

Cuirassier was taken to his new home at Wellington Park on Monday.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond's Worth has been placed in E. Cutts' hands at Riccarton to be prepared for his Grand National engagements.

The arrival in England of Day Dream and Selim was thus noted in the London Sportsman of June 13:—"By the Shaw, Savill and Co.'s Royal Mail steamship Arawa two horses bred in New Zealand arrived in the Albert Docks on Saturday, and we had the pleasure of looking them over soon after the vessel had been moored alongside the Pakeha, which two days previously had brought the brood mare Engagement, by Musket out of Sylvia, the property of Mr. P. Campbell, of Cheviot Hills, Canterbury. The latest arrivals are two horses, the property of Mr. J. S. Guthrie, who is returning from New Zealand, where he was aide-de-camp to Lord Onslow, lately resigned. Comfortable and well arranged boxes had been built for them on the main deck, and when unboxed neither appeared the worse for the long journey, which at times was rather rough. The two horses that have been sent us are a thoroughbred filly named Day Dream and a hunter of good stamp known as Selim, by Guy Fawkes, which in New Zealand took first prize at an agricultural show in Canterbury. He will, no doubt, carry Mr. Guthrie to hounds next season, but the horse was sent over more as a travelling companion for Day Dream than anything else. The latter is a good-looking brown filly by Albany (by Thormanby), her dam, Siesta, by Traducer—Hammock, by Orest, and she has a good record in New Zealand. She was bred at Christchurch, and won the Champagne Stakes at Dunedin for Mr. Guthrie, who gave £1200 for her, and from her looks she ought to be able to race in this country. Her sire, Albany, who was bred in England, has proved one of the best in the colony, his stock being remarkably successful. Day Dream may not be put into training this season, but all being well she will probably render a good account of herself when the time arrives. The horses were in charge of J. E. Bonham, stud groom to Lord Onslow, who throughout the voyage was unremitting in his attention to them, and they reflect great credit upon him, for both Day Dream and Selim have arrived in the best of health."

In connection with the above I may remark that Day Dream's performances in England will be eagerly watched by those who, like myself, have been privileged to personally observe the brilliancy of her two-year-old career. She is a real flyer over a sprint course, but whether she is a stayer is a question that will have to be left to time to solve.

What a good and consistent stake-winner Martagon has been for Mr. Baird. His latest success was gained last week in the Goodwood Cup, in which he was followed home by Blue Green and Colorado. At the Ascot Meeting, in the early part of June, Martagon appropriated the Gold Vase, and Blue Green took the Alexandra Plate. Martagon is by Bend Or (son of Doncaster and Rouge Rose) out of Tiger Lily, by Macaroni—Polly Agnes, by The Cure—Miss Agnes, by Irish Birdcatcher. He is, therefore, very closely related to the unbeaten Ormonde, who is by Bend Or out of Lily Agnes, who was full sister to Tiger Lily. Bend Or won the Derby of 1880, and is a half-brother to the N.Z. Stud Co.'s defunct mare Rosette (dam of Escutcheon, etc.). This season, in addition to winning the Ascot Gold Vase, Martagon ran unplaced behind Lorette (who was getting 10lb from him) in the March Stakes, and was third to Euclid and High Commissioner in the Kempton Park Jubilee Stakes. Last year he was third to Signorina and Orme in the Lancashire Plate; second to Bel Demonio in the Empress Prize at Kempton, and second to Nunthorpe (who the other day won the Liverpool Cup) in the Kempton Jubilee Stakes. Colorado, who ran third to Martagon, is related to him on the dam's side, for his mother Piercy is by Atherstone out of Fair Agnes, by Voltigeur out of Little Agnes, by The Cure. The old Agnes family, founded by the Osbornes, has been a recognised landmark of the English Stud Book for many years past.

From Carbine down to the lowliest thoroughbred and hack racing in the Australasian Colonies, each horse or mare had one year added on to its age on Monday last, August 1st.

