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"SUNLIGHT AND SHADOW."

FRESH, charming, powerful, and original, may seem to be somewhat gushing adjectives, but Mr. R. C. Carton's comedy-drama deserves them all. It is undoubtedly the artistic success of Miss Myra Kemble's season, and was a refreshing change from the farcical "Dr. Bill." A well-constructed plot, characters stamped with the Hall mark of individuality, a strong motive, crisp and witty words, all give scope to Miss Kemble and her talented company, and the results achieved are entirely satisfactory. Not only did the pathetic passages bring tears into the eyes of many of the audience, but the true humour and fine irony revealed in the comic scenes provoked mirth delicate and refined—to my taste more enjoyable by far than boisterous fun and practical jokes. Only a pachyderm could fail to relish the delicious misunderstanding between "Dr. Latimer" and "Adolphus Bamfield," when the latter wishes to ask the former's consent to the marriage of his daughter Maud, and the doctor thinks Adolphus is consulting him professionally. Again, the dressmaking scene with which the second act opens is irresistibly comic, and enriched with capital *mots*, e.g., "Two souls with a single thought," exclaims Adolphus. "I shall have to supply the single thought," is Maud's retort. A minute later Maud's quip, "My mind is not like a prescription—to be made up while you wait," quickly followed by Adolphus, having won the day, exclaiming, "You have said it at last," and Maud's reply, "Yes; you squeezed it out of me." Turning to the characters—Mr. George Leopold is extremely good as "Dr. Latimer," dressing and acting the rôle admirably, besides displaying a fund of genuine pathos for which his low-comedy gifts had scarcely prepared one. Mr. R. Owen Harris as "Mark Denzil" makes a splendid success of a very difficult part. Mr. H. W. Diver, too, covers himself with glory as "George Addis," revealing power and pathos which come as a surprise from an actor who shone so brightly as "George Webster" in "Dr. Bill," and proves that he possesses an extraordinary versatility. Mr. Edward Lester, as the good-natured noodle "Adolphus Bamfield," plays a very laughable rôle with unqualified success, and Mr. E. Leonard's "Scollick," the generally useful gardener who has evidently been spoiled by kindness, is a quaintly comic impersonation. "Janet Felton"—a difficult rôle—is safe in the hands of Miss Nellie Lyons. The vivacious and flirtatious "Maud" suits Miss Ada Lee to perfection, and she both looks charming and acts with a delightful grace. As "Helen Latimer," Miss Myra Kemble displays her gifts to thorough advantage. The rôle is a pleasing and sympathetic one, full of sweetness and light. Miss Kemble's portrayal of the loving, conscientious and unselfish girl, is a miracle of truth, power, and natural grace. Altogether "Sunlight and Shadow" merits the highest praise I can bestow upon author and performers alike.

"BARBARA" AND "JANE."

"Barbara," which serves as a *lever de rideau* to "Jane," the *pièce de résistance*, is a clever and pathetic morsel of comedy by the author of "Three men in a boat," "The idle thoughts of an idle fellow," etc., etc. It contains some good lines, and is capably acted by Miss Nellie Lyons in the title rôle, Miss Clitherow as "Lillie," Mr. H. W. Diver as "Cecil," and Mr. J. J. Walsh as "Finikim." Unselfishness is the central idea of the plot, which gives scope for much refined humour as well as genuine pathos. "Jane," the twin-sister farce of "Dr. Bill," is equally funny and better constructed. Mr. R. Owen Harris (Charles Shackleton), Mr. George Leopold (Kershaw), Mr. E. Lester (Tipson), Mr. J. J. Walsh (Pixton), Mr. E. Leonard (Claude), all have congenial parts: and with the assistance of Miss M. Corcoran (Lucy Norton), Mrs. Walter Hill (Mrs. Chadwick) Miss Nellie Lyons (Mrs. Pixton) and that thorough business woman "Jane," admirably played by Miss Myra Kemble, make fast and furious fun through three very amusing acts. I noticed that Miss Kemble makes "Jane" speak remarkably good and pure English for a "slavey-Jane," and that when "Jane" is masquerading as a lady she is much less refined than in her true character. Doubtless Miss Kemble's subtlety has hit upon a really good point. A servant girl in her efforts to imitate a lady would certainly be less like one than when she is her own natural self. Still it is rare to find one of Jane's class speaking with such purity of tone and grammatical precision. A solecism thrown in here and there would, I think, add to the *vraisemblance* without marring Miss Kemble's conception of the part. The authors deserve high praise for their writing: Many sparkling and epigrammatic lines enrich the dialogue, and the ludicrous situations are countless, and better distributed than in "Dr. Bill."

On Friday evening an interesting performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore," under the direction of Miss Harding, was given at St. Sepulchre's schoolroom. The performers, of whom the eldest could only boast sixteen summers, acquitted themselves very creditably. The cast of characters was as follows:—"Sir Joseph Porter," Master G. McBride; "Captain Corcoran," Master C. F. Harding; "Ralph Rackstraw," Miss Ethel Goodwin; "Dick Deadeye," Master C. C. Beale; boatswain, Miss Audrey Townshend; boatswain's mate, Master Innes Fraser; "Hebe," Miss Barbe Bonar; "Little Buttercup," Miss Winifred Goodwin; "Josephine," Miss Maud Harding. All the characters were well taken, and the scenery and chorus proved extremely good. Especial praise is due to Miss Ethel Goodwin, who at a few hours' notice replaced Miss Russell Fraser as "Ralph Rackstraw," Miss Fraser being confined to bed through a sudden attack of influenza. Miss Goodwin, considering the handicap, sang and acted capably. Among the others "Josephine," "Little Buttercup," and "Captain Corcoran" shone most brilliantly. Many of those present wish to see "Pinafore" repeated, and it is not unlikely that their wish may be gratified.

By last English mail I received a copy of the *libretto* of a new and original operetta, entitled "Robin Hood," the work of my old friend W. W. Robinson. Everyone remembers the

popular "Billy," whose name was a household word in matters racy, athletic and theatrical. The *libretto* is capably written, and if the music (by Colin McAlpin) is equal to the words, I feel sure that those present at the performance which took place at Wellingborough Grammar School in April last, must have enjoyed a treat. I notice that the characters—twenty in number—were all taken by masters and boys of the school, and that the stage manager was "Mr. W. W. Robinson."

On Thursday evening at the Choral Hall the Orchestra under Herr Carl Schmitt, gives a concert, which, judging by the programme, should be a really good one.

CARL HERTZ, the eminent prestidigitateur, opens in the Opera House on Monday evening. Beside the wonderful feats of legerdemain and illusion, which are highly spoken of in our exchanges, the entertainment offers many other attractive features.

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JOTTINGS FROM WELLINGTON.

(By PROTEUS.)

WELLINGTON, MAY 27.
THE sham fight which was held at Island Bay in the presence of Lieutenant-Colonel Fox, was a brilliant success. The country over which the volunteers exercised their military powers was exceedingly rough, and in some parts dangerous. Two of the gun carriages belonging to the "D" Battery of Artillery capsized, and one of the drivers narrowly escaped serious injury. The gun carriage fell upon him, but he managed to escape the gun, which by itself would be liable to break any part of a person's body it came in contact with. The Wellington Naval Artillery took my fancy, and it was the opinion of all who witnessed the display that this corps outclassed the others in every detail. One of the most noticeable of the squads entrusted to the officers' supervision, was that commanded by Chief Petty Officer Armstrong, of the Wellington Navals. This officer's knowledge of practical warfare was ably displayed. The attacking forces were under Lieutenant-Commanding Duncan, and included the Wellington and Petone Navals, City Rifles and Guards. The defending forces were under Major Messenger, and men composed of the Permanent Artillery with two guns, the Here-taunga Mounted Rifles and "D" Battery of Artillery with four guns, and the Wellington Rifles. The fight started at 11 o'clock, and was finished about 1 o'clock. The Queen's Birthday salute was fired at the Newtown Park, where the "march past" was held.

A BOXING match took place at the Jubilee Hall last Saturday night, between Dentice and Mitchell. The attendance of the public was not very large, but the number that were there took a lively interest in the proceedings, which were short, but I am sorry to say not very sweet. The fight ended in the third round, the referee (Bob Matthews) and Mitchell's seconds disagreeing.

A FEW days ago a man on board the Rimutaka, by the name of Needles, wanted to fight Bob Matthews, for £50 aside, but on the latter

accepting the challenge, the Rimutaka man was "off," and it is "needless" to say the fight was not fought.

It is very gratifying to note how pigeon flying is gaining popularity in Wellington. The Wellington Pigeon Club flew off a race from Masterton to Wellington on Saturday last for a handsome medal, in the shape of a Maltese cross with a raised Homer in the centre. Mr. Burton Boys officiated as liberator, and Mr. W. Ross as judge. The weather was fine, and the birds homed in good time, the following being the velocity flown in yards per minute by first bird from each loft:—

1 Mr. Alex. Smith's Rob Roy	1126
2 Mr. A. Kenney's Empire	1116
3 Mr. S. H. Mouatt's Marvel	1107
4 Mr. J. F. Fitzgerald's Egeria	1108
5 Mr. W. Ferkin's Torrado	1095
6 Mr. Jas. Smith's Spanker	786

Mr. Alex. Smith therefore wins the medal, and Mr. J. Smith the prize presented by Mr. Arthur Smith, of Christchurch, for the last bird home. The Club have several trophies to be flown for from different places, including Wanganui and Christchurch. The birds at present are undergoing the usual course of training.

CORRUPTION IN AMERICAN RACING CIRCLES.

As a proof of the degraded state of morality in turf circles in America, we publish below a reprint of several extracts taken from one of a series of articles contributed to the *London Sportsman*, by their special correspondent, who was sent over to report on the condition and character of the turf in Yankee-land. If all be true (which we have no reason to doubt), then colonial turf stewards may take credit to themselves for the purity of the atmosphere which surrounds their officials and pervades the precincts of their domains. The following are the extracts referred to:—

"The true method of starting is not understood in the States. The one and only starter does exceedingly well, considering. He receives from 20 to 40 guineas a day for his services. He seems to be what Wolseley is to our army—our only starter. With a copious use of bad language, fining, setting down, wrangling at the post, he gets them off somehow. If he leaves a favourite behind the public hisses; if he sends it off in front the public applauds. It is remarked that horses which belong to the owner of the track always get off well. Just before the race you will see our starter drinking with the owner, who is also a member of the Board of Control. There is, of course, no harm in this; but people are so ill-natured. Some poor men have given up racing because of the starter, and they say unutterable things, but the rich owners seldom if ever have to complain. Horses when they "get the flag" are usually grouped about a hundred yards, or less, from the starting post, in all sorts of positions—sideways, with their heads turned the wrong way, some on the move, some kicking or rearing, but as general rule somewhat exhausted from their "warming up." They are started with two flags as in England, except that the starter lowers his flag in front instead of when the horses are past him. An attendant with a long whip is on the track, and does more harm than good, as he distracts the horses' attention. A yellow flag is lowered as the horses pass the starting post, and at the same time an electric knob is touched which starts the timing clock in the enclosure. As the first horse passes the winning-post this clock is stopped, the time recorded, and hung up outside the judge's box. When the flag falls there is a general scramble to get to the front, and, except in the case of a few jockeys, every post is made a winning post. Whips are used almost from the start, and within a furlong from home nine out of every ten horses are whipping and spurring. To a lover of horses and a humanitarian this is a most painful and degrading spectacle, especially as it is not only useless cruelty but it jeopardises a horse's chances, for the animals with their heads loose swerve over the course and go all to pieces. But the public demands this whipping and spurring, the Jockey Clubs enforce it, and the jockeys are afraid to dispense with it. 'What on earth made you flog your horse; he had no earthly chance?' I said one day to a jockey who I thought knew better. 'I never touched him,' was the reply; 'I was only pretending; if I had not the public would have kicked up a row, the judges would have called me up and asked me why I didn't flog, and the papers would accuse me of pulling.' Anything the public wants the Jockey Club enforces."

Truly a bright state of affairs! If our starters were to indulge so freely in bare-faced swindling it is more than likely that a "coroner's inquest and a funeral" would be the result. The same correspondent goes on to say that—

"Handicapping is conducted on the worst principles. As stated, the Americans have little idea of the effect of weight; but, in addition, many of the handicaps are designedly unfair. Perhaps the most conclusive evidence of this is that of the handicapper to one of the principal tracks, who also represents the 'Board of Control.' In a letter or interview published in the *New York World*, he says: 'The handicapper ought to be permitted to handicap horses according to his judgment.' The signi-

ficance of this remark is explained by what I asked your readers to bear in mind, namely, that the Jockey Clubs are actuated mainly, if not solely, by monetary considerations. Let me explain. The racing public in America invariably backs the favourite, and in nine cases out of ten the favourite is a popular horse, that is, a good horse, which will be handicapped at, or about, the top weight. If the public see that their horse is left in, they will come down in thousands to back him, or at least to see him run. If not, they will stay at home. The first means gain, and the second loss, to the jockey clubs. Therefore they see that the popular horse is so favourably weighted that he will accept. On this principle the race ceases to be a handicap at all, and in most cases is confined to the top weights. A match will draw a number of dollars to the track, consequently matches are concocted between popular horses. In most cases the favourite, *i.e.*, that one backed by the public, loses. The jockey club adds a purse, or pretends to add it, and the two owners make the match, say, for a thousand pounds: Many shrewd persons will have nothing to say to these matches, and express strong doubts as to their genuineness. Are these doubts justified?"

