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Spectatum admissi risum teneatis amici?

MR. WALTER BENTLEY and his talented Company have filled the Opera House on each two successive nights during the past week with "David Garrick," "Richelieu," and "Lady of Lyons," and to say that those plays were staged and carried out in a manner equal to their initial performance of "Hamlet" would be quite insufficient praise, and it is only on account of the temporary absence of our musical critic ORPHEUS, through illness, that we do not give our usual detailed notices of such sterling and excellent productions as are at present being offered to the public.

JOTTINGS FROM WELLINGTON.

(BY PROTEUS.)

[BY WIRE.]

At the opening meet of the United Hunt Club held on last Saturday afternoon there was a large attendance of spectators. The weather was cold for onlookers, but it was a true hunter's day. The master, Mr. H. D. Crawford, and Dick Roade are to be congratulated upon having such splendid arrangements, which gave satisfaction to all concerned. Amongst the gentlemen following the hunt were Mr. H. D. Crawford, master (on Programme), Mr. D. G. A. Cooper (on The Liar), Mr. F. Wells, master of the Hawke's Bay Hunt, Drs. Cahill and Gillon, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Richardson, of Blenheim (on Harkaway), Mr. Andrew Wylie (on Matchless), Mr. Skerrett (on Tongiora), Mr. Mills (on Sawdust), Mr. Bridson (on Excelsior), and some thirty others. The hounds threw off on a greasy spot at the rear of Mr. Crawford's house at Miramar. The first post and rails proved too much for a number of intending followers, one gentleman having rather a severe fall, but fortunately he escaped without any serious injury, no bones being broken. The hounds then made their way toward the sea end of the flat. After going about 2 miles over rough country the first check took place, and except the one accident before mentioned all the riders came in. After a rest of a few minutes a new start was made in which a number of fresh riders took part; amongst them was Mr. Hawk, on the well-known horse Ercildoune, who followed to the death, the horse taking the jumps splendidly. The run at this stage went straight to the kennels, keeping under the Pilot Station hill. The pace here was very fast. After a short stoppage at the kennels the hounds picked up the scent and ran towards the hill on the eastern side of Evans' Bay, finishing up on the flat near the windmill. After the run Mrs. Crawford provided afternoon tea for a large number of guests, thus giving a fitting conclusion to the afternoon's sport.

WELLINGTON, April 1.

MESSRS. WORTH BROS. advance agent, Mr. Alexander, is having large barricades made and erected on the Reclamation, the idea being

to prevent the Wellington winds from lifting their mammoth tent from its foundation, an incident which happened to the company on their last visit to Wellington.

A NEW member of the Wellington Football Club is W. Thompson, late of the Suburbs Club, Auckland. It is surmised he will greatly strengthen the forward division of that club.

THE directors of the Wellington Opera House intend arranging a series of tug-of-war competitions on the same lines as those that have lately been held in all the principal cities of Australia. Large cash prizes are to be given, as well as medals for the purpose of bringing as many nationalities together as possible, and to test the respective strength of each nation's representatives.

As the citizens of Wellington have not considered the necessity of having another recreation ground, Mr. Firth, of the Wellington College, has influenced several gentlemen to render him aid in improving the college football ground. Mr. Firth's intention is to have the ground levelled and generally altered, and for this purpose the sum of £200 is required. The contract for the levelling has been let. There is every sign of contributions coming in freely, although the committee of gentlemen appointed to assist Mr. Firth have not yet resorted to canvassing. Mr. Firth heads the list with £20, and others interested in the scheme have promised handsome donations. It is very gratifying to see that a step has at last been taken in the direction of providing a suitable ground for the athletics of Wellington. It is expected to have the ground in order by next spring, and to open it with the College Athletic Sports.

THE Rugby Union held their annual meeting last Wednesday night, Mr. G. Fisher, M.H.R., being in the chair. The following report was presented and read, but owing to its great length I have been compelled to reduce it:—Matches: The visit which was owing by the Union to Canterbury and Otago since 1885 was at length returned, but the result was far from satisfactory, the Wellington team being defeated in both matches. The only other foreign match in which the Union was engaged was the annual match with Hawke's Bay, played at Newtown Park, and won by Wellington by two tries to nil. A junior team was also sent to Palmerston, and met a team from the Manawatu Union, and after a good game a draw was the result. Club matches: The first and second-class matches were fought out most spiritedly, and provided some excellent games. The Athletic Club won the former, playing eight games, winning six, and losing two, the runners up being the Wellingtons with eight games played, five won, two lost, one drawn. The second-class contest was won by the Oriental Club with the excellent record of eleven games played, ten won, one lost. The Wellington Club was also second in this class, playing eleven games; winning nine, losing two. Two club teams made visits to the district during the season, viz., the Te Aute College team and the Alhambra team from Otago, both teams holding the premiership in their respective districts. The former club

won matches against the Wellington and Poneke Clubs, and the Alhambra team beat the Athletics by 4 points to 3, after a close game. The finances were considered to be in a satisfactory condition. The election of officers was then dealt with. Mr. Fisher, the out-going president, then left the chair, which was taken by Mr. A. Thompson. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President: G. Fisher, M.H.R. Vice-presidents: Dr. Newman, M.H.R., J. Duthie, M.H.R., Messrs. H. D. Bell, and H. Gully. Hon. Sec.: J. Hyams. Treasurer: D. F. Skinner. Management Committee: Seniors, Messrs. T. R. Ellison (Poneke), J. A. Thompson (Athletic), T. M. Wilford (Petone), G. S. Fache (Wellington), and A. Campbell (Melrose). Juniors: C. Earle and C. Nicholls. Match Committee: Messrs. Wilfred, Marchbanks, and Ellison. Auditors; J. Dumbell and J. Reich. Mr. Thompson, the chairman, mentioned about betting on matches. He said that to see the game prosper this evil practice would have to be abolished. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers and to the chair brought the meeting to a close.

RANDOM RACING REMARKS.

[BY PEGASUS.]

ALTHOUGH apprised of the fact that Prestige was a "good thing" for the Taranaki Meeting, I hardly thought she was capable of lasting out a mile and a-half journey. Consequently I was induced to leave her out of Cup calculations, and thereupon put her in the Flying Stakes division, which proved correct.

G'Naroo has gone over from Melbourne to Sydney, ostensibly to compete in the Sydney Gold Cup. It was conundrumised after he won the Caulfield Cup, that readers did not back my "tip" because they were not sufficiently G'Naroo-minded. On this occasion it would, perhaps, be advisable not to be narrow-minded again, and just "touch" him for a little.

The weights for the Auckland Easter Handicap and Steeples are to hand this week. At first sight Whisper, Pinfire, Krina, Yattaghan, Torpedo, and Master Pat read well for the Handicap, and Rough, Whalebone, Irishman, Ingorangi, and Fishmonger for the Steeples. I shall have a better opportunity, however, of dealing with them next week, when I shall attempt a "tip" for the chief events.

The C.J.C. items have filled well except the two-year-old events. Heather Bell for the Great Easter Handicap. What price?

Watch Kulnine for the C.J.C. Autumn Handicap!

SYDNEY GOLD CUP.

Since last week's review the acceptances have come to hand, and I find that out of the nine given hurriedly in the issue of 24th March six remain in, and of those favourably commented upon last week all are left in.

I shall now proceed to deal with the rest of the field.

Oxide, 7st 10lb, has "got in" very leniently and, if any good, should make a big bid for victory. Although of a game family, I hardly think he can be fast enough for the company although he might get into a place.

Portsea, 7st 10lb, was a great fancy of mine for the Australian Cup, but failed to get a "drum" even. Notwithstanding this failure, I cannot pass him over as he has now 7lbs less

to carry. In my previous "remarks" upon this horse I pointed out that I had a "sneaking regard" always for a V.R.C. Handicap winner. I have a fancy that he will "do" Oxide; and that he will prove "too much" for St. Blaize over this distance.

Forty Winks, 7st 6lb, ran third in the Australian Cup with 7st 9lb. I am constrained to think that the distance is rather far for him judging by his performance in the above event. Besides, some of the other "good 'uns" met him on far better terms now. For instance, Freedom 3lbs, Tirailleur 8lbs, G'Naroo 3lbs, Portsea 4lbs, Oxide 5lbs, and so on; whereas he met Highborn, the winner, and Strathmore, the second horse, on only 3lbs and 9lbs better terms, which is certainly not enough.

Althotas I don't know.

Sunshine, 7st 2lb, ran well in the Spring, and got a good second to Highborn at Rosehill. He meets the latter on 10lbs better terms than then; but I presume the distance is too far. If he wins it will be a great surprise indeed.

Sainfoin, at the same weight, reads better to my mind. He is by Richmond, and very often that breed requires a little time to ripen. This horse ran second to Strathmore in the Foal Stakes, 1¼ miles, on the last day of the V.R.C. Spring Meeting. Of course this is a longer journey, but he meets his former opponent on 18lbs better terms; besides which, he may not have been quite "ripe." I am inclined to believe that he will run well, and "put down" Sunshine, St. Helene, and Jack.

The distance should be too far for these three, notwithstanding the last-named's good performance in the Brunswick Stakes, 1¼ miles, on 27th February last.

La Tosca, 7st, is in the same stable as Strathmore and Zalinski, therefore it will be difficult to ascertain the stable fancy. She cut out a fast mile and a-quarter, carrying 7st 5lb, in the V.R.C. Spring Handicap. On that running she should hold Yarran and Dick safe, always provided they can all "get" the two miles. I think it is safer to trust Zalinski for this event.

Mitre, 6st 8lb, is a five-year-old, and might be labelled "dangerous." I look upon him as the most dangerous of the six stone division by a long way.

Yowi, 6st 2lb, who won the Metropolitan Handicap, carrying 6st 7lb, may be considered by some to have "a show," but I am afraid the company on this occasion will prove "too pure" to repeat that dose.

Selkirk, 6st, is said to be a "good 'un," but I am constrained to include him in the same category with Yowi and Co.

Reviewing my "remarks" of last week and those above as well, I find I have most favourably commented upon the chances of Freedom, Marvel, Zalinski, Highborn, G'Naroo, Portsea, Sainfoin, La Tosca (if selected) and Mitre, but shall reserve the right of a final selection till next issue, although I expect to be in possession of good information by Monday next. At present I am disposed to think the placed division will come from the above eight.

HELENSVILLE RACES.

