

Music & Drama.

Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?

A PACKED house on Monday evening listened with rapt attention to Mr. Bentley and his excellent Company. "Hamlet" was indeed capitally staged and performed with a success almost miraculous when we consider that actors and scenery only landed in Auckland at 10 a.m., and yet everything was ready at 8 o'clock in the evening. Mr. Bentley's Hamlet is a great and original conception of perhaps Shakespeare's noblest character, and I regret that space will not permit me to notice the many fine and delicate touches he imports into the rôle. I quite agree with the view he manifestly takes—that the madness was feigned all through in order to wreak just vengeance upon the incestuous murderer. One of the most strikingly fine points occurs in the scene where Ophelia returns the love-tokens. The struggle between the lover and the avenger is most powerfully indicated. To be compelled by stern necessity to spurn and revile his beloved mistress lest his plot should be unmasked and his revenge baffled is indeed a bitter task. The dutiful son conquers the lover in the end, but by the most delicate hints of tenderness Mr. Bentley plainly shows his true meaning. From this one example we can realise the amount of study and thought which such a rôle demands. Mr. Bentley's elocution, voice, presence and gestures are all admirable. He delivers his lines in the most natural tone imaginable, and following Hamlet's advice to the players, never "tears a passion to tatters." Still he can be powerful, as for example in the splendid scene where he brings his wretched mother to a proper sense of her degradation. Again in the "Play" scene his echoing in tones of suppressed passion the lines delivered on the sub-stage—working himself towards the conscience stricken king the while—until the sublime climax of denunciation is reached, made a stupendous effect. The many cuts in the text seem to rob us of familiar passages, but to bring the play within reasonable limits, much must perforce be omitted. I missed, "Well said, Old Mole! can't work if the earth so fast?" and other favourite lines, but most of all the exquisite passage in which the Queen describes Ophelia's drowning—

"There is a willow grows aslant a brook
That shows his hoar leaves in the glassy stream."

However, as an innocent playgoer once remarked, "Hamlet is a clever play—but too full of quotations!" I notice that Mr. Bentley does not accept the emendation of "henshaw" "for handsaw." In so doing he is consistent with his reading of the character. For a man who could not distinguish one species of hawk from another would not necessarily be insane, but he who confounds a bird with a carpenter's saw cannot at the time be *compos mentis*, and Hamlet undoubtedly wished to imply that at times he was perfectly sane. Turning from such interesting points to the various impersonations, I will, as far as space permits, say a few words about the characters. Mr. Charles Holloway made a fair King Claudius, but was

perhaps scarcely dignified enough. Mr. A. E. Greenaway's Laertes is a really strong performance, and he does not suffer, as most do in the rôle, by contrast with the star. Graceful in figure and gifted with a good voice and great intelligence, he has an undoubted future before him. Mr. Stevens as Horatio also deserves high praise, and displays experience, finish, and culture. Mr. Harry Hill made a satisfactory Guildenstern, and Mr. Porter's Bernardo proved him a competent actor. Miss Alice Holbrook made quite a feature of Osrie, the "Beau Nash" of the play. She spoke her lines admirably, and evidently appreciated, as her audience did too, the humours of the part. Miss Alice Deorwyn's Queen Gertrude is a really good performance, and in the chamber scene with Hamlet she displayed true emotional power. One of the best-played characters in the cast was Polonius. Mr. Lachlan McGowan hit off the rôle to a tee, and made a splendid feature of the queer combination of wise old man and pedantic old ass. His lines throughout were excellently spoken. Mr. A. Mony satisfactorily filled the minor part of Rosencrantz. Mr. Clifton Alderson, who enacted the Ghost, has an appropriately sepulchral bass voice and a faultless enunciation. His ghostly bearing was mystic and impressive. "I am thy father's spirit" was magnificently rendered. Mr. Morrison as the "actor" and Miss May Thorne as the "actress," made the most of their small rôles. The grave-diggers—Messrs. Russell Crawford and F. Royson—were both admirable, and played up to one another with telling effect. Mr. Dennison's priest was excellent in regard to his lines, but I should like to see the part better dressed. The parson at a Court burial, even though a monk, should wear a good gown. Miss Julia Nelson looked very nice as the page. A special meed of praise must be reserved for Ophelia. Miss Laura Hansen not only dressed and looked the part *à merveille*, but won the sympathy of her audience by the grace, pathos, and tenderness of the gentle girl who innocently suffers for the evil deeds of another. In the flower scene she rose to a high pitch of excellence, and sang the snatches of pathetic nonsense with a wild tenderness that brought tears into many eyes. From the above criticisms it abundantly appears that Mr. Bentley has with him an exceptionally strong company, and that the legitimate drama is being presented with all the accessories requisite to adequate performances. The season promises to be a great treat and a big success in every way.

ON Friday evening I attended the concert given by the Auckland Orchestral Union under the direction of Mr. Towsey. Other demands on our space compel me to do but scant justice to a successful concert. The orchestra plied some selections for the first time in Auckland and acquitted themselves well. "Lohengrin" was especially interesting, but I scarcely think that Wagner intended the march which follows the "Bridal Chorus" to be taken at quite so slow a tempo. It is not meant to be a funeral march. Mr. T. M. Jackson sang a difficult number in a style that augurs well for his future success. Mr. Geo. Reid also sang well. But undoubtedly the artistic success of the evening was achieved by Madame Goldenstedt in her operatic selections. There was an overflowing house, and the entertainment was

a success notwithstanding that some of the selections were perhaps "Caviare to the general." But it is right to strive to educate and elevate the popular taste, and not to frame programmes carefully lowered to the level of amiable mediocrity.

ORPHEUS.

Athletics, Etc.

NORTHERN ATHLETIC CLUB.

BAD luck seems to follow professional running in Auckland. The Northern Athletic Club's inaugural meeting was originally fixed for St. Patrick's Day (17th inst.); but Jupiter Pulivus would appear to have no special regard for Ireland's Patron Saint, for on that day he has of recent years put in his unwelcome claim oftener than on any other public holiday. This caused the postponement of the above sports till Saturday last, when the weather was everything that could be desired; but the counter attractions of the Interprovincial cricket match, the Papakura races, and several aquatic picnics proved too much for the newly-formed club, and the attendance at Potter's Paddock was meagre in the extreme—there being only between 200 and 300 persons present. Every possible arrangement had been carefully attended to by Mr. G. Robertshaw, the secretary. A number of new hurdles were on the ground; as was also jumping posts, etc. A circular track, a quarter of a mile round, was laid off, and the straight run of 200 yards was taped carefully, and was in splendid order. Tilting the ring posts were erected round the ¼-mile circle, and indeed everything was excellently managed, and the contests close and exciting. A little trouble was caused at the start by a refractory pistol, which persisted in not going off when wanted; but Mr. Foley, the starter, got over the difficulty by borrowing a fowling-piece from Jimmy Wattie. Impy's band was on the ground during the afternoon. W. C. Walker, Esq., was judge, and had some remarkably close finishes to decide, and gave general satisfaction. He was assisted by Mr. A. H. Trubshaw. Mr. E. G. Sandall was judge of walking; Mr. Geo. McBride timekeeper; and to Mr. P. Quinlan, who was handicapper, special praise is due, the finish for the 300 yds being a treat to witness, all the competitors finishing within a yard of each other. There is no doubt but that the failure of the meeting was greatly contributed to through not being properly advertised. The following are the results:—

- 150 YARDS NOVICE RACE.—1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1.—S. Roberts 1, Jno. Moore 2. Won in a walk. No time taken.
- 100 YARDS BOYS' RACE (under 16 years).—A. Long 1, J. Tunny 2. Won easily. No time taken.
- 75 YARDS SPRINT.—1st prize, £3; 2nd, £1.—First Heat.—H. Simpson 1, E. P. Good 2, A. Pearson 3. Time, 7 3/5ths secs.
- Second Heat.—S. Murphy 1, W. Purdy 2, R. Keenan 3. Time, 8secs.
- Final Heat.—R. Keenan 1 1/2yds, 1; A. Pearson 1yd, 2; T. Shelly, 6 1/2yds, 3. Time, 7 4/5ths secs.
- HALF-MILE HANDICAP.—1st prize, Mr. G. McBride's suit of clothes; 2nd prize, £1.—D. Somers, 26yds, 1;

J. Hendry, 13yds, 2; H. Peebles, scratch, 3. Time, 4min. 13secs.

ONE MILE WALK.—1st prize, £2; 2nd, £1.—W. A. Welch, 100yds, 1; A. Brady, scratch, 2; A. Hendry, 130yds 3. Time, 7min 32secs. Welch walked very unfairly, and should have been called off the track. Brady, who took 7min 51secs, walked splendidly, and was loudly cheered.

HIGH JUMP.—1st prize, £1; second 10s.—B. Bishop (5ft 2½in) 1, A. Wallace 2. Three other competitors.

NORTHERN ATHLETIC CUP, 100 YARDS.—1st prize, £12; 2nd, £5; 3rd, £3.—First Heat.—A. Pearson 1, W. J. Tremaine 2, H. Simson 3. Time, 10 1-5th secs.

Second Heat.—S. Roberts 1, R. Keenan 2, J. McKean 3. Time, 10secs.

Final Heat.—A. Pearson, 2yds, 1; S. Roberts, 7yds, 2; R. Keenan, 4yds, 3. Time, 10secs.

FIRST HEAT—200 YARDS.—J. McKean 1, S. Roberts 2, E. Scott 3. Time, 21 3-5th secs. The third man ran in pretty style, and many are of opinion he could have won.

Second Heat.—A. Pearson 1, M. Duffin 2. These were the only starters. Time, 22sec.

Final Heat.—S. Roberts, 11yds, 1; A. Pearson, 3yds, 2; J. McKean, 5yds, 3. Time, 21secs.

300 YARDS.—J. McKean, 11yds, 1; S. Roberts, 16yds, 2; A. Pearson, 3yds, 3. Time, 35 1-5th secs.

This was the concluding event for the Cup; 4 points were allowed for a win, 2 for a second place, and 1 for a third. The following proved to be the result:—S. Roberts, 8 points, 1; A. Pearson, 7 points, 2; J. McKean, 5 points, 3.

TRAMWAY STEEPLECHASE, about 2½ miles.—1st prize, £3; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1.—D. Barry, 33secs, 1; W. Patterson, 45secs, 2; H. Peebles, scratch, 3. Time, 11min 35 2-5th secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES, over 10 flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in high.—1st prize, £3; 2nd, £1.—S. Murphy, owes 12yds, 1; H. Simson, owes 5yds, 2; S. Minnix, owes 12 yds, 3. Time, 20 4-5th secs.

INTERNATIONAL TUG OF WAR.—1st prize, £10; 2nd, £5.—English (H.M.S. "Ringarooma") 1, Colonial (N.Z. born) 2. The Colonials were favourites from their superior physique, but the "Jack Tars," by their superior combination simply did as they liked with the other teams. The third team was from employees of the Tramway Company. The Scotch and Irish teams did not put in an appearance. The men o' war won their first pull from the Colonials in 17secs., and the second in 59secs. They beat the Tramway team in 9sec. The following are the names and rank of the winners:—

W. R. Rogers (captain)—torpedo instructor.

Robert Goldsmith—Bomb. R.M.A.

Wm. Bates—L. stoker.

Geo. Kitchen—chief stoker

Wm. Langdon—Master at Arms.

Geo. Ryder—A.B.

Wm. Bowden—1st class P.O. (captain's cox)

Jas. Keating—L. stoker

Wm. H. Frost—Gunr. instructor.

