The well-known light-weight J. Cotton, junr., has left the employ of the Yaldhurst establishment. Mr. Stead has given notice thst the term of his agreement (two years) had not expired.

*Lady Nelson* is the name awarded to Mr. J. Hill's bay filly by Nelson—The Maid. This filly is half-sister to The Workman, who distinguished himself so brilliantly in Australia lately, and, if there is anything at all in looks, she will by no means disgrace her illustrions sire or brilliant relative.

The Hon. James Carroll has registered colours to be known as the "Huia colours," viz., black body, with white sleeves to represent the bird's tail; and black cap with a large white peak to represent the beak of the bird. The feather of this bird is the leading head dress of the Maori.

The bookmakers who used to do a large business at Bologne and Calais until they were warned off by the French Government, have succeeded in purchasing a property in the little state of Moresout, situated between the Prussian and Belgian frontiers, and is only three miles by one and a half in extent. There they intend to carry on their lucrative business.

In some of the Southern towns a Red Cross detachment from one of the Volunteer corps attend the racecourses regularly, and although happily their services are very seldom called into requisition, their stretcher and services have several times recently been found of great benefit. If we had a similar detachment in Auckland at Potter's Paddock, a repetition of the delay in which young White had to suffer at the Otahuhu Summer Meeting would be avoided.

## 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.]

DISTRICT ORDERS.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION PARADES.

Saturday, March 26—Wairoa Rifles, 2.30 p.m.
Monday, March 28—Thames Naval Artillery, 7 p.m.
(All parades at 7.30 p.m. unless otherwise mentioned.)

LAST week I gave the prize list of the New Zealand Rifle Association Meeting for the first nine matches, together with the leading aggregates for the Championship. There were then only two stages of ten shots each to be fired, and Doughty was leading Spiers (Oamaru) by two points and Purnell (Wanganui) by three. The following is the prize list for the other matches:—

THE LAST TRY. Open to all competitors not in the first 100, who have not won more thah £10 in prizes in any of the foregoing matches. 500 yards. Ten shots. Thirty-three prizes, value £65.

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| Webster, Auckland, £8 | 48 |
| Smith, Invercargill, £6 | 45 |
| Kirk, Petone, £5 | 45 |
| Brownlee, Thames, £4 | 44 |
| Skinner, Auckland, £4 | 44 |
| Fox, Christchurch, £3 | 44 |
| Raikes, Sydenham, £2 | 43 |
| Churton, Wanganui, £2 | 43 |
| Anderson, Wanganui, £2 | 43 |
| Dormer, Auckland, £2 | 43 |
| Sergeant Okey, Taranaki, £2 | 43 |
| Preston, Auckland, £2 | 43 |
| Turner, Palmerston, £2 | 43 |

The following take £1 prizes:—Tobin, Auckland; Menzies, Heretaunga; Lieutenant Jack, Dunedin; Henry, Tuapeka; C. C. Cameron, Tenui; Wilson, Featherstone; Best, Otaki; Morrison, Dunedin, each 42. Holdgate, Timaru; Harding, Blenheim; Reid, Queenstown; F. Whiteman, Upper Hutt; Wood, Oamaru; Pickett, Tenui; Green, Wanganui; Parkinson, Rangitikei, each 41. Dick, Gore; Williams, Wellington; Fuller, Blenheim; Dougal, Christchurch, each 40.

The following were counted out:—Hadfield, Manawatu; Leslie, Oamaru.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE MATCH. Twenty men from each district. Seven shots each at 500 and 600 yards. Prize—Exhibition Challenge Shield, the Hudson Cup, and £20.

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| Wellington and Wairarapa | 1,090 | 1 |
| Otago | 1,078 | 2 |
| Auckland | 1,067 | 3 |
| Christchurch | 1,860 | 4 |
| Wanganui, Taranaki, and Napier | 1,000 | 5 |

In this match McCallum, of the A Battery, fairly redeemed his character as a shot by putting on the possible at both 500 and 600 yards—14 bullseyes in succession He thus wins the Hon. Defence Minister's Magazine Rifle, and puts up a record for the meeting.

COMPANIES' TEAM MATCH. Open to teams of five men from any Volunteer Corps in New Zealand, or any *bona fide* Rifle Club having a membership of not less than twenty members. Each Corps or Club must be a subscriber of 60s. to the funds of the Association, and can enter one or more teams. 200, 500, and 600 yards. Seven shots at each distance. Entrance fee, 60s. per team.

WANGANUI RIFLES.

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| Remington | 87 |
| Kruse | 87 |
| Hughes | 91 |
| Mossman | 86 |
| Foster | 88 |
| Total, £30 | 439 |

AUCKLAND ARTILLERY.