ABOUT 300 people left Auckland by the special train at 9.25 a.m. on Saturday to attend the annual race meeting of the Helensville Jockey Club. The day was magnificently fine, tempered with a nice light breeze, and everything bid fair for a good day's racing; and so it proved to be, although the fields were small when compared with the large acceptances. The course is a splendid one and was in first-class order, and the stewards and other officials performed their various duties satisfactorily. One want was felt—there was no band to enliven the proceedings, but the distance from town is so great that the expense of bringing one up would perhaps be greater than circumstances warranted. Mr. E. D. Halstead succeeded in making some very close finishes by his handicapping. Mr. W. Blomfield worked a totalisator on the ground, but very little business was done, only £449 being passed through in ten-shilling tickets. Games of chance and the speling fraternity were there in large numbers, plying their several avocations with vigour and evident success to themselves. The first race was the Maiden Plate, which brought out a field of nine, eight on the card being absentees. Assassin, by Badsworth

—Jet, 8st, was made favourite, and justified the confidence reposed in him by winning in a canter from Potentate, 7st 5lbs, and Kate, 7st 10lbs. The Hack Race proved somewhat of a boil-over, there being seven contestants. Success, 7st 0lbs, and Fusilier, 7st 4lbs, were made warm favourites. Mr. J. L. Stewart's ch m Spot, 6st 10lbs., won with the greatest of ease, Fusilier second and Success third, the nice little dividend of £5 17s. for 10s. being the result. Ingorina was served up very warmly for the Helensville Cup, but after a splendid race, in which the Ingomar—Hipporina horse was never dangerous, Ida was beaten on the post by a neck by the unreliable Brigade, who was well ridden by Gallagher, Ingorina third. Miss Sly, who by the way is a full sister to the Auckland Derby winner Morion, was the only other starter. The Novel Race was fourth on the card; and this time five out of the eight came to the post. Spot, by her running in the Hack Race, was greatly fancied for this event, and she did not disappoint her backers, for she won easily, doing the mile in 1min. 52 3-5th sec. On being submitted to the hammer she was knocked down to Mr. D. McLeod for £22. The Hurdles was reckoned a good thing for Assassin, but the winner unexpectedly turned up in Potentate, who beat the favourite by a neck after a good race, Cloth of Gold being third. The concluding event of the day proved a most exciting finish between Ida and Brigade, the former reversing the Cup verdict by a head, Kildare third. There were two other starters. This brought the meeting to a close in ample time to catch the train, for town visitors got back about 9 p.m. after an enjoyable day's outing.

TARANAKI J.C. ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THE Anniversary meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club was opened on Thursday, under most favourable auspices. The weather was splendid, the attendance exceptionally large, speculation on the machine was brisk, the fields were big, and the finishes were all of an interesting description. The officers of the Club all worked well in carrying out the programme, which was got through without a single hitch. The starter's flag was wielded by Mr. Sam Powell, who was asked to officiate at the request of Mr. Jas. Paul, the Club's starter. In every instance Mr. Powell effected an even start, and thus maintained the reputation he has achieved as a starter. The handicapping was good—the race for the big Handicap being the best instance of this, as the nine starters were all fair in it half-way up the straight. Mr. Evtitt must have felt gratified at the splendid results of his adjustments. The totalisator was worked by Messrs. Cohen and Stock, of Napier, who gave general satisfaction to the patrons of the machine. During the day they put through a total of £2,653, which is over £600 more than the first day last year. Mr. R. G. Bauchope, the hon. secretary of the Club, carried out his duties in a manner that left nothing to be desired, and the success of the meeting in a great measure was due to his energy and tact.

Business opened with the Hack Hurdles, for which six weighed out. On the fall of the flag Recruit set out to make the running, closely attended by Baccarat, with Flukem, Atlantic and Security handy, and Cingalee (whose rider was apparently making a waiting race) last. At the third jump Baccarat struck heavily, and carried away a section of the jump, but managed to keep his feet. At the back, about three furlongs from home, Recruit and Baccarat still led, but here Pell brought Flukem up, and running past the pair took the lead over the next jump. Cingalee was still a long way in the rear, and appeared to be out of the hunt. Flukem came on, full of running, and negotiating the last jump clear of Baccarat and Recruit won by about two lengths. Cingalee, who was ridden in a peculiar way, came very fast at the finish, cut down Baccarat and Recruit, and secured second place. Had Collelo ridden Cingalee with a bit more judgment she must have won, but the excuse was that he was instructed to ride a waiting race, and he did so. Flukem paid £4. Time, 2min 33sec (1¼ miles).

The Hack Scurry Stakes produced a field of

six. Playboy, who was neglected on the machine, managed to do the trick after a tough tussle with Badger, an importation from Auckland. The dividend was £18 4s., and the five furlongs were cut out in 1min 5 1-5th secs. The winner was submitted to auction, but was passed in.

For the big Handicap nine weighed out. Whisper was made a great favourite, with St. Malo next in favour. Krina, The Dreamer, and Prestige were also well backed. The Manaia mare Weka rushed to the front as soon as the flag fell, and led her field along at a merry bat for 1¼ miles. So strong was she going that it was reckoned she would stay all the way, but two furlongs from home the field closed on her, and a most interesting struggle ensued. As the nine turned into the straight they were all of a heap, and whips were being freely used. Within the distance, however, Prestige, the Wanganui rep., shook himself clear of the cluster, and established a lead under the whip. At this point Scot Free made a bid for victory, but could only get within three-quarters of a length of Prestige. St. Malo was third, about a length away; and the rest were all in a cluster at his heels. The 1¼ miles was cut out in 2min 39 2-5th sec., but several private watches made it 2min 38½sec. Scot Free must have just got home if he had not been kept in the rear too long. The backers of the half brother of Dudu were rewarded with a dividend of £7 12s. Awarua Rose pulled up lame after the race.

Twelve horses went out for the Hack Flat. Armoury made the running for six furlongs, when Nugget collared him and assumed the lead. Nearing the home turn, however, Flukem put in his claim, and Nugget and he ran locked together up the straight, Flukem squeezing home under the whip by a head. Time, 1min 48½sec. Dividend, £7 19s.

Six contested the Welter Handicap, which fell to Torpedo, who won with a bit to spare from St. Malo; Musket a good third. Time, 1min 49 2-5th sec. Dividend, £2 6s.

For the Pony Race, five furlongs, thirteen ran. Rodney assumed command on the fall of the flag, and although hotly chased up the straight by Fly and Poppy, managed to get home by a length. Fly got blocked in the early part of the race, otherwise she must have won. Time, 1min 7½sec. Dividend, £3 1s.

For the Flying Handicap six competed, the winner turning up in Prestige, who beat Lochness on the post; Weka a good third. Time, 1 min. 16 3-5th secs. Dividend, £3 15s. This concluded the programme.

Full particulars will be found in our Turf Record columns.

A protest was entered against Rodney, the winner of the Pony Race, on the ground that he ran at an unregistered meeting at Auckland in September last. The stewards considered the protest, and dismissed it on the ground that such disqualification had been removed.

Prestige, I hear, has been sold for £300.

McKeague, the Wanganui light-weight, had four wins. Two on Prestige, one on Flukem, and one on Rodney. P. Johnston had one win, McLauchlan one, and Pell one.

The weather was cloudy for the second day's racing, and about noon a drizzling rain set in and made things uncomfortable for a time, but about two o'clock Old Sol asserted himself, and the rest of the racing was witnessed in comfort. The attendance was again large, and speculation brisker than the first day, as £2 845 was put through, making £5,498 for the two days—the best on record for the Club. The starting was again splendid, the start for the Grandstand Handicap being warmly applauded from the Stand. Mr. Powell acknowledged the compliment by doffing his hat in the orthodox manner. Mr. Evtitt's handicaps produced some close finishes, as close as one could wish to have them.

The excitement began with the Hack Hurdles, for which four started. Baccarat went to the front at once, with Recruit as his nearest attendant, Flukem next and The Masher last. Baccarat led all the way, and won with a bit to spare from Flukem, who came with a fast run that was timed too late. Recruit finished third. The winner paid his backers £5 7s. Time, 3min. 5 1-5th secs.

For the Grandstand Handicap six contested, the winner being Weka, who won by a length from Heather Bell; Torpedo a good third.

The dividend was £5 13s., and the time 1min. 31 3-5th secs.

Three weighed out for the Ladies' Bracelet. The Dreamer, ridden by Mr. C. Enderby, just pipped Durus (Mr. F. Watson) on the post. Tattler (Mr. Jas. Hooker) was the other starter. The winner was paraded on the lawn, and his rider presented with the bracelet by Mrs. A. Standish, the President's lady. Cheers were given for the winner and rider, and the band struck up "The Red, White and Blue." Dividend, £1 11s. Time, 2min. 53 1/2secs.

There were eight in the Second Pony Race, the second favourite, Poppy, winning after a good set-to. Time, 1min. 54 3-5th secs. Dividend, £3 2s.

The big money, the Autumn Handicap, brought out a field of six. Prestige again asserted himself, but just collared Heather Bell on the post and won by a head. Price, the rider of the latter, was called before the stewards for foul riding. It was alleged that he crossed Scot Free, and also struck Prestige on the head with his whip. Price said that it was an accident. The stewards administered a severe reprimand to the erring jockey. Time, 2min. 12 2-5th secs. Dividend, £3 5s.

Six went out for the Second Hack Race. Ionic won by a couple of lengths from Miss Cole, the other four being almost on level terms just behind the latter. Time, 2min. 21secs. Dividend, £4 16s.

The Farewell Handicap brought out a field of six. Torpedo, who carried level weights with Weka (7st 11lbs.), was returned the winner, but I am of opinion that it was a dead heat. Fleeta was third. Time, 1min. 17 2-5th secs. Dividend, £2 15s.

McKeague was again to the fore with two wins on Prestige and Weka. Higginson had one, P. Johnston one, G. Collelo one, and Gall one.

OUR NAPIER LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

It is thought hear that Whakawatea cannot very well help winning the Canterbury Champagne this month, Day Dream notwithstanding.

Mr. F. Collins, owner of Link, has purchased a fine upstanding two-year-old colt called Splitlink, by Mute—Swiviline, from a Hawera sportsman for £130. Splitlink who has not yet sported silk is full brother to Link and Swivel.

