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## Music & Drama.

*Spectatum admissi rsum tenealis amici?*

### MADAME GOLDENSTEDT'S CONCERT.

ON Monday evening the Opera House was again crowded to its doors by an appreciative audience. Shortly after eight p.m. Mr. C. Chambers appeared on the stage, and in a few well-chosen words begged indulgence for Madame Goldenstedt, who, although much indisposed, would endeavour to perform her share of the programme. Messrs. Tom Jackson and Geo. Reid then sang "Flow Gentle Deva," an old fashioned but quaintly beautiful duet by John Parry. Both gentlemen being in good voice, tune and ensemble proved admirable. Loud applause greeted the garden scene from "Faust," which was excellently staged. Madame Goldenstedt first appeared as the student Siebel dressing the part with charming taste, and singing and acting the favourite flower song, "La parlate d'amor," very successfully, notwithstanding the handicap of manifest hoarseness. To enable the lady to change her costume, the scene closed for a space, and Mr. T. M. Jackson sang Berthold Tours' emotional "Because of thee" with telling effect, being ably supported by Mr. Towsey at the pianoforte. Miss Rimmer then gave Roeckel's "Prima Donna" with much pathos and sensibility, but with perhaps more *vibrato* than purists in style permit. Receiving an encore, Miss Rimmer sang Millard's "Waiting." Messrs. Jackson, Reid, and Chambers next gave one of the "Princess Ida" trios so admirable as to win a tumultuous encore, to which they responded by singing another familiar trio from the same opera. The pretty garden scene was again disclosed, and Madame Goldenstedt, in the character of Marguerite, took her seat at the spinning wheel to sing the quaint "King of Thule." An admirable rendering delighted the audience, who were still better pleased with the singing and acting of the exquisite Jewel song. Madame Goldenstedt fully confirmed the high opinion I had formed of her ability as an operatic artiste. Indeed the versatility displayed by her performance of excerpts from the contralto part of Siebel and the soprano rôle of Marguerite is truly wonderful. Mr. C. Chambers next sang Ardit's fine song, "Let me love thee," with appropriate passion, but the song is not one of his best. Miss Rimmer was encored for Pinsuti's rather dreary "Heaven and Earth," and sang another song very similar in character. After the interval Mr. Webbe, with three young lady pupils, performed on two pianos Ascher's "Concordantia." The selection was a good one, and the execution and ensemble were very creditable both to teacher and pupils. The concert concluded with the Prison Scene from "Maritana," which I have before noticed in this column. It was again capitally rendered and greatly appreciated. Mr. Towsey played all the accompaniments with taste, skill, and true musical sensibility.

THE Walter Bentley Dramatic Company have been quite as successful in Napier as in the

other towns they have visited. The theatre for the few nights of the Company's stay has been crowded to overflowing; great numbers have been unable to gain admission, and the enthusiasm has been very great. This also in spite of heavy downpours of rain. The various reports that have reached us of the strength and excellence of the company and the genius and versatility of the star are fully borne out by the wonderful patronage accorded them. This is said to be the most successful tour that has ever taken place in New Zealand, and it is very unlikely that Auckland will reverse the verdict of the sister cities of the South, especially when it is remembered that it was at the old Prince of Wales Theatre, about 19 years ago, that the now world-famous Walter Bentley started his career as an actor. An enormous house undoubtedly will assemble to give him greeting back again to the home of his art, for such it may be termed. Mr. Lachlan McGowan, under whose management he served in his 'prentice days, is now under Mr. Bentley's management—such is fate. We hear that there is a big demand for seats. The booking takes place at Wildman and Lyell's. The scenery for "Hamlet," with the mechanist and scenic artist, arrived on Tuesday, and preparations are being pushed forward for the opening on Monday next.

THE Hugo New Idea Minstrels drew capital houses on St. Patrick's and Saturday evenings. Many interesting novelties have been added to the programme and the Company have now fully established a reputation for an amusing entertainment, perfectly free from the taint of vulgarity.

MR. T. M. JACKSON has decided to adopt the stage as a profession. With his splendid natural gifts, perseverance and conscientious study will, I confidently predict, place him in a very high position. He will carry with him the good wishes of his fellow-townsmen, who will watch his career with interest, and welcome with pride every success.

THE cantata "New Jerusalem," by Mr. A. Hill, a young Wellingtonian, recently returned from Germany after a long course of serious study, was produced in Wellington the other week. The work achieved a genuine success, and is highly praised by competent critics. Mr. A. Hill is also a finished violinist.

THE great event of next week will be Mr. Bentley's "Hamlet," to be played at the Opera House on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Lovers of Shakespere expect an original reading and a great treat.

### ORPHEUS.

The following is taken from the *Canterbury Times*:—Last week a paragraph appeared in these columns to the effect that Mr. S. H. Gollan had purchased a four-year-old half-brother to Sentinel, by Randwick—Duchess. Mr. W. F. Elkington, who until quite recently owned Duchess, however, writes stating that it is incorrect, as he is in possession of the gelding, and his three-year-old brother as well. Both, he writes, are splendid specimens of cross-country horses.

### COURSING.

The Auckland correspondent of the *Otago Witness* was very severe on the Auckland Coursing Club for their proposal to hold their coursing at Avondale, on what he termed "cold clay flats," and imputed personal motives as the reason for taking that place in preference to Ellerslie. We may inform those interested in coursing that the Avondale race course, which it is proposed to fence in, is wholly composed of a light loamy warm soil of considerable depth, and is land that would be hard to beat in the Colony. It is the same land on which the Avondale Vegetable Supply grow such an abundant quantity of excellent vegetables. Unquestionably the land close to the course is composed of a "cold clay surface," and this is, we are informed, where the *Otago Witness's* correspondent fell into error. The objection to Ellerslie is that it is not available on the score of expense; neither is it so suitable for breeding purposes as Avondale, where there is about four acres at one end in a well-sheltered and drained gully, with plenty of ti-tree and fern covering. The Ellerslie course would cost considerably over £100 per annum, with a number of restrictions—the grandstand would not be allowed; whereas the cost of Avondale is but £30. With regard to personal motives, it is amply and fully demonstrated that such a thing does not exist, from the fact that most of the people who would be interested in the coursing taking place at Ellerslie are substantial subscribers to the present Club; which has now a wide and daily increasing number of members. They have already a substantial credit balance, and have cabled to England for the necessary wire netting, which will arrive within two months time, and in the meantime all other preparations will be made. As a considerable amount of money is necessary to thoroughly prepare the place, etc., lovers of the leash should not be backward with their subscriptions, especially now that the Club has been fairly started, and is under an able and energetic committee. In justice to the *Otago Witness's* correspondent, we are informed that he has acknowledged the error into which he was led by "information received," which he considered at the time was reliable.

Attention is particularly drawn to the advertisement from the Auckland Coursing Club, wherein it will be found that dogs and litters may now be registered with the secretary, Mr. W. Wallace, from whom all information may be received. Copies of rules of the National Coursing Club of New Zealand may be obtained from him. Names of dogs must also be registered if not of a registered litter.

Robert Osborne, brother to the well-known jockey Johnny Osborne, who used to train as Osborne Bros., of Ashgill, Middleham, died January 27th, aged 53. He had been suffering from influenza, which turned to pneumonia and inflammation of the lungs.

As a proof how the sporting public appreciate a straightforward jockey in England, the subscription in aid of Bradbury, who lost his leg through an accident, has closed with £2,200; while John Osborne's fund exceeds £3,000, and is not closed yet.

## EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

## FOXTON RACING CLUB.

To-day (Thursday), March 24, nominations due

WOODVILLE DISTRICT JOCKEY CLUB (Hacks).  
Acceptances are due for the above to-morrow (Friday), March 25.

## AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

Friday, March 25, by 10 p.m., Mr. H. H. Hayr, secretary, will receive nominations at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW for the  
Maiden Plate Handicap of 25sovs, 1 mile, 10s.  
Handicap Hurdles of 45sovs, 2 miles, 1sov.  
Avondale Cup Handicap of 50sovs, 1½ miles, 1sov.  
Handicap Pony Race of 20sovs, for 14.2 ponies, 7-furlongs, 10s.  
Maiden Steeplechase Handicap of 30sovs, about 2½ miles, 10s.  
Handicap Novel Race of 20sovs, 5 furlongs, 10s.  
Handicap Steeplechase of 50sovs, about 3 miles, 1sov.  
Flying Stakes Handicap of 25sovs, 5 furlongs, 10s.

## AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

Friday, March 25, Mr. C. F. Mark will receive nominations up to 10 p.m., at the office of the Club, Durham-street, for the following events:—

Maiden Trot Handicap of 50sovs, 2 miles, 1sov.  
Flying Stakes Handicap of 35sovs, for 14.2 ponies, 5 furlongs, 10s.  
Easter Handicap Trot of 130sovs, 2½ miles, 2sovs.  
Autumn Handicap of 60sovs, for 14.2 ponies, 7 furlongs, 10s.  
Harness Handicap Trot of 50sovs, 3 miles, 1sov.  
Handicap Hurdles of 40sovs, for 14.2 ponies, 1½ miles, 1sov.  
Electric Handicap Trot of 50sovs, 1 mile, 1sov

## DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

To-morrow (Friday), March 25, by 10 p.m., Mr. Sydney James, secretary, receives nominations at Dunedin, for the following events:—  
Birthday Handicap of 35sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.  
Provincial Handicap of 30sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.

## OXFORD RACES.

Wednesday, March 30th, nominations due.

## HELENSVILLE RACING CLUB.

Saturday, March 26, by 10 p.m., acceptances are due with the secretary, Mr. S. J. Moncrieff, Helensville, or Mr. E. D. Halstead, c/o Mr. W. Adams, Durham-street, Auckland, for the following events:—

Handicap Maiden Plate of 20 sovs., 1 mile, 10s.  
Handicap Hack Race of 10 sovs., 1 mile, 5s.  
Helensville Cup of 50 sovs., 1½ miles, 30s.  
Handicap Novel Race of 15 sovs., 1 mile, 10s.  
Handicap Hurdle Race of 25 sovs., 1½ miles, 15s.  
Handicap Flying Stakes of 20 sovs., ¼ mile, 10s.

## PATEA RACING CLUB.

Saturday, March 26th, nominations due.

## TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

Saturday, March 26th, by 10 p.m., Mr. Robt. G. Bauchope, hon. secretary, receives acceptances for the following at the White Hart Hotel, New Plymouth:—

Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap of 250 sovs., 1½ miles, 2 sovs.  
Welter Handicap of 50 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.  
Flying Handicap of 60 sovs., 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.  
Ladies' Bracelet of 60 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.  
First Handicap Hack Race of 30 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.  
First Handicap Hurdle Race of 30 sovs., 1½ mile, 1 sov.

Also on Wednesday, March 30th, at 10 p.m.:—  
Final payment Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap of 3 sovs.

Thursday, March 31st, by 10 p.m., acceptances for the

Second Handicap Hack Hurdles of 30 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.  
Grandstand Handicap of 70 sovs., 7 furlongs, 2 sovs.  
Autumn Handicap of 130 sovs., 1½ miles, 3 sovs.  
Second Handicap Hack Race of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Nomination for

Farewell Handicap of 40 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.

## CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, secretary, receives nominations for the following events up till 10 p.m. on Friday, April 1st:—

The Christchurch Hurdles of 100 sovs., 2 miles, 1 sov.  
Epsom Welter Handicap of 100 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.  
Russley Stakes of 100 sovs., 5 furlongs, 1 sov.  
Sockburn Handicap of 100 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.  
Peerswick Hurdles of 75 sovs., once round and a distance, 1 sov.  
Autumn Nursery Handicap of 100 sovs., 5 furlongs, 1 sov.

Templeton Handicap of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.  
Addington Plate of 75 sovs., 7 furlongs, 1 sov.

Also acceptances for the

Great Easter Handicap of 500 sovs., 7 furlongs, 3 sovs.  
Great Autumn Handicap of 500 sovs., 1½ miles, 3 sovs.

And further payments for the  
Champagne Stakes of 300 sovs., 5 sovs.  
Challenge Stakes of 300 sovs., 7 furlongs, 3 sovs.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND R.C.

Friday, April 1st, by 9 p.m., nominations close with the hon. secretary, Mr. G. H. Carter, Hamilton, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, for the following events:—

Galloway Handicap of 20 sovs., for 14.2 ponies, 6 furlongs, 10s.  
Handicap Hurdles of 35 sovs, 2 miles, 15s.  
Autumn Handicap of 55 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov  
Welter Handicap of 25 sovs., 1 mile, 10s.  
Handicap Steeplechase of 55 sovs., about 3 miles, 1sov.  
Claudelands Handicap of 35 sovs., 1 mile, 15s.  
Flying Stakes Handicap of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs, 10s.

## EGMONT R.C.

Saturday, April 2nd, by 9 p.m., Mr. A. G. Brett, secretary, Hawera, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, SPORTING REVIEW office, will receive nominations of 3 sovs. for stallions for the Sires Hack Produce Stakes of 200 sovs., for three-year-olds now foals.

## JOTTINGS FROM WELLINGTON.

(BY PROTEUS.)

WELLINGTON, March 18.

MR. WALTER BENTLEY'S company concluded its Wellington season last Saturday week, March 12th, with that charming comedy "David Garrick" and an abridged version of Shakespeare's comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew." The Opera House was filled in every part. Mr. Bentley, who enacted the rôle of David Garrick, played the part to perfection. His make-up was faultless, and his conception of that celebrated actor was touched with a marked degree of realism. Mr. Bentley's manner on the stage is always quiet and unassuming, and it is mainly due to this that he enacted the part of David Garrick with such brilliancy. Messrs. Lauchlan McGowan, Russell Crawford, Harry Hill, Charles Holloway, and A. E. Greenaway, who took respectively the parts of Ingot, Chivey, Smith, Brown and Jones, deserve great praise for the excellent manner in which they sustained their several impersonations. Miss Hansen, who represented the character of Ada, made a brilliant feature of the rôle. Her action and enunciation commended itself to the audience, who persisted in calling her before the curtain. Of the other characters little remains to be said, except that each contributed towards making the production of David Garrick a success in every detail. In Shakespeare's abridged version of the Taming of the Shrew, Mr. Bentley as Petruchio acted the rôle splendidly, and was ably assisted in the minor parts by the remaining members of the company. This company has had large audiences every evening, which speaks well for the pieces staged and for the actors who represented the various rôles.

MESSRS. H. MCCARDELL and O. Kreeft waited upon the Committee of the Wellington Cricket Association, at their meeting held last Tuesday evening, March 15th, as a deputation from the Amateur Athletic Club, and suggested that delegates should be appointed to join others from the various football and cricket clubs in waiting upon the County Council for the purpose of having a cinder track laid on the Basin Reserve. The Committee will hold a special general meeting next week to consider the proposal.

THE four-oared outrigger race for crews under 10st., between the Orientals and Wellington, came off last Monday evening, March 14th. Mr. O. Kempthorne, who officiated as starter, got the crews away together. After going a quarter of a mile the Orientals forged ahead and won easily by four lengths. This was the first race in New Zealand that the crews rowed in the boats specified by the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association to be used in future for maiden and junior gig races. There was a good deal of wagering over this event, the Wellingtons being slightly the favourites. The excellent form shown by the winners caused great surprise among the members of the Wellington Rowing Club, who fancied their crew "a good un." The race was for medals presented by Messrs. Littlejohn & Son and A. R. Hislop & Co. Mr. Tringham acted as judge.

## RANDOM RACING REMARKS.

[BY PEGASUS.]

The Papakura Racing Club had a "bit of bad luck" on their opening day, as from early morning up till ten o'clock it rained incessantly. The stewards therefore found it necessary to at once agree upon postponing their meeting. This was done, and it was decided to hold the races on Saturday, 26th inst. Putting them off until then was a wise course to pursue as the Papakura racecourse is easily softened, and never gets hard and baked, therefore this postponement will give time to evaporate the surplus moisture. I have not seen nor heard anything in the meantime to cause me to alter my opinions of the probable results of the different events as set forth in last week's issue.

For the benefit of readers I shall again repeat them, viz:—

Hurdles—Cloth of Gold or Stepper.  
Pony Race—Sepoy, Walter Scott, or Romeo.  
Cup—Pinfire or Capella 1, Leorina 2, Ida 3.  
Maiden—Tuna or Acacia.  
Steeple—Colonel or Mangere.  
Flying Stakes—Helen McGregor, Raglan, Acacia and Ida read best.

