

Tom Hales, the well-known Australian jockey, is seriously ill.

The sale of the St. Albans yearlings averaged 222½ guineas.

When the last mail left England the testimonial being got up for the veteran jockey, John Osborne, had reached £3,500.

It is reported that Mr. Nathan is sending his Nordenfeldt—Lovebird colt St. Valentine to Australia to join Satyr and Miss Jetty.

H. Underwood, the New Zealand cross-country jockey, had his collar-bone broken by Waiter falling with him at the Williamstown races last month.

The tallest thoroughbred in training is said to be Umslopogass, who measures about 17 hands 2 inches. He is now in training at Flemington.

Golden opinions are expressed of Mr. F. F. Dakin's handcaps, and although the favourites have got home, it has only been by the shortest of heads.

The owner of Fibre, ridden by C. E. Abbott, has laid a complaint against George Robinson, the rider of The Broker, for blocking in the Onslow Trot Handicap.

Mr. T. Morrin received a cablegram from Mr. W. R. Wilson after winning the Champion Stakes as follows: "Amplly avenged; nothing but shocking bad riding lost me the Australian Cup."

Orangeman was made a very warm favourite for the Caulfield Steeples on Saturday, 20th February, but only succeeded in getting second to Artichoke. The last occasion on which they met the latter was badly beaten.

The Champion race at Flemington seems to have been quite a fiasco. It took 5secs. longer to cover the distance than the Steeplechase did, and still the last five furlongs of the distance was an Australian record.

Trenton, the pony who won the Onslow Maiden Pony Race, has been protested against by the owner of Haurangi which ran second, on the grounds that his performances were not given, and the pony was not a maiden at time of running.

It is not a fact that the Onslow Trotting Club charged the full 5 per cent. on their nominations and acceptances; £1 10s. only was charged for the nominations in the big trot, making a total of £4 for nominations and acceptances.

The failure of Highborn, the Australian Cup winner, to beat Zalinski at a difference of 5lb on weight-for-age is attributed by Australian files to the fact that the Grandmaster gelding was suffering from an affection of the kidneys, from which he is now reported to have completely recovered.

It is Mr. Dan O'Brien's intention to bring Lady Walmsley, the full sister to Carbine, back to New Zealand for the purpose of being mated with his old favourite Tasman. Mr. O'Brien gave 800 guineas for the Musketeer—Mersey mare. She was served during the spring by Remus, who is by Gang Forward—Romula.

The following prices were realised for the Papakura Racing Club's privileges by Messrs. D. Tonks and Co. on Friday last:—The publican's booth, £38. S. C. Caulton; gates, £28, Mr. W. Blomfield; refreshment stalls, £3, Mr. Luther; cards, £10, the Scott Printing Company; stabling, £1, Mr. Luther.

The Loch Plate as a race is reported to have been equally as unsuccessful as the Champion Stakes, the early part of each being noted by all racing men for want of pace and both very fast at the finish. There are many wild theories ventilated as to the future prevention of what is termed professional parades in the early part of these great events.

Subscriptions are coming in freely for the Auckland Coursing Club, and already there can be no doubt about its success. A party of coursing men journeyed to Avondale the other day to inspect the course, and are unanimous in their approval of the ground, which they declare could not possibly be beaten for the purpose. A general meeting of the club is called for at the British Hotel to-morrow evening, at 8 p.m., when business of the greatest importance will be submitted. Mr. W. Wallace is secretary, and the office of the club is at the SPORTING REVIEW, where all information can be obtained from those desirous of patronising this excellent sport or wishing to join the club, the annual fee for which is one guinea.

Tournament (Sir Modred's famous son) is said to be suffering from hip trouble, and will never again be as good as he was last year.

Senator Stamford refused 75,000 dollars for Advertiser (2min 16sec), the new lord of the Palo Alto harem, rendered vacant by the death of Electioneer.

The gates for the Ngaruawahia Racing Club's Meeting brought the unexpected amount of £24, being purchased by Paratene. The other rights also brought good figures.

