costume; Mrs. Fred Sharland, fawn embroidered frock, cream and gold bonnet; Mrs. Walker, dark heliotrope silk, and bonnet to match; Miss Harrison, grey silk, striped panels, and grey hat; Mrs. Morrin, vieux rose silk, and black bonnet; Mrs. L. D. Nathan, cream striped moiré, trimmed with gold, small cream bonnet, jet ornaments; Mrs. Devore, grey silk, trimmed with jet, lace mantle, bonnet with crimson flowers; Mrs. Farelle, brown pongee, trimmed with gold braid, and small brown hat; Mrs. Fenwick, white embroidered costume, trimmed with pale blue, white bonnet with bird; Mrs. Goodall, tasteful fawn merveilleux, with bonnet to match; Miss Wilkie, blue costume, with white embroidery, bonnet to match; Miss Hamlin, cream Indian muslin, with hat to match; Miss Ruck, striped grey and white costume; Miss Rookes, black and white costume; Mrs. Collins, grey tailor-made tweed, white waistcoat, hat with white feather; Mrs. Joshua, black merveilleux, trimmed with jet, and large black hat; Mrs. Broham, stone-grey crape cloth, chiffon bonnet to match, with shaded grey feathers and pink; Miss Moss Davies, figured delaine; Miss

Upton, fawn costume; Mrs. Thompson, embroidered brown cashmere, bonnet to match; Mrs. Buxton, black silk lace and jet, black and white hat; Mrs. Masefield, blue and old gold; Miss Masefield, blue costume, white shirt, and sailor hat; Miss Evans, plaid tweed; Mrs. Ware, rose-figured delaine, with cream lace, small cream bonnet; Miss Baker, blue and cream; Miss Baker, green pongee; Mrs. Lewis, black silk with lace, jet bonnet; Miss Davis, flowered delaine, with velvet, white hat; Mrs. Arthur Nathan, black silk, jet and lace; Miss Mowbray, blue and white pongee; Mrs. Edmiston, cream and green liberty silk, with green sleeves, small green bonnet; Mrs. Alexander, cream pongee, with heavy embroidery, small cream bonnet; Mrs. Forbes, cream costume, and hat to match. Want of space compels us to omit many other elegant costumes.

N.Z. CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

For the past ten days lovers of the royal game have had a good time, and Robson's Rooms have been thronged with enthusiasts past and present. Auckland votaries of Caissa have extended a warm welcome to their friendly rivals from the South, and pleasant it is to meet and improving to watch the play of such masters as Messrs Hookham, Seideberg, Barnes, Littlejohn, and Bakewell, each displaying his especial idiosyncracies. Our own representatives, Messrs. Ashton, Jowitt, Malcolm, and Trimble, have performed quite as well as was to be expected when pitted against such heavy metal. It is very gratifying to notice the good fellowship and unvarying politeness with which the games are conducted. No temper, or even chagrin under defeat, is displayed by the loser, and a perhaps greater achievement still, the conqueror surveys the *coup de grace* without the slightest trace of exultation on his impassive features. Then the pair try back and discuss various positions, and the "mighty must," the "inevitable shall," and the "potential would," are analysed and noted for future use. Some individual peculiarities are noteworthy. For example, Mr. Barnes, who illustrates the triumph of mind over matter, reflects on his intelligent and characteristic features every turn in the fortunes of the game. Mr. Jowitt literally takes his coat off and looks thoroughly in earnest. Mr. Littlejohn shows a quick and nervous temperament, and now and then relieves his pent-up emotions by a tour of inspection and a glance at the other games. Mr. Ashton sits impassive as a sphinx. Mr. Seideberg's busy brain and comprehensive gaze seem to exhaust all possibilities and to work out endless series of variations. Mr. Bakewell squares his elbows on the table and looks the determination which his play illustrates. Mr. Malcolm combines Scottish caution with that *elan* which is commonly attributed to the other Celtic branches. Mr. Trimble is quiet and careful, but beneath the calm exterior one can detect signs of latent excitement and strong will power. Last, but not least, Mr. Hookham, the veteran of a thousand fights, looks, and is, the true chess philosopher. He is not in his best form just now, but occasional flashes of genius prove him worthy of his great reputation in the chess circles of New Zealand. Up to the time of

writing the score stands:—Ashton won 1, drawn 1, lost 3; Trimble won 0, drawn 2, lost 3; Jowitt won 2, drawn 0, lost 4; Malcolm won 1, drawn 2, lost 2; Hookham won 2, drawn 0, lost 3; Seideberg won 4, drawn 1, lost 0; Littlejohn won 3, drawn 1, lost 0; Bakewell won 1, drawn 3, lost 1; Barnes won 3, drawn 0, lost 1. So far, therefore, Mr. Seideberg looks all over a winner, with Messrs. Barnes and Littlejohn as runners up. No Auckland player has yet succeeded in winning a game from any of the visitors. But there are several games still to be played, and it is to be hoped that the record may yet be broken in that direction. Since the above was printed Mr. Malcolm has won his game with Mr. Hookham.



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THE KOWALSKI CONCERT COMPANY.

RETURNING from the Thames the Company gave three farewell concerts at popular prices in the Opera House to large audiences on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. Monday's programme was an especially attractive one, and M. Kowalski, if possible, surpassed all previous performances by a faultless rendering of the famous "Moonlight Sonata." From the first movement—during which one might have almost heard the proverbial pin drop, so delicate was the rippling music, like the first faint rays of the rising moon, and so still was the audience—to the last—it was Beethoven, not Kowalski, I heard; and high praise though it may seem, I have never listened to a truer conception or a better rendering from any one of the great pianists it has been my good fortune to hear in Beethoven's romantic masterpiece. The rhythmic swing and syncopated passages in the second movement were given with a perfection of accent and accuracy of interpretation never met with among those soul-less persons who rely upon mere technique to cover a multitude of sins. To show the versatility of undoubtedly the most artistic pianist we have yet heard in Auckland, one has only to recall the wonderful contrast displayed in that splendid paraphrase of "Trovatore," composed and played by Kowalski, and in the quaintly attractive *scherzo* of Chopin, in which the runs in the imitation passages were given with a crisp and clear rippling rush and elastic springiness of touch delightful to the ear. Herr Raimund, by special request, played Ernst's elegie, in which his soul manifestly revels. As an encore he gave "Hungarian Frances," a dashing morceaux full of elegant and difficult double stopping, which was a triumph of neatness and accuracy of intonation. With M. Kowalski he played Greig's sonata op. 8, and the pair won prolonged plaudits for the splendid *ensemble* maintained throughout. Miss Bertha Rosow sang Verdi's spirited Brindisi "Libiamo," with great dash and facility of execution, her trill being

especially effective. Later on she was even more successful with Cowan's "It was a dream." But her best effort was Broga's evergreen "Serenata," which the audience would have again, Herr Pechotsch playing the violin obligato with exquisite taste. Madam Vanderveer-Greene gave Millaid's "When the tide comes in," with a truly artistic taste and finish. The mezzo-voce passages and the swelling imitation of the flowing tide were especially impressive. As an encore she sang "Thine eyes," a lovely *lied* by Lassen. Her "Three Fishers" also won an enthusiastic encore, in compliance with which the last verse was repeated. Rubinstein's delicious duet, "Wonderous night song," by the two ladies, again charmed the audience, who insisted upon a *bis*. Besides playing all the accompaniments, Miss Bertha Griffiths joined M. Kowalski in an infectious Tarentelle by Gottschalle *d quatre mains*. The Tarentula hit the audience, and the effects were visible in all parts of the house. I now bid farewell to this talented corps of artistes, and wish them good luck wherever they go.

MR. H. M. STANLEY.

Of the three admirable lectures delivered by Mr. Stanley, the first two, although of absorbing interest, dealt with matters more familiar to those who read than the relief of Emin Pasha, which was the subject of the third. Volleys of abuse have been hurled at Mr. Stanley, and clouds of dusty verbiage have hitherto obscured the truth. By 'a round unvarnished tale' the lecturer on Saturday evening not only convinced his audience, but left them with a strong feeling of indignation against the slanderers, who, not content with belittling achievements which rank with those of the greatest generals of the past, must needs impute motives and coin libellous epithets as disgraceful as they are undeserved. Although Mr. Stanley quoted the great philosopher Marcus Aurelius to show how signal an honour it is to be abused for good deeds, still it was plain that although *sæva indignatio* may have been subdued, a sense of injustice still remains in his heart. It could not be, nor would we wish it otherwise. The very warmth and earnestness of so splendid and eloquent a defence must spring from a noble heart conscious of right and smarting under a sense of injury. Mr. Stanley has all the qualities of a good lecturer and some of the gifts which make a great orator. The splendid descriptive passages are relieved by an occasional bit of humour which smacks strongly of Mark Twain. At the very outset of the lecture under notice, the anecdote of Ungaliema and the gong fetish, the warrior's terror and his clinging to the explorer's coat-tails, made a great impression. Then came a clear exposition of Emin trapped between Wadelai and Lodo on the Upper Nile, and of the three possible routes by which a relief force might reach him. The choice of the Congo route became compulsory since political obstacles barred the other two. The start, and a graphic description of a day's march, gave a realistic picture of that thirty days' journey without a halt. Terrible hardships and dangers from cannibals and pigmies; the toilsome and almost hopeless struggle through the vast track of devastated country leading to a land of plenty, where the men gained on an average 13lbs weight in as many days; the arrival at the lake and Emin's humbug; the return for the steel boat, and the second perilous journey to the depots to bring up the reserve forces; Emin's evasive answers; Stanley's three offers; Emin's final acceptance of employment under the British Government at a big price. All those points and features were clearly and graphically put before an audience who listened as it were spell-bound to every word. Again the capture and measurement of specimens of the pigmy races of whom old Herodotus and even Homer wrote in bygone ages, and the location of the hitherto fabulous Mountains of the Moon proved of absorbing interest. Emin's sudden *volte face*, after spending six weeks in a German hospital, from deep gratitude to Stanley to a denial that the latter had done him any service at all, received an emphatic corroboration by an extract from a letter just received by Mr. Stanley, in which the writer (Lieut. Stairs) reports that Emin Pasha, having refused to obey the recall signal alleged to have been hoisted by his German employers, is now trespassing upon

British territory in Central Africa. Mr. Stanley has clearly proved himself not only a dauntless hero but a much maligned man.