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| Doughty | 88 |
| Head | 94 |
| Taylor | 88 |
| Henderson | 77 |
| Parslow | 89 |
| Total, £20 | 436 |

WELLINGTON ARTILLERY.

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| Kuchen | 84 |
| Howe | 94 |
| Jeffries | 88 |
| Rait | 83 |
| Wilson | 80 |
| Total, £10 | 429 |

The other teams were: Hon. Reserve Corps, Christchurch, 428; Victoria Rifles, Auckland, 427; Peninsula Rifle Club, 421; Napier Artillery, 419; Petone Navals, 414; Hon. Reserve Corps, Christchurch, No. 2 team, 412; Alexandra Cavalry, Wanganui, 404.

NURSERY MATCH. Open only to members who have never won a prize at any previous Association Meeting. 500 yards; ten shots. Twenty-five prizes, value £50.

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| Kennedy, Napier, £8 | 47 |
| Head, Auckland, £6 | 44 |
| Skinner, Auckland, £5 | 44 |
| G. Spinley, Auckland, £4 | 44 |
| Wood, Gore, £4 | 43 |
| Rait, Wellington, £2 | 42 |
| Menzies, Hutt, £2 | 41 |

The following take £1 prizes:—Henderson, Thames; Anderson, Wanganui; Fuller, Blenheim; Nimmo, Oamaru; NcKenzie, Wanganui, each 41. Power, Oamaru; Trooper Somerville, Wanganui; Sedgwick, Petone, each 40. Wilkie, Upper Hutt; Leslie, Oamaru; Tidswell, Featherston; Ellis, Timaru; McLean, Dunedin; Hadfield, Manawatu; Punga, Hutt; Speight, Peninsula; Brownlee, Thames; Lieut. Jack, Oamaru, each 39. Counted out: Hoffeins, Masterton.

About 120 fired in the match for Sniders, the ammunition being supplied by Captain Whitney.

AUCKLAND AMMUNITION COMPANY MATCH. 500 yards; ten shots. Snider rifles; ammunition supplied by the colony:—

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| W. Ballinger, Wellington, £5 | 37 |
| Black, Dunedin, £4 | 37 |
| Salek, Ashburton, £3 | 35 |
| Chalmers, Dunedin, £3 | 34 |
| Parslow, Auckland, £2 | 33 |
| Lieut. Little, Auckland, £2 | 32 |
| Benton, Featherston, £2 | 32 |
| Trooper Somerville, £2 | 32 |

The following take £1 each:—Rutherford, Greytown, 32. Wilson, Featherston; Dougall, Christchurch; Tobin, Auckland; Shepherd, Auckland, each 31. Hendry, Oamaru; Tocker, Featherston; Woollett, Dunedin; Faulkner, Herbertville; Henderson, Auckland, each 30. Ross, Napier; Jackson, Wellington, each 29. Counted out: Hoffeins, Masterton.

Wretched shooting was made, attributed more to the sudden change to the Snider rifles than the ammunition. 10 shots at 500 yards were allowed.

GRAND AGGREGATE MATCH. Open to the 100 Highest Aggregate Scorers in Matches 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. 500, 600, and 700 yards; seven shots at each distance. Twenty-two prizes, value £50.

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| Wait, Wellington, £8 | 92 |
| McCarthy, Waikare, £6 | 91 |
| Howe, Wellington, £5 | 89 |
| Henderson, £4 | 88 |
| Sontag, Waikari, £4 | 88 |
| Taylor, Auckland, £2 | 87 |
| Ross, Napier, £2 | 87 |
| Wakelin, Christchurch, £2 | 87 |
| A. Ballinger, Wellington, £2 | 87 |

The following take £1 prizes:—Sedgwick, Petone; G. Spinley, Auckland, each 86. McGregor, Oamaru; King, Napier, each 85. Purnell, Wanganui; Drummond, Napier; Dickson, Peninsula, each 84.

Counted out: Spiers, Oamaru; Jones, Waikari; Parslow, Auckland; Remington, Wanganui; Stark, Dunedin; King, Oamaru.

CHAMPION MATCH. Open (*a*) to the 50 Highest Aggregate Scorers in Matches 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10, who belong to any Volunteer Corps constituted under the New Zealand Volunteer Regulations, 1889, including Active, Honorary, or Reserve Corps; or to any Commissioned Officer on on any of the above lists. (*b*) To any member of a Rifle Club formed from any disbanded Volunteer Corps, under New Zealand Government Regulations. (*c*) To any member of a *bona fide* Rifle Club in New Zealand, having not less than twenty members on the roll. The Captain of the Club will be required to certify that the Club has been duly formed, and of the required strength. 700 yards; ten shots. The score made in this match will be added to the score made in Matches 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 10, and the Highest Grand Aggregate Scorer will be the Champion Rifle Shot of New Zealand for the year 1891.