Although the Onslow Trotting Club have the honour of selling the largest number of totalisator tickets ever sold on one race at Potter's Paddock, the Auckland Trotting Club have put the largest amount in one race through, viz., £1,039 in £1 tickets. The Onslow tickets were 10s. each. The Auckland Club's record was made on December 30th, in the Auckland Trotting Cup won by the notorious Brandy.

The Wanganui Cup was instituted in 1880, when £1,000 was given in stakes, the distance being two miles and a quarter. It was won by Betrayer, 7st 10lb, by Traducer—Idalia, ridden by Derritt, the time being 4min. 13½sec. In 1881 the Cup was lowered to 600 sovs. when Sir George, 6st 10lb, by Daniel O'Rourke—Titania, was successful, being piloted to victory by Herd in 4min. 10½sec. The following year Hailstorm, 7st 8lb, by Pacific—Discretion, ridden by T. Taylor, was returned the winner in 4min. 13 1-5th sec. After Hailstorm came King Quail, 8st 5lb, by Yattendon—Quail, ridden by Butler, the time being 4min. 12½sec. The Poet, 7st 12lb, by Anteros—Fancy, ridden by Derritt, was the next winner in 4min. 12 1-5th sec. In 1885 Mr. Frank Hill's Speculation, 7st 8lb, by Hippocampus—Slander, was returned the winner, being piloted to victory by A. McCormick. In 1886 the Cup distance was made two miles and a distance, when it was won by Mr. Bobbett's Tetford, 7st 9lb, by Musket—Pungawerewere, G. Williams having the mount, the time being 3min. 57 1-5th sec. The following year Silence, 7st 7lb, by The Mute—Marie Antoinette, was piloted to victory by White in 3min. 38sec. The next year the distance was further decreased to one mile and three-quarters, and that sterling good mare Dudu, 6st 8lb, by Somnus—Fame, was victorious, the distance being covered in 3min. 8½sec. The next year Lady Norah, by Cadogan—Steppe, was the first to catch the judge's eye, Dudu finishing a good second. The winner was ridden by Katterns, the time being 3min. 7sec. In 1890 Dudu, 9st 2lb, was again returned the winner, being ridden by G. Matthews, time, 3min. 9sec. The following year Dudu, 8st 12lb, again followed up her previous victory, being piloted for the second time by Matthews in the fair time of 3min. 8sec.

STRATHMORE'S RUNNING IN THE AUSTRALIAN CUP.

WHAT CUSDIN SAYS ABOUT IT.

ON Thursday the Flemington paddock habitués were soon made aware that Harry Cusdin, who had enjoyed the confidence of the St. Albans stable, had been ordered to "return the colors," and that he would not again ride for Mr. W. R. Wilson. Of course it was known that this dismissal had come about owing to the unsatisfactory riding of Strathmore in the Australian Cup. Accordingly, we interviewed Cusdin on Thursday evening in order to obtain his version in the matter. The jockey was by no means averse to discuss the affair, and in presence of another well-known light-weight, freely spoke his mind.

"Yes, it is a fact that I have been dismissed, and naturally I am very sorry for it. This morning I was told that I was not to ride Strathmore in the Champion, and that I was to go and see Mr. Wilson in town. When I saw him, he at once dismissed me, and now I am at the service of any owner who chooses to give me a mount."

"What can I tell you about Strathmore's running in the Cup? Now, first of all you must bear in mind that I rode a bad race, and I admit it, but circumstances were against me in the race, for there were two or three of the jockeys who seemed determined to go for me, and whenever I tried to get a position there they were always blocking me, and do the best I could, it was impossible for me to get clear."

"Would you mind telling me who those jockeys were?"

"Well, the worst offender was undoubtedly —, on —, for every time I attempted to move my horse either one way or the other there was he blocking me. I should not like to say he did this on purpose, but it certainly looked very much like it. And, too, he was serving Billy Delaney, on Forty Winks, just the same way; and I'm sure Billy would tell you the same thing."

"But when you were all clear in the straight you did not appear to ride Strathmore with very great vigor. How do you account for that?"