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NAPIER NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THE Boxing Day gathering at Hastings was peculiar in more senses than one. Firstly, on account of "morals" going down with distressing regularity to the despised outsider, big dividends being paid in consequence; secondly, on account of the extraordinary number of ladies present, each member being now allowed to take four with him to every meeting; and thirdly, on account of the great speculation on the machine, £1254 over last year's total being put through during the day, the Government tax notwithstanding. The day's racing started with a surprise when Lochnagar (by the Painter—Mayfly) came up at the turn and took a bee line for home, winning easily, notwithstanding the efforts of Alf Woods on Turehu (Ariel—Pearl). This colt had a bad position from the start. He is a nice looking horse, and will be heard of in the future. Lochnagar is owned by Messrs. Baker and Co. (owners of the stallion Somnus), and used to go over sticks with indifferent success. He is eleven years old, and has been two seasons at the stud. Lately he went lame three times whilst training, but is all right now. After winning at Hastings he ran second in the big handicap at Waipawa to Seraph, and next day won the Onga Onga Handicap. Taurakaitai did not start in the Hurdle Race at Hastings, and Somnambulist (by Somnus) had not much difficulty in beating Raven. Otaieri was never in the hunt; he seems to have gone right off.

In the Summer Handicap the pen was put through the names of Rosefeldt, Dreamland, and Triton, leaving a field of seven in. Cynisca (Apremont—Nautilus) was an undoubted favourite, but the others were all well backed. To give an idea of how evenly they were backed I might mention that on the outside machine Free Lance and Huerfana were each backed by 99 investors, Hakimana by 93, and Kapua by 92. Inside they varied greatly in their fancy. The race is soon described. Pearl Powder (Captivator—Pearl Ash) had a foremost position until the back of the course, when Huerfana (Vasco di Gama—Sydney) took the lead. At the turn Hakimana (Ariel—Waewahapi) went up, and the pair ran away from the field. Huerfana was beaten in the straight, where Cynisca made her effort, but seemed to stumble and lost her show. It looked a moral for Mr. Donnelly's colt, when all of a sudden it was seen that Pearl Powder was coming again. She was brought up in a wonderful fashion by J. Donovan, and was only beaten by an exciting finish on the post by half a head. Another stride would have done it. It appears that she seemed to tire after three parts of the distance had been traversed, and Donovan gave her a last cut with the whip in disgust, when, to his astonishment, she commenced to come again, and after a long home run he was only just beaten. Hakimana was sent to the post in good condition by Mr. E. Gilpin, and Free Lance (St. George—Becky Sharp), Kapua (Mute—Uira), and Merganser (Nordenfeldt—Albatross) never showed up in the race. Free Lance and Merganser were left standing on the post when the flag fell.

The Trial Handicap was an open race, ten facing the starter; three were scratched. Mr. Rathbone's King George (St. George—Strenua) got home after a race with Mr. Parotene's new importation Flaxbourne (Stoneyhurst—Wai). King George paid nearly £12, but Flaxbourne, had he won, would have returned investors on him about £46. The last time King George started in a race he was about twenty lengths behind; last. Chatelaine (Albany—Trinket) did not show up, and Esparto (Vasco di Gama—Toi) was nearly distanced, so badly did he run. He could not have been trained. The favourite Como (Vasco di Gama—Virginia Water) ran out of places.

In the Two-year-old Handicap Mystic (Wonderland—Mystery) simply walked in, Montmatre (Apremont—Martyr) being second, and St. Katherine (Foul Play—Katie Ferguson) third. Tireur (Nordenfeldt—Florence Macarthy), who is a quiet, lazy looking horse, with straight legs, was last all the way. The

full brother to Tiraille is not much to look at. A horse that was backed well was King John, who was brought from the other coast. He is by King Cole—Wainui.

The hack mare Kathleen (Armourer—Milk-sop), who is related to Mr. Gollan's Kimberly, put Mapini's half-sister Liquidation, and the whole host down in the Post Stakes, paying £14 15s. dividend.

Half a dozen answered the call of the starting bell for the Christmas Handicap, and although Rosefeldt (Nordenfeldt—Rose d'Amour) got away with a tremendous lead, Dreamland (Cadogan—Siesta), who has got back her two-year-old form, came up and smothered her. Pearl Powder again came at the finish, but could only get second place. Kotuku was never in the hunt. Banks, Lanton and Stone were each fined a fiver during the day by the starter.

Torpedo (Musket—Fanny Fisher) is the sire of Pinfire, the Auckland Cup winner. Mr. W. Douglas, of this district, at present owns him, and thinks a lot of him. He has ten foals by Torpedo running about at his station.

In consequence of it having been decided not to train any more horses at Mr. Gollan's station, Mr. Bert Newman, his trainer, is open for engagement. He is at present living at Hastings, and it should not be long before he has his hands full.

Man Friday (Robinson Crusoe—Charity) broke down in the Selling Race at Waipawa.

Mr. H. Gaisford, of Waipukurau, did not buy Carmo, alias Problem, as reported: he was negotiating for the animal, but found he was not sound.

Poverty teaches many wrinkles, and although some people, not solid financially, go temporarily "broke" at one race meeting, they get the necessary wherewithal by hook or by crook, attend the following meeting, speculate carefully, and come home rejoicing. This world is made up of peculiarities.

Jones, who rode the despised Lochnagar at Hastings, and paid £14 4s. dividend, hails from Auckland. It was his first mount, and his first win on the Hasting's course.

Old Soudan (Musket—Maid of Athol) who won many races in and out of Hawke's Bay, was sold in Melbourne the other day for £12 odd.

I believe that J. Hickey will probably not return to Australia with Mr. Gollan's colts Culloden and Mosquetaire. He has been offered numerous promises of work if he stays here, and will likely do so.

A bit of bad luck befel Dan Page when he got jammed on the rails when riding Liquidation in the big handicap at the Town and Suburban Meeting, for he still gets about only with the aid of a stick. The knee is a nasty place to get injured.

Mr. Douglas does not now intend removing his training stables to a private track at Paki Paki, as he originally intended. He is endeavouring to secure a site at a place near his station, the Maori name for which is Kopuakore.

It is a very remarkable thing that the natural destination of horses who are rogues on the flat is the leaping field. Many show an aptitude for negotiating obstacles who could never secure a bracket on the flat, while others turn out failures at both the legitimate and illegitimate games, and instead of being bread-winners are oat-eaters pure and simple.

Old Salisbury broke down very badly in the Welter at Hastings, and could hardly walk about after the race.

The Waipawa Club have improved their grand-stand, set apart a press and stewards stand, erected a weighing room, and provided a press room at a cost of over £100.

Owing to the very conflicting evidence given by jockeys and those interested in respect to any occurrence during a race in connection with which a protest has been lodged, I would suggest that the New Zealand Jockey Club provide that in future all evidence be given on oath. There would not then be such a tendency to make barefacedly untrue statements, inasmuch as they would know a prosecution for perjury would follow in the event of detection. Stewards would also have a better chance of arriving at the truth.

I don't think it is generally known among the sporting fraternity that under the amended rules of racing a protest in respect of any race must be lodged before the aggrieved jockey weighs in. If he weighs in it is a case with

him. We had an instance at Hastings on Boxing Day, where Kathleen's jockey was alleged to have jammed Liquidation on the rails, although she had the inside running. Liquidation could not get up in consequence. A great many people thought a protest would be entered; and so there was, but the stewards could not proceed with it because the clerk of the scales said the jockey on Kathleen had weighed in before he laid the protest. This was hard lines on the owner, D. Filmer, who said he did not know the rule in respect to protests had been amended.

The Waipawa County Club provided a most enjoyable day's sport for the public on the 28th, when £1811 was put through the machine over and above the amount put through last year. Seraph (Albany—Helena), who is trained by J. Maher, won the double in fine style, and Maid of Lorne (Lord of the Isles—Marie Antoinette) appropriated the two hack events. She was trained by Mr. Gaisford's coachman. In the hack flying the starter, Mr. Johnson, did not notice Lopez in front of the field leisurely coming up to join them, and he let the flag drop. Of course he was hooted. There was a protest; the stewards declared it "no race," and again the horses went out, Maid of Lorne again winning amid cheers. Her win seemed to be very popular. There were no big dividends during the day.

Montrose II. (by Vasco di Gama) sustained injuries in a hurdle race at Moonee Valley the other day, and had to be destroyed.

Harman, of Christchurch, won the tennis championship in fine style, from Marshall, of Wanganui, who won the cup last year. Farn-don Park was daily crowded with spectators, who eagerly watched the play in the different courts. Miss Dunstin, who won the Ladies' Championship, hails from Blenheim. All the local players who competed went down before the visitors, including Miss H. Hitchings, who went to Auckland some time ago and defeated one of the best players in that city.

Caloola, who won the Maiden at the Onga Onga races, is a fine cut of a horse. He is by Papapa, and I believe never had a gallop; in fact his owner only secured him the other day. Everybody was backing Tuna, who was made a hot favourite. Caloola won hands down, paid £13 odd, and the stable never had a cent. on him. Further, he was running all over the course from the time the flag fell, being a green horse, and ran a great deal over a mile and a quarter.

The Napier Rowing Club do not intend sending a crew to the Nelson regatta in February, owing to the difficulty always experienced by men in getting away.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

To-day (Thursday), January 7th, at 10 p.m., acceptances 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, 1sov.
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.

Entries will also be received up to 10 p.m. on the same date for the

Second Selling Trot of 50 sovs., 2½ miles, 1 sov.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

To-day (Thursday), 7th January, 1892, at 8 p.m., Mr. J. H. Aislabie, Secretary, receives acceptances for the following events:—

Maiden Plate of 40 sovs., 1 mile, 2 sovs.
Flying Handicap of 80 sovs., 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.
First Hurdle Handicap of 60 sovs., 1½ miles, 2 sovs.
Turanga Stakes of 200 sovs., 1½ miles, 4 sovs.
County Stakes of 40 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

To-morrow (Friday), January 8th, by 10 p.m. nominations close for the—

Great Northern Derby, 1893-94, of 500 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
The Great Northern Foal Stakes, 1893-94, of 300 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1sov

The above to be in the hands of Mr. Wm. Percival, secretary, at the above-mentioned times, and at his office, Durham-street.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

Tuesday, January 12th, at 10 p.m., Mr. F. D. Luckie, receives nominations up to the above time for the—

Hawke's Bay Cup of 400 sovs., 1½ miles, 2 sovs. [sov.
Railway Stakes Handicap of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1

ONEHUNGA RACING CLUB.