We would like to see colonial handicappers try on such a game! The public generally would be down on them at once; so also would the turf scribes.

In the matter of sporting writers also, we would appear to be far before our American cousins. We really believe the sporting scribes of the colonies do know a great deal about the horses and the weights they should carry, etc. The writer mentioned above has a very poor opinion of the sporting press and its contributors. Judge of it by the following extract, also culled from his article.

"The writers and reporters on the daily papers are for the most part absolutely ignorant of horses and racing, and as any accusation of fraud or scandal sells their papers, they give free license to their pens, and there is no redress. This license has driven many respectable men off the turf, and prevented others from coming on. When, however, newspapers accuse their presidents, senators, and congressmen—in fact, all their public men—of fraud, it is not to be expected that they will spare racing men, and it must be confessed that few gentlemen engage in that pursuit. The judge or judges place the horses first, second, and third. Sometimes there are two judges in the box, oftentimes more, and it is often occupied with interested persons. When a decision is given which displeases the public, they hiss and clamour round the judge's stand, and the decision is often reversed. I have seen the second horse placed first, the first horse fourth, and the fourth horse second in one race. I was informed that a great deal of champagne had been consumed in the judge's stand on that occasion. I believe myself that most of the mistakes are made from incapacity, but an American racing man has no confidence in the integrity of racing officials, and will tell you so. When the question as to the placed horses is finally settled, the numbers are hoisted both outside and in the ring, and besides this an official comes into the ring and declares the winner, second, and third, in a very audible voice. Books are opened on the ensuing race, and the payment of winning tickets begins. The mutuels by this time are calculated, and the winning numbers, with the amount won, exhibited on black boards. A few men make a living by paying the amount due to the winning ticket for a consideration of 5d. The arrangements for refreshments are very good at the larger and newer tracks. The floors of the ring and of the buildings generally are well paved and dry, and the public is well protected from the weather. In winter the betting room and parts of the stand are enclosed with glass, and warmed with hot air or steam pipes."

THE BELL BLOCK RACES.

The Bell Block Racing Club brought off their second annual meeting on Queen's Birthday, under fairly favourable circumstances as regards the weather. The heavy rain that fell the preceding day made the track a bit heavy, and the times made during the day were therefore rather slow. Mr. Adams, of the firm of Adams and Andrews, put £950 through the machine, the Government tax being £14 5s. The events were got off without a hitch, except in one instance. Mr. A. A. Ambridge, the energetic secretary, worked hard to make the meeting the success it was, and he was ably seconded in his efforts by the other officials of the Club.

Business was begun with the Steeplechase, about 2½ miles, over twelve jumps. Five faced the starter, but Flukem was the only one who had sufficient condition to compass such a journey. On the fall of the flag Flukem jumped away with the lead, which he maintained to the finish, winning with a bit to spare. The Masher came down at the eighth jump (a sod wall), and Recruit came to grief at the ninth jump (another sod wall). Moonlight ran a good second, and Atlantic, who looked jaded and unfit to gallop a hundred yards, was an indifferent third. Time, 6mins. 39 1-5th secs. Dividend, £1 15s.

For the Pony Handicap, 6 furlongs, eight came to the post. The start was spoiled owing to the fractiousness of Tuiau, who threw her

rider once, and was finally left at the post. Coronet made the running for two furlongs, when Poppy took the lead. In the straight Daisy put in her claim, and, staying best, won by a length; Hymen a good third, and Billy, who got blocked in the early part of the race, got fourth. Time, 1min. 28½secs. Dividend, £2 2s.

Six horses weighed out for the Cup, 1½ miles. Sirius was made favourite, with Ionic next in demand. Flukem and Nugget started to make the running as soon as the flag fell, with Armoury third, Sirius close up fourth, Ionic several lengths away fifth, and Te Pota last. This order was maintained for a mile, when Armoury and Sirius made a simultaneous move on the leaders and disposed of them. A furlong further Armoury too was in difficulties, but here Crozier brought up Ionic with a rattle, and challenged Sirius in the straight. The mare, however, was able to hold her own, and won by about half a length; Armoury a fair third. Crozier, the rider of Ionic, complained that Stevens, the rider of Sirius, crossed him in the straight, but no protest was entered. Time, 2mins. 57 1-5th secs. Dividend, £3 5s.

There were fourteen untrained nags in the Farmers' Plate, the public establishing Joseph favourite on the machine. When the horses were ranged up for the start an occupant of the stand gave the words to go, which was acted upon by all the riders. After a ding-dong race Austral (ridden by Mr. D. Teed, jun.) got home by a neck from Belle (ridden by Mr. Townsley). As the starter stated there was no start, the race, after a lot of talk, was run again, when Twilight squeezed home by a head from Darebin; Haricot a capital third. Time, 1min. 52 1-5th secs. Dividend, £13 5s.

Nineteen horses went out for the Trot, 2 miles, Charlie, ridden by J. J. Russell, winning easily. Sailor Boy was second; but no third horse was placed. A peculiar incident occurred in connection with this event. Russell weighed out to ride Peggy, his own mare, and Stohr weighed out to ride his own horse Charlie. The riders did their preliminaries before the public on these horses, but just before the start they changed steeds. This was done, it was stated, to mislead the public, and the ruse succeeded, as many backed Peggy on seeing Russell on her. No action was taken by the stewards in the matter, but the public commented freely. Time, 6mins. 18 3-5th secs. Dividend, £2 6s.

Six horses started in the Flying Handicap, Shela being made favourite. Rainbow took the lead on the fall of the flag, closely attended by Armour; then came Maroro, Flukem, Nugget and Shela, in order. After going two furlongs, Nugget stumbled and dislodged his rider, who escaped any hurt. Armour led into the straight followed by Rainbow, but Maroro was then brought up, and heading the two he looked like winning, till Shela, who came with a fast run under the whip, tackled him fifty yards from home. Maroro, responding to his rider's call, managed, however, to catch the judge's eye by a head; Armour a bad third. Time, 1min. 25 4-5th secs. Dividend, £7 16s.

Fourteen horses started in the Hurry Scurry, five furlongs. Marquis of Tewkesbury took command in the straight and won with a bit to spare from Appin; Wizard being third. Time, 1min. 10secs. Dividend, £1 18s.

Three of the races were started by Mr. C. Enderby, who was appointed by Mr. F. Watson, the official starter, as the latter was interested in these events. The officials who measured the ponies rejected two that had passed under successfully at the Taranaki anniversary races. This was hardly satisfactory to owners, considering the primitive stand in use at Bell Block.

Mr. T. Carrington's design for a trophy for this year's Melborne Cup has been selected by the Committee of the Victorian Racing Club.

Mr. James Lamond, brother to Mr. Thos. Lamond, the well-known Sydney trainer, died at his residence, Terara, Shoalhaven, on the 8th inst.

The latest yarn eventuating from America is to the effect that a Shetland pony mare twenty-three months and four days old has foaled a filly.

The weather on the day preceding the Queen's Birthday caused the running at the different meetings throughout the Colony to undergo many changes from what was previously anticipated. This fact is borne out by the large dividends which were paid on some of the events.

The Surf

[BY OLD TURFITE.]

A.R.C. WINTER MEETING.

THE general entries for the North New Zealand Grand National Meeting, which takes place at Ellerslie next Saturday and Monday, were made last Friday, and, taken as a whole, must be considered good.

The Maiden Steeplechase has an entry of eleven, including Commotion and Somnambulist both of whom are engaged in the Grand National Hurdle Race; but should all start, the race should lie between Couranto and Somnambulist, Chance and Kate being the next two to be considered. The race, however, had better be left alone until the numbers go up, and the *pro et con* is settled, but CHANCE reads best.

There are fourteen in the Welter Handicap, one mile. Mr. Evitt has certainly not taken much trouble over the handicap, as twelve are in the 10st division, YATTAGHAN and RATAFLAN reading about the best.

The Grand National Hurdle Race has an acceptance of twenty-four, a moiety of which may come to the post. I have been through the handicap twice before, therefore shall not do so again. When the weights first came out I selected Couranto, Lonely, Commotion, and Glenelg as the most likely ones to furnish the winner. Since then Glenelg has gone amiss through an accident at Wanganui. Fabulous has been backed in singles and doubles to win a good stake. He belongs to a clever stable, and he has shown plenty of pace on the flat, but has never appeared over hurdles. Belmont, since his easy win over hurdles at Takapuna, has been well backed by the public, and now is almost as good a favourite as anything; but too much reliance must not be placed on the Takapuna running, as owing to the timber-smashing the first time round, it was almost a flat race. Belmont is a horse with a good turn of speed, and has the lenient impost of 9st 5lb. Over the only hurdle he had to jump at Takapuna, he cleared in good style, but it appeared to a practised eye that he jumped wildly and dwelt on landing, which is not a good point in a hurdle racer; still he may upset all calculations. Tupara, 9st 8lb, has also been well backed, and is looked upon as a "dark" one that is likely to land a big coup. He has shown a little form over hurdles, but he is one hardly likely to win brackets in a race of this description. Somnambulist does not appear badly in, but he has not been supported openly in the market, and on paper should be held safe by Couranto. The others require no further remarks. After looking them all through, and hearing many opinions I adhere to my original selections: COURANTO, LONELY and COMMOTION, and I prefer them in the order named.

There are ten in the Selling Steeplechase. The majority of them are hardly decent hacks, so the race should rest between KATE and old HURRICANE—the former for choice.

Ten is again the main for the Maiden Hurdle Race. On paper it looks a good thing for STEPPER with HOPEFUL KATE to hunt him home.

The Ladies' Bracelet has six entries, and as it is for gentlemen riders it depends as much on the jockey as the horse. If YATTAGHAN and IDA have good men on their backs, they should fight out the finish.

This concludes the first day's racing.

SECOND DAY.

The second day's programme is, as far as I am concerned, a skeleton one, as the weights and acceptances will appear too late for me to take any notice of, so I shall confine my remarks to the Great Northern Steeplechase, which has the good acceptance of twenty out of the twenty-three entries, though it must be confessed that many of them can have no possible chance; still there is a likelihood of a dozen going to the post, and these should afford a good race. Whalebone, 11st 5lb, heads the list, and is a doubtful starter, but after the recent running at Hawera and Wanganui, he must be out of it. Ingarangi, 10st 9lb, will find the pace too fast for him, though

he should get the course. Fishmonger, 10st 8lb, has been backed in singles and doubles to win a big stake, and will have the services of Morrigan, one of our best cross-country riders; but he is an uncertain jumper, and it is very doubtful if he gets the course. Hune will not start. Couranto, 10st 12lb, after his running at Wanganui, reads a certainty, if a steeplechase in the colonies can be called so. Somnambulist, 10st 5lb, has a show for it, and must not be despised. Chance, at the same weight, has been backed, but will most likely find himself out-classed. The Colonel may be dismissed, as the pace at the outset will find out his weak point, as he makes a noise. Hopeful Kate, 10st 4lb, will keep plodding on, and if there are many mistakes may render a good account of herself. Commotion, 10st 3lb, is a dangerous one, but there are doubts if he will get the course. Shillelagh, 10st 5lb, after his running at Hawera, looked a good thing, but it is reported that after the Wanganui meeting his leg filled again, and that he is lame. The remainder may be passed over. As in the Hurdle Race, I selected four when the weights appeared—Couranto, Commotion, Waterbury and Shillelagh. The two latter—especially Waterbury—have gone amiss, so I must rely on Couranto and Commotion. At the same time I look upon Somnambulist and Fishmonger as dangerous; but if good odds are to be had on the machine it will be well to save on Fishmonger. COURANTO is my fancy, with COMMOTION next.

THERE are seventy-six Clubs affiliated to the New Zealand Trotting Association. Of these no less than seventy-one were represented at the late Conference held in Christchurch. Mr. H. McIlwraith, representative of the Christchurch Trotting Club, was in the chair. Mr. Sydney James, the veteran secretary of the Dunedin Jockey Club, was present, having been chosen as the delegate of several of the Otago Clubs. The Chairman said that there had been a question raised as to whether Mr. James should exercise a vote for each of the Otago Clubs which had chosen him as delegate, and it was agreed that he could do so. Mr. James said that he would most likely only exercise one vote, for all that his Club asked had been agreed to, and that the Otago Clubs did not want to have it all their own way. One matter he would like to have a clear understanding about was the constitution of the executive, since it was said that members of executive were members of proprietary Clubs and held the greatest interest in the affair. After a short discussion Mr. Connell proposed, "That no two members of the Association shall be eligible for election on the Executive Committee who are members of the same Club or who represent the same Club as delegates, and that no delegate shall vote upon any question in which he is either directly or indirectly interested in a pecuniary sense." The motion was seconded by Mr. H. F. Reece, and Messrs. Sydney James and J. Williams supported it, and it was carried. The Conference then amended and made some fresh rules, which read really good ones. It is a great pity that all the Metropolitan Clubs do not follow the example of the Dunedin Jockey Club and recognise trotting meetings. It is a success in Otago, and could be made so elsewhere. Would it not be much better to have two or three good trotting races on a programme than to be compelled to see the same old scrubbers or hacks, meeting after meeting, running for a small stake. These horses are of no benefit to the Colony. They can only be called gambling machines, whereas a good trotter is always worth money, either as a hack or harness horse. One has only to travel through the Colony to see how few of that class are bred. If you do happen to come across one he always commands a good price. Then, as things are now, an unscrupulous man can commit a swindle on many trotting tracks, until he gets found out, and then start afresh on the flat, hurdle racing, or steeplechasing, because the Metropolitan Club of the district refuses to recognise trotting clubs.

