SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

Mar. 30, 31. Whacagamata Racing Club
Mar. 31, Apr. 1 Taranaki Jockey Club
April 1. Woodwille District J.C.—Hacks
April 2. Helensville Jockey Club
April 7. Waipawa County R.C.
April 7, 8. North Otago J.C.
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April 14. Auckland Trotting Club
Apr. 18. Tawhare Racing Club
Apr. 18. Tawhare Racing Club
April 18. Waiparapa Racing Club
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April 18. Waipawa J.C.
April 18. Waipukurau J.C.
April 18. Waipukurau J.C.
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Apr. 18, 19. Canterbury Jockey Club
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May 24. Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase
May 24. Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase
May 24. Town and Suburban R.C., Hawko's Bay
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June 29. Napier Park R.C. Winter
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NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

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1...South Auckland Racing Club
1, 14, 20. Canterbury Jockey Club
2. Egmont Racing Club—stallions
4. Wellington Racing Club
9. Dunedin Jockey Club
9. Tawhare Races
9. Town and Suburban R.C., Hawke's Bay
16. Bell Block R.C.—Hacks
10. Dunedin Jockey Club
10. Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Winter
12, 26. Egmont Racing Club
27. Auckland Racing Club
28. Egmont Racing Club
29. Wellington Racing Club
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20. Canterbury Jockey Club
20. Canterbury Jockey Club
25. Canterbury Jockey Club

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

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.
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April 26... Wellington Racing Club
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June 1, 4... Auckland Racing Club
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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. W. (Te Puke).—What is the greatest distance done in New Zealand trotting inside the hour? There is no record for New Zealand. The American record, which is disputed, 20 miles in 58min 25sec, was done at Boston by Captain McGowan with at pacer at the pole in 1865, when watches were not so good as they are now. There are plenty to back time against the horse you mention that he does not do 17 miles within the

hour.

VAGER.—I. The largest number of tickets sold on the totalisator in a trotting event in Auckland was 1,068 in the Onslow Trot Handicap on March 5th inst. The next best record is 1,065 in the President's Handicap at the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting, January 9, 1892; both were 10s. tickets. 2. The largest amount put through on one trotting race was £1,039 in one pound tickets on the Auckland Trotting Cup on the first day of the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting, December 30th, 1891.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1892.

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[By Old Turfite.]

The Papakura races, which were postponed from the 17th inst., took place last Saturday. The day was beautifully fine, and everyone enjoyed the afternoon's outing. The attendance was between 700 and 800, and would have been much larger if it had not been for the extortionate charges made by the railway authorities—six and four shillings, including admission to the course, and made no difference to those that held tickets of admission. This even was only granted on the Club guaranteeing £75. The Ministry are always complaining that the railways do not pay: how can they expect them to do so when there is no inducement offered to the public to travel. In no part of the world except New Zealand would five shillings return be charged on a race day for an eighteen mile journey. I have attended race meetings for many years, but Saturday's railway arrangements take the cake for mismanagement. Before leaving Auckland the train was pretty well full. Notwithstanding this, two carriages were taken off, thus not allowing for the people that were to be picked up on the way. The consequence was that before it reached its destination it was packed and the platforms crowded. If there had been an accident would the Government have paid damages? On the return journey the train (the line being perfectly clear) waited at the station until all the people had collected by the side of the line, instead of drawing up and letting people get in as they left the course. The consequence was a terrible scramble, and how some of the ladies managed to get in was surprising, as the line at this place is considerably higher than the level. There is an impression that the Papakura Club is a proprietary one. This is a great mistake—such is not the case. The grandstand when finished will be by far the best anywhere around Auckland, Ellersile excepted. At present there are no seats, and the stewards' room is not floored. The ladies' room is very convenient, and was greatly appreciated. The sta

scales, and Mr. Halstead wielded the starter's flag and was pretty successful, though in the Maiden Plate he let the winner have the best of it. The totalisator house is a very convenient one, being accessible to both those inside and outside the paddock. Three machines were used, which made it rather inconvenient for those that let the winner have the best of it. The totalisator house is a very convenient one, being accessible to both those inside and outside the paddock. Three machines were used, which made it rather inconvenient for those that want to know the amount invested on the different horses before they invest their money. It was very efficiently worked, there being no delay in getting your dividends, which, however, ran small throughout the day – Transit, \$4 10s. for 10s., being the best. It is a great mistake having tickets on the big race \$\xi\$ and on the smaller ones 10s., as the public who are not accustomed to country racing often find themselves mistaken and are unable to back their tancy. The Club, with a competent person at the helm, a good committee, and some stewards who will work and know their business, will soon be a success, as there is no pleasanter place than Papakura for a day's outing. It is not too far to drive, which is a pleasant one; in fact many came in brakes when they found the exorbitant prices charged by rail, while some even chartered cabs, as they found it the cheapest way. In fact parties could have been made up to go there and back at 2s. 6d. per head. All this, it is to be hoped, will be remedied next year. The racing considering the handicaps, was very good. Many were surprised at some of the fields being much larger than expected, as, owing to some reason or other, the full acceptances were never published.

The Hurdle Race was looked upon as a certainty for two—Stepper and Cloth of Gold. The latter was not fit to run, the former winning easily. Carberry was a good deal talked about, but such an animal hardly ever started on a racecourse, being a heavy shouldered, curby hocked brute. The Steeplechase, as anticipated, was a match between Kate and The Colonel, the former winning easily. Carbery was a good deal talked about, but such an animal hardly ever started on the remaining with the public stood the Papakura stable. For the first event Pinfire, who is reported lame, was scratched, and, l

Acacia, Assassin about the same distance away, and the remainder well up.

Only four came to the post for the Steeplechase. At the fall of the flag Kate went to the front. Cloth of Gold refused the first fence, and Bryan O'Lynn the second. Kate held a long lead of The Colonel until the double was reached, when both went wrong; but being quickly righted they got over together. Kate again went to the front. After crossing the double the second time The Colonel tried to go up but failed, Kate running home an easy winner by twenty lengths. Only these passed the post.

Six scrubbers came to the post for the Novel Handicap. Comet made all the running, and won by a neck from Elsie.

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OUR WELLINGTON LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

[BY WIRE.]

WELLINGTON, March 29.

RETINA returned from her disastrous Hawke's Bay campaign last night. Mr. Martin, her owner, is very sore over her defeat in the Hawke's Bay Cup. There is little doubt that she ought to have won, but the good thing appears to have been thrown away. Derritt, who was through with Patsy Butler and Crown Jewel on Sunday, told me that had Crook sat still instead of riding her home she would have won easily. I hear that Tom Hill, her trainer, shouted out to Crook when the horses were in the straight to leave her alone, but the lad thought he her trainer, should out to Crook when the horses were in the straight to leave her alone, but the lad thought he said "Come on," and hustled her up, accordingly, whereupon she curled up. Kingan, who rode Crown Jewel, told a friend of mine the other day that he had no idea he could catch Retina when he was half way up