Wednesday, January 13th, at 10 p.m., acceptances close with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, at his office, Durham-street East, for the following events:—

Handicap Maiden Plate of 20 sovs, 1 mile, ½ sov.
Handicap Hurdles of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, ½ 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 3 miles, 1
Welter Handicap of 20 sovs, 1 mile, ½ sov.

Entries for the—

Selling Race of 20 sovs., 5 furlongs, 1 sov.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

Friday, January 15th, at 9 p.m., acceptances close with Mr. H. M. Lyon, secretary, at the Club Hotel, Wellington, for the—

Anniversary Handicap of 80 sovs, 1 mile, 2 sovs.
Hurdle Handicap (first day) of 85 sovs., 2 miles, 2 sovs
Nursery Handicap of 80 sovs., 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.
Welter Handicap of 80 sovs., 1½ miles, 2 sovs.
Telegraph Handicap of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.
Wellington Cup of 400 sovs., 1½ miles, 3 sovs.

Also entries for the—

Selling Race of 50 sovs., 1 mile, 2 sovs.

Friday, January 8th, at the same time and place, nominations are due for

Hack Hurdle Handicap (first day) of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, 10s.

Hack Handicap (flat, first day) of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, 10s.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

Friday, January 15th, Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, receives entrances up to 10 p.m. at the C.J.C. rooms, Christchurch, for the—

Hornby Welter Handicap of 50 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
Midsummer Handicap of 200 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
Selling Race of 50 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
Craven Plate of 100 sovs., 7 furlongs, 1 sov.

Also at the same time the final payment for the Middle Park Plate of 200 sovs., 6 furlongs, 5 sovs.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

Friday, January 15th, by 10 p.m., nominations will be received, addressed to the secretary, Mr. R. Wynyard, Devonport, or at Mr. Bloomfield's office, Durham-street East, for the following events:—

Handicap Maiden Plate of 30 sovs., 1 mile, ½ sov.
Zealandia Handicap of 40 sovs., 5 furlongs, 1 sov.
First Handicap Hurdles of 70 sovs., 2 miles, 1 sov.
Steward's Handicap of 70 sovs., 6½ furlongs, 1 sov.
Second Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
Anniversary Handicap of 50 sovs., 5½ furlongs, 1 sov.
Calliope Handicap of 40 sovs., 5½ furlongs, 1 sov.
First Handicap Hack Race of 25 sovs., 1 mile, ½ sov.
Third Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
Hobson Handicap of 40 sovs., 5 furlongs, 1 sov. [sov.
Suburban Handicap of 70 sovs., 1 mile 1½ furlongs, 1
Borough Handicap of 40 sovs., 5½ furlongs, 1 sov.
Second Handicap Hack Race of 25 sovs., 7 furlongs, ½ sov.

Third Handicap Steeplechase of 75 sovs, about 3½ miles, 1 sov.

Welter Handicap of 40 sovs., 1 mile, nomination free.

WELLINGTON PARK.

THE annual sale of Wellington Park Yearlings took place last Monday. It must be looked upon as an unprecedented one, as with one exception every one of the yearlings fetched its full and many more than their value. This was in a great measure due to the recent success of Strathmore and Zalinski on the Australian turf. Amongst those present as buyers were noticed Messrs. W. R. Wilson and J. Richards of Victoria, the latter who was a large purchaser was presumably purchasing for the former, Hon. J. D. Ormond, Messrs. G. G. Stead, S. H. Gollan, the genial Dan O'Brien, (one of the best judges in the Colony who makes up his mind the value of a youngster and no persuasion will make him go an extra tanner) and Patsy Butler, another good judge from Christchurch. Space will not allow of going through all the lots singly, so I will only notice the principal lots. Mr. Philson mounted the rostrum, and after a few introductory remarks commenced business. It was soon evident that buyers were in a good frame of mind, and the bidding became very brisk. The first four lots were very moderate, fetching more than their absolute value. The first to attract notice was the colt by Nordenfeldt—Realisation,

therefore half brother to Maxim. He was a fair colt with good top and fine quarters, but rather light of bone below the knee. The bidding was a triangle fight between Messrs. Mason (on behalf of Mr. Stead), Butler and J. Richards. He was eventually knocked down to the latter for 800 gns. at which price he must be considered well sold. The next lot was a brown colt by Ingomar—Onyx. He is a beautifully topped colt, but has malformed knees which must interfere with his training; his near fore leg is considerably bowed. But how the Managing Director of the Sylvia Park Stud in its last days could, if he had any knowledge of breeding be so insane to put good mares to a sire like Ingomar. Though well bred on his sires side he had not, with the exception of Venison, a single strain of good blood on the dam's side until you go very far back. After languid bidding he was knocked down to George Wright, the trainer, at the exorbitant price of 400 gns. The Nordenfeldt—Maid of Athol filly has a nice top, but very light. She was well sold to the Hon. J. D. Ormond at 280 gns. The next to call for notice is the St. Leger—Vivandiere colt. He is a magnificent colt with plenty of size and substance, good legs and feet, not too big. With time he is sure to race. He was knocked down as cheap as dirt to Mr. J. Richards for 300 gns. It was surprising that he was allowed to leave Auckland at that price. Next came the crack, a beautiful brown colt by Nordenfeldt—Frailty, quality all over, not a bit of lumber about him, though exception might be taken to his shoulders, which were rather loaded at the point. Being own brother to Zalinski and Mousquitair, the colt Mr. Gollan gave 2,025 gns. for last year, the bidding was, as anticipated, pretty brisk. At nineteen hundred guineas Dan O'Brien dropped out, leaving Messrs. Gollan and Richards to fight it out, the latter eventually getting him for 2200 gns., at which price, nice a colt as he is, must be considered well sold: The colt by Nordenfeldt—Bianca had hurt his legs over a wall which rendered him unsightly. He is a neat one, but his colour is against him, being a nasty chestnut with three white legs, and Mr. Gollan paid his full value when he gave 560 gns. for him. The chestnut colt by Nordenfeldt—Yattacy was a fair colt though rather light, but Mr. McNicol did not give too much for him when he was knocked down at 200 gns. The next that struck our fancy was the own sister to Strathmore. Though rather light she was full of quality, Mr. Richards securing her at 725 gns. The filly by Nordenfeldt—Albatross was neat but small, also having small feet, and was well sold to Mr. Rathbone at 330 gns. The Ingomar—Steppe colt was a very moderate one with short quarters, Mr. Nathan paying his full value at 250 gns. The Ingomar—Sylvia filly was a fine slashing one, and if she had been by any other sire would have brought double the money. Though it is a curious thing that none of Sylvia's fillies could race, still she would have been worth a great deal for breeding purposes, having the cross of the Fisherman and Touchstone blood in the dam. Mr. Gollan gave quite enough when he secured her at 525 gns. This lot was the last of the Wellington Park Stud. The seventeen lots realized 7,335 gns., or within a fraction of 431½ gns. each, a truly good average, which I doubt will be equalled for many years to come. Mr. Nathan then submitted three, all of which were well sold, especially the colt by St. Leger—Lovebird. He was a lengthy, washy chestnut, looking unhealthy, with decidedly coarse hocks. He was knocked down to Mr. Patterson for 500 gns. Mr. Philson then submitted five fillies from the Glenora Stud, but bidders appeared to get slack. Though they were really good fillies, they did not fetch their value. The filly by Hippocampus—Venus Transit was of the useful sort, Mr. Paul securing her cheap at 35 gns. The filly by Nelson Hipporina was unfortunately kicked the night before, therefore Adams got her cheap at 35 gns. The Nordenfeldt—Fishgirl was a nice compact filly that is bound to race. Mr. McNicol secured her cheap at 50 gns. The filly by Nelson—Muskerina was a nice level filly, but she had also been unfortunately kicked on the hock, but that astute judge, Mr. Stead, took her a regular bargain at 70 gns. The next was the finest filly brought up that day, but the big buyers had adjourned to Mr. Morrin's house, therefore after Mr. Nathan had bid 400 gns. she was

knocked down at half her value to W. Adams at a tenner rise. There were a few extra lots put up, including Sentinel, who did not reach the reserve. I must congratulate Mr. Philson on the way he conducted the sale. I can honestly say that during my long experience I have only seen two auctioneers at yearling sales that could get an extra tenner out of the bidders better than he can. They were Dick and Edmund Tattersall.

The following are the list of prices:—

Grey colt by Brigadier—Victress, by Vortex, Mr. A. Austin, Auckland	70
Brown filly by Nordenfeldt—Patch, by Fireworks, Mr. W. Rathbone, Napier	175
Bay filly by Johnny Faulker—Tasmania, by Manuku, Mr. W. Rathbone, Napier	85
Bay colt by St. Leger—Welcome Katie, by Musket, Mr. W. Adams, Auckland	175
Brown colt by Nordenfeldt—Realisation, by Vespasian, Mr. J. Richards, Melbourne	800
Brown colt by Ingomar—Onyx, by Angler, Mr. George Wright, Auckland	400
Brown filly by Nordenfeldt—Maid of Athol, by Maribyrnong, Hon. J. D. Ormond, Napier	280
Brown filly by Brigadier—The Jilt, by Traducer, Mr. A. Austin, Auckland	85
Bay colt by St. Leger—Vivandiere, by Musket, Mr. J. Richards, Melbourne	300
Brown filly by Nordenfeldt—Frality, by Goldsbrough, Mr. J. Richards, Melbourne	2200
Chestnut colt by Nordenfeldt—Bianca, by Black Eagle, Mr. S. H. Gollan, Napier	560
Chestnut colt by Nordenfeldt—Yattacy, by Yattendon, Mr. J. McNicol, Waikato	200
Brown filly by Nordenfeldt—Victoria, by Feve, Mr. J. McNicol, Waikato	175
Brown filly by Nordenfeldt—Ouida, by Yattendon, Mr. J. Richards, Melbourne	725
Brown filly by Nordenfeldt—Albatross, by Malta, Mr. W. Rathbone, Napier	330
Brown colt by Ingomar—Steppe, by Saunterer, Mr. L. D. Nathan, Auckland	250
Bay filly by Ingomar—Sylvia, by Fisherman, Mr. S. H. Gollan, Napier	525

ON ACCOUNT OF MESSRS. L. D. NATHAN AND CO.

Brown colt by St. Leger—Renga, by Diomedes, Mr. J. McNicol, Waikato	105
Chestnut colt by St. Leger—Lovebird, by Macaroni, Mr. Patterson, Bay of Islands	500
Brown filly by St. Leger—Cantiniere, by Musket, Mr. J. McNicol, Waikato	175

ON ACCOUNT OF MRS. W. WALTERS.