Edw. Fletcher—chief bos. mate

ONE MILE HANDICAP.—1st prize, £5; 2nd, £1 10s.; 3rd, 10s.—A. E. Smith, 35yds, 1; F. Hendry, 25yds, 2; H. Peebles, scratch, 3. Time, 5min 3-5th sec.

TILTING THE RING.—1st prize, £1; 2nd, 10s.—B. Bishop 1, J. Stewart 2, G. Clark 3.

The Irish Jig, prize £1, was awarded to a boy named Follas.

CRICKET.

THE CANTERBURY WEEK.

SOMEWHAT better weather on Wednesday enabled the players to proceed with the match Canterbury Wanderers v. Auckland C.C., but the lost time spoilt what looked like an interesting finish, as the match ended in a draw, rather in favour of the local Club, who required 25 runs with three wickets to fall. On Thursday, in bright weather, but on a pitch which was necessarily heavy and slow after so much rain the Wanderers met Gordon C.C., who displayed a revival of form which delighted their supporters. Capital bowling and smart fielding lowered the visitors wickets with startling rapidity, the innings closing for 43, the smallest total of the visit. Gould with 5 wickets for 12, and Kenderdine with 6 for 30, together with Johnnie Fowke's great display behind the wickets and Moresby's splendid fielding at point deserve special praise. When Gordon went to the wickets the pitch had become faster, and some brilliant batting by Moresby, Williams, Kelly, Fowke, Ball, Gould, and Kenderdine, raised the score to 170 at the fall of the last wicket. When the bell rang the Wanderers had 28 for 2 wickets, and the Gordon's therefore won on the first innings by 137 runs. It must however be remembered that the Wanderers had indulged in the worship of Terpsichore until 2 a.m., and that Lawrence did not play for them.

AUCKLAND V. CANTERBURY.

The great match was started on Friday morning in glorious weather. The attendance was but moderate. Messrs. Mumford and C. MacCormick where the umpires, and throughout the match acquitted themselves with impartiality and attention. A. Harman winning the toss for Canterbury, elected to bat first, and with Ridley started the innings at 10.35 a.m. Boundary hits were arranged and six balls bowled to the over. Only two singles had been scored when Neill in his third over clean bowled Ridley with a stupendous break. 2-1-1. De Maus filled the gap and three maiden overs followed until the new comer hit Neill hard to cover. Howlett showed a fine bit of fielding and with a smart return Harman should have been run out, but Fowke missed the chance. Maidens and maidens, spoilt by a single followed, until Harman got Neill away for 2 and four in the same over, bringing 10 up. The scoring again became slow until De Maus got hold of Stenson for a boundary 4 and followed it up by a snick for 2, bringing 20 up. The pair continued scoring, Harman's fine carpet drive for 3 and De Maus with an equally good square leg boundary 4 quickly bringing 30 up, but at 33, Wilson at long leg

held an uppish stroke off Neill and disposed of Harman. 33-2-16. T. D. Harman joined De Maus, but only 3 runs were added, including 2 byes when Neill clean bowled De Maus with a beauty. 33-6-17. This disaster was soon followed by another for Lawrence, who came in next, was well caught by Arneil at point off Neill with the score unchanged, 36-4-0. Mathias joined Harman and a fine stand ensued, the pair bringing up 40 and 50 when Howlett replaced Stenson. Runs still came, and 60 and 70 successively appeared until Howlett got one past Harman, and the board showed 70-5-11. Labott filled the breach, but only saw Mathias add 1 when the newcomer's wicket fell to Neill. 71-6-0. Chapman joined Mathias, who was batting with power and dash, but was soon cleaned bowled by a beauty from Neill, 75-7-2. Fenwick came next, but soon lost his partner, who put up one of Neill's to the off and enabled Stenson to make a fine running catch. 80-8-30. Mathias merits high praise for a dashing yet steady innings. Barry joined Fenwick, and the partnership proved a profitable one, as 90 in due course appeared, followed by the century, which was greeted with loud applause. Shortly after Lawson replaced Neil, and a few overs later Stenson relieved Howlett, when the board showed 110. At the luncheon adjournment the pair were still in possession with the score at 115. Play was resumed at 1.40 p.m., Neill again bowling, who with the score at 124 got Barry l.b.w. 124-9-18. Barry's 18 was a most valuable innings. Studholme joined Fenwick, but before long Neill bowled the new comer with a trimmer, and the innings closed for 136, Fenwick being not out with a well hit 30.

At 2.30 p.m. Yates and Arneil started Auckland's innings, Barry and Lawrence being the bowlers. The pair scored quickly, bringing the 10's up in quick succession, Arneil being especially busy. A. Harman presently replaced Lawrence, and 40 went up, but shortly afterwards Yates was well caught by De Maus at mid-on. 41-1-11. Gardner joined Arneil and the pair by hard but not faultless hitting took the score to 65, when Arneil played De Maus on and the board read 65-2-26. Howlett followed, and made another good stand, Howlett playing the safer game of the two. De Maus fielded his own bowling brilliantly, and the Canterbury ground fielding was good. Still the 10's came until 90 appeared on the telegraph, when Labott took the ball from Harman at 3.40 p.m.; the 100 went up compiled in one hour and ten minutes. The partnership was not dissolved until Labott bowled Howlett with a trimmer. 122-3-33. Howlett's batting was sound and free. Mills joined Gardner, and presently the latter returned a very hot one to De Maus, whose left hand suffered from the shock, causing T. D. Harman to replace him at slip. Soon after Mills was magnificently caught low down by the new slip off Labott. 126-4-4. Lawson joined Gardner, who gave a chance to A. Harman, which was missed by that usually sure catch. 130 went up and Gardner made a splendid drive for 5, but immediately after Lawson was easily caught off De Maus by Studholme at mid on. 137-5-4. Fowke followed, and the two took the score to 149 when Gardner at last succumbed to Barry, who had taken the ball from Labott. 149-6-61. Gardner's display although not without blemishes received well merited applause. Wilson joined Fowke and brought 160 up after being let off by Mathias at square leg. Soon after he put a soft one of De Maus into Fenwick's hands at point. 160-7-8. Neill came next and the pair played good steady cricket putting on 21 runs when Fowke was well caught off De Maus by Fenwick at point. Stenson joined Neill, but did not long survive, being bowled by Barry. 188-9-3. Hawkins whipped in and made a couple of boundary fours, but in attempting a third one was held by Studholme. The innings closed for 197, Neill not out with an excellent 9. As only a quarter of an hour remained, Canterbury postponed their second innings until the following day.

SECOND DAY.

Perfect weather in every respect. The game started at 10.40 a.m., A. Harman and Fenwick opening to Neill and Stenson. Immediately after 10 had appeared Neill bowled Harman with a beauty. 11-1-4. De Maus came in next, but good bowling and frequent maidens made the scoring slow. At last Fenwick failed to stop a good one from Stenson. 24-2-17. T. D. Harman followed, but fell to Neill in the next over. 27-3-2. Ridley joined De Maus, but the latter played Stenson on. 27-4-3. Mathias joining Ridley a stand resulted, both playing carefully and bringing up the 10's in slow but sure succession. In due time 50 appeared, and then Mathias had a life from Yates; at last 60 appeared and the deficit was wiped off. Howlett then took the ball from Stenson and Mathias made a fine off hit for 4; 70 appeared and Arneil replaced Neill. In Howlett's next over Ridley was well caught by Neill at mid-on for a brilliant 21. 75-5-21. Lawrence came in but lost Mathias l.b.w. to Arneil. 79-6-27. Chapman followed but after making 4 was clean bowled by Howlett. 86-7-4. Barry joined Lawrence, but in Arneil's next over was caught by Mills at mid-off. 87-8-0. Labott the next man in, lost Lawrence immediately, clean bowled by Howlett. 87-9-2. Studholme whipped in but had no show to distinguish himself as a couple of runs later Labott was fairly taken by Neill at mid-on of Howlett. 91-10-1. Auckland having but 31 to win.

After rolling a new pitch, the choice of which seemed rather a doubtful advantage, as the old wicket being specially prepared played splendidly. Auckland started the second innings at 2.30 with Mills and Wilson. Most expected a 10 or 9 wicket victory, but the glorious uncertainty of the game was again illustrated. After scoring a single Wilson was smartly taken by De Maus at slip off Barry's second ball. 2-1-1. Stenson came in and Mills made a fine square leg boundary, but in De Maus next over Mathias at forward cover caught Stenson. 7-2-1. Gardner joined Mills, who made another boundary 4 off De Maus. Barry speedily disposed of Gardner with a trimmer. 12-3-1. Arneil came in next and with Mills took the score to 20, but soon after Mills was clean bowled by De Maus. 24-4-15. Yates followed, but De Maus second ball proved too curly, and the veteran had to retire. 24-5-0. Neill joined Arneil but the latter was splendidly caught by Barry off his own

bowling. 24-6-6. Fowke came in and with Neill made the required runs without further disaster, the match ending in a victory for Auckland by 4 wickets and 3 runs. Canterbury as usual fought an uphill game with indomitable pluck. The game was continued for the benefit of the spectators, Howlett making a fine 64 and the 'tail' proving itself by no means devoid of sting, Hawkins especially playing a free hit innings.

In the evening the teams and many friends met at the Central Hotel and enjoyed a capital smoke concert. Mr. W. L. Rees in the chair was decidedly the right man, and kept the ball rolling. Messrs. A. Harman, Mathias, Stevens, Fowke, Esam, Rees George, and others made capital speeches, and good songs were given by Messrs. De Maus, Ridley, Barry, Moresby, Yates, Uphill, etc. For cordial good fellowship we have never had in Auckland a team to equal the Canterbury reps. and Wanderers of 1892. The fun was concluded by "Auld Lang Syne" most enthusiastically sung in true Scottish fashion, and so ends the "Canterbury week" with good wishes from us all for our visitors, and a bumper to our next merry meeting.

JOTTINGS FROM WELLINGTON.

(BY PROTEUS.)

Friday, March 26.

THE Wellington Athletic Football Club intend paying a visit to Nelson during the Easter holidays to play the Prince Alberts, winners of the senior championship last year. The match is looked forward to with interest, as both Clubs hold the premier position in their respective cities.

The Wellington and Ponoke Football Clubs are training for their matches with the Christchurch Clubs at Easter. These two Clubs should give a good account of themselves, as they have been reinforced since last season with several prominent players.

The Epuni Football Club, resident in the Lower Hutt district, are applying to the Rugby Union to be allowed to enter for the Junior Cup. If their application is granted they will have a big say in this fixture.

A PLAN for the proposed cinder track for the Basin Reserve has been prepared by Messrs. J. Marchbanks and W. J. Davis, the prime movers in this question, and was laid before the Wellington Cricketers' Association, at a special meeting convened for the purpose and held last Wednesday evening. As there were only eight members present the meeting could not give a decision, but the plan was handed amongst them for inspection. It is proposed the track shall be 18 feet wide and 550 yards around, and is to be bordered by a wire fence to keep the spectators off while a race is being run—the cost of formation to be about £200.

THE well-known Auckland yacht "Mapu" narrowly escaped being smashed to pieces last Wednesday night by drifting on to the Thorndon Reclamation. The cause of the yacht's drifting was the breaking of the mooring chain. The Mapu's critical position was observed by Messrs. J. R. Gibbons, J. Coutts and Armstrong, who were in attendance shortly after the yacht went aground, when a line was run out and she was secured. In towing her to a place of safety she ran into Norton's skids and broke her bowsprit, but beyond this the damage is nil. It was fortunate the occurrence was noticed in time, otherwise the yacht in all probability would have gone on to the rocks at Kaiwarra.