The following is a synopsis of the new and amended rules of the New Zealand Trotting Association, as passed at the Conference, taken from the *Otago Witness* :—

Rule 1 now provides, "That the Association shall consist of two delegates from each duly organised trotting or racing club in New Zealand, and also two from

each affiliated Metropolitan Racing Club, always provided the annual subscription is paid. Any affiliated club that does not hold a trotting meeting within twelve months from the date of the affiliation, or one meeting during each subsequent year, shall cease to be affiliated. No club is entitled to representation until the first meeting has been advertised."

Rule 2 was amended so as to provide for the affiliation fee of £2 and a subsequent annual fee of £2. Metropolitan clubs only including one or more trotting events on their programme pay an affiliation fee of £1 and an annual subscription of £2. Country clubs in a similar position pay the same.

Rule 4 relates to the election of officers—a president, treasurer, executive of five, and auditors; that each delegate may represent as many clubs as choose to appoint him, but shall only be entitled to use *one* vote on any question: that no two members of one club or representatives of one club shall be on the executive; and that a delegate shall not vote upon any question in which he is directly or indirectly pecuniarily interested.

Rule 5 governs the order of business.

Rule 7 now reads as 6, and there are two important sub-sections in it. The first is, "The programme when submitted shall be accompanied by a properly audited balance-sheet, showing the receipts and expenditure of the clubs for the past year, and in no case shall any programme be passed unless it clearly appears from the balance-sheet that all moneys received by the club have been expended in stakes, making improvements to the course, stands, or payment of interest and sinking fund on purchase money, or generally in the interest of racing." The second reads thus: "In no such programme, when the totalisator is used, shall the amount of the added money be less than the net commission estimated to be received from the totalisator (having regard to the amount received as commission in any previous year), exclusive of all amounts received from owners for nominations and acceptances. The intention of this rule being that the minimum net amount given to owners in way of stakes shall be at least equal to the sum received from the totalisator."

There were four new rules added—the principal one (2), "When a novel race, in which the whole amount for which the winner is sold goes to the club, is included in the programme of any day's racing, only one-half of the advertised amount of such novel race shall be computed as added money."

Other rules much the same as racing and totalisator rules were also passed.

Under "Entry and Subscriptions for Races" the following words were added to Rule 42: "The nominator must send the last three performances, either winning or losing, failing which the horse may not be handicapped and the entrance money may be forfeited."

Rule 43 has been altered to read plainly, and is a very good one if strictly carried out: "The name of any person who shall fail to pay, within four weeks after the same shall have become due, any entrance, acceptance, stake, fine, fee, or forfeit, and of any horse in respect of which such unpaid sum shall be due, may be published in the defaulters' list."

The rule of charging owners £5 for power to change a horse's name was retained, but it was agreed to give owners six months' grace from the date of passing the rule to re-name free of charge horses that carried duplicated names.

Another good one is 75, "The stewards may order any horse off the track if they consider he has no possible chance of winning."

Another important rule was passed, "That the totalisator should cease taking investments when the limit horse starts."

Taking the rules all through, they are well worded and intelligible. If they are strictly carried out there is very little chance of any more swindles being perpetrated, and some of them may be adopted with advantage by the Metropolitan Clubs. From the active part that Mr. Sydney James took in the Conference it must be supposed that the Dunedin Jockey Club have affiliated with the New Zealand Trotting Association. If such is the case, it remains to be seen what other clubs will do. If the C.J.C. join the Association trotting will become still more popular and be conducted on a proper basis, as the A.R.C. and other clubs will soon follow the lead. It will be seen that at the Conference the great object was to do away with proprietary clubs and have no clique on the executive, also having it of a workable size. There is one thing that is not quite clear, how long are the executive elected for and can they be re-elected year after year. The *Canterbury Times*, in writing about the annual meeting of the C.J.C., states that the same Committee will be elected, as there are no new candidates for that honorary position, which is to be regretted, as 'new blood, even if it is not better than the old blood, has at least the virtue of a new broom, and just now it is most important, in the interest of the Metropolitan Club, that every corner of its affairs should be swept clean. I do not wish to suggest that the old management, which has aptly been termed 'a continual ministry,' has seriously failed in any part of its duty, but there has long been a feeling that the Club is a closed corporation, without any particular sympathy for the great mass of sportsmen, who are bound to submit to the authority it exercises." It also goes on saying, what is perfectly true, that while members allow the same

Committee to be appointed year after year it will be difficult to make the outside public believe that the Club is not a social affair and that election does not go by favour. It is a well known fact that many of the leading Clubs have had the same Committee (with perhaps one or two exceptions these have been elected without a contest) for perhaps some fifteen or sixteen years, while there are three or four that have absolutely the same persons on the Committee ever since the clubs were first formed. This must be detrimental to all kinds of racing, therefore all sportsmen must be glad that the Trotting Association intends to avoid the "continual ministry," and one must wish them success, for if trotting goes ahead in this Colony there is a large market for horses, not only here, but in India, for it must be borne in mind that a good trooper must be an active trotter, as that is the pace to get over long journeys. Your cantering or ambling animals soon knock up, though some may say that Arabs that cannot trot get over distances, but it must be remembered that they have a gait of their own that cannot be taught.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

On Saturday, June 4, by 10 p.m., Mr. W. Percival, secretary, will receive acceptances for

- Hunter's Welter Handicap of 40 sovs, 1 mile, 1 sov.
- Handicap Hurdles of 70 sovs, 1½ miles, 1 sov.
- Winter Welter Handicap (second day), 60 sovs, 7 furlongs, 1 sov.
- Tally-Ho Handicap Steeplechase of 80 sovs, about 3 miles, 1 sov.

VICTORIAN RACING CLUB.

On Monday next, June 6th, by 12 noon, Mr. W. Percival, secretary of the Auckland Racing Club, will receive entries in connection with the above Club, at his office, Durham-street East, for the following events:—

- SPRING MEETING, 1892—
Maribyrnong Plate (for now yearlings).
Melbourne Cup.
- NEW YEAR'S DAY MEETING, 1894—
Normanby Stakes (for now yearlings).
- AUTUMN MEETING, 1893—
Ascot Vale Stakes (for now yearlings).
Champion Stakes.
- SPRING MEETING, 1893—
Victorian Derby }
Oaks Stakes } for now yearlings.
Spring Stakes }
- AUTUMN MEETING, 1894—
St. Leger Stakes (for now yearlings).

VICTORIAN AMATEUR TURF CLUB.

On Monday next, June 6th, by 12 noon, Mr. W. Percival, secretary of the Auckland Racing Club, will receive entries in connection with the above Club, at his office, Durham-street East, for the following events:—

- SPRING MEETING, 1892—
Caulfield Cup.
Toorak Handicap.
- SPRING MEETING, 1893—
Caulfield Guineas

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

On Wednesday next, June 8th, by 10 p.m., acceptances are due with Mr. H. H. Hayr, secretary, at the office of the SPORTING REVIEW, Vulcan Lane, Auckland, for the

- Handicap Hurdles of 55 sovs., 2 miles, 1 sov.
- Handicap Pony Race of 20 sovs., ¼ miles, ¼ sov.
- Welter Handicap of 35 sovs., 7 furlongs, 1 sov.
- Hunt Club Steeplechase of 75 sovs., about 3 miles, 2½ sovs.
- Ladies' Bracelet (Welter Handicap) of 15 sovs., 1 mile and a distance, 10s.
- Tally-Ho Steeplechase (Handicap) of 50 sovs., about 2 miles, 1 sov.
- Handicap Maiden Hurdle Race of 30 sovs., 1½ miles, 1 sov.

Weights for this meeting are due on the 7th June.

The Committee of the Takapuna Jobkey Club held a meeting on Monday last for the purpose of inquiring into a complaint lodged by the starter, Mr. E. D. Halstead, against the trainer, F. McMinamin, for using abusive language at the start for the Victoria Handicap on Queen's Birthday. After hearing the statement of both parties, the following resolution was passed:— "That F. McMinamin having admitted that he used improper and offensive language to Mr. Halstead immediately after the start of the Victoria Handicap at the Winter Meeting, he be fined £10, and until such sum is paid he be disqualified, and that the A.R.C. be at once informed of the decision of this Club."

PAKARANGUA HUNT CLUB.

THE usual weekly meet of this club was held on Saturday last at Mount Albert. There was a very large and fashionable turn out of the members and their lady friends. The day being very beautiful, with a bright sun, no doubt had the effect of inducing the ladies to turn out in considerable numbers both mounted and driving. Amongst those present we noticed Miss Percival, Miss Firth, Mrs. Bilborough, Mrs. Taylor, the Misses Taylor, and various other ladies; the Master (Mr. W. Percival), Messrs. Tonks, Garrett, McCaw, Bloomfield, Hanna, McKay, Colegrove, Ware, Taylor, and Dunnett. The first try was in some scrub immediately at the back of Mount Albert station, where almost the moment the hounds entered they spoke to "puss." This, however, proved to be one of those resident members who from long acquaintance with comfortable quarters refuse to shift. The hounds were constantly at her, but owing to the dense scrub it was found an absolute impossibility to get her to face the open. Again and again she would show in the open, but being fond of cover would soon return. The sun just at this time being very hot it made it hard for the hounds to pick up the scent. After some time the master was forced to move on further afield. The next move was to the grounds of the Asylum, where the master and members were warmly received by the worthy manager. Unfortunately this farm proved blank, and a further move was made down to Point Chevalier. Even here there was no sign of game. There is very little use in trying so close to town. Hares are both hunted and shot all round the suburbs, and it cannot be expected that they are to be found where they do not exist. At this point some of the enthusiasts, who are evidently more fond of riding steeplechase fashion across country than seeing hounds work, took it into their heads that they would have a drag hunt, and without the consent of the master or officers of the club, in a surreptitious manner, laid one. The hounds could not well miss the trail, as it was laid from a point they knew must be passed. Of course the hounds picked it up, and the run came off to the delight of a few. This was done by complete outsiders, who have never subscribed one penny to the funds of the club. If conduct of this kind is persevered in the result will be that gentlemen of this class will lose their opportunity of going near the hounds at all, as they will not be brought into any district where they can have an opportunity of acting in a like manner. It is very hard on the master when people (who have no responsibility such as the men who acted in this manner) take things into their own hands. They neither know or care what damage they may do. In this particular instance the result was that only about half the pack reached the kennels at night, the rest being spread all over the country. From the large crowds who go out Saturday after Saturday to the meets of this club, whom we feel certain are not members, we can see that it will be forced on the club to take action to prevent unauthorised persons following. The farmers, as a rule, are very lenient, but unless a stop is put to the crowds that force themselves on the club in a very short time there will be no hunting. We congratulate the Master of the Hounds on the condition of the pack, and the way the huntsman (Mr. T. Brown) and his two whips (Goodman and Warren) are mounted, and we prophesy that as soon as the weather breaks up and the country gets a thorough soaking of rain that this pack will give a good account of themselves.

AROUND THE STUDS.

[BY TRAVELLER.]

(Continued.)

A suggestion, 'pon my word! If his half brother—Impulse—were present what a resemblance, and this too, a son of Hotchkiss from Aida. I was quite prepared to see Aida give us a compact, shapely colt, but I was in hopes that the slashing great Hotchkiss would have put length on, but no. This whole bay son of Aida will, or should be of quite as much value as the 1200 guinea Impulse. Talk of a slippery gentleman! The quarter of a mile gallop he treated us to was quite sufficient for me. He lost his mother for 10 minutes, and what a goer, as he "covorted" round the paddock. Hotchkiss can get them to gallop, take my word for it. Aida has been stinted to Castor, but why, I know not. Judging from the excellent result of her union with Hotchkiss it should have been continued. What's this? A powerful evenly balanced whole bay colt with a star. Can't say, I replied. Do you

remember Mr. Lowther's celebrated Bangle. I do, and well. Yes! Well this is her son by Castor. Now you tell me, no need to expatiate. The grandson of Hermit has "Hall marked" all his get. Messrs. Gollan, Stead, Wilson, Ormond, O'Brien, Butler and others on the look out for a Derby colt next summer will have their "heart's desire" when they pick this aristocratic young gentleman to pieces, or I am a long way out of my calculations. A peculiarly marked youngster is the brown son of Patch and Nordenfeldt, with three white fellocks and a blaze, a late foal with any number of racing points, and one that looks like galloping, to say nothing of the fast but uncertain Patchwork being his half-brother. Albeit on the maternal side none of this flightiness was ever known, consequently the union with Nordenfeldt, who is credited with an exemplary temper, should, as I think it will, turn out an exceptionally fast colt. The light-bay with a star, by Castor from Arielina is a "varmint" looking customer. This youngster should be useful over any country. His mother inherits—like all Dainty Ariel's stock—great jumping abilities. No wall or fence is too big for her to get back to her foal, and I must say I have a strong fancy for inate jumpers, so followers of the hounds must remember Arielina's son; also, don't forget Don was by Ariel, also Isaac Walton, the sire of more cross-country horses than any other in New Zealand. A "peacock" young gentleman is the whole brown except for a star, son of Queen Cole. Racing men will please remember the King Tom strain in this youngster. Lurline and Darebin are the outcome of a King Tom mare, and a running strain is also obtained through the dam of Queen Cole. I allude to Rosalie, the dam of Derringer and Cartridge. As handsome as paint is the chestnut daughter of Victoria, with a star and two hind stockings. None of your Adelaide's in this filly; well grown, big boned, and as muscular as anything ever reared at the Park is Castor's daughter. Slippery as "greased lightning" is the recommendation the stud groom gives of this youngster, and he's not a bad judge is "Jerry." If ever the Traducer mare, Jilt is going to hand her name down in the annals of turf lore, I am sure her chestnut son by Castor will be the means. Whether the old mare is getting better as she grows older, I know not; but in this colt Southern buyers, who have, as a rule, a strong penchant for the Traducer strain obtain it here, crossed with Hermit and Stockwell, and those who follow up the various nicks have a "breeding puzzle" if "Coxcomb"—that's what I would call this colt—does not turn out a racehorse. This completes the weanings at Wellington Park prior to being advertised for sale. I hope to see what effect good oats during the winter months will have on this, the most even crop of youngsters ever bred at Wellington Park. There are for next season fifteen mares covered by Castor, sixteen by Hotchkiss, six by Tasman, Brigadier one and St. Leger one.