Bay filly by Hippocampus—Venus Transit, by Sledmere, Mr. W. Paul, Auckland	35
Bay filly by Nelson—Hipporina, by Hippocampus, Mr. W. Adams	35
Brown filly by Nordenfeldt—Fishgirl, by Yattendon, Mr. J. McNicol	250
Brown filly by Nelson—Muskerina, by Musket, Mr. G. G. Stead, Canterbury	70
Chestnut filly by Nordenfeldt—Rosarina, by Traducer, Mr. W. Adams	410

The following brood mares were also sold:—

Venus Transit, by Sledmere—Peeress, by The Peer, with foal by Hippocampus, Mr. A. Austin	30
Countess, by Anteros—Grand Duchess, by Traducer, with filly foal by Hippocampus, Mr. Black	25
The brood mare Empress, by Maribyrnong—Peeress was offered, but was passed at a reserve of 90 guineas. Patch, by Fireworks—Syren, and her foal were bought for 115 guineas by Mr. Morrin. A three-year-old filly by The Dauphin was purchased by Mr. Buckland for 14 guineas. 160 guineas was offered for the steeplechaser Sentinel, but was passed, as the bidding did not reach the reserve.	

OUR WANGANUI LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

[BY WIRE.]

THE Rangitikei Racing Club held their annual meeting on the 1st and second January, when some good racing was witnessed by those present. The first day it rained heavy, but on the second a better day could not have been wished for. £5,082 was put through the machines, which were worked by Hill and Poole. The following are the results of the different events. Maiden Plate—Cordelia, 7st 3lb, Reed, 1; Seal Brown, 7st 13lb, McKeague, 2; Fortune, 7st 12lb, Knight, 3; Musket also started. Won easily. Time, 2min 24sec. Dividend, £1 13s. Handicap Hurdles—Reer, 10st, Retter, 1; Hiamce, 9st 4lb, Morris, 2; Empire also started, but Reer won by three lengths. Time, 4min 23sec. Dividend, £3 3s. Hack Hurdles—Commotion, 11st, Higgins, 1; Corsair, 9st 7lb, Anderson, 2; Glenelg, 10st 12lb, Scott, 3; Ridge also ran. Won by a length. Time, 3min 8sec. Dividend, £2 5s. Rangitikei Handicap—Foxton, 8st 3lb, McCormick, 1; Cordelia, 6st 10lb, Reed, 2; Torpedo, 7st 9lb, 3; Weka, 7st 3lb, also ran. Weka led for one and a quarter miles, when Cordelia went to the front, with Torpedo close handy. Cordelia led into the straight, when McCormick called upon Foxton, who responded gamely, and won a good

race by a length. McCormick was loudly praised for his riding in this event, and to his horsemanship may be credited the win of his mount. The time for the one and three-quarter miles was 3min 15 4-5th sec. Dividend, £2 3s. Hack Race—Strephon, 9st 4lb, Reed, 1; Swindle, 8st 11lb, Kennedy, 2; Eve, 7st, Hall, 3. Time, 1min 57 1-5th sec. Dividend, £1 6s. Flying Stakes—Ranee Nuna, 6.7, Crook, 1; Stmalo, 8st 2lb, Johnson, 2; Recluse, 8st 13lb, Kennedy, 3. Won by a length. Time, 1min 23 4-5th sec. Dividend, £2 5s. Stewards' Plate—Cretonne, 9st 2lb, McCormick, 1; Fortune, 8st, 2; Pyramus, 9st 9lb, 3; Empire, Musket, and Rufus also ran. Won all out by length. Time, 1min 54sec. Dividend, £1 16s. Second Day. Clifton Handicap—(62), Torpedo, 8st 7lb, Collelo, 1; (78), Weaka, 8st 5lb, Lett, 2; (78), Cretonne, 7st 12lb, McCormick, 3; (60) Stmalo and (25) Fortune also ran. Won by a length. Time, 2min 13 2-5th sec. Dividend, £4 6s. Hurdles—(151), Empire, 10st 9lb, Pell, 1; (24), Hiamo, 9st, Morris, 2; (119), Pyramus, 11st 5lb, Cameron, 3; (66) Reer, 10st 5lb, also ran. Won easily. Time, 3min 16 1-5th sec. Dividend, £2 2s. Handicap Hurdles—(32), Nat, 9st 10lb, McLean, 1; (159), Commotion, 11st 10lb, Higgins, 2; (54), Corsair, 9st 8lb, McMorrin, 3; (117) Raven also ran. Won after a good race by half a length. Time, 2min 26 2-5th sec. Dividend, £10 1s. Railway Handicap—(237), Torpedo, 8st 5lb, McCormick, 1; (159), Ranee Nuna, 7st 5lb, Crook, 2; (154), Cordelia, 7st 5lb, Reed, 3. These were the only starters. The race for the first half of the journey was a slow canter, when Cordelia rushed to the front and led into the straight, but was collared at the distance post by Torpedo, who won, with a little to spare, by a length. Time, 2min 57sec. Dividend, £2 1s. Hack Race—(35), Priscilla, 6st 7lb, Hall, 1; (42), Perla, 6st 7lb, Crook, 2; (201), Swindler, 8st 13lb, Kennedy, 3; (31) Propellor, 7st 2lb, Nat also ran. Won by a short head. Time, 1min 21sec. Dividend, £9 13s. Short's Race, for two-year-olds—(83), King John, 8st 10lb, Reid, 1; (50), Priores, 8st 5lb, Lett, 2; (93), Explosion, 9st 5lb, Collelo, 3; (94) Variety also ran. Won by a neck. Time, 1min 6sec. Dividend, £3 8s. Consolation Race—(24) Musket, 6st 10lb, Johnston, 1; (120), St. Malo, 8st 5lb, Collelo, 2; (28), Rufus, (61) Seal Brown, and (60) Fortune also ran. Won after a good finish by a head. Time, 1min 50sec. Dividend, £11 11s.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

WHATEVER may have been said as to the prospects of the above club coming out on the right side of the ledger for their second Summer Meeting, on account of the unprecedentedly large stakes for New Zealand, there can now be little doubt, that from the great success of the first day's gathering the meeting will be an unqualified success, financially and practically. The only mistake that appears to have been made is that their two days were not fixed successively, as with the time allowed to lapse a large number of sporting men and visitors from the country will have returned to their homes before next Saturday, the date fixed for the second day's events. Wednesday, December 30th, was the first day, and the morning broke beautifully fine, consequently there was a very large and fashionable attendance, about 2000 spectators putting in an appearance. A great many improvements were noticeable on the course, and all the arrangements to the minutest detail were a credit to Mr. C. T. Mark, who was indefatigable in his exertions throughout the day. Mr. F. Lawry, M.H.R., president of the club, was also conspicuous in his exertions assisting the hard-working secretary. He also gave the utmost satisfaction as judge. Mr. E. D. Halstead's starting throughout the day gave every satisfaction, and he was awarded a round of applause for his send off in the Pony Hurdles. The Pony Cup was also an excellent start. Mr. W. Blomfield and his staff worked the totalisators most efficiently, putting through no less than £3606 during the day. Three of the races were 10s. tickets, and one being a walk over for Rambuster there was no speculation. Among other distinguished racing men we noticed the Hon. G. Maclean and J. D. Ormond. The well-known caterer Tom McEwan provided an excellent luncheon during

the afternoon, and proceedings were enlivened by the Newton brass band.

The first race on the programme was the Maiden Trot, for which 13 faced the starter. Puhoi, 30 seconds, was made a strong favourite, but was never in it, the race being eventually won by the outsider Sandfly; Napier, 25secs, and Jock, 35secs, filling the places.

Mr. Halstead had six contestants to send away for the Flying Stakes of six furlongs. Silkworm was made the favourite, and justified the confidence of her backers. She got away with a lead, followed by Rata, but at the back of the course fell back second, Red Rose assuming command. Two furlongs from home Red Rose was done, giving place to Coquette II. The favourite, however, was handy, and won easily by a length and a half, Red Rose three lengths off, third. Leo ran off at the back of the course, and jumped the stone wall.

The next was the Auckland Trotting Club Cup of 2000s, and was the event of the day. Sixteen horses came to the post. Tyrone, 60secs, went off with a strong lead from the other limit horses, and the first time past the post the positions were—Tyrone, Brandy, 45secs; Mount, 40secs; Myrtle, scratch, last. In the last round Clyde, scratch, gave us a show of his quality, but Brandy, Tyrone, and Ruadine past the post the second time in that order. On the third round Clyde and Charlie, 15secs, moved up a little, Brandy still maintaining his lead, followed now by Bess, 45secs; and Rarus, 25secs. The final round showed little alteration in the position of the leaders, Brandy, a locally-owned horse, winning easily, while Rarus secured second position from Bess by half a length. Myrtle pulled up, and Clyde was nearly last.

An excellent start was effected for the Pony Cup. Red Rose and Vampire led for the first mile, but succumbed at the back of the course, and on entering the straight Salvator was loudly proclaimed. Lady Onslow and Silkworm came away full of running, the former winning easily. Electric came through her horses at the finish and got third position.

The Handicap Trot was won easily by Rarus; Napier, second; Tyrone, third. There were nine others engaged.

All figuring on the list came to the post for the Handicap Hurdles, Lady Onslow being made a warm favourite on account of her previous running. This was a splendid race, and resulted in a very severe struggle between the two ladies, Lady Onslow winning eventually by a length from Despised; Red Rose third.

The Selling Trot resulted in a walk over for Rambuster, after which he was submitted to auction, and bought by Mr. W. J. Thorpe for £15 10s.

The concluding event of the day was the Pony Trot, and the limit pony Chips getting well away never broke, and won easily; Puhoi second, and Maud S., a strong favourite, third. There were four other starters.

Full particulars of the horses engaged, and the results, together with the riders, dividends, &c., will be found in our turf record column.

The well-known sportsman of Napier (Capt. Russell) broke his leg last week while playing lawn tennis.