LAST Wednesday evening a meeting of the Municipal Fire Brigade was held to consider what steps should be taken in reference to the decision of the Committee of the Fire Brigades' Demonstration lately held at Christchurch, and who awarded Naseby the prize in the Hose and Hydrant Flat Race. The Wellington men assert their time was quicker by 2 3-5th secs.; the meeting therefore authorised Capt. Kemsley to take legal proceedings to compel the Fire Brigades' Demonstration Committee to award Wellington the prizes, which were 15 guineas and five silver medals. The prizes were awarded to the Nasebys last Friday evening at Christchurch.

Mr. W. S. Gilbert's latest collaborateur is Mr. George Grossmith, "the society clown," and the original representation of John Washington Wells, the Lord High Chancellor, Koko, and other parts in Gilbert and Sullivan's operas. Mr. Grossmith has just finished the music of a new opera, for which Mr. Gilbert is doing the libretto, and which will be first played at the Prince of Wales' Theatre.

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,

Whisper, and Krina, preferring them in that order. The Welter Handicap reads well for The Dreamer or Torpedo. The Ladies' Bracelet may fall to Melas or Durus in that order. The Flying Handicap looks like a "good thing" for Heather Bell, whose worst opponents appear to be Weka and Prestige. It is very difficult, though, at this distance away, to know what is going on there.

OUR NAPIER LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THE racing carnival has at last come to a conclusion, and we are not sorry for it. The Napier Park Racing Club's meeting was a great success in every respect, the attendance on both days being splendid, the racing at Lloyd's, the handicapping good, the starting up to Sam Powell's well known standard, and the machine investments satisfactory.

Racing started on the first day with the Trial Hurdles, which was a gift for the Hon. J. D. Ormond's Worth, by Natator—Grecian Bend, who had no difficulty in defeating eleven others, some of whom, by the way, made a very indifferent display. Kaimanawa was second and Amina third. Disturbance, Wanderer, and Bateman came down during the race.

Eight saddled up for the Selling Race, for which Como was scratched. Derritt had the mount on Mr. Paul's Fleta, and kept her in the rear until the right time, when she came through and won without the whip from the consistent little Silvermine. Old Brown Duke managed to get third place. Javeline was last throughout the race.

There was considerable speculation over the Napier Cup Handicap, for which another good field saddled up, nine facing the starter. The scratchings on the last day were—Kotuku, The Dreamer, Pani, Heather Bell, Queen of Trumps, Torpedo, Raneë Nuna, Turehu, Awarua Rose, and Maid of Lorne. The light weights made a clinking race of it, Free Lance and Link making the pace hot to the back of the course, where Bay Bell shot to the front and made the pace a cracker. She had increased her lead in the turn, and still had command on entering the straight. It looked then as if she could not be caught, but Scot Free and Boulanger had made a start to pursue her, and did so, a good race seeing Mr. McKinnon's Scot Free, by Sterlingworth—Dainty Ariel mare, get home nicely from Boulanger, who was conceding him 11lb. Bay Bell ran third. Had she come a little later the chances are that she would have won. The public were Crown Jewel mad, but she was never conspicuous during the race. How it was she ran so badly it is difficult to understand. Pearl Powder came up at the finish as she always does, but she never manages to win somehow or another. Strephon was not prominent either, but his stable mate, Bay Bell, was, and that was sufficient. Retina couldn't apparently gallop a yard in the mud, Link was done with half-a-mile from home, and Free Lance was outpaced when it came to real racing. Boulanger won this race last year by a head, and had he come sooner the result might have been different, but this is problematical. The Auckland horse paid a very nice dividend in £13 18s. The time was slow (2min. 45 2-5th sec.), but the course was heavy. Strange to say, when the list of starters was hoisted Scot Free's number was not amongst them, and it was thought he was scratched, but the mistake was soon rectified. One or two superstitious turfites took this as a good omen and backed the missing number four, with the result already known.

Mystic, the daughter of Wonderland—Mystery, beat Variety in the Sapling Stakes, but she shouldn't have done had not Derritt been doing a little flash riding. Just near the post Mystic came with a rush and snatched the much-cherished victory. The unlucky Ua got a place. I think her name stops her from winning.

The Handicap Hurdle Race provided a good contest between Whalebone and Waterbury. The Wellington Steeplechase winner went off with the lead at a good bat and kept his position all the way. Waterbury came at him in the straight and suffered defeat by a long neck. General Gordon stumbled at the back and lost his jockey. He continued on, however, jumping the hurdles with the rest until stopped.

Whalebone is a fine stamp of a horse, and if he gets anything like a fair weight in the Auckland Steeplechase should about win it. He is a good obstacle negotiator, and he can stay as long as a boy in a lolly-shop.

The full brother to Strenuous, King George, by St. George—Strenua, beat half-a-dozen in the Redclyffe Stakes Handicap of one mile, paying a small dividend, he being greatly fancied for this event. The Remington—Express colt Musketeer was second, and the disappointing Triton third. Three cheers were given for Mr. Rathbone by the public when King George came in, showing sympathy for him in connection with his unpleasant experience at Hastings over the Merganser incident.

The day's proceedings were brought to a conclusion by a win on the part of Torpedo, by the Australian, in the Flying, who romped home, leaving Lochness (who made the running) and Cretonne near the post and winning comparatively easy. Torpedo is owned by Mr. R. E. McRae, and is in the same stable as Whalebone. Cretonne, by Ascot—Leonessa, is returning to his old form now, and should be heard of in the not far distant future. Swivel, Link's full brother, couldn't get a place with 8st 3lb up. Queen of Hearts, a full sister to Queen of Trumps, was the other starter. She will turn out a speedy mare, in my opinion.

With an extra stone on his back Worth succeeded in winning the Second Trial Hurdles on the second day, and Kaimanawa again played second fiddle. A grey horse named Caloola made the pace all the way, and was third at the finish. He was generally fancied by the public after his exhibition at Hastings, where he ran a good race for a mile and a half. He will be all right when he gets a bit of condition on him.

An old familiar form in Vision, by Somnus—Roulette, got home in the Novel Race Handicap, beating the veteran Brown Duke, who hasn't had much work lately, Lopez being third. Eclipse was generally fancied, but went down, as also did Blue Mountain, who, by the way, is not fast enough to win a race of this description. Vision has been trained by an amateur and ridden about the roads. She paid £7 18s.

The big event of the day was the City Stakes Handicap, for which a dozen started, and, strange to say, local horses finished first, second and third. Bay Bell came at the right time on this occasion and landed the stake for Mr. Douglas, whose win was very popular. After her running on the first day it was a wonder she was not better backed, for she paid £16 odd. Huerfana, by Vasco di Gama—Sydney, came with a great rush at the finish and took second position, while Queen of Trumps, who looked very dangerous in one portion of the race, was third. Pani, who had 6st 10lb in the saddle, would have had a big show if he was well, but he wasn't, and in fact walked lame afterwards. Kotuku slipped all over the shop, Torpedo couldn't get along at all, nor could The Dreamer, who was fourth. Retina again ran out of place, and it was plain the ground didn't suit her. The sum of £150 was offered for Bay Bell before the race, but was not taken. She is a really good mare.

Variety, by Natator—Last Chance, won the Two-year-old Race, Mystic being last, which showed conclusively that Mr. Paul's filly should have won the first day. Huguenot's full sister, Montmartre, could only get third.

There was a splendid race for the Hurdles, when our local champion, Couranto, by Patriarch—Quickstep, with 12st up, beat Whalebone, Waterbury and others in the straight after a clinking race. His stable companion, Somnambulist, ran out of place. There can be no doubt that the Grand National winner is a real hummer, and about the best hurdle horse in New Zealand.

There was some surprise at Zaccho winning the Hurry Scurry, beating nine others, because he did not appear to be able to get along in his race on the first day. He won comfortably, and paid £10 18s. The winner is by Bothwell. Queen of Hearts, Link and Como were among the beaten contestants.

The last race of the day was a splendid one, Krina, by Foul Play—Katie Fergusson, just beating Torpedo, who almost got on terms with her on the post, Heather Bell being third. Triton cut out the pace until the scraping sheds were reached, when he, as usual, fell back. The time was 1min. 23 1-5th secs. for the six

furlongs, much slower than the two-year-old race.

The large sum of £15,526 was put through the machine during the two days.

There was another large attendance at the Trotting Club's meeting, where good sport was provided. The stewards did all they could to make the meeting pass off smoothly, and Mr. W. D. Ireland, as secretary, was indefatigable. Messrs. Cohen and Stock were in charge of the machine, and put through a good amount of money. The track was in fair going order, but in a close race the man with the inside running had much the best of it. The Maiden Trot fell to Mr. Cartwright Brown's Godolphin, who has trotted before unsuccessfully. He had rather a good thing. Only three started for the Maiden Trot in harness, which was won by Mr. W. Y. Dennett's Jean after a most exciting race. Time after time did Tommy's driver come at him, but Jean held her own. She had the advantage of inside running, and just got home by half a head—rather a close thing for a trot in harness. Ngatarawa, the other starter, trotted very well, but every time he got up to the leaders he used to break into a canter. Dennett entered a protest against Hoy, the driver of Tommy, for foul riding, and the stewards fined him £2 and cautioned him as well. Directly afterwards Tommy came out for the big handicap and won it, paying £8 5. Ruadan, who has competed and won in Auckland, was the scratch horse, but could only get third. There were nine starters altogether. The Pony Trot Handicap was a very soft thing for Florrie, who had too much start, and none of the others ever got near her. The next event was the Hastings Handicap Trot in harness, which saw Cotherstone landed a nice winner by Adam Mundel, Turoa being second, and Tare, who was driven by a one-legged Maori of thirteen stone, got third place. The dividend was only £3 7s., the winner being generally fancied. Silvertail, who ran behind Florrie in a race previously, won the Selling Trot in saddle, having a start of 40 seconds. Tansey was second and Bob third. Mr. Binnie, owner of Tansey, lodged a complaint against Mr. Dennett's Silvertail, desiring an explanation of her running in the race won by Florrie, which, he asserted, she should have won, according to time. The stewards, however, expressed the opinion that the mare had been raced fair. The last race of the day was the Handicap Pony Trot, which was fought out by Palfrey and Jess. The latter broke near the post, caught Palfrey, and trotted in a winner. The stewards considered the case at some length, a protest being entered on the ground that the race was started in front of the post. They eventually dismissed this, and decided to pay out on Jess, whose admirers got £17 5s. for their pound. This ended the day's proceedings.

There was a spirited competition for the cross-country mare Hopeful Kate, by Woolbroker, between Messrs. McMaster and McMinemin at Messrs. Hunter and Nolan's horse sale on Friday. She was eventually knocked down to a Mr. Clark for 90 guineas.

"Mazepa," in the *Otago Witness*, in congratulating everyone on the prospect of Mr. Sam Powell's services being secured as starter for the Dunedin Jockey Club, says:—He is neither fussy on the one hand, nor sleepy-headed on the other; and, above all, he does not deceive the riders. They know that if they keep their horses quiet they will get away, and as a consequence the jockeys do no fear to obey his orders. A friend of mine who went to the post to see how he managed—it was, I think, at Wellington—came away deeply impressed with Mr. Powell's tact and ability. There was a large field, and all were quiet but two. One of these had been playing up for some time when Mr. Powell quietly remarked to its rider, "Will you oblige me, Green, by keeping your heels out of that horse's flanks?" And, strange to say, the horse was at once quiet. To the other rider, on a horse that seemingly would not go up, Mr. Powell said, "When you are ready, Jones, you may bring him up—he'll come if you let him—at a walk, please," and as he reached the line the word was given to as even a start as one could conceive of. The fact is, added my informant, that Powell saw at a glance that in each case it was the boy and not the horse that was unruly.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1892.