Whisper and Krina were well backed here for the big event at Taranaki, but their admirers had to go under, for Prestige was a snag they had not reckoned on knocking against. He has apparently been kept for the Taranaki event since he cut up so badly at Wellington. We have a half brother to him here in Captain Webb.

They got rather mixed up at Manawatu the other day when the race books were issued before the acceptances were due, and the consequence was that the numbers in the book did not correspond with those that appeared on the machine.

Mr. Jas. Lyon has been elected treasurer of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.

I believe that Mr. Ormond has purchased a colt by Voltigeur Maori Girl on the other Coast for 75 guineas. The animal is half-brother to Gasparini.

Claude, who is owned by Mr. McAndrew, is now being tried over sticks, and jumps beautifully.

The Hawke's Bay Trotting Club came out with a nice little balance to the good over their late meeting.

If the Racing Club's continue to act in so arbitrary a manner as they are now doing towards the metallicians the latter will be put on their metal. I believe they intend to have it decided by law whether or not a Club has a right to warn a man off their course.

After Kaikora we will have a pleasant little gathering at Waipukurau to attend on Easter Monday.

There will be a large batch of horses nominated for the New Zealand Cup by Hawke's Bay owners this year.

Teddy Yuille is, I believe, a life member of the Wellington Racing Club. The members consequently do not care about ordering him off their course.

The Union Rowing crew who defeated the Napier and Poverty Bay crew rather easily

recently on the inner harbour, are to be entertained shortly by the members of the Club which they so worthily represented.

Queen of Trumps goes off in a most peculiar manner sometimes, a fact which renders her very unreliable. Her acceptance was telegraphed for the big money at Taranaki, but had to be revoked later on in the day on account of her indisposition.

If Diadem is well she ought to go near winning the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps at Christchurch.

Merganser was fancied by a number of sports for one of the events at Christchurch, but her owner was not satisfied with her treatment, and withdrew her name.

OUR WANGANUI LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ALICK McCORMICK has had to turn two of his charges out, viz.: Cheque and Hillarian, by Somnus. Cheque had only been taken up about five months back, and he was beginning to show some of his old form when his old ailment again troubled him, causing him to again retire to the paddock.

Prestige, Dudd's half brother, showed what a real good little horse he is by winning the T.J.C. Handicap, as the mile and a half was run in the fast time of 2min. 39 2-5sec. Prestige was greatly fancied by a large number of sports here, who forwarded their usual £1 for the totalizator. McCormick had him in first-class order, and was very sanguine about his chance.

[BY WIRE.]

Prestige, winner of three races at Taranaki, has been purchased by Mr. Syson, of Turakina, for the sum of £275. The horse will still remain in McCormick's hands to undergo his preparations for future engagements.

R. Wheeler has just taken in hand a couple of youngsters, viz., a two-year-old colt by Somnus—Foam. This youngster is rather small, and seems to have none the best of knees to stand a thorough preparation for a severe race. The other young one is a two-year-old chestnut gelding by Puriri, dam Star Water, half-sister to Recluse, by Premier—Voltarina. He is a fine muscular-looking youngster greatly resembling his sire, with plenty of power behind, showing splendid gaskins. If he does not turn out to be a first-class galloper I shall be greatly mistaken, as I greatly prefer him of the two. Wheeler, I hear, is also likely to have one or two more classical colts in hand shortly, and I shall expect to see his stable strongly represented at the commencement of next session, and I heartily wish Wheeler plenty of luck, as although he was offered a good billet on the Wairarapa, he decided to give this district another try, in which he deserves to have a turn of good luck.

OUR WELLINGTON LETTER.

[BY WIRE.]

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

THE Wellington Racing Club stewards, at a meeting on Tuesday last, decided to postpone dealing with the disqualification of Yuille, Nathan and May, bookmakers, until the Wanganui Club, which it was reported was going to re-open the matter, had given their final decision. The Wanganui Club at their monthly committee meeting on Friday, had the appeal before them, and definitely resolved that the decision previously arrived at should not be altered. The hesitation of the Wellington stewards over the endorsement of the disqualification is said to arise from the fact that Yuille is a life member of the Club. Having subscribed ten guineas to the grand stand fund two years ago, if they warn him off the course they will probably feel it incumbent on them to return his money.

Mr. Robert Napier, a well-known garden contractor here, has been appointed caretaker of the Hutt course. He has had a lot of experience in laying lawns, bowling greens, etc., and should be the right man in the right place.

Mr. Martin's Retina has, after all, accepted for the Great Autumn Handicap. It is not, however, decided to send her, as she is entered at Feilding, for which meeting the weights are just out. Martin will probably settle to-morrow which meeting she will go to. I am inclined

to think it will be Feilding, for she is well in for the principal race with 8st 2lb.

Several bookies here have volumes open on the extremely difficult double—Great Easter Handicap and Great Autumn. Before the acceptances 50 to thirty shillings was laid and offered. Since the price has been 50 to 3. Palliser, Merrie England and Kulnine are the local picks for the longer race, and Flinders and Hippomenes for the seven furlong flutter.

There are no further developments of the rival trotting clubs. The Island Bay Club's application to be constituted the Metropolitan Club was to have come before the Christchurch Association yesterday, but I have not heard whether anything was done. The latest of news about the Johnsonville combination was that they were willing to give way on the question of title, if the Island Bay stewards consent to give up Queen's Birthday as date of their inaugural meeting. No such arrangement, however, is likely to be arrived at.

The racing club have received magnificent general entries for their Autumn Meeting. There are 9 for the Trial, 15 each for the First and Second Hurdles, 23 for the Hack Flat, 17 for the Hack Hurdles, 21 for the Stewards, 29 for the Railway, 27 for Waiwetu, 20 Welter, and 27 for Electric—total 203; besides the 83 for the Thompson and Autumn Handicaps. Mr. Evett will have his work cut out to compile the handicaps, which are due on the 20th inst. If he succeeds in giving satisfaction to the owners we shall have a capital meeting.

The weights for the Otaki Maori Club Easter Monday Meeting were issued yesterday by Mr. A. King, the Club's handicapper. This is purely a hack meeting, but it is very popular with Wellington sports, who will about equally patronise this and the Wairarapa race meeting at Taubererikau.

The United Hunt opened their new season very successfully at Miramar on Saturday afternoon. There was a capital field, and the run, which was over Mr. Crawford's (the master) land, was voted one of the best the Club has yet had. There were two or three spills, but no one was hurt. Mr. Crawford very hospitably entertained the members after the run at afternoon tea at his homestead. Mr. D. H. Mackinnon, the new secretary, is shaping well for a successful season.

OUR TARANAKI LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

[BY WIRE.]

NEW PLYMOUTH, April 5.

THE Taranaki Club made £350 over their Anniversary Meeting.

Mr. Evett left here for Napier this morning. He informed me that he was going back to arrange his affairs preparatory to taking up his residence in Auckland. He has therefore made up his mind to reside with you.

The mare Jenny was purchased on Saturday by Mr. Standish for 80 guineas. The Hibernian mare brought £18, Mr. A. Colson being the purchaser. Jerome was sold to H. Richardson for £22 10s. A filly out of a blood mare was sold to G. Carrick for £10.

Whisper and Cynisca will be shipped to Auckland to-morrow night.

Awarua Rose has recovered from lameness, and will probably compete at the Wellington Autumn Meeting.

Mr. W. R. King's brood mare Prudence, and a colt, were killed by an engine on the railway line the other day.

The following is the nomination of the sires for the Sires Hack Produce Stakes at the Egmont Meeting in 1895:—Diamedes, Capapié, Cast-off, Puriri, Sou'-wester, Armament, Foul Shot, Ascot, Strenuous, Tim Whiffler, Isaac Walton, Wapiti, Australian, Natator, Redwood, Flintlock, Country Boy, Cocksure, Lionel, Howitzer, Somnus, Gipsy King, and Daniel O'Rourke.

Scot Free and Lochness will probably compete at Feilding instead of Auckland.

Some sporting writers whose knowledge of racing phrases and turf terms is on a par with their ability to write about sporting, are in the habit of crediting Chinamen (real Celestials) with frequently pulling big dividends out of the totalizator. For instance, a writer in the Wanganui Chronicle recently stated that a Chinaman was one of the fortunate investors when Cingalee won the First Hack Hurdle Race at the recent Egmont Autumn Meeting,

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.



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DISTRICT ORDERS.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION PARADE FOR APRIL.

GARRISON CORPS.
Auckland Naval Artillery—Friday 8th, at 7.30 p.m.
Ponsonby Naval Artillery—Monday 16th, 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.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

April 2	.....	Helenaville Jockey Club
April 7	.....	Waipawa County R.C.
April 7, 8	.....	North Otago J.C.
April 9	.....	Avondale Jockey Club
April 13	.....	Foxton R.C.
April 18	.....	Auckland Trotting Club
Apr. 18	.....	Tauwhare Racing Club
Apr. 18	.....	Wairapa Racing Club
April 18	.....	Patea R.C.
April 18	.....	Tauwhare Annual Races, near Morrinsville
April 18	.....	Waipukurau J.C.
April 18, 19	.....	Fielding Jockey Club
Apr. 18, 19	.....	Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 18, 19	.....	Canterbury Jockey Club
Apr. 18	.....	Turaganui Races
April 23	.....	South Auckland Autumn Meeting
April 23, 29	.....	South Canterbury J.C.
Apr. 23, 30	.....	Wellington Racing Club
May 11	.....	Egmont Racing Club
May 24, 25	.....	Dunedin Jockey Club
May 24	.....	Wanganui J.C. Steeplechase
May 24	.....	Town and Suburban R.C., Hawke's Bay
May 24	.....	Horowhenua Jockey Club, Wellington
May 24	.....	Takapuna Jockey Club Winter Meeting
May 24	.....	Bell Block R.C.—Hacks
May 24	.....	Nelson Trotting Club
June 4, 6	.....	Auckland Racing Club
June 24	.....	Hawke's Bay J.C., Winter
June 25	.....	Napier Park R.C., Winter
July 9	.....	Wellington Racing Club

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

Apr. 8, 22	.....	Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 9	.....	Dunedin Jockey Club
April 9	.....	Tauwhare Races
April 9	.....	Town and Suburban R.C., Hawke's Bay
April 16	.....	Bell Block R.C.—Hacks
April 26	.....	Wanganui Jockey Club
May 10	.....	Dunedin Jockey Club
May 10	.....	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Winter
May 12, 26	.....	Egmont Racing Club
May 27	.....	Auckland Racing Club
May 28	.....	Egmont Racing Club—Hack Produce
June 6, 27	.....	Wellington Racing Club
June 17	.....	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
June 20	.....	Canterbury Jockey Club
July 25	.....	Wellington Jockey Club

