

and paid a dividend of £74 odd. Now, no Chinaman held a ticket on that mare in that particular race, but where our guileless sporting writer of Wanganui has been led astray is in being told that some "Chinaman" (technically speaking) had tickets on the mare. White backers, as racing men well know, are called "Chinamen" when about eight or four of them make up a ticket on the machine. I don't insinuate that any of the backers of Cingalee were technical "Chinamen," but I only wish to explain that the paragraph I take exception to is erroneous, and not according to fact, although, at the same time, I must admit that the technical "Chinaman" is not a *rara avis* in Taranaki.

Mr. H. Redwood's colt Awarua Rose, Rama Rama—Rosalind, had a bit of hard luck in the Taranaki J.C. Handicap last week. The day before the race the colt went lame in one of his forelegs, although there was no apparent injury. It was presumed that he must have bruised his heel. The colt was, however, started, and on entering the straight for home he was lying third, the boy having then a pull on him, but just as the bend was rounded the colt's leg troubled him, and he was unable to gallop the race out at top; in fact, when he was pulled up he walked dead lame. I think only for the accident the colt would have troubled Prestige considerably. I am glad to state that the colt has now recovered, and if he keeps well he will compete at Wellington at the end of the month. An idea of the pace in the race may be gauged when I state that a competent timekeeper made the last horse to pass the post as cutting out the "go" in 2min 41sec. Whisper was fair done in the straight, the severity of the pace throughout made her weight tell its tale at the finish. Scot Free ran a splendid race, but was not ridden with good judgment, as he was kept behind too long. Lochness appeared to me to be stale, but he ran an honest nag. Donald McKinnon's luck was dead out at the meeting. Krina was literally bathed in perspiration before she started, and was altogether out of sorts to win. Prestige was very fit. I like the look of him, and expect to hear of him doing something big in the bye-and-by. The Dreamer looked a bit fine, but ran an exceedingly honest race. The Wanganui people, that is the public, did not get on Prestige in any number. I fancy they stuck to St. Malo, who ran a good horse, finishing third. Weka made the pace dreadfully warm for a mile and a quarter, and the fast time must be credited to her. How her connections expected to win by running the mare the way they did is a mystery to me. It was a splendid race, and well worth going a long way to witness.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

FOXTON RACING CLUB.

To-day (Thursday), April 7, acceptances due.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

To-morrow (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., 2 miles, 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 of 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.

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

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

Saturday, April 9th by 10 p.m., Mr. Sydney James, secretary, receives nominations for the—
Hurdle Handicap of 100 sovs., 2 miles, 1 sov.
May Trotting Handicap of 100 sovs., 3 miles, 1 sov.
Tradesmen's Handicap of 150 sovs., 1 mile, 1 sov.
Winter Trotting Handicap of 80 sovs., 2 miles, 1 sov.
St. Clair Welter Handicap of 150 sovs., 7 furlongs, 1 sov.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

Tuesday, April 12th (on or about) Mr. Freeman R. Jackson, secretary, will receive nominations for the—

Flying Handicap of 50 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sov.
Winter Oats Handicap of 100 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
Wanganui Steeplechase of 225 sovs., about 3 miles, 2 sovs.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, secretary, receives entrances for the following events up till 10 p.m. on Thursday, 14th inst.:—

Gimcrack Race of 30 sovs., 6 furlongs, 1 sovs.
Also acceptances for the
The Christchurch Hurdles of 100 sovs., 2 miles, 1 sov.
Epsom Welter Handicap of 100 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
Sockburn Handicap of 100 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.
Also Sweep of 2 sovs. each for the
Russley Stakes, with 100 sovs., 5 furlongs.
And Sweep of 5 sovs. for the
Challenge Stakes with 300 sovs. added, 7 furlongs.
Final payments are also due for the
Great Autumn Handicap, 5 sovs.
Great Easter Handicap, 5 sovs.
Champagne Stakes, 6 sovs.

SOUTH AUCKLAND R.C.

Friday, April 15th, by 9 p.m., acceptances close with the hon. secretary, Mr. G. H. Carter, Hamilton, or Mr. H. H. Hayr, at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, for the following events:—

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

TAWHARE RACES (near Hamilton).

Saturday, April 19th, nominations due.



[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.
Newton 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.
Waikato Rifles—Saturday, 16th, at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. respectively.
Hamilton Light Infantry—Thursday, 14th and 28th, at 7.30 p.m.

NOTWITHSTANDING my many years service in the "A" Battery as an active member, and my position as a member of the Press, I was not favoured with the usual complimentary ticket to the promenade concert given to Sergeant Doughty last week, consequently I am not in a position to describe it.