Our reporter's tips for the various events are as follows:—Second Maiden Trot—Tyrone, Sandfly, Rarus. Stewards' Handicap—Red Rose, Silkworm, Despised. President's Handicap Trot—Tyrone, Bogus, Ruadan, Sandgate for an upset. Xmas Handicap—Lady Onslow, Pica, Gillie. Second Pony Trot—Myrtle, Puhoi, Maud S. Steeples—Lady Onslow, Pica, Despised. Selling Trot—Find your own "Yardman." Electric Trot—Sandgate, Bogus, Ruadan.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt from the publisher of "Bailey's Magazine," asking us to exchange with them. "Bailey's Magazine" is one of the oldest and best sporting magazines in England. "Our Van" is worth all the money, and is quoted by all the leading racing papers. It has surprised us that so few copies are existant in New Zealand. "Old Turfite," who used to be a contributor, has not seen half a dozen copies in as many years. We strongly recommend all our sporting readers who care for English racing news to become subscribers. Mr. H. H. Hayr can make arrangements for them getting the same by the regular monthly mail steamers.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

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. 25	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. 5	Onslow Trotting Club
Mar. 17, 18	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
Mar. 17	Henderson's Mill Turf 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. 26, 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.

Jan. 8	Auckland Racing Club
Jan. 8, 13	Wellington Racing Club
Jan. 12	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Autumn
Jan. 16	Nelson Jockey Club
Jan. 15, 28	Canterbury Jockey Club
Jan. 21	Dunedin Jockey Club
Jan. 23	Egmont Racing Club
Jan. 29	Papakura Racing Club
Feb. 5	Canterbury Jockey Club
Feb. 12	Lake Racing Club
Feb. 13	Dunedin Jockey Club
Feb. 19	Onslow Trotting Club
Feb. 20	Henderson's Mill Turf 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.

Jan. 11	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
Feb. 18	Papakura Racing Club
Feb. 22	Onslow Trotting Club
Mar. 2	Henderson's Mill Turf Club
Mar. 7, 23	Dunedin Jockey Club
Mar. 17	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
Mar. 19	Canterbury Jockey Club
Apr. 4, 13, 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.

Jan. 7	Poverty Bay Turf Club
Jan. 15, 20	Wellington Racing Club
Jan. 15, 28	Canterbury Jockey Club
Jan. 21	Dunedin Jockey Club
Jan. 29, 30	Takapuna Jockey Club
Jan. 23	Egmont Racing Club
Jan. 23, Feb. 3, 4	Nelson Jockey Club
Feb. 3	Takapuna Jockey Club
Feb. 5	Canterbury Jockey Club
Feb. 11, 17	Egmont Racing Club
Feb. 13	Onehunga Racing Club
Feb. 19	Lake Racing Club
Feb. 19	Papakura Racing Club
Feb. 23, 24	Dunedin Jockey Club
Feb. 26	Onslow Trotting Club
Mar. 1, 14, 17	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
Mar. 6	Henderson's Mill Turf Club
Mar. 19, 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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We have to apologise to our subscribers and readers for late publication this week. An accident happened to the machinery, hence the delay in printing.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

NEW YEAR'S DAY was the second day of the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting. The attendance was not up to the average though the grand stand was well filled. There were a great number of visitors present, including the Hon. G. McLean, and Hon. J. D. Ormond, Messrs. W. R. Wilson (Victoria), Stead, Gollan, Wilson (Wanganui), Hungerford, Dan O'Brien and Patsy Butler, who had come up for the yearling sales. Then last, but not least, was the celebrated Mr. H. M. Stanley and his wife, but as my *conferere* deals with the company and ladies dresses (which are completely out of my line) in another column, I shall confine myself to the racing. As on the first day, the starting was something infamous, and loud and deep were the anathemas hurled at Mr. Buckland's head by those who lost their money through him. For the Midsummer Stakes the horses were kept over three-quarters of an hour at the post, during which time there were *twenty-two false starts* and *forty* breaks away; then when the flag did fall there must have been a dozen lengths between the first and last horse. To end the matter of starting, one may say there was not a *single good start* during the whole meeting. Mr. Buckland fined some of the jockeys, but it was not their fault; the fact is that he does not even know the rudiments of the way how to start, but in his egotistical way he came back, time after time, to the stand with a smile on his face. Why he was appointed no one knows, as Mr. Halstead, who started at the Spring Meetings and Suburban Meetings, and gave every satisfaction, was present. It is really a wonder the stewards did not take the flag, but the fact was Mr. Garrett was the only one that appeared to take any interest in the racing. It would be well in future years if the A.R.C. Committee were more careful in selecting their stewards, as if they do their duty the appointment is no sinecure.

The racing was not without some surprises, or what is generally known in Auckland as "reversal of form."

The Derby was a surprise. Morion, who had been "plating" in very moderate company, winning by half a length. Looking at it in a charitable way, Clifford deserves a great deal of praise for the way he rode him, as more than once he tried to cut it, but he was kept going, and had not a chance. Dolosa rather unexpectedly gave her popular owner a turn by winning the A.R.C. Handicap. The mare is evidently running much more generously since she has been stinted. The Maiden Plate showed a reversal of form on Mr. G. Wright's Van Dieman, who could not get near the front in the Maiden Plate at Takapuna with 7st 10lb, and moderate company then, comes out with 8st 3lb, and wins cleverly. A question often asked me is how long are these practices going to be permitted before the stewards take action?

The races commenced with the New Year's Hurdle Race, for which the four acceptors started. Fishmonger, 10st 9lb, and Yardman, 9st 7lb, made the running for about a mile, when they were joined by Try Fluke. At the back of the course the second time round Sentinel, who had been lying last, moved up, but soon fell back. At the half-mile post Yardman was done with, Fishmonger coming on won all out by three lengths from Try Fluke, who was half a dozen lengths in front of Sentinel.

Eight faced the starter for the Newmarket Handicap, finishing as follows:—Lochness, 8st, 1; The Baron, 9st 2lb, 2; Fiesole, 8st 6lb, 3. Lady Belle, 7st 4lb; Master Pat, 7st 2lb; The Dancer, 7st; Roie, 6st 7lb; Ida, 6st 8lb, also ran. After a great deal of messing about at the post, the flag fell to a very moderate start, Lochness being first away, followed by The Dancer and Fiesole. On entering the straight the field closed up, the Baron coming to the front at the half distance, he challenged, but could never get quite up, Lochness winning all out by a length, Fiesole being a neck away, third.

The Great Northern Derby produced a field of five. Speculation was brisk owing to it being an open race, none of the horses having proved that they could get a mile and a half. The finish was: Morion, 1; Clanranald, 2; Flinders, 3. The Workman and Fraternite also started. Morion went away with the lead, the pace being very slow, Flinders and Clanranald following. At the mile post Morion tried to cut it, but Clifford quickly straightened him. Fraternite then went to the front, trying to make the pace faster. Passing the half-mile post Clanranald and Flinders closed up. Fraternite led into the straight, closely followed by Morion. When fairly in the line for home the former was beaten, Morion coming on in front. At the half distance Clanranald came up, but Clifford keeping Morion going, he could never get quite up, and was beaten by half a length, Flinders being a couple of lengths away, third. The others tailed off.

The Midsummer Stakes brought out the good field of twelve, but the whole interest in the race was spoilt by the wretched starting, which resulted as follows:—Whakawatea, 9st 10lb, 1; North Atlantic, 8st 6lb, 2; Stepniak, 9st 2lb, 3. Tamar, 8st; Wyvern, 8st; His Worship, 7st 7lb; Glenora, 7st 6lb; Puwerewere, 7st 5lb; First Nelson, 7st; St. Hippo, 6st 9lb; Lottie, 6st 7lb, and Swiftsure, 6st 7lb. After three-quarters of an hour had been wasted on the post, the flag fell to a wretched start, Stepniak being the first to show in front, but he was soon pulled back, North Atlantic taking up the running, followed by St. Hippo, who led into the straight, Whakawatea close up. When fairly in a line for home St. Hippo was beat. At the half distance Whakawatea challenged, and running very game got home a good head, Stepniak being third. A frivolous objection was raised by the trainer of Puwerewere that they were started in front of the post, but it was dismissed.

Five was the main for the Selling Race. Speculation was slack. Octopus got home a comfortable head from the Barb, The Laird third. Brian Borou and Essie were the other starters. The winner was bought in for £51 by his owner.

The Auckland Racing Club Handicap brought out a field of nine. Speculation was very brisk, the race being looked upon as a very open one. It resulted as follows:—Dolosa, 7st, 1; Lochness, 7st 4lb, 2; the Dreamer, 7st 4lb, 3. Pinfire, 8st 6lb; Leorina, 8st 3lb; Reprisal, 8st; Quadrant, 7st 11lb; Queen of Trumps, 7st 6lb; and Coalscuttle, 7st 4lb, also ran. The flag fell to a fairly even start, Queen of Trumps' colours being the first seen in the race, followed by Pinfire, Lochness, and Leorina, Dolosa heading the second division. Passing the three-quarter of a mile post Pinfire and Leorina closed on Queen of Trumps, but the latter soon fell back beaten. At the half-mile post Dolosa and the Dreamer closed up. Queen of Trumps led into the straight, but she was then done with, Dolosa coming with a rush, followed by Lochness and the Dreamer, who fought it out, the mare winning by a length and a half; the same distance between second and third, there being a long tail.

The Maiden Plate produced a field of eight moderate ones, finishing—Van Dieman, 8st 3lb, 1; Yattaghan, 8st 5lb, 2; the Dancer, 8st,

10lb, 3. Glaucus, 8st 4lb; Warrior, 7st 12lb; Tuna, 7st 7lb; and Stamford, 7st 7lb, also ran. Stamford made the running to the straight, when he was done with, the Dancer going to the front. At the distance Van Dieman, who had been quietly waiting, shot to the front, and won easily by a length, Yattaghan, who came fast at the finish, being a good third.

The Welter Race only produced a field of three, and ended in an easy win for Te Kooti, 10st 6lb, ridden by Mr. E. D. O'Rorke; Ida, 10st, 2; Priscilla, 10st 7lb, 3.

THIRD DAY.

THE attendance as usual on the Steeplechase Day was very good, but as has been often the case was very disappointing, the Steeplechase especially, it being nothing but a race of disasters, Sentinel being the only one that got round the course without a mistake, winning as he liked. Hopeful Kate, who balked at the old water jump, finishing second, three hundred yards from the winner, while Tommy trotted in third half-a-mile behind. Fishmonger disappointed his followers by refusing the double and the water jump. Good Day struck the stone wall heavy, coming down a buster, giving her jockey (Dickson) a nasty fall, also splitting her knee, which will render her unfit for racing again, so the best thing will be to give her a friendly bullet. The Colonel also came down a cropper, but Rae got off well with a few bruises and damage to his right arm. The Musket Stakes was a curious race, as notwithstanding the bad start, Whakawatea, who was ridden by Gallagher, ought to have won on his previous form. Mr. Hungerford, his owner, has asked for an inquiry, but as the case at the time of writing is *sub judice*, I will refrain from making any comments, though I have formed my own opinion. Quadrant, after his previous running this season, created rather a surprise by winning the Victoria Handicap in a common canter. The totalisator was well worked by Mr. Bloomfield and staff, the large sum of £30 107 being passed through the machine. Great dissatisfaction was expressed by the general public at the 11½ per cent. being deducted. The A.R.C. Committee has made a great mistake in doing this, especially as they commenced the season by only deducting the 10 per cent. It was never intended by the Government that this tax should fall on the shoulders of the backers; but they must get money somehow as they are launching out into extravagance.