PAPAKURA RACING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

[BY OLD TURKITE.]

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.

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 want to know the amount invested on the different horses before they invest their money.

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. Carbery was a good deal talked about, but such an animal hardly ever started on a racecourse, being a heavy shouldered, curby hocked brute.

The races commenced with the Hurdle Race, for which Ika Vulka made the running, with the rest in a cluster. At the hurdle below the stand he jumped the wing, but still continued on.

Five started for the Pony Race. There was a delay at the post owing to the fractiousness of Little Nannie. After one break away the flag fell to a good start.

The Papakura Cup only brought out four runners. At the fall of the flag Capella, who was as fat as a bullock, made play, followed by Ida; Leorina in waiting; Belmont last.

Seven faced the starter for the Maiden Plate. The flag fell to a fair start. Transit getting away first made all the running, winning a good race by a neck from 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.

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

The Flying Handicap brought out only five runners. The start was a good one, Helen McGregor, Ida, and Stamford being in front, Leorina waiting. Raglan broke down. At the distance Helen McGregor led, Ida made a vigorous effort, and looked so dangerous that Leorina had to come.

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.

the straight, but seeing her falter when Crook commenced to ride her he thought he would make a final effort. He says Retina came back to him, Crown Jewel did not go up. It is said Mr. Martin blames Hill for not having sent him word that Collelo could not ride the weight until it was too late to get another good jockey, and Hill blames Collelo for not having told him until the day before the race. The stable backed the mare each time she started afterwards, but she went off terribly, and on the second day at Napier Park, when the City Stakes seemed made for her, she could not live alongside such moderates as Bay Bell and Huerfana. I am informed that she will not accept for the Great Autumn Handicap. On her best form she would have a good show in this with 7st 11lb, but on her Napier Park form she has no show.

Owing to the wet weather Mr. Wood, the contractor for the culverts on the Hutt course, has not been able to get his timber on the ground, and the stewards of the Racing Club have now decided to postpone the making of the grass gallop until after the Autumn meeting. They have let a contract for improving the people's, or outside stand, to Mr. J. H. Meyer, the contractor who built the grandstand. The work to be done includes renovating the exterior and remodelling the accommodation in the interior, making it much more convenient. The building of a ladies' cloak-room for the outside visitors is also part of the contract. This will remedy a defect in the Club's arrangements which has provoked several very severe comments.

The two trotting clubs which have been formed in Wellington during the last few weeks have come into collision already. They have both taken the title "The Wellington Trotting Club," and this morning's *New Zealand Times* contained two reports, both purporting to be summaries of proceedings at meetings of the Wellington Trotting Club, one being held at the New Zealand Hotel and one at Johnsonville. Each report says that a programme has been drawn up for a meeting on the Queen's Birthday, one at Island Bay and one at Johnsonville—the amount of added money in the former being £135 and in the latter £130, and the chief event in each programme being the Wellington Trotting Club Handicap of 50 sovs. The Island Bay Club have been beforehand in getting their title registered and being affiliated with the New Zealand Trotting Association, and they have applied to be constituted the Metropolitan Club of the Wellington District, so that the chances are they will become recognised as the premier Club and the other will have to take second place. At present, however, the Johnsonville party swear they will never give way. The collision is very unfortunate, as one good trotting club would do very well here, but the fight between the two is only exciting amusement.

Very good entries have been received for the Wairapa Racing Club and Otaki Maori Club meetings on Easter Monday. The nominations for Wairapa include several horses belonging to the party who threatened to leave the Club owing to the steward's decision in the Tubitarata case, so that it would appear the dissension is healed.

The nominations for the minor events for the Wellington Autumn Meeting close on Monday next, and if they should happen to be as good in proportion as these for the Thompson and Autumn Handicaps the meeting should be highly successful.

The appointment of a new caretaker of the Hutt race-course and the question of endorsing the disqualification of Messrs. Yuille, Nathau, and May will be part of the business of the Wellington stewards at a meeting to-morrow evening.

The following have been appointed officers of the Wellington Trotting Club No. 1 (that racing at Island Bay):—D. H. Crawford, president; C. P. Skerrett and D. G. A. Cooper, vice-presidents; W. Lingard, judge; T. H. Hill, starter; James King, timekeeper; Jas. Petti, clerk of scales; Alfred King, handicapper; and J. H. Pollock, secretary. D. M. Mackinnon is secretary of the Johnsonville combination.

OUR WANGANUI LETTER.

[BY WIRE.—OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

WANGANUI, March 29.

OWNERS of stallions are reminded that entries of stallions for the Egmont Sires Hack Produce Stakes of 1895 close on the 2nd April. The fee being 3sovs, the nominator of the winning sire to receive 40sovs and a cup value 5sovs. Mr. Thos. Morrin of Auckland is so impressed with the idea that he has nominated all his stallions i.e., Hotchkiss, St. Leger, Lord Raven, Tasman, and Castor. Several owners of foals by Volunteer would like to nominate in this race, but as Volunteer is dead it is reported that Mr. McRae demurs to nominate the old horse. As Mr. McRae comes from a good old sporting family, the rumour must be incorrect, as from personal knowledge of Mr. McRae I think he would nominate the old horse if only to keep his memory green, besides he stands to win £40 and Cup. Mr. Ross has telegraphed to Waikato, asking those who have any yearling foals if they would wish to enter for this event he should be very glad to nominate his sire Natator. From all reports that I hear, I am sure that the Egmont Racing Club will have a good list of sires when they open the entries on Saturday next.

WANGANUI, March 25.

THE Manawatu Racing Club held their Autumn Hack meeting last Wednesday. The weather was showery, but notwithstanding some very interesting racing was the order of the day. The starting was not up to the usual standard that is generally witnessed on this coast owing to the Club's usual starter, Mr. S. Powell being at the Napier Park meeting, where he was wielding the flag, but otherwise everything passed off without a hitch. The attendance was not large, but those that were present backed their fancies very freely, Messrs. Stock & Cohen putting through the sum of £2,500 for seven events. In the Flying Handicap Sisfer was voted a good thing by the knowing ones and was made a warm favourite, but she had to succumb to Homai, a nice-looking bay mare

by Natator, trained by J. Retter. The race needs little description, as on the fall of the flag Homai at once went to the front and won all the way by two lengths. The Hurdle Race was annexed by Nat, who went to the front and made every post a winning one. Pride of the Hills and Mataiwetu finished second and third. For the principal event of the meeting—the Palmerston North Handicap—nine horses came to the post. From a fairly good start Osman and Sweet Dream were the first to show in front, and they remained in the van till half the journey had been traversed, when Entry improved his position. A quarter of a mile from home the field were in a bunch, but on entering the straight the Ascot gelding, Entry, was in the van, closely pursued by Deception and Osman, but the big son of Ascot being kept going by McKeague, who rode a pretty race, stalled off their efforts, and eventually won with a bit to spare by half a length. The mile and a half was cut out in 2min. 49 4-5th sec., which, considering the ground was very heavy and the winner's weight 8st 4lb, I consider to be a fast go. The Electric Handicap, half-mile, was contested by six horses, Phormium Tenax being installed a warm favourite, but after he had led until the straight was reached O'Rourke challenged him, and getting on even terms, the son of Daniel O'Rourke never afterwards gave his opponents a chance, winning as he liked. The Mounted Infantry Race was contested by ten horses, the winner turning up in Pango, with Unity a good second. For the Stewards' Handicap seven faced the starter, Entry, 8st 11lb, again being made favourite, and he justified the confidence placed in him by the public by winning easily at the finish from Strike, who ran a game horse, the time for the mile and a quarter being 2min. 15 1-5th sec. The Welter Handicap was annexed by Natatorial from Nat and Omahu, the only other starters. Full particulars will be published in our Turf Record column next week.

E. Ryder, the light weight jockey who was disqualified at the late Turakina Meeting, has had the disqualification removed by that Club.

Glenelg, the winner of the two hurdle races at the Marton Meeting, is a fine stamp of a cross country horse, and will be sure to make a name for himself later on. His owner, I hear, has already had two or three good substantial offers for him, but he declines to sell. Several good judges here reckon him to be the best hurdle horse in New Zealand.

Entry, by Ascot—Mountain Hare, is another fine big upstanding horse, and without doubt he is a good one, but he is troubled with a leg at present. This horse has only started four times, and has succeeded in being returned the winner on every occasion. He is in Teddy Barnes' hands, who I am glad to congratulate on his turn of luck at the late Manawatu Meeting, having won three races, two with Entry and one with Natatorial, the last win being due mainly to Barnes' own riding.

Darwin, by Muffi, out of Chandler's half-sister Miss Elswick, by Elswick, runner-up in the half-mile at the late Waverley Meeting, is a fine upstanding chestnut, sixteen hands high. He should make a first-class steeplechaser as he is a beautiful jumper and is also possessed of a good turn of pace, the half-mile at Waverley being run in 53 1/2 sec on very heavy going, and he was only beaten by half-a-head. Mr. Morse informs me that, as he has too many in hand, he wants to sell him, the price wanted being £80, and I am certain he would be a cheap horse at that figure.

The well-known steeplechaser Poro-o-tawa has been put into work again with a view of the forthcoming steeplechase meetings. Should this horse stand a preparation he will be hard to beat, but I am afraid that he will not stand the test.

The hack mare Niobe, by Natator—Sunshine was rather badly hurt while being taken to the Sandon races, and is not expected to recover from her injuries.

The hack Strehon who broke down while running in the Hack Race at Wanganui meeting has now recovered, but is to be treated to a spell for a while, after which most probably he will journey to Australia.

Fred Tilly is busy schooling Commotion over big country in view of the forthcoming Auckland Steeplechase.

OUR TARANAKI LETTER.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

NEW PLYMOUTH, March 24.

THE Oeo Racing Club have received excellent nominations for their Hack Meeting, which will be played out on April 6th. There are 15 in the Hurdles, 14 Flying, 10 Oeo Handicap, and 17 Pihama Stakes. With a good handicap and fine weather the club should come out with a good surplus.

Taranaki is credited with being the home of "the turf wind-bag," a class of men who are decidedly objectionable. This may be true, but I think Auckland can run us pretty close, considering the language and general conduct of an Auckland racing man while travelling recently from Wanganui to New Plymouth. There are some gents (?) whose association with the turf degrades rather than elevates "the sport of kings." They want weeding out.

J. Rae, the trainer for Mr. Bobbett, passed through here with Morion, on Tuesday last, on his way home from Hawke's Bay. The stable apparently didn't think much of their chance at Taranaki, as they shipped the big son of Captivator home the same night.

Fraternité is all to pieces I hear, and will therefore not run again this season. Mr. Wilson has had hard luck with the colt this year, as the son of the Dauphin—Sissie has never been well since the racing season began.

With a good wintering the colt will be about next season.

I notice that the resolution of the Dunedin Jockey Club offering a £10 reward for the conviction of "bookies" laying totalisator odds, has caused a flutter among the welders of the magic pencil. The Dunedin Jockey Club appear to me to have been rather hasty in their action.



Dan McLeod, the double, Doncaster and Sydney Gold Cup.

The disqualified trotter Brandy has been taken back to Sydney.

Dennis Morigan, the jockey, is back in Auckland.

Avondale acceptances close at the office of this paper to-morrow (Friday) at 9 p.m.

Malvolio, Correze, Sir William, and King Olaf have all been struck out of the Sydney Cup.

Egmont Racing Club's nominations for Stallions produce (hacks) are due on Saturday.