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

April 7, 13	.....	South Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 4, 17, 18	.....	Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 8, 13	.....	Canterbury Jockey Club
Apr. 19	.....	Egmont Racing Club
Apr. 20, 29	.....	Wellington Racing Club
April 30	.....	Bell Block R.C.
April 30	.....	Town and Suburban R.C., Hawke's Bay
May 3, 24	.....	Dunedin Jockey Club
May 7	.....	Egmont Racing Club
May 10, 30	.....	Auckland Racing Club
June 4	.....	Auckland Racing Club
June 8	.....	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
June 25, 30	.....	Wellington Racing Club

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

April 1, 14, 18	.....	Canterbury Jockey Club
April 7	.....	Foxton R.C.
April 8	.....	Auckland Trotting Club
April 8, 14, 16, 19	.....	Auckland Racing Club
April 9	.....	Patea R.C. (General entries)
April 12	.....	Waipukurau J.C.
April 15	.....	South Auckland Racing Club
April 25	.....	Wellington Racing Club
Apr. 30	.....	Egmont Racing Club
May 10, 24	.....	Dunedin Jockey Club
May 14	.....	Bell Block R.C.—Hacks
May 14	.....	Town and Suburban R.C., Hawke's Bay
May 20	.....	Auckland Racing Club
June 1, 4	Auckland Racing Club
June 17	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
June 1, 6	Wellington Racing Club

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METROPOLITAN CLUB RULES.

[BY PEGASUS.]

As pointed out in previous issues, this question requires a great deal of careful consideration at the hands of those appointed as delegates to the Conferences of Metropolitan Clubs, held from time to time throughout the Colony.

Many of the rules, as at present framed, are very ambiguous, and lead to endless trouble, more especially with country clubs. These clubs, I contend, are the very ones which the Metropolitan Clubs should frame their rules to accommodate. How often do we find disputes, protests, and lawsuits arising from the inability of country stewards to rightly interpret the intention of the rule to which they are refer-

ring, owing principally to the fact that the rule is so worded as to be anything but lucid or clear; and I have even known clever men, able to interpret the meaning of almost any legal Act, quite non-plussed when called upon to give an opinion on some of the rules of racing. For instance, here is an example of what is occurring almost daily amongst us, and on which there is no definite ruling amongst racing men and Committees. A programme is issued which contains a hurdle race and a steeplechase. The conditions state that the winner of any race (or any handicap) after the declaration of weights shall carry a penalty of (say) 5lbs. Now Don Juan is in the Hurdle Race at 10 stone (which he wins), and later in the day in the Steeplechase, at 9st 10lb for which he intends starting. Strictly and legally, according to the Rules he has to put up the 5lb extra in the Steeplechase. But we find this is not the custom in vogue, and country stewards (especially) wonder why?

Take Rule 2, which states that—"A race includes plate, match, sweepstake, steeplechase, or hurdle race," and compare it with Rule 7, which reads "A handicap is a race &c. &c." I hold, then, that by Rules 2 and 7 Don Juan (whom I have quoted), and all other similarly situated horses are legally bound to carry the penalty prescribed in the conditions laid down by the Club. This question has been referred to me repeatedly, and I have adjudicated upon it according to the foregoing interpretation; but I have found that when referred to the Auckland Club it has been disallowed on the ground that it was not customary to put up penalties in a Steeplechase for winning a hurdle race, and vice-versa.

"Rome was not built in a day" and I suppose the Rules could not be perfected during many such periods of time, still I think much more might have been done than has in the past, towards attaining that perfection necessary to the welfare of racing, and the alleviation of the burdens of those who undertake the duties of country or suburban race stewards.

It must be allowed that as "the country makes the town," so the country racing clubs must act as "feeders" to the town or Metropolitan Clubs. Certain it is that a great proportion of our cross-country horses will be bred and will make their debut in the country and at country races; hence the necessity (to my mind) of making the Rules far more intelligible and simple of interpretation than appears to be the case at present.

Besides, it must add considerably to the duties, and occupy a great deal of the time of the Metropolitan stewards and officials when called upon to mediate between the parties whenever such troublous cases occur.

An instance of this kind has only recently occurred at Wangarei, which, from the intricate nature of the circumstances, will test the acumen and discernment of the most astute of the stewards of the Auckland Racing Club.

But I find I am digressing from my preconceived plan of dealing with the rules now in existence, which was to "wade" through them serialim, and point out "all and sundry" discrepancies, ambiguities, or anomalies, which might happen to attract my notice.

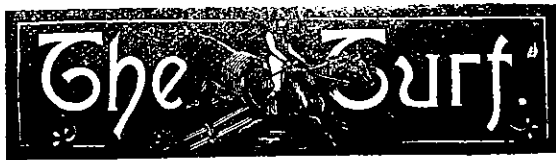
Rules 2 and 7, taken together, as shown above, do not "fit in" very nicely with Rule 43. I think it would be advisable to state clearly how penalties are to be reckoned. For example, again, taking those three rules, I hold that by the strict legal reading of them, any horse entered for both the Easter Handicap and Steeplechase is bound to carry any stipulated penalty in the Steeplechase for winning the handicap, or vice versa, if the conditions state that the winner of "any handicap" after the declaration of the weights has to carry such penalty. It would certainly be more intelligible were a rule to be inserted setting this matter forth more definitely than appears to be the case at present. A rule (call it Rule 42A) to the following effect would meet the case:—"In all cases where the conditions of a programme state that 'the winner of any handicap is to carry a certain penalty' it shall be deemed to mean that—(1) No winner of a flat race shall incur such penalty in a subsequent hurdle race or steeplechase on that programme. (2) No winner of a hurdle race shall incur such penalty in any subsequent flat race or steeplechase or vice-versa."

The next rule to engage attention is No. 20, It would be advisable to state therein whether

or not a horse, owner, &c., that was under disqualification at the time of nomination is eligible to win the stakes provided the disqualification be removed before the race or races be run. A case of this kind occurred recently at Wangarei, with the result that the matter was referred back to the Auckland Club for their ruling on the question. I shall again refer to this matter in a future issue.

In Rule 22 perhaps it would be advisable to cause all balance-sheets to be forwarded, and not allow the proviso "if required." Why not compel all clubs to show how they stand. This would act as a deterrent to the increase of what I alluded to recently as "mushroom" clubs.

Rules 23 to 44, inclusive, appear to be necessary good, and very applicable, except the probable insertion of Rule 42A, which I have remarked on above.



[BY OLD TURFITE.]

MR. EVITT has issued the weights for the Easter Handicap and the Autumn Steeplechase for the A.R.C. meeting. They must be declared very flattering ones, at the same time good, though, as must be expected, there are some discrepancies. Taking the Easter Handicap first, Mr. Hunter's two mares Cynisca, 8st 13lb, and Whisper, 8st 7lb, head the list. They have both been running badly at recent meetings, but the former, if at all in form, should have a show. Pinfire, 8st 6lb, is unfairly treated. He won the Auckland Cup with 6st 10lb, from a moderate and crooked field. Since then he has done nothing. Ingorina, 8st 5lb, on all public running has no business to give 11b to Leorina, who is most leniently treated, as she is getting fresh again, and the way she romped home for the Papakura Cup must not be forgotten. Morion, 8st 3lb, is not to be overlooked. He won the Great Northern Derby pretty cleverly, and then romped home for the Victoria Handicap and Onslow Cup at the Farewell Meeting at Eilerslie, but in the Hawke's Bay Cup Handicap he ran nowhere, although heavily backed by the local punters. Many say that he never tried, but he is "cow" hocked, the near one being especially bad, and a right-handed course will suit him better than a left-handed one. Many do not pay attention to these things, but Scot Free for one has proved it. In the Onslow Cup, Morion gave Pinfire 3lb, and beat him by half a length. Now it is just reversed. How does Mr. Evitt account for this, as Pinfire has not been out since. In the same race Dancer, 7st 6lb, received 18lb from Morion and was beat anyhow, now they have to meet at 9lb. Van Dieman, 8st 3lb, is kept in his proper place, as no one knows his exact form, but from the price his owner put on him (and he is no fool) he must be something out of the common. Raglan, 7st 11lb, is harshly treated, at the same time he is broken down. Dolosa, 7st 10lb, is thrown in, but she is such an uncertain brute there is no knowing what she will or can do. Coalscuttle, 7st 10lb, is about in her proper place. Queen of Trumps and Thame, 7st 5lb, are leniently treated. Master Pat, 7st 4lb, has got too much, as it is doubtful if he can stay the distance in this company. We now come to Fiesole, Huerfana, Krina, Free Lance and Pani, all thrown in at 7st. As the handicapper has seen all, with the exception of Fiesole, run lately, and cannot separate them, it would be folly for me to try to do so until the acceptances appear, as there are others in the same interest engaged. Lady Belle, 6st 12lb, if fresh and well, would have nothing to complain of. Swivel, Torpedo, and Weka are again bunched together at 6st 10lb. The same remarks apply to them as to the 7st division. Yattaghan, 6st 9lb, has got in easy enough. Melas and Bulrush, 6st 7lb, may be dismissed as altogether out of the proper place. There being so many outside horses engaged, the race had better be left alone until the acceptances appear, but of the local horses Leorina, Dolosa, and Major George's representative read the best, but the chances are the race goes to Hawke's Bay.

MR. EVITT has had a difficult task to bring them together in the Steeplechase, as there are so many "ragged" ones engaged, as he has proved by lumping eight out of the sixteen together, while two others are close to them. Whalebone, 11st 7lb, is naturally top weight, as he is a smart one over sticks, and has the reputation of being a sure jumper. Why Fish-monger, 10st 9lb, is called upon to give Ingarangi 2lb is more than I can understand. The former has only once got the course, and that was at the Onslow Farewell Meeting, when all the others came to grief; while the other belongs to a dangerous stable, and has been quietly worked ever since he has been in it, but he has done all he has ever been asked to do. The hill will find out The Colonel's pipes. Commotion and Rough, at 10st, are not out of it. Silvio's, 9st 10lb, day is passed, and it is cruelty almost to run him. Kate, 9st 10lb, will not like the course, while it is difficult to pick a dangerous one out of the ragged division, though if Hune was sound she might prove dangerous. It is even difficult to pick one that will get the course without a mistake, much more so a likely winner, so I will leave it alone until after the acceptances.