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| Sergeant Doughty, Auckland Artillery, Champion Rifle Belt, gold star, and £35 | 31 | 509 |
| Major Purnell, Wanganui, silver star, and £25 | 30 | 508 |
| Private Jones, Waikari Rifles, silver star, and £20 | 32 | 507 |
| Spiers, Oamaru Rifles, silver star and £15 | 27 | 506 |
| Private A. Ballinger, Wellington Guards, £10 | 34 | 503 |
| Gunner Taylor, Auckland Artillery, £5 | 32 | 499 |
| Sergeant Parslow, Auckland Artillery, £5 | 36 | 496 |
| Lieutenant Ross, Napier, £5 | 34 | 496 |
| Private McCarthy, Waikari Rifles, £5 | 31 | 492 |
| Sergeant Sontag, Waikari, £5 | 28 | 491 |
| Sedgwick, Petone Navals | 35 | 491 |

The next ten highest aggregates were:—

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| Kennedy, Napier | 489 |
| King, Oamaru | 487 |
| Clarke, Dunedin | 484 |
| Kruse, Wanganui | 481 |
| MeKeech, Tuapeka | 483 |
| King, Napier | 481 |
| Remington, Wanganui | 478 |
| Humphries, Napier | 477 |
| Rait, Wellington | 476 |
| McCarthy, Waikari | 476 |

Doughty also won the Union Company's Cup, which has to be won twice in succession, or three times at intervals, to become the absolute property of the winner.

Band Corporal King, of Oamaru, takes the Rifle Cup, as the highest scorer in the final stage for the championship

Doughty, with £59, was the largest individual winner, Purnell coming next with £45; James, £32; Spiers, £20.

Otago takes fewer trophies, but more money than Auckland, viz., £267; Auckland takes £210 and most of the trophies; Wellington, £224; Wanganui, £99; Hawke's Bay, £67; Canterbury, £59; Taranaki, £10; Nelson and Marlborough, £8.

It was at first thought that Purnell had tied Doughty for the Championship, but it was afterwards found he was one point behind. The supposed tie was, however, fired off, with the following result:—

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| Doughty | 5 5 2 2 2 | 16 |
| Purnell | 4 2 2 0 2 | 10 |

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## Athletics, Etc.

### THE A.A.A.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

DESPITE a damp and unpropitious day, some 3,000 spectators gathered on the Cricket Ground, and enjoyed some exciting races. As usual the Club officials spared no effort to make the meeting a success, and barring that a few more policemen were required to keep back the trespassing crowd, no fault could be found with the management. The familiar face of Mr. J. B. Coates was missed among the judges, severe illness, which we rejoice to hear is abating, being the cause of his absence. The heavy state of the ground told against the chances of record-breaking, but some very good times were nevertheless achieved, and A. F. Burton's splendid performance in the Mile Walk, together with Hempton's 75 Yards in 7 2-5th sec, justly evoked great enthusiasm. The public had to put up with two disappointments in the failure of Batger and Hempton to start in some of their events. In the first case Batger was two and a-half minutes late for the final heat of the 120 Yards Hurdles, and as the other men were all at their marks the starter very properly fired the pistol. In the second case Hempton refused to accept the penalty for breaking away, and consequently did not compete in the 150 Yards Handicap. That the starter acted rightly in both cases cannot be disputed, but the fact remains that every one regrets losing a couple of interesting finishes. Batger did not start in the Quarter Hurdles, which was again a pity, as he might have lowered his record in chasing Martin, who, with 25yds start and several hurdles knocked down by other competitors, accomplished the fast time of 59sec. Hunter's Band played some delightful selections, and afternoon tea was provided in the pavilion for the lady visitors. Appended are the results:—

Mile Walk.—Nine started. Shaldrick was disqualified half-way through the second lap. A. F. Burton, in splendid form, cut one man down after another and won a fine race in comfort in 6min 53 2-5th sec, five seconds better than McKilvies' record for Australia. Allen and E. W. Burton fought out a grand finish for second place, which the former just secured on the post.

75 Yards Handicap.—The five heats resulted as follows:—Hempton, scratch, 1; Langsford, 9yds, 2; and Johnston, 9½yds, 3. Hempton got off well, and won with ease in 7 4-5th sec. The way he cut down his field was a sight to sec.

2nd Heat.—Boyd, 9yds, 1; Gibbs, 9½yds, 2; Burgess, 7yds, 3. Cuff also started. Won easily in 8sec.

3rd Heat.—Eight started. Hesketh was put