THE LATE WILLIAM WALLACE.

AMONG numerous expressions of sympathy for the family of the late Mr. Wm. Wallace we have received the following telegram and letter:—

To SPORTING REVIEW Office.

Sincerely regret hear death Mr. Wallace, Deeply sympathise with his family.

F. N. JONES,
The Port, Nelson.

[TO THE EDITOR SPORTING REVIEW.]

Dear Sir,—In common with a large circle of friends I was much shocked to hear of the sudden death of your late esteemed sub-editor, Mr. Wallace. It seems but yesterday that he was busy amongst us, working in the interest of true sport; a hard working man—a genial friend—a gentleman. Whilst never neglecting his own work he was always ready to lend a hand where he could be of use, and I venture to say no man in Auckland was more respected amongst sportsmen than he, and I now ask them to express their respect in the most practical form by showing their sympathy for those who were dependent on him, by subscribing to a fund for their benefit, and I ask you, sir, to take the matter in hand. Herewith I hand you my mite, and I am much mistaken in Auckland's sportsmen if they do not liberally respond to so good an object. I should be pleased to afford practical help and sympathy in other form you or any of your numerous readers may suggest.—I am, dear sir, yours truly,
G. McBRIDE.
May 20th, 1892.

We have already opened subscription lists in aid of this deserving object, and beg to acknowledge the following subscriptions:—

H. H. Hayr, £1; R. A. Bodle, £1; Adams and Andrews, £1; T. D. Halstead, 10s; R. Garrett, 10s; J. Davidson, 5s; C. Philpot, 5s; J. F. Cruickshank, 5s; H. Ellison, 5s; D. Tonks, 5s; J. Geddes, 5s; J. R. Martin, 5s; A. Gorrie, 5s; Subscriber, 5s; J. Marshall, 5s; Donald McLeod, 5s; T. Beale, 2s 6d; G. Ivis, 2s 6d; T. C., 2s 6d; H. D., 2s 6d; J. D., 2s 6d; A. D., 2s 6d; A. Friend, 2s 6d; J. O'Meagher, 2s 6d; W. J. Lee, 2s 6d; M. D. M., 2s 6d; C. Godwin, 2s 6d; D. W., 2s; A. McMillan, 2s 6d; J. T. Hardy, 2s 6d; R. Cleland, 2s 6d; B. L., 2s 6d; Scott Printing Co. Staff, £2; A. D. & Co., 2s 6d; Friend, 2s 6d; A. Friend, 2s 6d; Capt. Handley, £1; S. Brooking, 10s; J. F. Leighton, 2s 6d; Alfred Kidd, 5s; M. Quad, 7s 6d; W. McC., 5s; Pica, 5s 6d; A. C., 5s; J. McE., 5s; A. Friend, 2s; D. S. C., 5s; R. Duder, 10s 6d; G. N., 10s; W. E. Outhwaite, £1; R. J. S., 2s.

Severe measures are recommended by the Melbourne Sportsman with regard to the ringing-in of pedestrian competitors by causing each one when entering for any event to make a declaration before a J.P. If this plan be adopted some of the runners may expect to be "dropped on" one of these fine days.

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

COMING EVENTS.

June	3	.....English Oaks
June	4, 6	.....Auckland Racing Club
June	11	.....Pakuranga Hunt Club
June	11	.....Australian Jockey Club
June	24	.....Hawke's Bay J.C., Winter
June	27	.....Hawke's Bay Trotting Club
June	29	.....Napier Park R.C. Winter
July	9	.....Wellington Racing Club
July	9	.....V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race
July	19	.....Gisborne Inaugural Meeting
July	16	.....V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase
Aug.	11, 13	.....N.Z. Grand National, Christchurch

NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

June	5, 27	.....Wellington Racing Club
June	17	.....N.Z. Grand National, Christchurch
June	17	.....Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
June	20	.....Canterbury Jockey Club
June	22	.....Napier Park Racing Club
July	25	.....Canterbury Jockey Club

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

June	4	.....Auckland Racing Club
June	7	.....Pakuranga Hunt Club
June	7	.....Hawke's Bay Trotting Club
June	8	.....Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
June	25	.....Napier Park Racing Club
June	30	.....Wellington Racing Club
July	13, 29	.....N.Z. Grand National, Christchurch
Aug.	11	.....N.Z. Grand National, Christchurch

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

June	1, 4	.....Auckland Racing Club
July	5	.....Wellington Racing Club
June	8	.....Pakuranga Hunt Club
June	17	.....Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
June	18	.....Hawke's Bay Trotting Club
June	27	.....Napier Park Racing Club
July	22	.....N.Z. Grand National, Christchurch
Aug.	5, 12	.....N.Z. Grand National, Christchurch

HUNTING.

PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB FIXTURES.
To start each day at 12 noon.

June 8	—Otahuhu	June 22	—Otahuhu
June 15	—Kennels (Otahuhu)	June 25	—Mangere (Grey's)
June 18	—A. Buckland's		

W. PERCIVAL, Master.
HARRY H. HAYR, Hon. Sec.

RANGITIKEI HUNT CLUB FIXTURES, 1892.

June 4	—Eildon Farm	July 9	—Bellview
June 8	—Kilkern	July 16	—Woodendean
June 11	—Somersal	July 20	—Tadcroft
June 18	—Sandon	July 23	—Clydesdale, Carnarvon
June 22	—Willow Brook	July 30	—Marton
June 25	—Black Hills	Aug. 6	—Overton
July 2	—Philholme		
July 6	—Eildon Farm		

Sept 1—Hunt Steeplechases.

D. G. RIDDIFORD, Master,
J. M. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

Sporting Review.

THURSDAY JUNE 2, 1892.

ABUSES, by reason of their unnatural character, are exceedingly slow of growth, and on that very account are the more difficult to eradicate when once fairly established. As "a constant dropping will wear away a stone," so we, by the constant dropping of remarks, and by continually harping—it might be called—hope to attain our purposed end—that is, the prevention of the growth of all and sundry abuses which have arisen, are arising, or are likely to arise within our own special sphere of labour. This slowness of growth just mentioned is only a natural consequence, resulting from the deterring effect exercised by Nature when opposed by contrary influences of any kind. Take any phase of human life and note how slowly changes in this world's fashions are wrought out, and it will be then easy to comprehend the gist of our argument. We have repeatedly and continuously been issuing notes of warning against all abuses, whether now in existence or if likely to arise through the continuance of a present course of action. In sporting communities many do now exist, and more are certain to be developed in very quick time if certain methods of procedure be persisted in. A sense of duty impels us to keep up a continuous warfare against those which have come under our particular notice. We presume it is more than likely many others are there which have not yet appeared in a glaring enough hue to particularly attract our attention. Amongst the various topics which we have already descanted upon are:—

- (1) The appointment of inefficient and incapable handicappers.
- (2) Totalisator evils and maladministration.
- (3) In and out running of various horses.
- (4) Corruption amongst officials.
- (5) The use of foul language by trainers and jockeys on our racecourses.
- (6) The gambling element which pervades all classes of sport.

By reference to the columns of our back numbers it will be found that we have attempted to point out to those in authority the necessity for the jealous guarding of their privileges and a careful administration of all details connected with Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 5, of the above six branches of operation in the racing world. The grave danger attached to the pursuit of any

but a straightforward and unsullied course in connection with several of them will be found exemplified in the article which we publish on American racing. Without again going into detail, we would suggest as preventive measures against the occurrence of such a state of affairs amongst us a code similar in effect to the following:—

(1) Exercise the greatest care in the appointment of handicapper, and choose none but efficient and trustworthy persons to fill that office.

(2) Curtail the operations and privileges of the totalisator by reducing the percentage chargeable by the machine, as well as by limiting the number of meetings at which it may be used.

(3) Deal severely with all cases of "reversal of form," and mete out even-handed and summary justice to one and all in respect to any "crookedness" indulged in at the various meetings. (The appointment of a reliable person as a steward to attend solely to this matter and with no other duties to perform, would greatly assist in bringing offenders to account.)

(4) Warn off and dispense with the services of each and every official found guilty of connivance at, or cognisance of, any malpractice being perpetrated.

(5) Make a lasting example of all persons guilty of using foul language within the precincts of the grandstand by their immediate expulsion, and thereby purify the racecourse atmosphere of all such contamination.

(6) Lessen the gambling craze and speedily reduce it to a minimum by immediately putting into effect the various points bearing upon the question, as set forth in any of the foregoing five clauses.

Nos 1, 3, 4, and 5, are especially recommended to the notice of our Metropolitan racing authorities, while two others are confided to the care of the members of the House of Representatives to deal with in such manner as they may deem expedient to the welfare of the community at large. By a faithful carrying out of the suggested reforms set forth in this article the growth of many abuses would be nipped in the bud, and our Colonial Governments will be spared the painful necessity of following in the footsteps of the English House of Commons, by being compelled to legislate, when almost too far gone, upon the subject of gambling and other similar vices. Quite recently that august assembly found themselves face to face with this kind, and caused a Bill to be enacted making it a misdemeanour to (a) wager with, (b) be the cause of negotiating a wager for, or (c) to lend money to, any person who is at the time a minor. The long period of time that has elapsed before it was deemed absolutely necessary to frame such a drastic measure goes a long way to prove our argument in the first part of this article, wherein we tried to illustrate the slowness of growth of all abuses and social evils. It is to be sincerely hoped the ruling powers are fully alive to their duties and the interests which underlie them, and will "take time by the forelock," in order to prevent a recurrence of the sorry state of affairs which we have here depicted. *Verbum sat sapienti.*

OUR WELLINGTON LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

WELLINGTON, May 28.

THE Wellington Racing Club have determined that they will no longer remain under the reproach of not having any training accommodation on their course. The preliminary culverts and other work necessary for the formation of a grass gallop are now in full swing, and by the spring meeting next season, trainers will find this very important accessory available for use. The tan-gallop which has turned out such a failure is to be entirely re-made, and under the experienced supervision of the new caretaker—Mr. Napier—I have no doubt the course and its appointments will soon bear comparison with any in the colony. The Club are making good use of the money that their very successful last two seasons have brought in, and the secretary informs me that for some time to come the expenditure will be in the direction of improving the track, and providing the most modern and approved facilities for training operations. I hear also that a short straight about fifty or sixty yards long, joining the course at a tangent under the hill will shortly

be made so as to provide a more convenient starting place for one mile races, which at present have to be started on an awkward curve.

The United Hunt Club, which is to hold its Annual Steeplechase Meeting after the W.R.C. Steeplechase fixture has prepared a programme which will be submitted to the next meeting of the Metropolitan Club stewards. I have not seen it yet, but understand that it is identical with that of last year. From what I hear the handicapping will be entrusted to Mr. J. E. Henry. There have been some rather important changes lately in the "Pasha Lodge" (T. H. Hill's) stable. "Mr. Cousens" has removed Eros, Paramu, and Ranees Nuna to his new training establishment at the Taita, and Fletcher, who has been head lad with Hill for some years, has gone to take charge of them during the winter months. He is a steady, painstaking young fellow, and will, I have no doubt, do them justice. At present there are no training facilities at Mr. Cousens' place, but I hear that a three-quarter mile gallop has been marked off, and is likely to be made at no distant date, that is if Mr. Cousens' expressed intention to get rid of his horses is not carried. If he wished to sell why did he buy Ranees Nuna less than a couple of months ago?

Mr. K. McKenzie's Blenheim and Waihora have been sent back to their owner's place in the Wairarapa. Both are well bred and have done good things in private, but in public they are rank frauds. Waihora has, I believe, been lately sold.