The racing commenced with the Grandstand Handicap, for which seven came to the post. Dolosa again ran much more kindly. The race resulted in Dolosa, 8st, 1; Coalscuttle, 7st 11lb, 2; Pinfire, 8st, 3; Leorina 7st 12lb, Loch Ness 8st, Queen of Trumps 7st 2lb, and Glaucus 6st 7lb, also ran. Loch Ness and Pinfire were made the favourites. The flag fell to an infamous start. Pinfire was the first to show in front, followed by Dolosa, the rest in a cluster. At the half-mile post Dolosa assumed the lead and was never afterwards headed, winning by a couple of lengths away from Coalscuttle, who was a length in front of Pinfire.

Five faced the starter for the Sylvia Park Handicap, for which North Atlantic, 8st 6lb, was made a great favourite, and getting three lengths the best of an infamous start, won easily by a length and a half from Lottie, 6st 7lb, Tamar, 7st 12lb, being the same distance away third, His Worship, 7st, and Glenora, 6st 11lb, being the other starters.

Only three came to the post for the Auckland Plate, Clanranald being made a great favourite. At the fall of the flag Clanranald was first away, but was soon pulled back. Fraternite, going to the front, forcing the pace, Flinders lying last. In this order they entered the straight, when they both challenged Fraternite. At the half distance Clanranald had both his opponents settled, and striding along, won clearly by a length from Fraternite, Flinders finishing close up.

Nine came to the post for the Steeplechase, resulting as follows:—Sentinel, 11st 8lb, 1; Hopeful Kate, 10st 10lb, 2; Tommy, 9st 7lb, 3; The Colonel 10st 7lb, Fishmonger 10st 7lb, Yardman 9st 12lb, Good Day 9st 11lb, Dan 9st 11lb, and Chance 9st 7lb, also ran. The race was a series of blunders, and was a perfect fiasco. At the fall of the flag Fishmonger, Sentinel, and Tommy were the first to show in front, but after they had gone a few hundred

yards Hopeful Kate assumed command, with Dan next. The others close up. Coming down the hill Hopeful Kate was leading, Fishmonger, Yardman, and Sentinel being her immediate followers. At the stone wall on to the course Good Day came down splitting her knee and giving her jockey a nasty shaking. Hopeful Kate led over the water jump, which Fishmonger refused, Chance, Dan, Sentinel, Yardman, and Tommy following in the order named. Going up the hill Chance and Yardman ran into second and third places, Fishmonger, who had been got over the water jump, close up. On coming to the double in front of the stand Kate and Chance, with Sentinel close up, were the first over. Here Fishmonger again refused, and was out of the race. At the old water jump Hopeful Kate and Chance collided, the latter coming down, Sentinel having obtained a long lead. The race afterwards was never in doubt, as, fencing well, he won by two hundred yards. Tommy, who had refused on the hill, trotted in third after the judge had left the box. None of the others finished. The Colonel came down at the post and rails at the top of the hill, giving Rae a shaking.

Four came out for the Selling Race, for which Octopus was made a great favourite, but he had nothing to do with the finish, Vasator winning easily by a couple of lengths from Transit; Octopus a bad third; Kupe being the only other starter.

Five faced the starter for the Musket Stakes, resulting—North Atlantic, 7st 5lb, 1; Whakawatea, 7st 9lb, 2; the Workman 9st, 3. Flinders, 8st 4lb; Pungawerewe 6st 13lb, also ran. There was a good deal of unpleasantness over this race some people declaring that Gallagher on Whakawatea threw the race away. After a good deal of fiddling about at the post, the flag fell to a moderate start, Whakawatea and North Atlantic getting first away. The former lead into the straight, but at the distance North Atlantic came with a rush, and soon settling the favourite, won by a length; a bad third.

The good field of twelve came to the post for the Victoria Handicap, resulting as follows: Quadrant, 8st 3lb, 1; Loch Ness, 8st 1lb, 2; The Dancer, 7st 6lb, 3. The Baron 8st 9lb, Fiesole 7st 12lb, Queen of Trumps 7st 6lb, The Dreamer 7st 5lb, Van Dieman 7st 2lb, Master Pat 7st 11lb, Lady Belle 6st 11lb, Warrior 6st 7lb, and Ida 6st 7lb also ran. The Baron and Fiesole were made warm favourites. The race requires little description; the flag fell to a miserable start, The Dancer, Loch Ness and Quadrant getting best away. On entering the straight Quadrant went to the front, and striding away won as he liked by three or four lengths; a moderate third.

Nine came to the post for the Recovery Stakes, finishing as follows:—Tulloch, 7st, 1st; Resentment, 7st, 2; Helen McGregor, 7st 8lb, 3rd, Lady Belle 7st 10lb, Master Pat 7st 9lb, Priscilla 7st 8lb, Vieux Rose 7st 8lb, Warrior 7st, and Transit 7st 5lb, also ran. The flag fell to a miserable start, Tulloch, Helen McGregor and Master Pat getting away in front. The former was never headed, and just got home a neck from Resentment, who came with a great rush at the finish, but could never get quite up.

This brought the meeting to a close.

THE WAPITI YEARLINGS.

LAST Tuesday Mr. Philson offered the Wapiti yearlings. The company was limited but select, including Messrs. W. R. Wilson, D. O'Brien, J. D. Ormond, Hungerford, J. Marshall, and R. Mason. The yearlings were a fair average lot, but the bidding was very languid, owing to the majority of them being by Nelson. It is a well-known fact that large buyers do not care for youngsters by an untried stallion, never mind how good looking they are. It will be seen that after next year when the Nordenfeldts are done with that the Auckland sales will fall off to a remarkable degree until some of the young sires make a name for themselves. One has only to look back at Musket, who had been a failure in England. If he had not got Martini-Henri (who luckily fell into that good sportsman's hands, the late Hon. J. White) he would never have made the name he did. The first lot that was offered was a chestnut colt by Nelson—Florence. He was a nice bred colt,

and Mr. Marshall did not give too much when he secured him for 80 gns. The colt by Nelson—Tenambra fell to the bid of Mr. Harris, 190 gns., which was his value. The filly by Nordenfeldt—Tres Deuce was neat but small. Mr. Stewart secured her at 200 guineas. The filly by Nelson—Memphis was moderate, but took Mr. W. R. Wilson's fancy, who got her for 65 gns. The brown filly by Ingomar—Sister Agnes was a nice one, and provoked a triangular duel between Messrs. McKinnon, Hungerford, and Ormond; the former starting with a bid of 100 gns. She was eventually knocked down to Mr. Ormond for 225 gns. Major Mair's two were also offered, but the reserves were ridiculous. For the sister to First Nelson by Nelson—Corcyra the best offer was 70 gns, the reserve being 250 gns., while the Ingomar—Sweet Alice filly had a reserve of 150 gns., but Mr. Philson with all his eloquence could only extract a bid of 60 gns. The following horses in training were then offered, but the reserves were too high:—Fiesole (250 gns.), Coalscuttle (250 gns.). Miss Cole was knocked down to Mr. E. W. Alison for 60 gns. One would have thought he had enough crocks without her. Antelope, with a filly foal by Nordenfeldt, was also put up, but did not reach the reserve of 300 gns. The following are the particulars:—

Chestnut colt, by Nelson—Florence, by Papapa, Mr. J. Marshall, Auckland	80
Chestnut filly, by Nordenfeldt—Tres Deuce, by Traducer, Mr. Stewart, Auckland	200
Bay filly, by Nelson—The Maid, by King of the Ring, Mr. J. Hill, Auckland	75
Chestnut filly, by Nelson—Memphis, by Gang Forward, Mr. W. R. Wilson, Victoria	65
Brown filly, by Ingomar—Sister Agnes, by Rosicrucian, Hon. J. D. Ormond, Napier	225
Chestnut colt, by Nelson—Tenambra, by The Marquis, Mr. Herries	190
Chestnut mare Miss Cole, 4yrs, Mr. Alison	60
Ch m Fiesole, ch m Coalscuttle, br m Antelope were all passed in.	

OUR TARANAKI LETTER.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

[BY WIRE.]

NEW PLYMOUTH, January 7.

OPUNAKE RACES.

THE Opunake races, postponed from New Year's Day, came off on Saturday, when fine weather prevailed. There was a large attendance, and the races were a great success. Adams and Andrews put £1146 through the machine. The following are the results:—

Hurdles: Recruit, Stevens, 1; Rambler, W. Higginson, 2; Wairongomai, Brown, 3. Baccarat, the favourite, fell; Pikipo ran off. Time, 4min 52secs. Dividend, £2 15s.

Flying Stakes: Nimrod, Cudd, 1; Rainbow, 2; Matarawa, 3. Time, 1min 21½secs. Dividend, £2 7s.

Opunake Cup of 50sovs: Sivius, Cudd, 1; Farewell, Stevens, 2; Thunderbolt, 3. Won easily. Time, 3min 52 3-5ths sec. Dividend, £2 15s.

Post Stakes: Cyrus, 1. Time, 53½secs. Dividend, £16 19s.

Harakeke Three-year-old Stakes: Aka, Stevens, 1; Nova, 2; Clipper, 3. Time, 1min 56secs. Dividend, £3 7s.

Apua Stakes: Sirius, Freewill, 1; Javelin, 2. Time, 2min 4secs. Dividend, £1 17s.

Forced Handicap: Thunderbolt, 1; Freewill, 2; Ngaruhoe, 3. Dividend, £2 9s.

PUNGAREHU RACES.

THE Pungarehu races came off on Monday. The weather was fine; there was a good attendance. £463 was put through the machine. The principal results are as follows:—Hurdles: Recruit (Crozier). Dividend, £1 14s.—Pungarehu Cup: Sirius (Cudd). Dividend, £1 7s.—Pungarehu Handicap: She (Dranhan). Dividend, £2 1s.—Pony Race: Coronet. Dividend, £2 14s.

NEW PLYMOUTH, Dec. 31.