The Taranaki correspondent of the REVIEW had a par last week concerning the action of his Wanganui *confreere* in taking him to task for criticising Mr. J. E. Henry's handicap for the First Hack Flat Race at the Egmont meeting. These two critics need not quarrel over the matter, but can very easily "agree to differ." I must say, however, that I look upon it as part of the duty of turf scribes to draw attention to every mistake that comes under their notice in racing and handicapping matters.

"Onlookers see the most of the game," and as Mr. Henry is only mortal and therefore *not* infallible, he is bound to make mistakes at some time or other as is the case with all handicappers. If he be wise he will only be too glad to benefit by the criticisms of the onlookers, and by this means improve his powers and capabilities. Personally, I can conscientiously congratulate that gentleman on the majority of his compilations. I shall hope also that he will accept all criticisms of his work in the spirit in which they are given, provided always they be true in fact and mild in tone. *Verb sap.*

The weights for the Sydney Gold Cup have appeared, but space precludes a review of the event in this issue. This two mile race is run on the 18th April next, so that next week will be soon enough to "commence operations" on the individual horses that are engaged. Meanwhile, however, I think, looking through them hurriedly, that the safest to trust are Highborn, Sir William, Zalinski, Freedom, Correze, Tirailleur, G'Naroo, Portsea, and Vespasia.

The latest conundrum is: "Why should the rider of Highborn in the Australian Cup have been called before the stewards for using bad language?" "Because he won the race and "did" Cuss den (Cusden)." The perpetrator of this should try again and then die.

## ON THE TOTALISATOR.

"NECESSITY is the mother of invention." Therefore, as the "ring" monopoly had gradually increased and become so oppressive it became a necessity to invent something to break down such a power. Thus do we find the invention and introduction of that machine—yept the totalisator. This machine, which *must* have been a great boon to "backers," has, nevertheless, worked slowly, silently, and surely into such a groove that it has now become almost as great a power within itself, and is now viewed with almost as much distrust as the betting ring was formerly. There is no doubt but that it has "broken the spell" retained by the "bookies" for so long a period, yet, like most reforms of old-standing institutions, there is always the aptitude in such cases of getting "out of the fryingpan into the fire." This, I think, has been the case with the totalisator, for we find that dishonest and unscrupulous persons have availed themselves of the machine to carry on their nefarious and dishonourable practices, and that, too, with less chance of detection than was the case when the "ring" held the reins of power. Previously the general

public knew little or nothing of how much was betted on any particular horse, as the layer of the odds was unlikely to acquaint them; hence an owner was more than likely to run "for the stuff." Now, however, an owner sees at a glance how the "cat jumps" with the public, and if his horse be well backed he decides on running a "slinter," and perhaps saves his exs. with some other good one in the race. Thereafter he "bobs up" and makes a good *coup*; likewise the other fellow.

This state of affairs, I am sorry to say, is aided and abetted—I might almost say encouraged—by those in command of totalisator affairs.

Take, for example, many of our suburban meetings, and what do we find—two or three machines at work and each added to the other in computing the total. At Ellerslie, I am glad to say, two machines are going, and the div. on each machine is computed separately and individually. In other cases, though, it is not the same—for example, suburban and trotting club meetings. There we have two or more machines computed together and a dividend declared accordingly. Why is this thus? Why not calculate each one separately? Evidently those "in the know" want to "gull" the public, and take these means of doing so. Let us for a moment look at the following well known items of every day occurrence at our suburban and trotting meetings.

No. 1 machine is close to and in view of the grandstand, No. 2 is an inside machine also within view; but No. 3 is not in such position. A wants to back B's horse, and on looking at Nos 1 and 2, and the odds thereon, is tempted to invest. Imagine his consternation and chagrin then on finding that the dividend is computed on the three machines, and that, although he counted only on Nos. 1 and 2, the owner or other interested parties have "backed it up" on No. 3, and the odds by which he was induced to invest have been reduced to an enormous extent. These are the "muckles" which make up the "muckles" upon which popular racing rests; and they would be well to be rectified at once. Much more might be said on this subject than I have indulged in; and should necessity occasion further "remarks" I shall deem it my duty, as a sporting writer, to draw full attention to them; but I trust this warning note will suffice to put all those interested in the future welfare of the machine on the *qui vive* to remedy such existing abuses and render the totalisator that "power for good" for which it was originally intended. Of course a totalisator monopoly would be preferable to a "bookmaker's" monopoly, but it must be patent to the most superficial observer that either must, in the end, prove fatal to the interests of racing and sport generally. Every business man or firm considers the wishes of his patrons in order to make the concern pay, and so it will prove with racing and totalisator men. Rest assured if trickery and dodgery be indulged in, so assuredly will a day of reckoning arrive, and the results of past misdeeds and dishonesty cannot help but culminate in dishonour and degradation to genuine sport of all kinds, as well as to those so closely connected with its immediate ruination and downfall.

On the subject of starting we have made "remarks" oftentimes, and whenever bad starting occurred reference has always been made to it, and things were sure to be "sultry" for the starter. It would seem that turf scribes in the other colonies as well as America have had occasion to draw attention also to the matter of bad starting, for we find these remarks at different times have attracted the attention of "Rapier," the turf scribe of the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*, published in England. In a recent article on the subject, he says:—"From one trouble which seems very seriously to affect owners of horses and all interested in an animal's success abroad we in this country are happily free. Nothing is more common in foreign papers—American, Colonial, and others—than the gravest complaints against the starter. A few good starters there may be, and indeed doubtless are, but unless journals greatly err, a considerable proportion of starters abroad are either incompetents or rogues. It would surely surprise those who suffer under the ministrations of such starters as these—some of whom seem to be overbearing bullies, in addition to their other failings or vices—to note the

methods of Mr. Arthur Coventry, his patience, unfailing good humour, quickness of perception to catch the one happy moment when he can despatch his field, and anxiety to do absolute justice to every horse. A more temper-trying business than starting a big field of horses is not easily imagined. Time after time the field is almost in a line; if I am at the start I can imagine that 'Now they're off' is a general comment of observers on the Stands, who have their glasses focused on the field; but again and again one beast jumps off by himself, or another will not be kicked or coaxed up by others, or both brutes together unite to destroy the chance. I confess it is a marvel to me that Mr. Coventry preserves his equanimity and contrives to say, 'Go back, please'—actually 'please'—instead of thundering out something of a very different character. Just so. But Mr. Arthur Coventry seldom has to contend with riders who do not want to win and are therefore deliberately trying to get a bad start."

The same writer then states that the above ideas were suggested by an article which appeared in the American *Horseman* on starters. His opinion of the article was that it was a "hot" one, and he thinks that the men mentioned therein must be rogues, or the law of libel in America is strangely inefficient, if they do not refute the charges made against them. The American article in question reads as follows:—"A starter should start his horses without any reference to betting. He should neither give favourites undue protection, nor should he leave them at the post. Mr. Chinn, at Garfield Park, was guilty of a 'leave' that would have made even the shameless Caldwell blush. The writer remembers seeing Caldwell deliberately leave Beck at the post, or, rather, try to do so, at Jerome Park three or four years ago, simply because of a row with the boy Bergen, who rode Beck. The other day at Garfield Park Martin Russell started, and properly so, favourite. He could hardly have lost had the starter not decided that he should lose. Palisade, who is owned by B. J. Johnson, said to be a partner of George V. Hankins, one of the principal proprietors of Garfield Park, was second favourite. Mr. Chinn spoiled seven or eight good starts, apparently for the benefit of Palisade, who was pulled up every time he had not the best of the start. It is a very peculiar fact that, although the boy on Martin Russell obeyed the starter's orders implicitly, he was left at the post the first time his head was turned the wrong way. Was there any good reason to fear that he might have beaten Palisade? Mr. Lewis Clarke overruled a decision of Starter John Merrill at Garfield Park not long ago, and caused that excellent official to leave the employ of the club. But neither Colonel Clark nor Robert A. Swigert, who is associated with him in the judge's stand, saw *anything* wrong in the rank Martin Russell decision."

I fancy there would be "steep ructions" were we to use such strong invectives in our criticisms as those used by the American writer whom "Rapier" has drawn attention to.