THE Auckland Trotting Club have issued their handicaps for their meeting that takes place at Potter's Paddock on the 16th of April. The entries, especially in the pony races, are so numerous that it would be a waste of time to go through them in detail. There is one thing noticeable that there are several ponies that have been running at country meetings have now joined the majority, and have placed themselves under the "ban," thus proving the great mistake the Metropolitan clubs made in not taking pony races under their control, and it will be a long time ere an entry of 34 and 29 will be seen at any other place. The handicappers have succeeded well in their work for the pony races, but they have not given satisfaction to the trotting division. As their limits are much too long they are certainly not *au fait* at their work. In the first place, a horse trotting is supposed to cover ten yards a second, but this is rather a high rate for the class engaged at Potter's Paddock. As nearly as I can time it it may be put down at eight yards, therefore in the two and a-half mile race the scratch horse has to give the limit horse 504 yards start; in the two miles 320 yards, and in the three mile Harness Trot 560 yards. Now this is almost impossible on a track like Potter's Paddock. The handicappers say that some horses could not win with any limit. This might be the case, but why are they started? If they have no chance it must be to interfere with those that have. Take the Easter Handicap Trot of two and a-half miles. Rarus is scratch; Mystery, Scotchman, and The Broker are at the limit, 63secs. Two of these should never have been entered, as they have no pretensions to trot, so if they had been put back, their owners would not have entered them again. Fibre, 45sec, and Tyrone, 53sec, are let off too easily. What the public want to see is good trotting, and it would be much better if only half a dozen good horses started than a dozen duffers. Taking the handicaps all through the scratch horse has a very poor show. The Easter and Harness Trot look at the mercy of those with from 40sec to 50sec start, but we shall know more when the acceptances appear.

THE acceptances for the C.J.C. Great Autumn and Easter Handicaps are to hand. Seventeen remain in for the former. Last week I selected Cruchfield, Prime Warden, Kulnine, and Ilium. The latter is a non-acceptor. Merrie England, from what I can learn, will never be in his old form again, and the same remarks apply to Crackshot. Cutts is in hopes of getting another race out of Dudu, but I doubt her being brought to the post in her old form. At present I see no reason to alter my opinion, and give the preference to Cruchfield, Prime Warden, and Kulnine, in the order named, though many prefer the latter for the shorter race.

Twenty remain in the Great Easter Handicap. Of my last week's selections only Flinders and Ilium accepted. As Clanranald has declined it would be as well to put Kulnine in his place, and Hippomones instead of Huguenot. Taking three, Ilium, Kulnine, and

Hippomones read the best, but I will make a final selection later on.

There are only five remaining in the Champagne Stakes, but they are the best of the year, being Wakawatea, Stepniak, Vogengang, Launceston, and Day Dream. If the former has not suffered from the amount of work he has done this season, he should about win, Vogengang being the next best.

THE acceptances, with the exception of the Novel Race, for the Avondale Meeting, which takes place next Saturday, must be considered very good, and with a fine afternoon there should be some good sport. The winners will be difficult to pick. Mr. Halstead should be satisfied with his handicaps.

Only four have declined the Maiden Plate, leaving thirteen to fight it out. The ancient maiden Warrior, 8st 12lb, heads the list. At this he is not out of it. Transit, 8st 7lb, meets Acacia, 7st 9lb, on 5lb worse terms than she did at Papakura, when she won by a short half length, at the same time she got the best of the start. Kate, 7st 9lb, was looked upon as a good thing at Helensville, but cut up badly. The others are very moderate, so the best to stand perhaps is Focus, Acacia or Chance.

There are ten remaining in the Hurdle Race. From recent running it is a difficult race to pick. Ingarangi, 10st 12lb, if fit and meant, reads well; so does Stepper, 10st 7lb. Rewarawa, 10st 6lb, and Warrior, 9st 7lb, are in the same interest. The latter is new at this game. Ika Vuka, 9st 7lb, ran forward at Papakura, though he jumped the wing of the hurdles but gained nothing by it. Potentate, 9st, astonished many by the way he ran at Helensville, and as he has now 5lb less on his back must have a show. But perhaps the best to stand are Stepper, Warrior, or Potentate.

Ten have declared content for the Avondale Cup. Ingorina, 9st 3lb, on his running at Helensville, can have but little show. Tuna, 7st 7lb, after her running at the Lake, reads well. Brigade, 7st 5lb, only meets Ingorina on the same terms, while Ida, 7st 5lb, meets him on 5lb worse. Warrior, 7st 6lb, and Vasator, 6st 9lb, are in the same stable, and I think the latter will be the one. Tulloch, 7st, on previous performances, is treated very leniently. The race should fall to Tuna, Tulloch and Vasator.

The Maiden Steeplechase has eleven acceptances. The majority of them are making their first appearance over a country, so it is a question what will get over it. Tommy, 10st 7lb, got such a gruelling the last time he ran that it is a question if he will like jumping again. The b m by Ingomar (Lady Douglas), 9st 7lb, is an unknown quantity, but she belongs to a dangerous stable. Perhaps the best to rely on are Neli, Potentate, or Assassin.

There are nine in the Pony Race, but unless one learns something on the course it had better be left alone. On paper La Grippe reads as well as anything.

There are six in the Steeplechase. Ingarangi, 10st 12lb, if in his old form, should have no trouble in winning, but I have my doubts. Silvio, 10st 7lb, is done for. Kate, 10st 4lb, is a sure fencer, with a fair turn of speed, and likes a flat course. Rewarawa, 10st, is supposed to be a fair mare. Tommy, 9st 12lb, and Cloth of Gold, 9st 7lb, I have no fancy for.

The Flying Stakes has an acceptance of sixteen. This race is greatly dependent on previous running, but on paper St. Clements, 7st 12lb, and Octopus, 7st, read the best, as they have no other engagements.

Few know the great strides that horse breeding has made in France during the last eighteen years, when the French Government first established its studs of horse breeding, which were begun with 2,500 sires of all breeds and which number has been practically adhered to ever since, though at the beginning of the year 1890 there were a dozen over the regulation number. The last bulletin issued by the French Ministry contains a report by M. de Cormette, the director of the stud, on its administration during that year. The sires comprise 182 English bred, 102 Arab, 159 Anglo-Arab, 1,742 half-breds, and 327 draught horses. The pure bred horses are practically equal in number to those of last year, but there has been an increase in English Arabs and a decrease in Arabs.

Nearly 500 of the horses classed as half-breds are three-quarter blood. During the year 255 horses passed out of the studs either by death

or sale. Of the 37 which died 12 were from typhoid affections, 13 from intestinal maladies, and 4 from diseases of the respiratory organs. The 218 which were passed out of the service included 74 as worn out or from *bad temper* and 47 from *roaring* and *whistling*. The effectiveness of the studs has been kept up from the resources at the command of the administration, but it has only been with difficulty, as foreign competitors have made the price go up and more money has to be given for renewals. The result of the year's service of the stallions was the most satisfactory that had been experienced. The 2,451 effective stallions, located at 954 stations, served 139,033 mares, an increase over the previous year of 18,860 services. This is attributed to a better foreign inquiry and the more general desire to secure the services of the State sires in all parts of the country. The amount received for fees was £37,264, an advance of £4,748 on the previous twelve months. The mares served included 1,590 thoroughbreds, 77,417 half-breds, and 60,107 draught mares. There were demands for more stations, which the administration were not able to comply with, as the State did not consider its mission to provide sires for all mares intended to be bred from, and the Government wish to see private studs increased, especially for horses suitable for the army. The ages of the sires belonging to the State are as follows:—Three-year-olds, 14; four, 191; five, 307; six, 201; seven, 189; eight, 215; nine, 191; ten, 160; eleven, 137; twelve, 128; thirteen, 136; fourteen, 167; fifteen and upwards, 562.

The New Zealand Government are now receiving a considerable sum from the totalisator; if they used it for establishing stations for sires on the same principle as the French Government they would be conferring a great benefit on the Colony, as the breed of horses is greatly deteriorating owing to the number of scrubbers that there are left entire all over the country. The demand for good horses will not cease for many years, for as the Colony goes ahead and roads improve more horses will be required for home use, while India will always be a market for the proper class of horse. Australia, unless they alter their mode of breeding, will never keep it supplied, and everyone knows, or ought to, that the climate of this Colony is far superior for rearing horses than any part of Australia. It is surprising that no one in Auckland has had enough enterprise to go in for boiling down horses, as every part of them is valuable—blood, hide, hair, bones, entrails, and the oil they yield. A scrubber properly manipulated should return from £3 to £4, and there are plenty sold in the sale-yards in Durham-street for a deal less than that—in fact, it is not long since that one was sold for *ninepence*. Besides that, if you unfortunately have a horse killed in the streets it costs you ten shillings to get rid of it. If a boiling-down establishment was once started the majority of the scrubbers would soon be done away with, as there would be a market for them, and the same plant could be used for other things if the pot was not too large.

THE Taranaki Jockey Club meeting took place last Thursday and Friday. The Jockey Club Handicap I must confess surprised me, and I dare say it did many others, as few would have thought of Prestige (7st) getting a mile and a half, beating the field that was behind him. He must have either greatly improved or has been in waiting. Scot Free 8st 7lb, ran a good horse, and it is quite evident now that a left handed course suits him best. The running of Whisper, Krina, and Awarua Rose was not up to expectation, the latter I am afraid is not as good as his popular owner anticipated. Mr. McKinnon—one of our most straightforward sportsmen—had bad luck in again meeting Prestige in the Flying Stakes with Lochness. Mr. Hungerford certainly does not spare his horses, as Heather Bell was started for the Grandstand Handicap, seven furlongs, where she ran second to Weka, and immediately afterwards was pulled out for the Autumn Handicap, one and a quarter miles, in the face of Prestige, who gave a further taste of his quality by defeating her and Scot Free. Whisper and Krina again ran badly. Mr. Hungerford managed to pay expenses by winning the Ladies' Bracelet with The Dreamer, who cannot be considered a cheap horse at the £300 he gave for him. Prestige is by St. Leger out of that good mare Fame, and there-

fore half brother to Dudu. In my article on the Sylvia Park sale I mentioned that St. Leger was one of the cheapest stallions ever sold, and that he had been greatly neglected. For my own part I would sooner put a mare that suited to him than any other stallion in Auckland. There is, however, one thing to be considered: patience with his stock is required, as I think he takes after his grandsire—Stockwell—most of whose stock required time, and never came quick to hand like the Orlando's and others. Where would Blair Athol and others have been if they had been raced as two-year-olds and not given time.