"Don't you believe it. I got every ounce I could out of the horse, and when he was tackled by Highborn Strathmore had not another effort in him, so it was useless my trying to cut him up."

"Yes, Highborn most undoubtedly did interfere with him, and bumped right against him. I wanted to enter a protest, but Mr. Wilson would not let me."

"As for those yarns about certain book-makers buying me over, they're all — bosh, for I never speak to a bookmaker, and I did not have a bet on the race. There is just as much truth in that yarn as there is about my having taken a thousand to five about Wild Rose and Highborn for the double."

"Yes, they cheered me for winning on Florrie, and I felt heartily grateful."—*Sportsman.*

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

PAPAKURA RACING CLUB.—ACCEPTANCES.
MAIDEN PLATE one mile.—Tuna 9.0, Maid of Erin 7.6, Assassin 7.5, Hinemoa 7.4, Mascotte 7.3, Jessica 7.0, Transit 7.0, Kauri Gum 6.10, Acacia 6.7.
HANDICAP NOVEL RACE, one mile.—Fusilier 9.0, Mattie 8.0, Comet 7.7, Essie 6.10, Little Nannie 6.10, Rika Rika 6.7.
HANDICAP PONY RACE, ½ mile.—Romeo 8.5, Sepoy 7.12, La Grippe 7.0, Little Nannie 6.10, Morriah 6.7, Sir Walter Scott 6.7.
PAPAKURA CUP, 1½ miles.—Pinfire 8.9, Leorina 8.0, Belmont 6.12, Capella 6.10, Ida 6.9.
FLYING STAKES, ½ mile.—Pinfire 8.10, Raglan 8.7, Leorina 8.0, Helen McGregor 7.4, Tit 7.2, Stamford 7.0, Ida 6.12, Mascotte 6.10, Acacia 6.7.
HANDICAP HURDLES, 1½ miles.—Bryan O'Lynn 10.6, Stepper 10.0, Cloth of Gold 10.6, Ika Vuka 9.9, Kate 9.8.
HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE, 3 miles.—The Colonel 11.0, Mangere 10.4, Bryan O'Lynn 9.10, Cloth of Gold 9.9, Kate 9.9.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.
ACCEPTANCES.
HAWKE'S BAY CUP of 400 sovs., one mile and three-quarters.

at lb	at lb	at lb
Cynisca 9 0	Kulnine 7 7	Huerfana 7 0
Whisper 8 12	Crown Jewel 7 6	Pearl Powder 7 0
Crackshot 8 10	Loch Ness 7 6	Torpedo 6 12
Morion 8 7	Retina 7 5	Seraph 6 11
Fraternite 8 0	Thame 7 4	Maid of Lorne 6 10
Kotuku 7 11	Krina 7 4	La Petite Fille 6 8
Dolosa 7 10	The Dreamer 7 2	Pani 6 7

* Including 7lb penalty. † Including 10lb penalty.
‡ Including 5lb penalty.

RAILWAY STAKES HANDICAP of 100 sovs., six furlongs.

Quadrant 9 8	Dolosa 8 2	Hakimana 7 4
Whisper 9 6	Kulnine 8 0	Whakawatea 7 3
Cynisca 9 4	Torpedo 7 10	Cretonne 7 3
Scot Free 8 6	Pani 7 10	Ranee Nuna 7 3
Kotuku 8 5	Krina 7 9	Teuton 7 2
Fraternite 8 5	Pearl Powder 7 7	Merganser 7 0
Heather Bell 8 4	La Petite Fille 7 4	Flaxbourne 6 7