J. B. Williamson purchased the well-known trotter Pohui for the sum of £12 last week.

The Hawke's Bay Trotting Club do not close their totalisator until the scratch horse has started.

The Napier Park Racing Club have a rule that only notes and gold shall be taken at the totalisator.

In all probability both Commotion and Whalebone will be contestants at our autumn meeting.

Nominations are due to-morrow for the Auckland Racing Club's autumn meeting, held at Claudlands on April 23rd.

The Turf Record of the Hawke's Bay Trotting Club and Ngaruawahia Racing Club will appear in our next issue.

The pony trotter Captain Russell was out at Ellerslie on Tuesday morning. He has still a particular fancy for the gateway.

Dan O'Meara, the well-known trainer, who went South recently, was the trainer of Bradshaw, by Cast-off—Lady, which won the Flying Handicap at the Waverley-Waitotara meeting, on St. Patrick's Day and paid a £45 dividend.

The roan gelding Hailstone, by Hailstorm, winner of the Maiden and Handicap Hurdles at Takapuna Spring meeting, Avondale Hurdles, Thames Hurdles, and Thames Free Handicap last season, was sold for five guineas by Messrs. Hunter & Nolan on Friday.

Everyone will sympathise with Mr. Alf. Kelly, of Mount Albert, for the loss he has sustained by the death of his two fine yearling fillies, by Fusilade—Kit and Fusilade—Ilma. The former gave evidence of great promise, and was a real beauty. It is feared that both fillies, which died the same week, have been poisoned by some miscreant.

The Ngaruawahia Race Meeting on Saturday last, proved disastrous to some of the "pencilers." A well-known firm of Auckland bookmakers got hold of the wrong combination, another was stone broke, and three Maori gentlemen who have developed into "layers of the odds" produced their empty satchels when called upon to settle up.—*Waikato Times*.

Attention of owners and trainers is specially directed to the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's winter programme, which appears in another column of this issue. The meeting is fixed for the 24th June, and includes three steeplechases; the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase having attached to it 300 sovs. There is also a Hurdle Race of 100 sovs., Ladies' Bracelet of 80 sovs., and Welter of 40 sovs. With such an attractive programme Mr. F. D. Luckie, secretary, may confidently look forward to receiving large nominations.

From what appears to be a good authority we learn that the well-known trainer George Wright, who has been so long and favourably known in Auckland, is about to leave Kohimarama and take up his quarters at Hastings, Hawke's Bay, where he hopes to have considerably more patrons to his stable than he has recently had in Auckland. There is certainly a better field for a trainer of Wright's excellent capabilities in that district, and we wish him every success.

The Dunedin Jockey Club offer a reward of £10 to secure a conviction against anyone betting or laying totalisator odds.

The Te Aroha Races were a great success. Bob Roth was the only wielder of the pencil present, and is said to have done real good business.

Alf Brady, the professional walker, has challenged Sammy Goodman to walk one to three miles for £50 a side and the championship of Auckland.

Bob Gooseman left Napier for Taranaki on Saturday, via Wanganui, with his string for the Taranaki Jockey Club's anniversary meeting, which takes place to-day and to-morrow.

Mr. John Marshall, of City Chambers, advertises to let the house and well-known racing stables at Ellerslie, now occupied by Harry Hickton, which may be had at an absurdly low rental.

Mr. Geo. Hunter's two mares, Whisper and Cynisca, in charge of Bob Gooseman, will arrive here in time for the Auckland Racing Club's autumn meeting.

For the Helensville Races on Saturday a special train leaves Auckland at 9.25 a.m., returning from there at 6.5 p.m., and is timed to arrive in Auckland at 8.45 p.m. Ordinary fares (10/7 first class and 7/1 second class return) will be charged.

Messrs. D. B. Tonks & Co. sell the privileges of the Avondale Jockey Club at their mart, Queen-street, to-morrow (Friday) at noon. Judging by the large nominations the success of this meeting is already assured, and the gates, booths, cards, stalls, etc. should yield correspondingly large prices.

The weights for the Easter Handicap and Steeplechase are due next Monday. Mr. J. O. Evitt, the Club's handicapper, will arrive from New Plymouth on Sunday next, after attending the Taranaki Jockey Club's meeting to be held to-day and to-morrow.

It gives us great pleasure to state that Mr. Donald McKinnon had £10 on his horse Scot Free, which won the Napier Park Cup, paying the nice dividend of £13 18s., thereby returning the popular Waikato owner the nice sum of £139, in addition to the stake.

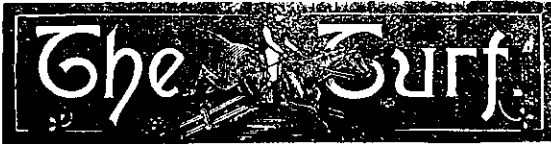
In the Napier Park Hurdle Race on the first day, after passing the post Redmond, the rider of Somnambulist, who was third, struck the rider of Whalebone, the winner, on coming past the judge's box, and Redmond afterwards entered a protest against Vine, Whalebone's jockey, for foul riding.

Mr. Courtney, auctioneer, of New Plymouth, has an advertisement in our columns announcing for sale the well-known steeplechaser "Jenny," by Puriri—Deadshot mare, winner of the Great Northern and Hawke's Bay Steeplechases, and several other thoroughbred mares. The sale will take place on Saturday next at Mr. Courtney's yards New Plymouth, and as it is the day following the Taranaki Anniversary Races the lots should be spiritedly competed for.

A little trouble was caused at the Hawke's Bay Trotting Club's meeting on the 21st inst., at Hastings, by the official race card in one instance being wrongly numbered. In the Handicap Pony Trot Florrie appeared on the card as No. 5, and an investor backed her as such. After winning he presented his ticket for his dividend, and produced his book and showed that it gave Florrie as No. 5, but all the other books show that she was No. 1, and Silvertail No. 5. This shows great carelessness somewhere.

The Hawke's Bay Gun Club held their Autumn Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, at Hastings, when some excellent shooting took place. Mr. E. Broughton won the President's Cup, Mr. W. Broughton being second. The Autumn Handicap of 60sovs, seven birds, resulted in no less than six of the competitors tying, viz., E. Broughton, H. Redwood, Jull, Montgomerie, Ferguson, and Macandrew. In firing off Mr. E. Broughton won with nine consecutive birds, Mr. H. Redwood taking second prize with eight birds. Messrs. Jull and Ferguson divided the third prize, killing 13 out of 14 birds each. Mr. H. Redwood had particularly hard luck in not even seeing his ninth bird, which rose against a background similar in colour to its own plumage. Mr. Redwood is a grand and enthusiastic old shot, and general sympathy was expressed by those present for his bad luck.

We commend to the notice of sporting men Mr. W. W. Finlinson, of Dunedin, who can give clients current quotations on the Great Autumn Handicap, Easter Handicap, and Sydney Gold Cup. Price lists and programmes will be forwarded to anyone on application, his address being the British or Court's Hotel, Dunedin.



[BY OLD TURFITE.]

THE Napier Park Club held a most successful meeting on the 23rd and 24th inst. There is one thing that must strike race-goers, and that is the different form horses show on the Hastings and Taradale courses. This has been noticeable for some years. In the Hawke's Bay Cup Crown Jewel and Retina finished first and second, but in the Napier Park Cup, with 14lb and 8lb more up, they ran nowhere to Scot Free, 8st 2lb, who is considered a non-stayer. Free Lance also cut up badly, so did Strephon. However, the latter has been some time on the shelf, and cannot at the present time be thoroughly wound up. Whalebone gave us another taste of his quality over the sticks, as he made all the running and beat Waterbury a neck at the difference of 14lb., and on the second day he again defeated him with only 6lb the best of the weights, though he had to succumb to Couranto, who was giving him 8lb. However, taking his form all through, he is a horse worth watching for future events, as he is only five years old. Bay Bell, with none the best of the weights, won the City Stakes Handicap pretty easily from a good field, thus proving Scot Free to be a better horse than most people thought he was, and that on account of having a hip down a left-handed course suits him better than a right-handed one like Ellerslie. Strephon and Retina again ran badly, and they must both be decidedly off, especially the former, who was again beaten in the Waverley Stakes.

THE Dunedin Jockey Club held their Anniversary meeting on the 23rd and 24th. It was chiefly confined to local horses, but it is worthy of notice that the programme on each day included a trotting race, thus showing that at least one Metropolitan Club has the good sense to recognise the sport. The class of trotters cannot be very brilliant, as the winner of the three-mile trot took 9min. 38secs. to cover the distance. There was also a pony race and a pony trot. If such a mixed programme was held at Ellerslie it would prove very attractive, and be much better than seeing the same horses running over and over again. The Anniversary Handicap was won by Galtee, 8st 7lb, Miss Mack, 8st 5lb, second, Tempest, 8st 9lb, third. Derby, Leinster, and Don Pedro also ran. Tempest and Galtee were great favourites. Mr. Stephenson secured the Seacliffe Handicap with that smart filly Huguenot, and on the second day he was first and second with Hippomenes and Tempest for the Holiday Handicap, Leinster being the only other starter. The Hon. G. McLean had a win with Conjuror in the Electric Stakes, beating Mistral, Huguenot, and five others, but the start was a very bad one. The other races call for no comment.

THE nominations for the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting, to be held at Potter's Paddock on April 16th are exceedingly good, the pony entries being very numerous, there being no less than 27 in the Autumn Handicap, seven furlongs, 16 in the Hurdle Race, and 34 in the Flying Stakes. For the trotting races there are 14 in the Harness Trot, 14 in the Electric Handicap, and 17 in the Easter Handicap, three miles. It is to be hoped that the handicappers will not spoil what promises to be a good meeting by inferior handicaps—giving the limit horse too much start. They must bear in mind that the Club is now in a flourishing position, and that the thing that is now required is a good class of horse, not the rubbish we have been accustomed to see at Potter's Paddock, and the only way to obtain them is by not crushing out a good horse because some

persons are so foolish as to enter a horse that cannot trot. On looking through the entries there are some that should never be on a track. There are two especially of this class in the Easter Handicap, and the handicappers would do well to show disapproval of such a thing by placing these horses close on scratch, then their owners will perhaps take the hint, and either put them in the minor races or keep them at home.

THE weights for the C.J.C. Great Easter and Autumn Handicaps are to hand, but as the acceptances are due to-morrow it is not worth while going into them until after they appear. Mr. Henry has certainly succeeded in making them flattering, although some of the horses can have no chance. Taking the Great Easter Handicap, 7 furlongs, Clanranald, 9st 5lb, heads the list. He is a horse with a great turn of speed and should have a show. Huguenot, 8st 11lb, and Flinders with 11lb less have nothing to complain of, nor has Hippomenes, 7st 11lb. Then lower down comes Ilium, 7st 4lb, and Pique, 6st 12lb. The latter is an in-and-out runner that may any day effect a surprise. Lady Zetland, 7st 6lb, and Conjuror, 7st 4lb, also read well, but my predilection at present is for Clanranald, Huguenot, Flinders, Ilium and Pique.

The Great Autumn Handicap, one mile and a half, is a far better race to speculate on than a sprint one. Dudu, 9st, after her race at Wanganui, must be passed over, as she then pulled up sore, and is, I am informed, in foal. Merrie England, 8st 13lb, is being specially prepared for this meeting, but he never was a fancy of mine. Cruchfield, 8st 10lb, is nicely weighted, and his running at Dunedin shows that he has come back to his form, and this is his distance. Morion is an overrated horse. Prime Warden, 8st 2lb, if in his old form, must be a dangerous one. Palliser, 7st 10lb, may be a rod in pickle, but I prefer Kulnine with 11lb less. Diadem, 6st 13lb, reads well, but she has been too long on the shelf. Ilium 6st 9lb, is not unlikely to land the double. The only other one that takes my attention is Awarua Rose, 6st 8lb, as I doubt if we have seen him at his best. Taking four, Cruchfield, Prime Warden, Kulnine and Ilium I prefer the best, but Awarua Rose is worth watching.