THE first forfeits of the Sydney Gold Cup are now to hand. Thirty remain in. When the weights first appeared I selected Highborn, Malvolio or Correze, Sir William, Zalinski, G'Naroo, Forty Winks, and Yarran. Of these Mr. Redfern's pair, Malvolio and Correze, have been scratched owing to their going amiss, and so has Sir William for some reason or other; still I think I have the winner amongst the lot I have left. Highborn, 9st 4lb, has the same weight as when he won the Australian Cup, which many put down as a fluke, Cusden being blamed for his riding of Strathmore. He certainly did not ride, from all accounts, a judicious race, but I am of the opinion that on that day the result would not have been altered. He now meets Strathmore on 6lb better terms, and as the Champion Stakes was a false run one, and he was not himself, Highborn's chance cannot be ignored. Zalinski, 8st 10lb, is a really good colt, and if the stable stand him, in my opinion, he is bound to beat his stable companion, at the same time being an improving colt he may be kept for the next Melbourne Cup. G'Naroo, 8st 4lb, won the Caulfield Cup with a penalty. He was heavily backed for the Melbourne Cup, but was one of those who came to grief in the scrimmage. He has now 7lb less to carry. He was also greatly fancied for the Australian Cup, but the old cry of the stable being forestalled was raised, so the consequence was he was scratched. It now appears that J. Foulsham has only taken him and Wild Rose to Sydney, therefore one must naturally come to the opinion that his trainer fancies him. Forty Winks, 7st 6lb, is a game horse, and is sure to spin, but the question is can he quite do the trick, or will he only run into a place. Yarran, 6st 12lb, is rather on the small side, but he was a brilliant two-year old, and ran well in the spring when he was not quite himself, and as he is now Mr. Cook's selected one, he must be respected. Now of those that I did not originally select. Freedom, 8st 10lb, has run fairly since he has been in Australia, but I doubt if he has been previously wound up. This is just the kind of race that Dan O'Brien would like to win, and then get a good price for his horse. Greygown, 8st 8lb, has for a long time been looked upon as going to do a good thing, but from what I can learn he is hardly up to the mark, but it would not surprise me if he upset all calculation. Tirailleur, 8st 4lb, is better in this handicap than he has ever been since he was in Australia, but I have always maintained that he is an overrated horse. Oxide, 7st 10lb, is a game little fellow, and will beat more than will beat him, and I prefer him to Strathmore, but the little fellow will not stand bumping. Portsea, at the same weight, has on recent running a show. The next that comes under notice is Sainfoin, 7st 2lb, who has just been sold for 1200 guineas, so there must be something in him. Amongst the ragged division Bodkin, 6st, might prove dangerous. At the present time I fancy Highborn, G'Naroo or Yarran, will furnish the winner, but I shall have another chance after the next Sydney mail arrives of making a final selection.

THE acceptances for the Doncaster Handicap for some reason or other, have not yet come to hand. However, I will do the best I can for my readers. When the weights appeared I selected Marvel, Stromboli, Paris, The Workman, The Seine, and Eileen, as well in. Marvel, as everyone knows, is an extraordinary horse when quite right, but 10st 4lb is a heavy weight; still, if the stable rely on him, he will take a deal of beating. Then there is Paris, 8st 11lb, a very fast horse, but small, and does not like bumping. Then the

Workman 8st 7lb, must be taken into consideration, as his running at Flemington was very good, so it rests with Monaghan to know which is the best. Stromboli, 9st, won the Bourke Handicap, seven furlongs, in fast time, but from what I can learn he is a horse that cannot be trusted when the pinch comes. The Seine, 7st 3lb, and Eileen, 6st 9lb, are leniently treated. The same may, however, be said of several others. Strathmore, 9st 11lb, is looked upon as Mr. Wilson's best, but it is a crushing weight for a three-year old. His running in the All-Aged Stakes must not be forgotten, as he beat Bungabah at weight-for-age, doing the mile in 1min 40½sec, which proves that it was a fast race; but I am not a believer in time. Wild Rose, 8st 11lb, has 10lb more than she had in the Newmarket Handicap. It is said she will not like the extra two furlongs, but I have great faith in her, as it is not likely that Foulsham would have taken her to Randwick unless he knew something. It is no use going through the 103 horses at this time, as the majority of them will be scratched and the acceptances will be to hand for a final selection, so I shall confine myself to remarking that at the present time I prefer Wild Rose, Paris, Eileen, and Strathmore the best.

THE hand of death has been busy this last winter with journalists one used to know in the old country. The last, I greatly regret to learn, is "Robin Hood" (Mr. C. M. Browne), the great authority on coursing. For more than thirty years he has been associated with the *Field*. His death occurred on January 26th. He had been suffering from a cold, but he thought nothing of it, and small importance was attached to it, which, alas! proved to be the commencement of the end. The discovery of an internal abscess caused grave apprehension, and it was deemed advisable to remove him from his residence to the University College Hospital, in order that an operation—the only course to save his life—might be undertaken. The operation proved the disease to be of such a serious nature that from the first little hopes were entertained of his recovery. Some of my readers, especially Nottingham men, will remember him when they read the following:—Mr. C. M. Browne was born in Nottingham, and was the son of Mrs. Browne, who kept the well-known George Hotel in Nottingham, frequented by all the County families. It was one of the old-fashioned sort, where many a good dinner was held, presided over either by Jack Masters, Sherbrook Gregory, Jack Storey (commonly known as Hell-fire Jack), or some other sporting celebrity; but, alas! the good old-fashioned hotel is now pulled down and a modern one built in its place. Mr. C. M. Browne was educated at the Blue Coat School, and when I first knew him had a farm in the Vale, but he did not care much for farming. His passion was coursing, and his criticisms first appeared in the *Sporting Gazette*. These coming under the notice of Mr. Walshe (Stonehenge), the late editor of the *Field*, he was engaged on that journal, and the name "Robin Hood" first appeared in that journal in 1863. Mr. Browne was also connected with pigeon shooting, a thing he was very fond of; and I often met him at the Hornsy Wood House, especially during the spare week between Epsom and Ascot. The deceased was in his 61st year. His Nottingham friends will be astonished to hear that his mother, the genial hostess of the George Hotel, was, six months ago, alive and hearty, notwithstanding that she is now in her nintieth year. When one looks back, how few of the old school are left!

The experiment tried of issuing three handicaps for a race, that securing the most acceptances to be the handicap for the race, has hardly been a success. The Babraham was the one selected for the trial. Out of 92 entries the acceptances obtained were 22, 24, and 19 respectively.

At the Hawke's Bay Trotting Club's Meeting, held at Hastings on the 25th ult., Dennett, the owner and rider of Jean, which won the Maiden Plate, brought Hoyle, the rider of the second horse, Tommy, before the stewards for foul riding, and he was fined £2, and cautioned that if he gave any cause for complaint in the future he would be disqualified for a term.

Sporting Items.

Mr. John Knox will sell on Saturday next at the Hamilton Auction Mart, the privileges for the South Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting.

The owner of Jess, the winner of the Pony Trot at Hastings on the 25th March, gave the performances of his pony as follows:—"Two years in milk cart, and in the trap on Sundays driving the wife to church."

The following prices were realised by Messrs. D. Tonks & Co., at the mart on Friday last, for the Avondale Jockey Club's privileges:—booth, £24, Mr. Foley; gates, £27, Adams & Andrews; cards, £6, Scott Printing Co.; refreshment stall, £2 10s., Mrs. Hunt; stabling, 16s., Belcher.

Previous to the starting of the Novel Race at the Helenville Racing Club's Meeting last Saturday, the jockey Pennell lodged with the stewards a claim for £2 against the horse Comet, he having ridden for Mr. McGee at the last Avondale meeting. The stewards, after hearing the evidence on both sides, decided that Pennell had no claim against the horse Comet, as his claim was for riding another horse the property of a brother of Mr. McGee.

"Mazeppa" writes that immediately after the late Dunedin Jockey Club meeting Stewart Waddell severed his connection with the stable of Stephenson and Hazlett, but he hopes that the breach will be healed. As the trusted manager of the stable, ever since it was a stable, it has become quite an institution in Dunedin, and it is simply owing to his ability that Stephenson and Hazlett's colours have become so much respected on the turf.

A correspondent of the *Field* writes: "A Yankee asks for the definition of these, and you can give him my view if you like. A cob is a thick-set horse, not over 15 hands, and up to weight; a galloway is a whippy-snappy useless animal, except to carry little misses in their teens at the seaside or bolt out of a course at a country meeting—height, 14.2 to 15.1; a roadster is a fine mover, suitable either for harness or saddle, up to weight, and not over 15.2; a hack or hackney is the same, but showing more breeding, and making one think of a tandem leader or meet of hounds ten or fifteen miles away.

"Castor" writes in the *Canterbury Times* that the yearlings purchased by Dan O'Brien have arrived at Riccarton and that he had seen them. He says that he prefers the filly by Richmond—Bis Bis to her companion, a colt by Dunlop—Result. "The filly is dark brown in colour, and is a powerfully-topped youngster standing on short legs. She shows plenty of quality, and though unfortunately one of her hocks is spavined, has thriven wonderfully well since her arrival." It is hard to believe that Dan O'Brien, one of the best judges of a racehorse in the Colonies, has purchased a spavined filly, as she would be unfit for training purposes and useless as a brood mare, as it has been proved without doubt that it is an hereditary disease; so the most charitable way to put it is that "Castor" does not know what a spavin is, so that the remainder of his article may be taken *cum grano salis*.