"Ribbleden," in the Australasian, says that "little interest was taken in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race, and little or no speculation until the hour arrived for its decision. A quieter time was never known. The Victorian Club on the day before the battle was more like a dead-house than a club established for the purposes of betting. For the lack of interest in the meeting the V.R.C. is entirely to blame; and the sooner it recognises that it is necessary to provide for an acceptance a week or ten days before the day of the race the more popular will the fixture become. The non-provision of such a day is a short-sighted, selfish policy, utterly unworthy of the V.R.C., since it depends for its main support upon the public, which in this important matter is not thought worthy of consideration at all. If the committee continues to be so conservative, it is just possible that at the annual general meeting in August the members will want to know the reason why, and will try to infuse a little new blood into the body. Redleap's success was not anticipated with the same confidence by the Messrs. Miller as it was three years ago. On that occasion the owners of the red jacket thought that Redleap could not be beaten, and the result proved that they were right; but this time confidence gave place to cautiousness, and, altogether, their winnings in bets did not amount to more than £1,000. Twice since 1889 Bellamy had tried to give Redleap a preparation; but both times the horse developed fever in the feet, and had to be stopped in his work in consequence. But patience and perseverance and the whirligig of time brought about wonders, and Redleap conquered again. On the principle of giving credit to whom credit is due, I may mention that the winner was trained, not by Bellamy, as is generally supposed, but by Tibballs, who will be remembered as having brought Malua and Stockwell from Tasmania about ten years ago. The field was numerous enough, but moderate in quality, and this may have had something to do with Redleap's victory. It was a pretty race; a prettier was never seen at Flemington, the horses running in close order for two-thirds of the journey; but the race was practically won a mile from home."

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

THE annual meeting of the members of the Auckland Racing Club was held at the rooms, Durham-street East, on Monday afternoon.

The President of the Club, Mr. L. D. Nathan, occupied the chair, and the other members present were:—Messrs. Morrin, W. McLaughlin, Dickey, Kirkwood, A. Levy, Lanigan, Neilson, Garrett, Buckland, H. Thompson, Hawkins, Edwards, Hamley, Cottle, Buckland, jun., Philson, Marshall, Whitelaw, Lawrence, Nolan, Pearce, Austin, Dunwoodie, Lyell (2), J. Russell, L. Levy, Cattanaoh, C. Abbott, C. Hesketh, S. Coombes, E. Coleman, J. Gallagher, Robt. Duder, Richd. Duder, L. Cooke, A. E. Whitaker, Devore, F. Sharland, T. McEwin, Cleave, Carter, Gaudin, A. Hanna, Grey, Morrison, Blomfield and Major George.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous annual general meeting which were duly confirmed, and he then proceeded to read the committee's report as under:—

"To the Members Auckland Racing Club—

"Gentlemen,—In submitting the Annual Statement of Accounts to you, your Committee must congratulate you upon the continued prosperity of your Club, notwithstanding the severe weather we have experienced at almost all our Meetings. During the year we have held six meetings, giving in added money the sum of £9,785, as against £7,385.

"During the season the amount of money put through the machine has been £67,191, as against £50,568, which shows an increase of £16,623, or £8,647 over the corresponding meetings of last year.

"Your Committee carried out the idea of holding an early Spring Meeting, which turned out well financially; and when owners and trainers know this meeting will be a regular fixture, no doubt it will prove more profitable. The two days' Winter Meeting proved also a great success, although spoiled by unfavourable weather.

"A Conference of Delegates has been held in Wellington, when the formation of a New Zealand Jockey Club was again postponed.

"You will have to select six Committee-men in the room of Messrs. Morrin, Russell, Thompson, Philson, Garrett, and Dickey, who retire in terms of Rules, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

"Mr. E. W. Alison has also given the necessary notice that he intends to stand for election as a Member of Committee.

"L. D. NATHAN, President."

The balance sheet was taken as read, as under:—

BALANCE-SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. showing financial details like Capital, Profit and Loss, and By Debtors.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1892.

Table with columns Dr. and Cr. showing expenses like Wages, Salaries, Office Rent, Interest, and various charges.

Table listing various meetings (First Spring Meeting, Second Spring Meeting, Summer Meeting, Autumn Meeting, Winter Meeting, Spring Meeting, Summer Meeting, Autumn Meeting) with associated amounts.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Table showing Dr. and Cr. entries for Capital Account, including depreciation and profit for the year.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1892. FIRST SPRING MEETING, 1891.