#### OUR WELLINGTON LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)  
[BY WIRE.]

WELLINGTON, March 22.  
THE local horses had the worst of luck at last week's meetings. They did not gain a single race at Hawke's Bay. Retina, it is generally thought, ought to have won the Cup, but the fates were adverse, and she could only finish a good second to Crown Jewel. Colello, who was to have had the mount, could not get down within 5lbs. of the weight, and rather than carry overweight Tom Hill and her owner, Mr. Martin, decided to put up Tommy Crook, the stable light-weight, who, although he rode a good race, lacked the strength to finish. It was very tantalising for Mr. Martin to see his good thing go down when victory seemed assured. To make things worse, Raneé Nuna, who was reckoned a good thing for at least one race, developed a suspicious leg after the Wanganui meeting, and although she started in two races on the first day she failed altogether to run up to her recent form. Mr. Hill came back with the filly on Saturday night, leaving Retina, who will run at Napier Park to-morrow, under the care of Mr. Hunter's trainer, Gooseman, who has nothing engaged at the meeting.

At Masterton, Opaki, on Thursday, the meeting was spoiled by the delay in bringing off the events, which dragged out the programme until nearly half-past six, whereas the last race was set down for 4.40 p.m. The principal races, the St. Patrick's Handicap and Flying Stakes, were appropriated by Mr. Freeth's Revolution, a four-year-old full brother to Rebellion, by Treason—Mischief. This horse was last season run as a hack, and could scarcely win a race in any company. This season he has developed into a real good one, and has carried all before him among the up-country racehorses. He is like Rebellion, a strapping chestnut.

At the Marlborough meeting neither Eros nor Paramu. Mr. Cousen's representatives, got a place. Mr. Redwood had another good turn, winning the Cup with his second string, Teri, 8st 8lb, after the handicapper had crushed Awarua Rose with 9st 7lb. There was great surprise in Wellington at Rocket paying £16 9s. dividend in the Flying. This horse is a son of Leos, and simply romped over a field of good hacks at the Hutt in the spring. He was freely backed at starting price in Wellington, and great was the delight of those who had invested on him, as they expected about £3. There is a row in Wellington over these races. They were postponed from Friday to Saturday on account of bad weather, and no press telegrams were sent through on Saturday to say whether they had come off or not. They did come off, however, and some of the clever division, after spreading a report that they had been again postponed until Tuesday, got two bookmakers to lay the winners on Saturday evening. Of course there is a dispute over the affair, and the backers have served the layers with a lawyer's letter. What will be the upshot of the affair I hardly know, but it is scarcely likely to come into Court.

A meeting of the stewards of the Wellington Racing Club was held to-night. The principal business was the consideration of applications for the position of caretaker for the Hutt Park racecourse, but owing to the absence from Wellington of a number of the stewards it was decided to postpone dealing with the matter for a week. In the meantime the applications (fifty-nine in number) were referred to the Course Committee, with a request that they should report upon the qualifications of the most suitable candidates. A letter was received from the Wanganui Jockey Club, notifying that Messrs. Yuille, Nathan and May had been warned off the Wanganui racecourse for laying totalisator odds. The question of dealing with the matter was left over to be dealt with by a fuller meeting. The programme of the Horowhenua Jockey Club's race meeting, to be held at Otaki on Queen's Birthday, was submitted for approval, and being in order, was passed. The added money to be given amounts to £160, divided amongst seven events, the principal being the Horowhenua Cup Handicap of 35 sovs., one mile and a half. Mr. T. Franklyn was elected a stewards' director of the Hutt Park Railway Company for the ensuing year.

#### OUR TARANAKI LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, March 18.  
THE annual hack meeting of the Waverley Waitotara Racing Club was held on Thursday. The wet weather in the morning affected the attendance, and also made the going a bit heavy, which fact no doubt accounted for the many "boil-overs" that occurred during the day. The Hurdles, 1½ miles, was a walk-over for The Masher, by Captivator—Day Dawn mare, who had 9st 7lb to carry. Baccarat, the other acceptor for the Hurdles, was reserved for the Cup, in which his following backed him up to the handle on the strength of a trial, but were disappointed. The Flying Handicap, 5 furlongs, was won by Bradshaw, by Castoff—Lady, 6st 9lb, Armoury, 6st 7lb, being second, and Tramore, 8st 5lb, third. The winner paid the nice dividend of £45, his owners, Messrs. Goodson, having four out of the five tickets on the board. This is the first turn of luck Goodsons have had since they started to run horses. Pat Eva rode the winner. Time, 1 min. 23sec. The New Plymouth mare Armoury, by Armourer—Garry Owen mare, won the Catch Weights, four furlongs, being ridden by C. Riley. The dividend was £3 11s. Sirius, 8st 11lbs, by Australian—Traucer mare, another New Ply-



SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

Mar. 28, 24	Dunedin Jockey Club
Mar. 23, 24	Napier Park Racing Club
Mar. 30, 31	Whangamata Racing Club
Mar. 30	Oxford Races, near Cambridge
Mar. 31, Apr. 1	Taranaki Jockey Club
April 1	Woodville District J.C.—Hacks
April 2	Helensville Jockey Club
April 7	Waipawa County R.C.
April 7, 8	North Otago J.C.
April 9	Avondale Jockey Club
April 13	Foxton R.C.
April 14	Auckland Trotting Club
Apr. 18	Tauwhare Racing Club
Apr. 18	Wairarapa Racing Club
April 18	Patea R.C.
Apr. 18, 19	Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 18, 19	Canterbury Jockey Club
Apr. 18	Turaunganui Races
April 23	South Auckland Autumn Meeting
April 28, 29	South Canterbury J.C.
Apr. 28, 30	Wellington Racing Club
May 11	Egmont Racing Club
May 24, 25	Dunedin Jockey Club
May 24	Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase
May 24	Takapuna Jockey Club Winter Meeting
May 24	Bell Block R.C.—Hacks
June 4, 6	Auckland Racing Club
June 24	Hawke's Bay J.C., Winter
June 29	Napier Park R.C. Winter
July 9	Wellington Racing Club

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

Mar. 25	Dunedin J.C.
Mar. 24	Foxton R.C.
Mar. 25	Auckland Trotting Club
Mar. 25	Avondale Jockey Club
Mar. 26	Patea R.C.
Mar. 30	Oxford Races
Apr. 1	South Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 1, 14, 20	Canterbury Jockey Club
Apr. 2	Egmont Racing Club—stallions
Apr. 4	Wellington Racing Club
Apr. 8, 22	Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 9	Dunedin Jockey Club
April 16	Bell Block R.C.—Hacks
May 10	Dunedin Jockey Club
May 10	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Winter
May 12, 26	Egmont Racing Club
May 27	Auckland Racing Club
May 27	Egmont Racing Club—Hack Produce
June 5, 28	Wellington Racing Club
June 17	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
June 20	Canterbury Jockey Club
July 25	Canterbury Jockey Club

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

Mar. 25	North Otago J.C.
Mar. 26	Waipawa County R.C.
Mar. 28	Avondale Jockey Club
Mar. 31	Foxton R.C.
April 1	Auckland Trotting Club
April 4	Patea R.C.
April 7	South Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 4, 18, 18	Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 6, 18	Canterbury Jockey Club
Apr. 19	Egmont Racing Club
Apr. 20, 29	Wellington Racing Club
April 30	Bell Block R.C.
May 3, 24	Dunedin Jockey Club
May 7	Egmont Racing 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.

Mar. 25	Woodville District J.C.—Hacks (general entries)
Mar. 26	Helensville Jockey Club
Mar. 26, 30, 31	Taranaki Jockey Club
Mar. 31	Waipawa County R.C.
April 1	Avondale Jockey Club
April 1, 14, 18	Canterbury Jockey Club
April 2	North Otago J.C.
April 6	Wairarapa Racing Club
April 7	Foxton R.C.
April 8	Auckland Trotting Club
April 8, 14, 16, 18, 19	Auckland Racing Club
April 9	Patea R.C. (general entries)
April 15	South Auckland Racing Club
April 25	Wellington Racing Club
Apr. 30	Egmont Racing Club
May 10, 24	Dunedin Jockey Club
May 14	Bell Block R.C.—Hacks
May 20	Auckland Racing Club
June 1, 4	Auckland Racing Club
June 17	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
June 1, 6	Wellington Racing Club

Sporting Review.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1892.