THE Taranaki Jockey Club's Hack Meeting, held on Monday last, was very successful, inasmuch as the Club made a profit of almost £180. The Government tax of 1½ per cent. was not taken out of the usual 10 per cent. The Government "divy" came to £26 1s.—the best one of the day. The four-year-old colt Ionic, by Dauphin, dam Ina, carried off the big Handicap, Welter, and Farewell. He

appears to have improved wonderfully since he went into Fred Watson's stable. Storyteller, a three-year-old daughter of Puriri and Falsehood, won both pony races, but only after a desperate set-to with Poppy each time. The other races do not call for much comment, and as I wired you the results, I won't put them on record in my notes on this occasion. The officials of the Club worked well, and a meed of special praise is due to Mr. R. G. Bauchope, the hon. secretary. The only accidents during the day was the falling of Ina in the first pony race and Rainbow in the Spring Handicap. Their riders escaped with a shaking.

An unpleasant feature of the day was the eccentric conduct (to use a mild term) of an individual not unknown to Auckland racecourses. After each race he held a levee in front of the stewards' room, and by his Merry Andrew proclivities kept a gaping crowd on the laugh.

Lady Onslow, I notice, won the Pony Cup and Hurdles on Wednesday at the Auckland Trotting Club's Meeting. She was too leniently treated in my opinion; seeing the ordinary company she had to meet, and in face of the fact that she had won three flat pony events and an open hack hurdle race before.

The Turf.

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

I WILL now take a retrospect of the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting. It will long be remembered by racing men and the general public for the disgraceful starting and wonderful alteration in the form of several horses, the majority of them coming from one stable. I know very well that I shall be called a "grumbler," "fault-finder," and a few other nice names by the clique, but I do not mind. It is now forty six years since I first stood upon a racecourse. It has been to me, like it is to most Englishmen, a hobby closely verging on a passion, therefore it does aggravate me to see races thrown away through mismanagement and rules broken. Every one who takes an interest in racing knows very well that never mind how you stick to the rules of racing there are plenty of openings for fraud which it is almost impossible to detect and prevent. That the A.R.C. meetings are falling off in the estimation of Southern owners there is no doubt, as now you only see one or two owners bring their horses up, when years gone by, when the stakes were not so valuable, there would be at least half a dozen. Then those owners that do bring up their horses are chiefly attracted here by the yearling sales, so think that they might as well bring a horse or two in hopes of picking up expenses. These will soon fall off as the interest in the sales decrease. In confirmation of what I say you have only to read some of the Southern newspapers, those that have none of the petty jealousies that some of the Wellington papers have, which may well be called "grab all," but those conducted by independent men, who are not afraid to write what they mean. In conversation with a Southern owner, who used for years to bring up horses, but this time has come alone for the purpose of picking up a good yearling or two, I asked him why Auckland races were not so popular as they used to be. His answer was what has for a long time been the complaint. "At this time of the year your ground is dreadfully hard, and your made gallops, especially the tan one, is not fit to gallop a jack ass on; secondly, your meetings are not properly managed. Look at the starting. Mr. Driver, at Dunedin, is bad enough, but he can give your man twenty-one pound and beat him in a canter." Not having had a look at the tan gallop (which I believe cost £1200) for a long time, and having plenty of time to spare, I walked across, and met an old Newmarket man. On telling him my business he said, "You need not go far; I can show you the fault all through." And he soon did. Before the tan gallop is fit to work upon a lot of money must be expended. On speaking to the caretaker he told me what he thought ought to be done, and I quite coincide with him, and trust that

the *fides achatus* of the A.R.C. will [soon see fit to do it.

Now let us first of all take up the starting, which was the very worst that was ever seen on a racecourse, even in Japan. China or Borneo. you would have seen better. Mr. Buckland was tried here some years ago, and proved a lamentable failure. Since then he has been in Queensland. He is therefore unknown to the jockeys, and he at the same time does not know them, therefore there is mutual distrust. That he does know the rudiments of starting is obvious. He stands right on the post, and expects the horses to either toe the line or walk up. Now this, with two-year-olds, especially if you have a fractious one like Whakawatea, is impossible. In the Midsummer Stakes the horses were three-quarters of an hour at the post, during which there were *sixty-two* breaks away and false starts. When the flag did fall there was at least a dozen lengths between the first and last horse. Even then he walked back to the paddock with his usual smile on his face as if he had done a smart thing. In fact there was not a decent start during the whole meeting, while for the short races it was simply disgraceful, and hundreds of pounds were lost through it. No wonder owners and backers were indignant. It is bad enough to lose your money through backing the wrong horse, but it is past a joke when you lose it through the starting. I was asked a great many times how it was that he got appointed starter after his previous failures. That was a question hard to answer. At the annual meeting George Cutts was appointed starter, but went over to Sydney, and has not started this year. Mr. Halstead has filled his place with every satisfaction; he has also given satisfaction at country meetings. I do not intend for one moment to say that he is a Hibberd or McGeorge, but he is by far the best in Auckland, and do not know why Mr. Buckland was selected instead of Mr. Halstead, seeing how the latter gentleman fulfilled his duties at the Spring Meeting.

We now come to the difference of form that was never taken notice of by the stewards. When speaking to one of them he said "It is not our duty, therefore we cannot take cognizance of the running of horses at other meetings; we have only to look after what occurs here on our own course." This is an erroneous idea, and goes far to prove that they do not know their own powers. If they want a precedent they have not far to look back at the last Houghton Meeting. Comedy won the Cambridgeshire. Several objections were made against her. One was that she was not the proper age; secondly, that she partly belonged to C. Wood and another man who had been warned off the turf, but the stewards dismissed them, but had up the jockey Ibbett to explain his riding and the running of Comedy in the Perevil of the Peak Handicap at Derby six weeks previously, (he just escaped having his license cancelled, the heavy going being his excuse), thus proving that the stewards of the metropolitan clubs have the power to refer back to other meetings. We had enough of Lonely last meeting, so will leave him alone.

In the New Year's Handicap Try Fluke, if he had not made a blunder at the last hurdle, would just about have beat Fishmonger, as he was going the faster and stronger of the two at the finish. On Boxing Day he could not get near the front; in fact he was last all the way, a great improvement during a week.

We now come to the Derby winner Morion, out of John Rae's stable. He makes nearly all the running in the Derby, and wins easily from Clanranald, Fraternite, Flinders, and The Workman. This running makes him about the best three-year-old, with the exception of Florrie, in New Zealand over a distance of ground. It is true that his easy win was greatly due to the way Wally Clifford rode him, as twice he tried to cut it, but still it is in the horse. The following are Morion's performances:—First Spring Meeting, second in September Handicap, 6st 7lb, won by the Dreamer 7st; Second Spring Meeting, nowhere in the Flying Stakes, 7st 10lb; Onehunga Spring Meeting, Maiden Plate 20sovs, 8st 5lb, ran a bad second to Tulloch, 7st 3lb; Avondale Meeting, Maiden Plate 25sovs, 8st 5lb, beat the pony Antic, 7st 5lb, and four hacks; A.R.C. Summer Meeting (Boxing Day), Christmas Handicap, 7st 5lb, beaten a head by Fiesole, 8st. These are the performances of the winner of the Great Northern Derby. *Verb. sap.* Quad-

rant, 8st 7lb, out of the same stable, won the Victoria Handicap from a large field in a canter. Look at his performances both this season and last

When the acceptances first came out for the principal races it looked a "moral" that the bulk of the money would go to the Southern stables, but such honour, owing to ill luck, has not been the case. Lebel and British Lion both going amiss. Owing to the bad starting it is hard to judge of the two-year-olds; but my opinion is that Whakawatea is a good colt, but he has the temper which belongs to most of the Apremont stock. Stepniak, if his hocks stand, may make a useful three-year old, North Atlantic is only moderate, while the Auckland trained ones, with the exception of Puwerewere and St. Hippo, who wants a lot of time, are very poor. The former is growing into a slashing fine filly that should make a name for herself. Of the three-year-olds Lebel was amiss. Clanranald is a fast one over a mile, but cannot stay. Fraternite is greatly overrated. Flinders has a temper of his own, besides, I think, being a "cur," while the others, with the exception of Morion, are hardly worth keeping in training. Morion, though being messed about, shows that he has a will of his own, therefore, unless carefully handled, will become a troublesome customer.

With regard to the other horses that ran at the meeting I do not think any of them will pay to take away from home, while the jumpers are nothing better than a lot of old croaks. Sentinel was lucky in getting home first for the Steeplechase, as if it had not been for the accident he would have had a poor chance.

It is currently reported that Satyr fell whilst running in the second Hurdle Race at Randwick on Monday, 28th inst.

Messrs. Adams and Andrews successfully put the sum of £1,676 through their totalisators at Manaia in £1 tickets on Boxing Day.

FLINDERS (Parnell). — Flinders was not scratched for the New Zealand Cup. He started first favourite and finished absolutely last.—PEGASUS.

A well-known Auckland merchant, and brother-in-law of a well-known Auckland horseowner, is the fortunate drawer of Trieste, the winner of the Carrington Stakes, in Tattersall's Sweep, Sydney, the prize for which is £5,000.

It appears that no time was specified for closing entries for a country meeting in Hawke's Bay. The secretary himself appointed 6 p.m., and complaints are rife on account of this action. An appeal has been made to the Metropolitan Club, but Rule 54 of racing should settle the matter.

At a meeting of the A.R.C. stewards held yesterday to inquire into Mr. T. W. Hungerford's complaint as to the questionable riding of Gallagher on his gelding Wakawatea in the Musket Stakes on the third day's racing, it was decided, after full evidence and mature consideration, to dismiss Gallagher with a caution. At the same meeting it was decided to call upon certain owners for an explanation of their horses running in the Selling Race.

We beg to remind our readers that the Auckland Trotting Club's second day's racing takes place on Saturday next, and judging by the great success of their first day's gathering, there should be a large attendance, with fine weather. The same excellent arrangements for the second day have been made by the worthy secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, and the President's Handicap Trot and Pony Steeplechase should in themselves be worth the journey to Potter's, which is cheap and always easily accessible.

Benedicts and bachelors met in a friendly match recently. The sides hardly represented the strength of either division, but a good and pleasant game gratified both players and spectators. Benedicts hit merrily to the tune of 217, to which H. B. Lusk contributed 69, Rev. J. Richards 50, C. E. McCormick 27, J. Young 24, and C. Z. Clayton 17. The single-taxers were a lump off both in bowling and fielding. In their venture the bachelors made 171, A. O'Brien and J. Ball playing well for 56 a-piece. Lieut. Abdy and Arthur Rees with 11 each were the other double-figure scorers, but Mr. Extras ran up 18. Lawson got 4 wickets, and W. L. Rees and his son-in-law, H. B. Lusk, 3 each. Benedicts therefore won by 46 runs.