Mr. Driscoll's hurdler, Jacob, which was also under Hill's care, has been turned out it is said for a twelve month. This son of Natator has been a most unlucky horse. When fit and well I believe him to be a fairish hurdler—quite in the second class—but although to look at him he appears hardy enough to stand any amount of work, he always goes wrong somehow just when he gets a good chance in a handicap. He is quite a young horse yet, and possibly a long spell is the best curative he could have of his present unsoundness.

The non-success of Hill's stable during the summer and autumn is the subject of general comment in sporting circles here. Retina, who last season won nearly £1000 in stakes for Mr. Martin, has this season not won a single race, and on some occasions has not run within two stone of her known public form. She ran one good race—in the Hawke's Bay Cup—when she had the bad luck, after galloping all the favourites to a standstill, to be herself done on the post by the outsider, Crown Jewel. With this solitary exception she has run an arrant duffer. Ranees Nuna showed good form in the summer at the Hutt, Wanganui, Palmerston, and Rangitikei, but she met with a slight accident and has had to lie by since. Paramu has won a race or two, but Blenheim, La Petite Fille, Waihora, Kent and Swordbelt, although they have all been at one time or other expected to do great things, when it came to the test disappointed their owners. Now every one allows that Tom Hill is about as good a practical trainer as there is in the colony, and he possesses veterinary knowledge which leads to his opinion being continually asked by other trainers in difficult cases. Then wherefore his non-success? The cause in my humble opinion is not difficult to discover. He has attempted too much. During the last four or five months he has had eleven horses under his care—six at his own place, four at West's, and one at Neil Miller's stable—with only himself and three lads to look after them both at home and when fulfilling their engagements. It was simply impossible to do them justice under such conditions, and the result has been only what might have been expected. I hope that next season different tactics will be employed, and if he gives himself a fair chance I feel sure Hill will recover his prestige which has been this season rather tarnished.

[BY WIRE.]

WELLINGTON, May 31.

The committee of the Trotting Club met last evening and settled accounts in connection with the recent meeting. All outstanding liabilities having been provided for there was a balance of profit of £71 2s. Out of this the secretary received a bonus of fifteen guineas; handicapper, five guineas; clerk of the course and starter, two guineas each. It was resolved that a committee be appointed to enquire as to the feasibility of obtaining a permanent trotting track as near Wellington as possible;

It appears that the owners of the Island Bay estate want altogether too much for a lease of the course raced on the other day. It was also decided to hold the next meeting some time in the spring.

Mr. Gully, the Crown prosecutor, has taken the initial step in appealing against the acquittal of Yuille and Nathan on the illegal betting charges, and J. H. Pollock's case has been adjourned *sine die*, and I presume will be held in suspense until the appeal is decided.

Mr. Stevens, the owner of Master, which won the Hunter's Steeplechase at Wanganui, took the first prize for 15-stone hacks at the last Agricultural Show held at the Hutt.

The United Hunt Club have raised the stakes to £300, and their steeplechase meeting is likely to be very successful, and it will also operate to bring horses here for the Wellington R.C. Steeplechase Meeting.

The stewards of the Akura Maori Racing Club are very indignant over the Maori Hack Race. At a meeting on Friday it was ascertained that the race, which was for Maori horses only, was won by a horse called "Deeming," belonging to a Lower Valley Settler, which had won a race at Marlborough under the name of "The Whiffier." This horse received the stakes and dividend of £7 14s. The stewards decided to disqualify the horse for life, and to ask the Metropolitan Club to also punish the owner.

OUR NAPIER LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

May 28th.

It was generally expected here that the Wanganui Steeplechase would come to this district, and although Couranto had a large circle of admirers Waterbury was not without his friends. However, he proved a grievous disappointment, and couldn't jump to save his life, let alone his backers' money. Couranto blundered at one of the obstacles, but his pace brought him home. There can be no gainsaying the fact that the son of Patriarch—Quickstep, is a daisy, and as this was his first appearance over big country his win is all the more meritorious. Whether he can win in Auckland or not is questionable, but we have people here who swear by him, and I think he undoubtedly has a big show. His penalty won't stop him that's a certainty. If he gets over the Auckland course he is good enough for anything. He is worth a nice little sum now, and will no doubt be nibbled at for Australia, where he would make them all sit up. Some time ago he was priced for Australia, and the figure was £400, but he has gone up in value since then. The owner of Whalebone at that time wanted £400 for his horse, and perhaps he will ask a little more now.

The weights for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Steeplechase Meeting are due on the 8th of June. We should have a splendid meeting here this year.

The two-year old colt Rangiatea, by Somnus—Wairareka (full brother to Wairua), has been sold to a patron of A. Ellingham's stable for £250, by Messrs. Baker and Co., who own Somnus and Lochnagar and other horses. He is a good colt, and is entered for most of the classic races in the colony next season. At the Town and Suburban races the other day his rider's stirrup broke in the Queen's Birthday Handicap, and in the Flying Stakes he came up like a shot out of a gun at the finish, and was just beaten by half a head by Kathleen, Kimberley's half-sister. The youngster was paying about £25 dividend. Messrs. Baker and Co. have a yearling gelding out of the same sire and dam as Rangiatea, and as they do not intend to pursue racing he is for sale, as also are two mares by Somnus out of Deception.

Maid of Lorne would have paid over £8 dividend had she won the handicap at Tara-dale, and this among hacks too.

Taurakaitai has not been working lately, having ricked his shoulder.

[BY WIRE.]

NAPIER, May 31.

The football matches played the Recreation Ground on Saturday resulted in Napier winning the double of first and second fifteen matches against the Pirates, who have been the crack team here for years. Napier I. beat Pirates I. by six points to five, while Napier II. beat Pirates II. by 20 to 12.

D. Donovan, jockey, who has ridden in Capt. Russell's colours for a number of years, has left his stable to-day and gone into Andy Robertson's establishment.

Couranto is a great favourite for the Great Northern Steeplechase, and I fancy the only horse that will trouble him will be Fishmonger. Couranto is extremely fast, but it is considered questionable by some as to his ability to get over the Auckland country. I don't think he can win the Hurdles unless it is made a slow run race, for he has a lot of weight to carry.

Somnambulist is bound to start in both Hurdles and Steeple, although he is Couranto's stable-companion.

Commotion carries the colours of Mr. Gollan, who, by the way, has gone on a visit to Rangan-tikei.

OUR TARANAKI LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

[BY WIRE.]

NEW PLYMOUTH, May 30.

The jumpers Couranto, Somnambulist and Commotion and the flat racer Stranger arrived here to-night and will be shipped North to-morrow night. Glenelg will not be taken up, as he is bad. The local horses Flukem, Durus and Skutcher will also be shipped to-morrow night.

May 31.

Flukem will not be taken North on account of a knock he received in the Bell Block Steeples. Moonlight will go North for the Selling Steeples.

There are over 130 nominations for the Egmont Hack Sires' Produce Stakes. Gipsy King is represented by 30, Sou'wester 15, Foulshot 12, Flintlock 10, Puriri 10, Cap-a-pie 9, Natator, Somnus and Tim Whiffler 5 each, The Australian 4, and the rest under the last number.

SPORTING NOTES.

[BY NEW CHUM.]

THE crucial question of the hour is, "What is the winning double for Saturday and Monday next?" Since writing my review for last week's issue of the candidates in the Hurdles and Steeplechase some more facts have been brought before our notice, and we have an extra line or two to theorise upon. For the Hurdles I said Couranto, 12.0, was just in his proper place. Since then he has done a good performance by winning the Wanganui Steeplechase, which has had the effect of hardening him in the market for our local events. I placed the three in order of merit for this event as follows: Glenelg, Lonely and Couranto. Since then the first named has met with an accident, and is now "out of it." Fabulous, 9.9, is training on well, and as his "foot" is rather beyond the majority engaged, if he negotiate the "sticks" all right it seems almost a certainty he must at least reach into a place. Tupara's party are credited with trying the "funny business"—reported lame, broken down, gone amiss, &c.—but it did not work evidently, as he is among the "short odds" division. Against Couranto & Co. I cannot stand him. Belmont won at Takapuna, but I imagine he will find this company "very sultry" compared with the push at Takapuna. The rest of the field I noticed in last week's notes, and I fail to see any reason for altering my then expressed opinions. Right here, then, I might say that I expect the result on Saturday to read:—

Couranto or Lonely	1
Fabulous	2
Commotion	3

The Steeplechase comes up for settlement on Monday next, the 6th inst. As in the Hurdle Race, so in this item my previous notes hold good throughout, or nearly so. As Shillelagh has gone astray, Commotion can take his place, which I deprived him of on account of his running at Wanganui. I am still at a loss to gauge Ingarangi's chance, but am inclined to give him a place. Having selected Couranto for the Hurdles causes me to hold somewhat aloof from him in this. Besides he has won a steeplechase, and thereby incurred a penalty. Hopeful Kate ran second in the Steeplechase at Takapuna and fenced up to her best form, but since then she has been acquitting herself very badly in her schooling at Ellerslie—re-

fusing repeatedly—so in face of the latter fact I am reluctantly compelled to pass her over. Whalebone, it is reported, will be a non-starter. Onslow, 9.7, ran well for part of the journey at Takapuna. He there went on fast and not on slow during the early part of the race. He is an awkward "outsider," and might "toll it over." However, without more ado I shall just set them down in the way I believe they will finish, and that is—

Somnambulist or Couranto ..	1
Commotion	2
Ingarangi	3

and if anything is calculated to miscalculate my calculations it might be Fishmonger or Chance. The latter is a very much improved horse.

In the Winter Welter Handicap Leorina—that old chopping block—heads the poll with 12st 4lb. At this she is in about her right place, but should not give so much weight to Fiesole, 11st 2lb, who should have a great say in the race at that weight. Of Yattaghan and Ida at 10st 9lb each I prefer the former at the weights. Tulloch at 10st 7lb cannot have a show with the previous two. St. Michael 10st 6lb has more than an outside chance. Vieux Rose 10st 4lb might have a say as it is only a mile. Brigade 10st 3lb, on her Helensville running holds rather a mortgage over the event. Stamford 10st 2lb is out of it at that weight. Of the 10st lot I fancy Stranger. At the time of writing no acceptances are to hand, but I shall select five in order of preference, viz.:—Brigade, Stranger, Fiesole, Yattaghan, and Leorina.

For the Maiden Steeplechase I like CHANCE, and for the Selling TIM or MOONLIGHT are perhaps the best to trust.

AUCKLAND METROPOLITAN PLUMPTON COURSING CLUB.

A WELL-ATTENDED meeting of those interested in coursing was held at the British Hotel on Tuesday evening, F. Lawry, Esq., M.H.R., presiding. The Chairman, in opening the meeting, alluded in touching terms to the death of the late secretary (Mr. W. Wallace), and expressed regret for the unfortunate position of his wife and family. He was pleased to hear that Mr. H. H. Hayr and other gentlemen were busy collecting subscriptions for the bereaved family.

The following letter was received from the secretary of the Auckland Racing Club:—To. W. A. Fenton, Esq., chairman of Plumpton Coursing Club. Dear Sir,—Your application to form a Plumpton coursing ground at Ellerslie has been laid before my committee, who are willing to allow you the use of their property upon the terms you stated you were willing to give, namely, that the A.R.C. committee do receive all revenues accruing from the gates, booths, and stands. They will not spend any money themselves in fixing up the ground for coursing, but will at all times assist you in carrying out the sport. The right to occupy the ground will be by lease for a term of seven years.

Mr. McEwin moved, and Mr. W. Adams seconded, that the terms offered be accepted.

In reply to Mr. Fisher as to what revenue the Plumpton Club would receive from the A.R.C., Mr. Percival said the terms were what the delegates offered. The Plumpton Club would have membership, entries, cards, and other pickings. There was no rent to pay, and the A.R.C. caretaker would assist in protecting the hares, and the club would give every assistance towards making the Plumpton a success.

Mr. W. A. Fenton also spoke as to the terms offered by the A.R.C., stating that if the A.R.C. made any profit they would give added money to the prizes.

The routine business of the formation of the club then proceeded. It was agreed that the name of the club should be the "Auckland Metropolitan Plumpton Coursing Club," and that it be conducted under the National Coursing Club rules. Messrs. J. O. Evitt, J. Beehan, J. Wakefield, T. Macready, J. W. Russell, W. A. Fenton, and T. McEwin were appointed a committee with power to add to their number. The election of a president was left over, as the promoters were anxious that the Hon. E. Mitchelson should be their first president, and as he was absent from town no reply had been received from him. Messrs. W. F. Buckland, M.H.R., and W. S. Lyell were elected vice-presidents; Mr. James Dickey, treasurer; Mr. A. Coates, secretary; Mr. A. F. Whitaker, solicitor; the Auckland branch of the National Bank of New Zealand, bankers for the club. A subscription list was opened, on the understanding that a guinea constituted members' subscription for the year, and all above that amount was to be considered a special donation towards starting the club. £70 was subscribed in the room.

Mr. T. McEwin moved that all former resolutions in reference to having the Plumpton in Avondale be now made to apply to Ellerslie.

Mr. McKee considered the motion was out of order, as the Avondale Plumpton Club was still in existence, and this was an entirely separate club.

Mr. Beehan seconded the motion, and the chairman ruled that it was in order.