THE Helensville Meeting takes place next Saturday, and promises to be one of the best meetings held there for some years, as the acceptances are particularly good, and reflect great credit on Mr. Halstead, as it is no easy matter to satisfy owners of scrubbers who train their horses themselves. The course is a nice one, and the bank on one side forms a natural stand from which any number of people can obtain a good view of the racing. It only rests now with the Railway Manager to make the meeting a success. If he makes the same blunders as he did last Saturday, not many will patronise the train, and it is too far to drive.

The Maiden Plate has an acceptance of sixteen. Many of them are unknown to me, but on late form Assassin, Acacia, and Tiger read about the best, but it is a race that should be left alone until the numbers go up.

Nine have declared content for the Hurdle Race, the majority of them are very moderate. Kate 10st 5lb, Rewarewa 10st, and Assassin 9st 10lb, reading about the best. Of these I prefer Kate, but should she not go up it would be well to watch the machine as regards the other two.

For the Helensville Cup Leorina, 9st 10lb, and Ingorina, 9st 5lb, are brought pretty close together, but the latter has not been out lately; Warrior, 7st 10lb, is given a good show; Brigade, 7st 2lb, is a jade or she is well in; Ida, 7st 2lb, on her running at Papakura, must not be despised. Of the two I prefer Ingorina if well, but if compelled to back one it would be Leorina, with Ida to hunt her home.

The Hack Race has no less than sixteen acceptances, but this race should be left until the numbers go up, as they are generally "readied" and should be struck out of all programmes, but from what I am told Tiger and Blue Ribbon are pretty smart at this kind of game.

There are thirteen left in the Flying Stakes, but this race is greatly dependant on previous running, but it will be most likely a repetition of the Cup unless Brigade takes it into her head to try, therefore I think that Leorina is the

best to stand as she has benefitted by the rest she has had, and in the Flying Stakes at Papakura, if she had been run independently, she would have won easily enough.

THE entries for the Avondale meeting are very good, and considering the quality of the horses engaged, Mr. Halstead has been very successful in his handicaps, though one or two races look pretty nearly certainties, if they are not waiting for the Ellerslie meeting. One thing is noticeable—there are two Transits entered. This is in direct contravention to Rule 64. The minor clubs say it is the duty of the Metropolitan clubs to see that this rule is adhered to. At present it is completely ignored. There are two Strephons, two Torpedos, two Transits, and if one was to go through the list other duplicates could be found. The different Metropolitan clubs should insist on seeing that the rules of racing are carried out by the subordinate clubs. What is the use of having rules if they are not properly carried out? But my work now is to go through the Avondale Handicaps. The first on the list is the Steeplechase, for which there are seven entries. Ingorangi, 10st 12lb, fit and meant for it, one need not look further for the winner, but if he was, I do not think it would be the stable's tactics to show him up in a race like this. Silvio, 10st 7lb, is unfairly weighted as he is played out. Stepper, 10st 6lb, if he can get the course, might have a show. Kate, 10st 4lb, reads the best of the lot, as it is doubtful if the others will get round.

There are ten in the Pony Race. These are races I am not fond of, so shall leave it alone. The same remarks apply to the Novel Race, and I shall confine my remarks to saying that the top and bottom weights should not be out of it.

There are no less than fifteen in the Maiden Steeplechase. Of these Kate is ineligible. The question is, which of them will get the course? I rather fancy that Neli, 9st 9lb, and Tim, 9st 7lb, will.

There is a nice lot of seventeen to pick the winner from in the Maiden Plate, the veteran maiden Warrior, 8st 12lb, heading the list. St. Clements 8st 7lb (if he can get the distance), Kildare 7st 10lb, Tiger 7st 10lb, Acacia 7st 9lb, and Echo, 7st 7lb, all read well.

There are fifteen in the Avondale Cup. Here Mr. Halstead has been most successful. As until the acceptances are made and owner's intentions are known, it is hard to pick the winner, the following all look well in on paper:—Ingorina 9st 5lb, Yattaghan 8st 5lb, Belmont 7st 10lb (after the way he looked and ran at Papakura is out of it if his running was true), Tuna 7st 7lb, Tulloch 7st, Kildare 6st 12lb and Vasator 6st 9lb. If all on the square Ingorina, Yattaghan and Tulloch read the best; while Kildare and Vasator I have reasons to suppose are better than is generally imagined.

There are twenty-two in the Flying Stakes, so there is no use going through them until the acceptances appear and the numbers go up, as it is dependant on previous running: but the following are decidedly leniently treated:—St. Clements 7st 12lb, Vasator 7st 5lb, Tulloch 7st 2lb, Octopus 7st (this horse has never won a handicap, still there is no reason why he should not, as he wins selling races easily enough at all kinds of distances, and depend upon it he will crop up some day when not expected), Echo 7st, and Kildare 6st 10lb.

There are fifteen in the Hurdle Race—such as they are. Ingorangi, 10st 12lb, as I said in the Steeplechase if fit, is not likely to spin. Stepper, 10st 7lb, has got off easily considering the company; Never Miss, 10st 5lb, is uncertain; Cloth of Gold, 10st 4lb, is not fit. Among the ragged division Neli, 9st 9lb, and Ika Vuka, 9st 7lb, especially read well. The latter at Papakura jumped the wing of the hurdle below the stand and should have been pulled up, but he kept with the others for a certain distance and then dropped back. It struck me that the jockey knew the mistake and had a public feeler, but did not like to come too far in case he got into trouble. Capella, 9st 9lb, on paper is turned loose, but those who saw her at Papakura ought to have seen that she is far from fit, and if I am not mistaken she is forward in foal; in fact, she should not be raced in her present condition. Warrior, 9st 7lb, appears for the first time, and I have had no opportunity of finding out how he shapes at the illegitimate game.

A WELL-KNOWN Native interpreter told me yesterday that he had been asked by the Secretary of the A.R.C. to interpret some of the Rules of Racing into Maori.

THE acceptances for the Taranaki Jockey Club Handicap are very poor, only ten out of the original thirty accepting. Of those remaining in Whisper, 8st 10lb heads the list, Scot Free, 8st 7lb, including his penalty, coming next. Of these two Whisper reads the best. Lochness, 7st 12lb, is not badly in, but the trainer of Krina, 7st 6lb, should have his line. Of the others, Awarua Rose, 6st 12lb, reads the best, but my preference is for Whisper, though Lochness and Krina my bring her home. For the Flying Handicap only nine of the original twenty-four entries declared content. Of these I prefer Cretonne, 7st, Heather Bell 8st, and Torpedo, 7st 5lb, in the order named.

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 PARADE FOR APRIL.

GARRISON CORPS.
Auckland Naval Artillery—Friday 8th, at 7.30 p.m.
Ponsonby Naval Artillery—Monday 15th, at 7.30 p.m.
"A" Battery Artillery—Thursday 7th, at 7.30 p.m.
Auckland Engineers—Wednesday 13th and 27th, at 7.30 p.m.
Victoria Rifles
Auckland City Guards } Tuesday 12th and 26th, at 7.30 p.m.
Newtown Rifles
Garrison Band—8th and 12th, at 7.30 p.m.
COUNTRY CORPS.
Thames Naval Artillery—Monday, 11th and 25th, at 7.30 p.m.
Wairoa Rifles—Saturday, 2nd and 16th, at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. respectively.
Hamilton Light Infantry—Thursday, 14th and 28th, at 7.30 p.m.

SERG. HARRY DOUGHTY, the Champion Rifle Shot of the Colony, received a most enthusiastic reception at the hands of the public on his return to Auckland on Wednesday last. On the arrival of the Mahinapua, which had all her bunting flying, the champion was welcomed by Captain Geddes, of the "A" Battery, and Albert Doughty, his brother, who is Sergt.-Major of the same corps, and driven to town, where it had been arranged to give the crack shot a suitable reception at 5 p.m. Several thousand people assembled at the Railway Station gates, where the volunteers had also been ordered to muster, but, owing to the inconvenience of the hour, there was a very poor turn out, the Navals, under Captain-Commandant Le Roy, being most prominent. The "A" Battery had a gun detachment with one of their nine-pounders, to which was hitched four magnificent greys, Gunners E. Wiles, and Dunningham being mounted as drivers; the detachment consisted amongst others of the famous shots—Parslow, Webster, Taylor, Head, Buchanan, Hazard and Henderson. On arrival, Sergt. Doughty was warmly welcomed by Messrs. J. M. Shera and T. Thompson M.H.R.'s, and many other prominent citizens. The Mayor of Auckland (Mr. Crowther) ascended the carriage and in an excellent practical speech warmly welcomed Doughty, and spoke highly of McCallum's phenomenal score of 17 bulls-eyes in succession at 500 and 600 yards. A number of Doughty's comrades of the "A" Battery then carried him shoulder high from the carriage and placed him on the limber box, the limber being limbered up to the gun, from which was flying the red flag bearing the words "Our Champion," in white letters. This is not the first time the "A" Battery have had the distinguished honour of unfurling this banner, for to my knowledge Bell and Parslow twice are ex-champions. The procession was then formed, headed by the Artillery Band under Bandmaster Andrew R Hunter, which had a muster that did them credit, and to the strains of marching music which that band only can play, "Forward at a walk—March," was the order. Following the gun was a carriage containing His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Crowther), and the Town Clerk (Mr. Phillips) in the seat of honour, while propped up in the seat in front of them were Major Morrow and the senior member of the City, Mr. J. M. Shera, which was doubtless strictly in accordance with Burke, but caused no end of amusement to the hundreds of pedestrians who followed

the procession up Queen Street to the Drill Shed. En route numbers of handkerchiefs from fairy like hands, and impromptu flags tied on the end of broomsticks or anything available, were waved from upstairs windows by bashful maidens on the blushing Doughty, and in more than one instance the scene strongly reminded me of the balcony scene in Romeo and Juliet; in which the champion played Romeo in a manner that would not disgrace Walter Bentley. No win in Auckland could have been more popular than Doughty's, and he is to be accorded a promenade concert to-morrow evening, which will undoubtedly be a great and brilliant success, judging by the enthusiasm displayed in its preparation and the manner in which the tickets are going off.

It is stated that the Duke of Cambridge has written to Captain Osborne (who wanted to resign his commission owing to the reflections cast upon him by his wife's crime in the Spink Pearl Case) to the effect that Her Majesty "could not afford to part with the finest representative of chivalry of the century."—Post.

The District Belt, presented by Mr. J. McCosh Clark many years ago, to be fired for annually, and won twice in succession or three times at intervals before becoming the absolute property of anyone, would appear to bear a charmed life, for no one appears to be able to appropriate the coveted trophy and thus enable Mrs. Clark to fulfil her promise to present another Belt in its place, although Vol. Theo. Fairs has on several occasions gone close to it. The Belt was again competed for on Saturday last, and by a most peculiar coincidence the three top scores are the same as last year. On this occasion Col. Sergt. L. Skinner of the Victoria Rifles proved successful.

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TURF RECORD.

PAPAKURA RACING CLUB.—Saturday, March 26.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 35sovs. Second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Distance, 1½ miles.