At a recent meeting of the Nelson Trotting Club, which is in a very satisfactory condition, the following officers were elected: Mr. F. Trask, president; Messrs. Warren and Kirkpatrick, vice-presidents; Mr. J. W. Askew, secretary, vice Mr. T. A. Askew, whose resignation was accepted with regret, and the thanks of the Club recorded for his past valuable services. Mr. J. Glenn was appointed judge, Mr. C. Bird starter, Mr. C. S. Sharp treasurer, Mr. C. R. Harley, clerk of the course, Mr. W. Coleman handicapper, Mr. R. Turner time-keeper, Mr. W. J. Gorrie clerk of the scales, Messrs. Turner, A. Green, G. Green, S. Bolton, H. Harley, Gay, and D. Andrews, committeemen. Without any knowledge of the late secretary's abilities, we can congratulate the Club on the appointment of Mr. J. W. Askew, who from his general knowledge of sporting matters, and his recent sojourn in America, coupled with tact and energy, ought to make a secretary hard to beat.

Van Diemen and four others of George Wright's are to be submitted to the hammer to-morrow (Friday).

Colonel North has taken £15,000 to £100 about El Diablo, and another £15,000 to £1000 about Lady Hermit for the Derby.

The hurdle racer Christmas has been placed in Mr. P. Butler's stable, to be prepared for the Grand National Steeplechase.

The jumper Nap has left Williamson's stable. His owner informs us that it is his intention to give the old horse a spell of at least nine months.

Mr. G. H. Carter, the secretary of the South Auckland Racing Club, is at present on a visit to this city, on business in connection with that popular Club.

Special trains will leave the Auckland Railway Station on Saturday next, at 12.30 and 1.20 p.m., conveying passengers to the Avondale races, returning at 6 and 6.30 p.m.

Horse owners should take notice that the acceptances and general entries for the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting are due with Mr. Percival, the secretary, to-morrow, Friday, at 10 p.m.

A rumour is prevalent that Stennings takes over the Kohimarama establishment almost immediately, and George Wright takes a stable at Ellerslie to carry him through the next two months.

Messrs. Digby Tonks & Co. will sell the privileges in connection with the Auckland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting, to-morrow, Friday, at noon; after which the booth, gates, cards, etc., for the Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn Meeting will be offered.

The Auckland Racing Club have endorsed the disqualification passed by the Wanganui Club on the bookmakers, Messrs. Yuille and Nathan of Wellington and R. May of Auckland, for laying totalisator odds at their recent meeting.

In our last issue we gave currency to a rumour that George Wright was about to leave Auckland, and since then it has been contradicted. We are now in a position to reassert what we stated, and further, we can say that Wright takes charge of Stratford Lodge, Hastings, for Mr. Stock on July 1st.

There has been but little betting on the Great Autumn and Easter Handicaps. Kulinine is the fancy for the latter, with Palliser next in demand. Cruchfield, Merrie England, and Prime Warden are in about the same demand for the Great Autumn Handicap, and 100 to 3 is the best offer for the double.

We have received a letter from Mr. J. Redmond, the rider of Somnambulist in the Napier Park Hurdle Race, denying that he struck the rider of Whalebone in that race. The paragraph in question was intended to convey the meaning that the striking took place after the race, when the placed horses came before the judge for identification. Redmond asserts that Viné repeatedly crossed his mount during the race, hence his protest.

Mr. Cambell's mare Engagement, by Musket—Sylvia, was shipped to London by the s.s. Pakeha. A special box was fitted up for her, so as far as possible to ensure her safe arrival. Engagement is seven years old, and has had two foals, one by St. George and the other by Apremont, and they are both good looking ones. Should the mare arrive safely in England she should be valuable, as there is little, if any, of the Fisherman blood in England, as he was thought little of until he had made his name in Australia.

In another column will be found an advertisement from Mr. James Ryan, practical horse-shoer, of the Criterion Shoeing Forge, Victoria-street West. Mr. Ryan has been in the business for the past sixteen years and does all the shoeing for the principal merchants in Auckland, and has for a number of years shod the horses for one of our largest livery stables. He guarantees first-class workmanship, makes a speciality of trotting shoes, and all work is carried out promptly under his own supervision.

England beat Ireland in the annual football match, of which England has now won 13.

Miss Amy Vaughan and her clever troupe of specialty artistes, who have just returned from a most successful tour of the Southern provinces, have taken the Academy of Music, Lorne St., and open with a most attractive programme on Easter Saturday. The company left yesterday on a tour through the country towns in the Upper Thames District, where no doubt they will be well received.

A challenge has been issued by a boxer named Chris. Dunn to box Dick Sandall for the amateur championship of New Zealand and a £10 trophy, and we have authority for saying that Dick is willing to accept provided that there is a £25 side wager as well. In answer to this, we learn that Dunn's party are quite agreeable to a wager of from £25 to £50, so that the match would appear to be certain to eventuate. If so, the lovers of the "noble art" have a treat in store for them, and one of the most interesting "mills" ever seen in Auckland should be the result.

Owners, trainers, and others will do well to peruse the programme of the Wanganui Jockey Club's Steeplechase Meeting which appears in another column of this issue. Tuesday, 24th May (Queen's Birthday) is the date selected. There are no less than four Steeples provided for—the Wanganui Handicap Steeplechase having 225 sovs. attached to it; a Hunters' Steeple carries with it 50 sovs.; Trial Steeplechase 60 sovs.; and a Final Steeple of 40 sovs. The other three events on the programme consist of a Flying, 6 furlongs, 50 sovs.; Winter Oats of 100 sovs., 1½ miles; and a Hack Race of 25 sovs., 1 mile and a distance. Mr. Freeman R. Jackson is the secretary and treasurer of this prosperous Club, and that in itself is a sufficient guarantee that the meeting will be as successful at least as its predecessors, and that is no small prediction.

"Robin Hood," of the *Australasian* writes that "Colonel North celebrated his 50th birthday on February 6th, by a grand banquet at Avery Hill. There was a great deal of after-dinner oratory, in which the host took considerable part—indeed, he was in great form. Among the guests were General Sheridan and another American, the Mr. Easton who has been a large buyer of English blood stock of late, partly for himself and partly for Mr. Foxhall Keene. During the evening Mr. Easton stated that he had offered the late Mr. Hume Webster all the money that was wanted for Ormonde, but without avail. Writing of poor Hume Webster and of Ormonde reminds me that there are no signs of the horse being here in time for the coming season. This is rather awkward for those who through Mr. Webster had taken the 300 sovs. subscription, and reserved their best mares therefor. They will now have probably to put their mares to somewhat unfashionable sires, for it is certain that at this late hour the best of all the highest price stallions are full.

COURSING.

MR. W. WALLACE, Secretary of the Auckland Coursing Club, informs us he has received a number of programmes from Mr. Harry L. James, Secretary of the Dunedin Plumpton Coursing Meetings for 1892. These have been duly distributed in the most advantageous quarters. The Dunedin meeting is, as usual, to be held at the Forbury Park Racecourse, under the management of the Dunedin Jockey Club. The first meeting is to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 13th and 14th, when the May Cup and St. Leger are down for decision. The former is for an unlimited number of all-aged dogs at £3 10s each, and the latter for an unlimited number of puppies at £2 10s each. The Forbury Meeting is fixed for June 10th and 11th, on which dates the Forbury Cup and Juvenile Stakes will be decided. The Cup Meeting will be held on July 8th and 9th, when the Great National Cup, for an unlimited number of dogs at £8 each, with £10 added, will come up for decision, and also the Bracelet. The Champion Meeting is fixed for the 18th, 19th, and 20th August, when the Champion Stakes, Maiden Stakes, and Sapling Stakes come up for decision.

The Auckland Coursing Club's arrangements are going ahead apace. A sub-committee from the club visited the Avondale Racecourse on Saturday last to measure and lay off the ground. Since then we hear the Secretary has received verbal intimation from the chairman of the Avondale Jockey Club that they will not consent to the centre of the course being fenced in by wire netting. It must be round the boundary. The Auckland Racing Club, noticing the evident success which has attended the efforts of the new club up to the present, have made certain proposals to a deputation of the Coursing Club which are under consideration, and further developments may be expected to take place next Tuesday. The new club have decided to accept bookmakers with a right to bet, and full membership for the season on payment of two guineas, if paid before the 30th instant, otherwise they will be required to pay four guineas.

LATEST BETTING.

MR. ROBERT BLAKIE has supplied us with the following quotations:—

SYDNEY GOLD CUP.

- 5 to 1 Zalinski, taken
6 — 1 Strathmore, taken
8 — 1 Marvel, taken
10 — 1 G'Ngaroo, Tirailleur, Freedom and Forty Winks, taken

A.R.C. EASTER HANDICAP.

- 5 to 1 Field, off

EASTER HANDICAP AND STEEPLECHASE.

- From 20 to 1 to 100 to 1

Mr. C. Philpot also quotes the following:—

EASTER HANDICAP.

- 5 to 1 taken and wanted Cynisca
6 — 1 Whisper
8 — 1 Pinfire or Leorina
10 — 1 Morion or Dolosa
From 10 to 20 to 1 the others

DOUBLES.—EASTER HANDICAP & STEEPLE.

- 20 to 1 Cynisca, Leorina, and Van Diemen, coupled with Whalebone
25 — 1 Master Pat and Whalebone
30 — 1 Dancer and Whalebone
25 — 1 Pinfire and Leorina, coupled with Fishmonger.

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

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GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP of 500 sovs. One mile and a half.			
st lb	st lb	st lb	st lb
Dudu.....9 0	Flinders.....7 11	Heather Bell ..7 2	
Merrie England 8 13	Retina	11 Tempest	7 1
Boulanger.....8 10	Palliser	10 Diadem	6 13
Cruchfield.....8 10	Kulinine.....7 9	Galtee	6 11
Crackshot.....8 9	The Dreamer	5 Bredalbane	6 8
Prime Warden...8 2	Hippomenes.....7 3		

GREAT EASTER HANDICAP of 500 sovs. Seven furlongs.

st lb	st lb	st lb	st lb
Boulanger.....9 2	Hippomenes	11 Diadem	7 0
Merrie England 9 2	Heather Bell	9 Young Cheviot 6 11	
Cruchfield.....8 12	Galtee	7 Tassy	6 7
Prime Warden...8 6	Lady Zetland	6 Dormeur	6 7
Kulinine.....8 2	Bredalbane	7 5 Dielytra.....	6 7
Palliser.....8 0	Conjuror	7 1 Wanganui	6 7
Flinders.....8 0	Illum	7 4	

CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 15 sovs. each, with 300 sovs. added. Six furlongs.