At the A.A.A.C. meeting held in the Domain on Saturday last, among several innovations the most noticeable was the "Press table." To enable the members of the fourth estate to do their work with comfort, a table and chairs were provided. Seated at their ease and smoking the pipe of peace, the Pressmen saw what they could of the sprint races. At intervals the "Press steward" arrived and administered spoonfuls of information, e.g., "Tompkins 1st, Jinks 2nd, Bags 3rd; won easily by two yards, a breast between second and third; time, 10 1-5th secs." Could anything be more delightful for the reporter? Absolved from all responsibility, and furnished with an official bulletin after each event, his work is positively child's play. "Blessings on the man who invented sleep," quoth the immortal Saacho Panza. And so say all Pressmen of the inventor of the Press table. It is indeed a boon and a blessing. But soft!—the scribe feels a twinge in what he is pleased to call his conscience. Under such conditions, what use is he? His journal, like every other journal, will produce a report of the meeting faithful in respect to results, but without the slightest touch of individuality or originality in describing the races. His sole function is to be a sort of conduit-pipe from the Press-steward to

the public. The committee might just as well write out one report in copying ink and furnish each journal with an impression. In future anybody who can write in pencil from dictation will be a perfectly competent Press representative at the A.A.A.C. meetings. Under the old rule experts representing the Press were permitted to take up any position they pleased to witness an event, subject to such restrictions in regard to keeping away from the judges, and interfering as little as possible with the view of other spectators, as the committee thought fit to impose. Hence independent reports from different points of view became possible, and were actually supplied to the public by the several journals. Now everything is reduced to the dead level of mechanical mediocrity. Moreover, in the event of a competitor receiving unfair treatment from his opponents, or suffering from a mistake on the part of the judges, he had some chance of redress at the hands of the Pressmen. If the object of the innovation is to scotch or stifle all criticism, it has been attained with a vengeance. We are not writing only with reference to the A.A.A.C. meeting, as the "Press table" was used at the last Championship meeting at Christchurch; and we trust that the above remarks will be taken as evidence of an unselfish desire on the part of those whose personal comfort is enhanced by the innovation, to do their best for the advancement of athletics, and the information of the general public.



[BY OLD TURFITE.]

"MAZEPPA," of the *Otago Witness*, writes "that a report has reached Dunedin that the Hon. E. Mitchelson contemplates introducing a Bill into the House next session for the abolition of the totalisator, and that if time is found for the debate on the subject there is little doubt many members would rise to denounce the machine on the general ground that they object to gambling; but this can scarcely be the line that Mr. Mitchelson would adopt. He would be more likely to endeavour to show special cause why the totalisator should be knocked out. It certainly appears to me that he would have great difficulty in arguing such a case, for from all points of view save one—viz., that owners are at a disadvantage, having to come in at starting prices—the supporters of the totalisator would have the best of it. As to that particular point, it would, one would think, be difficult to move the present House to do owners a turn at the expense of the public. But while anticipating that Mr. Mitchelson will have a job to convince Parliament that the totalisator is worse than the system of betting which it has supplanted to a large extent, there may be danger to the machine in that the motion would be supported by members like our Mr. Hutchinson, who object to betting of any kind, and for this reason the Clubs should be prepared in case the question is brought forward. I may say, as I have said before, that I for one am strongly in favour of the totalisator, because I know that it discourages thieving and supports racing in a legitimate manner, and I shall continue to support it until some better system is thought out." I have heard for some time that it has been the intention of the Hon. E. Mitchelson and other influential members who have an interest in racing to introduce a Bill into Parliament to abolish the machine, and it is to be hoped that it will pass, as I totally disagree with "Mazeppa," though he stands up so strongly as champion of the machine. He writes: "I know that it discourages thieving and supports racing in a legitimate manner." It would be interesting to the general public as well as myself to hear from "Mazeppa's" able pen how he knows it. My experience tells me there is just as much thieving going on now as ever, as favoured individuals can give the workers of the machine £50 or £100 to put on for them. Sometimes it is put on in small sums, at others it is rung on at the very last minute. When some of the public, who have backed the horse because they fancied him and he would also pay a good dividend, go to get their money they find about a hundred more

tickets on him than there were five minutes before the machine closed. That it supports racing in a legitimate manner I fail to see, and should like "Mazeppa" to convince me that he is right. My experience shows me that scores of race meetings have sprung up since the introduction of the totalisator which would never have come into existence had it not been for the machine. They only benefit a few. A lot of young persons have been induced to buy horses who cannot afford it; there are also a lot of scrubbers now in training that would never have been thought of if these petty races had not sprung up. The machine, being ready money, offers great inducement to many to let their butchers, bakers, etc., want in order to have cash to invest. I will now go a step higher. An owner who pays all the expenses of his horses naturally expects to recoup himself. Stakes will never do that, and if he backs his horses on the machine he has to share with the public. It affects breeders, because purchasers will not give long prices for yearlings unless they can make them pay. It is also driving all the best horses out of the Colony, and induces men to keep entire and train a lot of scrubbers, which now infest the Colony. I fail to see how in a single way the machine is a benefit to genuine racing, unless it is to enable Clubs to give larger stakes; but a genuine racing man would prefer less added money and more betting. Perhaps "Mazeppa" will be able to prove that I am wrong, but at present he has advanced nothing to show that his theory is right and that we should not be much better without the machine.

MR. SCARR, in making the handicap for the Sydney Gold Cup, has certainly succeeded in producing a flattering one; and the winner will take a good deal of picking. Marvel, 9st 9lb, reads as the chopping block, and it is not likely that he will start. Highborn, 9st 4lb, must be looked on with respect, after his running in the Australian Cup, when he carried the same weight. His running in the Champion Stakes must not have too much importance attached to it, as it was run at a muddling pace, and the gelding was not himself on the day. Strathmore, 9st 2lb, has been raised 6lb. That he is a good colt there is no doubt, but it is asking him to do a big thing, and his stable companion Zalinski, 8st 10lb, reads better. Malvolio, 9st, has nothing to complain of with regard to weight; but both he and Correze, 8st 8lb, have been on the shelf lately with suspicious legs. Megaphone is reported to have broken down in the Champion race and it is doubtful if he will run again. Sir William, 8st 12lb, is a horse that should be watched. He has more than once nearly landed a coup, and he may do it this time. Freedom, 8st 10lb, has got a little more than he deserves; that he will win a good race some day there is no doubt, but I hardly think that this will be the one. Greygown, 8st 8lb, has more than once made a sensation, but the distance will I think be too far. Tirailleur, 8st 4lb, has had a considerable reduction made in his weight, but he has always been in my estimation an over-rated horse; and G'Naroo at the same weight reads much better. He has now 7lb less than when he was backed for the Melbourne Cup; so if the stable rely on him he must be very near the front. Muriel, 7st 11lb, Oxide and Portsea, 7st 10lb, also read well on paper; while Forty Winks, 7st 6lb, must have a show. Lower down comes Yarran and The Rebel, 6st 12lb each. Then amongst the turned-loose division is Yowi, 6st 2lb. As one cannot back them all, and as bookmakers now-a-days will not give a lot against the field I shall confine myself at present to the following, expecting the winner to come from them:—Highborn, Redfern's selected (Malvolio or Correze), Sir William, Zalinski, G'Naroo, Forty Winks, or Yarran.

LOOKING through the yearling sales during the late V.R.C. meeting it appears from the prices realised that the supply greatly exceeds the demand. A few weeks ago "Augur" had a long description of the St. Albans stud. After reading it carefully through I thought there would be some sensational prices, for from his account they were an exceptionally good lot, but when they came to the hammer only two ran into four figures, while many only brought hack prices, the average being 222½ guineas. This will hardly pay. Mr. Gardner, of Bundoora

Park, sent up twenty-six youngsters, all of good pedigree, the highest priced one being 65gns. for a black colt by Precious Stone—Rarity. Mr. Donald Wallace sent up eleven. The highest price was 80 guineas for a bay colt by Newminster—Violet. Sir Thomas Elder sent up thirty-two, all well-bred ones—the highest priced ones being a bay colt by Gang Forward—Josephine, 450gns., and a brown colt by Neckersgat—Hortense, 510gns., the average for the thirty-two lots not being quite 115gns.

READING through the Australian files that are now to hand it is astonishing to see the diversity of opinion as regards Cusdin's riding of Strathmore in the Australian Cup. That he rode a bad race there is no denying, and he himself admits it. A jockey's mount on a red hot favourite is no sinecure, for if he loses he is sure to come into some unpleasant remarks, even if he does not deserve them, as few owners are good losers. Cusdin says that he was several times interfered with. This is very likely, as there is generally one or two started on purpose to interfere with a great favourite. That Strathmore with everything in his favour could have beaten Highborn on that day I have my doubts. The Champion Stakes was no criterion, as Highborn was not up to the mark on that day, and the race was run at a muddling pace. Many a race have I seen thrown away in the old country through there not being a true pace all through. If the two should meet in the Sydney Gold Cup I expect to see Highborn put down Strathmore again.

