

Torpedo was once again to the front in the Grandstand Handicap, the other starters being Cordelia and Rane Nuna. At the fall of the flag neither of the horses would make play, so half the distance was covered at half pace, when Cordelia and Rane Nuna commenced to race, and they led into the straight, when McCormick, who had been hiding his time, brought Torpedo up with a rush, winning with a bit to spare by two lengths. The Shorts Handicap for two-year-olds was contested by King John by King Cole—Wainui, Prioresse by Puriri—Voltarina, Explosion by Torpedo—Sunshine, and Variety by Natator—Last Chance. Explosion got the best of a bad start, and made the pace a cracker for four furlongs, when she fell back beaten, leaving King John and Prioresse to fight out a good finish, the first-named winning by a head in 1min 6sec. Variety (Mr. Paul's filly) was left at the post but she made up her ground wonderfully, and had she got away she must have won. The Consolation was won by Musket, who is by Mr. W. Wilson's horse Armament. He is a grey gelding, three years old, and shows signs of making a good horse in time. The racing throughout was very interesting, and some close finishes were witnessed in several races. Mr. Sam Powell wielded the flag at Palmerston on the second day, as he was in Napier for the first day. The following jockeys scored wins during the Manawatu, Rangitikei, and Marton Meetings:—G. Reed 8 wins, W. Higgins 4, A. McCormick 3. Crook 3, Pell 2, Jones 2, Lett 2, Hall 2, Green, Morris, Crocker, J. Retter, Knight, Collelo, A. Retter, McLean, Hargreaves, and Johnson one each. Mr. E. Penman scored a win in the Ladies' Bracelet at Palmerston. The winning horses are:—Torpedo 5 wins, Strephon 5, Com-motion 4, Rane Nuna 3, Rere 2, Empire 2, Roger, Weka, She, Raven, Tiritea, Natatorial, Sunbeam, Report, Eve, Cordelia, Foxton, Cretonne, Nat, Priscilla, King John, and Musket one each. The sires represented by winners are:—Natator 4 winners, total 5 wins; Somnus, 2 winners, 5 wins; Papa-pa, 1 winner, 5 wins; Australian, 1 winner, 5 wins; Apremont, 1 winner, 3 wins; Bylong, 1 winner, 2 wins; Premier, 2 winners, 2 wins; Daniel O'Rourke, 2 winners, 2 wins; Torpedo, Wilberforce, Morpheus, Ascot, Hippocampus, King Cole, and Armament, one win each.

G. Reed, who heads the list of winning jockeys, is now in the employ of D. Champion, and was formerly in the employ of Major George. He can ride 6st 12lb at three days notice. He is a steady boy, and also rides a good race.

## EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

### TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

To-morrow (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,  $\frac{1}{2}$  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., 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs, 1 sov.
- Second Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 1 sov.
- Anniversary Handicap of 50 sovs., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs, 1 sov.
- Takapuna Stakes, of 100 sovs., 1 mile 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs, 2 sovs.
- Calliope Handicap of 40 sovs., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs, 1 sov.
- First Handicap Hack Race of 25 sovs., 1 mile,  $\frac{1}{2}$  sov.
- Third Handicap Hurdles of 50 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 1 sov.
- Hobson Handicap of 40 sovs., 5 furlongs, 1 sov. [sov.]
- Suburban Handicap of 70 sovs., 1 mile 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs, 1 sov.
- Borough Handicap of 40 sovs., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs, 1 sov.
- Second Handicap Hack Race of 25 sovs., 7 furlongs,  $\frac{1}{2}$  sov.
- Third Handicap Steeplechase of 75 sovs., about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 1 sov.
- Welter Handicap of 40 sovs., 1 mile, nomination free.