Mr. T. W. Hungerford's b g Whakawatea, by Apremont—	st lb
Becky Sharp.....	8 8
Mr. G. G. Sheehan's blk c Stepniak, by Nordenfeldt—	8 10
Steppe.....	8 10
Mr. T. Sheehan's ch c Vogengang, by Burlington—	8 10
Psyche.....	8 10
Mr. D. O'Brien's ch c Launceston, by Tasman—	8 10
Rubina.....	8 10
Captain Guthrie's br f Day Dream, by Albany—	8 8
Siesta.....	8 8

THE CHALLENGE STAKES of 5 sovs. each, with 300 sovs. added. For two-year-olds and upwards. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Seven furlongs.—Whakawatea, Day Dream, Conjuror, Huguonot, Clanranald, Stepniak, Hippomenes, Medalion, Launceston, Vogengang, Variety.

SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

WEIGHTS.

STEEPLECHASE of 55 sovs., about three miles.—Ingarangi 10.12, The Colonel 10.12, Seathleen 10.7, Silvio 10.5, Chance 9.12, Blue Peter 9.12, Muscatelli 9.10, Peter 9.7, Lady Douglas 9.7.

CLAUDLANDS HANDICAP of 35 sovs., one mile.—Leorina 9.5, Ingorina 9.0, Tuna 7.12, Helen McGregor 7.10, Ida 7.6, Tulloch 7.0, Snake 7.0, Onslow 6.12, Focus 6.10, Bullrush 6.9, Romeo 6.9, Waltzer 6.7.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 55 sovs. one mile and a quarter.—Leorina 9.5, Pinfire 9.3, Ingorina 9.0, Yattaghan 7.12, Clarion 7.9, Ida 7.3, Miss Sly 7.0, Tulloch 6.13, Snake 6.12, Onslow 6.10, Memorandum 6.9, Bullrush 6.8, Romeo 6.7.

GALLOWAY HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Antic 10.7, Romeo 9.0, Tit 8.12, Dynamite 8.12, Sepoy 7.12, Florence 7.9, Dove 7.4, La Grippe 7.2, Gipsy Girl 7.0, Circus Girl 7.0, Contempt 7.0, Opal 7.0, Glenmore 6.12.

FLYING STAKES, six furlongs.—Pinfire 9.5, Ingorina 9.0, Helen McGregor 8.5, Yattaghan 8.0, St. Clements 7.12, Tulloch 7.2, Vieux Rose 7.0, Antic 7.0, Echo 7.0, Tit 6.12, Focus 6.12, Onslow 6.10, Florence 6.7, Nithmount 6.7, Mistake 6.7, Waltzer 6.7.

WELTER HANDICAP, 1 mile.—Leorina 12.0, Tuna 10.4, Tupara 10.0, Memorandum 9.10, St. Clements 9.7, Helen McGregor 9.7, Miss Sly 9.4, Sir Walter 9.4, Focus 9.0, The Laird 8.12, Nithmount 8.10, River 8.7, Matina 8.7, Mistake 8.7.

HURDLE RACE, 2 miles.—Ingarangi 10.12, The Colonel 10.10, Theorem 10.7, Tupara 10.4, Chance 9.12, Cloth of Gold 10.0, Pretender 9.10, Assassin 9.10, Blue Peter 9.7, Alex 9.0, Lady Douglas 9.0.

HASTING'S HANDICAP TROT, in harness, of 90 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Three miles.
 100 Mr. A. Mundell's b g Cotherton, aged, 30sec., Mundell... 1
 62 Mr. L. Cottle's b g Turoro, aged, 60sec., Coner 2
 53 Mr. H. Tomoana's b g Tare, aged, 60sec., Nikera..... 3
 46 Mr. H. T. Pereki's b g Bob, aged, 55sec., Blake..... 0
 85 Mr. W. Y. Dennett's br m Jean, aged, sc., owner..... 0
 87 Mr. W. A. Beecroft's b g William, aged, sc., Stowe..... 0

383 Time, 10min. 10sec. Dividend, £3 7s.

SELLING TROT, in saddle, of 20 sovs. 10sec. for every 5 sovs. reduction off selling price. Winner to be sold for 20 sovs., any surplus to go to the funds of the Club. Two miles.

53 Mr. W. Y. Dennett's p b m Silvertail, aged, nil, 40sec., Dennett 1
 104 Mr. L. Binnie's g m Tansy, aged, £10, 20sec., Hollo 2
 60 Mr. H. T. Pereki's b g Bob, aged, nil, 30sec., Blake 3
 37 Mr. W. Kirkwood's b g Dick, aged, £10, 20sec., owner ... 0
 81 Mr. A. Mundell's blk m Minnie, aged, nil, 40sec., Mundell 0

335 Time, 6min. 43sec. Dividend, £5 12s. The winner was bought for £18 by Mr. Curtis.

HANDICAP PONY TROT, in harness, of 20 sovs.; second pony to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Height, 14.2 and under. Two and a half miles.

19 Mr. J. K. Cameron's Jess, aged, 45sec., Cameron 1
 65 Mr. H. Cooper's br m Palfrey, aged, 40sec., H. Dennett... 2
 110 Mr. C. Dwyne's br g Wee Jacob, aged, 40sec., Hoy 3
 104 Mr. T. Stewart's b m Fidele, aged, 50sec., Stewart 0
 58 Mr. Geo. Heaps' Old Dodger, aged, 45sec., Semple 0
 14 Mr. W. A. Beecroft's b m Fidget, aged, 40sec., Stowe 0
 20 Mr. Geo. Heaps' g m Sweet Nineteen, aged, sc., Heap ... 0

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EGMONT RACING CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH MAY, 1892.

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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.

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Telegraph Office closes at Hawera at 5 p.m.

WEIGHTS

will be declared as follows:— Handicap Hurdles, Handicap Trial 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. BAUCHOP, Hon. Sec. T.J. Club.

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WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, 1892.

President—H. S. Harrison. Vice-President—Jonn Cameron. Judge—W. T. Owen. Starter—Sam Powell. Handicapper—J. O. Evett. Clerk of the Scales—E. A. Campbell. Clerk of the Course—C. H. Chavannes. Timekeeper—W. Wilson. Hon. Surgeon—Dr. Tripe. Stewards—Dr. Earle, Dr. Connolly, A. Higgle, A. J. Parsons, H. N. Harrison, W. Wilson, H. B. Williamson. Committee—Dr. Earle, A. J. Parsons, A. Higgle, H. N. Harrison, H. B. Williamson, Dr. Connolly, C. H. Chavannes, W. F. Downes, F. Jones, W. Wilson, H. Higgle, W. Bamber.

1. 12 noon.—FLYING STAKES (on the flat), of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.

2. 1 p.m.—WANGANUI HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 225 sovs.; second horse to receive 25 sovs. and third horse 10 sovs. from the stakes. Over the Wanganui Steeplechase course. The winner of any handicap Steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs. after declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 2 sovs.; Acceptance, 4 sovs. About three miles.

3. 1.45 p.m.—HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. Open to all qualified hunters. Over such course as the Stewards may direct. Gentlemen riders. Lowest weight not under 10st. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov. About two miles.

Qualification for Hunters.—Open to all horses qualified during the year 1891; or that have ridden to the hounds three times in the present season (1892) to the satisfaction of Master of Hounds; but which have never won an advertised steeplechase or hurdle race (hack and hunter races excepted). Master's certificate to be produced to Clerk of the Scales.

4. 2.30 p.m.—WINTER OATS HANDICAP (on the flat) of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes; winner of Flying to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination; 1 sov.; Acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one mile and a half.

5. 3.15 p.m.—TRIAL STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase exceeding the value of 25 sovs. (hacks and hunters excepted). Over such a course as the Stewards may direct. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, about two miles.

6. 4 p.m.—HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 25 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Minimum weight 7st. (vide definition of a hack). Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, nil. One mile and a distance.

7. 5.45 p.m.—FINAL HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov.; Acceptance, nil, to be made half-an-hour before the race starts. About one mile and a half. Definition of a Hack.—A hack is a horse that has never won an advertised race (hack and hunter races excepted), and that is not at the time of start, and has not been during the six calendar months previous to time of start, nominated for any race—hack and hunter races excepted.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND

ACCEPTANCES.

(And amounts to be forwarded to Secretary Wanganui Jockey Club.)

TUESDAY, APRIL 12th, 1892 (on or about)—NOMINATIONS—Flying Handicap, 1 sov.; Winter Oats, 1 sov. Wanganui Steeplechase, 2 sovs.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26th (on or about)—WEIGHTS for above handicaps.

TUESDAY, MAY 3rd, at 9 p.m.—NOMINATIONS—Hunters' Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Trial Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Final Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Hack Flat, 1 sov. ACCEPTANCES—Flying, 1 sov.; Winter Oats, 2 sovs.; Wanganui Steeplechase, 4 sovs.

TUESDAY, MAY 10th (on or about)—WEIGHTS for Hunters' Trial, and Hack Flat Handicaps.

TUESDAY, MAY 17th, at 9 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES—Hunters' Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Trial Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Hack Race, nil.

TUESDAY, MAY 24th (on the course).—WEIGHTS for Final Steeplechase will be declared after the Trial Steeplechase, and Acceptances half-an-hour before the race starts.

FREEMAN R. JACKSON, Secretary.



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. Purze, R. W. Dyer, H. Bullock-Webster, A. Bruce Sutor, E. M. Dickey, R. Noble, George Edgecombe, 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.

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4. GALLOWAY HANDICAP of 20 sovs. For ponies 11.2 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. Distance, 6 furlongs.

CONDITIONS.

Acceptances to be declared before 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, April 16th.

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, for without being accompanied with 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.



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.

RACING PROGRAMMES



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 3 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 80 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 5lbs; 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 8lbs. 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.

Easter Handicap	2 sovs.
Autumn Handicap	2 sovs.
Autumn Steeplechase	2 sovs.

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

ACCEPTANCES.

Easter Handicap	3 sovs.
Steeplechase	2 sovs.

NOMINATIONS.

Tradesmen's Plate	1 sov.
Hurdle Race (Handicap)	1 sov.
Selling Race	2 sovs.
Eden Handicap	1 sov.
Onslow Stakes Handicap	1 sov.
Stewards' Handicap	1 sov.
Flying Stakes	2 sovs.
Ellerslie Handicap	1 sov.
Welter Handicap	1 sov.
Shorts Handicap	1 sov.

Champagne Stakes, the nomination to be struck out, or the nominator will be liable for 5 sovs. forfeit.

WM. PERCIVAL,

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