THE resuscitated Papakura Club has had a great deal to contend against, and it will not be surprising if their postponed meeting, to be held next Saturday, turns out a failure. This will be regretted by all racing men, as the Club has gone to considerable expense in erecting a grand stand, and otherwise improving the course. The committee, however, have to blame themselves for what must be called mismanagement. They should not have postponed the meeting from last Thursday (St. Patrick's day) on account of a little rain. The morning in town certainly was not favourable; but it was much better up country, and there was really no reason for the postponement. Besides it is not fair to owners, when they have their horses ready for their engagements, to put off the races on account of a little rain. The stewards as a rule consult themselves, and the profits of that *bete noir* to racing—the totalisator. Rule 19 reads thus: "The stewards, in case of urgent necessity, may from time to time put off any races from day to day, or for such time as they may deem expedient, notwithstanding a Sunday intervening." The question now is, when this rule was made was it with the intention of enabling stewards to put off races on account of rain, or other things adverse to their making a large profit on the machine, and fix the date some ten days later. "Urgent necessity," I read means frost, snow, or fog, or the course being under water—not simply a wet day. If it does not the sooner the rule is amended the better, so as to describe what urgent necessity means. It is a well-known fact that some horses like dirt, while others prefer to hear their feet rattle. Another thing—a man gives a long price for the booths, etc., he gets all his stuff on the ground and finds the races put off for ten days on account of a little rain; he therefore has either to give or throw away all his eatables, as they will not keep. But taking the question as regards racing alone, I maintain that the stewards had no right to postpone the meeting for ten days. The sooner this question is settled by a competent tribunal the better, as these postponements are becoming much too prevalent—all owing to the machine. Fancy putting off races in the old country on account of rain!—such a thing would not be tolerated. I have no reason to alter my opinion as regards my selections last week for the different events. The acceptances are very poor, and it looks like it used to be in olden days—a benefit for the Papakura stable. The Hurdle Race will be a match between Cloth of Gold and Stepper—the former for choice. The Pony Handicap should fall to either Sepoy or Romeo. The Cup reads a certainty for either Pinfire or Leorina, unless Ida can upset the pot. Tuna should annex the Maiden Plate, Acacia being her most dangerous opponent. The Steeplechase should go to

Kate. The Novel Race had better be left alone. The Flying Stakes looks a good thing for the home stable and they may select Helen McGregor to do the trick.

MR. HALSTEAD has issued the weights for the Helensville Racing Club's meeting, which takes place on April 2nd. Acceptances are due on the 26th inst. It is worthy of note the great difference Messrs. Halstead and Evitt have in their estimation of certain horses. In the Papakura Cup, the same distance, the latter makes Ingorina give Leorina 10lb, and Tuna 24lb; while at Helensville Leorina gives Ingorina 7lb, and Tuna 24lb. There is, therefore, a difference of 17lb and 10lb respectively. Then again, in the Flying Stakes at Papakura Ingorina gives Leorina 10lb, now she gives away 3lb, making a difference of 13lb. So if Mr. Halstead is right Leorina should be a pretty good thing for Papakura next Saturday. Taking the Helensville meeting as it now stands the Cup reads a good thing for Ingorina, though Rewarewa might slip him up. Cloth of Gold and Assassin are the best for the Hurdle Race. There are seventeen in the Hack Race, but it had better be left alone, as these races are generally "readied" up. The Flying Stakes should fall to either Ingorina or Leorina; though should Brigade take it into her head she will make the pace merry. There are no less than nineteen entries for the Maiden Plate, Kildare and Acacia being the two most leniently treated. The entries all through are good, and if the acceptances are the same there should be a splendid afternoon's sport; but I will have further remarks to make next week.

It appears by Southern files that the Taranaki and Dunedin Jockey Clubs have endorsed the disqualifications of Messrs. Yuille and Nathan, of Wellington, also of R. May, of Auckland, imposed on them by the Wanganui Jockey Club for betting totalisator odds at their late meeting. The latter Club also intend to put an end to ready-money betting at Forbury. What the other clubs intend to do is not at present known, but it appears curious that the matter has not been taken up immediately, as there is no real cause for delay. It is also unfortunate that the W.J.C. did not inflict punishment on the takers as well as the layers of the odds, as things are at present in a most unsatisfactory state—owners of horses not getting a fair chance of winning their money.

ON looking through English and Australian files I came across some items of news that may be of interest to my readers.—Mr. Hume Webster, who committed suicide the other day in his own grounds, has for many years been a large breeder of thoroughbred horses, and had his stud farm at Marden Deer Park, about 20 miles from London. His name has been lately before the public as having been the prime mover in the scheme to get back to England, at a fabulous price, the celebrated sire Ormonde; which was opposed by the Duke of Portland and Mr. Chaplin, on the ground that he was a roarer. Whether the scheme will be carried out now, is a moot question; but there are plenty of breeders in England that will gladly pay 300 gns. a mare for his services. Mr. Webster was largely connected with the Stock Exchange, and it is said that heavy losses chiefly connected with the Argentine Republic was the cause of his rash act. All the sires and mares at Marden Park will be sold in May or June.

THE Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Autumn Meeting appears, from accounts to hand, to have been a great success. Crown Jewel's win in the Cup and the Bourke Memorial Stakes proves that her first win in the Wanganui Cup was not the fluke some people considered it to be. Last week I mentioned in my notes, "Many have a great fancy for Crown Jewel, as they think she won the Wanganui Cup easier than she appeared to do." Retina, though beat, was not disgraced, but Cynisca's running was too bad to be true. Morion was well backed by the local punters, but ran nowhere. In my opinion he is a greatly overrated colt, and inclined to be shifty. When he won the Great Northern Derby it was mainly due to Clifford's riding, as he kept him going, thus finding out the weak points in the others. His two wins at the

Farewell Meeting to Lord Onslow had a little merit in them, but when you come to go through and analyse the field, there was not much behind him. Whakawatea annexed the Railway Stakes and Juvenile Handicap. He must have a constitution of iron and legs of steel to stand all the knocking about he has had this season. Few two-year-olds would have stood it, but the chances are that it will tell against him next year as a three-year-old. Mr. McKinnon as usual picked up a couple of races with his old slaves—Scot Free and Lochness.

THE weights for the Doncaster Handicap are just to hand, and I have not time to go thoroughly through them this week, so shall confine myself to picking out a few. Marvel, 10st 4lb, heads the list. At this weight if fit and well he is not out of it. Stromboli, 9st 3lb, is not badly treated when you take into consideration the way he won the Bourke Handicap, carrying 8st 10lb. The next to catch the eye is Paris, 8st 11lb. Last year he won this race with 7st 10lb in 1min 40sec., but he has run disappointingly this season, and may have lost his speed through being trained for long distances. The Workman, 8st 7lb, is now in Monaghan's hands, and will lose nothing by that; and the way he won the Farewell Handicap gives him a show second to none. St. Blaize, 8st 5lb, is another that reads well. So does The Seine 7st 5lb; and Eileen, 6st 9lb, has nothing to complain of. Taking a shot at half a dozen, the following read the best:—Marvel, Stromboli, Paris, The Workman, The Seine and Eileen.



Dan McLeod at Papakura on Saturday next.

Mr. E. Fraser's chestnut colt by King Cole—Rosalind has been most appropriately named *Royal Rose*.

A younger brother of H. Cusden, employed in the Yaldhurst stable, is spoken of as a promising light-weight.

The privileges in connection with the Helensville races will be sold at Helensville to-day (Thursday) at 2.30 p.m., including booths, gates, cards, etc.

Mr. E. G. Sandall, the owner of Midnight, has now written to the Auckland Club requesting that an inquiry be made to enable him to clear himself from unjust imputations.

The pony Trenton, who is said to be a hammer over the small sticks, was for three years packing gum up North. He is now fourteen years of age.

Mr. E. Hewitt has named his bay colt by St. Leger—Welcome Katie *Ben Godfrey*. As this colt promises to grow into a good stallion he is aptly named.