107	Mr. J. R. Martin's b g Stepper, by Maroro, 5yrs, 10.0, Reid	1
83	Mr. R. Burke's b m Kate, by Ingomar—Kate, 6yrs, 9.8, Crowl	2
102	Mr. S. Cotton's b g Cloth of Gold, by Bothwell—Kingfisher mare, a., 10.0, A. Williams	3
46	Mr. F. Kavanagh's ch h Bryan O'Lynn, by Randwick—Rosalie, a., 10.6, Currie	0
38	Mr. J. Philpot's m g Ika Vuka, by Ariel, 5yrs, 9.9, Woolley	0
14	Mr. M. Hickey's Carbery, by Eudymion, 4yrs, 9.7, Collins	0
390	Won by two lengths easily. Time, none taken. Dividend, £1 12s., 10s. tickets.	

HANDICAP PONY RACE of 20sovs. Second pony to receive 3sovs from the stake. For ponies 14.2 and under. Distance, six furlongs.

84	Mr. J. McNeish's br g Walter Scott, by Sir Walter, a., 6.7, Creamer	1
108	Mr. P. H. Bourke's br f La Grippe, by Daniel O'Rorke, 5yrs, 7.0, Pennell	2
238	Mr. C. Philpot's m g Sepoy, a., 7.12, Gallagher	3
48	Mr. Johnston's m g Little Nannie, by Maori—Blue Bell, 5yrs, 6.10, Munro	0
48	Mr. T. B. Bell's br m Marriah, by Gillie Callum, 5yrs, 6.7, Hodson	0
526	Won by half a length. Time, 1min 24sec. Dividend, £2 15s., 10s. tickets.	

PAPAKURA CUP HANDICAP of 70sovs. Second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Distance, 1½ miles.

174	Mr. Walter's ch m Leorina, by Leolinus—Yatterina, a., 8.0, Pyne	1
43	Mrs. J. Leonard's b m Ida, by King Cole—Bragela, 5yrs, 6.9, Smith	2
69	Mr. J. Roulston's br g Belmont, by King Quail—Winnie, 6yrs, 6.12, Creamer	3
41	Mr. J. Matland's b m Capella, by Capapie—Xantippe, a., 6.10, Hodson	0
327	Won easily by two lengths. Time, 2min 16sec. Dividend, £1 13s., £1 tickets.	

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 25sovs. Second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 25sovs in value at time of entry. Distance, one mile.

37	Mr. W. J. Sayers' br m Transit, by Hippocampus—Venus Transit, 3yrs, 7.0, Creamer	1
59	Mr. Massey's b m Acacia, by King Cole—Akeake mare, 5yrs, 6.7, Smith	2
75	Mr. Marangi's ch g Assassin, by Badsworth—Jet, a., 7.5, Manning	3
16	Mr. W. Paul's br m Hinemoa, late Black Rose, by The Australian—Satyr mare, 5yrs, 7.4, Hodson	0
106	Mr. W. McCabe's b h Mascotte, by Gillie Callum, 5yrs, 7.3, Davis	0
86	Mr. J. Thorpe's br m Jessica, by Billingsgate—Jessie, 4yrs, 7.0, Bird	0
4	Mr. J. E. McGee's b g Kauri Gum, by King Quail—Lavender, 5yrs, 6.10, Munro	0
383	Won by half a length. Time, 1min 50sec. Dividend, £4 10s., 10s. tickets.	

HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE of 60sovs. Second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Distance, about three miles.

156	Mr. R. Burke's b m Kate, by Ingomar—Kate, 6yrs, 9.9, Crowl	1
235	Mr. J. Rae's b g The Colonel, by Cap-a-pie—Candour, a., 11.0, owner	2
21	Mr. F. Kavanagh's ch h Bryan O'Lynn, by Randwick—Rosalie, a., 9.10, W. J. Williams	0
54	Mr. S. Cotton's b g Cloth of Gold, by Bothwell—Kingfisher mare, a., 9.9, A. Williams	0
466	Won by twenty lengths. Time, none taken. Dividend, £1 6s., 10s. tickets. The others did not finish.	

HANDICAP NOVEL RACE of 20sovs. Winner to be sold immediately after the race. The whole of the proceeds to go to the Club. Distance, one mile.

69	Mr. J. E. McGee's b g Comet, by Ariolite—Rangi, a., 7.7, Gallagher	1
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Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Mr. T. B. Bell's ch m Essie, Mr. J. Bland's br m Mattie, Mr. H. Wilson's br g Fusilier.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Flying Stakes Handicap of 35sovs, Mr. H. Windsor's b m Helen McGregor, Mr. W. Walter's ch m Leorina.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.—St. Patrick's Day, 17th March, 1892.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Handicap Hurdle Race of 25sovs, Mr. N. Dickey's b g Sylvio, Mr. W. Wright's g g Blue Peter.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Maiden Plate of 10sovs, Mr. N. Dickey's Bulrush, Mr. P. Grant's Arawa.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Ohinemuri Cup Handicap of 35sovs, Mr. Webster's b g Never Miss, Mr. Walker's Megoulet.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Miners' Handicap of 15sovs, Mr. N. Dickey's b g Bulrush, Mr. C. Clark's b g Laird.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Maori Race of 5sovs, Mail Boy, Try Luck, Queen, Orewa.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Consolation Race of 10sovs, Mr. C. Clark's b g Laird, Mr. P. Grant's b g Arawa.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING. First Day, March 23rd, 1892.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Trial Handicap Hurdles of 40 sovs, Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g Worth, Mr. G. P. Donnelly's b g Kaimanawa.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Selling Race of 60 sovs, Mr. J. Paul's b m Fleta, Mr. Arona's g g Silvermaine.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Napier Cup Handicap of 300 sovs, Mr. D. McKinnon's b g Scott Free, Mr. J. Paul's b h Boulanger.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Mr. F. Martin's br m Retina, Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch g Free Lance, Mr. S. H. Gollan's b m Pearl Powder.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs, Mr. R. E. McRae's b g Whalebone, Mr. W. Douglas's ch g Waterbury.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Redclyffe Stakes Handicap of 40 sovs, Mr. W. Rathbone's b h King George, Mr. Paul Ropha's ch h Musketeer.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Flying Handicap of 100 sovs, Mr. R. E. McRae's b g Torpedo, Mr. J. Paul's ch g Cretonne.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Second Trial Handicap Hurdle Race of 40 sovs, Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g Worth, Mr. G. P. Donnelly's b g Kaimanawa.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Novel Race Handicap of 70 sovs, Mr. J. Beetham's br m Vision, Mr. Faora Ropha's b g Brown Duke.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes City Stakes Handicap of 200 sovs, Mr. W. Douglas's b f Bay Bell, Hon. Captain Russell's b m Huerfana.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Two-year-old Handicap of 75 sovs, Mr. J. Paul's ch f Variety, Mr. W. Douglas's b f Ua.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs, Mr. John Maher's b g Couranto, Mr. R. E. McRae's b g Whalebone.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Hurry Scurry Handicap of 40sovs, Mr. H. L. Jull's b g Zaecho, Arona's g g Silvermaine.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Mr. McRae's blk m La Calomnie, Mr. J. D. Ormond's ch f Queen of Hearts, Mr. W. Wood's Virginia.

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

Table with 4 columns: Race name, Horse name, Weight, Result. Includes The Sydney Gold Cup, 2 miles, Marvel, Highborn, Strathmore.

Table with 4 columns: Race name, Horse name, Weight, Result. Includes The Doncaster Handicap, 1 mile, Marvel, Strathmore, Bungebah.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Maiden Plate, one mile, Clements 8.7, Transit (Sayers') 8.7, Miss Sly 8.0.

WOODVILLE JOCKEY CLUB MEETING.

Table with 3 columns: Race name, Horse name, Result. Includes Maiden Hurdles of 20 sovs, Lopez 10.4, Claude 10.4, Exchange 9.12.

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TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB. ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

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

ROBT. G. BAUCHOPE, Secretary.



HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB. WINTER MEETING.

FRIDAY 24th JUNE, 1892.

President—Hon. Captain Russell, M.H.R. Treasurer—A. C. Lang. Stewards—Wm. Douglas, G. P. Donnelly, C. A. Fitzroy, H. Gaisford, G. Hunter, F. Logan, Hon. J. D. Ormond, Dr. Russell, W. Shrimpton. Judge—W. Shrimpton. Starter—Saml. Powell. Clerk of the Course—James Lopdell. Clerk of the Scales—Robt. L. Williams. Timekeeper—E. M. Whittington. Clerk of the Totalisator—G. T. Cross. Handicapper—J. O. Evett. Secretary—F. D. Luckie.

PROGRAMME. To Start at

12 noon.—HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 SOVS.; second horse to receive 20 sovs. from the stakes. Nomination 1 sov.; acceptance 2 sovs. About 2 miles.

1 p.m.—HAWKE'S BAY STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 300 sovs.; second horse to receive 50 sovs. and third horse 20 sovs. from the stakes. Nomination, 2 sovs.; acceptance, 7 sovs. Winner of any Steeplechase Handicap of the value of 200 sovs. after declaration of the weights to carry 7lb penalty. About 3 1/2 miles.

2 p.m.—LADIES' BRACELET of 80 SOVS. A Bracelet value 80 sovs. A gold-mounted whip will be presented to the rider of the winner. For four-year-olds and upwards that have never won an advertised race of any description exceeding 25 sovs. in value at time of entry. Gentlemen riders. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Entrance, 3 sovs. Weights—4yrs, 11st 12lb; 5yrs, 6yrs, and aged, 12st 3lb. No allowances. Two miles on the flat.

N.B.—Applications for election as a gentleman rider must be made to the committee of the Jockey Club in whose district the applicant resides, and must be proposed and seconded in writing by members of the Club. On election the committee shall issue a certificate, which shall entitle the holder to ride as a gentleman rider on any racecourse where these rules are in force, provided that the certificate may be cancelled at any time on sufficient cause being shown. No person having received payment in consideration of work performed in connection with the training or riding of horses shall be eligible to ride as a gentleman rider.

2.45 p.m.—MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 70 SOVS.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stake Entrance, 2 sovs. Weight-for-age. For all horses that have never won an advertised Steeplechase exceeding 25 sovs. in value at time of entry. Weights—4yrs, 11st 6lb; 5yrs, 12st; 6yrs and aged 12st 3lb. About 2 miles.

3.35 p.m.—AMATEUR STEEPLECHASE of 50 SOVS.; weight-for-age; gentlemen riders. For horses that have never started in a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race. Entrance, 1 sov. Weights—4yrs, 11st 6lb; 5yrs, 12st; 6yrs and aged, 12st 3lb. About 2 miles.

4.15 p.m.—WELTER HANDICAP of 40 SOVS. (on the flat); minimum weight, 10st. Nomination 1 sov. Weights will be declared immediately after the Ladies' Bracelet Race. Acceptance 1 sov., before the start for the Amateur Steeplechase. One mile and a quarter.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES AND WEIGHTS.

With amounts to be forwarded to the Secretary H.B.J.C.

N.B.—All events close at 10 p.m.

TUESDAY, 10th MAY.

NOMINATIONS.—Handicap Hurdle Race 1 sov. Hawke's Bay Steeplechase..... 2 sovs. Weights will be declared on or about the 8th June.

FRIDAY, 17th JUNE.

ACCEPTANCES.—Handicap Hurdle Race 2 sovs. Hawke's Bay Steeplechase 7 sovs. NOMINATIONS.—Ladies' Bracelet 3 sovs. Maiden Steeplechase 2 sovs. Amateur Steeplechase 1 sov. Welter Handicap 1 sov.

F. D. LUCKIE, Secretary.

TO OWNERS OF TROTTERS, ETC. GEORGE CLARK,

is prepared to accept Trotters for training during the present season. Communications to be addressed, P. QUINLAN, Edinburgh Castle Hotel, or, GEORGE CLARK, Avondale.