WEEKLY RACES.
AUTUMN HANDICAP.—Whisper 9.3, Van Diemen 8.9, Scot Free 8.4, Queen of Trumps 8.0, Crown Jewel 8.0, Heather Bell 7.13, Dreamland 7.8, Torpedo 7.8, Cretonne 7.4, Kupenga 7.4, Bronte 7.3, Hakimana 7.2, Turehu 7.2, Rane Nuna 7.0, Merganser 6.12, Bay Bell 6.10, Patience 6.7, Flaxbourne 6.7.
FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES.—Norton 11.12, Courant 11.7, Watral 10.10, Waterbury 10.9, Commotion 10.9, Rough 10.4, Whalebone 10.0, General Gordon 9.10, Penguin 9.10, Hiamos 9.7, Viola II. 9.6, Kaimanawa 9.5, Lochnagar 9.3, Disturbance 9.3, Otairi 9.3, Caloola 9.0, Tirihia 9.0.
NURSERY HANDICAP.—Whakawatea 9.8, North Atlantic 9.0, St. Katherine 8.10, Mystic 8.4, Variety 8.0, Rangiatea 7.7, Montmarie 7.7, Ua 6.12.
HIGH WEIGHT HANDICAP.—Van Diemen 10.10, Crown Jewel 10.5, The Dreamer 10.0, Eleta 9.8, Worth 9.6, Lochnagar 9.4, Kapua 8.12, Link 8.12, Musketeer 8.7, Eclipse 8.7, Prairie Grass 8.7, Zaccho 8.5, La Calumnie 8.2, Disturbance 8.0.
TRIAL HANDICAP.—Liquidation 8.7, Commo 8.0, Brown Duchess 7.6, Kathleen 7.4, Mark 7.3, Zaccho 7.2, Exchange 7.2, Silvermine 7.2, Javelin 6.12, Namoralis 6.11, Prairie Grass 6.10, Whimsical 6.10, Marked Card 6.7.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB, HACK MEETING.
NOMINATIONS.
FLYING HANDICAP.—Benbolt, Traitress, Royal Oak, Waipiro, Dingo, Snowflake, Sister, Stranger, Phormium Tenax, War Cry, Hermit, Daphne, O'Rourke, Homia, Tramore, Daisy Clipper, Propeller, Poyntesia, Strike, Mirabelle, Pill, Repose, Cyrus, Topsy, Comfort.
HANDICAP HURDLES.—Roger, Harimi, Nat, Natatorial, Matawhetu, Pride of the Hills, Omaha, Glenelg, Baccarat, Songster, Mangahou, Ngaru, Zulu, Sea King, Prince Leo, Whitefoot.
PALMERSTON NORTH HANDICAP.—Traitress, Niobe, Eros, Oddfellow, Ben Lomond, Waipiro, Entry, Dingo, Sister, Stranger, War Cry, Slave Girl, Brookfield, Osman, Sweet Dream, Hermit, Daphne, White Rose, Rangipahi, Tramore, Swindler, Daisy Clipper, Propeller, Poyntesia, Mirabelle, Pill, Repose, Friscilla, The Dromedary, Deception, Ngatokorua.
ELECTRIC HANDICAP.—Benbolt, Bloomsberry, Sweet Dream, Royal Oak, Phormium Tenax, Gun Cotton, O'Rourke, Homia, Perla, Poyntesia, Little Tom, Alcione, Cyrus, Flora, Topsy, Baldhead, Comfort.
MOUNTED INFANTRY RACE.—Tommy, Darcy, Taipo, Osharu, Taikorea, Afghan, Energy, Little Wonder, Fango, Clementina, Brummy, Unity.
STEWARDS' HANDICAP.—Traitress, Niobe, Eros, Oddfellow, Entry, Dingo, Sister, Stranger, War Cry, Slave Girl, Brookfield, Osman, Sweet Dream, Baccarat, Hermit, Daphne, White Rose, Rangipahi, Swindler, Daisy Clipper, Strike, Mirabelle, Waverley, The Dromedary, Deception.
WELTER HANDICAP.—Benbolt, Traitress, Harimi, Nat, Eros, Oddfellow, Ben Lomond, Waipiro, Natatorial, Snowflake, Phormium Tenax, Disturbance, Matawhetu, Pride of the Hills, Omaha, Osman, Sweet Dream, Glenelg, Baccarat, O'Rourke, Rangipahi, Tramore, Perla, Ngaru, Minnie, Baldhead, Balance Sheet, Satarella, The Barber.