January 7, 1892.]

Table of race results including Mr. D. O'Brien's ch c Flinders, by Tasman-Waterwitch, allowed 5lb, 3yrs, 8.4, Derrett.

Table of race results including Mr. W. Bobbett's ch h Quadrant, 5yrs, 8.3, Lindsay.

662 743 Won by three lengths. Time, 1min 29secs. Dividends—Inside £11 5s.; outside £13 3s.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.—Monday, December 28, 1891.

Table of race results including Mr. J. George's b g Maroro, 6yrs, by Resolution—Confident, 9.0, D. Crozier.

176 Won by half a length. Time, 2min 23 2-5th sec. Dividend, £2.

Table of race results including Mr. Thos. Messiter's ch m Storyteller, 3yrs, Puriri—Falsehood, 6.12, Brown.

Won by a bare head, after a splendid set to. Totalisator £282. Dividend, £4 14s. Time, 1min 7 2-5th sec. Ino fell.

Table of race results including Mr. S. McGuinness's ch g Flukem, 5yrs, Australian—Peter Flat mare, 8.2, Stevens.

254 Won by half length. Cigarette ran off when winning. Time, 1min 19 3-5th sec. Dividend, £2 8s.

Table of race results including Mr. M. Cunningham's b g Recruit, 5yrs, by Volunteer, 9.7, P. Johnston.

46 Recruit won all the way. Atlantic baulked, but was finally got round. Time, 2min 38 1-5th sec. Dividend, £1 7s.

Table of race results including Mr. F. Watson's b c Ionic, 4yrs, The Dauphin—Ino, 8.0, including 4lb overweight, Stevens.

390 Won by length. Time, 2min 50sec. Rainbow fell. Dividend, £2 8s.

Table of race results including Mr. D. Teed's b m The Orphan, 5yrs, 7.10, Riley.

251 Won by short neck. Time, 1min 51 1-2sec. Dividend, £2 8s.

Table of race results including Mr. F. Watson's b c Ionic, 10.7, P. Johnston.

242 Won by half a length. Time, 1min 51 8-5th sec. Dividend, £1 11s.

Table of race results including Mr. Watson's b c Ionic, 9.7, P. Johnston.

190 Won by half a length. No time. Dividend, £2. £1,741 was put through the totalisator by Mr. Ames, of Wellington, for Messrs. Cohen and Stock, of Napier.

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AUCKLAND TROTting CLUB. SUMMER MEETING,

TO BE HELD AT POTTER'S Paddock, EPSOM, SATURDAY NEXT, 9th inst.

FIRST RACE STARTS AT 1.30 P.M.

Admissionls. Each.

Ponies not having Certificates must be on the course to be measured not later than 10 o'clock on the morning of the races.

C. F. MARK, Secretary.



ONEHUNGA RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING,

To be held on the OTAHUHU RACECOURSE,

ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 1892.

ACCEPTANCES and ENTRIES for the SELLING RACE close on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 13th inst. at 10 p.m.

C. F. MARK, Secretary.



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING, 1892-4.

GREAT NORTHERN DERBY, 1893-94 (for now yearlings) of 500 sovs., added to a sweepstake of 15 sovs. each, 5 sovs. forfeit, or no liability if declared by the Secretary by 8 p.m. on the night of general entry for the Summer Meeting, 1893-4.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES, 1893-4 (for now foals) of 300 sovs., added to a sweepstake of 10 sovs. each, 5 sovs. forfeit, or no liability if declared by 8 o'clock p.m. on the night of general entry for the Summer Meeting, 1893-4.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary A.R.C.

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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. FAREWELL MEETING

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNTESS OF ONSLOW.

To be held on the ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1892.

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 1 sov. each to go to the funds. Distance 1 mile.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 1 sov. each to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Distance 2 miles.

HUIA'S HANDICAP of 150 sovs., second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 2 sovs. to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

THE ONSLOW CUP of 300 sovs., second horse to receive 40 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov., acceptance 3 sovs., and 3 sovs. at the post, to go to the funds. Distance one mile and a quarter.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs., second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov., acceptance 1 sov. each and 2 sovs. at the post to go to the funds. Distance about three miles and a half.

SELLING HANDICAP of 50 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance free, acceptance 1 sov. each to go to the funds. The winner to be sold immediately after the race, and proceeds to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov. and acceptance 1 sov. each to go to the funds. For two-year-olds and upwards. Distance five furlongs.

Nominations to close on Friday, January 22. Handicaps to appear on or before Monday, February 8. Acceptances at 10 p.m. on February 12. For rules and conditions see other programmes of Club.

ADMISSION TO COURSE 1s.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.



FRANKLIN RACES.

Under the A.R.C. Rules. TO BE HELD ON THE PUKEKOHE RACE COURSE, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1892.

President, John Marshall, Esq. Vice-Presidents, C. Shipherd and J. Gallagher, Esq. Stewards, Messrs. J. G. Rutherford, J. May, W. Sanday, J. Roulston, sen., J. Finlay, J. H. Wright, J. McNeish, H. Parker, and F. J. Ohlson. Starter, S. Crawford, Esq. Clerk of Scales, T. Pollock, Esq. Clerk of Course, H. Harris, Esq. Handicapper, A. Rust, Esq. Judge, Major Harris. Treasurer, W. Roulston, Esq.

PROGRAMME.

First Race to Start at One o'Clock.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 15 sovs.; second horse to receive 2 sovs. from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination, 7s. 6d.; Acceptance, 7s. 6d. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 10 sovs.; second horse to receive 2 sovs. from the stakes. For horses that have never won a race of the value not exceeding 10 sovs. Nomination, 5s.; Acceptance, 5s. Distance, 1 mile.

FRANKLIN HANDICAP of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. The winner of any race of the value of 50 sovs. after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb. extra. Nomination, 20s.; Acceptance, 20s. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

HACK RACE of 5 sovs. For horses that have not been nominated for any race at the Franklin Meeting. Horses to carry not less than 8 stone. Post entries, 5s.

FLYING HANDICAP of 15 sovs.; second horse to receive 2 sovs. from the stakes. Nomination, 7s. 6d.; Acceptance, 7s. 6d. Distance, 6 furlongs.

STEWARDS' PLATE HANDICAP of 23 sovs.; second horse to receive 3 sovs. from the stakes. Winner of the Franklin Handicap to carry 7lb. penalty. Nomination, 13s.; Acceptance, 10s. Distance, 1 1/2 miles.

Nominations will close on WEDNESDAY, February 3, 1892, for all races except Hack Race.

Acceptances will close on FRIDAY, February 12, 1892. Weights will appear, if possible, in the Auckland papers on SATURDAY, February 6, 1892. Mr. H. H. HAYR will receive Nominations in Auckland.

J. WALKER, Secretary.

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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.
- TAKAPUNA CUP (HANDICAP) of 200sovs. Distance, one mile and a half.
- ANNIVERSARY STAKES of 100sovs. Distance, six furlongs.
- FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 120sovs. Distance, about three and a half miles.
- NOVEL RACE of 30sovs. Distance, five and a half furlongs.
- STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 70sovs. Distance, six and a half 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.
- FIRST HANDICAP HACK RACE of 25sovs. Distance, one mile.
- TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 75sovs. Distance, one mile and a quarter.
- SECOND HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 80sovs. Distance, about three miles.
- SELLING RACE of 30sovs. Distance, one mile.
- ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP of 50sovs. Distance, five and a half furlongs.

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.
- THIRD HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 75sovs. Distance, about three miles and a half.
- SECOND HANDICAP HACK RACE of 25 sovs. Distance, seven furlongs.
- BOROUGH HANDICAP of 40sovs. Distance, five furlongs and a half.
- SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 40 sovs. Distance, about three miles.
- WELTER HANDICAP, of 40sovs. Distance, one mile.

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.

TUESDAY, February 5th, by 4 p.m.: Handicaps for third 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.

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.



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SUMMER MEETING,

ON

KENSINGTON PARK RACECOURSE.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—JANUARY

8TH AND 9TH, 1892.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

- 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.
- HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 25 sovs. Distance, 2 miles. Over 8 flights of hurdles about 3ft 6in high. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 10s.
- TRIAL STAKES HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Distance, 1 mile. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 5s.
- WHANGAREI RACING COY'S. HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Distance, 1¼ miles. Nomination, 30s.; acceptance, 20s.
- 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.
- MARSDEN HANDICAP of 15 sovs. Distance, 1¼ 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.

- FLYING HANDICAP of 15 sovs. Distance, seven furlongs.
- PUBLICAN'S FURSE HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Distance, 1¼ miles. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 5s.
- 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.
- KENSINGTON PARK HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Distance, 1¼ miles. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 10s.
- PONY HANDICAP of 15 sovs. Distance, 7 furlongs. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 5s.
- AUCTION STAKES, of 20 sovs. Distance, 1 mile. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for £60. 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.
- 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.

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ONEHUNGA RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING,

TO BE HELD ON
OTAHUHU RACECOURSE,
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1892.

PROGRAMME.

- HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 20sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 20sovs in value. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile.
- HANDICAP HURDLES of 30sovs. Second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and a-half.
- ONEHUNGA CUP of 50sovs. Second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.
- HANDICAP PONY RACE of 15sovs. 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 50sovs. Second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, about three miles.
- SELLING RACE of 20sovs. 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 40sovs. If entered to be sold for 30sovs allowed 7lb; if for 20sovs, 14lb; if for 10sovs, 21lb; if for nil, to carry 7st. Entrance, 20s. Distance, five furlongs.
- WELTER HANDICAP of 20sovs. 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.

Cr 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.
- SECOND HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 30 sovs. One mile and a half.
- WAIMATE HANDICAP of 150 sovs. One mile and a half.
- NURSERY HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Six furlongs.
- SECOND HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE of 35 sovs. One mile and a half.
- NORMANBY STAKES HANDICAP of 50 sovs. One mile and a half.

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

NOMINATIONS.

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

ACCEPTANCES.

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

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

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

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

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

EXCURSIONS.

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

DATES OF MEETINGS FOLLOWING THAT OF THE
EGMONT RACING CLUB.

Wanganui Jockey Club, 3rd and 4th March

Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, 17th and 18th March

Napier Park Racing Club, 23rd and 24th March

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