Table for RECEIPTS showing To Nominations, Gates, Grand Stands, Totalisator, and Booths.

Table for EXPENDITURE showing By Added Money, Less 5 per cent., and Sundry Charges.

SPRING MEETING.

Table for RECEIPTS showing To Nominations and Sweeps, Gates, Grand Stands, Booths, Totalisator, and Sale of Horse.

Table for EXPENDITURE showing By Added Money, Sweepstakes, Less 5 per cent., and Sundry Charges.

SUMMER MEETING.

Table for RECEIPTS showing To Nominations, Sweepstakes, Gates, Grand Stands, Booths, Totalisator, and Sale of Horses.

Table for EXPENDITURE showing By Added Money, Sweepstakes, Less 5 per cent., and Sundry Charges.

ONSHOW MEETING.

Table for RECEIPTS showing To Nominations, Gates, Grand Stands, Booths, Totalisator, and Sale of Horse.

Table for EXPENDITURE showing By Added Money, Sweepstakes, Less 5 per cent., and Sundry Charges.

AUTUMN MEETING.

Table for RECEIPTS showing To Nominations, Sweepstakes, Gates, Grand Stands, Booths, Totalisator, and Less Tax.

Table for EXPENDITURE showing By Members' Subscriptions, Assumed Names, Registration Colours, Rent of Course and Training Fees.

Table for EXPENDITURE showing By Added Money, Sweepstakes, Less 5 per cent., and Sundry Charges.

WINTER MEETING.

Table for RECEIPTS showing To Nominations, Gates, Grand Stands, Booths, Totalisator, and Sale of Horse.

Table for EXPENDITURE showing By Added Money, Less 5 per cent., and Sundry Charges.

The Chairman congratulated the members upon the large attendance, and said he was glad to see them take such an interest in the affairs of the club. The chairman then said:—"In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the very satisfactory position of the Club. I am happy to say that the balance-sheet, notwithstanding the many drawbacks we have had to contend against during the last racing season, shows as a result for the year's operations, £1026 14s 6d. This added to the surplus of last year's accounts, viz. £15,475 9s 5d, gives a total of £16,502 3s 11d, which sum, after deducting £712 0s 7d, being the amount expended on grand stand, working plant, new paddock, furniture, fencing, racecourse, leaves the surplus of assets over liabilities of £15,790 3s 4d, a result on which the club must be congratulated. The statement of accounts that are placed before you explain under their different headings the general receipts and expenditure of the various meetings and the transactions of the club for the past year, and after carefully inspecting these accounts you will observe that while we have been liberal to horse-owners, we have had a vigilant eye on the club's financial position, and have looked after its interests carefully. The year has not been without its troubles and difficulties, and your committee have experienced no inconsiderable anxiety. I am afraid that it is very often forgotten by those who are always only too ready and too eager to find fault with the Board of Management of the great amount of valuable time these gentlemen spend in looking after and thereby watching the club's welfare and business, and that the only compensation the committee have for giving their close attention to the affairs of the club is in the belief that they are acting as public-spirited citizens in providing for the support of honourable racing, and in upholding the great national pastime as free from abuses as it is possible to do under a variety of circumstances. I hope you will pardon me if I detain you a little longer than usual, and digress from the formal £ s. d. affairs of this meeting to give you my views on the subject that is now agitating the racing world in this colony: I allude to the totalisator. It is useless to disguise the fact that there has been too much racing the past year, and that the general public, as apart from those more immediately concerned, have been somewhat surfeited. I submit, however, so far as this club is concerned, we are not to blame. In passing suburban and country programmes, it must not be lost sight of that permission is granted as per the rules of racing as adopted by the Metropolitan Clubs of this colony. And although the Government give the Metropolitan Clubs to control the totalisator under certain conditions, any arbitrary exercise of that control would probably injure provincial sport, and any tendency in the way of monopoly would divide into hostile camps the town and country lovers of racing. Country and suburban clubs are in reality feeders to the Metropolitan, and while laxity is to be condemned, liberality is to a great extent excusable. The Colonial Secretary is the central authority for granting the use of the machine, and whilst it is possible to bring political influence to bear upon this gentleman through Parliamentary representatives wishing naturally to please electors,