Friday, January 22nd, at 10 p.m., acceptances will be received by Mr. R. Wynyard for the following events:—

- Handicap Maiden Plate, 10s.
- Zealandia Handicap, 1 sov.
- Takapuna Cup Handicap of 200 sovs, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 2 sovs.
- First Handicap Steeplechase of 120 sovs., 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 3 sovs.
- First Handicap Hurdles, 2 sovs.
- Stewards' Handicap, 2 sovs.
- Anniversary Stakes of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.
- Novel Race of 30 sovs., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs, 1 sov. (nomination)
- Selling Race of 30 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov. (nomination)
- Selling Steeplechase of 40 sovs., about 3 miles, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  sov. (nomination)

### CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

To-morrow (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., 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 1 sov.
- Midsummer Handicap of 200 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

### 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., 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 2 sovs.
- Telegraph Handicap of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.
- Wellington Cup of 400 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 3 sovs.

Also entries for the—

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

Wednesday, January 20th, at the same time and place, final payment for the

- Wellington Cup, 5 sovs.

Acceptances for the

- Hack Hurdle Handicap of 30 sovs., 10s. (first day)
- Hack Handicap Flat of 30 sovs., 10s. (first day)

### NELSON JOCKEY CLUB.

Saturday, 16th January, at 8 p.m., Mr. J. M. Rogers, secretary, will receive entries up to the above time at the Masonic Hotel, Nelson, for the following events:—

- Maiden Race of 25 sovs., 1 mile, 25s.
- Flying Stakes of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs, 25s.
- Hurdle Race Handicap (second day) of 40 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 1 sov.
- Waimea Plate of 35 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 15s.
- Selling Hack Handicap (second day) of 10 sovs.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, 5s.
- Richmond Park Handicap of 75 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, 25s.
- Distance Trot Handicap of 15 sovs., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 7s. 6d.
- Welter Handicap of 35 sovs., 1 mile, 15s.

### DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

Mr. Sydney James, secretary, will receive acceptances for the following events up to 10 p.m. on Thursday, January 21st, at Dunedin:—

- Dunedin Cup (part of sweep) of £600 sovs., 2 miles and a distance, 5 sovs.
- Publicans' Handicap, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.

At the same time and place for the

- Hurdle Handicap of 100 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 1 sov.
- Tally-Ho Handicap of 100 sovs., 2 miles, 1 sov.
- Hurdle Handicap of 100 sovs., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 1 sov. (third day)
- Stewards' Purse Welter Handicap of 120 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.

### EGMONT RACING CLUB.

Saturday, January 23rd, by 9 p.m., nominations will be received by Mr. H. H. Hayr, at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, Auckland, and Mr. Alfred T. Danvers, Napier, also at the office of the Club, Hawera, by the secretary, Mr. A. G. Brett, for the following events:—

- Sapling Stakes of 60 sovs., 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.
- Nursery Handicap of 50 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
- Maiden Plate of 40 sovs., 1 mile and a distance, 30s.
- First Hack Hurdles of 25 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles, 1 sov.
- Second Hack Hurdles of 30 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 1 sov.
- First Hack Flat Race of 30 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.
- Second Hack Flat Race of 35 sovs., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 1 sov.

Acceptances as above, on the same date for the following:—

- First Handicap Hurdles of 75 sovs., 2 miles and a distance, 2 sovs.
- Egmont Handicap of 300 sovs., 2 miles, 2 sovs.
- Hawera Welter Handicap of 50 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.
- Flying Handicap of 75 sovs., 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.

"Torpedo" claims the credit of having brought out Norman L. Gurr, of Wellington, as a sprinter, when quite a lad. Gurr ran some brilliant races at the Caledonian sports in Wellington on New Year's day, from scratch, placing himself on each occasion. He won the 440 yards easily, giving from 18 to 28 yards to a large field, and is recognised as by far the best amateur runner in the Empire city.

The Sydney Referee is responsible for the following:—A funny story is going the rounds of Brisbane in regard to the disqualification of a jockey. It was said that he was paid £100 for losing a race, and the disqualified jockey having received the amount safely in his pocket then said, "Well, I am down for life, and £100 is not enough. I must have £400 more in less than half an hour or I will hand in the names of those I acted for." He got his demand, but declined to go to India, as requested. He is now showing in great form round Brisbane, and says he will have to be pensioned for life.