Mr. Foley said he could not see how this meeting could direct how the money already collected for a Plumpton at Avondale should be spent. This was not a continuation of the meeting which formed the Auckland

Courting Club to be held at Avondale. It was an entirely distinct meeting, for the formation of another club.

Mr. Beehan said the money subscribed for the Avondale Plumpton could be refunded to those who were disappointed in regard to Avondale, and that would be only right, but he thought the resolution was in the proper direction, and would save disputes afterwards.

Mr. McEwen spoke to the same effect, and said the incoming committee would be in a position to refund the money subscribed for the Avondale Plumpton to any who claimed it.

The resolution was then put and carried. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

Sporting Items

Acceptances for the Pakuranga Hunt Club's Winter Meeting are due on Wednesday next.

The owner of Kimberley was fined £5 for late scratching of his horse at a meeting held in Melbourne lately.

In a steeplechase run at Flemington on the 14th inst. the three placed horses were bred in New Zealand.

Kattrens, while schooling Warrior at the North Shore, got a nasty fall, breaking the small bone of his ankle.

Mr. J. C. Booth, who arrived from Sydney last week, returned to his home in the Waikato on Wednesday last.

Alexander, the rider of Clarice in the Marlborough Hurdle Race, run on the 24th ult., sustained a fracture of his right arm by his horse falling at one of the hurdles.

Mr. J. S. Aislabie, secretary of the Poverty Bay Turf Club, arrived from Gisborne on Monday last, for the purpose of attending the Auckland Racing Club's Winter Meeting.

Glenielg, who was greatly fancied for the G. N. Hurdles and Steeplechase, unfortunately met with an accident while contesting in the Trial Steeplechase at Wanganui on the 24th ult.—the injury being so severe as to prevent him coming to Auckland to fulfil his engagements.

Mr. J. O. Evitt, the popular handicapper of the Auckland Racing Club, arrived on Saturday last by the s.s. "Gairloch," after having spent a few days at Wanganui, during which time he attended the Wanganui Jockey Club's Winter Meeting.

The heavy going at Takapuna served well for Belmont, who had too much "toe" for his opponents in the soft, both in the Hurdles and Welter Handicap. Both dividends were of a substantial character, viz., £17 14s. and £5 15s. The language of his rider when negotiating his fences, was anything but graceful, no matter what his riding might be considered.

The Committee of the Pakuranga Hunt Club must feel satisfied with the support received from horse-owners for their Winter Meeting, to be held on the Ellerslie racecourse on the 11th inst. Evidently the meeting will prove a great success, and no doubt owners will look forward for Mr. Evett's adjustment of weights with considerable interest, as this will be the last show local owners will have to obtain their "winter oats."

Orangeman, who at one time used to run in the colours of that popular trainer Jack Rae, still continues to add more victories to his already long list, he having pulled off the Melbourne Hunt Club Steeplechase with the steadier of 12st 4lb, beating a field of five, of whom Rob Roy and Queenslander were the placed horses. "Hampton," of the *Sporting Standard*, thus speaks of the event:—"Although the field for the Steeplechase was a very small one, the race was most exciting, Orangeman only just managing to beat Rob Roy after a ding-dong finish up the straight. Davis rode a capital race, saving every inch of ground possible with Orangeman, who, as usual, fenced in a most admirable manner, and a more perfect "safety conveyance" across country than the old son of Endymion cannot well be imagined; he never makes a blunder, and never shifts in the slightest when approaching a fence."

The s.s. Rimutaka, which arrived at Wellington on the 18th inst., brought safely the high-class and fashionably bred rough collie slut Ormskirk Stella from the renowned kennels of T. H. Stretch, Esq., of Ormskirk, Lancashire, to the order of Messrs. Horrax and Stanton, of Napier. Stella has since been removed to Quarantine Island, Wellington, where she will sojourn for the next six months. An extract from the *Fanciers' Gazette* of April 1st in reference to her reads as follows:—"Messrs. Stretch informs us that they are shipping through the agency of Spratt's Patent, and per royal mail s.s. Rimutaka, to Mr. J. Horrax, Napier, New Zealand, the collie bitch Ormskirk Stella, by Ormskirk Excelsior ex Ormskirk Fanny. She is a grand black-tan-and-white bitch, and won before she was twelve months old the following prizes: Three firsts at Southport, three firsts and cup for best collie in show at Belfast (beating Umba, who, it may be mentioned, is an own brother to Mr. Wark's celebrated Britannic, Ormskirk Paradox, Ulida, Lisburn Wonder, etc.); first and special at Bradford, two firsts and special at Wakefield, first at Sowerby Bridge. She has been mated with the champion Ormskirk Amazement before leaving, so if she has the luck to bring a good litter they should prove the foundation of a good stud of collies for Mr. Horrax." This expectation was amply fulfilled, as Stella, immediately on arrival, whelped nine puppies (five dogs and four bitches), all handsomely marked black-tan-and-white. The bitch is a splendid specimen, being well bred enough for anything, and there is nothing to approach her in New Zealand. Messrs. Horrax and Stanton are to be commended for their enterprise.—*Napier Telegraph*.

Morrigan, who arrived from Napier on Monday last, schooled Rewerewa yesterday morning, and she performed very differently under his able hands.

For some reason or other our Wanganui correspondent's letter has not come to hand, and has therefore had to be omitted from this issue.

Mr. Frank Hill, of the well-known firm of Hill and Poole, Wanganui, is at present in our city, as is also Mr. W. Proffitt, of Napier, both gentlemen having come here to attend the Auckland Racing Club's Winter Meeting.

Liquidation, by King Cole—Realisation, has left Geo. Wright's stable for her owner's farm at Whitford Park. She is to be mated with Cuirassier. A wise selection, we should say.

Somnambulist's name having been added to the entries in the Maiden Steeplechase, from inquiries we learn that the words "and Maiden" were omitted to be noticed by Mr. Percival on the original telegram until attention was called to the oversight by the owner.

Mistletoe, the property of Mr. A. Grattan, while schooling over the Takapuna course, fell at the post and rails at the top of the hill, which was fatal to Orakei and others, breaking his neck. Tutt, who was riding him, luckily escaped without injury.

Entries for the New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Race and Steeplechase, to be run at Christchurch on the 11th and 13th August, will close with the secretary, Mr. W. H. E. Wanklyn, on Friday, June 17th, particulars of which may be found on reference to our advertising columns.

It would seem the confidence which many had in Shamrock for the last V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap was not altogether misplaced, as that half-brother to Marvel won the Royal Stakes (Sydney), six furlongs, on Thursday last in the good time of 1min. 16½sec., and thereby added one more "feather to the cap" of Marvellous as a sire of speedy racehorses.

By reference to our advertising columns particulars may be found of the Wellington Racing Club's Steeplechase Meeting, to be held on the 9th July next, nominations for which are due to close with Mr. H. M. Lyon, the secretary, on Monday, the 13th inst. As the Club is offering valuable stakes, we trust horse-owners will give their best support.

The following are the winning payments in connection with the recent Takapuna Meeting:—Mr. J. Martin, £71 5s; Mr. J. Roulston, £66 10s; Mr. J. Lennard, £66 10s; Mr. F. McMinamin, £42 15s; Mr. B. Thompson, £23 15s; Mr. L. Harris, £23 15s; Mr. J. McCabe, £4 15s; Mr. J. Bland, £14 5s. Mr. J. Marangi, £4 15s; Mr. W. McMinamin, £9 10s; Mr. J. Develly, £4 15s. Total, £332 10s.

A rumour gained currency lately in Sydney that Mr. Scarr, the popular handicapper for the A.J.C. and other Clubs in N.S.W., had resigned his position as handicapper to Tattersall's Club. The report emanated from a few malcontents and would appear to be without foundation. About the only fault with this gentleman's weights is an inclination to work on a very small weight scale.

Another marvellous result in the Queen's Birthday Cup at Sydney last Saturday. Marvel, with only 10st 9lb to carry, could not get a "drum" in a 1 mile 3 furlong race, which was won by Pilot Boy, 6st 13lb, who was followed home by Alexander, 6st 8lb, and the Workman, 8st 6lb. The result is all the more surprising because it was not a fast run race. What does it all mean? Perhaps a £10,000 Cup looming up on the horizon can account for some of these strange phenomena.

On Monday afternoon a little schooling exercise was indulged in over the steeplechase jumps at Ellerslie. Those taking part in the business were Chance, Hopeful Kate, Prospector and Fort-a-Bras. With the exception of Chance, who took his jumps in fine style, none of them showed to advantage. Hopeful Kate refused at the sod wall, the double, and the old water jump, while Fort-a-Bras turned a "seven" at the second obstacle of the double.

The following amounts were paid over in connection with the late Dunedin Coursing Meeting:—M. Taylor, £55 16s; J. Dunn, £49 10s; R. Alexander, £22 10s; H. J. Pick, £22 10s; O. R. Wise, £11 5s; W. Carswell, £8 2s; W. Maitland, £6 6s; J. Drumm, £6 6s; H. S. Irving, £4 1s; Scanlan and Swan, £4 1s; E. R. Kidd, £3 12s; H. Lethaby, £3 12s; A. and J. Deaker, W. W. Gibson, W. Gardiner, G. Black, B. Crawshaw, W. Harley, £2 14s each. Total, £213 15s.

How are the mighty fallen! Sincure, a much-fancied candidate for the Melbourne Cup of 1889, could get no nearer than third by about a dozen lengths with 7st up to Avondale in the Fenella Handicap, of 75sovs., at the Maribyrnong races, on the 4th ult. The winner carried 7st 5lb. On the same day, in the Lantern Handicap, 9½ furlongs, with only three runners, he ran second to Thomond, 6st 13lb, and carried the light cargo of 6st 10lb. He again ran unplaced at Caulfield three days afterwards, with another light impost amongst poor company. Sincure's work when training on the track was considered very good indeed, so that his owner must find the brute a sort of "white elephant."

Billy O'Brien attributes his non-success to his hands being awfully sore and the gloves being too soft and worn, and trusts that Nicholson will shortly again give him another opportunity of fighting the light-weight championship of New Zealand.

Articles have been signed by Dick Sandall and John McConnell. The following are the conditions:—We, the undersigned, Richard John Sandall and John McConnell agree to box to a finish according to the following conditions, viz.:—1st, Marquis of Queensberry Rules; 2nd, for a trophy presented by Mr. John Gallagher, and a side wager of £25 a side, to be posted as follows:—£5 May 30th, and £20 July 30th, each deposit to be made by 10 p.m. The fight to take place Monday, August 8th at 8 p.m., at Zealandia Rink, or other place if not procurable.

Athletics Etc.

FOOTBALL.

[BY POSTER.]

SENIORS.

ANOTHER perfect day for players and spectators alike, and a large attendance at Potters, the pavilion being well filled. Enthusiasts were rewarded by witnessing a good and exciting game between

PARNELL AND CITY.

Mr. J. Arnel officiated as referee, and Messrs. O'Hare and Chapman as line umpires. Parnell began with only 14 men, and in a very few minutes lost Jervis, who wrenched his foot badly and had to retire. Just before the end of the first spell Kissling joined his mates, and proved invaluable during the rest of the match. For City, Stone kicked off at 3.20, and after a scrum near City 25, Jervis started a fine dribble and City were forced. After Whyte had nearly scored from a long throw in by Elliott, a fine City rush took the ball to centre, and Cole with a run invaded Parnell's 25. Cole marked and Stone made a good attempt from the place. Jervis retired at this point. After the kick out fast and good play on both sides, with varying success, continued. Whyte, Elliott, Twiname, Golding, Mercer, and O'Connor shining especially, but a good deal off-side play being indulged in. From a passing run, in which O'Connor and Mercer were the principal actors, Pilkington got in, and Stone just missed placing a goal at a fair angle. City 2, Parnell 0, at 4.36. Wright kicked out for Parnell, and some good open work about mid-field in which Downes, Maynard, Twiname, Whyte, O'Connor, and Ronayne were conspicuous. City got on a good rush, and Mercer taking a pass cleverly, dashed off and got in. Stone at a moderate angle placed a neat goal. City 7, Parnell 0, at 3.42 p.m. City went off with a great rush and a scrum resulted on Parnell's side of centre, followed by exchanges between Pilkington and Hedges. In spite of a mark by Edwards, City still pressed, until Pilkington kicked hard, and Parnell were forced. Rushes and counter rushes followed the kick out, and Parnell were again forced by a dashing onslaught, headed by Cole. Edmondson relieved the pressure by a smart run and good kick, but the fight was still waging on Parnell's side of centre, O'Connor distinguishing himself by a fine dribble. A City rush took the ball into Parnell's 25, where a scrum took place, which Parnell carried, and with a splendid rush, in which Edmondson, Twiname, Elliott, and Whyte shone, got up to City's goal line, where Pilkington mulling, enabled Green to score Parnell's first try. Twiname just missed an easy place, and the score was City 7, Parnell 2, at 3.55 p.m. Put on their mettle by this reverse, City worked hard and kept Parnell on the defence for some time, nearly scoring on two occasions, Ronayne with a neat kick averting the danger. During this period Whyte, Wiley, Edmondson, Maynard, Elliott, Twiname, O'Connor, Mercer (the latter with one especially fine run) showed up splendidly. Kissling now joined the fray, and five minutes later on some exchanges and a free kick to City the spell ended at 5 minutes past 4.

SECOND SPELL.