We are informed that Mr. F. N. Jones refused an offer of 350 guineas for Rarus recently; but the price put on him is 400 guineas, and nothing less.

As a mark of respect to his ancestors, Mr. Wi Pere of Gisborne has named his Ingomar—Steppe brown colt *Mahaki*. This is the colt Mr. I. Morrin sold to Wi Pere for 400 gns.

The imported Foxhound Bilet Dainty (sire Pytchley Prompter, dam Pytchley Dignity) died of distemper last week. This beautifully bred hound littered one lot of pups, but being a bad mother they all died.

In reply to the request of the Auckland Trotting Club to hold an inquiry into the "reversal of form" shown by the trotter Midnight, the Onslow Trotting Club have replied that they see no reason to question Midnight's running at their meeting, and if the Auckland Trotting Club think an inquiry necessary they will probably hold one themselves.

The owner of Fibre, who ran second to Midnight in the Onslow Trot, requests us to state that his only reason for complaining against the interference his horse received from The Broker in the race was in anticipation of the race being run over again, when he hoped to avoid a repetition of the alleged crossing. He expresses himself perfectly satisfied with the result of the inquiry.

The well-known light-weight J. Cotton, junr., has left the employ of the Yaldhurst establishment. Mr. Stead has given notice that 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 illustrious 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 than £10 in prizes in any of the foregoing matches. 500 yards. Ten shots. Thirty-three prizes, value £65.

Table listing names and prize amounts for the 'Last Try' match, including Webster, Smith, Kirk, Brownlee, Skinner, Fox, Raikes, Churton, Anderson, Dormer, Sergeant Okey, Preston, and Turner.

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.

Table showing scores for District Representative Match by Wellington and Wairarapa, Otago, Auckland, Christchurch, and Wanganui, Taranaki, and Napier.

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.

Table for Wanganui Rifles showing scores for Remington, Kruse, Hughes, Mossman, Foster, and a total of £30.

Table for Auckland Artillery showing scores for Doughty, Head, Taylor, Henderson, Parslow, and a total of £20.

Table for Wellington Artillery showing scores for Kuchen, Howe, Jeffries, Rait, Wilson, and a total of £10.

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.

Table for Nursery Match showing scores for Kennedy, Head, Skinner, G. Spinley, Wood, Rait, and Menzies.

The following take £1 prizes:—Henderson, Thames; Anderson, Wanganui; Fuller, Blenheim; Nimmo, Oamaru; McKenzie, 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:—

Table for Auckland Ammunition Company Match showing scores for W. Ballinger, Black, Salek, Chalmers, Parslow, Lieut. Little, Benton, and Trooper Somerville.

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.

Table for Grand Aggregate Match showing scores for Wait, McCarthy, Howe, Henderson, Sontag, Taylor, Ross, Wakelin, and A. Ballinger.

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 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.

Table for Champion Match showing scores for Sergeant Doughty, Major Purnell, Private Jones, Spiers, and Private A. Ballinger.

Table for Gunner Taylor, Auckland Artillery, £5, Sergeant Parslow, Auckland Artillery, £5, Lieutenant Ross, Napier, £5, Private McCarthy, Waikari Rifles, £5, Sergeant Sontag, Waikari, £5, Sedgwick, Petone Navals, £5.

The next ten highest aggregates were:—Kennedy, Napier; King, Oamaru; Clarke, Dunedin; Kruse, Wanganui; McKeech, Tuapeka; King, Napier; Remington, Wanganui; Humphries, Napier; Rait, Wellington; McCarthy, Waikari.

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:—

Table showing scores for Doughty and Purnell in the tie-breaking match.

TORPEDO.



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, 9yds, 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 see.

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

3rd Heat.—Eight started. Hesketh was put

back a yard. Boston, 9yds, 1; Hesketh, 5yds, 2; Bishop, 7yds, 3. Time, 7 4-5th sec.

4th Heat.—Hackett was put back a yard. A. A. Martin, 10yds, 1; P. J. Hackett, 7yds, 2; A. J. Pilkington, 8yds, 3. Time, 7 3-5th sec.

5th Heat.—Barnes, 9yds, 1; Ellett, 10yds, 2; Chatfield, 6yds, 3. Time, 8sec. For the final heat the ten firsts and seconds started. Hempton got off grandly, but Martin was left at the post. The flier dashed through his men like greased lightning, winning by a yard from Ellett, with Burton a yard behind second man. Time, 7 2-5th sec.

Mile Novice Bicycle.—Twelve entered, and all started, making a pretty race. Dacre fell almost immediately, and Bolton, who was going well, fell early in the last quarter. Nicholson, the scratch man, rode a good race, and won comfortably, Firth (30yds) 2nd and Cambell (45yds), 3rd.

600 Yards Handicap.—The large field of twenty-one started for this event. Beere, 45yds, won rather easily from Gaudin, 40yds, with Atkinson, 40yds, a moderate third. Derry Wood could not get through the crowded field, and so had to content himself with fourth place. Time, 7 2-5th sec.

120 Hurdles.—1st heat. All the four started. Roberts, owes 7yds, just won from Batger, owes 20yds, P. J. Hackett, owes 10yds, a moderate third. Time, 18 2-5th sec.

2nd Heat.—All three started, but Cuff fell at the second hurdle. Martin, owes 10yds, won as he pleased from Bishop, owes 4yds, in 19sec.

Final Heat.—Batger came too late, and the race, starting without him, resulted in a win for T. Roberts, Martin 2nd, and Hackett 3rd.

Mile Roadster Bicycles.—Cambell, 45yds, 1; Firth, 30yds, 2; Lowe, 40yds, 3. Eight started. Dacre collided with Firth and fell. Firth rode a gallant race, but Cambell was a little too good.

1,000 Yards Club Championship.—Musker, Davis, and Farquhar were the only starters. The pace proved too hot for the last-named, who stopped about 250yds from the tape. Musker stayed better than Davis, and won a close race in the excellent time of 2min 28 2-5th sec.

150 Yards Handicap.—The six heats resulted as follows:—

1st Heat.—Eight starters. Barnes, 19yds, 1; Langsford, 17, 2. Time, 14 3-5th sec.

2nd Heat.—Goldwater, 17, 1; Ronayne, 16, 2. Time, 15 2-5th sec. W. Owen, 20, ran very prettily and was only just beaten for second place.

3rd Heat.—Hackett, 14, 1; Barton, 17, 2. Time, 15 sec.

4th Heat.—Ellett, 18, 1; O'Meara, 14, 2. Time, 15 sec. Laird, 8, ran well in this heat.

5th Heat.—Hesketh, 11, 1; A. A. Martin, 27, 2; Boyd, 16, 3. Time, 14 4 5th sec.

6th Heat.—Cooper, 22, 1; Pilkington, 15, 2; Gibbs, 17, 3. Time, 15sec.

Final Heat.—All those qualified started. Mr. Edwards got them off splendidly, and a fair contest resulted in a win for Hackett by a breast ahead of Barnes, who beat Barton for second place by half a yard. Hesketh ran grandly, and came in fourth. Time, 14 1/2 sec.

Pressure on our space compels us to condense the other events, which resulted as follows:—

Two Mile Roadster Bicycles.—Cambell, 120yds, 1; Firth, 90yds, 2; Bolton, 200yds, 3. Time, 6min 41sec.

One Mile and Half Handicap.—Beere, 120yds, 1; Duncan, 150yds, 2; Clarke, 50yds, 3. Time, 7min 12sec.

Three Mile Walk.—A. F. Burton, scratch, 1; F. H. Creamer, 320yds, 2; E. W. Burton, 180yds, 3. Time, 24min 19sec.

Three Mile Bicycles.—Reynolds, scratch, 1; Firth, 195sec, 2; Cambell, 230yds, 3. Time, 9min 58 1/2sec—very good performance.

High Jump.—P. J. Hackett won with 5ft 2 1/2in; E. T. Laurie second.

Quarter Mile Hurdles.—W. H. Martin, 25yds, 1; Laird, 20yds, 2; Roberts, 30yds, 3. Time, 59sec.

300 Yards Ladies' Bracelet.—The five heats were won as follows:—1st. Langsford, Harvey, and Stevenson, in 33 4-5th sec. 2nd. Barnes, Cook, Cooper, in 33sec. 3rd. Martin, Vincent, Christie, in 33sec. 4th. Chatfield, Burgess, Boyd, in 33 1/2sec. 5th. Johnston, Hackett, Barton, in 33sec.