## Volunteer News.

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

I HAVE tried to analyse the scores of shooting men down South repeatedly, so as to draw a comparison with our local cracks, but as the number of shots at each range is seldom stated or the particulars as to "sighters" given, it is an almost hopeless task. As far as my researches have gone I find that we are a long way ahead of Wellington in Martini-Henry shooting.

Sergt. Alexander, of the Hamilton Light Infantry, "ran away" with all the prizes fired for there on New Year's Day with a score of 70 at 2, 3, 4, and 500 yards, five shots at each, no sighter. Sergt. Kelly was a bad second with 52. Alexander's trophies included the Hamilton Belt, the N.Z.C. Co.'s Cup, the Harker Medal, and Howden's Gold Medal.

My agitation in the cause of the man-o'-wars men appears to have had the desired effect on the Martini-Henry Rifle Club; four of them were allowed to fire in the Martini match on Saturday. P.O. Hooper, of that vessel, made the best aggregate for the navy, but was a long way behind. Crook, however, distinguished himself by making 29 at 600 yards, but our local shot, J. Spinley, of the Ponsonby Navals, extinguished him with 32.

A new and good rule has been adapted on the Mount Eden Rifle Range. If a shot is disputed and found on examination of the target to be wrong, the marker has a shilling deducted from his day's pay; but if his target is found to be correct, a shilling is added to his already absurdly lucrative salary. The marker is seldom found to be wrong.

The following are the ten highest scorers in the Auckland Rifle Association Match, postponed from Boxing Day to Saturday last, seven shots at each range. It will be seen that Grandpa Soall was only one point out of the prize list; the old gentleman is quite a phenomenical shot.

	yds	yds	yds	Tl.
	300	500	600	
P.O. J. Spinley, P.N., £1 10s. ..	24	33	32	89
Gr. Buchanan, A. Bt., £1 5s ..	30	31	28	89
Gr. Head, A. Battery, £1 ..	26	32	26	84
Gr. Taylor, A. Battery, 15s. ..	29	33	22	84
Gr. Henderson, A. Battery, 15s. ..	30	26	27	83
Corp. Hazard, A. Battery, 10s. ..	26	27	28	81
Gr. McCallum, A. Battery, 10s. ..	21	34	25	80
Staff-Sergt. Soall, City Guards ..	23	29	27	79
Mr. Nutt, Rifle Club ..	26	27	25	78
Capt. Tobin, Royal Irish ..	27	27	23	77

The Martini Henry Rifle Club's monthly firing took place on Saturday, fair scores only being made; seven shots at each range, sighters being allowed if paid for. The following are the scores:—

	300	600	Tl.
Buchanan, A. Battery ..	30	28	58
Henderson, A. Battery ..	30	27	57
Spinley, Ponsonby Navals ..	24	32	56
Hazard, A. Battery ..	26	38	54
Head, A. Battery ..	26	26	52
Nutt, civilian ..	26	25	51
Taylor, A. Battery ..	20	22	51
Soall, reserve ..	23	27	50
Tobin, Royal Irish ..	27	23	50
T. Fairs, Victorias ..	23	25	48
Webster, A. Battery ..	24	24	48
McCallum, A. Battery ..	21	25	46
Greenshield, A. Battery ..	27	19	46
Baddiely, Engineers ..	27	18	45
Ansell, civilian ..	22	22	44
Osborne, City Guards ..	19	23	42
H. Doughty, A. Battery ..	21	21	42
Moore, A. Battery ..	24	18	42

Lieut.-Col. Payne has left Auckland and proposes to take up his permanent residence in one of the Wellington suburban towns. "Harry" was very popular in Auckland, and I wish him every success.

The Sydenham and Canterbury Irish Rifles fired a match recently, the latter winning by 27 points. The ranges were 2, 3, and 500yds, seven shots, 10 men aside, and the average of the winning team 64 2-5th.

Major Sommerville, the deservedly popular secretary of the N.Z. Rifle Association, has been presented with the long service medal.

Few can boast of being the proud possessor of the N.Z. long service medal, and a son who also carries the same honour. Major Neill, of Wanganui, can do so.

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