The South Franklin Mounted Rifles have issued a programme of military sports for Easter Monday, 18th instant, a copy of which I have received from Sergt. H. Harris, hon. secretary, who will be better known as Corpl. Harris, who took such an intelligible and active interest in the late military sports held at Potter's Paddock. The programme is made up of ten events, and is attractive enough in its variety to attract considerable attention in military circles as well as others of all classes and tastes. One item, I regret to observe, is absent from the programme before me, and that is the musical ride, which is one of the prettiest and most attractive items usually to be found at such gatherings. The South Franklins do not confine themselves to military events, for I find they have a trotting race of two miles and a hack hurdle race of one and

a-quarter miles. In the latter respect I do not see why, under careful management, they should not be as successful as the Heratunga Mounted Rifles have been with their race meetings in Wellington. The Ponsonby Navals talk of going up, so also do the City Guards and a team of the Auckland Navals for the tug-of-war. A full band is announced, and altogether a good day's sport is promised, which will be wound up with a grand military concert in the evening, followed by a dance in the Masonic Hall. The sports, concert, and dance, &c., are to be held at Pukekohe, and commence at 11 30 a.m., the whole being under the patronage of Lieut.-Colonel Goring and officers and men of the Auckland Garrison.

No end of paragraphs have been published giving the height of Sergt. H. Doughty, the champion, varying from 5 feet 1½ inches to 6 feet 8½ inches, but I have authority for saying, and I know personally, that Doughty's height is 6 feet and half an inch in his socks.

The following are the scores over 90 points for Clark's Belt:—

	200 yds.	300 yds.	400 yds.	500 yds.	TL.
Col.-Sergt. Skinner, V. Rifles..	30	26	32	19	107
P.O. G. Spinley, P. Navals....	28	25	27	26	106
Gun. Henderson, "A" Battery	28	26	25	24	103
Vol. T. Fairs, Victoria Rifles..	28	26	26	21	101
Sergt. Doughty, "A" Battery	31	26	27	16	100
Seaman Henderson, Thames....	28	26	21	22	97
Vol. M. Fairs, Victoria Rifles..	26	26	25	20	97
Vol. W. Royal, Newton Rifles..	28	22	27	20	97
Capt. Tobin, Royal Irish Rifles	31	21	22	22	96
Corpl. Hazard, "A" Battery]..	26	22	24	24	96
P.O. Ewan, Ponsonby Navals..	26	23	25	22	96
Vol. Osborne, City Guards....	30	15	26	24	95
Lieut. Smith, Auckland Navals	28	25	29	13	95
Bugler Dormer, City Guards..	30	20	26	18	94
Vol. J. W. Leigh, V. Rifles..	27	19	25	22	93
Corpl. Webster, "A" Battery	25	22	25	20	92

Captain Tobin, of the Royal Irish Rifles, was the holder of the belt last year.

The competition for the Government gold and silver medals takes place on Saturday, April 9th. The competition is only open to marksmen who are efficient Volunteers, 200 yards standing, 300 yards kneeling, and 500 yards any military position; ten rounds at each distance.

The marking for Clark's Belt was most unsatisfactory. Challenges were far too numerous, and in most instances, on examination, shots were found on the targets, and on one occasion four unmarked shots were discovered.

Driver E. Wiles, of the "A" Battery, had his four greys and harness in splendid order for the reception of the champion. They were a credit to his management, and the owners, Messrs. W. and G. Winstone, no doubt felt as proud of their man as they did of their grand animals.

TORPEDO.

A boxer named Jack Martin—a light-weight, who arrived, it is said, from Frisco by the last mailboat—is after Jack Nicholson, the well-known light-weight who recently defeated Jennings, and the Auckland boy is ready for the fray.

Sammy Goodman requests us to state, in answer to Brady's challenge to a walking match, that he does not now profess to be a walking man. He most emphatically announced through the columns of this journal that he had retired from the running track and taken up his present position as a trainer. Sammy thinks, and justly so, that after the number of victories he has recorded over all distances—walking, running, and even over hurdles—it is not fair for every young fellow who comes out a little, to issue a challenge against him; and although he in no way imagines himself inferior to Brady, he rightly thinks the public would have no confidence in his word were he to come out again after announcing his retirement, neither would it be fair to the large number of peds he has in training, as he would necessarily have to give them up to train himself for a contest. Amongst Goodman's many victories he won Mr. Mick Gallagher's £4 prize, doing 4½ miles in half-an-hour, and has won races over all distances, from 100 yards up to half-hour go-as-you-please—his fastest mile being done in 4min. 48secs., 150 yards in 17secs., mile walk in 6min. 59secs., 7½ miles in one hour at Professor Carrullo's tournament, etc. With such a record as Goodman holds, who can blame him for preferring to remain in retirement on his well-earned laurels and where it is more profitable to himself as a professional and already successful trainer.