

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

Friday, April 1, by 9 p.m., Mr. H. H. Hayr, secretary, will receive acceptances at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW for the
 Maiden Plate Handicap of 25sovs, 1 mile, 10s.
 Handicap Hurdles of 45sovs, 2 miles, 15ov.
 Avondale Cup Handicap of 50sovs, 1½ miles, 1½sovs.
 Handicap Pony Race of 20sovs, for 14.2 ponies, 7 furlongs, 10s.
 Maiden Steeplechase Handicap of 30sovs, about 2½ miles, 1 sov.
 Handicap Novel Race of 20sovs, 5 furlongs, 10s.
 Handicap Steeplechase of 50sovs, about 3 miles, 1½sovs.
 Flying Stakes Handicap of 25sovs, 5 furlongs, 10s.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, secretary, receives nominations for the following events up till 10 p.m. to-morrow (Friday), April 1st:—
 The Christchurch Hurdles of 100 sovs., 2 miles, 1 sov.
 Epsom Welter Handicap of 100 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
 Ruxley 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.

To-morrow (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, 15ov.
 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.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

Monday, April 4, by 9 p.m., Mr. H. M. Lyon, secretary, receives nominations at the Club Hotel, Wellington, for the following events:—

Trial Handicap of 40 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.
 Hurdle Handicap (1st day) of 70 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
 Stewards' Handicap of 60 sovs., 1 mile 1 furlong, 1 sov.
 Railway Handicap of 60 sovs., ¾ mile, 1 sov.
 Waiwetu Handicap of 60 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.
 Hurdle Handicap (2nd day) of 60 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
 Welter Handicap of 60 sovs., 7 furlongs, 1 sov.
 Electric Handicap of 60 sovs., 5 furlongs, 1 sov.
 Hack Hurdle Handicap (1st day) of 25 sovs, 1½ miles, 10s.
 Hack Handicap (1st day) of 30 sovs., 7 furlongs, 10s.

WAIARAPA RACING CLUB.

Wednesday, April 6th, by 9 p.m., Mr. W. Bock, secretary, will receive acceptances addressed to him at Featherston, for the above meeting.

FOXTON RACING CLUB.

Thursday, April 7, acceptances due.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

Friday, April 8th, by 10 p.m., Mr. Wm. Percival receives the following nominations at the office of the Club, Durham-street East, Auckland:—

Tradesmen's Plate Handicap of 80 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.
 Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs., 2 miles, 1 sov.
 Selling Race of 50 sovs., 6 furlongs, 2 sovs.
 Eden Handicap of 100 sovs., 7 furlongs, 1 sov.
 Onslow Stakes Handicap of 80 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
 Steward's Handicap of 80 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.
 Flying Stakes of 60 sovs, ¾ mile, 2 sovs.
 Welter Handicap of 50 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.
 Short's Handicap of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
 Ellerslie Handicap of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
 Champagne Stakes—the nomination to be struck out or the nominator will be liable for 5 sovs. forfeit.
 Acceptances are also due as above for the—
 Easter Handicap of 300 sovs., 1½ miles, 3 sov.
 Autumn Steeplechase Handicap of 200 sovs., about 3½ miles, 2 sovs.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

Friday, April 8th, by 10 p.m., Mr. C. F. Mark, secretary, will receive acceptances at the office of the Club, Durham-street, for the following events:—

Maiden Trot Handicap of 50sovs, 2 miles, 15ov.
 Flying Stakes Handicap of 35sovs, for 14.2 ponies, 5 furlongs, 20s.
 Easter Handicap Trot of 130sovs, 2½ miles, 2sovs.
 Autumn Handicap of 60sovs, for 14.2 ponie, 7 furlongs, 15ov.
 Harness Handicap Trot of 50sovs, 3 miles, 15ov.
 Handicap Hurdles of 40sovs., for 14.2 ponies, 1½ miles, 15ov.
 Electric Handicap Trot of 50sovs, 1 mile, 15ov.

RANDOM RACING REMARKS.

[BY PEGASUS.]

SYDNEY GOLD CUP.

THE handicaps for this event appeared over a week ago. Mr. Scarr has evidently made his adjustment of weights on the principle of bringing the "racehorses" together and throwing the "scrubbers" in anyhow. This would denote that he knows something of his profession and the art that overlies it. Certainly he has a goodly number of "classics" to deal with, which is greatly in his favour. Had he only got half-a-dozen or so good ones, and the others mediocre, his abilities would have been severely taxed to frame a handicap whereby a good acceptance list would result from his labours. As it is, however, he has fortunately got at least a score of "real jam," while the other thirty-two run from fair and medium to poor. Of course there is often a "waiter" in the light-weight division, but these have less chance of effecting a coup when the "top sawyers" are not assessed too high. This is the case in the present instance.

Marvel, 9st 9lb, has been made "dux" of the class. Although he has not yet essayed a two-mile journey, still he has proved himself "very brilliant" over other distances, from six furlongs to a mile and three-quarters. Weight does not seem to trouble him, and I fancy if he be himself on the day that the 135lb impost will not prevent him troubling the best of them in the race. Should he start he is really worth backing for a place.