The final heat resulted—Barnes, 24yds, 1; Johnston, 24yds, 2; Chatfield, 14yds, and Cooke, 20yds, dead heat for third place. Time, 33sec.

Five Mile Bicycles.—Reynolds, scratch, 1; Firth, 290yds, 2; Bolton, 500yds, 3. Time, 17min 19sec.

Long Jump.—Gaudin won with a jump of 19ft 2in; Bishop second. This event ended a capital day's sport.

CRICKET.

THE first two days of our "Canterbury week" were marred by heavy rain. On Monday the match Wanderers v. Combined Parnell and United was played on what is known as a batsman's wet wicket. The game ended in a draw rather in favour of the home team. Wanderers 166, Lawrence 30, Hon. Stevens 28, Matthias 26, and Labott 23 reached double figures. Stenson bowled well under the handicap, securing 4 for 47. Yates and King going in for the U-P's made no stand, the latter being bowled by a beautiful break-back of Harman's for 1. Gardiner joining Yates, the pair, with a good deal of luck and some excellent hitting, had run up 92 without being parted, when the bell rang.

On Tuesday the Auckland Cricket Club v. Wanderers' match was perforce abandoned for the day, but as we write (Wednesday) the weather is much improved and the match is proceeding, Wanderers being all out for 77 and Auckland commencing their innings.

To-day (Thursday) the Wanderers play a Gordon team.

The great match, Auckland v Canterbury, comes off to-morrow and Saturday, when every cricketer prays for fine weather. The Canterbury team will probably be:—De Maus, Barry, Ridley, Lawrence, Mathias, Labatt, A. Harman, T. D. Harman, Fenwick, Chapman, and Stevens. The match should prove an exciting one, and we hope to see a large attendance on both days. The local men seem to have a bit the better chance, but Canterbury cricketers are never beaten until the last ball has been bowled.

BOXING.

Dick Sandall informs us that he is most anxious for a "go" with McConnell, New Zealand's heavy weight champion professional. He expresses his willingness to meet Mac for any substantial trophy value from £20 upwards, and a friend of Dick's will put up a side wager for any amount between £25 and £100. As Sandall is two stone lighter than McConnell and five inches shorter, the above should be a tempting bait for the "long un."

TURF RECORD.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

Table listing race results for Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting, First Day. Includes Autumn Handicap of 75 sovs., First Handicap Hurdles of 100 sovs., and various other races.

Table listing race results for Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting, Second Day. Includes First Handicap Hurdles of 100 sovs., and various other races.

Table listing race results for Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting, Third Day. Includes Hawke's Bay Cup Handicap of 400 sovs., and various other races.

Table listing race results for Nursery Handicap of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 15 sovs. from the stake; for two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

Table listing race results for High Weight Handicap of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stake. Once round.

Table listing race results for Trial Handicap of 30 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. Once round.

Table listing race results for Railway Stakes Handicap of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs. from the stakes. Six furlongs.

Table listing race results for March Handicap of 75 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stake. One mile.

Table listing race results for Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs. from the stakes. About 1 1/2 miles.

Table listing race results for Juvenile Handicap of 75 sovs.; for two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

Table listing race results for Burke Memorial Stakes. A handicap of 200 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. from the stake. 1 1/2 miles.

Table listing race results for Pacific Handicap of 30 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. Once round.

Table listing race results for Post Stakes of 30 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. Weight 8st. Maidens allowed 7lb.

Table listing race results for Place Handicap of 70 sovs.; for the horses placed first, second, or third in the Autumn Handicap, Hawke's Bay Cup, High Weight Handicap, Trial Handicap, Railway Stakes, March Handicap, and Burke Memorial Stakes.

Table listing race results for Te Aroha Jockey Club.—March 14th, 1892. Handicap Hurdles of 25 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stake. Two miles.

141 Won by half a length. Time, 4min 20secs. Dividend 19s; 10s tickets throughout the day.









## RACING PROGRAMMES


**TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.**  
 ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

 TO BE HELD ON  
 THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,  
 MARCH 31ST AND APRIL 1ST, 1892.

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**JUDGE:** Captain Mace. **STARTER:** James Paul, **CLERK OF SCALES:** E. Cock. **CLERK OF COURSE:** E. R. A. Haworth.  
**HANDICAPPER:** J. O. Evett.

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

FIRST DAY.

**FIRST HANDICAP HACK HURDLES OF 30SOVS.**  
 Second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Open to all horses that have never won an advertised race (hack and hunter races excepted), and that are not at the time of start and have not been during the six calendar months previous to the time of start nominated for any race (hack and hunter races excepted). Nomination 10s. Acceptances 1sov. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a-quarter.

**HACK SCURRY STAKES OF 20SOVS.** Entrance 1sov at the Judge's Box after the preceding race. The winner to be sold for 20sovs, and any surplus to go to the funds. Catch weights. Five furlongs.

**TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP OF 250SOVS.**  
 The second horse to receive 25sovs, and the third 10sovs from the stakes. The winner of any handicap of 300sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb; 200sovs 5lb; 100sovs 3lb extra. Nomination 1sov. Acceptance 2sovs, and a final payment of 3sovs before 8 p.m. on the night before the first day's races. One mile and a-half.

**FIRST HANDICAP HACK RACE OF 30SOVS.**  
 The second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Same conditions as First Handicap Hack Hurdles. Nomination 10s. Acceptance 1sov. One mile.

**WELTER HANDICAP OF 50SOVS.** The second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Nomination 1sov. Acceptance 1sov. One mile.

**FLYING HANDICAP OF 60SOVS.** The second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. The winner of the T.J.C. Handicap to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1 sov. Acceptance, 1 sev. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

**SECOND HANDICAP HACK HURDLES OF 30SOVS.**  
 Second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Same conditions as First Handicap Hack Hurdles. Over seven flights of hurdles. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9.30 p.m. Nomination 10s. Acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half.

**GRAND STAND HANDICAP OF 70SOVS.** The second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9.30 p.m. Nomination 1sov. Acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.

**LADIES' BRACELET OF 60SOVS.** A handicap for a bracelet of the value of 60sovs. Gentlemen riders. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Nomination 1sov. Acceptance 1sov. One mile and a half.

**AUTUMN HANDICAP OF 130SOVS.** The second horse to receive 15sovs from the stakes. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9.30 p.m. Nomination 1sov. Acceptance 3sovs. One mile and a quarter.

**SECOND HANDICAP HACK RACE OF 30SOVS.** The second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Same conditions as First Handicap Hack Hurdles. Weights to appear at 8 o'clock on the night of the first day's races. Acceptances close at 9.30 p.m. Nomination 10s. Acceptance 1sov. One mile and a quarter.

**FAREWELL HANDICAP OF 40SOVS.** The second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Nominations close at 9.30 on the night of the first day's races. Weights to appear after the Autumn Handicap. Nomination 1sov. Acceptance 1sov. Six furlongs.

## DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, AND AMOUNTS (to be forwarded).

Weights to be declared on SATURDAY, 18th MARCH, 1892. Acceptances close on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1892.

Acceptances.—Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap, 2sovs; Welter Handicap, 1sov; Flying Handicap, 2sovs; Ladies' Bracelet (Handicap), 1sov. First Handicap Hack Hurdles, 1sov; First Handicap Hack Race, 1sov.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30th, 1892.—Final payment, Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap, 3sovs.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31st, 1892.—Acceptances: Second Handicap Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Grand Stand Handicap, 2sovs; Autumn Handicap, 3sovs; Second Handicap Hack Race, 1sov. Nominations: Farewell Handicap, 1sov.

ON THE COURSE.—Nominations: Scurry Stakes, (First Day), 1sov. Acceptances: Farewell Handicap (Second Day), 1sov.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary Taranaki Jockey Club, at the White Hart Hotel, New Plymouth, entrance money enclosed, with name, age, at the time of entry, pedigree and performances of the horse, and the colours of the rider.

No entry will be received for any of the races except upon this condition:—"That all disputes, claims, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by a majority of the Stewards present, or those whom they may appoint." Their decisions upon all points connected with the carrying out of this programme shall be final.

In all cases where penalties have to be carried for winning, it shall be the duty of the owner, trainer, or jockey, to notify the same to the Secretary at 9.30 o'clock on the night before the race.

Five per cent. will be deducted from all winnings towards the expenses of the course.

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ROBT. G. BAUCHOPE, Secretary.

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