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SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING, TO BE RUN ON CLAUDELANDS RACECOURSE, HAMILTON, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD, 1892.

FIRST RACE TO START AT 12.15 SHARP.

President—Dr. Waddington. Vice-President—W. H. Herries, Esq. Judge—L. Cussen, Esq. Stewards—Dr. Waddington, Messrs. R. Matthias, A. Furze, R. W. Dyer, H. Bullock-Webster, A. Bruce Suttor, E. M. Dickey, R. Noble, George Edgecumbe, L. Cussen, Isaac Coates, W. Cussen, Dr. Kenny. Starter—Mr. J. McNicol. Clerk of Scales—Mr. C. J. W. Barton. Clerks of Course—Messrs F. and E. Pilling. Handicapper—Mr. E. D. Halstead. Hon Sec.—Mr G. H. Carter.

PROGRAMME.

- 1. WELTER HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Nomination, 10s., acceptance, 15s. Minimum weight 8st 7lb. Distance, 1 mile.
2. HANDICAP HURDLES of 35 sovs.; £5 out of the stakes to go to second horse. Over eight flights of 3ft 6in hurdles. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 2 miles.
3. AUTUMN HANDICAP of 55 sovs.; £5 out of stakes to go to second horse. Winner of any race of the advertised value of £50 after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lb extra; of any two such races, 8lb extra; penalties not cumulative. Advertised value means the advertised amount irrespective of any deductions for second horse or otherwise. Nomination 20s; acceptance, 35s. Distance, 1 1/4 miles.
4. GALLOWAY HANDICAP of 20 sovs. For ponies 14.2 and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, 6 furlongs.
5. HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 55 sovs.; £5 out of stakes to go to the second horse. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 35s. Distance, about 3 miles.
6. CLAUDELANDS HANDICAP of 35 sovs.; £5 out of stakes to go to the second horse. Winner of the Autumn Handicap to carry 10lb extra; winner of any other race after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lb extra; penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, 1 mile.
7. NOVEL RACE of 30 sovs. The winner to become the absolute property of the Club, and to be sold immediately after the race. Weight for age. Nomination, 20s. Distance, 7 furlongs.
8. FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Winner of the Autumn Handicap to carry 10lb extra; winner of Claudelands Handicap to carry 7lb extra; penalties not cumulative. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. tance, 6 furlongs.

CONDITIONS.

Nominations for Galloway Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Autumn Handicap, Welter Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase, Claudelands Handicap, and Flying Stakes Handicap to be made to the Secretary, Hamilton, before 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, April 1st. Weights to appear on or about THURSDAY, April 7th. Acceptances to be declared before 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, April 15th.

Nominations for Novel Race to be made to the Secretary before 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, April 15th, day of general entry. Five per cent. to be deducted from the stakes to go to improvement of the course.

No nominations or acceptances will be received on any pretence whatever after the hour named, or without being accompanied by the necessary amount of cash.

The attention of owners is particularly called to this regulation. Performances and description of horses and the riders' colours to be sent with all nominations and acceptances.

Order of running subject to alteration. Metropolitan Rules, together with the S.A.R.C. Rules, strictly adhered to.

Mr. H. H. Hayr, of Auckland, is authorised to receive nominations and acceptances, etc.

G. H. CARTER, Hon. Sec.



AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING,

To be held on the AVONDALE RACECOURSE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1892.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

Judge—Mr. J. Bollard. Starter—Mr. E. D. Halstead. Handicapper—Mr. E. D. Halstead. Stewards—Messrs. R. Garrett, T. Barclay, M. Foley, S. J. Best, Joseph May, E. J. Cairns, H. Bishop, J. Binstead, C. P. Murdoch, W. Bailey, Richard Garrett, C. James, B. D. Tonks.

PROGRAMME

(Passed by A.R.C.)

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 25SOVS. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 30 sovs at time of starting. Nomination 1/2sov, acceptance 1/2sov. Distance, 1 mile.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 45SOVS. Second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, 2 miles.

AVONDALE CUP HANDICAP of 50SOVS. Second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lbs extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1 1/2sovs. Distance, 1 1/4 miles.

HANDICAP PONY RACE of 20SOVS. For all ponies 14.2 and under. Nomination 1/2sov, acceptance 1/2sov. Distance, 7 furlongs.

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MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 30SOVS. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase valued 80 sovs at time of starting. Nomination 1/2sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, about 2 1/2 miles.

HANDICAP NOVEL RACE of 20SOVS. The winner to be sold immediately after the race and the whole of the proceeds to go to the funds. Nomination 1/2sov, acceptance 1/2sov. Distance, 5 furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 50SOVS. Second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1 1/2sovs. Distance, about 3 miles.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 25SOVS. Winner of Avondale Cup to carry a penalty of 5lb extra. Nomination 1/2sov, acceptance 1/2sov. Distance, 5 furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ETC.

Acceptances will close on FRIDAY, 1st April, at 9 p.m. Order of running subject to alteration. 5 per cent. deducted from all winnings

H. H. HAYR, Secretary.



EGMONT RACING CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY, 1892.

President—Hon. Sir Harry Atkinson, K.C.M.G. Vice-President—R. H. Nolan. Stewards—H. Good, J. Heslop, H. J. C. Coutts, Robert Hicks, M. F. Baird, T. Mason, A. S. Tonks, P. J. Wilson, Wm. Adamson. Starter—S. Powell. Clerk of the Course—J. T. Stone. Clerk of the Scales—A. S. Tonks. Handicapper—J. E. Henry. Timekeeper—M. F. Baird. Judge—R. H. Nolan. Treasurer—W. A. Nairn.

PROGRAMME.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 70 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Over nine flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 11.45 a.m. Two miles and a distance.

HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 35 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 10s. To start at 12.30 p.m. One mile and a half.

HANDICAP TRIAL STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For horses who have never won a Steeplechase of over 40 sovs. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 1 p.m. About 2 miles.

FIRST HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 10s. To start at 1.30 p.m. One mile and a half.

EGMONT HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs., third horse 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 2 sovs.; Final Payment, 2 sovs. Winner of any Handicap Steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs. after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lbs. To start a 2.15 p.m. About 3 miles.

SECOND HANDICAP HACK FLAT RACE of 35 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 10s. Winner of the First Hack Flat Race to carry a penalty of 7lbs. To start at 3.15 p.m. Three-quarters of a mile.

FINAL HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 4 p.m. About 2 miles.

A Hack means a horse that has never won a race, or is not nominated at date of entry for any race (hack and hunter races excepted).

No Nominations or Acceptances will be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount payable. The attention of owners is particularly called to this regulation.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES, AND AMOUNTS TO BE FORWARDED. NOMINATIONS.

TUESDAY, 12th APRIL, AT 9 P.M.

Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov. Handicap Trial Steeplechase, 1 sov. Egmont Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov. Final Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov.

TUESDAY, 26th APRIL, AT 9 P.M.

Handicap Hack Hurdles, 1 sov. First Handicap Hack Flat, 1 sov. Second Handicap Hack Flat, 1 sov.

ACCEPTANCES.

SATURDAY, 30th APRIL, at 9 P.M.

Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov. Handicap Trial Steeplechase, 1 sov. Egmont Handicap Steeplechase, 2 sovs.

AT THE POST.

Handicap Hack Hurdles, 10s. First Handicap Hack Flat, 10s. Second Handicap Hack Flat, 10s. Final Handicap Steeplechase, 2 sovs. Egmont Handicap Steeplechase (Final Payment), 2 sovs. Telegraph Office closes at Hawera at 5 p.m.

WEIGHTS

will be declared as follows.—Handicap Hurdles, Handicap Steeplechase, Egmont Handicap Steeplechase, on TUESDAY, 19th April. Handicap Hack Hurdles, First Handicap Hack Flat, Second Handicap Hack Flat, on SATURDAY, 7th May. Weights for Final Handicap Steeplechase will be declared immediately after running of Egmont Handicap Steeplechase.

ALEX. G. BRETT, Secretary.

Submitted and approved, this 7th day of March, 1892.—ROBT. G. BAUCHOPE, Hon. Sec. T.J. Club.

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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. AUTUMN MEETING

FIRST DAY. EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1892.

PROGRAMME.

TRADESMEN'S PLATE HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each to go the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. One mile.

NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 200 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each; 5 sovs. forfeit, or no liability if declared by 8 p.m. on the night of general entry. The second horse to receive 30 sovs. and third horse 10 sovs. from the stakes. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st 10lbs; fillies, 8st 8lbs; geldings allowed 5lbs. The forfeit (5 sovs.) to be declared and paid to the A.R.C. Secretary by 12 noon on the day before the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stakes. The winner of the Auckland or Canterbury Welcome Stakes, or the Great Northern Foal Stakes, or any race not a handicap, of the advertised value of 200 sovs., to carry 7lbs extra. Closed 41 subscribers. Six furlongs.

EASTER HANDICAP of 300 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each. Second horse to receive 50 sovs. and third horse 15 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 2 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. The winner of any race of the value of 100 sovs., after the declaration of the weights, to carry 3lbs extra; of 200 sovs, 5lbs; of 100 sovs., and one of 200 sovs., 7lbs, extreme penalty. One mile and a half.

HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 100 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

SELLING RACE of 50 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Three-year-olds to carry 9st 9lbs; four-year-olds, 10st 3lbs; five-year-olds and upwards, 10st 5lbs. The winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race for 150 sovs., and the whole of the surplus to go to the funds. If entered to be sold for 100 sovs., allowed 7lbs; if for 75 sovs., 14lbs; if for 50 sovs., 21lbs; if for 25 sovs., 28lbs; if for nil, 42lbs. Six furlongs.

EDEN HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. Winner of any handicap after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lbs extra. Seven furlongs.

ONslow STAKES (Handicap) of 80 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds that have never won a race of the value of 100 sovs. at time of entry. Winner of Champagne Stakes to carry a penalty of 10lbs. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY,

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1892.

THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. One mile.

ELLERSLIE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 250 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 3 sovs. each. Second horse to receive 30 sovs. and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 2 sovs., and acceptance 3 sovs. each, to go to the funds. One mile and a quarter.

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 200 sovs., added to a sweepstakes of 3 sovs. each. Second horse to receive 30 sovs., and third horse 15 sovs. out of the stakes. Entrance 2 sovs., and acceptance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. About three miles and a half.

FLYING STAKES of 60 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of the stakes. For two-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 2 sovs. each, to go to the funds. Two-year-olds to carry 7st 4lbs; three-year-olds, 8st 9lbs; four-year-olds and upwards, 9st. Winner since 1st August, 1891, of a weight-for-age race of the value of 50 sovs. to carry 5lbs extra; of 100 sovs., 7lbs extra; of 200 sovs., 10lbs extra; or of such races collectively of the value of 300 sovs., 14lbs extra. Three-quarters of a mile.

WELTER HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight 7st 5lbs. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. One mile.

SHORTS HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Second horse to receive 15 sovs. from the stakes. For two-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. The winner of any race after the publication of the weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.,

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary, A.R.C.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH, 1892, BY 10 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name, Amount. Includes Easter Handicap (2 sovs), Autumn Handicap (2 sovs), Autumn Steeplechase (2 sovs).

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH, 1892—General Entry Night, by 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

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NOMINATIONS.

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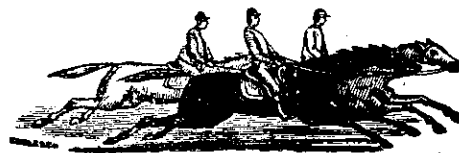
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