Highborn, 9st 4lb, after his win in the Australian Cup of 2½ miles carrying the same weight might be voted "red-hot," but it must be borne in mind that he meets Marvel on 6lbs worse terms than in the Royal Park Stakes, 1 mile 5 furlongs, which the latter won. I am rather inclined to think Marvel holds him safe even in 2 miles. Furthermore, there may be a few lower down the list that may also "worry" him "a few."

On the Australian Cup running Strathmore, 9st 2lb, meets the winner on 6lbs worse terms. I prefer Zalinski for this.

Megaphone, 8st 12lb, has 7lb less than in the Australian Cup, but he would seem to have lost all form since his accident in the Melbourne Cup. I cannot find myself favourable to his chance.

Zalinski, 8st 10lb, is a very "slippery cuss," and if as good as Strathmore will be very hard to beat. It is, indeed, a difficult matter to gauge him with the others engaged.

Freedom, 8st 10lb, has done some good trials in New Zealand; but, so far, his most meritorious performance on the other side was getting fourth in the Australian Cup. He has now 6lb less to carry, and I should think this difference, together with the quarter-mile less distance to travel, will just about bring him in front of the placed division of that event. He meets them now on respectively 6lb, 12lb and 3lb better terms. He is worth a place.

Greygown, 8st 8lb, has always been going to do "something" and failed, so I expect this one will find him in the same place as the other "somethings."

Tirailleur, 8st 4lb, has most undoubtedly got a great "chuck in" at this weight. He has been dropped 16lb from his last Melbourne Cup weight and 11lb from his Australian Cup impost. Still he only meets Freedom on 6lb better terms than in the latter event, in which Freedom ran fourth, Tirailleur seventh. Although Tirailleur ran second in the St. Kilda Cup the other day with 8st 9lbs there is no certainty that he can "get home" in this race, even with the winner—Swing—out of the way. G'Naroo, 8st 4lb, has a handy weight and

might "do the trick." Meantime I shall keep him in reserve and await developments.

Stromboli, 8st, cannot complain of his weight, but he gives one the impression that he is a "cur," and will invariably "drop his tail" when asked to finish.

Alchemist at the same weight I must pass over.

Thus far I have dealt with those who figure at 8st and upwards, and I find I have commented most favourably on Freedom, Marvel, Zalinski and Highborn, with G'Naroo as yet "up my sleeve" in reserve. Next week I shall continue and complete my review, and will make an absolutely final selection in the following issue. I am hopeful, however, of being in possession of all reliable information by the Monday previous to that date.

Sepoy was "overdosed" with "la grippe" in the Pony Race last Saturday at Papakura. The feather-weight Walter Scott got home first in that event, followed by La Grippe and Sepoy. Evidently the winner escaped being affected by the troublesome complaint and overcame it easily. In future if anyone suffers from it they had better prescribe some "Walter Scott" instead of *Walker's Scotch*, which is said to be a very good antidote.

Mr. E. D. Halstead should have reason to "shake hands with himself" over the result of his efforts in connection with the Helensville Club's weights. The acceptances for the different events are extraordinary good. Of the original nominations very few have dropped out, the discontents being as follows:—Cup 2, Hurdles 1, Flying Stakes 0, Hack Race 3, Maiden 1, Novel Race 1. These results are simply wonderful. One is almost inclined to think they are "too good to be true." The Cup is one and a quarter miles, and on past form and present condition it reads like a fight between Ingorina, Miss Sly, and Leorina, who may finish in that order, although Brigade might take a fancy to win by way of a change. Miss Sly will be found a very "sly puss," although she does not belong to a "sly pus(sh)." The Flying Stakes, six furlongs, depends greatly on previous events of the programme. Apart from that, Acacia and Brigade read very well at the weights. The Hurdle Race, one and three-quarter miles, should rest between the three top weights, and I like them best in the order—Kate, Cloth of Gold, and Bryan O'Lynn. The other events are very open and are apt to be "readied up," so that it is difficult to say how they will result. In the Hack Race Transit, Tiger, Fusilier, and Forget-me-not are a very "dangerous" division, and if asked to select one I should go straight for Tiger. Next in order of *real* merit comes Transit, Fusilier, and Forget-me-not. As in the Hack Race so in the Maiden Plate with a field of eighteen, the result is—as one person remarked—rather "nebulous." Personally, I like the same lot as mentioned for the Hack Race with the addition of Miss Sly and Acacia, but how to separate them is a mystery. Readers had better do this on the course. Bear in mind, however, that Tiger, Miss Sly, and Acacia are each worthy of notice in whatever they may start for. The Novel Race is best left alone. Anything may win from Comet and Reuben to everything in it.

The Avondale Jockey Club's lists have filled well, and after the Helensville Meeting a line may be got as to some of the probable winners for it.

From time to time in the columns of this paper have appeared remarks upon the rules adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs of the colony. These remarks were of a varied nature. In some cases drawing attention to the ineffectuality of some rules, in others to the ignoring of the rules by clubs, horseowners, and others, and so on. Had space permitted I purposed this week going through the rules *seriatim* and drawing attention to all points wherein many of them were useless, ambiguous, anomalous, or inapplicable—this latter more especially in the case of other than Metropolitan Clubs. I shall, therefore, have to "adjourn the debate" to a future issue.

The Taranaki Jockey Club "unravel" their events to-day and to-morrow. To-day's events have not filled at all well considering the large nominations for the Cup and Flying Handicap. Glancing cursorily over the weights I incline to think the Cup will lie between Awarua Rose,