Wright kicked off for Parnell at 4.12, and Parnell quickly rushed the ball into City's 25, when the goal was in danger, until Cole relieved with a good run. Some fine passing between Geard, Speight, Elliott, and Kissling resulted in Twiname getting in. Kissling did not improve. City 7, Parnell 4, at 4.20 p.m. After a scrum City were forced from Kissling's kick. A big City rush was well stopped by Kissling, and scrums in Parnell's 25 followed, Golding having a pot which was not far off scoring. Edmondson made a good run to mid-field, but Taylor responded with a good kick. Scrums and fast open play followed until Mellis headed a rush into City's territory, and a protracted battle raged there, attack being brilliant and defence sturdy, until a City rush relieved. Whyte, Kissling, Cole and Blewden showed good play, and the game was in mid-field. City got away with some good passing, but Geard collared well. Elliott presently with a fine dribble gave Mitchell an opportunity, which he cleverly seized scoring right between the posts. Kissling placed an excellent goal and Parnell became top-dogs with 9 points to 7, at 4.43 p.m. After the kick out Parnell came with another great rush, and Twiname looked like scoring. A tremendous struggle followed to the end of the spell, Whyte, Twiname, Edmondson, Ronayne, Golding, Blewden, Geard, Kissling, O'Connor, Cole and Pilkington all playing brilliantly, but no further score resulted, and Parnell won a splendid match under a handicap which greatly enhances the performance.

NEWTON V. SUBURBS.

This match was played on No. 2 Ground, and resulted in an easy win for Newton by 19 to 2. The game was practically a forward one, and demonstrated the immense advantage of combined play, for while individually the teams were evenly matched, Suburbs showed perhaps the worst combination ever witnessed at Potter's. Amongst the forwards Dacre played a splendid game. The half-backs were all that could be desired, Sherri, in particular, shining far and away before any one on the ground, but the poor efforts of their forwards gave them no chance to pass or get away, and they had to be content to stop rushes, which were very fierce and constant. Hales, at three-quarter, played well. Of course Suburbs were much weakened by the absence of their crack three-quarter Peace, as well as Herrold, Murphy, Wilson and Andrews, but no excuse can be framed for their listlessness and want of combination. The Newton forwards played a splendid dashing game, and threw away no chances. Their backs were not scoring ones, but showed splendid defence, and kicked well. Rhodes bowled them all over once when he scored, but only once. The two Murrays (especially the younger one, who is a coming man), Mills, Donald and Alex. Wilson, were very conspicuous; but where all played so well it is hard

to individualise. The game was a very pleasant one all through, both sides playing a good-tempered and gentlemanly game. For Newton, in the first spell, P. Murray and Mills scored a try each, and F. Murray converted both. For Suburbs Rhodes scored the only try, the spell ending with Newton 10, Suburbs 2. In the second spell Siddell scored two tries, and Donald one, Murray converting the last.

POINSONBY V. NORTH SHORE.

North Shore made a gallant struggle against their formidable opponents, but were overmatched, and defeated by 15 to 2. Masefield (2), Airey, Roberts, Green and Hayles secured tries for Poinsonby, but Flynn succeeded in converting one. Tanfield scored for the Shore, but King did not improve. Gratton, King, and Tanfield played a gallant game for the losers.

JUNIORS.

Poinsonby v. Shore.—Poinsonby ran up 40 points. McCarthy (3), Conway (2), Cooke (2), Katterns, Miller, Masefield, Griffin, and McKeown one each. Tattersall placed two goals from tries, and one from a mark, Masefield and Robertson played one each. North Shore did not score.

City v. Parnell.—City won by nine points, Parnell failing to score. Tapper, McLeod, and Farquhar scored a try each, and Carr converted one of them.

Newton v. Suburbs.—The first named won by default THIRD FIFTEENS.

Newton v. Suburbs.—Newton won by 7 to nothing. Knight and Davies scored tries, and Jeffery placed one goal.

Grafton v. Parnell.—A good match, which Grafton just won by five points to four.

BOXING MATCH.

JACK NICHOLSON V. BILLY O'BRIEN.

On Wednesday evening last, in the presence of a large and respectable audience the above contest took place at the Zealandia Ring, and proved the gamest and toughest fight ever witnessed in Auckland. There were present fully 400 lovers of the noble art.

At 8.30 p.m., before the men arrived, two bouts came off, the first between Paltridge and Dyer, better known as the "Baby Bantam," the former had a considerable pull in the weights, and the second between Evans and Driscoll. Both men showed good science, and went at it in rare style, in appreciation of which the audience were not slow in liberally subscribing.

Mr. R. Sandall was chosen as referee, and Mr. George Hope as timekeeper, Mr. Warner as check. At 9.30 Nicholson stepped into the ring followed by T. Williams and Joe Cockburn, O'Brien following with Pickering, J. Lendrum and R. Brown. Their fighting weights were 9st 4lb and 9st respectively. Prior to starting there were several challenges thrown out, one on behalf of J. McConnell to box Sandall, and another from J. Saxon to box the winner of the present contest. Both received accommodating replies. At 9.45 time was called and the contestants shook hands.

1st Round—Opened cautiously. O'Brien was first to fight, but Jack was ready and got away from a well intended smack from Billy's left; Billy forced the fighting, and received several rib-binders, but no serious punishment.

2nd Round—Billy closed for in fighting, and hit with terrific effect, but Jack, after a clinch rushed to work and kept up his pepper on Billy's ribs.

3rd Round—A good fighting round, hitting right and left on both sides, but many blows thrown away.

4th Round—Billy rattled in right and left, but was well stopped. Jack, who was fighting on defensive tactics shewed great activity.

5th Round—After several mild exchanges Billy lunged but missed, and after a spirited rally they got to the ropes where Billy's second made a "claim" which the referee disallowed.

6th Round—Billy in landing was well met by Jack, who in the counters got home with good effect on the right optic, and cleverly retreated from a lunging spank from Billy's right mawler.

7th Round—Both men sparring for wind; but after a little manoeuvring they again came within distance, where Billy delivered some sharp thwacks on Jack's ribs.

8th Round—Billy on getting within distance let fly with the left and got on Jack's lip and nose. On retiring to corners Jack was bleeding from the nozzle.

9th Round—In the counters both got home with good effect, and then retreated. After a pause they again went to work when Jack was particularly busy on Billy's ribs.

10th Round—Several slight exchanges, and after one spirited rally they got near the ropes—Jack retreating, Billy followed him up, and in the counters both did execution.

11th Round—Jack, after some manoeuvring, dashed the left on to Billy's left cheek, when Billy immediately countered him heavily on the right ear which drew blood. Jack broke ground and appeared as if to fall, but as Billy came after him he recovered his perpendicular and met Billy with a couple of terrific blows over the heart. This was a really well fought round.

12th Round—Billy forced the fighting, making lunge after lunge, but Jack by some lightning work with his pins managed to avoid them all, receiving them chiefly on his shoulders.

13th Round—Both men came up smiling, Jack with his left doing execution on Billy's already damaged optic. Billy stood his ground and as Jack retreated followed up and delivered a slashing one, two, on the cranium.

14th Round—In the counters both men fought desperately, Jack still going for Billy's ribs, on which the punishment was plainly visible, whilst he escaped some terrific blows by ducking.

15th Round—Billy appeared to be no more fatigued than at the start. Jack on the other hand was not so rapid in his deliveries. After some exchanges Billy planked his left on his man's head, and in a spirited rally drove Jack to the ropes.

16th Round—Both men took things easy.

17th Round—Billy led off with his left which Jack just escaped, and in a spirited rally Jack drove Billy round the ring administering some terrific rib-binders.

18th Round—Billy let out savagely at Jack, who just escaped from a terrific lunge which caused Jack to retreat in double quick time.

19th Round—Billy went in to force the fighting, when Jack after delivering one over the heart slipped near the ropes. He was on his feet in a second and several telling blows were exchanged.

20th Round—Both men took things easy. In this round they were called to "break" three times.

21st Round—Billy again forced the fighting, but although he was paying great attention to Jack's front-piece, the latter was sending in several terrific body blows.

22nd Round—Billy, after being stopped once, planted the left with good effect on Jack's mug, and after some close fighting were ordered to "break."

23rd Round—Billy still led off, but his blows seemed to lack force whilst Jack was very busy on Billy's ribs.

24th Round—Both men sparring for wind, and in a scrambling rally got to the ropes.

25th Round—Billy made a terrific lunge at Jack, but missed, getting home in return. Jack delivered the left in an effective manner on the *os frontis*. After some close fighting they were ordered to break.

26th Round—Some severe give and take work, administered in equal proportion.

27th Round—Billy adopted forcing tactics, as it could now be plainly seen he was the best conditioned, but Jack in a scientific manner received the attentions chiefly on his shoulders. After some give and take work they clinched.

28th Round—Billy tried hard to get the "La Blanche" on Jack, but failed. In the counters both got home with good effect.

29th Round—Billy opened by planting his left on Jack's ear, and followed up with some good work amidst cries of "Bravo, O'Brien."

30th Round—Both got home with good effect and then retreated. After a pause Billy was particularly busy with his left on Jack's cranium, when they clinched and were ordered to break.

31st Round—Give and take work of a very severe order without any particular advantage to either.

32nd Round—Billy got to work quickly and planted his left on Jack's lug, which drew blood. Jack, who avoided some rattling well meant blows by his coolness and cleverness, acted on the defensive.

33rd Round—Billy opened, and again failed for the "La Blanche," whilst Jack delivered some rattling punishment on Billy's ribs.

34th Round—Noticeable for big in fighting on both sides, Jack doing the forcing. Billy cleverly avoided one "death recorder."

35th Round—Billy now tried forcing, and by his condition made things very merry for Jack, and several times just missed getting home. After a pause there was a sharp rally, in which they fought to the ropes.

36th Round—Billy still forced the fighting, but stopped for a moment, as some one suggested Jack had filled his gloves with water, since they looked wet. Billy came to force and Jack gave him a drink out of the wet glove, Billy returning the compliment with a stinger on the head.

37th Round—Midnight. Both men went to work in real earnest, first one and then the other doling out terrible punishment, but both still very plucky, and anyone's battle.

38th Round—Jack took a decided lead in this round, and went for Billy all round the ring, and ultimately got home the long tried for "sweetner" and knocked Billy out at 12.15. This ended the cleverest and most genuine boxing match that has ever taken place in Auckland.

Mr. John Gallagher of the British Hotel was stakeholder and paid over to Jack Nicholson next day, Nicholson proceeding to Wellington to try conclusions with Mathews or Hill.

We have heard a rumour that a certain member of Wirth's circus, well known in the fistic arena, is prepared to box any 11st man in Auckland. We shall be only too pleased to put him on the track to be accommodated, if he will call on the editor of this paper.

TURF RECORD.

TOWN AND SUBURBAN (H.B.) RACING CLUB'S BIRTHDAY MEETING.—24th May, 1892.

MAIDEN FLAT RACE of 30 sovs.; second horse 5 sovs.; 9st up. One mile.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 109 Mr. C. O'Donoghue's b g Samoa, 4yrs, by Lord of the Isles—Louie 1)

391 Won easily. Dividend £3 3s. Time, 1min 56secs.

QUEENS' BIRTHDAY HANDICAP of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. Seven furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 114 Mr. F. Collin's b m Link, 4yrs, by Mute—Swiveline, 8,8, F. Stowe 1)

538 Won by half a head. Dividend £4 10s. Time, 1min 37secs.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs.; second horse 10 sovs. Two miles.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 173 Mr. J. Sourdun's br g Disturbance, 5yrs, by Opawa—Love not, 11,0, Peterson 1)

398 Won easily. Dividend £2. Time, 4min 18secs.

TARADALE HANDICAP of 110 sovs.; second horse 20 sovs., third 5 sovs. 1 1/2 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 91 Mr. T. Quinlivan junr's b m Repose, 5yrs, by Somnus—Polly, 7,0, Connop 1)

726 Won easily. Dividend £7 1s. Time, 2min 63secs.

SELLING RACE of 25 sovs. One mile.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 44 Mr. T. Parotene's ch m Jessie, 4yrs, by Holderness, £20, 9,0, Lindsay 1)

433 A good race won by a length. Dividend £8 14s. Time, 1min 55secs. The winner was bought in for £40.

WELTER HANDICAP of 40 sovs.; second horse 10 sovs. 1 1/2 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 93 Mr. F. Collin's b m Link, 4yrs, by The Mute—Swiveline, 11,7, inc. 7lb penalty, A. Woods 1)

481 Won comfortably. Dividend £4 11s. Time, 2min 18 3/5ths secs.

FLYING HANDICAP of 60 sovs.; second horse 10 sovs. 6 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 105 Mr. W. Tipene's ch m Kathleen, 5yrs, by Daniel O'Rourke—Milksop, 7,10, Wright 1)

569 A clinking race won by a head. Dividend £4 16s. Time, 1min 22secs. During the day £3,581 was put through the machine, as against £3,073 last year.

BELL BLOCK (TARANAKI) RACES.

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1892.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About 2 1/2 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 25 Mr. J. J. Russell's Flukem, 10,10, Johnston 1)

50 Dividend, £1 15s. Time, 6min. 39 1/5th sec.

HANDICAP PONY RACE. Six furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 67 Mr. F. Watson's Daisy, 7,12, Riley 1)

161 Dividend, £2 2s. Time, 1min. 28 1/2 sec.

BELL BLOCK CUP. 1 1/2 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 58 Mr. D. Steed's Sirius, 9,0, Stevens 1)

213 Dividend, £3 5s. Time, 2min. 57 4/5th sec.

FARMERS' PLATE. Once round. No weight under 10st.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 8 Mr. H. Mehaffy's Twilight, Mr. Ellis 1)

120 Dividend, £13 5s. Time, 1min. 52 1/5th sec.

HANDICAP DISTANCE TROT. Two miles.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 55 Mr. F. Stohr's Charlie, 150yds behind scr, J. Russell 1)

145 Dividend, £2 6s. Time, 6min. 18 3/5th sec.

FLYING HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details (e.g., 14 Mr. J. George's Maroro, 7,4, Riley 1)

124 Dividend, £7 16s. Time, 1min. 25 4/5th sec.

HURRY-SCURRY. Catch weighs. Five furlongs. 63 Mr. J. J. Russell's Marquis of Twekesbury, Eva..... 1

HOROWHENUA HACK RACE MEETING.—May 24th, 1892. TRIAL HANDICAP of 20 sovs.; second horse 5 sovs. from stake.

15 Mr. J. Wilson's ch m Poinsettia, by Ascot—Mistletoe, 8.2, A. Hall..... 1

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 25 sovs.; second horse 5 sovs. from the stake. One mile. 19 Mr. R. Ransfield's b h Tangikai, by Premier—Portrait, 6.13, J. Hall..... 1

FIRST HURDLE HANDICAP of 30 sovs.; second horse 5 sovs. from the stakes; over six flights of hurdles. One mile and three-quarters. 47 Mr. W. Humphries' ch g Aurora, by Diomedes—Peter Flat mare, 9.11, A. Hall..... 1

HOROWHENUA CUP HANDICAP of 35 sovs.; second horse 5 sovs. from the stake. One mile and a half. 41 Mr. R. Ransfield's b h Tangikai, by The Premier—Portrait, 6.13, inc. 2lb over, Carmont..... 1

SECOND HURDLE RACE, of 15 sovs.; second horse 2 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a quarter. 55 Mr. J. Retter's br g Omaha, by Foul Play, 9.5, A. Hall..... 1

SELLING RACE of 20 sovs. Winner to be sold for £30, and the surplus, if any, to go to the funds. Top weight, 8.7; if entered to be sold for £25, to carry 8.0; for £20, 7.7; for £15, 7.0; for £10, 6.7; for nil, 6.0. One mile and a distance. 17 Mr. J. Pringle's br g Ben Bolt, by Somnus—Lady Napier £30, 8.7, Armstrong..... 1

SCURRY STAKES, of 15 sovs.; open to horses who have never won an advertised hack race of any description. Minimum weight 8st. Three-quarters of a mile. 34 Mr. J. Green's b g Bloomsbury, Morris..... 1

WELLINGTON TROTting CLUB. MAY 24TH, 1892.

MAIDEN TROT (in saddle), of 15 sovs.; second horse to receive 3 sovs. from the stakes. Two miles. 75 Mr. P. O'Donnell's ch g The Spider, aged, 20s., Corrigan..... 1

HANDICAP TROT (in harness), of 20 sovs.; second horse to receive 3 sovs. from the stakes. Two miles. 103 Mr. J. J. Smith's ch m Nellie, aged, 16s, owner..... 1

DISTRICT HANDICAP TROT, in saddle, of 15 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Two miles. 8 Mr. H. Bennett's b g Billy, aged, 25s, Retter..... 1

WELLINGTON TROTting CLUB HANDICAP, in saddle, of 50 sovs.; second horse to receive 7 sovs. and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Three miles. 97 Mr. J. J. Smith's ch m Nellie, aged, 30s, inc. 5s. penalty, Dineen..... 1

SELLING HANDICAP TROT, in saddle, of 20 sovs. Winner to be sold; half the net proceeds to go to the Club and half to the nominator of the winner. Two miles. 147 Mr. J. J. Curtis' pb p Silvertail, aged, 15s, owner..... 1

CONSOLATION HANDICAP TROT, in saddle, of 15 sovs. Two miles. 203 Mr. J. Colvin's b g Rover, aged, 25s, M. Edwards..... 1

WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

THE PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB'S MEETING. NOMINATIONS.

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.—General, Potentate, Forest King, Louie (late Transit), Fort-a-Bras, Megoulet, Ilma, Hard Up, Vall, Papakura, Onslow, Tim, Dainty, Satanela, barn gelding by Armament, Alec, Deceiver, Nugget, Salute, Zareba, Warrior, Rewarewa, Sandy Muir.

WELTER HANDICAP.—Blue Ribbon, Ida, Vieux Rose, Lonely, Papakura, Tupara, Stamford, Tulloch, Stranger, Raglan, St. Michael, Nugget, Durus, Rataplan, Brigade.

LADIES' BRACELET.—Forest King, The Colonel, Fort-a-Bras, Megoulet, Ilma, Hard Up, Fishmonger, Dainty, St. Michael, Salute.

HUNT CLUB HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—Chance, Stepper, Onslow Silvio, Buttons, Ingarangi, Scathleen, Fishmonger, Salute, Shillelagh, Hurricane, Sandy Muir.

TALLY-HO HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.—The Colonel, Tim, Nightcap, Vall, Onslow, Silvio, Buttons, Ingarangi, Scathleen, Kate, Prospector, Fishmonger, Rewarewa, Shillelagh, Hurricane, Sandy Muir.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.—Potentate, Fabulous, Lonely, Hopeful Kate, Stepper, Tupara, Never Miss, Buttons, Deceiver, Salute, Fishmonger, Zareba, Theorem, Sandy Muir.

PONY RACE.—Helena, Phillipa, Antie, Sepoy, Rakau, Lady Fanny.

NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING. WEIGHTS.

WINTER WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Leorina 12.4, Fiesole 11.2, Yattaghan 10.9, Ida 10.9, Tulloch 10.7, St. Michael 10.6, Vieux Rose 10.4, Brigade 10.3, Stamford 10.2, Durus 10.0, Warrior 10.0, Stranger 10.0, Rataplan 10.0, Snake 10.0.

NOMINATIONS (General Entries).

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE, about 2½ miles.—Kate, Mistletoe, Sandy Muir, Prospector, Commotion, Chance, Forest King, Tim, Alick, Grenadier, Somnambulist.

SELLING STEEPLECHASE, about 3 miles.—Hurricane nil, Kate nil, Mistletoe nil, Vall nil, Prospector nil, Fort-a-Bras nil, Scutcher nil, Moonlight nil, Tim 40sovs, Alick nil.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE, 1½ miles.—Theorem, Salute, Papakura, Tupara, Onslow, Stepper, Sandy Muir, Scathleen, Hopeful Kate, Dainty.

LADIES' BRACELET, 1 mile.—Rataplan, Ida, Tulloch, Yattaghan, Leorina, Ilma.

HUNTERS' WELTER HANDICAP, 1 mile.—St. Michael, Rataplan, Tulloch, Ida, Stranger, Ilma, Yattaghan, Satanela.

HURDLE RACE, 1½ miles.—Warrior, Theorem, Salute, Tupara, Stepper, Nell, Sandy Muir, Lonely, Never Miss, Fabulous, Belmont, Pretender, Ilma, Zareba, Waterbury, Fluke.

WELTER HANDICAP, 7 furlongs.—St. Michael, Warrior, Durus, Brigade, Rataplan, Tupara, Vieux Rose, Tulloch, Lonely, Ida, Fiesole, Stamford, Raglan, Stranger, Yattaghan, Leorina, Helen McGregor, Memorandum.

TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE, about 3 miles.—Rewarewa, Hurricane Kate, Silvio, Onslow, Vall, Stepper, Sandy Muir, Ingarangi, Scathleen, Chance, Forest King, Whalebone, Commotion.

NOVEL RACE, 1 mile.—Hard Up, Brigade, Mascotte, Ironbark, Bon Voyage, Satanela, Memorandum, Brian Boru.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB. NOMINATIONS.

NAPIER PARK STEEPLECHASE.—Couranto, Somnambulist, Waterbury, Whalebone, Bootles, Chance, Taurackaitai, Worth, Otaieri, Lyndora, Tupara, Glenelg, Baccarat, Shillelagh.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Couranto, Somnambulist, Waterbury, Zaccho, Chance, Disturbance, Worth, Lyndora, Queen of Trumps, Claude, Whalebone, Tupara, Caloola, Glenelg, Taurackaitai.

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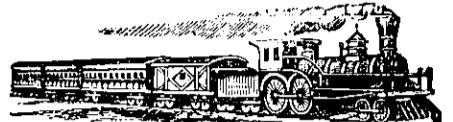
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Nominations for all Handicaps except Hack Hurdles, close on FRIDAY, 17th June. Nominations for Hack Hurdles close on FRIDAY, 24th June. Weights for all Handicaps declared on MONDAY, 11th July. Acceptances for all Handicaps and Entries for the Maiden Steeplechase close on TUESDAY, 12th July.

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GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE
SELLING STEEPLECHASE
MAIDEN HURDLE RACE
LADIES' BRACELET

SECOND DAY:

HUNTERS' WELTER (Flat)
GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE
HANDICAP HURDLES
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SATURDAY, JULY 9TH, 1892.

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May 16th, 1892.

Secretary.

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Referee.

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For the following events close with the Secretary of the Auckland
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MONDAY, JUNE 6.

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Entry forms and all particulars can be obtained from the
Secretary, Auckland Racing Club.Note—The amounts opposite races must be forwarded with
each nomination.

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For the following races will close with the Secretary of the
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MONDAY, JUNE 6TH:—

SPRING MEETING, 1892.

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(For now yearlings).

MELBOURNE CUP.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MEETING, 1894.

NORMANBY STAKES

(For now yearlings).

AUTUMN MEETING, 1893.

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SPRING MEETING, 1893.

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Secretary of the A.R.C.Note—Five pounds must accompany each nomination for the
Melbourne Cup. The other races require no money with the
nomination.

GRAND NATIONAL MEETING, 1892.

ENTRIES for the Grand National Steeplechase and
Hurdle Race close in Melbourne at 4 p.m., on MONDAY, May 30th,
but entries forwarded to the Secretary of the A.R.C., accompanied
by 5 sovs., amount of forfeit, up to noon on the above date, will
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To be held on

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1892,

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Messrs. Wm. Percival (Master), W. McLaughlin, D. B. Tonks, Colonel Dawson, A. Harris, G. Dunnett, W. R. Bloomfield, C. Roberts, E. Ware, A. Buckland, sen.

PROGRAMME.

(Passed by the A.R.C.)

All events are open and NOT confined to members.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 55 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. Distance, 2 miles, over 8 flights of hurdles.

HANDICAP PONY RACE of 20 sovs. For ponies 14.2 and under. Nomination, 10s.; Acceptance, 10s. each to go to the funds. Distance, ½ mile.

WELTER HANDICAP of 35 sovs. Nomination, 10s.; Acceptance, 20s. Distance, 7 furlongs.

HUNT CLUB STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 75 sovs. Second horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance, 20s.; Acceptance, 50s. each, to go to the funds. Distance, about 3 miles.

LADIES' BRACELET (Welter handicap), value 15 sovs. Minimum weight, 10st. Horses to be ridden by members of any established Hunt Club. Entrance, 5s.; Acceptance, 10s. each, to go to the funds. One mile and a distance.

TALLY-HO HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs. Second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Entrance, 1 sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov. each, to go to the funds. Distance, about 2 miles.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 30 sovs. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of 30 sovs. in value at time of starting. Nomination, ½ sov.; Acceptance, 1 sov., to go the funds. Distance, 1½ miles, over six flights of hurdles.

NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

WEIGHTS will appear on or about 7th June.

ACCEPTANCES close on WEDNESDAY, June 8, at 10 p.m.

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HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.
WINTER MEETING.

FRIDAY 24TH JUNE, 1892.

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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 3½ 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.

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.
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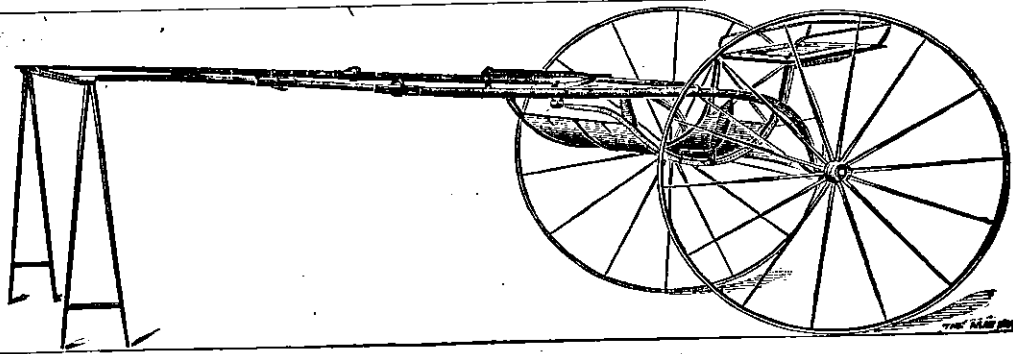
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